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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 22 December 2021 4:16 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Commemorative Garden of Remembrance

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"Dear Marcus,

You may recall our discussion at the Boer War Commemorative Service on 30th May last relating to the outstanding work required to complete the Garden according to the Brief approved by the WW11 Commemorative Committee and your indication of support for this work. This includes the design, production and the installation of up to five interpretive panels/plaques on social history, military and cultural historical themes, which will add to the Gardens significance to local residents, visitors, military and social history and to schools. Estimated cost, \$22,000.

It is appreciated that the ongoing Pandemic situation and its concomitant effect on the economy continues however as a preliminary step towards completion of the Garden I propose that \$3,000 be provided now to install "Story" signage similar to the existing WW1 signage. Please see attached.

The "Story" would commemorate the citizens of Port Phillip who lost their lives in WW !! and subsequent conflicts thus completing the military component of the Garden.

The remaining works to be completed as future funding allows.

I would appreciate your consideration and advice on this matter.

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Ph: [REDACTED]



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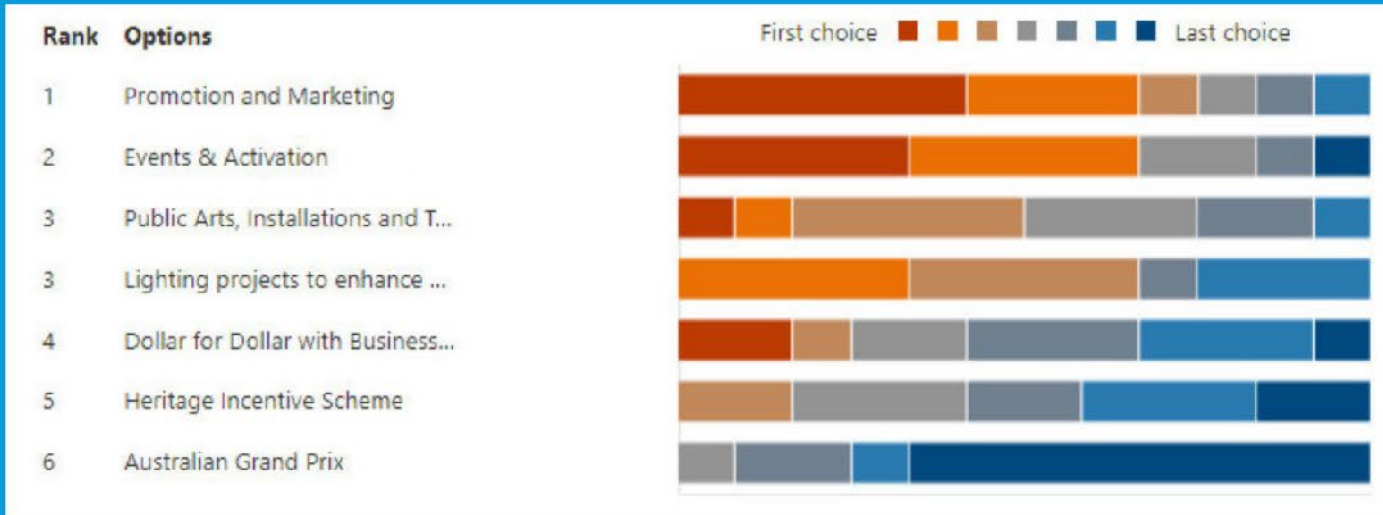


# PPP BAG RECOMMENDATIONS FY 22-23



# PID requests BAG recommendation

Following a series of meetings that included an ideation session, the Prosperous Port Phillip Business Advisory Group (BAG) have provided the following recommendations ranked in order of preference (one being most preferred).



# Business Support BAG recommendation

## 1. Promotion and marketing - \$200k

Continue to build brand equity. Continue to fund the marketing program. Noting that it will need tweaking based on feedback and results from the current campaign.

- Continue to build brand awareness of Port Phillip over time, evolving the campaign
- Consistent Messaging
- Repetitive Messaging
  - “Come South of the River with me”
  - Use interesting local people, local celebrities, and local places (organic assets) rotate these faces & places
  - We have so many interesting community people that are so talented and are in our community
    - Promote and feature local artists and creative people that live and run their businesses
    - Boot Maker, Salami maker, Gelati Maker, Dress Maker, Wine and Beer
    - Let’s tell others they are here, in the City of Port Phillip





# Reactivation of Public Space BAG recommendation

## 2. Activity centre event activations - \$180k

The BAG identified many different types of events & activations driven by varying ideas and locality. These included but were not limited to, music festivals, street parties, dance events, winter festivals and more. The intent behind each of these is to promote each of our Activity Centres, bringing visitation and providing the businesses within, an opportunity to leverage off these events.

We see this as a critical Business Activation tool, requiring planning and coordination. Thus, we ask to allocate an amount to each Activity Centre, implementing a coordinated, series of cultural events across the municipality to be delivered by an Event Contractor. The Event contractor would be briefed as to the desired outcome, the preferences of activity-type for each centre and would develop and implement a calendar of events across CoPP.



# Reactivation of Public Space BAG recommendation

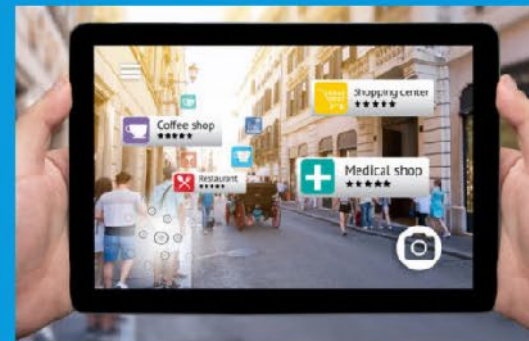
## 3. Public space activations and tourism trails - \$155k

The BAG identified several different types of public arts, installations and tourism trails, noting these add value to our Activity Centres, bringing visitation and beautification. These include, but not limited to, mural streets & laneways, street installations, large sculptures, art and history visitor guides.

We have noted that the Reimagine Design Competition has provided some amazing pieces, some of which can be permanent and would add value to the business activity centres on a longer-term basis.

To capture and build on what we already have in place, what we are about to create and what still needs to be added, we seek an allocation of \$155K to: -

- Review/identify the creative assets we currently have across CoPP, create a list/map (\$5K),
- Identify where the opportunities lie, adding several additional assets (\$120K)
- Capture these on our walking/visitation tours and integrate them on augmented trails all branded with the promotion and marketing campaign (\$25K)
- To be included in the marketing and promotion campaign





# Reactivation of Public Space BAG recommendation

## 3. Lighting projects to enhance activity centres - \$140k

Tree and/or Street lighting achieve at least two objectives, beautification and safety which together result in increased activation.

We seek to add permanent lighting to our High Street to enhance their attractiveness and visitation.

### Further notes:

Lighting projects will be implemented in FY 21/22 at the following locations:

- Foreshore, St Kilda
- Fitzroy Street, St Kilda
- Clarendon Street, South Melbourne
- Armstrong Street, Middle Park

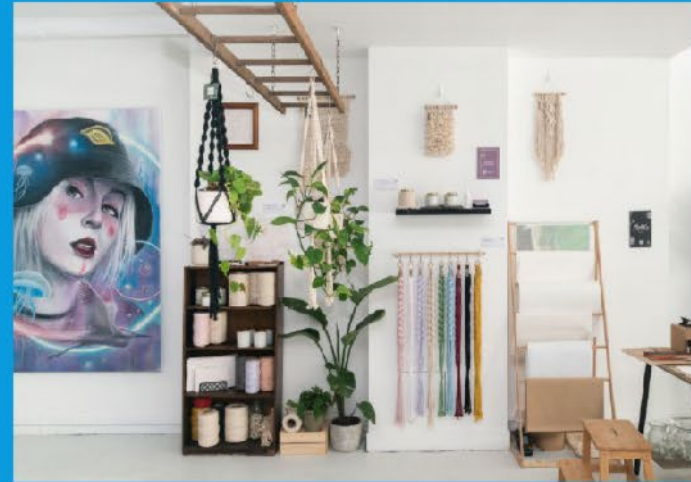
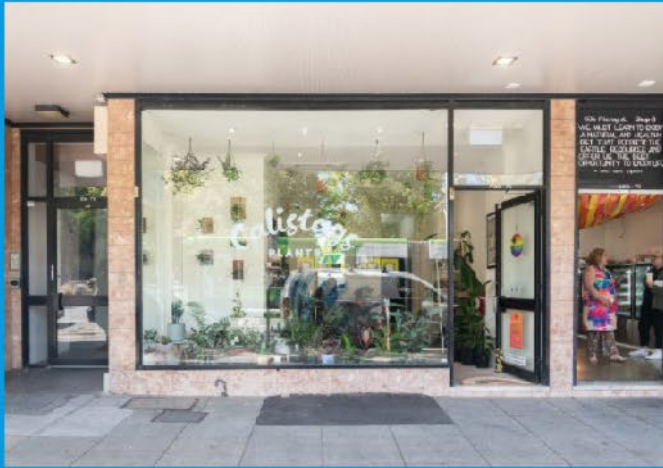
Plus, currently scoping an additional creative lighting project that will be funded via the COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation Fund.



# Business Support BAG recommendation

## 4. Dollar for dollar with Business Associations - \$80k

Allocate a dollar-for-dollar match to Business Associations adding value to their Activity Centre for say an event/promotion, marketing, or art/cultural activity. Matching those that have levy or offering a grant to those that have just started put and don't have a levy.



# Business Support BAG recommendation

## 5. Heritage incentive scheme - \$150k

CoPP has many beautiful Heritage properties within our Activity Centres. Whilst we want these to present well, it is sometimes difficult for landholders to allocate the funds required to meet the Heritage obligations imposed.

Implement a program whereby property owners can apply to beautify their heritage property, whether it be a facelift on a shopfront or painting of a building face or the repair and paint of verandas.

CoPP to offer to match the beautification spend, dollar for dollar.





# Business Support BAG recommendation

## 6. Australian Grand Prix - \$75k

Engage more with the Australian Grand Prix Corporation (AGPC) as a major event located within municipality. Allow businesses more involvement with Grand Prix activations to leverage more off this major event. Work with AGPC to better promote Port Phillip as a destination. CoPP is the host and as such should be able to leverage from this on an ongoing basis. For 2022 identify some smaller initiatives to collaborate with AGPC on, with the view to build the relationship further in the future.



## Business as usual Policy and advocacy

The following items (in no priority order) are areas which the Business Advisory Group is keen to explore and understand in more depth to then be able to provide constructive suggestions of change, adaption, addition to support business and economic activation.

They are policy and advocacy items, covered by other departments and areas within Council, thus not a budget bid in the first instance, rather a review and understanding of policy guidelines to be better placed to provide input.





# Business as usual Policy and advocacy

## Activation and beautification of Station Pier

Many of the BAG members are keen for the activation of Station Pier – immigration history. For example, “beautify station pier for all the tourists and cruise ships, create the migrant museum and tell a story on all those that arrived. Host community days at Station Pier, for example, a Greek barbecue, with lamb spits, live Greek music and dancing”.

The Victorian Government are working on an initiative with the Immigration Museum. Paul Littmann will provide further details next meeting. It’s estimated that the cruise ships provide \$60 million in economic impact to the area.

The BAG need to better understand what the plans are, what is to be provided and when. Then we can identify how we can add value.



# Business as usual Policy and advocacy

## Landscaping and trees

The BAG have identified the need for: -

- Beautification of streets throughout our activity centres with consistent tree planting
- Show off our beach, remove those horrible trees in the nature strip in the middle of the road. They have no canopy, they are an eye saw, and should be replaced with colourful flowers and succulents

Let's improve this as it is the first thing those cruise ships see.

Greening Port Phillip Program is business as usual and an Officer can present the Program at a future meeting. The BAG to then provide Council priority planting recommendations and compare to the Greening Port Phillip Program to assess budget requirements.





# Business as usual Policy and advocacy

## Permanent outdoor dining structures

The BAG is keen to see more permanent outdoor dining structures.

This is not a budget bid, rather a review of policy guidelines to address ability to include permanent outdoor dining structures. An Officer to present the current guidelines for BAG to consider and then have an opportunity for input.





# Business as usual Policy and advocacy

## Parking review – looking at increasing visitation to activity centres

Parking is a topic of contention for many. In short, parking is a significant revenue item for Council whilst it can diminish visitation to our activity centres. The BAG needs to better understand the Parking Policy to be able to provide considered and valuable suggestions.

Parking reviews on policies can be done via a business-as-usual process, unless it is a very large review, then it is likely it will need additional resources.

Council can arrange for a Council Officer from Parking to present to the BAG.



# Business as usual Policy and advocacy

## De clutter street poles

There are poles and signs everywhere. Review with the purpose of de-cluttering. Double up where possible using one pole for multiple signs. Reduce the number of poles in our streets.

Council to arrange for a respective Council Officer to present to the BAG, so we can understand and then recommend a path forward.

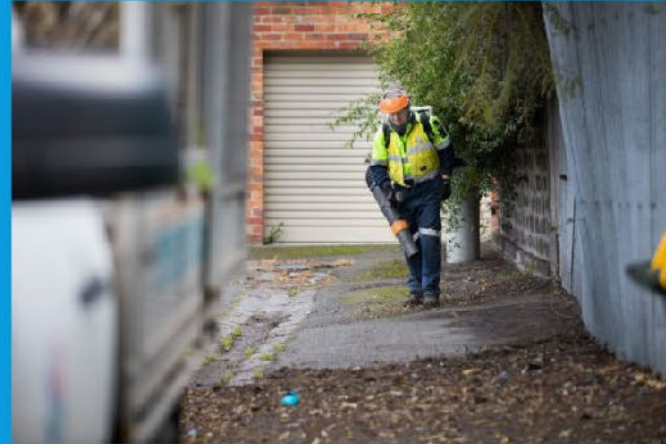


# Business as usual Policy and advocacy

## Public amenities

Keeping main streets clean. Cleaning laneways disallowing rubbish dumping.

Council to arrange for a Council Officer from Street Cleaning to present to the BAG.



CBR-003

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, 21 February 2022 12:27 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Request to Council for Funding: Resurfacing of Car Park Basketball Court

Dear Councillors,

I hope this email finds you well.

As a part of the city of Port Phillip BAG group I understand that you are determining budget for the next year at present. Colonial Brewing Co. has previously made a submission to council for funding that was unfortunately not approved. We have since got another quote for a project that will have a positive impact for the entire Fisherman's Bend community, both business and residential.

Recently we worked with other local Fisherman's Bend businesses to host a series of Basketball competitions in the carpark adjacent to our brewery. The event marketed the area as a destination for local tourism and brought in both a local crowd, and visitors from all over Melbourne. The event series was ran over 4 weeks, culminating in a finale event that had the championship teams play, additional round robin games from Under 19s teams, Women's Finals, and even a local artist doing a painting demonstration.

The success of the event shows the demand from the Fisherman's Bend community for more active and community inclusive events. With the Fisherman's Bend Urban Renewal Program currently underway, we believe Colonial Brewing Co., supported by the council, is key in providing these events and a pivotal role in the Renewal Program.

Our request to Council for funding is around the 'Resurfacing of Car Park Adjacent to the Brewery'.

Intended use: Resurface and install all weather Basketball Court. Basketball court to be publically available and free to use on weekends.

Benefit to local community:

- Additional outdoor recreation facilities (the basketball court will be publicly available outside of normal weekly business hours and all of the weekend)
- Additional investment in area of Port Melbourne to promote local tourism and businesses
- Healthy living initiative, promoting more outdoor activities
- Safety with new and levelled grounds
- Maintained privately by CBCo & Globe
- Opportunity to be used for more additional events aside from just basketball – community markets, music events, 'rollerskating (including in-line skating, rollerblading) events, outdoor cinemas, outdoor art galleries to showcase local talent (we actually had a local artist doing a live painting demonstration during our basketball competition which was well received!), + more opportunities.

Initial quotes is 69K. As we would see the commercial benefit as well as the community benefit we are open to a partial fund/grant with the remainder to be covered by CBCo and Globe.

Outside of the 4 week series, Colonial Brewing Co. has a history of working with Fisherman's Bend and Port Melbourne businesses to better support the local community. Some other examples of these initiatives include;



- Creating Fisherman's Bend as a destination by creating a Dual Tasting Experience with Starward Whisky
- Karma Kegs – Pay what you like at the bar with 100% of the proceeds going back to local charities
- Sponsoring of Port Melbourne Football Club and Cricket Club – we have recently launched a new beer named after the home ground of PMFC 'From the Borough'. This is a demonstration of our continued support of local community groups and organisations, watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ry0BfgiTGsw&t=2s>
- Working with local hospitality venues – a collaborative photoshoot was recently done at Cricketers Arm's Port Melbourne
- Acoustic Sessions with local upcoming artists – we're currently in the talks with an event planning organisation about running an open mic night on Sunday's during the winter.
- Venue for charity Partners – we're hosting the EADC charity wrap up event on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Throughout COVID, CBCo was committed to supporting hospitality workers both locally and in all Victoria with delivering free meals to those affected.
- Draught Punk Beer Fest – On May 15<sup>th</sup>, we're hosting an event at the brewery that has something for everything. From Golfing simulators, charity partners, live music (including a Daft Punk Tribute Band), and best of all it's free!

Attached you will find the following:

- G3 Basketball League and Brewery Exterior events – Images attached in PowerPoint
- Permanent Basketball Court installation in adjacent carpark – Quote attached
- Permission for use of adjacent Car Park – Permission from landlord attached

Overall, CBCo has always been and will always be a local brewery. By locals for locals.

Cheers,

Cheers & Beers

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National Operations Manager

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Company Address DreamCourts,  
 [Redacted]  
 Smeaton Grange NSW 2567  
 Australia  
 Phone 1300 690 991  
 Created Date 4/2/2022

Quote Number 00002704  
 Bill To Name Colonial Brewing Company  
 Email [Redacted]

| Product              | Line Item Description   | Quantity | Sales Price | Total Price |
|----------------------|---|----------|-------------|-------------|
| Excavation           | Estimate: incl. thickening edges as required due to coloured concrete   | 1.00     | 5000        | 5000        |
| Concrete             | Estimate: Approx 262 sqm  | 1.00     | 59925       | 59925       |
| Concrete Preparation | Included in above: New slabs 100ml 25mpa with coloured concrete placed within the mix - Colours proposed: Blue Opal, Black & Terracotta   | 1.00     | 0           | 0           |
| Concrete Requirement | f72 rio on bar chairs, each section requires dowel barring every 450ml on each section to attach together, smooth finish or broom finish maybe an option, sawcut expansion joints | 1.00     | 0           | 0           |
| Concrete Pump        | Line pump hire x 3 included for 3 separate pours for colours as requested   | 1.00     | 0           | 0           |
| Line Marking         | Basketball line marking   | 1.00     | 1499        | 1499        |
| Custom Logo          | Custom court logo stencil created and painted on court as requested   | 1.00     | 2499        | 2499        |

Subtotal AUD 68,923.00  
 Amount AUD 0.00  
 Total Price AUD 68,923.00

\* The Total price includes GST.

Over four weeks in March and April, we teamed up with Prahran Summer Jam to bring you G3 League.

Hosted at our Port Melbourne Brewery, this 3x3 competition had Melbourne's best street-ball teams battling it out to claim the coveted title of the inaugural G3 Champions and a \$3,000 cash prize.

Each week we featuring MCs, DJs, prizes and of course a few beers 🍺

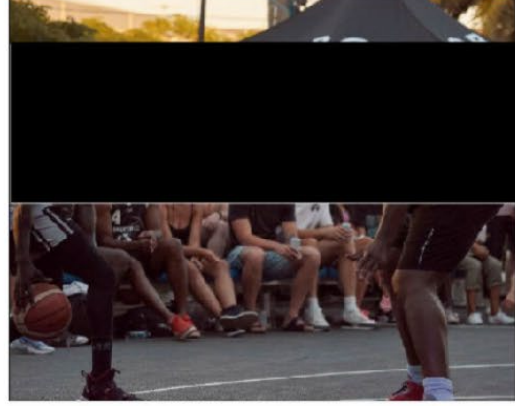
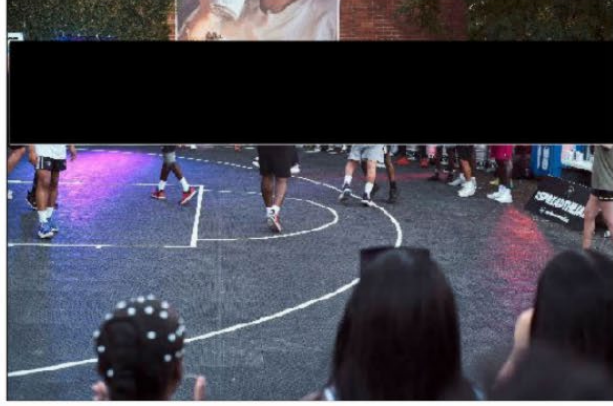
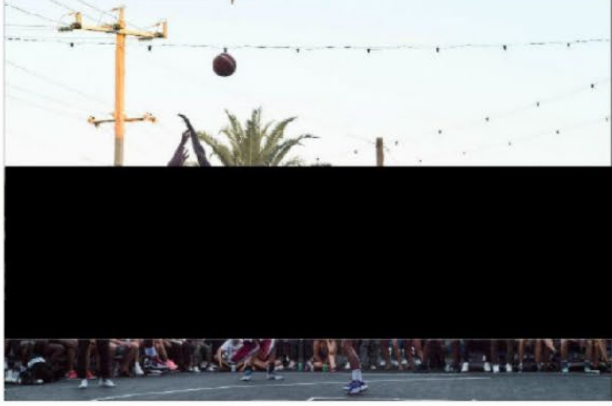
Leveraging the clout and excitement of the event, we were able to educate both Port Melbourne locals and visitors about what the Borough has to offer.

The event became was the destination to be, promoted local tourism for Port Melbourne and helped us to reach an audience that otherwise would not have come to Port Melbourne or our brewery.

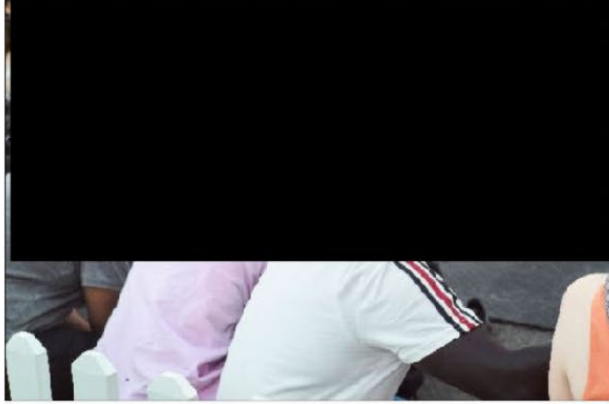
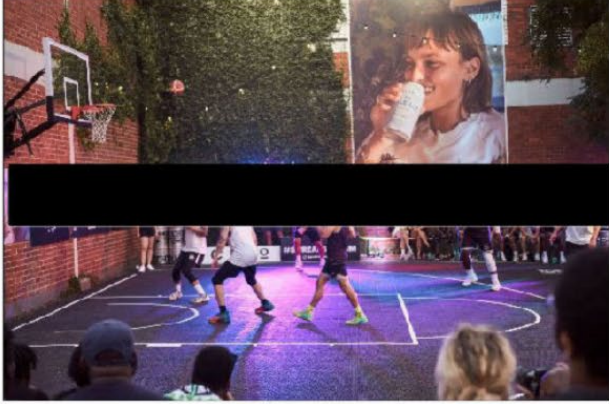
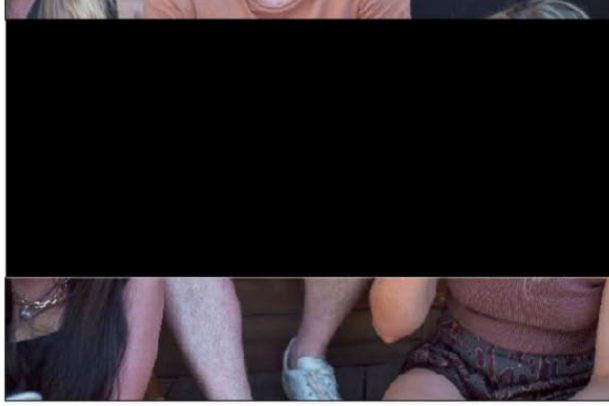
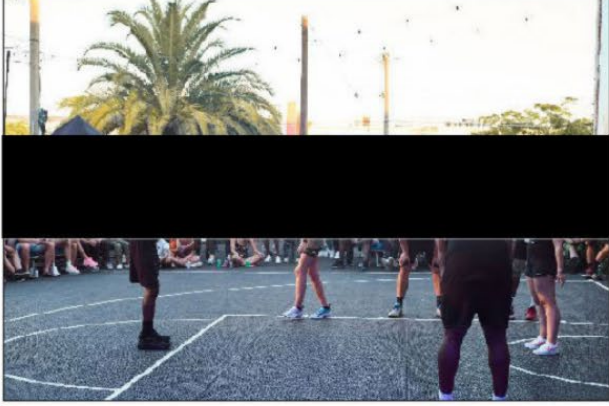
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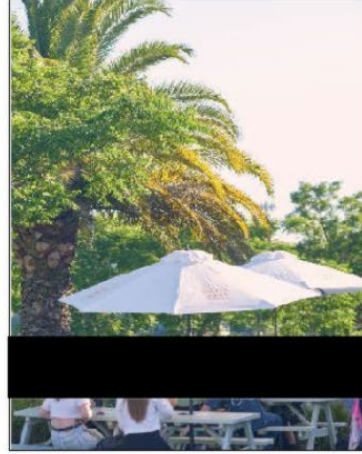




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The Venue has benefited greatly from the addition of the grass area to our footpath trading and it has been very well received by our customers who really enjoyed it over the summer months.

Djs playing Friday and Saturday nights have been well received with our demographic changing with the addition of outdoor dining and a more relaxed vibe.





**CORE COMPLEX PTY LTD**

[Redacted]

ABN: 63 248 563 857

8<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

[Redacted]

National Operations Manager  
Colonial Brewing Co.

Dear [Redacted]

In relation to your application for an extension to your liquor licensing permit, we hereby grant full permission for Colonial Brewery's use of Core Complex's carpark being the car park situated at the corner of Fennell & Bertie Streets, Port Melbourne.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any further details required.

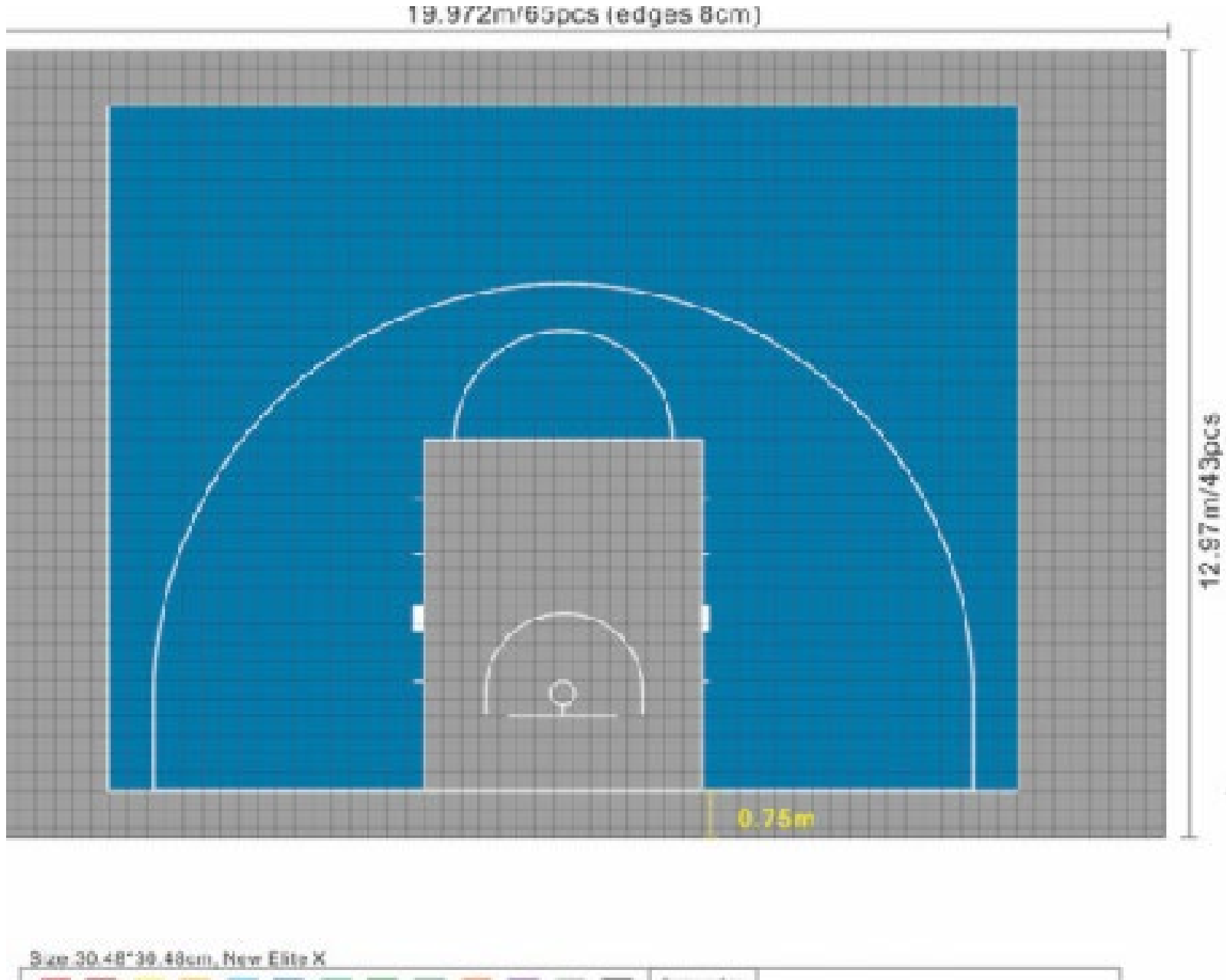
Yours cordially,



[Redacted]

Core Complex

**CORE COMPLEX PTY LTD**  
Street address: [Redacted]  
Port Melbourne, VIC 3207  
Tel: [Redacted]  
ABN 63 248 563 857



CBR-004 Attachment 1

**Budget Priorities  
Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC)**

Further to our original submission on the **Council Plan 2021-31 and 2022/23 Budget** (attached here for reference) we have been asked to outline 3 priorities. We do so, anticipating that all our other points will be given due consideration in the overall discussion.

A survey of the MAC membership was conducted in order to establish our priorities. The issues voted on, were established through discussion at a MAC meeting. Of the 10 possible respondents, 9 completed the task. The results appear at the end of this paper for reference.

**Priority 1**

**An increase to the grant available to support the work of this position. The grant**

Rationale

In our community, 51.8 per cent have at least one parent who was born overseas. Of our residents, 20.6 per cent speak a language other than English at home.

Making the City of Port Phillip (CoPP) truly inclusive requires investment. Funding needs to reflect the make-up of CoPP residents and their needs (i.e. 30% residents born overseas who may require specific cultural inclusion programs – or up to 51% if we consider residents with at least one parent born overseas).

Currently, there is relatively meagre funding set aside for specific programmes that build and support cultural inclusivity. Many of the current programmes that aim to do so rely on ‘soft money’ rather than attract a predictable, annual financial allocation from Council.

We note that only **8.6%** of the Inclusive portfolio budget is spent on Cultural diversity, despite this program’s potential to benefit between **30-50%** of residents (and more if you compound all other aspects of diversity supported by this service, i.e. sexual orientation, faith, etc.). This seems to contrast with other aspects of ‘Inclusion’ as described by the Council (for example the Recreation services seems to reach around 20% of CoPP residents but it receives 18% of the Inclusive portfolio budget). (Data discussed here is sourced from the current [Council Plan](#)).

**Priority 2**

**A communication strategy that highlights the strengths of cultural diversity.**

This should be an on-going feature on the Council website and show-case community members and organisations. Funding for the development of short videos, for example, should have a separate and on-going financial allocation. Also, further allocation of financial resources is required to enhance the Council Pages on multicultural communities (<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/people-and-community/multicultural-community>).

Rationale

The MAC has set priorities that increase the visibility of diversity and highlight intersectionality. We believe strongly that social cohesion is a product of understanding and sharing experiences across our many communities. This is a proactive way of combatting racism.

Bringing communities and individuals who can often remain in the shadows, towards the Council and its activities, serves to strengthen the Council's reach. It enhances the Council's ability to understand, communicate and represent the full gamut of the CoPP's residency. Further to this, it enables those who may not be from minorities to learn about diverse experience.

**Priority 3  
Support for ageing residents who are from CALD communities.**

Rationale


The MAC believes that some of our most vulnerable residents are those who are ageing and from ethnic minorities. These are residents who may have migrated in the 1960s, now in their 70s or 80s. They may also be residents with more recent migration histories. Such people may or may not speak English. They may not be confidently literate in any language, and many remain digitally illiterate. The recent lockdowns have illustrated most poignantly these people's vulnerability to isolation.

We understand that CoPP has a range of strategies in place and is currently working on a Positive Ageing policy. Our concern is that these vulnerable groups may fall between the cracks. So often data is not sensitive to intersections between categories, so for example, a housing strategy for older women may not cater for those who do not speak English. Further to this, some of the related programmes (eg the digital literacy one) rely on 'soft money' and may not continue. Do those from all ethnic minorities participate in Linking Neighbours or U3A and if not, why not and what might be alternatives for these communities?

We seek specific funding that can facilitate understanding the needs of these communities towards a fuller integration into existing or specific programmes.

We thank you for your support of the work of the MAC and the due consideration of our advice to Council.

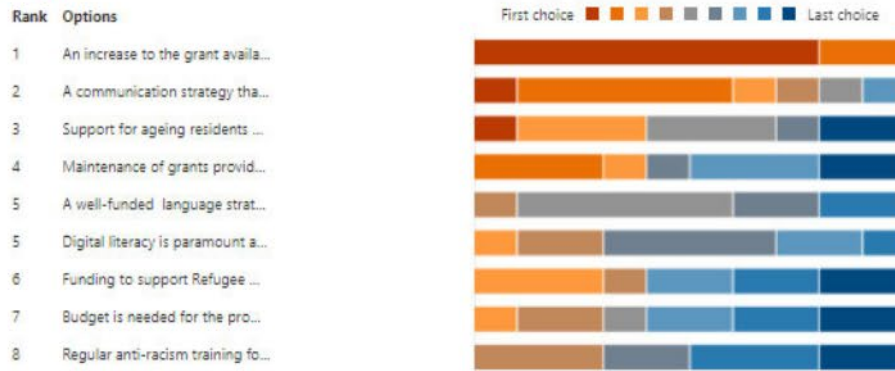
  
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2. Please arrange the below proposition by order of priority for you (most important at the top, least important at the bottom)

[More Details](#)



CBR-004

## Pre-draft submission to the Council Plan 2021-31 and 2022/23 Budget

### Multicultural Advisory Committee

#### Background

'Port Phillip has a proud history of inclusion and everyone is welcome here. Multiculturalism is an integral part of our City's history and success, with Station Pier the first landfall in Australia for many new arrivals. One in three of Port Phillip's residents were born overseas and this cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths.' (City of Port Phillip Council Plan 2021 – 31, p. 14).

- We are home to people from over 163 different birthplaces, speaking 114 different languages
- In our community, 51.8 per cent have at least one parent who was born overseas
- Of our residents, 20.6 per cent speak a language other than English at home.

The Council established the Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) in order to provide 'advice and feedback on all issues that affect multicultural, refugee or asylum seeker communities in the City of Port Phillip' (MAC Terms of Reference).

#### Rationale for requests

Making the City of Port Phillip (CoPP) truly inclusive requires investment. Funding needs to reflect the make-up of CoPP residents and their needs (i.e. 30% residents born overseas who may require specific cultural inclusion programs – or up to 51% if we consider residents with at least one parent born overseas).

Currently, there is relatively meagre funding set aside for specific programmes that build and support cultural inclusivity. Many of the current programmes that aim to do so rely on 'soft money' rather than attract a predictable, annual financial allocation from Council.

The 'Inclusive Port Phillip' portfolio includes services for; Families, young people and children, Ageing, Affordable housing and Recreation. Cultural diversity support is included in the provision of the Community programs & facilities services alongside several other community support programs (such as Community facilities management, Community capacity building and Volunteer management and Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Gatherings).

We note that only **8.6%** of the Inclusive portfolio budget is spent on Cultural diversity, despite this program's potential to benefit between **30-50%** of residents (and more if you compound all other aspects of diversity supported by this service, i.e. sexual orientation, faith, etc.). This seems to contrast with other aspects of 'Inclusion' as described by the Council (for example the Recreation services seems to reach around 20% of CoPP residents but it receives 18% of the Inclusive portfolio budget). (Data discussed here is sourced from the current [Council Plan](#)).

### Requested considerations

To restore some balance, the following items require consideration in the up-coming budget deliberations;

- Maintenance of salaried officer positions that support the MAC and its work at the necessary level and with the necessary time-allocations. Given the current MAC action plan, we would expect no less than a yearly 1.0 FTE officer position allocated to support the MAC. This time would be dedicated to:
  - Actioning the multicultural initiatives put forward by the Committee.
  - Supporting programs and policy.
  - Ensuring communication between Council advisory committees to avert silos and allow for consistent consultation and advice.
- An increase to the grant available to support the work of this position. The grant needs to be adequate to support activities related to Cultural Diversity Week, for example, and allow for on-going support for a range of other initiatives, such as, for example, the Women's Circle and Homework Clubs (at Park Towers).
- A communication strategy that highlights the strengths of cultural diversity. This should be an on-going feature on the Council website and show case community members and organisations. Funding for the development of short videos, for example, should have a separate and on-going financial allocation. Also, further allocation of financial resources is required to enhance the Council Pages on multicultural communities (<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/people-and-community/multicultural-community>).
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- Regular anti-racism training for staff as well as reporting to be tabled at the MAC.
- The Council needs to dedicate realistic staffing levels to or 'buy in' services that allow a professional, consistent, and generally adopted language strategy for its communications and consultations. This strategy needs to account for non-English language speakers, those not literate and those who need support because of various disabilities. The successful implementation of Council priorities, for example, those related to the environment, need to be understood by all residents.
- Maintenance of grants provided to minority communities and the staffing levels necessary to support access to these. This is particularly important for older CALD residents and those who are newly-arrived.
- Overlap between various Council strategies needs to be acknowledged, for example, a large percentage of ageing residents are from CALD communities. Their needs, including during the consultation and development phases of the Positive Ageing strategy need to be heard and included. This is likely to involve additional investment if it is to be carried out in meaningful ways.



- Budget is needed for the promotion of gender equality strategies, in particular, to support those that mitigate (through information and education) the risk of CALD women ageing in poverty.
- Digital literacy is paramount and there are minority communities in which this is poorly developed. The Council has relied on external grants to support such work. There needs to be an on-going commitment by Council.
- MAC has described the symbolic worth of banners that state we are a welcoming city for refugees and asylum seekers. We have been told that the cost is prohibitive. The cost is minor and the on-going neglect of such a public statement speaks to priorities rather than expense. We need to allocate the necessary funds to show these banners or alternatively find some other way of marking our commitment to Refugee Week publicly and annually.

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# Older Persons Advisory Committee

The Older Persons Advisory Committee (OPAC) has been appointed by Council to be its main advisory body on all issues affecting older residents living in the City of Port Phillip. Encompassing a wide range of backgrounds and views, the OPAC is an accessible, independent group.

## **DRAFT Budget Document for Older Persons Advisory Committee (OPAC) Early stage pre-submission to the Council Plan 2021-31 and 2022/23 Budget**

The OPAC is the key advisory Committee to Council providing advice, advocacy and feedback on issues that affect the health and wellbeing of older residents in the City of Port Phillip, including issues raised by older residents.

As outlined in Draft Council Plan 2021-31 Strategic Direction Inclusive Port Phillip it states that 'Council will partner with our Committee to ensure the diversity of our community's experience is represented in decision making'.

On behalf of the OPAC I would like to present to Council our feedback on the Draft Council Plan 2021-31 and 2022/23 Budget. Our feedback has been presented in relation to the OPAC's Key Focus Areas outlined in the OPAC 2022 Action Plan.

The OPAC would like Council to consider and include in the Draft Council Plan and Budget the following priority items identified by the Committee:

### **1. Positive Ageing Policy Development (Aged Care Services)**

In the context of upcoming changes to Aged Care services, that Council investigate becoming an Aged Care Provider and that Council continue to fund existing Aged Care services.

#### ***Rationale:***

Council is more trusted and knows the local area better than for-profit providers. The number of people who may need to access services is likely to increase as the population ages.

### **2. Housing and Homelessness**

That Council continues to fund services and housing for older people and those older people at risk of homelessness. Council to regularly provide data on older homeless people and those at risk of homelessness.

Council continues to provide OPAC with updates and reports about Council's Affordable Housing Strategy (IOBY) 2015-2025 and that Council increases the budget for this strategy.

Council considers how Housing and Homelessness can be addressed in Fishermans Bend planning to increase the amount of social housing.

# Older Persons Advisory Committee

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## **Rationale:**

We want to eliminate homelessness entirely but that given older people are more vulnerable in many areas, that we should target them first. Statistics indicate that older women are increasingly at risk of homelessness.

Provision of housing for older people has intergenerational benefits.

## **3. Environmental Sustainability**

That Council should improve public lighting in the City by:

- Conducting an audit on what are the accepted standards for good lighting. Then roll out a program of replacing lighting across the municipality. (As this expenditure on lighting can be seen as having multigenerational benefit, this would justify Council borrowing money).

That Council improves air quality in the City by:

- reducing petrol driven vehicles in the community and its own fleet
- providing more charging stations
- providing better scooter and bike protected lanes. (this would have the benefit of getting scooters off the footpath)
- conduct an education program for e-scooter users and provide increased enforcement of e-scooter use
- improving Greening in the City through more appropriate tree planting and greening of nature strips, considering biodiversity and improving drainage. Parts of the municipality are already flood prone, this is exacerbated by rising sea levels and increased use of concrete in urban areas
- certain areas in the municipality are lacking green space - increase spending to support access to green space for people in East St Kilda, Port Melbourne and Balaclava.

Council to provide regular communications to the community regarding extreme weather by:

- resuming extreme weather management communications for the community, particularly relevant for older people.

## **Rationale:**

Older people are more likely to suffer from heat stress so need more shade and will also benefit from overall strategies for reducing hotter streets.



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Older people are more likely to have difficulty breathing so need good air quality and to be informed about air quality and extreme weather conditions.

That Council makes positive impacts on the environment and limit CoPP impact on climate change as per the Climate Emergency Declaration, through increased greening and open spaces and support of nature strip gardens.

### **Rationale:**

Supporting increased greening creates positive environmental outcomes:

1. Improving biodiversity (aligned to CoPP's 10-year vision) by creating habitat
2. Holding stormwater and reducing flooding risk (aligned with CoPP's water sensitive urban design programs)
3. Attracting and supporting pollinating insects helping to preserve Australia's food security and ecosystem health
4. Capturing particulate pollution, improving air quality
5. Reducing emissions and sequestering carbon.

### **4. Health and Wellbeing, Built Environment and Public Spaces**

Council to undertake an audit of public seating/street furniture to ensure it is fit for purpose for older people.

Council to provide more shade and seating together.

Provide more drinking fountains.

Provide better access to open space for older people by increasing safe surfaces for older people through increased expenditure on public furniture and footpaths.

Provide more public toilets and increased cleaning of public toilets.

Provide soap in public toilets to ensure hygiene.

That Council supports a range of specialist providers to deliver inclusive, passive and gentle/active recreation opportunities for older people, for example expanding classes at PCYC and neighbourhood centres.

Explore a targeted grant stream for this purpose, support applicants by continuing to simplify the application for venue fee waiver and the facility booking process (including insurance, COVID safe planning, OHS).

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That Council keep Neighbourhood Centres open to support participation of older people, including multicultural groups across a range of activities.

SouthPort Daylinks – continue to support.

**Rationale:**

OPAC acknowledges the links between access to open space and improving liveability and amenities for older people and the maintenance of health and wellbeing. (multicultural seniors' groups are significant users of Council facilities).

Council continue to support South Melbourne Market. OPAC acknowledges the challenges of attempting to run a commercially viable business in a Council property, however OPAC proposes the continued financial support of the South Melbourne Market.

**Rationale:**

Older people value South Melbourne Market as it adds to the vibrancy and diversity of the area. The community has access to fresh food, food with less packaging and a visit to the market encourages social participation and exercise.

### 5. Communications

Council to reinstate monthly delivery of paper Divercity to households and council facilities, especially important for older people.

Council to communicate more effectively to older residents re policies trials etc, this also includes improvements to Council messaging such as the website.

Council to offer in person face to face consultations for older people who may experience barriers to accessing online information.

OPAC supports the following initiative proposed by the Linking Neighbours Leadership Group:

Council to deliver quarterly community forums in Council buildings (town halls) to provide an opportunity for Council officers to present strategies, policy updates and changes to Council business and seek feedback from older people in the community.

**Rationale:**

## **O l d e r P e r s o n s A d v i s o r y C o m m i t t e e**

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Many older people experience barriers to accessing information online. OPAC wants to ensure that older people who are not online are kept informed about Council activities and provide them with the opportunity to provide feedback on Council business and relevant community activities.

### **Communications/Libraries**

Council to put more money into library resources and consider Libraries as hubs for a range of community advice, support and referral services including social participation and arts programs. This includes the possibility of locating digital literacy programs to libraries.

### ***Rationale:***

Older people are more likely to use public libraries for both spending time in and seeking services in particular, support with one to one/small group digital literacy and IT support.

OPAC looks forward to Council's response in relation to these items.

██████████, OPAC Chair



CBR-006

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 February 2022 10:46 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Power House Visit

⚠ [External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments. ⚠

Hi [REDACTED],  
I'm writing to seek councils support for Power House. As a asset sitting on Parks Vic land, we've been actively raising funds for this much needed redevelopment. A shortfall of funds of \$10m (from a \$20m budget) remains with expected commitments from State Gov and a community loan to cover this portion.  
Parks Victoria have requested that we need to put forward a security deposit of 25% of the gap. I'm taking this a positive news that the state government (perhaps through Parks Vic) are committing to fund at least this value because quite clearly we don't have funds to cover this as we'd simply put that forward to reduce the gap of funding in the first place.  
**My ask is this:** can the City of Port Phillip provide a guarantee to Parks Vic of \$2.5m or provide influence into State Government to commit final funds for this project before it's too late?  
Many thanks,



[REDACTED]  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
Lord Somers Camp and Power House  
m [REDACTED] | p. [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]  
w. [www.lscph.org.au](http://www.lscph.org.au) | e. [REDACTED]



CBR-007

**Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Association  
Budget Request to City of Port Phillip  
CCTV Cameras at Station Pier**

Joint Submission

The following organizations request the installation of CCTV cameras in the Station Pier area aimed at improving safety and liveability throughout the City of Port Phillip by better controlling hooning and associated illegal vehicle noise. Two community organizations, being the Junction Area Action Group (JAAG) and the West St. Kilda Residents' Association (WSKRA), although not in the Station Pier area, have joined this budget request as hoons transiting their areas on the way to Station Pier create significant noise impacting their areas' quality of life. The Port Melbourne Business Association supports this request as hoons and associated anti-social behaviour significantly impacts the desirability of Port Melbourne being a preferred shopping and entertainment destination. A number of businesses in the Station Pier area support the request as hooning/noise is having a detrimental impact to their activities. These businesses have reported noise and toxic fumes from burning rubber complaints from their customers and potential customers not coming to the Station Pier area due to continued anti-social behaviour. Wedding receptions and the functions part of their businesses are of particular concern.

It should be noted that considering the magnitude of the hooning issues within the City of Port Phillip this submission does not replace that current request for mobile CCTV cameras for use in areas of concern.

This request is supported by:

- Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Association (BCNA)
  - BCNA is a not-for-profit community association of Port Melbourne residents formed to promote the amenity of Beacon Cove and nearby areas.
- Port Melbourne Business Association
  - The association promotes an active business environment for the Port Melbourne area for residents and visitors.
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## Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Association Budget Request to City of Port Phillip CCTV Cameras at Station Pier

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### Budget Request

- The signatories to this document request budget approval for the installation of permanent, police connected and overt CCTV cameras around Station Pier as are in place in parts of St Kilda. The number of cameras and the exact placement in the areas that are shown on the map is to be determined by the City of Port Phillip.
- Of note the Crime Statistics Agency reported in the 2016-2018 period that criminal offences in Fitzroy Street were reduced by 58% since the introduction of CCTV (3)

### Areas Where CCTV is Required



(3) City of Port Phillip Ordinary Meeting of Council 3 July 2019

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CBR-008

**Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Association  
Budget Request to City of Port Phillip  
Speed Humps at Station Pier**

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- The installation of speed humps within the Station Pier parking area to counter anti-social behaviour from hooning. The installation of speed humps will make the area less attractive for hoon meetings, racing, donuts and similar anti-social behaviour. The reduction of hoons travelling thru the City of Port Phillip to arrive at Station Pier will have an overall benefit for the City.

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CBK-009

**Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Association  
Budget Request to City of Port Phillip  
Station Pier Boom Gates**

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**Budget Request**

- The signatories to this document request budget approval for the installation of boom gates with number plate recognition such as those in operation at the South Melbourne Market.
- The installation of parking boom gates and having to pay for parking encourages the intended use of the Station Pier parking area.
- Business owners in the Station Pier area must be consulted in how the boom gates would operate and consideration should be given to the following.
  - As at the South Melbourne Market there should be limited free parking for people to buy coffee, etc
  - Restaurants should be able to provide reduce rate parking for their patrons.

Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Association  
Budget Request to City of Port Phillip  
Station Pier Boom Gates

Signatories to 2022 Station Pier Boom Gates

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Mr. Hobson Café and Restaurant

**CBR-010**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 30 March 2022 12:48 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Port Melb. Tennis Club.

 [External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments. 

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking my call this morning.

Port Mebourne Tennis Club will need court replacement definitely in the next few years. (Advice is that existing surface dips will need thousands of dollars to repair if left too much longer which would be a waste of money when complete courts will need replacing anyhow. Puddles after rain will be a big problem.) Can we be sure that **PMTC court replacement will be in the asset budget in the near future**. Approx. cost \$120,000 but the club can contribute significantly.

The court light were put in over 15 years ago. We need to upgrade to LED lights as they) are a much more efficient as use far less electricity b) require little maintenance; bulbs don't need replacing frequently using a 'cherry picker' which is expensive c) are considerably brighter. Approx cost \$30,000 but the club can contribute significantly.

Thank you very much for your interest.

Regards. [REDACTED]

CBR-011



PORT MELBOURNE  
SECONDARY COLLEGE

477 Graham Street Port Melbourne VIC 3207

Email: [REDACTED]

4 April 2022

**School Council of Port Melbourne Secondary School**

**Budget Request to City of Port Phillip**

School Crossing Supervisor

Please accept this submission on behalf of the School Council of Port Melbourne Secondary College for the urgent provision of a school crossing supervisor at Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne.

**Traffic safety issue**

Significant speeding and reckless driving, involving both light and heavy vehicles, has been witnessed on a regular basis around the school on Plummer Street, Graham Street and Williamstown Road, and on a number of occasions this has resulted in road traffic accidents.

This behaviour poses significant risk namely:

- Pedestrians waiting to cross the road being put at risk by speeding/reckless driving
- Risk for drivers dropping off students at school, or at after school activities on the JL Murphy reserve
- Significant concern being expressed by families of both Port Melbourne Secondary and Port Melbourne Primary Schools and a reluctance to permit students to travel to school independently due to road safety concerns
- Residents not feeling safe in certain areas and in particular when crossing Williamstown Road and Graham Street.

**Safety issue for broader community**

School Council is aware that the issue of traffic management in and around the Fishermans Bend precinct is also a concern for business in the area. This was recently acknowledged by Mayor Marcus Pearl during his presentation to the local business association, and Port's School Council understands that a traffic audit is being conducted at present in response to these concerns. A traffic audit was also conducted in 2021, as reported in the City of Port Phillip's CEO report of August 2021, but most recommendations in that report have not been actioned.

School Council would also like to highlight that whilst the students of the college are at increased risk from reckless or dangerous driving in this area, there are a large number of other residents also at risk in this area, most notably those engaging in sports activities at the JL Murphy reserve. A significant number of 'near misses' have also occurred near the entrance to the new Woolworths store on Plummer Street, which is becoming an increasingly popular shopping destination for local residents.

The college principal is engaging with the Department of Transport in relation to the above matters, and has requested immediate, additional support from local police to monitor and patrol the area around the college, as a visible deterrent to drivers engaging in reckless behaviour. The college is also working with students and families to instill good road safety practices within the college; however, this issue remains a broader issue for the local community, and it is beyond the ability or remit of the college to manage the level of risk associated with the current traffic situation.

**Support from the community**



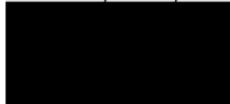


The Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Association strongly supports this budget submission and urges the City of Port Philip to improve the safety of pedestrians at the busy Williamstown Road and Graham Street intersection.

**Summary**

Port Melbourne Secondary College's Council requests that traffic safety be given the highest priority to ensure the safety of our residents and, in particular, our children. The urgent provision of a crossing supervisor to ensure the safety of pedestrians at the busy Williamstown Road/Graham Street intersection each weekend morning and afternoon, commencing as soon as possible, would be a welcome first step in risk mitigation.

We thank you for your consideration.



President, School Council  
Port Melbourne Secondary College

CBR-012

## **LIVE FROM ST KILDA - OVERVIEW**

LIVE FROM ST KILDA with BEN MURPHY (LFSK) is a television/social media based live audience Variety/Chat entertainment experience featuring celebrity guests, entertainers, live music, local news and promotion of city attractions and traders.

The program was initiated during the pandemic in 2021 to facilitate an outlet for the entertainment and arts industry, a practical training space for industry students by industry professionals not normally available and a hub to attract creative's in the theatrical, television and technical digital world.

Our strategy is to showcase St Kilda and the City of Port Phillip as the entertainment, arts and music capital and attract audiences and tourism, stimulating local businesses and activating the area. LFSK is a one hour 13 week commercial for St Kilda, Fitzroy Street and the City of Port Phillip supported by extensive social media interaction and influencers offering a unique platform supporting the community.

Season One, filmed last year during lockdown, attracted an estimated audience of 200,000 via community television and social media. Due to its popularity, we have started Season Two as a one hour live audience show at the Alex Theatre in Fitzroy Street, St Kilda, with Season Three planned for July.

The program is filmed on a Tuesday night at 7.30pm and broadcast the following Friday night at 8pm on community television (Melbourne, Adelaide and New Zealand) and social media platforms, with repeat broadcasts over the following week and streaming available on selected popular platforms.

## **REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE**

We are seeking a funding contribution of \$65,000 (\$5,000 per episode for 13 episodes) for Series Three to help cover base costs of production, marketing, Social Media and Sponsorship procurement.

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| 1 | Equipment costs   | Additional Production Equipment necessary for studio | \$ 700          |
| 2 | Venue on-costs    | Power, cleaning, Security staff                      | \$1,000         |
| 3 | Marketing/PR      | Campaign, printing, design                           | \$1,200         |
| 4 | Social Media/Web  | Content creation, design, uploading                  | \$ 750          |
| 5 | Sales/Sponsorship | Retainers, travel, expenses                          | \$ 800          |
| 6 | Admin/Office      | Insurance, accounts, OH&S                            | \$ 550          |
|   |                   | <b>Per Episode Total</b>                             | <b>\$5,000</b>  |
|   |                   | <b>TOTAL – 13 Episodes</b>                           | <b>\$65,000</b> |

Our long-term intent is to commercialise the project through sponsorship and secure up to 48 weeks per annum of program production, broadcasting and streaming.

To date, the program has been produced by a dedicated team of 40 volunteers, companies offering in-kind services and technology, and the support of RMIT and other students, many mainstream artists and entertainers who are keen to see this project succeed.

In-kind participants have contributed over \$400,000 value in equipment, facilities and working hours.

The funding request will assist Council in achieving their goals by:

**Reactivating key shopping precincts.**

- As part of the production, LFSK will feature various precincts throughout the City of Port Phillip with exclusive segments and live crosses showcasing places and events in the style of the show. They will demonstrate the vitality and enjoyment available in visiting the city.

**Increasing visitation to the municipality.**

- St Kilda is already an iconic destination for visitors. With past events, it needs a kick start and revitalization. LFSK brings this through the arts, entertainment, the latest technology and techniques to attract additional visitors through focused promotion over many mediums.

**Supporting the development of the St Kilda Arts precinct.**

- LFSK is an arts based program showcasing all forms of visual and performance arts delivering them to online and live audiences.
- We actively promote and support the arts within the precinct with demonstrations and location filming.

**Revitalising the foreshore economy.**

- A target of LFSK is to promote the foreshore through various filming activities on the beach and with traders, creating compelling content within the show.

**Supporting Acland St and Fitzroy St as key live music precincts.**

- LFSK brings live music to Fitzroy St with live acts while highlighting and promoting musical activities the streets.

**Supporting key creative industries of film, gaming and live music.**

- Etainment Productions has a long history in the film, television and entertainment industry. We have invested and partnered to develop infrastructure and technology to enhance and produce content utilising all the above key industries.
- Ben Murphy Productions has is known globally for record breaking comedy magic and illusion shows. He is also a highly regarded interviewer and radio host.

As the program title demonstrates, LIVE FROM ST KILDA with BEN MURPHY is focused on the fun of St Kilda and all precincts within the City of Port Phillip.

Port Phillip has a diverse and interesting history and culture, and we intend to find unique stories and ideas to demonstrate this great city and what it has to offer the world through the arts, entertainment, amazing locations, outstanding businesses and places of interest. Port Phillip will be a must see place to visit.

With strategically placed social media and marketing, our target is to reach over 1 million viewers in Australia and internationally by the end of 2022.

Programs can be viewed at:

[www.livefromstkilda.com](http://www.livefromstkilda.com)

Information on Etainment:

[www.etaiment.com.au](http://www.etaiment.com.au)

Market research:

[www.artperformances.org.au/reports/](http://www.artperformances.org.au/reports/)



**CBR-013**

**From:** St Kilda Shule CEO [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 April 2022 3:03 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** We could use some help please.

⚠ [External Email] Please be cautious before clicking on any links or attachments. ⚠

Hi [REDACTED],

It was great to meet you at our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

As you well know, St Kilda Hebrew Congregation is celebrating our 150th year.

Our building is actually 95 years old and is in desperate need of renovation of our toilets in the Synagogue (4 bathrooms - two at front, one upstairs and a particularly tragic bathroom at the back of the shule) and the Danglow Centre (2 bathrooms). They need significant repair and renovation to provide better hygiene, safety and better fit to the renewed restoration we now have in most of the rest of this classic building. It is a beautiful old shule, but not all parts are up to date. I can show you the state the bathrooms are in some time if you would like. They at least need some repairs, toilet replacements and paint.

We have a lot of visitors from all over Port Philip, including schools and tours from the Jewish Museum. And we plan on participating in Open House Melbourne. More acceptable bathrooms would present a far better image for this historic and old lady of St Kilda.

A full reno would cost more like, \$300,000 but it would be terrific if Port Philip could help by contributing say \$50,000 so we could start to bring them to a more acceptable standard. We will also seek funds from elsewhere.

Best regards, [REDACTED]







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CBR-015

### **Comments on Council's Draft Plan for 2021-2031**

I would like to make the following comments on Council's Draft Plan for 2021-2031:

#### **Project Funding**

I have run a ruler over the proposed project expenditure.

While assessing budgets is not easy it is obvious that funding for projects in the Balaclava/ St Kilda is dramatically lower than all the other Port Phillip Precincts and, having lived in the area for more than 16 years, I suspect that has been so for a long time.

For the St Kilda/ Balaclava area project expenditure is proposed as \$16.1 million over the period to 2026. This is in contrast with Albert Park/ Middle Park with expenditure of \$25.7 million, Elwood/Ripponlea \$35.4 million, Port Melbourne \$25.6 million, South Melbourne, \$43.5 million and St Kilda/ St Kilda West, \$40.8 million. Included in the projects for Balaclava/ St Kilda are 2 completed projects and one project in 2026 for approx. \$10 million leaving only minor projects proposed for the over the next 5 years.

The St Kilda/Balaclava area has around the same population as Elwood/Ripponlea and Port Melbourne and more than Albert Park/ Middle Park and South Melbourne. This does not seem equitable and more investment is desperately needed to improve the area.

In particular there is a need for quality and permanent public open space and improvements made to the area's general amenity.

#### **Public Open Space**

Council, at its 8 December 2021 meeting adopted *Places for People: Public Space Strategy 2022 – 2032* (the Strategy).

The Strategy's Technical Report places a high priority on finding additional open space in area B1.

Furthermore Council minutes state that Council:

*will focus on addressing gaps in the public space network, particularly in the Balaclava/St Kilda East and South Melbourne neighbourhoods.*

I listened to the 18 May 2022 Council meeting where ██████████ asked a couple of questions about public open space. The answers provided by Tony Keenan and Chris Carroll did not fill me with any optimism that there will be any additional public open space in our area for years (except for some quick fix temporary parks). And the comment by Councillor Louise Crawford that a strategy is needed before any further can be done just enraged me when a Strategy had already been prepared and adopted with the above addition to addressing gaps in Balaclava/ St Kilda East.

Council states as one of the principles it uses to prioritise the provision of open space is based on equity: *we prioritise our investment in public space towards ensuring its provision is as equitable as possible across our municipality both now and into the future.* (page 9 of the Strategy).

The Strategy's Technical Report found that while 80% in Balaclava/East St Kilda live in medium and high density housing the area has the lowest amount of public open space in our municipality, most



particularly in the area bound by Inkerman St, Carlisle St, Chapel St and St Kilda Road (referred to as area B1).

The main open space in B1 is the tiny Pakington St Reserve and it is only 0.08 hectares. The property adjoining the Pakington St Reserve, which is may be 0.02 hectares had a Public Acquisition Overlay placed on it in 2012. The provision of 0.08 hectares increasing to around 0.1 hectares in the future, possibly many years away.

The Balaclava/ St Kilda East area has a population dense of more than 7,000 people per square kilometre compared to say Albert Park/ Middle Park and Port Melbourne where is less than 4,000 people per kilometre. To have such a small amount of public open space for one of the most densely populated area in the municipality is not equitable.

The budget has some open space projects in the Balaclava / St Kilda area. Some such as the Greenline could be brought forward.

Looking at the draft budget plan In more detail when the proposed nearly \$10 million for the Inkerman Street Bike Corridor and the already completed projects leaves are removed proposed project expenditure is approximately \$5.5 million to 2026 (or \$1.1 million per year), with a significant amount going to Alma Park improvements and temporary parks. Surely money needs to be reallocated from other Port Phillip areas to support the purchase of more permanent open space in area B1. I am aware that others will have more detailed comments on the inequitable allocation of funds both in this draft budget and in past years.

Potential sites for public open space in the B1 area are few. There is an excellent opportunity for council available right now. There is site for sale in Duke Street right behind the library and close to St Kilda Primary School, the Carlisle Street shops and other facilities. The site is cleared and flat with some magnificent mature palm trees to provide structure and cooling. Creating open space at the Duke St site, which is 0.17 hectares, will almost instantly more than double the open space in B1. There is local community support for the purchase of this land and a petition to that effect will be presented to Council soon (a copy of the petition is attached to these comments).

I ask that Council honour its commitment to the endorsed *Places for People: Public Space Strategy 2022 – 2032* together with its stated priority to find open space in the St Kilda/ Balaclava area.

I also ask that Council commit to actioning the possible purchase of the Duke St site.

The residents of Balaclava/ St Kilda are ratepayers and deserve the same level of service and respect shown to those residents in other areas. Work harder, do better Council.

### **Amenity**

As I travel around Port Phillip I have noticed the stark contrast in amenity between Balaclava/St Kilda to other areas in Port Phillip areas (and in fact other inner metro areas).

Many of the streets and footpaths in the Balaclava /St Kilda area are:

- poorly maintained
- rarely swept

- dumped rubbish is a constant problem and often sits on the kerb for weeks, even months
- weeds abound in gutters and in shabby planted areas
- line marking is dim or non-existent,
- street trees, some of which are in poor condition and if removed there is not replaced
- footpaths are cracked and, in places, are tripping hazards
- litter is widespread.

This is in contrast with the pristine streets say in Albert Park/ Middle Park. This is not acceptable and once again not equitable. A concerted planned and funded effort are required by Council to bring this area up to an acceptable and equitable standard.

I noted that in 2021 Port Phillip won a Keep Australia Beautiful Council award for litter. The judges certainly did not come to my area – if they had Port Phillip may have been awarded the Golden Raspberry.

**I ask Council to revisit its budget and be more equitable in its funding priorities by honouring its commitment to invest in permanent public open space in the Balaclava/ St Kilda area and commit to improving its amenity.**

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**We are asking that Mayor Marcus Pearl and Port Phillip Councillors purchase a Duke Street, St Kilda site for public open space.**

In December 2021 Port Phillip Council adopted *Places for People: Public Space Strategy 2022 – 2032* (the Strategy). Council states it *will focus on addressing gaps in the public space network, particularly in the Balaclava/St Kilda East and South Melbourne neighbourhoods.*

The Strategy found the **Balaclava/St Kilda has the lowest amount of public open space in our municipality** by a country mile – just 5 per cent compared to the Port Phillip average of 17 percent and Albert Park / Middle Park with 31 per cent. The Strategy identified the sub-neighbourhood – the area bound by Inkerman St, Carlisle St, Chapel St and St Kilda Road - as particularly lacking in public open space. Apart from open space in front of the St Kilda Town Hall the only available the public open space in this area is the tiny Pakington St Reserve – just 0.08 hectares.

Council says that *we prioritise our investment in public space towards ensuring its provision is as equitable as possible across our municipality both now and into the future. The low level of public open space in Balaclava/East St Kilda is not equitable.*

**A large vacant site in Duke St, St Kilda, right behind the library and close to St Kilda Primary School and the Carlisle Street shops and other facilities, is available now.** It is cleared and flat with some magnificent mature palm trees. It has recently been on the market but remains unsold.

Balaclava and St Kilda residents need open space for their health and wellbeing.

**Council don't let a golden opportunity slip through your fingers.**

| Name (Please Print Name) | Address (Please print full address) | Signature (Petitioners must sign his/her name) |
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**CBR-017**

Clean up the City of Port Phillip The Victorian community requires leadership around rubbish removal from our streets, beaches, car parks and parks. We also need ongoing education of our entire population, and particularly of our younger members.

Would our Councillors consider the suggestion that we can be the community to take the lead by facilitating and taking part in: CLEAN UP THE CITY OF PORT PHILLIP DAYS (2 per Year).

1. As 'Clean Up Australia Day' initially enjoyed, our City of Port Phillip Days need brilliant advertising via social media, Television, Radio and Newspapers, in plenty of time, to enable as many people as possible to be free to take part. The momentum of this, being a City initiative must be maintained over the years, and must not be allowed to fade out, as occurred with the 'Clean Up Australia' Campaign.
2. Television News needs to be involved, interviewing participants on the day, and incorporating grabs on the Evening News after the event.
3. Small rewards could be offered to all participants, funded in part by the City, and in part by businesses in the area. Such rewards may be 1:1 purchase of coffee or bread or any supermarket item (Buy one, Receive one free), or some form of similar 'Thank You' reward. This could be adopted by cafes, bread outlets, supermarkets, chemists etc, within the CoPP area
4. The City would have its fleet of street sweepers and rubbish collection trucks operating, thus supporting the process in an obvious and meaningful manner.
5. Small groups of residents take part in monthly clean ups on our beaches, parks and streets. It would be sensible to acknowledge their work by inviting the organisers of these groups to be involved in the planning of these Days. We saw, late last year, students marching in protest over Climate Change. If we work through schools to get on board those students who are so passionate about our planet, we should be able to gain enormous support for a project to which they can genuinely make a difference, as distinct from merely talking about (and hoping for) change.

Clearly, this is a tiny start; I appreciate that much red tape needs to be navigated. However, I see this as a way in which our Council can really take a leading role in this State.

Thank you, [REDACTED]



CBR-018

A few items:

1. A shame that musical events/other talks at St Kilda library (Carlisle St) have been terminated. No reasons given why.
2. I think a task group should be set up to look into the reasons why Fitzroy St has declined (and to some extent Acland St). This should involve traders/landlords and Council with some community representation. Accessibility (parking mainly) is a major issue and no doubt the level of rents. The mix of businesses is another issue. Also are there red tape issues that need to be addressed.
3. I think the e-bike and e-scooter thing should be reviewed. I can't park my car anywhere, so these bikes/scooters are in the same category.
4. Don't sell The Avenue Childcare Centre or the kindergarten site in Nelson St. These perform valuable community services with little direct cost to Council.
5. A shame that Divercity is only digital now - I wonder how widely it is read now?

CBR-023

Conversion of Dickens Street Extension

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## **Submission for project consideration in Council Plan & Draft budget 2022-2023**

Conversion of Dickens Street Extension from cul-de-sac car parking to communal multi-purpose realm

### **Introduction**

For several years and on various occasions, representatives of the St Kilda Primary School community (School Councillors, staff and students) have presented to past and present City of Port Phillip Councillors the proposal to convert the Dickens Street Extension into a communal multi-purpose realm. The proposal has always received interest and positive feedback during informal conversations yet has not been formalised to be further developed for the benefit of the wider community, nor any prospect of future funding given. We believe it is time to share and celebrate an under-utilised piece of land and for this to happen, our community needs the City of Port Phillip (CoPP) to back this project with drive, passion and funding, and for the project to be included in the Draft Budget 2022-2023 with a budget consideration similar to the reference projects (see point 4).

St Kilda Primary School is part of an important cluster of heritage significant community buildings within the triangle of land bounded by Brighton Road, Carlisle Street and Chapel Street. Between 1874 and 1890 our main building on Brighton Road, the Holy Trinity (former Wesleyan) Church (1877) and the original part of St Kilda Town Hall were all constructed on what was previously the St Kilda Market Reserve. The architects of the Holy Trinity Church, Crouch and Wilson apparently designed its tower to closely reflect the tower of our school, which had been built three years earlier. Further facilities, churches and community buildings have been added over the last 140 years, most recently with the completion of Port Phillip Council's fantastic Bubup Nairn Childrens' Centre, which so many of our students have attended and our new 16 classroom building Nozomi (Hope) on Brighton Road. The links between all our institutions are strong and enduring.

Our grounds provide one of the largest open spaces available in the suburb of Balaclava and are open to everyone outside of school hours. Our Steve Botond Oval sits alongside Alma Park as the largest open space useable for informal ball sports and pet exercise east of Barkly Street. We recently were lucky to receive a State Government grant under the Inclusive Schools Fund, to renew our junior playground, making it fully accessible for children of all abilities. This

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greatly extends on the accessible playground space found, for example, in the Williams Street Reserve and Hewison Reserve and our basketball courts in our central paved area are in constant use.

St Kilda Primary School community is highly diverse and welcoming to all. We take particular pride in welcoming students from less advantaged parts of the community, including temporary residents living in nearby public, emergency, and transitional housing. Due to the form of the local area, many of our families live in smaller houses or apartments, making the school grounds one of an important network of open spaces for play.

We also have a strong commitment to returning the land our school is on to as close to the way it was when the original owners of the land were present. Our 2021 School Landscaping Masterplan has a strong focus on creating a range of spaces within the school to allow our children to connect with nature and develop a deeper connection to our country. By developing the Dickens Street area, we would be changing a barren and desolate space into a thriving natural land which would have a positive impact on the mental health of our community and encourage the local wildlife to return to this area.

## Proposal

The short length of Dickens Street that sits between our school and the Holy Trinity Church offers so much potential beyond its current form. Its closure to traffic at Brighton Road has made it a quiet and safer space and the established street trees provide a welcome green canopy nestled between the heritage buildings along Brighton Road. The space itself has changed little since it was a street, and in its current form is possibly more welcoming to parked cars than people.

Currently, the Dickens Street Extension is a 70m long, tree lined cul-de-sac street between Brighton Road and Chapel Street. It provides twenty-one 1-2 hour car parking spaces, reduced to 15 minutes during school drop-off and pick-up times, and two disabled car parking spaces, as well as access to on-site car parking for the parishioners of the Anglican Parish of Balaclava and Elwood.

The car parking facilities are predominantly used on weekdays, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up times, with illegal double parking occurring on a regular basis, making the use of the street unsafe. On weekends, the car parking is hardly used, and the dense tree canopies of the existing, mature trees invite the community to use the shade for recreational activities.

We propose to reduce the numbers of car parks to eleven, whilst retaining the access to the church on-site car parking. The turning circle will be moved east to enable the last 30m of the cul-de-sac to become a car free space for the community to gather, play and enjoy the shade of the tree canopy. Greenery along the fence line of St Kilda Primary School and amongst the existing trees and the creation of a well-defined boardwalk linking the footpath from Brighton Road to Chapel Street, will emphasise a change of speed from main roads intersecting St Kilda in North-South direction to local activities for residents to enjoy (see page one Landscaping Masterplan sketch). We propose seating and grassy areas that help reduce runoff and cool the local environment, and the creation of a safe place for our students to play during the day and all families to enjoy across the week. We have the opportunity to develop a great local place that could be inviting and inclusive for all.

## Arguments

We can provide many reasons as to why this proposed project should be given high priority. As a trial we sought permission from Port Phillip Council and the Holy Trinity church to close the Street during our community week in 2021. We created a 'Playstreets' event in partnership with local kindergartens and it brought the street to life by children and parents engaging in all kinds of free-play including Jenga, hopscotch and much more. Shortly after, Port Phillip Council also closed Dickens St to run a playstreet community day, which again was very successful and embraced by the whole community. This clearly shows that there is significant support for changing this under-utilised space into a green multi-purpose space for all. Rather than a moment in time, let's provide our community with endless time to enjoy the space

We believe that the closure of Dickens St is an exciting project that would benefit our school and the wider community, significantly improve the quality of live in this inner-city area and maximise the use for community purposes of this underutilised parcel of land

### In a nutshell, the benefits for the community are:

- Supporting the physical and mental health of all City of Port Phillip residents
- Greening up a grey, under-utilised space
- Creating a community service 'triangle' between Carlisle Street, Chapel Street and Brighton Road
- Developing a shared outdoor space to gather and connect with all members of our community
- Providing a Summer outdoor activities area in the shade of dense tree canopies
- Turning an under-utilised street space and activating it as a multi-purpose space

## Reference Projects

### 1. Albert Park Primary School

Moubray Street has been intercepted and the traffic diverted into neighbouring streets to create a green and play space for the school community and the local community to enjoy.

### 2. Albert Park College

Foote Street has been cut short and converted into a cul-de-sac for a linear, landscaped community park connecting various points in the neighbourhood, facilitating safe travel for pedestrians and cyclists.

### 3. Elwood Primary School

A considerable section of Mitford Street, Elwood, was closed to enable the school grounds to encompass additional play space. The area sought and successfully obtained is within the school grounds and is significantly larger than the space we are seeking, which will also have the benefit of being directly accessible to the wider community.

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## Conclusion

We believe that the closure of Dickens St is an exciting project that would benefit our school and the wider community, significantly improve the quality of life in this inner-city area and maximise the use for community purposes of this under-utilised parcel of land.

We seek financial support from City of Port Phillip to make this part of our masterplan a reality.

The funding would be used for

- Detailed architectural drawings to obtain relevant permits
- Traffic management plans, in particular foot and bike traffic (in conjunction with Port Phillip Council and Holy Trinity Church)
- Install bollards to separate the community space from the remaining car parks (east side of Dickens St)
- Design and plant a green fence line between the school and Dickens St
- Install seating and picnic tables for the community to gather
- Install a board walk
- Install a basketball hoop and line marking for a half basketball court facing north-south

As the Landscaping Masterplan has already been finalised, this project is shovel ready and could be realised within the next 12 months with appropriate funding.

We have commitment and momentum; the next step is support and funding through the CoPP. We await positive news that we can assure will be celebrated far and wide across our broader community.



CBR-024

**Carlisle Street Traders Association Inc.  
Two Year Action Plan**



1 July 2022 – 30 June 2024

**1. Engagement, Partnerships and Shared Vision – July to December 2022**

**Outcome:**

Connect traders and build energy for the Association.

**Goal:**

Raise the awareness of Carlisle Street Traders Association (CSTA) and connect Carlisle Street traders through a series of trader events and workshops with a focus on developing a shared vision for the precinct.

**Actions:**

- Strengthening the Association Committee – more members, monthly meetings and minutes, financial management systems
- Organisation by the Association Committee of partnership/sponsorship funds totalling more than \$20,000 from key property owners and major businesses in the precinct
- Organisation by the centre coordinator of Government grants and business sponsorships totalling more than \$10,000
- Engagement of a centre coordinator to assist the Committee in connecting with stakeholders and organising marketing and business development activities
- Regular communication by the centre coordinator to all traders and other stakeholders through a monthly newsletter
- Upgrade by the centre coordinator of the Carlisle Street website and organisation of an ongoing social media campaign
- Visits to all businesses to discuss future aims and build membership
- Association-organised trader workshops with Council assistance to discuss issues (e.g., anti-social behaviour in the street), develop a vision and program of activities for the precinct (e.g., Council place activations)
- Association meeting(s) with landlords with Council assistance to get their views and buy-in to the program, and develop partnerships and sponsorship
- Association meeting(s) with residents with Council assistance to understand their issues and aspirations for the precinct
- Consolidation of the views of all stakeholders into a shared vision and program of activities
- Organisation by the Committee
- Council engagement of a consultant to run the vacant shop program and commencement of the project after 30 September 2022
- Delivery by the centre coordinator of a range of marketing activities including street competitions and vouchers, and two events (e.g., food, festive season)
- Development of options/draft proposal for a marketing and business development special rate raising up to \$200,000 p.a. commencing 1 July 2023

- Discussions of the options and draft proposal with traders and property owners resulting in over 50 percent support from businesses in the precinct
- With this support, agreement by the Association on a final proposal by December 2022

## **2. Consolidation, Agreement on Ongoing Program – January to June 2023**

### **Outcome:**

Generate formal support for the Special Rate from the majority of traders in the defined area.

### **Goal:**

Build CSTA membership and demonstrate to traders the value in striking a Special Rate for the activity centre.

### **ACTIONS:**

- Ongoing monthly meetings of the Association Committee
- Increase in Association membership among traders
- Further Association meetings with traders, landlords and residents
- Organisation by the centre coordinator of Government grants and business sponsorships totalling more than \$10,000
- Ongoing communication by the centre coordinator through a monthly newsletter
- Ongoing delivery by the centre coordinator of a range of marketing activities including social media, street competitions/vouchers, and two events
- Consultant delivery of the vacant shop program
- Commencement and completion by Council of the statutory process related to the proposed marketing and business development special rate so that a declared special rate takes effect on 1 July 2023
- Formal engagement of a centre coordinator by the Association Committee

## **3. Confidence and Profile Building (first year of Special Rate) – July 2023 to June 2024**

### **Outcome:**

Instil confidence that the CSTA committee is acting in the best interest of the Association and Carlisle Street.

### **Goal:**

Reinforce to traders that the Special Rate is good value and build the profile of CSTA with the broader community.

### **ACTIONS:**

- Ongoing monthly meetings of the Association Committee
- Quarterly Association meetings with traders, landlords and residents
- Ongoing communication by the centre coordinator through a monthly newsletter
- Organisation by the centre coordinator of Government grants and private company sponsorships totalling more than \$20,000

- Ongoing delivery by the centre coordinator of a range of marketing activities including through social media, street competitions/vouchers, and events
- Ongoing delivery by the consultant of the vacant shop program with a sizeable contribution to co-fund with Council



**Budget FY 22/23 and 23/34**



|                                  | Jul 22-Jun 23     | Jul 23-Jun 24     |
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| <b>Income</b>                    |                   |                   |
| Council                          | \$ 100,000        | \$ -              |
| Grants, sponsorships, other      | \$ 40,000         | \$ 20,000         |
| Special rate revenue             | \$ -              | \$ 200,000        |
| <b>Income total</b>              | <b>\$ 140,000</b> | <b>\$ 220,000</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>               |                   |                   |
| Vacant shop program contribution | \$ -              | \$ 80,000         |
| Centre Coordinator               | \$ 54,000         | \$ 55,000         |
| Workshops                        | \$ 9,800          |                   |
| Newsletters                      | \$ 2,400          | \$ 2,500          |
| Website upgrade                  | \$ 7,000          |                   |
| Social media                     | \$ 12,000         | \$ 15,000         |
| Promotional events               | \$ 44,000         | \$ 40,000         |
| Special rate material            | \$ 2,000          |                   |
| Insurance                        | \$ 1,200          | \$ 1,200          |
| Graffiti removal                 | \$ -              | \$ -              |
| Security upgrade                 | \$ -              | \$ -              |
| Lighting                         | \$ -              | \$ -              |
| Bus Networking/Dvpt              | \$ 7,600          | \$ 10,000         |
| Community forums                 | \$ -              | \$ 1,300          |
| Peter McNabb fee reimbursement   | \$ -              | \$ 15,000         |
| <b>Expenditure total</b>         | <b>\$ 140,000</b> | <b>\$ 220,000</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$ -</b>       | <b>\$ -</b>       |

Funding could be allocated to these items should  
the vacant shop program is not needed in  
FY23/24


**Carlisle Street Traders Association Draft Marketing and Business Development Program July-December 2022**

| <b>INCOME</b>                         | July          | August        | Sept          | Oct           | Nov           | Dec          | <b>Total</b>  |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Cash flow                             |               | 63,663        | 54,927        | 35,698        | 28,462        | 8,226        | 0             |
| INCOME                                | 75,000        |               |               |               |               |              |               |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                   | <b>75,000</b> | <b>63,663</b> | <b>54,927</b> | <b>35,698</b> | <b>28,462</b> | <b>8,226</b> |               |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                    | July          | August        | Sept          | Oct           | Nov           | Dec          | <b>Total</b>  |
| <b>Administrative</b>                 |               |               |               |               |               |              |               |
| Centre Management                     | 4,507         | 4,506         | 4,506         | 4,506         | 4,506         | 4,506        | 27,037        |
| Insurance                             | 1,100         |               |               |               |               |              | 1,100         |
| Total ADMIN                           |               |               |               |               |               |              | 28,137        |
| <b>Marketing</b>                      |               |               |               |               |               |              |               |
| Gift Card Program                     | 4,500         |               |               |               |               |              | 4,500         |
| Food Event                            |               |               | 12,000        |               |               |              | 12,000        |
| Festive Event                         |               |               |               |               | 10,000        |              | 10,000        |
| Social Media Campaigns & Competitions | 1,000         | 1,000         | 1,000         | 1,000         | 1,000         | 1,000        | 6,000         |
| Website(updates & development)        |               | 3,000         |               |               | 3,000         | 1,000        | 7,000         |
| Vacant store activations              |               |               | 1,500         | 1,500         | 1,500         | 1,500        | 6,000         |
| Communication (eg Newsletters)        | 200           | 200           | 200           | 200           | 200           | 200          | 1,200         |
| Other                                 | 30            | 30            | 23            | 30            | 30            | 20           | 163           |
| Total Marketing                       |               |               |               |               |               |              | 46,863        |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>              | <b>11,337</b> | <b>8,736</b>  | <b>19,229</b> | <b>7,236</b>  | <b>20,236</b> | <b>8,226</b> | <b>75,000</b> |

All GST exclusive

CBR-025

*City of Port Phillip -response to Art and Soul: Creative and Prosperous City Strategy 2018-22 (CPC)*

*Proposed project- activation and local creative opportunity-Jacka Boulevard, St Kilda*

██████████  
St Kilda resident

██████████  
██████████  
15/05/2022

To whom it may concern,

I would like to propose a creative project and activation that will enhance St Kilda as a tourist destination, as a creative and sustainable neighbourhood and as providing local employment opportunities.

I would like to propose the long wall along Jacka Boulevard, under the Esplanade, is used an opportunity to create all the above listed outcomes and more. This wall is dull and grey in colour and is constantly defaced with graffiti which is unsightly -see below images

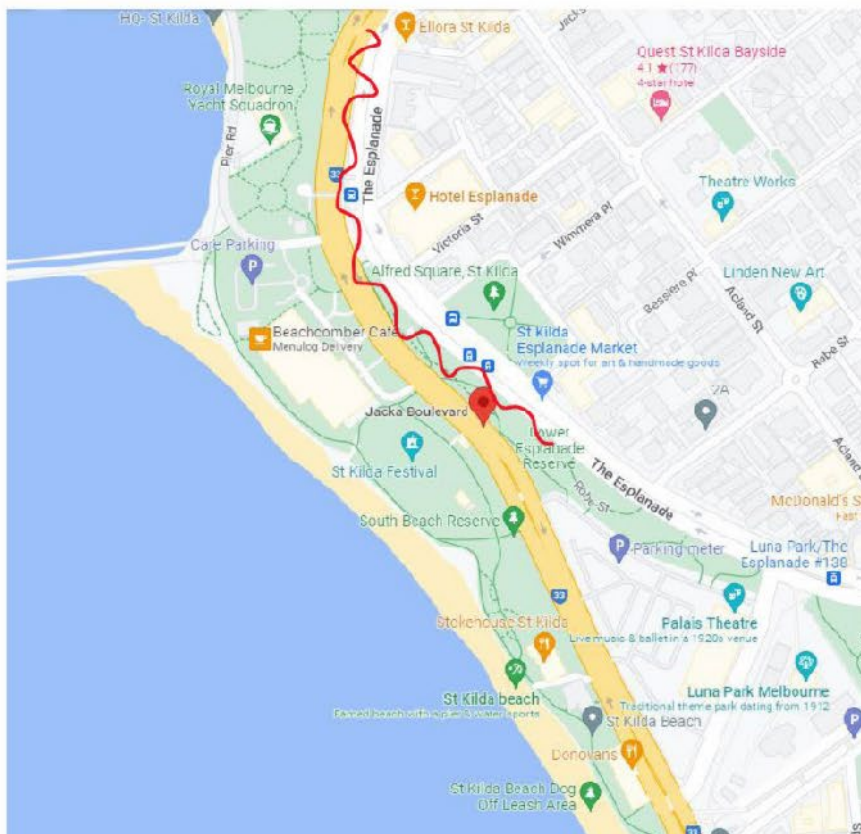


Fig 1. See red coloured squiggle line above for location of the wall







Whilst this wall may heritage listed or have a heritage overlay, is it possible to have a creative response and creative treatment? Can it be painted with a mural that represents the suburb, its attractions, and creatives? Can a sea scape be painted that represents the life in Port Phillip Bay including our unique penguins? Can we have images inspired by musicians, festivals, sporting events, people, and their dogs etc? Can some provocations be created for creatives to respond to?

As you know murals are an effective way to control unsightly graffiti and create aesthetic pleasure and joy for the locals and tourist alike.

As we emerge from the impacts of the COVID lockdowns, this project will create great employment opportunities, activate St Kilda, become a tourist attraction, mitigate ongoing graffiti issues, demonstrate the creativity and liveability of St Kilda and enhance a very dull and underutilised space. This proposal is worthy of consideration, budget, and prioritisation. Can budget be allocated from City of Port Phillip? City of Melbourne? Local St Kilda philanthropists? Other sources?

I am happy to provide more thoughts and engage with this project as I have extensive background in the arts and delivering creative community projects and outcomes.

Best wishes

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CBR-035

24 May 2022

City of Port Melbourne  
By Email

Draft Council Plan.

To who it may Concern

These comments are based around BEACON COVE

I am writing on behalf of the Port Melbourne Yacht Club. We are active users of the bay area between Kerford Rd and Beacon Cove. Some of our work revolves around safety and rescue. We are very concerned that with the increase in boating and yachting in this part of the bay that there is no proper area for a rescue boat to access a pier where we can also meet an ambulance.

Beacon Cove could easily be made into such a place.

We have been in touch with [REDACTED] a very professional and experienced marine engineering company to discuss options.

They have indicated that a floating dock in this area would cost around \$50,000.

Attached is the original letter which was sent to council.

I am requesting that in your costs to refurbish Beacon Cove pier you also include an amount to build a floating dock.

I would be happy to explore this further with any member of the council.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

FRMIT

[REDACTED]

ENCL: Letter to council

Letter from [REDACTED]



Monday, May 16, 2022 at 14:04:27 Australian Eastern Standard Time

**Subject:** Beacon Cove  
**Date:** Friday, 29 April 2022 at 9:01:01 am Australian Eastern Standard Time  
**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg, image002.png, image003.jpg, image004.jpg, image005.png, image006.jpg, image007.jpg

Hi [REDACTED]  
Further to our site visit to Beacon Cove I would like to confirm the following;  
The site is very suitable for the installation of floating pontoons to enable boaters to access the hospitality establishments in the area , I am of the opinion they will need assistance getting customers once the Tasmanian Ferry no longer operates from the area.  
Most importantly floating pontoons will enable emergency access to and from the water, injured people being delivered from the water via vessels could easily access a floating pontoon and then be transported via a gurney to waiting ambulances. At present there is very little easy access of emergency craft from Williamstown to St Kilda on the bay.  
The site is protected, and floating pontoons are suitable for the site, it may need a match cast post tensioned set of pontoons but this is a normal product for such sites and life span should be in the region of 50 years.  
I am a Certified Marina Professional, [REDACTED] of the Marina Industries Association of Australia and for 25 years President of [REDACTED]  
If any further information on the Deacon Cove site is required please contact me.

Regards

[REDACTED]



environmental institute  
global environmental institute



When in charge ...Ponder; When in Trouble..... Delegate; When in Doubt.....Mumble.  
You cannot solve a problem in life with the same mentality that got you into the problem.  
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21<sup>st</sup> March 2022



**Re: Emergency Safe Access  
for  
PMYC Rescue Boat**

Please find enclosed our request for a safe and accessible landing to be provided at Beacon Cove to enable safe transfer of a patient in a medical emergency.

The Port Melbourne Yacht Club (PMYC) race management and rescue team co-ordinate the racing of "off the beach" yachts and provide emergency assistance that may be necessary. Our patrol area on race days is typically around the waters between Kerford Pier and Lagoon Pier.

We operate 2 'hard' boats and two Ribs. These boats are kept at Pier 35 and are launched at a floating dock.

We use Beacon cove as a transfer point as it is usually well sheltered and one of our hard boats is able to tie up and reach the landing area of the wharf. We tie the smaller boats onto our larger boat and can access the pier in this way – see photo below. (Note: there is still a reasonable height difference even at high tide).

*Sent msg 30/3/1:29.*



The problem we are trying to solve is where can we safely effect the transfer of a patient from one of the smaller rescue boats in particular.

Options for safe landing and sea state issues are as follows:

- Lagoon Pier – ok in light air but too exposed and dangerous to approach in stronger wave/winds. Also a long haul for stretcher retrieval!
- St Kilda Yacht Squadron - a long way in heavy weather.
- Williamstown - a long way in heavy weather.
- Beacon Cove – suitable for access in all conditions but almost impossible in its current form. Has direct access for ambulance.

It can be seen that our options are very limited when there are strong winds and large seas running. In light airs other options are available.

Hence, our preference is to see if Beacon Cove landing area can be modified.

We notice that the lower landing at Beacon Cove is the subject of renovations and note that the stairs adjacent to this area are totally unusable for mooring - see photos below.



Lower Landing renovations

Stairs

A low level landing similar to the photo below would be an ideal solution to this issue.

DOCK EDGE MOORING WHIPS - ULTIMATE (PAIR)



This will enable small boats to tie up for a short while and more importantly enable us to evacuate a patient in the event of an emergency. This area already has an emergency marker for the ambulance, and easy access for stretchers.


We would like to progress this matter with some urgency so would appreciate if we could meet with your representative soonest to discuss this matter further.

If you require any further information or to arrange a meeting please contact [REDACTED]

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED] Team Leader Property Operations   
City of Port Phillip

CBR-057



## Elwood Canal Festivity | 2023 Event Funding Request

### Summary

The inaugural Elwood Canal Festivity was held on 21 March 2022, supported by a Love My Place grant.

- Hugely successful, sold-out community event for 1000 people.
- Held along the grassy banks of Elwood Canal (Elster Creek), between Foam Street and Wave Street.
- There was live music, fun and games, including a now-famous rubber duck race that raised money to support native habitat restoration along Elwood Canal.

Please see the 2022 Event Post Report already submitted to CoPP including event photos, press coverage and the overwhelmingly positive feedback received from the community.

The community wants to do it again in 2023!

### Event Objectives

- 1) Social: To bring the Elwood community together and celebrate the Elwood Canal.
- 2) Environmental: To raise money for native habitat restoration along Elster Creek.
- 3) Economic: To involve local retailers in the event, creating opportunity for local businesses.

### Funding Requirements

We are seeking \$15,000 of funding from council for the 2023 event, being 50% of the total budgeted cost of \$30,000. The remaining costs of the event would be covered by ticket and merchandise sales, as per the approach in 2022.

### Further Information

Further information and detailed plans can be provided upon request.

### Contacts

Event Organiser: Elwood Canal Festivity Inc (ABN 28 876 547 035), a non-profit community organisation.

Event Committee: [REDACTED]

Primary Contact: [REDACTED]

CBR-065

LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee  
City of Port Phillip

26 May 2022

City of Port Phillip  
Draft Council Plan 2021-31  
Year 2 and Draft Budget 2022/23

**SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL**  
**LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee**

**1. CONTEXT**

The City of Port Phillip (City) has a recognised history of supporting and celebrating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Gender Diverse, Intersex, Queer and Asexual (LGBTIQA+) members of its proud and vibrant communities.

Council endorsed the establishment of the LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee (Committee) on 19 May 2021 as part of its ongoing commitment to members of the City's LGBTIQA+ communities. The Committee commends the Council on this initiative and its commitment to supporting the City's diverse communities. The Committee looks forward to delivering a draft Action Plan to Council on 17 August 2022 for endorsement and community consultation, and a final Action Plan to Council on 6 December 2022 that underpins and supports the Council's overarching 2021-31 Strategic Plan.

Under our Terms of Reference, the Committee's purpose is to provide advice to Council on matters that affect LGBTIQA+ residents, businesses and community members who live, work and visit the City. One of our key objectives is to guide the development and implementation of the City's Phillip LGBTIQA+ Action Plan. The Committee provides advice to Council:

- on the development and implementation of the City of Port Phillip LGBTIQA+ Action Plan.
- on policies, plans and services that impact the LGBTIQA+ communities.
- on matters affecting the needs, interests, and well-being of the LGBTIQA+ communities, including advocacy to other levels of government.
- on matters that affect LGBTIQA+ residents, businesses, creative organisations and community groups who live, work and visit the City.
- in relation to effective communication, engagement, and consultation with LGBTIQA+ communities.
- on any other matters referred to the Committee by Council.



The 2021-31 Strategic Plan sets out five key strategic directions to deliver an inclusive, liveable, sustainable, vibrant, and well governed City. In order to achieve the outcomes that will deliver on these strategic themes, Council has committed to funding both major capital works that contribute to all of Council's strategic directions as well as operating expenditure across a four-year cycle.

The Committee has developed a set of draft Guiding Principles to provide a framework within which key strategic directions and actions will be outlined. In the absence of a finalised LGBTIQ+ Action Plan, the Committee seeks to raise awareness of the funding needs associated with Council's *Statement of Commitment* to LGBTIQ+ communities and implementation of the forthcoming LGBTIQ+ Action Plan.

## 2. PROPOSAL

### 2.1 Inclusive, Liveable, Sustainable, Vibrant and Well-Governed Port Phillip

The City's estimated resident population for 2021 is 112,092<sup>1</sup>. In the absence of specific data gathered by the Australian Bureau of Statistics regarding sexuality and gender identity, it is difficult to identify the make-up and needs of the LGBTIQ+ community of the City. However, what we do know through the work of the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS) *Private Lives 3 Report* is that:

- Almost three fifths (57.0%; n = 3,769) of participants reported that they had been treated unfairly because of their sexual orientation in the past 12 months.
- Over three quarters (77.5%; n = 1,278) of trans and gender diverse participants reported that they had been treated unfairly because of their gender identity in the past 12 months.
- Two fifths (39.5%; n = 2,405) of participants reported experiencing social exclusion, 34.6% (n = 2,100) verbal abuse, 23.6% (n = 1,415) harassment such as being spat at or offensive gestures, 11.8% (n = 698) sexual assault and 3.9% (n = 231) physically attacked or assaulted with a weapon due to their sexual orientation or gender identity in the past 12 months<sup>2</sup>.

One of the key strategic directions of the City is to create an *Inclusive Port Phillip*. However, the Strategic Plan does not mention sex, sexuality, or gender diverse groups. There is specific mention of other groups including those living with a disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and older persons who share with the LGBTIQ+ communities, on average, worse mental health and wellbeing outcomes.

The LGBTIQ+ community must be seen, counted, understood, and celebrated to be supported to live and thrive in Port Phillip. The following recommendations outline a series

<sup>1</sup> <https://profile.id.com.au/port-phillip>.

<sup>2</sup> Hill, A. O., Bourne, A., McNair, R., Carman, M. & Lyons, A. (2020) *Private Lives 3: The health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ people in Australia*. ARCSHS Monograph Series No. 122. Melbourne, Australia: Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, La Trobe University.

of actions and commitments the Council is urged to make in the short-term to ensure it is meeting the expectations of constituents around its five strategic aims.

**3. KEY RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The Council seeks to understand more fully the make-up and needs of its LGBTIQ+ constituents by undertaking research and consultation through the LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee.

***Spend 2022/23: \$20K***

2. The Council funds LGBTIQ+ inclusive practice training for Executive and Senior Managers within the next 12 months.

***Spend 2022/23: \$15K***

3. The Council commits to ensuring a program of retro fitting existing Council buildings to provide all-gender bathroom facilities and embed all-gender bathroom facilities in any future developments.

***Spend 2022/23: NA***

4. The Council funds a Queer Traders and Business Forum to build the capacity of businesses and services to connect, innovate and collaborate.

***Spend 2022/23: \$5K***

5. The Council commits to reviewing their procurement policies and processes to identify and include businesses owned and operated by members of the LGBTIQ+ community in the City.

***Spend 2022/23: NA***

6. Establish a small grants program for organisations and schools to celebrate key days of significance in the LGBTIQ+ calendar.

***Spend 2022/23: \$10K***

7. Re-paint the Rainbow Road on Jackson Street and mark this by inviting organisations housed in the Victorian Pride Centre to promote their organisations and services to the residents of Port Phillip. The Council's minutes from July 2018 note that works on the Rainbow Road are guaranteed for 10 years.

***Spend 2022/23: \$10K***

**TOTAL COMMITMENT/SPEND: \$60K**

#### 4. ENDORSEMENT

The Chair of the LGBTQIA+ Advisory Committee submits this proposal on behalf of the members of the Committee who have endorsed the submission via email.

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Chair  
LGBTQIA+ Advisory Committee  
26 May 2022

CBR-074



27 May 2022

Port Phillip EcoCentre Submission RE: DRAFT Council Plan and Budget 2022-23

Dear Councillors,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the DRAFT Council Plan and Budget 2022-23. As Council and community face continued challenges in the wake of the global pandemic, community-led organisations are well-positioned to provide a nimble, reliable and immense contribution to the resilience of our municipality.

**Thank you for co-funding the EcoCentre.**

The Port Phillip EcoCentre is proud of the strong productive partnership between the City of Port Phillip and our organisation. We are grateful for the financial and other support we have received from the Council since the EcoCentre's inception 23 years ago.

Together we are committed to activating community-led environment sustainability projects and to achieving valuable outcomes for the community and the environment. The EcoCentre is a hub where diverse people come together to care for the places we all love, and Council's support underpins this work and is highly valued.

Our community is thrilled for the commencement of the redeveloped, 'world leadership'-rated sustainable new EcoCentre, jointly funded by City of Port Phillip and the Victorian Government. At a time when Australians are increasingly seeking ways to connect and create tangible change, the EcoCentre hub will better equip our team, volunteers and networks to scale up community leadership for the climate, health and economic challenges ahead.





Mitigation, preparedness for and response to climate change and extreme weather are public benefits to all who live, work and play in Port Phillip. Council's investment in sustainability initiatives is valid and valued.

The EcoCentre submits the following comments, concerns and clarifying questions in response to the DRAFT Council Plan and Budget.

**1. We support recognition of the Climate Emergency and related strategic plans.**

We commend the recognition of the Climate Emergency and the investment in updating a range of plans and strategies to monitor, mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change and extreme weather. We support the renewal of *Greening Port Phillip, Act and Adapt*, and the creation of a *Climate Emergency Action Plan, Coastal Adaptation Strategy* and *Marine and Coastal Plan*. The EcoCentre will be pleased to contribute expertise and promote all consultations to community.

We commend Council's continuing partnership with the Port Phillip EcoCentre. Community need and demand for environmental programming continues to grow.

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We commend the development of a Sustainability Strategy for South Melbourne Market, a Council and community asset with 5.5 million visitors per annum. We note that traders across the municipality may require transition support and advice as the Victorian Single Use Plastic Ban is implemented from 2023.

We support the enhancement of 'green and blue infrastructure'.

However, we note that references to biodiversity are missing, and request that one or more of the above plans incorporate indicators and targets relating to native plants and animals into their action plans. Port Phillip's natural heritage and iconic species are part of its character. Nature contributes to community wellbeing and to local economies, for example with visitors to the St Kilda penguins. Elsterwick Park Nature Reserve and Westgate Park often extending their visit to local Port Phillip traders.

**2. Integrate the Climate Emergency in Financial Challenges and Emergency Management.**

Increasing floods, heat waves, eroding beaches and other climate-related stressors are likely to place financial pressure on local governments. Preparedness for communities and services, maintaining infrastructure and emergency response will require both ongoing and responsive expenditures.

Port Phillip currently lacks public information on cool refuges (spaces to stay safe and cool during heat waves) or emergency refuge sites and routes.

Under which Strategic Direction/service is extreme weather literacy and preparedness funded? How are climate and extreme weather factored into the municipal emergency management budget, which has no capital allocation and modest operational rises approximately +2% operating budget year-on-year? Per Volume 2, p63:

| Service category and description   |           |           |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Municipal emergency management   |           |           |           |           |
| The value we provide:  |           |           |           |           |
| 1. Operational and strategic emergency management services across preparedness, response and recovery. |           |           |           |           |
| Spend  | 2022/23   | 2023/24   | 2024/25   | 2025/26   |
|  | (\$,000s) | (\$,000s) | (\$,000s) | (\$,000s) |
| Operational  | 507       | 516       | 527       | 542       |
| Capital  | -         | -         | -         | -         |

**3. Why does the Sustainable Port Phillip - Sustainability service OpEx budget decline 30% in forward years? (p64)**

Please provide additional information on how forward years' Sustainability OpEx budgets have been costed. It is of concern that a plan that highlights the Climate Emergency has a decreased budget allocation for Sustainability Operating Expenditure over the coming years:

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**Service category and description**

**Sustainability**

The value we provide:

1. Improve the sustainability of our City and respond to the Climate Emergency by reducing carbon emissions, water use and waste generation, increasing trees, vegetation and biodiversity, improving water quality and ensuring we are adapting and resilient to the impacts of climate change, including flooding and heat.

| Spend       | 2022/23<br>(\$,000s) | 2023/24<br>(\$,000s) | 2024/25<br>(\$,000s) | 2025/26<br>(\$,000s) |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Operational | 6,157                | 4,263                | 3,651                | 3,816                |
| Capital     | 6,428                | 2,723                | 3,090                | 2,700                |

Due to Council’s restructure, comparison to past Budget papers becomes apples and oranges. However it appears from last year’s *Council Plan 2021-31 – Volume 2* (p76) that a massive 2/3 cut in operational investment was planned from 2024/25:

Strategic Direction 3: Sustainable Port Phillip

|   | 2021/22      | 2022/23      | 2023/24      | 2024/25    |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>Waste Management</b>   |              |              |              |            |
| Waste Strategy Implementation Program                               | 180          | -            | -            | -          |
| <b>Sustainability</b>   |              |              |              |            |
| Energy Efficient Street Lighting Upgrade – Major Road Lighting      | 455          | 144.5        | -            | -          |
| Greening Port Phillip Strategy Implementation Program               | 740          | 740          | 860          | 610        |
| Community Electric Vehicle Charging Program                         | 70           | 110          | 100          | 100        |
| Ester Creek Catchment Partnership and Esterwick Park Nature Reserve | 60           | 60           | 950          | -          |
| Metro Tunnel 2 Jarl Tree Planting                                   | 260          | -            | -            | -          |
| Sustainable Environment Strategy                                    | 250          | 110          | 90           | -          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>2,555</b> | <b>2,443</b> | <b>1,780</b> | <b>740</b> |

*NB: Screenshot from current year’s Budget document*

What services are proposed to be cut to account for these reductions?

While we note the absolute numbers this year appear higher, direct comparison is not accurate without further information from Council due to restructured teams and changed presentation format in the Budget papers between years.

**4. FOGO (food organics and garden organics) rollout and tiered waste charge**

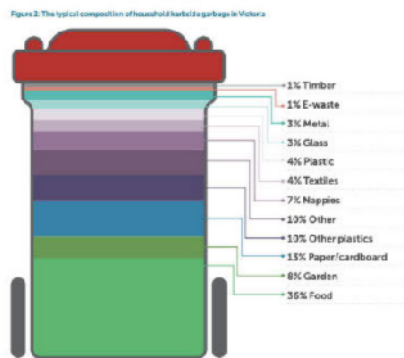
Since 2005, the popularity of the EcoCentre’s community compost bays (processing 30-40 tonnes of food waste per year) demonstrated the high demand for infrastructure that diverts food waste from landfill, and some willingness to travel to communal drop spots.

We support in principle the rollout of FOGO collection and the implementation of four-bin systems under Recycling Victoria. However, the proposed model blending kerbside and communal drops raises several questions:

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- a. Part of Council’s rationale for communal drop sites, which are allowed under legislation, is to provide access to residents whose dwellings do not have space for an *additional* bin. Is it known how many sites this applies to in Port Phillip? Will old bins be repurposed? Has it been analysed how many of those sites have multi-bin corrals where a current waste bin could be swapped out for a FOGO?
- b. Can residents of medium density dwellings (or a body corporate) opt in to pay for the kerbside service? Data shows that Victorian kerbside waste bins are typically at least 1/3 food waste, therefore having a garden is not a requirement to benefit from a FOGO bin.



Source<sup>1</sup>

- c. Please provide more information on the municipal waste audits (\$100k) per p38, Volume 1. How will they work and what will they assess?
- d. Whatever model is enacted, Council must plan for comprehensive education and engagement. What is the proposed education model for existing residents, and other key stakeholders given the proportion of visitors or fixed-term residents in Port Phillip? How might the Port Phillip EcoCentre provide support services?

*“Providing a FOGO service is a community-wide behaviour change program. It requires well planned community engagement and education, with long lead times to ensure success.”*

- Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group<sup>1</sup>

- e. The Council Plan online Fact Sheet states, “A transparent, separate waste charge will see a reduction in the total amount of rates revenue we need to collect. *This means the amount of the rates burden that you pay will also be reduced.*” Given the rising cost of waste management (Volume 2 p6, p18, etc) will splitting waste charges into its own line item actually reduce the total fees paid by residents or simply itemise the costs?

<sup>1</sup> Introducing a kerbside food and garden organics collection service - A guide for local government. MWRRG 2018

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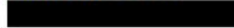


Thanks in advance for providing information to better understand the commitments of the Council Plan and Budget. The EcoCentre looks forward to continued collaboration with City of Port Phillip and our community for an inclusive, liveable, sustainable and vibrant city.

Sincerely,



Executive Officer



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### **Progressive Port Phillip Submission on the City of Port Phillip Draft 2022-23 Budget and Plan**

Progressive Port Phillip welcomes the opportunity to contribute to Council's finalisation of the 2022/23 Budget. Thank you.

#### **Overview**

We commend the Council for moving from trial sites to introducing the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) scheme across the municipality.

We welcome greater transparency around the cost of waste and recycling services to residents through the introduction of a Waste Charge.

We commend Council's Partnership with the City of Bayside around stormwater harvesting from Elster Creek.

Another positive includes an increase in capital expenditure to \$49m (plus \$6m in 'operating expenditure' for this program).

Increasing rates to the 1.75% rates cap is justified given current rates of inflation, rising costs in terms of materials and operations and the continuing need to renew the municipality's assets. We note the measures to provide rate relief for those in need and welcome Council's leadership in this regard.

In principle, we support the move from Net Annual Value (NAV) to Capital Improved Value (CIV) as the basis for setting rates in Port Phillip. This enables a differentiated rating regime for various classes of property.

However Council's approach to the reset of rates is regressive. Very substantial rate reductions will go to wealthy property owners. Their gain will be subsidised by the rest of the Port Phillip community.

East St Kilda and Balaclava and many apartment owners and tenants in St Kilda and Elwood will contribute more if Council's draft Budget is implemented. However, East St Kilda or Balaclava won't see any significant improvement in local amenity or liveability.

Use of Council's property portfolio to underpin the In Our Back Yard social housing strategy seems to have been abandoned. Sale of surplus properties will now be used to improve Council's bottom line. There appears to be no new Council affordable housing initiatives to either leverage local assets with the Victorian Government's Big Build, grow the Port Phillip Housing Trust or any other urban planning steps to improve the affordability or diversity of housing in Port Phillip.

Council needs to be much more ambitious for our whole community, our environment and our social infrastructure.

Importantly, it can do so while being financially prudent.

### **Social/Fiscal Strategy**

Delivering some timely changes mentioned above, the draft Budget falls short of a progressive vision for our community.

- It is clear from Council's proposed sale of three early childhood learning centres that new investment in vital social infrastructure is urgently needed. But there is no social infrastructure plan for facilities such as libraries or community hubs or community early childhood centres. Refurbishment of the St Kilda library is delayed. The asset management plan does not cover off many Council owned community assets.
- We need an action plan responding to the climate emergency – meanwhile, our neighbours in Stonnington and Melbourne are much further advanced than Port Phillip.
- We need a better-connected city, with new open spaces and initiatives such as The Green Line urgently needed in East St Kilda/Balaclava. This area is radically underserved by Council in terms of accessible open space. New investments are proposed in Port Melbourne and other recreation spaces while east of Brighton Road languishes.
- Council needs to think bigger and smaller.
- The City of Melbourne is investing \$140m over the next four years in a revitalisation of the northern bank of the Yarra River from Birrarung Marr to the Bolte Bridge. This imagination and appetite for good urban design, open space and connectivity along with a preparedness to make long-term, game-changing investment is lacking in Port Phillip. Committing to significant investment at the local level can attract/leverage co-investment from State and Commonwealth governments.
- Not everything has to be at this scale. Change can be incremental, too. Extending the 'woody meadows' pilot in Balaclava across Port Phillip would be cost effective.
- Council's mandated strategic direction is to make the city more 'liveable', a 'City that is a great place to live', where it is 'safer and easier to connect and travel' within our community. Improving the poor state of so many footpaths would deliver health and community returns – Councillors need to tread the bitumen and concrete and realise the hazards currently to pedestrians, especially at night with poor street lighting.
- In this draft Budget, only two bike path projects are included. The 'Domain Precinct - Park St Bike Link' is funded, despite concerns that the contents of the packet do not match the picture on the front. Council changed the originally approved plans to turn a



protected bike lane into a dangerous 'shared space' on the footpath. The Inkerman Safe Travel Corridor is funded for a second year without a single sod being turned.

- Council approved three VicRoads pop-up bike path projects in the City. One of these, the Kerferd Road Bike Lane, was recently put on the back burner by VicRoads. There is currently a PPBUG petition to reinstate the project, attracting hundreds of signatures. Given that Council had originally intended to build this bike path itself (refer to Move, Connect, Live - Integrated Transport Strategy 2018-28), would it not make sense for Council to make this vital piece of life saving infrastructure a reality?

It does not have to be this way. Council is in a self-imposed economic strait-jacket. It could be prudent and wise without damaging its finances.

It holds around \$100m in reserves, including over \$40m in open space reserves. It refuses to borrow in order to renew inter-generational assets.

Council has a capacity to borrow up to \$80 million and still achieve a low-risk rating by the VAGO [Victorian Auditor-General's Office] financial sustainability risk assessment. To be clear, Council must hold reserves at levels sufficient to ensure operational liquidity and for contingencies - but it can also apply cash reserves to at least part fund major capital works. Failure to invest at scale now means Port Phillip's social and physical infrastructure continues to decline, making renewal more expensive in the future.

Instead of taking the lessons of Covid-19 as a starting point for change, there is a rush back to business as usual, with further cost cutting and asset sales.

The draft Budget includes significant cuts in services and programs of nearly \$3m, few of which are specified. There is a plan for further property sales with little transparency about what assets are on the chopping block.

Council needs to be more open and transparent about these important balancing features of the Budget. Indeed, the whole Budget presentation could learn from other Councils such as Melbourne, Yarra and Stonnington with a crisper, less repetitive, better integrated, more transparent presentation of data and draft Budget consultation materials.

### **Rating Strategy**

Port Phillip has been one of the few Victorian Councils using the NAV rating system. This Budget Plan embodies a shift to the Capital Improved Value (CIV) system, bringing with it a change in the way properties are valued for rating purposes, with significant implications for all property owners.

In shifting to CIV, Council has been able to incorporate two new processes into its rates assessments.

First, the CIV system enables Council to set differential rates between three property classes, and it has set a lower rate for residential properties than for commercial and industrial sectors. The residential rate is set at 0.001625c in the dollar, while commercial rates are set at 0.002062c, and industrial slightly higher at 0.002073c.

To illustrate the effect of these settings, a residential property valued at \$2m would be assessed at \$3,250, while the commercial property valued at the same \$2m would pay \$4,124, and the \$2m industrial property would pay \$4,146. Under the NAV system used last year, the same three properties would have paid \$3,818 each.

Under the CIV system commercial and industrial sectors are paying a greater percentage of the total amount of rates levied; the draft Budget/Plan indicates that this reflects more accurately the rental values applying to the three sectors.

Nearly all small businesses are renters, and landlords will immediately seek to pass these additional charges on to their tenants. We can see the impact of the Covid pandemic across all of our shopping centres, with empty shops at unprecedented levels; these changes could affect the viability of a number of small businesses. It is unclear whether the impact of these changes on small businesses has been considered in making these changes.

Second, Council is introducing a separate waste charge in conjunction with new collection systems for food waste, organic garden waste and separated glass containers. Council estimates that these requirements will cost around \$38m over the next decade. A tiered set of waste charges has been developed; the base or default charge for all properties is \$176, with additional charges for those who will need more or larger bins. So after a number of delays this shift finally gets FOGO collections going across the municipality.

However, the combined impact of the way Council is introducing the change to CIV rating, differential rates and imposing a waste charge is regressive.

For all residential properties valued at \$600,000 or less, the combined rates and waste charge will be a little higher than it was last year, and for properties valued at over \$600,000 these charges will be lower.

A property valued at \$1m would have paid \$1,902 last year; this will now be \$1,801.

For a \$2.5m property the amount last year was \$4,773; this year it will be \$4,062.

And for a \$5m property the 'savings' are bigger - last year it cost \$9,545 and in 2022/23 it will be \$8,301.

A \$10m property will move from \$19,091 to \$16,426 this year.

So the greater the property value, the greater the 'savings' compared to last year's assessments. The poorest residents will pay a little more, and those with more valuable properties will be paying considerably less.

According to property value data released by Council, around nine to ten percent of property owners (those with properties valued above \$2m) will disproportionately benefit from these changes in local rates.

Rate Assessments in Port Phillip by Property Value

|                           | Count         | %           |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Up to \$0.5m              | 22,341        | 33%         |
| Between \$0.51m to \$1.0m | 24,829        | 37%         |
| Between \$1.01m to \$1.5m | 8,358         | 12%         |
| Between \$1.51m to \$2.0m | 5,291         | 8%          |
| Between \$2.01m to \$2.5m | 2,913         | 4%          |
| Above \$2.5m+             | 3,518         | 5%          |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>67,250</b> | <b>100%</b> |

Source: City of Port Phillip

Council’s rationale for this shift is:

*A fixed waste charge will also help address the increased rates distribution shift within the residential property class from the lower value properties to the higher value properties due to valuation movements over time, including most recently in 2021/22. While it is widely believed that those with higher valuation properties should contribute more, sustained shifts over the years do need rebalancing to ensure that everyone is contributing their fair share and no one is required to carry an unfair burden.*

The realignment of rate charges, whereby wealthier households get a rate reduction and poorer households a rate increase, is a strange way for Council to ensure that ‘everyone is contributing their fair share and no one is required to carry an unfair burden.’

Will the broader community also benefit?

Will there be better libraries, more open space, additional social housing, better maternal and child health services, a stronger arts culture and a stronger civil society as a result?

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27 May 2022

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## Submission to the CoPP Budget for 2022-2023 and beyond

### Equity

**This submission requests the City of Port Phillip distribute its resources equitably across the city. The summary table below indicates the seriousness of the inequities in the Balaclava St Kilda East area.**

Last year Balaclava/St Kilda East spent a mere \$147 per person (Ripponlea was \$55). This area has 8 open spaces compared to 56 in Port Melbourne. It has the highest number of people living in flats and the poorest people. Below is an analysis of these figures for your information. Despite the reports done and the final version of the Public Spaces Strategy being complete, if anything this area is worse off and has no hope of catching up without an active land acquisition process undertaken over the next 10 years. This is not reflected in any of the budgeting being proposed in either the near or long term future.

On looking at the projects listed for action most of them (Coles Car park/ Dickens street/ Gibbs street and Lansdowne Road) have the word 'temporary' in front of them, this is in contrast to the very active and comprehensive approach being taken elsewhere.

When speaking to people around the area the most common comment is '*why can't we have clean streets with well selected planted trees and well maintained public spaces*'. These should be universal standards, not just for those on the western side of Brighton Road.

#### Comparison on Expenditure Draft Budgets from 2022-2024/25 for 3 areas of the city

|   | Balaclava East St Kilda | Port Melbourne      | Albt Park Middle Park |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Population  | 17,417                  | 18,147              | 12,647                |
| Area Sq Kilometres  | 2.35                    | 4.57                | 3.18                  |
| Population per sq KMm   | 7417                    | 3973                | 3177                  |
| Open space by number  | 8                       | 56                  | 26                    |
| Open space amount   | 11.83 Ha                | 46.8 Ha             | 110.77 Ha             |
| Open space percentage   | 5%                      | 16.6%               | 31.3%                 |
| <b>Open space per head</b>  | <b>6.8 sq m</b>         | <b>24.8 sq m</b>    | <b>87.6 sq m</b>      |
| <b>Expenditure by area *</b><br><small>Removes misapplied allocations</small> | <b>\$4,326,000</b>      | <b>\$23,287,000</b> | <b>\$8,653,000</b>    |
| <b>Expenditure PP</b>   | <b>\$248.00</b>         | <b>\$1283.00</b>    | <b>\$684.00</b>       |

For the reasons stated above we are again asking the Council to seriously address inequality in infrastructure and in its spending into the future. We are asking in particular for the following:

Please start now and review the budget. Make immediate changes both in the short term and in the long term and take the following actions:



#### Supporting the full implementation of the Green Line:

The current budget nominates the Green Line for upgrade in 2024 with a small sum of \$110,000 allocated for 2024. Without referencing a work plan it is in any case is far too little to be meaningful. It needs to be identified as a transformative project such as is being done by the CoM for their Greenline along the Yarra River or the work underway by the CoPP along the Elwood Foreshore..

**Urgent steps are needed to identify this area as a priority project starting with some key requests for implementation in this year's budget. (See Green Line Balaclava Station/Railway Place Section Green Line pg 28, Project Report supplied to Council)**

- **Completing the Railway Walk** (both sides) which runs from Balaclava Station to Nightingale Street and includes the safety crossing at Nightingale Street - this project was fully documented by private consultants MGS in 2008.
- **Extending embankment rehabilitation work from there to Grosvenor Street** This section requires design plans. Work could be done in the area fenced off from the railway line itself but requires infrastructure including retaining walls/lighting/design plans for the embasures of railway land at Grosvenor Street and the removal of suckering and proliferating elms. With support from the community gardening club it needs Council input and action.
- **Reviewing the amount allocated to reflect the scale of the project in this vicinity.**
- **Reviewing all the projects already endorsed in the PPS and provide a meaningful allocation of money to all the full implementation of the CoPP Green Line within a 5 year 2026.**

#### Supporting the implementation at St Kilda Primary School Dickens Street closure with associated works:

Described in the draft budget as *a Temporary Park* this area is already closed. The next step is not a temporary park but rather the permanent implementation of the St Kilda Park Primary School Masterplan providing open space and linking from the Bothwell Street Woody Meadows to the Council forecourt.

- **Reviewing the amount allocated to reflect the scale of the project in this vicinity including a well-designed pedestrian concourse to link with Bothwell Street.**
- **Removing redundant fencing to maximize usable open space in this area.**
- **Providing a meaningful allocation of money for the full implementation of this project.**

#### Developing a program for open space acquisition over 10 years

The CoPP has \$50M in its Open Space (Resort) Reserves, a substantial increase on the amount in this fund of \$21M in 2020. In order to make any meaningful change to the information provided in the Table on Pg 1 the CoPP must start spending this money on thoughtful land acquisition. By thoughtful we do not mean delaying obvious decisions. Continuous delay is no longer acceptable.





- Allocating a percentage of the Open Space Reserve of \$50M to embark on a process of judicious land acquisitions for areas of identified need. Committing to spend this fund wisely over a 10 year period. Please stop stalling!
- Acquiring a truly once in a life time piece of land in Duke Street associated with the Library. A petition is to be presented on this matter. Currently this area is serviced by one tiny park at Pakington Street with associated land with a POA there since 2012. It is not available for sale.
- Provide a genuine and relevant budgeted amount to properly access and control the land use issues around the retail area in Balaclava.
- Reward your traders in Carlisle Street by updating the Carlisle Street Retail Plan making sure it is relevant in a post CoVid world. Link to the Green Line to encourage people to walk to their shopping strip.
- The budget suggests this could be done over 2 years and for \$400,000 whilst at the same time failing to disclose where the Camden Street money will be used. In a similar situation Stonnington CC spent \$60M to upgrade the area around its Coles and Woolworths stores and many more million on its streets and parks nearby.

#### [Reinstating the funding agreement for VicRoads land along our major highways.](#)

It would be good to think that the tearing up of this long standing arrangement was a temporary reaction by the Council. In any case it hasn't worked. Grass is overgrown, trees are dying and /or suckering. Missing trees won't be replaced thus turning our backs on 150+ years of proud history and investment by the 3 cities over the years. Rather than seeing the contribution from VicRoads as a negative it is equally possible to see it as an asset – helping us to beautify and cool our city.

- **Just Brighton Road alone was supposed to have 67 new trees planted last year.**
- **Start now: reverse this unfortunate decision.**

The above is an accumulation of a series of local actions and may not be a comprehensive response to the Budget. Many people have had their say on their doorsteps in their shops and in their homes. The petition for the purchase of Duke Street has been done the old fashioned way. So many people volunteered their support and wanted to see this land purchased and made into a lovely piece of public infrastructure.

The Green Line is seen by many as a way of transforming this part of our city and the Council should see how it can be embraced and enhanced with support from the State Government.

We are working to ensure this happens.

Regards

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Convenor Balaclava Environment Street and Trees.

27. 5. 2022

CBR-077



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This submission reflects a number of issues we raised in our 21/22 and 20/21 budget submission as programs we sought then have not been acted on by Council to date. These issues are more urgent now as evidenced by recent floods, bushfires, more flora and fauna being listed as endangered, and sea level rises on our doorstep.

We support a number of measures in the draft – the commitment to EcoCentre redevelopment and ongoing funding, the commitment to partnership with Bayside especially in relation to stormwater harvesting, partnership with Melbourne Water on a new flood overlay to be incorporated into the Port Phillip Planning Scheme, the development of the Marine and Coastal Management Plan and the Coastal Adaptation Plan, Council's involvement in the Inner Melbourne Partnership and most importantly, the development of the Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) which if properly developed, adopted and implemented would embrace all the above projects and programs, and many others as well.

#### Our recommendations in summary

PECAN recommends that:

1. Council allocates or foreshadows Operational and Capital funding for the new Sustainability projects and future as outlined in attachment 4. Similar notations should be used in relation to the CEAP implementation, permeability measurement, etc.
2. Council includes EcoCentre and Environment Leaders funding in subsequent years.
3. Council and council officers engage with PECAN throughout the development of the CEAP.
4. Council includes new approaches to community education and engagement in the proposed Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP).
5. Council promotes CoPP's sustainability initiatives at key public locations, such as St Kilda Town Hall, South Melbourne Market, Alma Park Stormwater Harvesting Facility.
6. Council establishes of a Climate Emergency Reference Committee.
7. Council lists the current advisory service to assist businesses reduce emissions as a Sustainability operating project with related financial support.
8. Council develops a Greening strategy that identifies clear priority precincts, with appropriate funding levels and differentiated canopy cover targets over 4 year bands.
9. Council allocates annual funding for property acquisitions from the Open Space Reserve fund.
10. Council officers undertake a formal assessment of the acquisition of the Duke Street property (adjacent to St Kilda library) to increase public open space.
11. Council advances funding for the Green Line from 2023/24 to 2022/23.
12. Council includes best estimates for permeability improvements in future years in the Budget. If this is not possible, then TBD notation should be added.
13. Council partners with Bayside Council to harvest stormwater from Elster Creek.

PECAN Coordinating Group

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### Reductions in forward estimates for Sustainability

It is disappointing to see that the costs of implementing a number of activities and projects have not been included in the Sustainability operating projects lists in the forward costings in volume 2 and 3. In a number of cases it may not be possible to estimate with certainty future costs. However, the presence of estimates would better reflect Council's commitment to these activities. The omission of budget for these activities risks being used as markers of Council's explicit intentions.

*PECAN recommends Council allocates or foreshadows Operational and Capital funding for the new Sustainability projects and future as outlined in attachment 4. Similar notations should be used in relation to the CEAP implementation, permeability measurement, etc.*

Further in years subsequent to 22/23 there is an overall reduction in the total to be allocated to sustainability operating projects. If we take out the one-off costs of Street lighting upgrades in 22/23, the reduction is approximately \$200,000 between 22/23 and 23/24. But it is important to understand that expenditure in future years will require to be increased as the programs whose range and depth cannot be clearly assessed at present will require appropriate funding.

We note and welcome that the 22/23 funding for the "EcoCentre contribution and funding for education programs" is included as a separate category in the details on page 70 of Volume 3 "How much it costs to provide the services".

We note that the Environmental Leaders course is not mentioned as a sustainability operating project. Perhaps the costs for this program is included elsewhere.

*PECAN recommends that Council includes EcoCentre and Environment Leaders funding in subsequent years.*

### Climate Emergency Action Plan

Work on this is due to be commenced in the new financial year, and we consider it most important that a strong and broadly focussed Plan is prepared. We've been told that three options will be prepared, each with different reach and expenditure. The concept of a weak or light Emergency Plan is an oxymoron – an emergency demands strong responses.

*PECAN recommends that Council and council officers engage with PECAN throughout the development of the CEAP.*

### Community Education and Engagement

In our last two Budget responses we have requested some quite modest actions by Council to highlight and display the sustainability measures it has put in place - Solar on numbers of its facilities- the St Kilda Town Hall, South Melbourne Market, and other smaller building assets used by and visible to the community, and the Stormwater harvesting facility in Alma Park. Measures of this kind are important in enlarging community understanding and awareness of what can be done in their own communities, and that this is not a remote problem the responsibility of the Federal or State Governments, but one which needs to be engaged with locally and which in fact the LGA requires. Council sustainability actions

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should be designed with two faces: one the practical measure, the other, the communication of that measure to the community.

*PECAN recommends that Council promotes CoPP's sustainability initiatives at key public locations, such as St Kilda Town Hall, South Melbourne Market, Alma Park Stormwater Harvesting Facility.*

Regrettably last year's Budget withdrew support for a number of engagement programs which were auspiced or funded by the Council. It is gratifying to see that the numbers of participants in these programs is still included as a key measure of indicators of Council connections in the annual reporting on Sustainability.

*PECAN recommends that Council establishes of a Climate Emergency Reference Committee.*

We have benefited from the Working Groups between Council and PECAN on Community Power (renewable energy, community batteries etc) and Green Blue Infrastructure (greening, canopy cover, urban heat island, stormwater harvesting, flood mitigation). They form an important bridge between PECAN and officers in key areas; we have benefited greatly from them and we appreciate the contribution of officers and we hope sincerely they will continue. But the Councillors, the key drivers of council policy and programs are not involved in these conversations. And despite all best intentions communication between Councillors and Officers is not always effective, and similarly between Councillors and community, and community and Officers. We think a new committee involving representation from Councillors, Officers and Community is an essential and effective mechanism as we go forward.

We hope to engage more closely with Council on improved education and engagement measures as work on the CEAP commences.

### Community emissions

The precise level of community emissions is not available, but over 80% of Port Phillip's community emissions of around 1.6 to 1.7m tonnes pa of CO<sub>2</sub>e come from Commercial and Industrial businesses in Port Melbourne and Fishermans Bend.

While reducing these emissions is primarily the responsibility of the Federal and State governments, Council's role in advocating for stronger action from these levels of government will be increasingly important. But Port Phillip's emissions profile is unusual in its concentration of emissions from commercial and industrial operations, unique in its characteristics of high tech enterprises, manufacturers and a major distribution centre alongside the Port of Melbourne and the Melbourne CBD. There has been a cursory exploration of who the enterprises in Port Melbourne and Fishermans Bend are, but in the expectation that both Federal and State emissions reduction programs will be stepped up, more can be expected of Council in developing programs to accelerate the local transition towards renewable electricity. It can be anticipated that the Victorian Government's Gas Substitution Roadmap will be strengthened this year, and Council will be able to play a role in that too. There needs to be a strong focus on this aspect of the CEAP as both Federal and State initiatives become clearer following their respective elections and adoption of new policies.



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*PECAN recommend that Council lists the current advisory service to assist businesses reduce emissions as a Sustainability operating project with related financial support.*

### Greening Port Phillip

With new staff in place, Council is commencing work on a renewed Greening program. We have stated our concerns repeatedly over the last few years and have been advised that concerns will be addressed in the new program. To restate these concerns, they are as follows:

- The targets are inadequate: From 19% canopy cover to 19.2% cover by 2022/28
- The funding is inadequate: Our understanding is that \$450,000 of the current year's funding was required for forming upper canopies to provide safe clearances for electric wiring. How much of next and subsequent years funding will be required for this purpose?
- The program design was inadequate: It did not measure senescence within current tree stock, did not examine species selection in terms of resilience to increased heat and lower rainfall, or time to canopy maturity.

Council has not used the tools it has available to optimise greening across the municipality. It needs to integrate the following measures:

- Canopy cover across Port Phillip's neighbourhoods
- Existing open space levels within the neighbourhoods
- Urban Heat Island locations across neighbourhoods
- Transport, especially foot and cycling routes to shopping centres and major destinations like parks, beach etc.

*PECAN recommend that Council develops a Greening strategy that identifies clear priority precincts, with appropriate funding levels and differentiated canopy cover targets over 4 year bands.*

### Public Open Space

There have been multiple representations to Council and Officers from PECAN members about the inequitable distribution of open space across the municipality. We recognize that these problems aren't amenable to overnight solutions, but Council responses have been peremptory, contradictory and essentially prevaricating in our view, and have meant lost opportunities particularly in the case of the linear park in Alexandra St.

We acknowledge that Council has adopted a number of temporary trials, but even if they all proved successful the additional amount of open space would involve small parklets. In the longer run the only way this problem can be solved is by annual funding for new land acquisition, a policy which has been in place in Stonnington since 2012 and has been successful in generating attractive new spaces across the municipality. We note that there are substantial funds available in the Open Space Reserve, and that the chart in Vol 2, p40 shows funding of new acquisitions for Open Space in 2022/23 of \$5.6m. How are these funds to be used?

At the Council meeting on Dec 8 we were told that Council would immediately begin to search for new acquisition prospects, but around about that time a property in Duke St behind the St Kilda Library was brought to Council's attention as a prospective purchase. It was peremptorily dismissed in one case as

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“facing South” and in another as being too close to a Pakington St property adjacent to the small park there; the acquisition overlay on that property has been in place for many years and in any case the additional land it could provide is not substantial. The Duke St property is still on the market and we don’t understand the objection to it as facing north, as it is flat, fully cleared with significant palm trees, is of significant size at 20x70 metres, and most important in our view is that it represents a strategic opportunity to secure land which is adjacent to the Library, a significant destination for families in St Kilda East and Balaclava. As the Library is due for redevelopment/rebuilding in the next few years, in our view the land in question seems to represent a significant opportunity to secure a resource which could form a valuable adjunct to the library redevelopment.

The purchase of the Duke St property is supported by CAPP, PECAN, local residents (who are currently collecting a petition supporting purchase of the land).

We have also been advised recently that Council intends to develop a Land Acquisition and Road Discontinuance policy by 2025. We hope that strategic opportunities which arise in the meantime are not discounted in the absence of this policy.

*PECAN recommends that Council allocates annual funding for property acquisitions from the Open Space Reserve fund.*

*PECAN recommends that Council officers undertake a formal assessment of the acquisition of the Duke Street property (adjacent to St Kilda library) to increase public open space.*

### Green Line

PECAN is disappointed that the two funding allocations for the Green Line are weighted towards 2023/24 and recommend that this funding be brought forward to this financial year.

Since our inclusion of the Green Line in last year’s Budget submission, interest in extending it into the adjacent municipalities of Glen Eira and Stonnington has grown strongly. Councillors in Glen Eira are supportive and are meeting with this week with the CEO who we are told supports the concept and the linkage to the Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve. Community groups GECAN and the Elsternwick South-West Precinct are strongly supportive. In Stonnington the community group Rewilding Stonnington has assisted with the development of the project and local member Sam Hibbins is also supportive.

The Port Phillip section of the Green Line does not fall within the Albert Park electorate and PECAN has met with Nina Taylor, the Upper House member, and the local member, David Southwick, who is strongly supportive and has a ██████ graduate student in his office working on the Green Line and other environmental projects. Incidentally Mr Southwick stated that when the Bailleau/Napthine government was last in office it funded Port Phillip Council for the development of the Balaclava Walk between Balaclava station and Grosvenor St, the section of the Green Line that Council is proposing for landscaping work in next year’s Budget.

We are proposing to seek State Government funding towards the development of the project, in conjunction with Stonnington and Glen Eira; apart from the project’s extension into the adjacent electorates and municipalities it is made more complex by the need for VicTrack’s involvement. We

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anticipate that if Port Phillip's proposed funding in 2023/24 could be brought forward to this Budget the case for State Government funding and support would much stronger.

*PECAN recommends that Council advances funding for the Green Line from 2023/24 to 2022/23.*

### Permeability

PECAN supports the Permeability Assessment to be completed in 2022/23.

We note that measurement of increased permeable surfaces will be considered in the Act and Adapt update, and request that this measure is incorporated in Act and Adapt and the CEAP, as increasing development is accompanied by more impermeable surfaces, with attendant stormwater runoff and heightened risk of flood events.

*PECAN recommends that Council includes best estimates for permeability improvements in future years in the Budget. If this is not possible, then TBD notation should be added.*

### Stormwater Harvesting

We support the Partnership with Bayside Council in Attachment 4 in relation to proposed stormwater harvesting from Elster Creek. This was an original objective in Port Phillip's collaboration with Bayside Council, together with flood mitigation, and its restatement is welcome as Elster Creek has year round water flow and is capable of providing the long-sought additional 80MLs of stormwater to meet Port Phillip's requirements.

*PECAN recommends that Council partners with Bayside Council to harvest stormwater from Elster Creek.*

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**Request for funding of Pedestrian crossing – West side  
Balaclava Walkway and Nightingale St intersection,  
Balaclava**

We have observed that the 2022/2023 budget makes a very small commitment to projects in Balaclava compared to other Neighbourhoods. 4 Balaclava/East St Kilda projects are listed as temporary, 2 projects do not belong in our neighbourhood and the bulk of allocated funds go to an arterial road safe corridor upgrade in 2026.

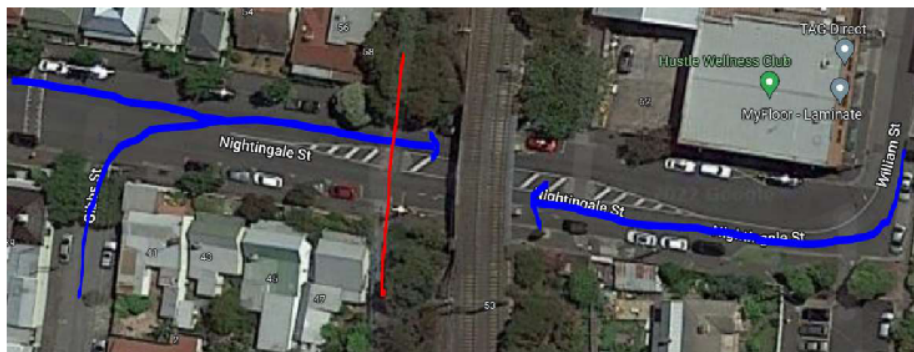
We the undersigned ask that the long overdue upgrade to the pedestrian crossing (as described below) be considered favourably and identified for allocation of funds in the current budget review. We provide in this document a timeline of community action to date. We all are happy to make ourselves available for further consultation or clarification.

Please see below for crossing location and timeline of community action.

Yours Sincerely

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

### Aerial view of crossing



- Oncoming traffic – East / West
- Walkway – North / South

### Timeline of ongoing Community Action for Nightingale Street/Balaclava Walk Crossing

- **2006** A community meeting (requested by residents) held with Cr Ray to address traffic and parking issues in William and Nightingale Streets. Council acknowledged concerns about pedestrian safety issues relating to walk/street intersection and agreed to and completed works of a minor nature at the crossing from Balaclava Walkway across Nightingale Street on both sides of the bridge. Completion of the crossover was to be referred to 07/08 capital works program.
- **2007** As promised a minimum construction of two x pedestrian refuge islands and line marking was completed.
- **2007/2008** capital works promised did not transpire
- **2012** A comprehensive and lengthy proposal and community consultation was undertaken to redefine Balaclava walk. On 24 September 2012, Council adopted the **Balaclava Walk Masterplan**. This plan tied the redevelopment and road treatment of the Nightingale St crossing to its success. Relevant wording from the plan;

*Precinct Four: Nightingale Street Interface*

*Traffic calming measures to be redesigned to reduce visual clutter and respond to the residential nature of the street*

- *Design response;*  
*Provide a common street treatment to the area, to help unify the space and announce the gateway to Balaclava Walk East and West. Incorporate traffic*

calming measures to Nightingale Street and provide a generous and clear pedestrian crossing. Widen footpaths on Nightingale Street so that they meet the piers of the railway bridge

- **May 2013-November 2014** Balaclava walkway closed for station redevelopment. Nightingale Street bridge area largely neglected and used as a tipping area for contaminated material, temporary signposting poorly maintained, and rubbish accumulation allowed. Significant additional tagging occurred in the area particularly across the bluestone bridge which has continued to this day and added to the neglect of this intersection.
- **2014** A petition was submitted to Council seeking support to manage traffic and parking issues in Nightingale St. In this larger document it was noted that the speed, volume and type of traffic along with poor sight lines all combined to make this particular area (East and West of the bridge) an unsafe and unpleasant experience for pedestrians.
- **2015** Balaclava Walk - Council's city design team advised that this project was no longer live and there would be no completion of the work proposed at Nightingale St
- **2015** Proposed approval of 5 storey development (incorporating one café space and 14 offices) on the north-eastern corner of the bridge.
- **2015** Request (by residents) made to Cr Huxley for a collective resolution to the street landscaping and pedestrian treatment of the area west of the bluestone rail bridge on Nightingale Street, leaving out the eastern side as Council already indicated they were reluctant to address works until approved development completed. In principal support for a coordinated response by the City of Port Phillip from the following officers
  - [REDACTED] – Place Manager Activity Centres
  - [REDACTED] - Coordinator Parks Services
  - [REDACTED] – Urban Forest Planner
  - [REDACTED] – Senior Traffic Engineer - Transport Safety Engineering
  - [REDACTED] – Principal Planner - City Development
- **2015** Save Our Bollards campaign (SOB)  
Council proposed to remove bollards at Railway place and Nightingale St Walkway crossing to allow through traffic. This was reversing a 30-year situation that limited vehicle traffic to residential properties backing onto the laneway. Community action was successful in maintaining status quo, arguing for pedestrian safety and amenity over vehicles.
- **2019** BEST raises issue of crossing with Canal Ward councillors at a meeting in December 2019. At this meeting the request is made to unlink this development from the Balaclava Walk Masterplan and incorporate works in upcoming budget.
- **2020** The above timeline is submitted to Council as an attachment to the BEST submission to the budget planning consultation for 20/21.



- **2021/22** It is suggested that the crossing would be included in Open Space Strategy. This cannot be confirmed. However, no indication of funding in current budget under review

**May 2022 Update**

**Changed conditions and increased risk 2022**

- Completion of a 6 Storey residential/housing development is underway at the intersection of the walkway and Marlborough St. No allowance has been made for open space in this development. The nearest open space is via the walkway (and Nightingale St crossing) to the William St Reserve and playground. We would hope for / expect a further increase of foot traffic by families.
- Developments at 60-62 Nightingale (18 Offices and café) and 23 Williams St (Brewery and office space) will both significantly contribute to the foot traffic in the area.
- A proposed trial bike lane is due to be created in Nightingale St later in the year (Vicroads advice to residents). This will add an additional layer of risk for pedestrians crossing at this intersection.
- Building construction at 60-62 Nightingale St has had a huge impact on the viability of our existing crossings and posed additional unsafe conditions on both the East and West sides of the bridge. Large trucks entering and exiting, idling under the bridge, parking inappropriately at the bridge all further contribute to this becoming a black spot. With predicted ongoing development in William St over the coming years and these conditions to continue. We again request that the residential side of the Nightingale St bridge be treated in accordance with other similar areas in the CoPP.

CBR-083 / CBR-084



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## Feedback about City of Port Phillip (CoPP) Draft Budget 2022 – 2023 and Draft Council Plan 2021- 2031 Year 2

### Introduction

Port Phillip Community Group (PPCG) welcomes Council’s continuing investment in important community services outlined in the Draft Budget 2022 – 2023, and the opportunity to contribute to Council’s finalisation of the City of Port Phillip (CoPP) Draft Council Plan 2021- 2031, Year 2.

PPCG has been supporting residents of Port Phillip for close to 50 years and has grown into a leading welfare, financial counselling, and education provider primarily in the City of Port Phillip enabling more than 20,000 people in any one year, to better connect to their community, achieve their goals, and build better lives. While there are high levels of advantage and favourable social health and inclusion in Port Phillip, there also exists extreme disadvantage, poorer social health, and lack of inclusion in several of our neighbourhoods.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this disadvantage and created challenges for others who up until this point had been doing relatively well. Financial stress and job losses have increased over the past 2+ years with the deepening impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic into 2022, housing pressures and costs, escalating costs of living, and the new and emerging geo-political events.

The demand for our services continues to increase with a greater number of people from broader socio-economic groups needing help. This is a direct result of the downturn of the economy and loss of jobs due to COVID-19, and long lockdowns in metropolitan Melbourne and Victoria since 2020. Family violence, isolation, loneliness, and the inability to meet financial commitments, as well as needing food, essential items, social supports are key issues and needs, that our staff are responding to every day. This Case Study Is an example of current and typical client presentations:

#### Case Study

*Nyala\* contacted PPCG seeking food support in February 2022. She had moved into a public housing unit in South Melbourne a few months earlier and was new to the area. Nyala had previously worked in hospitality on a casual basis but lost her job as a result of ongoing lockdowns and was now on Jobseeker. Costs associated with setting up her new accommodation had left her short of money and she had also just received her first electricity bill which she could not afford to pay.*

*PPCG provided Nyala with a food voucher, food parcel and toiletries. We assisted her to access the Utility Provider’s Hardship Program and other grants, and to set up an affordable payment plan via Centre Pay. We also referred her to other relevant local supports. Nyala also expressed*

concern about COVID transmission as she was now living in a high-density high-rise apartment block.

Although she had emigrated from Ethiopia 5 years ago and was reasonably proficient in English, she said she sometimes struggled to understand health and technical information. PPCG were able to provide Nyala with masks and hand sanitiser, and the relevant Government Health Advice in Tigrinya. We also referred her to the local Community Health Service who were providing a range of COVID-related outreach services for which she was eligible.

**\*name has been changed**

PPCG has also worked closely and in collaboration with Council during the past 2+ years of COVID-19, to directly benefit all Port Phillip residents including our most marginalised and vulnerable residents. We continually demonstrate that we are responsive, inclusive, and agile. This is a summary of our agile and responsive COVID-19 responses to date, below:

**COVID-19 responses**

We have continued to meet our funder and stakeholder obligations while **responding and adapting to rapidly changing client and community needs during COVID-19.**

**Achievement 1:** Continuing to operate our information, referral and support, and financial counselling, via phone, on-line and as required face to face (in line with COVID safe requirements)

**Achievement 2:** Implementing proactive welfare checks for our clients and group participants to assess their need, well-being and mental health

**Achievement 3:** Providing emergency relief, food, and assistance to meet the increasing need of those in hardship

**Achievement 4:** Adapting our education courses, social and recreation activities to on-line platforms as possible

**Achievement 5:** Increasing our reach via social media platforms to share practical and support information during restrictions and lockdowns

**Achievement 6:** Expanding our Share the Food program for those in need, isolating or quarantining due to COVID-19. **Over \$1.3 million worth of food, meals and essential items has been provided across Port Phillip to those in need up to 30 June 2021.** Our key partner the City of Port Phillip has very ably and generously supported us in all of our endeavours with Share the Food.

### Draft Budget 2022 - 2023

Early on in the COVID-19 pandemic, PPCG quickly re-purposed its staff and resources to establish *Share the Food (STF)* with significant support from Council and Council staff, and state government support (the latter now ceased). As we enter the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the pandemic, PPCG has gone from feeding hundreds of people a week to feeding thousands, as well as providing information and access to greater supports including COVID related information and supports. Staff and volunteers remain committed yet weary, and COVID and other health issues are on the rise in 2022 amongst staff and volunteers.

Since March 2020 and with approximately \$400k (over the past 2+years) to purchase food and essential items, we have delivered in excess of \$2m in value of food and essential items through complementary and external funds and grants, generous donations of food and other essential items, great community partnerships, and amazing volunteer supports - *a return on investment*



*of \$5.00 for every \$1.00 spent on this program.* While the majority of those accessing STF have complex needs underpinned by poverty, they now also include the newly unemployed, and people who are falling through the cracks of assistance programs as well as those needing to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19.

In addition to ensuring food and essential items for hundreds of Port Phillip residents, STF has collaborated with and supported Port Phillip Council to fulfill its obligation under the State COVID Relief Plan to provide food relief for persons needing to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19. With not other supports or resources.

### **Proposed Funding to PPCG**

We note the allocation of \$608k as our core grant, under a Service Deed with CoPP for the FY 2022 - 2023 (Vol 3; p.33). We believe that as a key partner of CoPP in the community service areas as visibly demonstrated since March 2020, we look forward to and are anticipating confirmation of a multi-year funding agreement. This will acknowledge our value to the residents of Port Phillip and to Council. Of concern, is that since 2010 PPCG has been in a continuing state of uncertainty (and anxiety) re our core Service Deed from CoPP under a cycle of short term (1 - 2-year extensions). This negatively impacts our retention of staff, future strategic planning, and continuing and new funds from other sources.

We are however very appreciative of the core grant from CoPP as it enables us to help and support thousands of residents across Port Phillip and our work aligns directly with the CoPP 10-year Community Vision embedded in the Council Plan – *Proudly Port Phillip: a liveable and vibrant City that enhances the wellbeing of our community.*

The history of the PPCG core grant is that many years ago Council divested itself of services to support residents of Port Phillip living on low incomes and experiencing increased costs of living pressures in a rapidly gentrified LGA (now predominantly gentrified). An allocation of funds and was transferred to PPCG, as PPCG like community NFPs, is a more cost effective, lean, agile, and responsive organisation. Over time this core fund allocation has remained basically static as Council does not pass on FWC CPI or award increases, and PPCG salaries and wages (under our Award - SCHCADS) have increased by up to 35% during the past 10 years. PPCG has absorbed these increases whilst continuing to deliver more with less, in a climate of increasing compliance, and the increasing complexity and need of many residents in Port Phillip. *For every \$1.00 received from CoPP we raise on average another \$1.50 from state, federal, philanthropic, business, and other providers.*

We however work extremely hard (as a small NFP with limited resources and infrastructure) to source other funding and grants to provide education, food relief (food, meals, food vouchers), emergency supports, essential items, financial counselling and many other services and activities as well as to fund staff in complementary areas to benefit the residents of Port Phillip. In addition, for the past 6 years PPCG has delivered well in excess of the KPIs associated with our core CoPP grant funding.

### **City of Port Phillip (CoPP) Draft Council Plan 2021- 2031, Year 2**

We applaud Council's ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion in the Draft Council Plan 2021- 2031 Year 2, that continues Council's commitment to partnerships, stakeholder engagement and community development.

Council's ongoing commitment to social justice and equity to ensure that the rights of all people are considered in a fair and equitable way will enable and contribute to social inclusion and participation of all people across Port Phillip.

We acknowledge and thank Council in publicly recognising that the intersection between different types of inequality and discrimination can amplify disadvantage for particular people. PPCG proactively strives to address barriers for those experiencing marginalisation, discrimination, and disadvantage based on their circumstances, identity, or other attributes, and to provide them with access to the resources and services that they need. This is in line with PPCG's Strategic Plan 2021 – 2025 guided by:

- **Our Vision:** A fair, just and inclusive community<sup>1</sup>
- **Our Purpose:** We support individuals, families and communities to live with dignity and
- **Our Mission:** We provide responsive services in partnership with individuals, families and communities to empower people to achieve their goals
- **Our Values:** Respect, Equity, Inclusiveness, Empowerment and Accountability.

## Housing and Homelessness

Access to affordable and secure housing and the reduction of homelessness (both visible and hidden), continue to be major concerns in affluent cities such as Port Phillip, and we are working with increasing numbers of people in housing need and housing crisis directly as a result of COVID-19 and due to loss of income, social connections, and escalating costs of living and economic downturn.

We applaud Council's continuing commitment to proactively addressing homelessness via *Towards Zero*, social housing and other means. We know that homelessness is complex involving mental and physical health issues, family breakdown, substance use and abuse, and domestic violence; and hence it is not simply about providing housing. We work with people who are homeless every day and who are homeless in many different ways and settings, as not all homelessness is visible, and not all people who are homeless can 'be fixed' by moving them off the street, or out of sight/out of mind. This is an opportunity for Council to continue its ground-breaking work in this area and for a range of welfare, community, health, and housing organisations to continue to come together through Council's leadership and facilitation.

*PPCG remains committed to the provision of safe and secure social housing that is supported with wrap around services and supports 24/7 to address the wider social, mental, and physical health issues that research indicates is behind the visible face of those who are homeless. PPCG has the experience and expertise to directly contribute to this.*

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<sup>1</sup> PPCG is a NFP organisation that works in partnership with local, state, and federal governments, funders, clients, stakeholders, and communities to provide welfare, financial counselling, and education for people on low incomes, disadvantaged, in crisis, marginalised and/or at risk of homelessness. As we near the end of the FY 2022, 30% of PPCG clients are from CALD backgrounds, 53% live in public housing and 30% identify as homeless.



### **A Re-Imagined Community or Life after the Pandemic**

This is a time for brave and progressive Councillors who understand that the world and the City of Port Phillip have changed. PPCG urges Council to be bold. This is an opportunity to build the social and economic infrastructure needed to support individuals, families, and communities, sustain local businesses, and prepare for ongoing challenges, including climate change.

Council through its Council Plan 2021-2031 and Draft Budget 2022-2023 continues to demonstrate leadership and commitment through a whole-of-Council approach and working collaboratively with its many partners and key stakeholders to reduce the current and emerging inequalities as a direct result of COVID-19. PPCG is willing and able to work closely with Council throughout this unprecedented time to hold and embed Council's vision for Port Phillip as a City that is inviting, liveable, caring, and compassionate.

PPCG's Board has 8 Directors that are committed, bring different skills and are active in professional and volunteer roles. We believe PPCG demonstrates that we are responsive, inclusive of all, agile and well governed. PPCG is a one stop support service for all residents that enacts Councils 2021-31 plan and values:

- We create programs that build social connections, value diversity and address health and wellbeing inequities in our communities; and
- We run professionally managed community facilities where people learn, engage with others in activities. By doing so we build the capacity of the community to support vulnerable and disadvantaged members; and
- We work closely with Council to achieve mutual goals for local residents currently from 4 key Port Phillip locations – Alma Road Community House (ARCH), 161 Chapel St, and Port Melbourne Food Hub and Port Melbourne Town Hall, plus via outreach and in-reach to several community, housing, and other venues. See *ongoing and regular updates on our Social Media (Facebook and Twitter) and Website ([www.ppcg.org.au](http://www.ppcg.org.au))*

While CoPP contributes funds via grants to PPCG for which we are grateful, we also receive other funding and grants to provide education, food relief, financial counselling and many other services and activities. For every \$1.00 received from CoPP we raise on average another \$1.50 from state, federal, philanthropic, business, and other providers. These are mutually beneficial, interdependent, and significant for Port Phillip.

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[Redacted] - Executive Officer  
Port Phillip Community Group  
27 May 2022

CBR-085



May 17, 2022

## PORT PHILLIP BICYCLE USERS GROUP SUBMISSION ON CITY OF PORT PHILLIP COUNCIL BUDGET 2022

**About us:** The Port Phillip Bicycle User Group (PP BUG) promotes cycling in our local community. Our goal is for cycling to be a highly attractive option for 8 to 80+ year olds— whether for fun, fitness or transport. We want people in our city to ride more often by making cycling an easy, safe and practical choice. As most trips are less than 5km, this will also alleviate congestion and demand on carparks.

### Bike infrastructure

In its *Move Live Connect* Integrated Transport Strategy (2018-2028), CoPP planned a strategic network of safe, separated bike lanes to be built over a decade. However, by mid-2022, the only delivered routes were a separated bicycle lane along the northern half of Moray Street, and the Garden City route. Council is yet to deliver on the other routes. In 2022, we are significantly behind schedule.

**We support** the funding allocated for designing the Inkerman St bike corridor, and the Park St Streetscape improvement project.

To deliver on the *Move Live Connect* (MLC) plan, **funding needs to be allocated towards planning and construction of the remaining protected bike routes** listed to be built before 2028. These include Moray Street (south end); Inkerman St – Fitzroy Street/ Canterbury Rd; Sandringham Line/ Westbury St – Ripponlea to Windsor; Dickens St - Balaclava to St Kilda Beach; Acland St / Mitford St / Beach St - Fitzroy St to Elwood Beach; Tennyson St/ Blessington St - Elwood to St Kilda Beach; Byron St/ Glen Eira Rd - Ripponlea to Elwood.

**Shimmy routes.** Current Council strategy is focused on delivering so-called shimmy routes: very minimal interventions along the MLC routes, such as green paint, some speed bumps, and wayfaring. There is no evidence that these will support Council targets for increased cycling. Furthermore, this strategy has encouraged VicRoads to follow suit, with much of their so-called "40km of new and improved pop-up bike lanes" program wasted on similar feeble efforts. **We request the abandonment of the shimmy strategy, and re-orientation towards protected bike lanes.**

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Google streetview of Kerferd Rd, illustrating why unprotected bike lanes are not safe or attractive.

Instead, we recommend immediately building out the complete MLC network as "pop-up bike lanes" with temporary infrastructure, such as water-filled barriers, floppy bollards, or planter boxes. As temporary facilities, these will serve as on-site testing of options, informing the community ahead of installation of permanent lanes.

Prioritise other immediate, effective and low-cost interventions, to enable safer cycle commuting: Remove parking from the left-most lanes of St Kilda Road and Brighton Road. Remove parking from the left-most lanes of Beaconsfield Parade and Marine Parade. Remove parking from Chapel Street. While this alone will not be an acceptable level of safety for the long-term, they will remove one source of danger, that of being car-doored (hit by a person opening the driver's side door while parked).

#### The climate emergency

In 2019, CoPP declared a climate emergency. Council has estimated that transport is responsible for 16% of our city's emissions, the second-largest sector. It is also the fastest-growing. Reducing transport emissions is crucial in averting catastrophic climate change. Building safe cycling infrastructure is a proven, cost-effective method of enabling active, climate friendly transport, at a scale that can make a difference.

Council is responsible for the provision of safe cycling routes on its roads. All studies show that building such infrastructure is also a net positive across non-climate related measures including congestion, retail profitability, resident health (both by increasing activity levels and reducing air pollution), and mental health.

This failing should be remedied: Council needs a comprehensive strategy to reduce transport emissions, with increase in active travel at the heart of it.

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for Port Phillip Bicycle Users Group

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### **Submission on Council Plan, Waste Management, Rating Method and EAMP**

Below are brief responses to the above matters out for consideration presently. I wish I could offer a more detailed response but there are so many other issues requiring attention.

#### **Environment**

*The beauty and biodiversity of our coastal, bay, park, waterway, and inland environments are protected and enhanced for future generations to enjoy. We have played our part in promoting and addressing environmental sustainability, from tackling climate change, emissions, and sea-level rise to minimising flooding risks.*

The vision above demands Council should be an active participant in combating the climate emergency. In furtherance of that vision Council should:

- Properly fund Sustainability programs in the face of coming climate challenges
- Support local residents, industries and businesses to reduce their emissions
- Fund and implement a comprehensive climate emergency action plan
- Increase targets for tree canopy cover across the City of Port Phillip
- Ensure fair and equitable access to parks and recreation spaces across the City of Port Phillip, especially in under-served areas.

Not to do so would challenge the integrity of the vision. It seems plain that each of us whether be an individual citizen, a business owner or a corporation have a duty to actively engage in furthering climate action goals. Indeed, it is apparent that many are actively engaged to achieve the desired outcomes, but fundamental to our collective capacity to do so is the support of all tiers of government, most particularly at the local municipal level. This is so because of its proximity to, and familiarity with, local conditions and shortfalls requiring urgent attention.

#### **Waste management**

It seems the policy focuses on dealing with waste post fact. Perhaps the concentration should be on stopping or limiting the creation of what becomes waste. Not sure what direct jurisdiction is open to local government. If it resides with either the State or Commonwealth level perhaps Council's focus should be advocating for taxes and/or limitations on the sale of single use products, certain packaging and so on. I understand management at SM market is working actively on this issue, perhaps Council needs to offer more resources to encourage higher level of uptake of compliance by customers users and traders.

Perhaps the real focus though is focusing on the reduction of consumption. We need better education on the impact of endless consumption that our system promotes. I understand the Council is active in this regard,

but it seems most of us, consciously or otherwise, overlook inconvenient truths. Perhaps a more interventionist approach is required.

It has been suggested and ignored previously but perhaps rather than each house in our streets owning complete range of power tools etcetera, there could be shared tools system. This would seem eminently suitable within COPP given much of the municipality is located in areas of housing with little capacity for individual storage.

Another possible reduction is possible within the building industry. If the building regulation currently require the re-use of existing materials, it is not immediate apparent, or policed, bit like the removal of vegetation, ignored and not policed. Both of these failures have significant negative on our environment.

I am supportive of reducing bin sizes and charging accordingly.

I would be concerned if the proposals led to the closure of the waste transfer station in Port Melbourne as that is one of the most valuable services Council offers.

#### **Rates**

If the rates proposal will lead to a reduction in rates for properties at the high end of the scale I am utterly opposed. It strikes me those properties are most certainly owned by those best able to pay more rates. There are plenty across the municipality who can well afford the impost,

#### **EAMP**

Why do I feel that the thrust of this policy is directed at freeing Council to offload Council properties and discontinue services to the affected communities? Am I reading too much into this, might my conclusions be coloured by earlier debates? Of course, Council needs to comply with relevant regulations on OHS etcetera. Equally, Council must act responsibly in the management of assets. However, I would prefer to see a shift in emphasis to finding ways to retain a building/service.

Finally, I am in awe of Councillors capacity to keep abreast of all the issues you have to in the discharge of your responsibilities. Personally, as someone trying to engage on a range of issues requiring equal attention at the State, Commonwealth and international level I have run out of puff.

I understand the formal have your say process has closed. However, I ask you to take these brief comments into consideration.

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CBR-087

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 27 May 2022 5:18 PM

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Budget pmba

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Hi to you from [REDACTED]  
Hoping you are well and all is good in Port Phillip

There are two important areas I want to highlight before the budget is finalised .  
Firstly and most importantly ,  
Funding for the waterfront Welcomers .  
I believe it's around \$30,000 per year  
Please don't forsake this program  
It has done much for many .  
Not only does it give purpose to these 60 plus volunteers ,it drives thousands of cruise ship  
passengers to Port Phillip locations  
The South melb market ,gasworks, St.kilda and of course Bay st

Actually it's the only promotion to the annual 300,000 plus cruise ship passengers

Some would consider an annual \$1,700,000 spend on cruise ship visitations to Port Phillip as  
potentially far more financially rewarding than the st kilda festa  
Particularly in terms of ROI

We were notified yesterday that event grants won't be available until next years events as there is  
some change in grant names etc .  
The only way we can get financial help for our artisan market and Halloween dog parade this year ,is  
if it is budgeted for .  
Normally we wouldn't seek your help,  
But it's a bit short on notice when we are told the day before closure .  
We would seek assistance to the order of \$10,000 for each .  
Thank you

[REDACTED]  
Here in sunny [REDACTED]  
Stay safe and healthy

| Submission Number | First Name | Last Name | Type your submission here.  | Suburb        | Email |
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| CBR-085           |            |           | Refer to attachment   | ELWOOD        |       |
| CBR-084           |            |           | Refer to attachment   | St Kilda      |       |
| CBR-083           |            |           | Refer to attachment   | Elwood        |       |
| CBR-082           |            |           | <p>Intersection on alma road and Westbury street, is a pedestrian crossing without sound or vibration. I have been to viceroads, state mps and DoT all sending me back to you to upgrade the crossing, viceroads will maintain it but you have to get it upgraded to meet compliance. I have a petition with 350 signatures, it s on a busy road, it s a recommended school crossing, it s next to the public park that s meant to be for everyone but me and other blind and vision impaired are excluded because we can t cross the road safely. Hopefully i won t have to speak at your meeting because you should have fixed this when I first came to you a year ago but if I have to speak about it I will</p>  | St kilda east |       |
| CBR-081           |            |           | <p>I recently reviewed the Green Line proposal from PECAN (<a href="http://pecan.org.au/projects/">http://pecan.org.au/projects/</a>) and would like to express my full support of the proposal.</p> <p>As an architect with an interest in city livability (urban development, gentrification, culture, town planning, and infrastructure), I would like to comment on the 'transportation' aspect of the proposal. As a former resident of both the City of Port Phillip and Glen Eira whom is intimately familiar with the areas, I feel that my input may be valuable.</p> <p>As Melbourne suburbs face an unprecedented influx in population and high density development, transport infrastructure is pushed to capacity. Not only do grid-locked streets cause mental mayhem, but also noise and air quality issues. It is therefore imperative that alternative transportation modes are established. Melbourne would benefit immensely from a coherent and comprehensive cycling path network. It is an element of the proposal from PECAN but I believe it should become the focus of the initiative.</p> <p>I got the impression from this proposal that the cycling paths were only earmarked for certain sections. For a safe and user-friendly cycling network to be successful, it cannot be fragmented. I speak from experience as a 5 year resident in Belgium, where cycling is the primary mode of transport in many cities.</p> <p>While re-greening through planting and promoting biodiversity may help sequester greenhouse gasses and purify the air, it may be more effective to stop emissions in the first place ie. taking cars off the roads. Therefore it might be appropriate to prioritize cycling paths over greenery in places where it is difficult to accommodate both.</p> <p>Nonetheless, this is a great initiative and I will follow developments closely. Thanks guys :)</p> | Mckinnon      |       |

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| <p>CBR-080</p> |  | <p>There is much to be pleased with in the Council Plan and Budget however I wish to contribute regarding Three areas of concern.</p> <p>School Dental Service<br/>Sustainability<br/>Childcare</p> <p>School Dental Service<br/>I was shocked to hear that Star Health will be discontinuing its schools dental check up service, as council is ceasing funding. This service is a core one for future 'Capacity of young people to be healthy and connected to reach full potential' [as per plan]. Poor dental health is a social indicator that dogs people on a lifelong basis. It causes employment disadvantage and general ill health. Support and care in childhood, most particularly for families of low income, is best achieved by a schools based free check up and referral system.</p> <p>Sustainability<br/>Projected expenditure is to be reduced by 38%. This is not the time.<br/>The Climate Emergency action Plan needs a budget for implementation<br/>The current canopy greening target is too low. Green spaces and street trees offer great cooling and respite benefits in hot weather.<br/>Innovative programs and measures that assist people living in high rises and intensive housing areas to live sustainably can only improve public health and well being.</p> <p>Childcare<br/>The case for sell off of the smaller childcare services has not been well argued. The quality of the larger centres in terms of a positive experience for the tots of Port Phillip, is debatable. Communicable illnesses abound - children are more away than not. An impersonal service exemplified by a sticky label stuck on the child's back- my experience.<br/>Ratepayers such as I believe the closures of these small sites represent COPP opportunism as the property value is high. Real estate lost is rarely regained as community space and amenity.</p> | <p>PORT MELBOURNE, VIC</p> |  |
| <p>CBR-079</p> |  | <p>I have lived in Balaclava for 14 years. My partner and I originally lived on [REDACTED] Street and then moved to [REDACTED] Street. Our two boys attend St Kilda Primary and Elwood College.</p> <p>We love living in this area. But we have grown increasingly concerned with the lack of trees and green space in our immediate area. I was deeply disappointed that the current budget again has underinvested in projects that would make our immediate surroundings more liveable. I respectfully ask that the Port Phillip Council immediately fund projects like the Green Line and permanently close Dickens Street near SKPS, as both projects would add much needed green space and significantly improve the liveability and value of our community. The investment would be money well spent as it would also increase property values and with it the tax income for Port Phillip.</p>   | <p>Balaclava</p>           |  |
| <p>CBR-078</p> |  | <p>Refer to attachment</p>   | <p>Balaclava</p>           |  |
| <p>CBR-077</p> |  | <p>Refer to attachment</p>   | <p>Balaclava</p>           |  |
| <p>CBR-076</p> |  | <p>Refer to attachment</p>   | <p>Balaclava</p>           |  |
| <p>CBR-075</p> |  | <p>Refer to attachment</p>   | <p>Elwood</p>              |  |
| <p>CBR-074</p> |  | <p>Refer to attachment</p>   | <p>St Kilda</p>            |  |

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| CBR-073 |  | <p>I would like to strongly support the proposal for the local Green Line walking track/linear park alongside the Sandringham railway line.in particular I think the funding should be advanced to the coming financial year so the project can start soon.</p> <p>I have lived in Balaclava since 1986 and my favourite walking area has always been along the various tracks and streets along the railway line. There are a number of reasons for this including the fact that they are away from noisy roads, there are a variety of surfaces (it's not all walking on concrete as it is in walking in the streets) and there is a big variety in plantings and greenery. These walks have always been important to me, but they became doubly so during the lockdowns of the last couple of years, as they are much quieter so it was easier to keep social distance while walking these routes.</p> <p>I have always noticed how there are additional tracks and lanes that are too overgrown or inaccessible at the moment, that could be added to the route, so I'm delighted at the proposals to widen, add in and generally improve access to sections. I am also delighted at the proposals to clean up sections and improve plantings and with that increase biodiversity.</p> <p>One of the strengths of this part of Melbourne is the fact that people are not just car dependent - Ripponlea, Elsternwick, Balaclava, Windsor and South Yarra are not drive in/drive out suburbs, but places where people access public areas and can be seen in the streets. Walking is integral to the atmosphere and character of our suburbs and should be promoted as much as bike riding and improved parking, which have been the focus of much of council attention in recent years.</p> <p>The financial costs associated with the proposal seem to me to be modest and the benefits substantial. I urge you to bring this funding forward for the benefit of all local residents.</p> | Balaclava       |
| CBR-072 |  | <p>Two wonderful animal, bird and insect habitats are in the area - the Elsternwick Park Reserve and Ripponlea Estate. It would benefit both to have a corridor connecting them and this is partly in place with the railway and Elster Creek. Can I urge the council to promote the railway as a natural corridor.</p>  | St.Kilda East   |
| CBR-071 |  | <p>Strongly support the linear park - great initiative please start ASAP. Could it include a bike path too please .</p>  | Elwood          |
| CBR-070 |  | <p>Two wonderful animal, bird and insect habitats in the area - the Elsternwick Park Reserve and Rippon Lea Estate. It would benefit both to have a corridor connecting them and this is partly in place with the railway and Elster Creek. Can I urge Council to promote the railway as a nature corridor.</p>  | South Caulfield |
| CBR-069 |  | <p>I hereby submit my support for PECAN's concerns over the Council's proposed budget for 2022/23 and PECAN's call on the Council. Of particular concern for me is the much needed Support local residents, industries and businesses to reduce their emissions .</p> <p>53.94% of residents in Macnamara are renters, with just 45.45% as homeowners. This is nearly double the rental rate for Victoria in general (28.7%) and well over the National average (30.9%). Macnamara is, of course, larger than Post Phillip, so it would be safe to say the percentage of renters in Port Phillip is in excess of 54%; where most of which rent an apartment.</p> <p>While homeowners need only organise themselves to make the necessary changes to combat the climate crisis, more than 54% of us in Port Phillip rely on landlords and Owners Corporations to do the right thing.</p> <p>The Port Phillip Council has, therefore, a far greater responsibility than the rest of Victoria and the nation to implement effective procedures by which landlords and Owners Corporations are explicitly encouraged to reduce emissions.</p> <p>The budget should not be reduced in this area, but increased. The 38% reduction to Sustainability expenditure (as per PECAN's analysis) is financially irresponsible in light of the planning and preparation we need if Port Phillip is to meet any type of reduction in its emissions to survive the climate challenges ahead with the least trauma possible to its residents.</p>  | St Kilda        |



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| CBR-068 |  | <p>I ask CoPP to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Fund sustainability programs given the coming climate challenges</li> <li>-Fund and implement a comprehensive climate emergency action plan</li> <li>-Increase targets for tree canopy cover across the City of Port Phillip</li> <li>-Increase access to parks and recreation spaces across the City of Port Phillip (and reconsider funding for residents to access gardens of Ripponlea mansion)</li> </ul>  | Balaclava      |  |
| CBR-067 |  | <p>I ask CoPP to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Fund sustainability programs given the coming climate challenges</li> <li>-Fund and implement a comprehensive climate emergency action plan</li> <li>-Increase targets for tree canopy cover across the City of Port Phillip</li> <li>-Increase access to parks and recreation spaces across the City of Port Phillip (and reconsider funding for residents to access gardens of Ripponlea mansion)</li> </ul>  | Balaclava      |  |
| CBR-066 |  | <p>I ask CoPP to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Fund sustainability programs given the coming climate challenges</li> <li>-Fund and implement a comprehensive climate emergency action plan</li> <li>-Increase targets for tree canopy cover across the City of Port Phillip</li> <li>-Increase access to parks and recreation spaces across the City of Port Phillip (and reconsider funding for residents to access gardens of Ripponlea mansion)</li> </ul>  | Balaclava      |  |
| CBR-065 |  | Refer to attachment  | Elwood         |  |
| CBR-064 |  | <p>1. STOP PESTICIDE USE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- need more insects, pesticides kill insects</li> <li>- less lawns, more plants that attract insects</li> <li>- to control weeds use mechanical diggers, cutters or weed by hand.</li> </ul> <p>2. MUNICIPAL ORGANIC WASTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- use mechanical calciner technology, as used in many parts of the world, to convert organic wastes to compost</li> <li>- separate collection system needed</li> <li>- education need to ensure removal of pesticides, medicines, drugs that interfere with compost process from organic wastes</li> </ul> <p>3. OTHER WASTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- as plastic wastes cannot be recycled and as CoPP is the responsible authority for their care, the CoPP should ban plastic production c/f remember the City of South Melbourne's pivotal role in the banning of cigarettes inside buildings and elsewhere!</li> <li>- all other wastes: the CoPP should push for these to be biodegradable</li> </ul> <p>4. PORT MELBOURNE LIFE SAVING CLUB AREA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- provide hot water showers to the public</li> <li>- remove plastic roof areas from toilets to provide through ventilation which is essential during the COVID pandemic</li> <li>- 1.2metre high east-west wall at east edge of showers to change to a seat</li> <li>- provide additional bicycle parking areas</li> <li>- extend excellent artwork on toilet block to Life Saving building</li> <li>- provide a tap on the exit to the dog beach for people to rinse off their dogs rather than dogs using the showers provided for swimmers.</li> </ul> | Port Melbourne |  |
| CBR-063 |  | <p>I would like to see CoPP act on their climate emergency declaration made in 2019 and commit to working on a Climate Emergency Action Plan in the coming year[s]. This would include proper funding and implementation of a climate emergency action plan, proper funding of sustainability programs, supporting local business (industries) and individuals in reducing their emissions, increasing tree canopy cover across the city, and encourage waste reduction to landfill programs throughout the municipality.</p>  | Port Melbourne |  |

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| <p>CBR-062</p> |  | <p>Hello,</p> <p>I would like to call on Council to take Climate Change a lot more seriously in light of the fact we are a coastal community and several areas within the council area are prone to flash flooding, canal flooding and coastal inundation.</p> <p>Council needs to Fund and implement a comprehensive climate emergency action plan.</p> <p>Council also needs to properly fund Sustainability programs in the face of coming climate challenges.</p> <p>Council should take the initiative and support local residents, industries and businesses to reduce their emissions.</p> <p>Council needs to increase targets for tree canopy cover across the City of Port Phillip and whilst I have your attention, a car ripped out a tree on my street [redacted] Street, St Kilda) well over two years ago and it has never been replaced.</p> <p>Council also needs to ensure fair and equitable access to parks and recreation spaces across the City of Port Phillip, especially in under-served areas.</p> <p>This council since election has been derelict in its duty on this issue since the last election and I for one will work towards replacing a few of you should this issue be continually ignored.</p> <p>Regards,</p> | <p>St Kilda</p>  |  |
| <p>CBR-058</p> |  | <p>The focus of this submission is the provision of sufficient open spaces in CoPP.</p> <p>I understand that St Kilda East, Balaclava, and Ripponlea have only 5% open space, compared to the city average of 17%.</p> <p>There is an excellent opportunity to acquire a large very suitable piece of unoccupied land in Duke Street, opposite the library that would go some way to rectifying this imbalance. The opportunity has been brought to the attention of councillors in the past, but has not been seriously addressed.</p>  | <p>St Kilda</p>  |  |
| <p>CBR-059</p> |  | <p>I volunteer at the EcoCentre and am able to observe how important and effective local actions can be in improving biodiversity on the ground. Increasing the diversity of plants can increase the amount and diversity of birds which feed on insects that attack trees. Creating and retaining more tree canopy cools the streets which allows the residents to enjoy our beautiful natural environment. Money needs to be directed towards sustainability programmes before all others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☒ Properly fund Sustainability programs in the face of coming climate challenges</li> <li>☒ Support local residents, industries and businesses to reduce their emissions</li> <li>☒ Fund and implement a comprehensive climate emergency action plan</li> <li>☒ Increase targets for tree canopy cover across the City of Port Phillip</li> <li>☒ Ensure fair and equitable access to parks and recreation spaces across the City of Port Phillip, especially in under-served areas</li> </ul>   | <p>St Kilda</p>  |  |
| <p>CBR-060</p> |  | <p>Dear Councillors, As a CoPP resident of over 20 years and CoPP Business owner, I demand that you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Properly fund Sustainability programs in the face of coming climate challenges</li> <li>-Fund and implement a comprehensive climate emergency action plan</li> <li>-Increase targets for tree canopy cover across the City of Port Phillip [including 40% Tree canopy target and fund the Greenline project</li> <li>-Support local residents, industries and businesses to reduce their emissions</li> <li>-Ensure fair and equitable access to parks and recreation spaces across the City of Port Phillip, especially in under-served areas</li> </ul>   | <p>Ripponlea</p> |  |

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| CBR-061 |  | I recommend that this council take up the Green Line submission proposed by the PECAN group and similar to that being implemented by Melbourne City Council as a way to ensure biodiversity corridors between isolated parks, reserves, train lines are protected, invigorated as a way to help endangered pockets of flora and fauna survive our human footprint, climate change. It is also a way to engage community, bring biodiversity into the hearts and minds of residents, help places like Westgate Park, Elsterwick Nature Reserve, Ripponlea Gardens, Elster Creek, and the foreshore along the Bay be linked so species can breed and have enough habitat to thrive not just barely survive.  | Brighton       |
| CBR-056 |  | I'd like to register support for the 'Green Line Proposal' put forward by community group PECAN. It will be an important initiative for increasing habitat for remnant wildlife and biodiversity and linking existing habitats sites.  | Carnegie       |
| CBR-055 |  | As stated in Have Your Say, Port Phillip has many things going for it, including:<br>Social cohesion; a well-designed and built city where the heritage and character of the built form is enhanced and protected; being a renowned cultural and creative hub; having a diverse local economy where new investment and industries generate jobs and prosperity; providing a range of accessible and active transport choices; a number of quality public spaces and a variety of natural environments.<br><br>However, all the features of Port Phillip mentioned above and more - whether social cohesion or unique heritage buildings - are secondary to our changing climate. In this most important aspect, the mitigation of the climate challenges ahead, the Draft Budget fails to properly address community expectations.<br><br>The Draft Budget should be amended so as to:<br>- Increase or, at a minimum, maintain financial commitments to greening and sustainability programs. For example, substantially increasing tree planting and maintenance to mitigate the effects of a heating urban environment.<br>- Actively support decreased emissions by residents and local industries. An example of a current, incongruous policy is the rule that removable photovoltaic panels may not be installed on the street-facing side of heritage buildings. | Port Melbourne |
| CBR-054 |  | Please see the importance and opportunity for innovation in the supporting the Green Line Proposal in your council plan.   | Elwood         |
| CBR-053 |  | The proposed Green Line along the railway line sounds like a truly wonderful initiative for not only the people of Port Phillip but also our flora and fauna, and the environment. I believe these plans should be advanced so that we get this happening as soon as possible as it is important for everyone.   | Elwood         |
| CBR-052 |  | I support the Green Link from the Yarra to Gardenvale along the rail line. It is an amazing opportunity to wild our precious green space for wildlife, fungi and nature. I fully support funding being brought forward to the coming financial year. It will link with the exciting developments of the Elsterwick Park Reserve and Elster Creek.<br><br>I am a resident of 30 years and urge council to move on this optimistic and important program.  | Elwood         |
| CBR-051 |  | I'm writing to express my support for the Green Line along the railway line. In this time of heightened awareness of climate action and its benefits, this seems like an opportune moment to bring this project funding forwards to complete earlier.  | St Kilda East  |
| CBR-050 |  | I would love for this Green line project to go ahead! <a href="http://pecan.org.au/projects/?fbclid=IwAR0a1750wmPgrmgnPBKgv0Bl_1IO0xmFMo2m9N0djR5lpImRuKLGmt_gc">http://pecan.org.au/projects/?fbclid=IwAR0a1750wmPgrmgnPBKgv0Bl_1IO0xmFMo2m9N0djR5lpImRuKLGmt_gc</a><br>A wonderful contribution to the community & would be great if we could also increase safety access at the intersection of Chapel St and Dandenong Road, to Windsor Station and Chapel St precincts.   | St Kilda       |

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| CBR-049 |  | I'd like to voice my support for the PECAN developed plan for a Greenline from South Yarra to Gardenvale. I think this is a great idea and will benefit us greatly physically, mentally and emotionally. Please bring the funds forward for this so it can happen as soon as possible.   | St Kilda  |
| CBR-048 |  | <p>Responding to the challenges of climate change are crucial. I used to be proud of this council for its action around tree canopy and other green initiatives, but now, I fear Council members are not seeing this as a priority. I think the following are vital, and call on the Council to:</p> <p>Properly fund Sustainability programs in the face of coming climate challenges<br/>         Support local residents, industries and businesses to reduce their emissions<br/>         Fund and implement a comprehensive climate emergency action plan<br/>         Increase targets for tree canopy cover across the City of Port Phillip<br/>         Ensure fair and equitable access to parks and recreation spaces across the City of Port Phillip, especially in under-served areas</p>  | Balaclava |
| CBR-047 |  | <p>I call on Council to:</p> <p>Not reduce funding for sustainability and to properly fund sustainability programs in the face of coming climate challenges.</p> <p>Better support local residents, industries and businesses to reduce their emissions.</p> <p>Fund and implement a comprehensive climate emergency action plan rather than just state there is a climate emergency without sufficient action.</p> <p>Increase targets for tree canopy cover across the City of Port Phillip, such as the vision of the Green Line as proposed by PECAN, to improve canopy cover in parts of the municipality that is currently more prone to warming due to lack of greenery.</p> <p>Ensure fair and equitable access to parks and recreation spaces across the City of Port Phillip, especially in under-served areas.</p>  | Elwood    |
| CBR-015 |  | Refer to attachment  | St Kilda  |
| CBR-046 |  | <p>I note that in your financial plan for 2022-23 Council states the following:<br/>         "We will invest to ensure a sustainable future for our City by creating a City that is greener, cooler and more liveable; a City with lower carbon emissions, a City that is adapting and resilient to climate change; a City that is water sensitive with a sustained reduction in waste."<br/>         To that end, I urge you to invest more in creating open, publicly accessible green spaces for exercise and amenity, increased tree canopies for heat management and air cleansing, safe thoroughfares for cycling and walking, and reduced hard surfaces for reduced water run-off.<br/>         As an avid walker and cyclist who lives in the Ripponlea area, I heartily endorse the proposal put together by PECAN of a greenline to connect the rail corridor from South Yarra to Elsterwick (and, ideally, beyond). I believe much of what is suggested could be achieved at relatively little cost, and to enormous benefit.</p> | Ripponlea |
| CBR-045 |  | <p>I would love to see more funds dedicated to the "green line" concept as advocated by PECAN. A walking track/linear park that links existing spaces and increases habitat biodiversity and tree cover is exactly what is needed for the amenity, biodiversity and cultural value of CoPP. The trail will run from the Yarra using spaces alongside the train line from 5th Yarra to Gardenvale Stations, capitalising on marginal underused space in a way that will create invaluable new open space and support local biodiversity.</p> <p>Port Phillip Council have allocated funds in 2023/24 for planning it but I think they should be advanced to the coming financial year so the project can start soon.</p>  | Elwood    |

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| CBR-044 |  | <p>I would like to voice my support for the Green Line proposal and for advancing funding for the Green Line proposal to FY22/23 so that the project can start as soon as possible. The last few years have shown how vital green space is for all of us and from my own perspective being able to walk along the beach and the canal and through the Elsternwick Park north (old golf course) during and since lockdown has been a lifesaver. I would love to be able to walk further towards the city using the new Green Line track. It is also been great to see the increase in bird life in the area and to show our children that we can bring back habitat biodiversity, tree cover and the frogs, skinks, moths and other bugs that a well functioning habitat requires if we act intentionally and in a coordinated way. Thanks to the council and volunteers for what has been done so far. Please continue to do so, and to do so as soon as possible.</p>  | Elwood      |  |
| CBR-043 |  | <p>Please support the brilliant initiative put forward by PECAN known as the Green Line</p>   | St Kilda    |  |
| CBR-042 |  | <p>The weekend's Federal election message of voters' demanding real and immediate action for planetary health is not evident in CoPP's draft budget document. Instead it appears, at best, to treading water on the issues of sustainability, climate and equitable provision of open space, and at worst, to be delaying or going backwards. I ask that the funding for the initial stage of the Green Line (\$110,000 2023/24) be brought forward to this financial year. We have been discussing and planning this concept (perhaps not originally called the Green Line) for many years now. Let's go! Let's get this show on the road</p>  | Balaclava   |  |
| CBR-041 |  | <p>In the light of environmental impacts of climate change and the urgent need to address this. Since we now have a new federal government which may be more active in these areas it is essential that local councils play their part. They should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Expand the FOGO program, especially for residents unable to utilise the designated areas.</li> <li>* Properly fund Sustainability programs in the face of coming climate challenges.</li> <li>* Support local residents, industries and businesses to reduce their emissions.</li> <li>* Fund and implement a comprehensive climate emergency action plan.</li> <li>* Increase targets for tree canopy cover across the City of Port Phillip</li> <li>* Ensure fair and equitable access to parks and recreation spaces across the City of Port Phillip, especially in under-served areas</li> </ul>  | Albert Park |  |
| CBR-040 |  | <p>Dear Councillors CoPP,<br/>         Thank you for the opportunity to make some comments which I hope you will consider.<br/>         My concern relates to the funding attached to Sustainability, and from my reading the decline in spending over the next 2 years.<br/>         We have been reminded as a community by the voting trends and indeed the results in the recent Federal Election. Climate change is real and across Australia people have demanded change and action to implement measures that will reduce the impact of emissions, that will keep our community cool, that will protect us from floods.<br/>         While the previous council adopted a motion declaring a climate emergency, and this statement has carried over to current time, I request action, a strategic plan that will deal with our ever changing climate. It seems contradictory to reduce your budget in the areas where much more work is needed.<br/>         I live in Balaclava and we have about a 5 % tree canopy coverage, whereas other parts of the municipality enjoy 3 times that. This is inequitable and does not address the increasing Heat Island Effect in our local streets and roads. It is hugely hot in summer with little shade. This is detrimental to the health of the people. Please do something about this and soon.<br/>         In addition Balaclava has a low percentage of access to open green spaces relative to the rest of the municipality. This lack of open green space was never more evident that during Covid lockdowns. So many more people now know what it was and is like to not have easy access to open treed areas.<br/>         Balaclava, once a thriving suburb, seems to be so neglected by Council. Efforts of many local people to meet with council Officers and indeed councillors to promote an increased greening in Balaclava have come to nought!. Sadly words not actions.<br/>         If Council is indeed serious about the impact of the climate on its residents, I would hope it would take a bold step in allocating appropriate resources to the sustainability budget, so that this vital work can continue across the whole Municipality.<br/>         In summary the current level of funding plus projections re sustainability are/or appear to be at odds with a commitment to work to ameliorate a climate emergency.<br/>         Thanking you<br/>         [Redacted]<br/>         Balaclava</p> | Balaclava   |  |







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| CBR-039 |  | I am a big supporter of the Green Line and would love to see works brought forward and budgeted for this financial year.  | Elwood    |  |
| CBR-038 |  | <p>I have lived in this area for over 20 years. I love it, but have noticed property developers, commercial franchised shops and services and ugly boxed apartments have been taking over. Diminished art deco and truly beautiful homes and gardens, this has been permitted by Council. We need more trees in the area along the streets and boulevards - they are disappearing and the area is starting to look industrial. We are losing wild life, birds, bees, flora and fauna.</p> <p>the Ecco Centre, leadership programs and community meetings and climate action talks are a priority for me and the people I know all through the City of Port Phillip. It seems that this is not being given priority, reduced budgeting for the next few years.</p> <p>We have just voted in the election and the council needs to realise that the community demand better for climate action and be more proactive in keeping promises from the past. Has a budget been set aside to implement the plan?</p> <p>Improve the parks and walkways. Plant more trees and provide prettier open spaces.</p> <p>I am happy to read that the waste collection is being improved. Propose, we set aside dog waste bins at every park and along the streets for people to drop their dog litter in (including recyclable bags for those who seem to forget). They do this in Sydney's Mosman municipality and it is brilliant.</p> | Elwood    |  |
| CBR-037 |  | <p>Please support the development and upgrading of walking/cycling paths alongside the Sandringham train line. It is the most natural north-south route and will encourage people to be active but safe!</p> <p>I live on Albion St and the connection to Balaclava is haphazard so it d be brilliant if work could be done with PTV.</p> <p><a href="http://pecan.org.au/projects/?fbclid=IwAR0i9NqTfBUzGE76kyaAXaBLdKrvBvbg74Wa6DsP2Wwatj6H6Gd44dtMY4">http://pecan.org.au/projects/?fbclid=IwAR0i9NqTfBUzGE76kyaAXaBLdKrvBvbg74Wa6DsP2Wwatj6H6Gd44dtMY4</a></p>  | Ripponlea |  |
| CBR-036 |  | For the council plan, and especially for the budget please fund and implement a comprehensive climate emergency action plan   | Ripponlea |  |

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| <p>CBR-033</p> |  | <p>Dear Councillors,</p> <p>Given we are in a climate emergency and already seeing the impacts of more extreme weather across Australia and within Port Phillip itself, I am very disappointed to see that the proposed budget reduces expenditure on Sustainability by 38% by 2025/26. The City of Port Phillip's Sustainability division is responsible for reducing carbon emissions, water use and waste generation, increasing trees, vegetation and biodiversity, improving water quality and ensuring responding to the impacts of climate change, including flooding and heat. Reducing the budget of a division so critical to community resilience at this time is bewildering to say the least.</p> <p>Council has an important role to play in supporting the reduction of community emissions and this has been sorely neglected. There is such momentum in this area at the moment and there is a great opportunity for Port Phillip to demonstrate real leadership in supporting the low carbon transition in the transport sector and with local businesses and residents. While the community battery project is commendable, as a stand alone it is sorely inadequate relative to the scale of the challenge. In a similar vein, while it is positive to see a budget commitment for developing a Climate emergency Action Plan, the existence of a plan without any budget to implement it is rather pointless.</p> <p>Port Phillip's current targets for increasing tree canopy cover is +0.2% between 2018 and 2028, rising from 19%, to just 19.2%. Tree canopy cover is critical to mitigate the worst effects of coming hotter temperatures and summer heatwaves, which have a devastating impact on vulnerable residents, including the elderly and disadvantaged. A new Greening Port Phillip program is to be developed, but there is no indication that Council is making any provision for additional tree planting and improving their lackluster tree canopy cover target. Again, Council's neglect of this critical area of community climate resilience at this time is very worrying.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> | <p>Elwood</p>        |  |
| <p>CBR-032</p> |  | <p>We call on Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Properly fund Sustainability programs in the face of coming climate challenges</li> <li>- Support local residents, industries and businesses to reduce their emissions</li> <li>- Fund and implement a comprehensive climate emergency action plan</li> <li>- Increase targets for tree canopy cover across the City of Port Phillip</li> <li>- Ensure fair and equitable access to parks and recreation spaces across the City of Port Phillip, especially in under-served areas</li> </ul>  | <p>St Kilda East</p> |  |
| <p>CBR-034</p> |  | <p>Combatting climate change is the greatest challenge of our time, and all levels of government must work together to improve sustainability.</p> <p>The Port Phillip Council plan must commit to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Properly fund Sustainability programs in the face of coming climate challenges</li> <li>Support local residents, industries and businesses to reduce their emissions</li> <li>Fund and implement a comprehensive climate emergency action plan</li> <li>Increase targets for tree canopy cover across the City of Port Phillip</li> <li>Ensure fair and equitable access to parks and recreation spaces across the City of Port Phillip, especially in under-served areas</li> </ul>  | <p>St Kilda</p>      |  |
| <p>CBR-031</p> |  | <p>We call on Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☒ Properly fund Sustainability programs in the face of coming climate challenges</li> <li>☒ Support local residents, industries and businesses to reduce their emissions</li> <li>☒ Fund and implement a comprehensive climate emergency action plan</li> <li>☒ Increase targets for tree canopy cover across the City of Port Phillip</li> <li>☒ Ensure fair and equitable access to parks and recreation spaces across the City of Port Phillip, especially in under-served areas</li> </ul>  | <p>Melbourne</p>     |  |


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| CBR-035 |  | Refer to attachment  | Port Melbourne |
| CBR-030 |  | <p>I call on Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Properly fund Sustainability programs in the face of coming climate challenges</li> <li>* Fund and implement a comprehensive climate emergency action plan</li> <li>* Increase targets for tree canopy cover across the City of Port Phillip</li> <li>* Ensure fair and equitable access to parks and recreation spaces across the City of Port Phillip, especially in under-served areas</li> <li>* Expand its contribution to the development of The Green Line which will improve local amenity, community safety, and incorporate new plantings to increase tree canopy, vegetation and biodiversity.</li> </ul>   | St Kilda       |
| CBR-029 |  | <p>Dear Port Phillip Council,</p> <p>As a resident of Blessington Street, St Kilda, I would like to commend the excellent work done by the landscape gardeners in the St Kilda Botanical Gardens. It is a wonderful and well maintained asset for our city and the colours of trees and plants change with the seasons in a beautiful way. In contrast, the bottom of Blessington Street at the Barkly Street corner is a dumping ground of broken sculpture, too many rubbish bins, a redundant Telstra box, and ugly asphalt with no plants or greenery. This small but high traffic and highly visible corner could be so much better if the debris was cleared, terracotta piazza paving done, garden boxes added, and a small number of park benches installed. With better design there would be enough room in the centre for buskers to be able to play acoustic music.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Best regards</p> | St Kilda       |
| CBR-023 |  | Refer to attachment  | ST KILDA       |
| CBR-028 |  | <p>Hello there are lots of home based businesses in CoPP many of whom will generate more waste than a regular household. There should be some way of not penalising these homes with standard bin offerings, e.g. we should replicate what Moreland allows: <a href="https://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/building-and-business/business/support-and-programs/waste-for-businesses/request-for-commercial-plus-waste-service-form/">https://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/building-and-business/business/support-and-programs/waste-for-businesses/request-for-commercial-plus-waste-service-form/</a></p>  | Elwood         |
| CBR-027 |  | <p>I would like the Council to do more street cleaning<br/>         Bay Street rubbish bins need cleaning on top<br/>         Bay Street footpaths need regular cleaning &amp; rubbish picked up<br/>         Some areas look filthy</p>   | Port Melbourne |
| CBR-026 |  | <p>Implement gutter cleaning along Canterbury Road along the lines followed by some councils; one side within designated times, one designated day per month. VERY OCCASIONALLY, I have seen a mechanical street sweeper pass by but because of parked cars the gutters are not swept. In heavy downpours, the water pools out and mounts up the wheels. Because I'm home, often I have to clear the flow and put the debris in my own bin.</p>  | Middle Park    |

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| <p>CBR-022</p> |  | <p>Hello! am a new resident on St Kilda Road. Our rear entrance/exit faces Wells Street and Banks Street.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Banks Street is filthy. There is constant rubbish blowing along the footpath. this week a soiled nappy! Always tissues and used food/drink wrappings and containers. No healthy especially in this time of Covid.</li> <li>The grass is patchy and often not mown. The trees are, I think, Patostrums that have invasive roots that have buckled the footpaths making them un even and not safe. Patostrums are I believe weeds. This is a neighborhood of walkers.</li> <li>2. The neighbourhood bounded by Park St and Coventry, Kings Way to StKilda Road is densely populated. Most residents live in high rise towers. The street connections are ugly and bland. Wells St is a wind tunnel. There is little 'people' friendliness at street level, at the bases of these towers.</li> <li>3. I would like further building heights to be restricted to current 60 meters or maximum 20 floors.</li> </ol> <p>I would like the tops of buildings to show some greening.<br/>I would like some green spaces; some 'people' spaces; some environmental, local, built friendliness.</p> <p>Thankyou<br/>I look forward to your thoughts, action and reply.</p> <p>Best Regards,</p>  | <p>Melbourne</p>   |  |
| <p>CBR-021</p> |  | <p>Congratulations of producing the draft 10 year asset plan for the municipality.<br/>I have a few comments/requests for further information.</p> <p>p. 69 The maturity assessment under the Asset Management Plans, the following requirement is marked Complete: "k. Address asset performance and use measures and associated targets as linked to levels of service."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can you please point me to where I can see the service levels for key community assets, and can you please confirm that the community was engaged in setting such levels, fully informed as to the costs and benefits and trade-offs?</li> <li>2. Can you please provide the list of all targets and current performance against the stated levels of service for the entire portfolio of assets? If this is too onerous, then for the following asset classes: Footpaths; trees; parks and gardens; community buildings; public toilets; drains.</li> <li>3. 16 Shows the performance building portfolio. The sustainability score measures environmental sustainability, does this mean you calculate the carbon footprint of the lifecycle of our assets? If not, should this not be one key metric, and what is measured instead?</li> <li>4. 16 Shows the performance building portfolio, please send me the individual capacity score as in utilisation % of all community buildings and the public toilets, that underpins this performance metric.</li> <li>5. Can you please advise what percentage of Council's maintenance is reactive vs proactive, in both number of service jobs and cost \$?</li> <li>6. This document seems to conclude that our assets are in fair shape and are overall viable long-term financially. Is there any plan to rationalise assets, sell off assets, and if so, are these decisions driven by the community-led service level expectations, or purely driven by fiscal imperatives?</li> </ol> <p>Finally, you may wish to have the document proof-read as it contains spelling errors e.g. the use of principal instead of principle, "predicated renewal demand" instead of predicted, rogue apostrophes as in "Council s must have the ability to be future ready" etc.</p> | <p>St Kilda</p>    |  |
| <p>CBR-020</p> |  | <p>As a priority please attend to the foot paths. In many many places they are in poor condition or riddled with tree roots creating un even surfaces.<br/>Much attention and funding has been given to the minority group - cyclists - at the expense of pedestrians. There is only a small percentage of rate payers who are fit and able to cycle. The majority of rate payers and their everyday needs of safe foot path access seems to be ignored.</p>   | <p>Middle Park</p> |  |

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| <p>CBR-019</p> |  | <p>Thank you for the opportunity to have a say in the forward plan for Port Phillip. The framework for the plan is quite good. I would have one request for Council to consider. I would like to ask Council to invest further in parks and recreation facilities targeting the "tween" / "teenage" group. ie ages 9-15. Yes there are facilities available like the St Kilda Skate Park which is fantastic but also very crowded and intimidating for younger children.</p> <p>The areas around Balaclava / Ripponlea in particular would benefit from a recreation upgrade to suit this age group. For example, a half basketball court or something of this nature in Balaclava (Orange Grove, Williams Street would be ideal). There are a number of playgrounds for younger children but we are lacking recreation facilities suitable for the older child within a reasonable walking distance. I believe there is ample space in existing park areas to support this type of request.</p> <p>It would be great for this request to be considered.</p> | <p>Balaclava</p> |  |
| <p>CBR-018</p> |  | <p>A few items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A shame that musical events/other talks at St Kilda library (Carlisle St) have been terminated. No reasons given why.</li> <li>2. I think a task group should be set up to look into the reasons why Fitzroy St has declined (and to some extent Acland St). This should involve traders/landlords and Council with some community representation. Accessibility (parking mainly) is a major issue and no doubt the level of rents. The mix of businesses is another issue. Also are there red tape issues that need to be addressed.</li> <li>3. I think the e-bike and e-scooter thing should be reviewed. I can't park my car anywhere, so these bikes/scooters are in the same category.</li> <li>4. Don't sell The Avenue Childcare Centre or the kindergarten site in Nelson St. These perform valuable community services with little direct cost to Council.</li> <li>5. A shame that Diversity is only digital now - I wonder how widely it is read now?</li> </ol>                   | <p>Balaclava</p> |  |



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| <p>CBR-015</p> | <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Council's draft Waste Strategy<br/>I have read the strategy and have the following comments.</p> <p><b>FOGO</b><br/>Speaking from personal experience, and living in a townhouse with a garden area, my 120 litre general waste bin is very often about 95 percent full of garden waste as my small composting system where all my food scraps and some garden waste goes, isn't big enough to take all the garden waste.<br/>I do everything I can to reduce waste so that my recycling bin only needs to go out every 3-4 weeks.<br/>As noted not alone and don't have the capacity to have another bin.<br/>Going from St Kilda to the Port Melbourne with garden waste in a very small bubble car just isn't a viable option nor is lugging it to a hub. Hubs may be a good idea for very small amounts of organics but I gather they are not really meant for garden waste.<br/>I am not sure how typical I am.<br/>At the moment the deciduous trees are dropping leaves and they generate a huge amount of organic waste. It would be useful if provision could be made for increased collection capacity of garden waste during autumn.<br/>I have been thinking about this issue as I hate to send waste to landfill. A concept Council may like to consider trialling to reduce FOGO in particular, with those willing to be involved, is to provide coloured plastic bin covers or similar where, for example a general bin only has garden waste in it, could have a lime green cover which signifies it only has organic waste for pick up.</p> <p><b>Recycling</b><br/>I am glad the PPC isn't having household glass recycling bins. From limited exposure to the program in Yarra it isn't a very convenient system, largely due to the extra bins.</p> <p><b>Hard Waste</b><br/>It is my observation that in my local area dumped rubbish has increased significantly over recent years.<br/>I have made many reports through Snap Send Solve and there has only one that I am aware of the 60-70 reports I have made over the last approximately 18 months (mainly in my street) was an existing order for hard waste collection.<br/>I wonder if I, and other diligent locals, didn't report the dumped rubbish how long it would remain on the kerbside.<br/>Sometimes the problem has been so bad that only one person can use the footpath to get past it and often spills into the kerbside making parking spot unusable.<br/>It is difficult to work out exactly where the waste is coming from but is often seems to be associated with end of leases or properties for sale. Dumping usually occurs after dark.<br/>I would be really interested to know if council has fined anyone for kerbside dumping in recent years and if the fine is a sufficient deterrent.<br/>Earlier this year I emailed a number of local real estate agents asking them to advise people moving out that they can order a hard rubbish collection and noted that places with hard rubbish dumped outside are likely to detract from the property they are handling. This may have helped as the problem hasn't been as bad (maybe people were doing clean outs during COVID lockdowns) but it hasn't gone away, it.<br/>The picking up of dumped rubbish doesn't always happen with the 48-72 hour period. Late last year I reported a huge pile. After several weeks I reported it again. It took around 2 months for it to go. I don't generally monitor how quickly pick-ups occur but this one I saw every day.<br/>I suggest the actions on dumped rubbish should include<br/>• Communicating with real estate agents as they are possibly closer to the rubbish dumpers than the apartment managers who usually are large management companies located some distance away.<br/>• Actively investigating and fining those found to dump rubbish<br/>How much does dumped rubbish cost council (ie rate payers) a year? Is it worse in particular areas? If so then indicates there should be a targeted approach to reducing the problem.</p> <p><b>Other Waste</b><br/>Litter (except dumped rubbish) is not mentioned in the Strategy. It seems to have increased around my area particularly during the summer months. It is ugly, can be a health hazard, attracts vermin and detracts from an area. It is often generated some distance away.<br/>Council does a good job of cleaning it up in many areas especially the showcase areas such as beaches and Adland St but not everywhere.<br/>Suggested actions should include strategic monitoring, together with reduction targets and reporting on fines and other actions.<br/>Dog droppings, another form of litter, has increased exponentially since the beginning of the pandemic. What is Council doing to reduce this?<br/>Regards</p> | <p>St Kilda, Vic</p> |
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| <p>CBR-016</p> |   | <p>Re Rates, and Draft Waste Management Strategy 2022-25:</p> <p>As a retired person, I would not want to see my rates increasing (regardless of calculation methodology) beyond the current annual increase cap.</p> <p>Notwithstanding, I appreciate the changing demands of waste management and have myself been trying to minimise household waste output. I have been utilising the trial communal FOGO bins, and therefore have only one very small bag of garbage weekly. Not everybody behaves as consciously. A neighbour has recently got a second garbage bin, and the two are full to the brim every week. Perhaps not allowing a second bin would force a rational consideration of the problem?</p> <p>I don't believe that working from home, in itself, is generating so much more waste, but that it is the growing rate of takeaway food deliveries and online shopping with its excessive packaging. It would not be fair for me to have to share and subsidise the costs of these market choices by others.</p> <p>Like all my immediate neighbours, I have a small single dwelling with a small garden. With some green waste to dispose of, I would be very happy to buy a FOGO bin and have a weekly collection.</p> <p>Currently we have a weekly emptying of both garbage and recycle bins. My suggestion is that we need not increase costs or manpower in introducing the weekly FOGO collection, if the complementary collection alternated weekly between the (much reduced and dry) garbage, and recycle bins.</p> <p>The community requires an effective education strategy to elicit more mindful behaviour around reducing waste and protecting the environment, rather than the council charging (everybody!) more for increased services. I, doing my part already, am not prepared to indulge and pay for others' profligacy.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>  | <p>St Kilda</p>       |   |
| <p>CBR-014</p> |   | <p>Your plan needs a 20% cost reduction target over the duration which rolls through to a rate reduction.<br/>Picking up waste is required weekly, don't hide behind words and statements to avoid doing this fundamental service weekly.<br/>The only reason you want to change the way rates are determined is because it will likely mean increased rates for the council, you would not do it otherwise. So again don't hide behind words like fairness because its just words to make it seem like you are doing the right thing when in fact you will no doubt take more money from ratepayers overall, and that's not fair and not the right thing to do.</p>  | <p>Port Melbourne</p> |   |
| <p>CBR-088</p> |  | <p>There is an increasing rate of crime in South Melbourne and the residents feel that Port Philip Council is doing very little to help curb this. South Melbourne has received an increased negative focus in the news due to its crime. In a poll that was recently tweeted it was shown that South Melbourne is 4th in the rate of crime and the top two were Frankston and Dandenong. That is embarrassing given that South Melbourne and neighbouring suburbs, Middle Park and Albert Park are so desirable. In our street and adjacent streets we hear of instances of where cars and houses are broken into every week. We personally have had intruders enter our property on 2 occasions. We also know of single females and elderly who have to live with the stress of knowing it is inevitable that they will be targeted.<br/>The increase in crime also has significant impact on housing prices and the small businesses who also are directly and indirectly impacted by less foot traffic coming into the area.<br/>I have previously raised additional lighting in lanes such as Park lane and was told that I should just install my own! How inappropriate for Council to suggest this without acknowledging its own role.<br/>I can send dozens of studies where it is established that Councils working with local police are fundamental in curbing violence. In fact other Melbourne Councils have proactively established processes to do so. The residents of South Melbourne no longer want to just accept this inactivity. We have the right to a peaceful existence and enjoyment of our homes without unwanted disruption.<br/>Port Philip is known to charge one of the highest Council rates and yet it seems to focus its attentions on specific areas. For example looking to establish mobile CCTV in Port Melbourne and St Kilda and instances of installing street lighting. The Port Philip council allocation of budget needs to ensure all its constituents are treated fairly and the budget needs to ensure that such things as CCTV is installed on more streets. Port Council should also hold proper town hall meetings along with Police to see what more can be done to curb this.</p> | <p>Richmond</p>       |  |

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| CBR-089 | <p>Dear Councillors</p> <p>I thank you for the opportunity to make submissions primarily in the form of positive comments/requests in relation to the Acland Street Tourist &amp; Shopping &amp; Hospitality Precinct for consideration by the Council in formulating their 22/23 Budget. I am the owner of Nos [REDACTED] Acland Street, St. Kilda 3182 &amp; I am a Director of [REDACTED] Pty Ltd, the owners of No [REDACTED] Barkly Street, St. Kilda 3182 and No [REDACTED] Carlisle Street, St. Kilda 3182.</p> <p>I preface my comments by stating that my only concern is the revival of the iconic Acland Street, St. Kilda 3182 precinct that has suffered a considerable downturn primarily as a consequence of Covid Pandemic combined with other issues resulting in the large number of retail vacancies that impacts severely on the amenity of the Street. May I mention that I have no difficulties personally whatsoever with any of the above retail premises, as I have assisted the Tenants in these premises above &amp; beyond any of the Covid Relief requirements, as it has been my primary concern to work with these Tenants &amp; assist them in whatever way possible to, not only survive, but to continue to operate &amp; do so with profit. I must also commend the recent assistance of Councillor Sirakoff with whom I have had a very cordial meeting with follow-up assistance &amp; advice from Councillor Sirakoff. It is my fervent hope that the Council will continue to assist in whatever way possible to reinvigorate &amp; reactivate not only Acland Street Precinct itself, but its surrounds, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The St. Kilda Adventure Playground.</li><li>2. The O'Donnell Gardens.</li><li>3. The fountain in the O'Donnell Gardens.</li><li>4. Musical Entertainers in the Acland Street Plaza or other form of events/markets to promote the Precinct.</li></ol> <p>I am also proposing to liaise with the GM Customer, Operations &amp; Infrastructure in relation primarily to the maintenance of the entire paved area of the Precinct in terms of regular cleaning, washing &amp; regular acid cleaning of the paving &amp; regular emptying of bins in the area of the "Fast Foods" premises.</p> <p>I look forward to all Councillors taking these submissions "on board" when formulating the 22/23 budget to assist with the reactivation of Acland Street Precinct &amp; again thank especially Councillor Sirakoff for her kind assistance &amp; co-operation.</p> <p>Kind regards</p> | St Kilda |
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