



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting to be held at

Port Of Sale Civic Centre

Foster Street, Sale

Tuesday 2 June 2015, commencing at 1pm

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 2 JUNE 2015

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A - PROCEDURAL



STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

***“We acknowledge the traditional custodians
of this land the Gunaikurnai people,
and pay respects to their elders past and present”***



PRAYER

***“Almighty God, we ask your blessing upon the Wellington
Shire Council, its Councillors, officers, staff and their families.
We pray for your guidance in our decisions so that the
true good of the Wellington Shire Council may result to
the benefit of all residents and community groups.”***

Amen



A - PROCEDURAL

A4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

ITEM A4

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S

ACTION OFFICER:

GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

DATE:

2 JUNE 2015

OBJECTIVE

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 May 2015 as tabled.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 May 2015 as tabled.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.



A - PROCEDURAL

A5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING/S

ITEM A5

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING/S

ACTION OFFICER

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE:

2 JUNE 2015

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
Nil			



A - PROCEDURAL

A6 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS



A - PROCEDURAL

A7 NOTICE/S OF MOTION



A - PROCEDURAL

A8 RECEIVING OF PETITIONS OR JOINT LETTERS

ITEM A8(1)**OUTSTANDING PETITIONS**

ACTION OFFICER

CORPORATE SERVICES

DATE:

2 JUNE 2015

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
Street lights at The Honeysuckles	19 May 2015	Actioned: Refer to Item A8(2) below	Manager Assets Projects
Drumming from 132 The Boulevard, Paradise Beach	19 May 2015	Report to Council 16 June 2015	Manager Municipal Services

ITEM A8(2)**RESPONSE TO PETITION: REQUEST TO ERECT STREET LIGHT AT THE HONEYSUCKLES**

DIVISION: BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS AND PROJECTS

DATE: 2 JUNE 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
✓				✓	✓				

OBJECTIVE

To consider and respond to the petition received by Council at its meeting of 19 May 2015, requesting street lighting to be provided at The Honeysuckles.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION*****That:***

- 1. Council investigate options for the provision of street lighting to The Honeysuckles including all costs involved, including inspection of the existing infrastructure, rectification of any defects, installation of luminaires and energising of the lights.***
- 2. Council write to the head petitioner and advise that options for the provision of street lighting in the Honeysuckles will be investigated.***
- 3. Council be provided the results of this investigation when available.***

BACKGROUND

Council received a petition at its meeting of 19 May 2015 requesting street lighting be provided at The Honeysuckles.

Prior to Council amalgamations, a street lighting scheme was initiated for The Honeysuckles and work progressed to the stage of erecting the light poles. At some stage after the commencement of construction and following some resident complaints, the project was halted and the luminaires were not installed.

No further work was carried out and the light poles were not removed.

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. Investigate the options available to provide street lighting to The Honeysuckles, as requested by the petitioners; or
2. Advise the head petitioner that street lighting will not be installed at The Honeysuckles.

PROPOSAL

That:

1. Council investigate options for the provision of street lighting to The Honeysuckles including all costs involved, including inspection of the existing infrastructure, rectification of any defects, installation of luminaires and energising of the lights.
2. Council write to the head petitioner and advise that options for the provision of street lighting in the Honeysuckles will be investigated.
3. Council be provided the results of this investigation when available.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest”

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There will be minimal financial impact to investigate the options to install street lighting at The Honeysuckles. The investigation will provide estimated costs required to proceed with installing luminaires in The Honeysuckles as well as options for funding any works.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013-2017 Theme 4 Infrastructure states the following strategic objective and related strategies:

Strategic Objective

“Assets and infrastructure that meet current and future community needs.”

Strategy 4.1

“Undertake service delivery planning to provide community assets in response to identified needs.”

Strategy 4.2

“Ensure assets are managed, maintained and renewed to meet service needs.”

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

The proposal to investigate options can be undertaken within existing allocated resources



A - PROCEDURAL

A9 INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



A - PROCEDURAL

A10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

ITEM A10(1)

OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

ACTION OFFICER

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE:

2 JUNE 2015

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			



A - PROCEDURAL

A11 MAYOR'S REPORT

A Mayor's Report is due to be presented on the 16 June 2015.



A - PROCEDURAL

A12 YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Youth Council will present a report to Council at the 21 July 2015 Council Meeting



B –REPORT

DELEGATES



C1 - REPORT

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



C2 - REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

ITEM C2.1**ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS**

DIVISION:

CORPORATE SERVICES

ACTION OFFICER:

GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

DATE:

2 JUNE 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
		✓		✓					

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received during the period 12 May to 26 May 2015.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillors records received during the period 12 May to 26 May 2015.

BACKGROUND

Section 80A of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires a written record to be kept of all assemblies of Councillors, stating the names of all Councillors and Council staff attending, the matters considered and any conflict of interest disclosures made by a Councillor. These records must be reported, as soon as practicable, at an ordinary meeting of the Council and recorded in the minutes.

Below is a summary of all assembly of Councillors records received during the period 12 May 2015 to 26 May 2015.

Assembly of Councillors summary of reports received between 12 May 2015 to 26 May 2015		
Date	Matters considered	Councillors and officers in attendance
19 May 2015	Councillors' Diary Meeting	Councillors Crossley, Cleary, Davine, Mclvor, Wenger, Hole
19 May 2015	Pre Council Agenda Public Toilet Provision, Sale Mall GRSC – Stage 2 Feasibility Study Proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant Buffer	Councillors Crossley, Rossetti, Cleary, Davine, Duncan (Item 6 only), McCubbin (Item 6 only), Mclvor, Wenger and Hole David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment

Assembly of Councillors summary of reports received between 12 May 2015 to 26 May 2015		
Date	Matters considered	Councillors and officers in attendance
	Update on Planning Applications for Free Range Broiler Farms Proposed changes to Longford Outline Development Plan	Glenys Butler, General Manager Community and Culture John Websdale, General Manager Development Tim Rowe, Manager Parks and Environmental Services (Item 2) Darren Randle, Coordinator Parks and Gardens (Item 2) Marcus Stone, Acting Coordinator Healthy Lifestyles Facilities (Item 3) Mark Benfield, Acting Coordinator Community Facilities Planning (Item 3) Sharon Houlihan, Coordinator Precinct Project (Item 3) Barry Hearsey, Coordinator Strategic Planning (Item 4 & 6) Joshua Clydesdale, Manager Land Use Planning (Item 5) Jan Cussen, Senior Statutory Planner (Item 5) Sabine Provily, Strategic Planner (Item 6) Trish Dean, Governance Officer (Item 1)

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. Note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records; or
2. Not receive the attached assembly of Councillors records and seek further information for consideration of a future Council meeting.

PROPOSAL

That Council note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records received during the period 12 May 2015 to 26 May 2015.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

The reporting of written records of assemblies of Councillors to the Council in the prescribed format complies with Section 80A of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013-17 Theme 2 Organisational states the following strategic objective and related strategy:

Strategic Objective

“An organisation that is responsive, flexible, honest, accountable and consistent.”

Strategy 2.3

“Ensure sound governance processes that result in responsive, ethical, transparent and accountable decision making.”

This report supports the above Council Plan strategic objective and strategy.

1. DATE OF MEETING:

19/05/2015

2. ATTENDEES:

Councillors:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Cr Crossley	√		Cr McCubbin		√
Cr Rossetti		√	Cr Mclvor	√	
Cr Cleary	√		Cr Wenger	√	
Cr Davine	√		Cr Hole	√	
Cr Duncan		√			

Officers In Attendance:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
D Morcom, CEO		√	G Butler, GML		√
C Hastie, GMB&NE		√	J Websdale, GMD		√
A Skipitaris, GMCS		√			

Others in attendance: (list names and item in attendance for)

Name	Item No.	Name	Item No.
Sharon Willison	1		

3. Matters/Items considered at the meeting (list):

1. Councillors' Diary Meeting

4. Conflict of Interest disclosures made by Councillors:

1. DATE OF MEETING:

19 May 2015

2. ATTENDEES:

Councillors:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Cr Crossley	✓		Cr McCubbin (item 6 only)	✓	
Cr Rossetti	✓		Cr Mclvor	✓	
Cr Cleary	✓		Cr Wenger	✓	
Cr Davine	✓		Cr Hole	✓	
Cr Duncan (item 6 only)	✓				

Officers in Attendance:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
D Morcom, CEO	✓		G Butler, GMCC	✓	
A Skipitaris, GMCS	✓		J Websdale, GMD	✓	
C Hastie, GMBNE	✓				

Others in attendance: (list names and item in attendance for)

Name	Item No.
Trish Dean	1
Tim Rowe, Darren Randle	2
Marcus Stone, Mark Benfield, Sharon Houlihan	3
Barry Hearsey. Reps from Gippsland & South Gippsland Water	4
Joshua Clydesdale, Jan Cussen	5
Barry Hearsey, Sabine Provily	6

3. Matters / Items considered at the meeting (list):

1. Pre-Council Agenda
2. Public Toilet Provision, Sale Mall
3. GRSC - Stage 2 Feasibility Study
4. Proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant Buffer
5. Update On Planning Applications for Free Range Broiler Farms
6. Proposed Changes to Longford Outline Development Plan

4. Conflict of Interest disclosures made by Councillors:

ITEM C2.2**RECEIPT AND CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS RELATING TO THE DRAFT REVISED COUNCIL PLAN 2013-17**

DIVISION: CORPORATE SERVICES
 ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER PEOPLE AND EXCELLENCE
 DATE: 2 JUNE 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

OBJECTIVE

To receive and consider submissions relating to the draft revised Council Plan 2013-17.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note that no submissions were received in relation to the draft revised Council Plan 2013-17.

BACKGROUND

Council resolved at a Special Council meeting on 21 April 2015 to:

- Publicly advertise for submissions on the draft revised Council Plan 2013-17.
- Consider any submissions received at a Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 2 June 2015 at 1pm.

In accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council invited interested persons to make written submissions in relation to the draft revised Council Plan 2013-17 by 5pm on Tuesday 19 May 2015, with verbal submissions being heard by Council on 2 June 2015. Following the close of submissions no submissions had been received.

OPTIONS

In accordance with s223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* Council is required to receive and consider all submissions.

PROPOSAL

That Council note that no submissions were received in relation to the draft revised Council Plan 2013-17.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The strategies incorporated in the draft revised Council Plan 2013-17 will have varying degrees of financial impact over the short and longer term.

Fullest understanding of the draft revised Council Plan 2013-17 will be gained by reading it in conjunction with Council's 2015/2016 financial year Budget.

The draft revised Council Plan 2013-17 incorporates in its Strategic Resource Plan segment a summary of budget provisions.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

The draft revised Council Plan 2013-17 has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* a person has a right to make a submission on the proposed draft revised Council Plan 2013-17.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

The draft revised Council Plan 2013-17 has been prepared generally in the context of existing Council policies, but may lead to their revision or the development of new policies as a result of implementation of the initiatives contained in it.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

The strategies contained within the draft revised Council Plan 2013-17 will generally be implemented within the existing staff resources of the Council.

The Strategic Resource component of this draft revised Council Plan 2013-17 outlines the financial and staff resources provided for its implementation.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Consideration of submissions for the draft revised Council Plan 2013-17 may impact on the objectives, initiatives and strategies that the Council uses to implement its vision on behalf of the community over the next four years.

CONSULTATION IMPACT

Under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* Council advertised the draft revised Council Plan 2013-17 and sought submissions from the public. Council's Audit Committee considered and received the draft revised Council Plan 2013-2017 at its meeting held on Monday 1 June 2015.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT

The draft revised Council Plan 2013-17 is a strategic document and specific risk management consideration will be given to each initiative during implementation stage in accordance with the Council's Risk Management Policy.

ITEM C2.3**RECEIPT AND CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS RELATING TO THE 2015/16 DRAFT BUDGET**

DIVISION: CORPORATE SERVICES
 ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES
 DATE: 2 JUNE 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	

OBJECTIVE

To receive and consider the attached submissions relating to the 2015/16 Draft Budget.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and consider the attached submissions relating to the 2015/16 Draft Budget.

BACKGROUND

Council resolved at its meeting held on 21 April 2015:

- To advertise its proposed 2015/16 Draft Budget and proposed differential rates under Section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- To hear submissions on the 2015/16 Draft Budget on Tuesday 2 June 2015 at 1pm.

Council invited interested persons to make written submissions in relation to the 2015/16 Draft Budget by 5pm on 19 May 2015, with verbal submissions being heard by Council on 2 June 2015.

Following the close of submissions Council has received the 74 attached submissions in response to the 2015/16 Draft Budget. Officer comments, where appropriate, have been provided to assist Council in assessing submissions.

OPTIONS

Council has already resolved on 21 April 2015 that it would hear submissions on the 2015/16 draft budget at this meeting of Council.

PROPOSAL

That Council receive and consider the attached submissions relating to the 2015/16 Draft Budget.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Consideration of submissions may result in changes to the proposed 2015/16 Draft Budget.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

Under S129(2) of the *Local Government Act* “a person has a right to make a submission under section 223 on any proposal contained in the budget or revised budget.”

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The draft revised Council Plan 2013-17 includes a four year Strategic Resource Plan which may be impacted by any budget changes.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

The consideration of submissions relating to the 2015/16 Draft Budget may have an impact on the level of resources available in 2015/16 financial year and the staffing levels of Council.

CONSULTATION IMPACT

Under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* Council advertised its Draft Budget for 2015/16 and sought submissions from the public. Council's Audit Committee considered the 2015/16 Draft Budget at its meeting held on 1 June 2015.

	CORRESPONDENT	SUBMISSION	COMMENT SUMMARY	OFFICER COMMENT
1.	Wellington Neighbourhood House Cluster	Request for recurrent funding of \$10,000 per Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre in Wellington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recurrent funding of \$10,000 per Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre in Wellington Shire (10). 	<p>Council acknowledges the close alignment of Neighbourhood House and Community Learning Centre activities and core values with Wellington 2030 Strategic Vision and Healthy Wellington Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013-17. Council commits to continuing current levels of support to Neighbourhood Houses and Community Learning Centres across the shire. In order to equitably provide support to not for profit organisations, clubs and groups Council has established the Community Assistance Grant Scheme.</p> <p>Council Officers do not support the request: For annual funding of \$10,000 for each of the ten Neighbourhood Houses and Community Learning Centres in the shire.</p>
2.1	Erin Nowak x 2	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invaluable service for parents /carers No alternative short term care options available in Sale Fitness classes will not be viable if parents do not have access to the crèche 	<p>Discussions have taken place with the users of the Aqua Energy crèche and further investigations have been undertaken to identify alternative models for the delivery of the crèche service. Council Officers and representatives of the users of the Aqua Energy</p>
2.2	Carly McGowan	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.3	Hayley Bartlett	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.4	Helen Kennedy	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.5	Anonymous	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.6	Mary Wilson	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		

	CORRESPONDENT	SUBMISSION	COMMENT SUMMARY	OFFICER COMMENT
2.7	Annette Carroll	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to book in advance to secure a crèche spot, ie. service is well used. • Users will cancel their membership if the crèche is no longer a part of the service • Other areas of the facility will experience a decrease in usage, eg. Café, swimming lessons, etc. • Transient community means many do not have family locally to assist with child care. • Current users fear the loss of 'social connectedness' that the crèche offers. • More promotion of crèche would increase usage. • Crèche offers children stimulating activities and opportunities for developing important social skills. • Decision is biased against Australian Defence Force and ESSO community. 	<p>crèche are proposing that an alternative service delivery model be established that reduces the crèche service significantly and enables the service to be delivered for approximately \$26,000 per annum which is less than half the current cost.</p> <p>Council Officers are proposing Council considers a new recommendation: To reduce the current crèche service and deliver a modified service that will cost no more than \$26,000 in the 2015-2016 financial year.</p>
2.8	Elise Dyce	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.9	Tracey Harper	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.10	Julie Proud	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.11	Emily Larsen x 2	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.12	Rachael Laves	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.13	Kylie Pratt	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.14	Simon Dyce	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.15	Susie Andrews	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.16	Dannielle Monaghan	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.17	Annie McAdam	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.18	Glenn Canfield	Question re proposed closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.19	Sam Madden	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.20	Karen Hughes	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.21	Maternal & Child Health, Central Gippsland Health	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.22	Ben McAdam	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.23	K. McKenzie	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.24	Vineetha Das	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.25	N McClen	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.26	Ashley Shanahan	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.27	Gary McMillan	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		

	CORRESPONDENT	SUBMISSION	COMMENT SUMMARY	OFFICER COMMENT
2.28	Lynee Millward	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.29	Caroline Epskamp	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.30	Fiona Ronchi	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.31	Christina Weatherall	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy creche		
2.32	Thomas McAdam	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy creche		
2.33	Evelyn McAdam	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy creche		
2.34	Peter Nowak	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.35	Andrea McKenzie	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.36	Glenn Canfield	Petition re Objection to closure of Aqua Energy creche		
2.37	Kathy Thompson	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.38	Leanne Jones	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.39	Gayle Evans	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy creche		
2.40	Clinton Gartung	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy creche		
2.41	Marinda Smith	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.42	Luke de Boer	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.43	Daniel Duggan	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.44	Steve & Vanda Mason	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.45	Rick McKenzie	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.46	Sharon Jessup	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.47	Bernadette McKenzie	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.48	Jasmine Williams	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy creche		

	CORRESPONDENT	SUBMISSION	COMMENT SUMMARY	OFFICER COMMENT
2.49	Skye Vardy	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy creche		
2.50	Jill Thayer	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.51	Kellie Gartung	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.52	Jennifer Oliver	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche and changes to Wellington Toy Library		
2.53	Kellie Lazzaro	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
2.54	Sharon Ray	Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche		
3.1	Julie Davies	Support for Mobile Library Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isolated communities appreciate the service offered by the Mobile Library. Elderly residents are often unable to travel to branch libraries. Communities without access to public transport need the mobile library. Important resource in the education of children. 	<p>Public concern voiced in relation to the Mobile Library is focussed on the closure of the current mobile library service. This is not a recommendation within the draft 2015-2016 Budget.</p> <p>The recommendation is to <u>not</u> replace the Mobile Library prime-mover which was budgeted to take place in the 2015-2016 financial year and replace the existing mobile library service model with an alternative remote library service by September 2015.</p>
3.2	Briagolong Senior Citizens Inc.	Support for Mobile Library Service		
3.3	Betty Richardson	Support for Mobile Library Service		
3.4	Cowwarr Community & Historical Association Inc.	Support for Mobile Library Service		
4.	Gippsland Sports Academy	Objection to review of Council's financial support for Gippsland Sports Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GRSA has assisted young athletes across Gippsland to realise their sporting ambitions. Many Wellington Shire residents have been recipients of the monthly Gippstar Awards. 	<p>In reviewing all of Council's service areas it has been decided that the work undertaken by Gippsland Sports Academy, while providing valued support to young elite athletes across Gippsland, does not contribute directly to a core service area of Council.</p>

	CORRESPONDENT	SUBMISSION	COMMENT SUMMARY	OFFICER COMMENT
				<p>Council Officers support the recommendation: To discontinue the annual contribution of \$6,000 to the Gippsland Sports Academy.</p>
5.1	Chris & Birgit Sarsfield	Objection to removal of mosquito spraying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seaspray acknowledged as a breeding ground due to its location. • Affected areas popular amongst tourists. • Increased risk of blood borne diseases, eg. Barmah Forest Virus and Ross River Fever. 	<p>The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has responsibility for public health in Victoria and as such, oversees a number of vector related health initiatives with the objective to manage public health risks of endemic and exotic vector borne diseases that are transmitted by mosquitoes. To support this objective, the DHHS has, for a number of years, funded a number of Councils throughout Victoria to implement management programs.</p> <p>This funding program was originally developed on the basis that Councils contributed 50% of the overall costs. However in recent years, the DHHS has frozen its funding with Councils having to bear increasing costs. With ratepayers having to fund a greater percentage of the overall program, a preliminary review was undertaken to understand the extent of the management</p>
5.2	Elizabeth & Oscar Rowland	Objection to removal of mosquito spraying		
5.3	Gary France	Objection to removal of mosquito spraying		
5.4	Wellington Regional Tourism	Objection to removal of mosquito spraying		
5.5	Maggie & Gary Evison	Objection to removal of mosquito spraying		
5.6	Barry Curtain	Objection to removal of mosquito spraying		

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				<p>program and the associated areas where larvae is sprayed.</p> <p>The following areas have spraying programs in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of the wetland network north of Paradise Beach • Part of the wetland network south of Loch Sport • Floodplains in Seaspray • Areas around the Honeysuckles and Delray Beach • Parcels of land around Hollands Landing <p>It is recognised that the spraying program reduces the number of mosquitoes in the areas being sprayed, however a review of the “spray maps” shows that there are significant breeding areas around these townships that are not sprayed and given mosquitoes can travel a few kilometres (or more under certain wind conditions), the overall impact is significantly reduced.</p> <p>It is also worth noting that other significant mosquito breeding areas adjacent to large population centres such as Longford, Sale</p>

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				<p>and Wurruk are not managed in any way.</p> <p>Council has recently received information from the Department that indicates that they will be undertaking a review of the program over the next twelve months with findings to be implemented in 2016/17. This may change the way in which the program is delivered including the associated future funding models.</p> <p>Should Council resolve to withdraw from the current program, it could defer its funding for 2015/16 and wait until the findings of the review are known. If, in Council's view, the revised program provides improved outcomes for the residents of Wellington Shire, it could then seek to resume its support in 2016/17 (subject to the DHHS support).</p> <p>Officer Recommendation:</p> <p>Given the increasing cost associated with the delivery of the DHHS mosquito program, and concerns over the ability of the current program to significantly reduce overall mosquito numbers</p>

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				<p>across the municipality, officers support Council proposal to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Defer funding the program in 2015/16 and develop an education program for the local communities affected; ○ Review the Department's revised program once released and reconsider funding options for 2016/17 and beyond.
6.	Gary Jones	Objection to fees for Domestic Animal Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased fees will result in increased costs for purchasers which will encourage buyers to purchase from backyard breeders. 	<p>Whilst Council recognises the proposed increase in Domestic Animal Business registration fees are significant, given the costs associated with implementing recent changes to the <i>Domestic Animal Act 1994</i> and Codes of Practice have increased by some \$100,000 per annum, Council needs to consider how these costs should be covered. As this new expenditure is directly associated with the operation of Domestic Animal Businesses, it is not considered appropriate that the general ratepayer should subsidise this in any way. Based on consultation with the industry, a revised registration fee has been proposed that Officers believe is both fair and equitable.</p> <p>Council Officers recommend:</p>

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				That Council implement the revised registration fee as outlined in the draft budget 2015/16.
7.1	Sharon Ray	Objection to proposed withdrawal of direct staffing support to Wellington Toy Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking extension of employment contract of Coordinator until December whilst organization transitions to becoming a volunteer-run organization. Provides strong sense of connection to the community 	<p>The Wellington Toy Library has acknowledged Council's budget constraints and is requesting Council extend the employment contract of the current Wellington Toy Library Coordinator until December. This funding support equates to \$5,000 and it will enable the organisation to transition from relying on Council assistance to becoming a volunteer-run organisation.</p> <p>Council Officers support the request: That Council extend the employment contract of the Wellington Toy Library Coordinator until December 2015.</p>
7.2	Clare Baldwin	Objection to proposed withdrawal of direct staffing support to Wellington Toy Library		
7.3	Wellington Toy Library Inc. Committee	Objection to proposed withdrawal of direct staffing support to Wellington Toy Library		
8.	Wellington Regional Tourism	Latrobe Wharf Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking further discussion on project design. 	<p>The Department of Transport (DoT) made a funding offer of \$60k for development of the Latrobe Wharf. The original Latrobe Wharf Project that was put forward was for a \$180k facility development that was to include floating jetty, fixed Wharf, carparking, tie up mooring poles upstream and downstream of the</p>

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				<p>Swing Bridge. The proposed funding model was for \$30k from Council Boating Infrastructure, \$60k DoT and \$90k through Putting Locals First (PLF) State funding program. Other Council Projects were considered greater priority for PLF applications and the Latrobe Wharf PLF funding application was not made. The DoT has agreed to still fund the reduced scope of works with a \$90k project identified funded by \$30k rates and \$60k from DoT.</p> <p>Following agreement of the DoT for a reduced scope of works with the option to add a floating jetty in the future the proposal was presented to Council Swing Bridge Advisory Committee who supported this staged approach to the development. The Advisory Committee agreed that the design could consider a smaller, lower deck on the south side of the main landing to assist with access for smaller boats. The proposed Latrobe Wharf is proposed to replicate the original Latrobe Wharf that was built at approximately 250mm above the ground level which is 700mm above the normal water level that would be accessible for most boating users.</p>

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				<p>The Latrobe Wharf will provide a facility for larger boats to come to Sale and moor without needing the Swing Bridge to open for access that is anticipated to make Sale a more attractive destination for larger boats.</p> <p>Prior to the CEO signing the Funding agreement with the DoT a workshop was presented to Council in early April to provide information on the funding opportunity and scope of works.</p>
9.	Loch Sport Community Representative Group Inc.	Queries re boating infrastructure funds, mosquito spraying and installation of footpaths in Loch Sport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the boating infrastructure funding for? • Is mosquito spraying included in the draft budget? • Has there been funds allocated in the draft budget to continue installation of footpaths in Loch Sport? 	<p>Boating Infrastructure To support Council's Boating Facilities Strategic Plan, a 10 year Boating Infrastructure Action Plan has been developed which prioritises capital improvement works for Council boating facilities. Funding is allocated on an annual basis to support actions from this plan. This capital funding does not provide for ongoing operational costs such as periodical silt clearing that is currently undertaken by the Foreshore Committee of Management.</p> <p>The proposed upgrade to Charlies Street Boat Ramp includes an additional ramp,</p>

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				<p>pontoon and sand build up mitigation works. It is listed as a priority action for the program in 2015/2016. To proceed, the project relies on external funding, and it is anticipated that an application will be made for a State Government Boating Safety & Facilities Grant when applications open later in the year.</p> <p>Mosquito Spraying Refer to submissions 5.1 – 5.6 above.</p> <p>Footpaths The construction of new paths is guided by the project priorities within Council's Walking and Cycling Strategic Plan. Council made a funding commitment in response to a budget submission for the 2011-12 financial year, for the construction of sections of path on National Park Road, Loch Sport. This project was subsequently delivered in that year. There are no proposals to construct further paths in Loch Sport within the 2015-16 financial year however existing paths will be inspected and maintained in line with Council's Road Management Plan.</p>

Submission 1 – Request for recurrent funding of \$10,000 per Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre in Wellington (Wellington Neighbourhood House Cluster):

**NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES AND
COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRES
IN WELLINGTON SHIRE**

The heart of our community'

**BUSINESS CASE TO THE 2015-16
WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL BUDGET**



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This business case has been developed by the Wellington Shire Neighbourhood Houses Cluster in response to the recognition of the very close relationship between Neighbourhood House activities and philosophies and the goals and outcomes described in the *Wellington 2030 Strategic Vision* and the *Healthy Wellington Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013-17*.

Wellington Shire is home to 10 Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres (NHLCs) in the communities of Briagolong, Dargo, Gormandale, Heyfield, Loch Sport, Maffra, Rosedale, Sale, Wurruk and Yarram. Stratford also holds the Segue Community Hub and Arts Cafe.

Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres (NHLCs) are the heart of Victorian communities. They enable people from all walks of life, abilities, backgrounds and ages to come together to meet, share, participate and learn in a supportive environment.

NHLCs are local not-for-profit organisations that deliver opportunities for networking, volunteering, socialising and training. They enhance wellbeing by keeping people engaged, healthy and active.

BUSINESS CASE

We are seeking a commitment by Wellington Shire Council of recurrent funding of \$10,000 per Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre in Wellington.

The Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres (ANHLC) 2013 Neighbourhood Houses Survey found that 83% of the 367 Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria receive local government funding that is worth \$11.6 million annually.¹ The median local government funding per Neighbourhood House is \$19,236.

Other LGAs comparable to Wellington that are currently supporting Neighbourhood Houses are:

- Latrobe City currently fund the 4 Neighbourhood Houses in their catchment \$3,500 each annually.
- Campaspe Shire (northern rural Victoria) has a population of 36,000 and 8 Neighbourhood Houses. They fund \$6,800 per Neighbourhood House per year.
- Moorabool Shire (between Melton and Ballarat) has a population of 30,000 and funds 3 of its Neighbourhood Houses \$8,000, \$9,000 and \$16,000 per year respectively.

KEY BENEFITS TO WELLINGTON SHIRE

Every week, around 1,200² people visit a NHLC in Wellington. Their reasons vary greatly and include education, childcare, physical, creative, social and recreational programs, support groups, events and festivals.

NHLC's core business is strongly in line with the *Wellington 2030 Vision* and we are already providing substantial support towards the successful implementation of these outcomes, including:

- 'Wellington is a safe and healthy community where everyone feels they are valued, supported and have the opportunity to participate' (p 8)
 - A survey of all participants in Wellington NHLCs³ showed: over 40% of people are accessing NHLCs to reduce their social isolation. NHLCs provide the perfect place for

¹ From the 2013 Neighbourhood House's Survey: <http://www.anhlc.asn.au/documents/item/166>

² ANHLC 2013 Census: <http://www.anhlc.asn.au/datapowerhouse/statewide-data/participant-survey>

³ All graphs and data in this Business case are available from the Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centers (ANHLC) to Local Governments who are members.

- community members to engage, to 'spend time with other people' and 'meet new people/make friends'.
- 'Social issues have been addressed through the joint efforts of community and supporting agencies' (p 8)
 - The Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres (ANHLC) Multiple Benefits Document shows that in NHLCs across Victoria:
 - 52% of NH participants have a concession or healthcare card, compared to 23.8% of total Victoria,
 - 57.6% of NH participants are aged 45 or older
 - 81% of NH users are participating for course or class, social group or health and exercise.
 - We are low-cost, non-judgemental and accessible to all members of our communities.
 - As the 'Existing NHLC Partnerships and Networks' document on page 6 shows, NHLCs are connected to an incredibly diverse range of community, government and private organisations. We bring these benefits directly back into our communities.
- 'Address physical, cultural and socio-economic barriers that prevent people from fully participating in community' (p 8)
 - 22% of people who attend NHLCs in Wellington Shire identify as having a disability. This is higher than the percentage of the general community (18%) and highlights that NHLCs play a very important role in supporting people with a disability and in allowing a space for activities designed and directed by them to be developed.

The *Healthy Wellington Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013-17* has 4 key action areas, including social inclusion, healthy eating and increasing physical activity. Between the 11 NHLCs, over 50 physical activity programs are delivered weekly, often in communities with little, to no, other access to structured physical activity. Sometimes these programs are run at a loss to the NHLC due to the small population, and the overriding need to provide options locally.

- Around a quarter of those aged 65 and over, come to NHLCs for exercise or health classes, and over 30% identify improved health as a benefit. Healthy ageing literature reviews found older people's participation in social, economic, cultural, spiritual and civic affairs is essential to their health and wellbeing. The study found, crucially, participation is linked to social connectedness which reduces the risk of cognitive decline and results in better mental health and physical health outcomes.
- Similarly, a National Ageing Research Institute (NARI) review of dementia research found contact with social networks and social activity are among the factors that reduce the risk of cognitive decline, all causes dementia and Alzheimer's disease. (The implications are that participation in NHLCs ultimately reduces the cost burden on the health budget). 39% of Wellington Shire residents are aged over 50 according to 2011 census

HOW THE BENEFITS WILL BE DELIVERED

This funding of \$10,000 per NHLC will be allocated by each NHLC to the following key areas:

- a) **Community Development:** Enhancing, continuing and deepening NHLC's ability to empower groups and individuals in their communities to develop the skills to bring about positive changes in their own lives and communities. Supporting community resilience after disasters and hardships and promoting empowerment and personal development in individuals

WSC support could be used for actioning community plans; supporting a new or existing NHLC community development worker; new or existing NHLC projects targeting identified community needs; longer opening hours and general support to community members

- b) **Communications:** Neighbourhood Houses operate on very limited and very tight budgets, and our ability to ensure the community is fully aware of the opportunities and benefits we provide can be curtailed by costs and time restraints. Often we are only able to engage people in our direct community and miss the opportunity to reach smaller, outlying communities and people living on farms, rather than in town.

WSC support could be used for producing professional and effective marketing material to raise NHLC profile; supporting a marketing intern to be shared across the WSC Houses to provide efficiencies and continuity in the publication of websites, term brochures, flyers etc.

- c) **Social Inclusion:** The core business of NHLC's is enhancing participation, inclusion, empowerment and confidence building. Many of the activities, events and programs that NHLC's run in Wellington are done at low or no cost, so that all members of the community can take part. However, while benefiting the community, these programs often result in financial loss for NHLC's.

WSC support could be used to support existing classes and activities that run on low numbers in small towns, or for a gold coin donation; to support the continued and increasing number of events, festivals and activities aimed at bringing people together and celebrating their strengths and diversity

- In 2013 the number of people using Neighbourhood Houses in Wellington Shire during an average week (including volunteers, students, children in childcare, people from other organisations meeting at the House) was 1,195 people.
- The 2011 Census shows that 23.7% of residents in Wellington Shire did voluntary work through an organisation, compared to 17.7% of Victorians – Neighbourhood Houses provide a multitude of volunteering opportunities for community members, as well as the support and resourcing required to ensure the volunteer's strengths are recognised and utilised

- d) **Connections across Wellington Shire:** The Wellington Shire Neighbourhood House Network was developed in 2013 to support and facilitate connections between the Neighbourhood Houses in Wellington, as well as between WSC and the Houses. It recognised the benefits that NHLC's bring to WSC. NHLC's are able to use our connections to each other to enhance the liveability of Wellington for its population, by increasing cross promotion of activities, classes and events; organising transport between towns for said events; encouraging volunteers to move between towns and share ideas and knowledge.

WSC support could be used to provide backfill or travel reimbursement for NHLC staff travelling to network meetings or working on network projects to benefit WSC

RECOMMENDATION 1

That the recurrent funding has built in indexation of 5% annually to allow for increases in costs and that the funding agreement be reviewed on a three-year cycle.

RECOMMENDATION 2

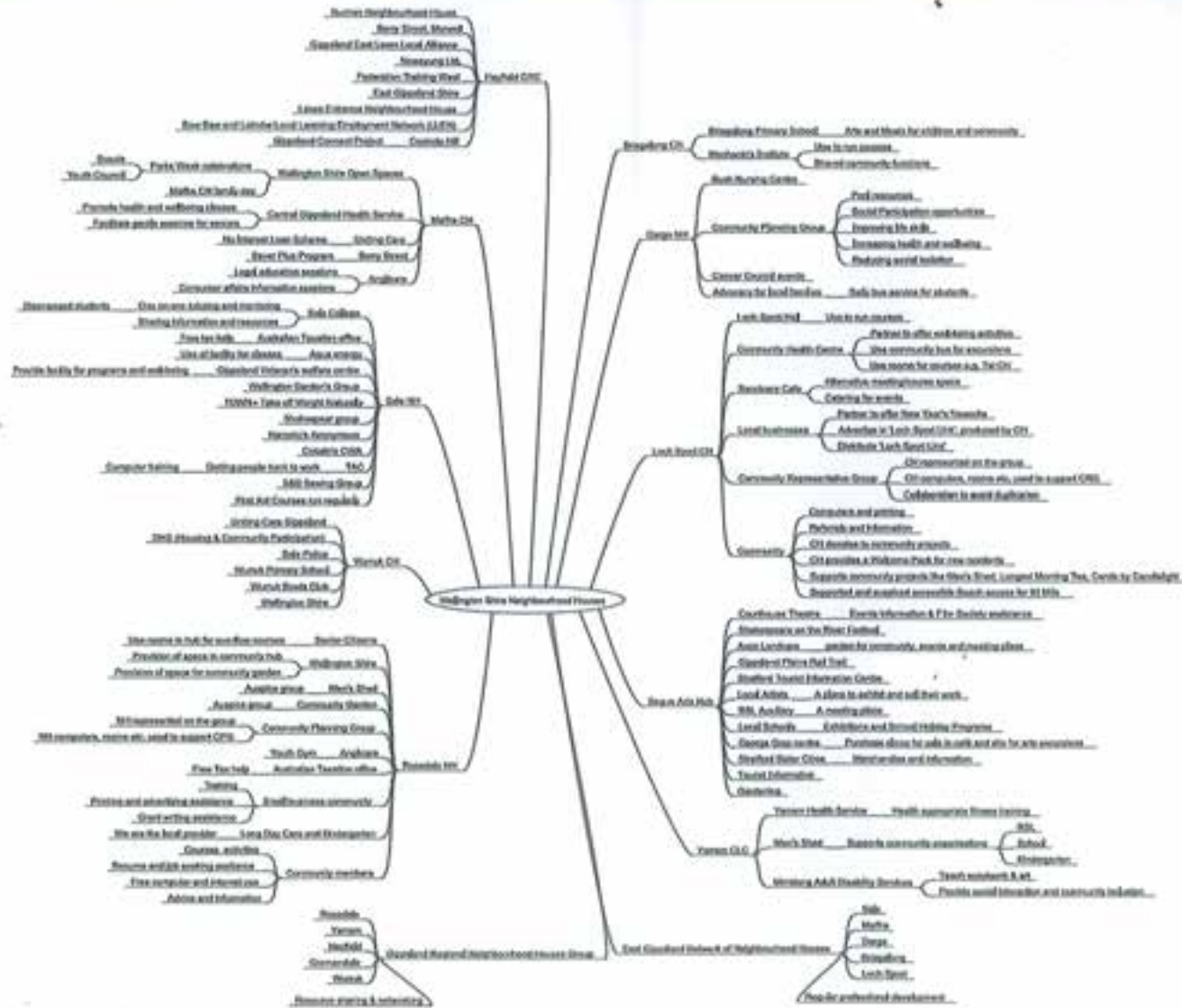
That Wellington Shire Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres present annually to Council regarding current projects, programs, achievements and impacts.

Note: The current financial status and existing funding breakdown for each Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre is contained in Appendix 2.

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EXISTING NHLC PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS



NHLCS SUPPORTING & IMPLEMENTING THE WELLINGTON 2030 VISION

Neighbourhood Houses support community initiatives that promote participation and working together. They:

- Address physical/cultural and socio economic barriers that prevent people from fully participating in the community
- Work in partnerships to promote and facilitate healthy lifestyles

NHLC provide benefits to the communities in Wellington Shire across a spectrum of categories including:

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Participate as community representatives in steering committees; run Sustainable Living Festivals; support volunteers; run community gardens

ECONOMY

Facilitate training, returning to work and a 'learning for life' philosophy; support and train small business owners and employees

TRANSPORT AND ROADS

Facilitate community advocacy about transport needs, footpath and bike networks; provide an 'ear to the ground' about what's needed

POPULATION

Operate Childcare and Occasional Care; support migrant and refugee settlement and integration; enhance liveability by providing employment, social and recreational options; facilitate activities for young people, by young people



Sale Neighbourhood House Tai Chi for Arthritis and Injury class

DEVELOPMENT

Support Community Planning Groups; provide a community voice; identify needs from a 'grassroots' level; feedback about areas of social disadvantage

WELLBEING AND SAFETY

Provide high quality community programs to people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities; support and facilitate community initiatives that promote participation and working together; address physical, cultural and socio-economic barriers that prevent people from fully participating in community; create and facilitate community and agency partnerships to address social issues; promote and facilitate healthy lifestyles

CULTURE

Run, promote and support events and initiatives that celebrate our culture and community; foster arts programs and initiatives; build community capacity and encourage participation

LIVEABILITY

Facilitate community advocacy about liveability needs; utilise and encourage the development of open spaces and community facilities



Sale's AGM Guest Speaker from Toastmasters

NHCLS SUPPORTING & IMPLEMENTING HEALTHY WELLINGTON

Recurrent funding of \$10,000 per NHLC, while modest in cost, would deliver significant benefits to communities in Wellington. It would assist Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres to continue to provide real opportunities for economic and social participation, and better meet community needs.

It would also strengthen Neighbourhood House and Learning Centres' ability to collaborate and partner, leading to integrated services that focus not on problems and programs, but on people and their needs.

The *Healthy Wellington Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013-17* identifies four key priorities for action in Wellington.

PRIORITY 1: MENTAL WELLBEING: INCREASING SOCIAL CONNECTEDNESS & INCLUSION

Much of the work NHLCs do assists to improve mental wellbeing through 'increasing social connectedness and inclusion'.

'Through our community vision, Wellington 2030, Council is working towards a community where everyone feels valued supported and has the opportunity to participate.' *Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013-17*

Many of the Wellington towns do not have any form of public transport to and from their town so community members without their own transport can experience complete isolation. The NHLCs bring education and wellbeing opportunities to the town instead of the community members having to leave their town to meet their needs.

NHLCs encourage everyone in our local and surrounding communities to join our groups so they become involved and therefore avoid social isolation by improving mental and physical wellbeing.



The table above shows that over 40% of people are accessing NHLCs in Wellington to reduce their feeling of social isolation. This reinforces the message that NHLCs provide the perfect place for

community members to engage, to 'spend time with other people' and 'meet new people/make friends'.

We reach the hard-to-reach people and provide a welcoming, not-judgmental, non-threatening environment for all community members to participate in. We operate from a community development model, and treat people as individuals with personal strengths, not as clients that need to be 'helped'.

PRIORITY 3 & 4: HEALTHIER LIVING: HEALTHY EATING & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

The Council Plan 2013-17 also identifies the need for '7.1 Support access to a range of recreational opportunities for all sectors of the community.' And '7.3 Health and wellbeing initiatives are delivered through partnership agreements and through approaches that lead to health improvements for the entire Wellington population.'

All NHLCs provide wellbeing and leisure and craft activities, and affordable room hire for local community and private groups, for locals and Wellington visitors alike. For example, on an average week, Sale Neighbourhood House hold in excess of 20 Classes for an average weekly attendance of 150+ residents.

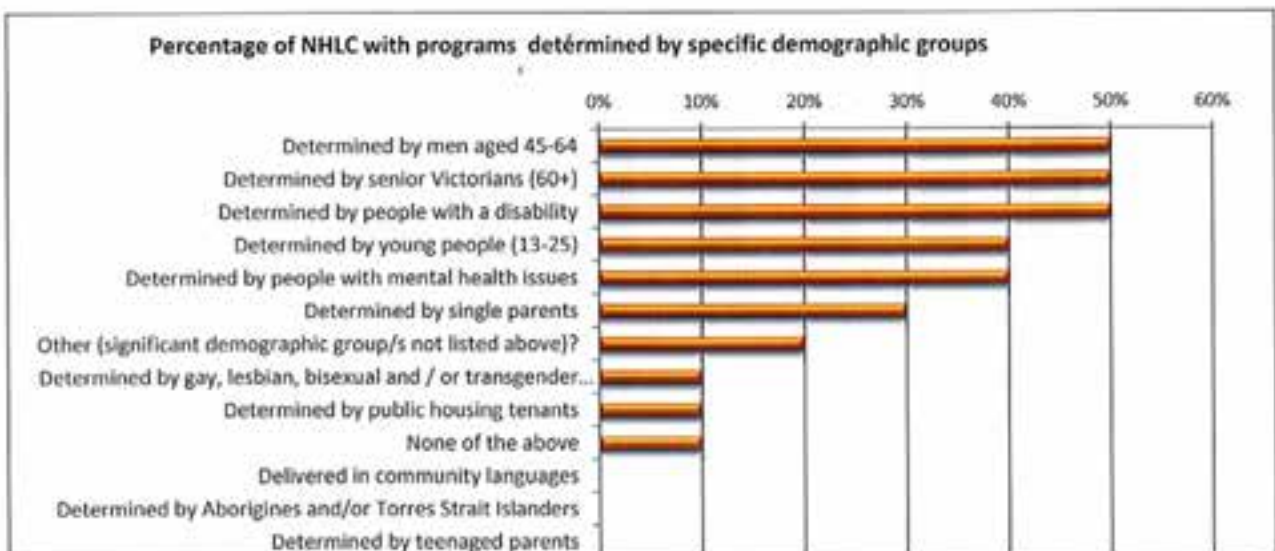


Briagolong's Feta & Ricotta Cheese cooking class

NHLCs are incredibly flexible in our responsiveness to community need, and are able to create and implement, or partner with other organisations to deliver, programs with a very short turn around.

In many of the small communities, NHLCs are the go-to place for physical activity classes, healthy eating courses and wellbeing groups.

Importantly, NHLCs allow community members to determine their own activities and needs, rather than having these decisions made for them by an agency. This increases community ownership, strengthening and empowerment, leading to further, immeasurable benefits in a ripple effect into the community.



BENEFITS PER KEY FUNDING AREA

Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres (NHLCs) are the heart of Victorian communities. They enable people from all walks of life, abilities, backgrounds and ages to come together to meet, share, participate and learn in a supportive environment.

NHLCs are volunteer-driven, local not-for-profit organisations that deliver opportunities for networking, volunteering, skills-development and training. They enhance wellbeing by keeping people engaged, healthy and active. They care for Wellington's children and assist volunteers to give back to their communities. During and after times of crisis such as natural disasters or loss of major industries, NHLCs play a key role in recovery and strengthening community resilience.

Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres were first established in Victoria in the early 1970s. The movement grew from the grass roots out of local community need, particularly the isolation of women in the community, with a vision to bring people together and enhance the opportunities of individuals and communities. Another initial emphasis was to provide an informal, non-threatening and nurturing environment that supported individualised learning.

Today, there are over 400 NHLCs in Victoria, and the Victorian Government invests \$22.6 million per year in the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program (NHCP) to support families, individuals and communities in 372 locations across Victoria.

Recurrent funding of \$10,000 per Wellington NHLC per year would be used across the following four key areas. Broadly, it would:

- a) Support NHLCs to expand their operating hours and offer more programs, support and community development activities
- b) Promote NHLCs in their community by increasing their marketing and advertising reach
- c) Allow NHLC funds to be focused on delivery and outcomes for residents of Wellington, instead of being drained by operating costs
- d) Enable more free community events and activities to support the social, mental and physical wellbeing of Wellington residents – keeping our communities vibrant and connected. An expansion of programs would broaden our community base and bring increased use of the NHLCs.

1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The core business of NHLCs is Community Development: promoting empowerment, community strengthening and social, cultural and economic development from within, drawing on the existing assets of our communities.

Recurrent WSC funding would assist with:

- Widening the reach of NHLCs e.g. age groups, different cultures, diverse occupations and interests



Oak's Day Celebrations at Dargo NH

- Facilitating support for, and increase in, volunteer development programs
- Increasing time available for coordinators and volunteers to develop community connections and participation;
- Allowing NHLCs to draw on experts to provide services, advice and training e.g. IT services, consultancy, in order for support to, and participation of, community members which should be targeted towards the needs of particular communities.

The benefits to the Wellington community will be increased support for existing community groups and new community projects. It will allow NHLCs to more fully resource and support members of the community to identify and achieve their own goals, instead of relying on Wellington Shire or 'external' organisations to solve their problems.

SPECIFIC NHLC EXAMPLES:

Heyfield: Financial accountability, reporting and grant writing applications are a very high priority at our Centre and the funding would be used to engage a qualified person to help with these matters. We have a very hard working volunteer base which we believe we can sustain to help with our many and very varied existing programs.

We need the Coordinator to network and partner with other community groups. The ability to get out into the community will further allow us to liaise with members of the community to create and offer more relevant services, groups and activities.

Segue, Stratford: Segue's business plan identifies long term goals - including building a connected community, providing a variety of volunteer opportunities, providing a vibrant face to community and visitors – Stratford being the Eastern gateway to the Wellington Shire, providing an active, vibrant and diverse space that supports community development and provides small business opportunities.

It would enable Segue to employ a part time administrator whose role would be to ensure that Segue's operational processes are effective and sustainable, manage the volunteer roster and volunteer duties. It would help with the promotion of Segue Community Hub & Arts Café Inc. establish Segue as a community resource place.

Yarram: The new annual allocation of \$10,000 would be expended in Yarram by employing a part time Project Worker to implement outstanding, and new, Community Development projects that have not been implemented to date because of lack of manpower.

These could include: generating needs surveys to ascertain community needs and projects, including programs for young Mothers that can now participate due to new child care provisions in Yarram.

We would also initiate strong collaboration with other community groups, to establish a volunteer registration system at the Community Centre for community organisations to access volunteers. The project worker would also source and apply for funding to carry out these projects.



Briagolong: Opening of the Community Colour & Textiles project

2. COMMUNICATIONS

The Wellington Shire Neighbourhood Houses Cluster has recently submitted a grant application to the Adult, Community and Further Education Board for funds to further explore and develop our partnership. We want to maximise the efficiencies in our time, resources and budgets by cross-promoting courses and activity, and sharing website, print and electronic marketing templates. We will be investigating the feasibility of co-employing a marketing intern or employee to manage these functions in a Wellington-wide approach.

The community benefits will be increased access to a wider range of activities, services, programs and events, and a more vibrant range of offerings within communities.

The NHLC cluster would benefit by using the recurrent WSC funding for advertising and marketing to engage more members of our surrounding communities in our courses and activities. All NHLCs currently have a very tight advertising budget which causes difficulties in attracting more students.

Funding could also be used to expand and develop local publications through:

- employing a suitably qualified person to take over the production of the local newsletters;
- training in desktop publishing and all facets of newsletter publication;

As well as further development of community publications, this would ensure that our local community newsletters remain a true voice of the community.

SPECIFIC NHLC EXAMPLES:

Maffra: A component of the \$10,000 allocated to the Maffra Community House from the Wellington Shire on an ongoing basis would fund the expenses associated with the compilation, printing, distribution and advertising of our quarterly program brochure. This will enable the Maffra Community House to reach all households and post office boxes in Maffra and surrounding areas. The objective is to increase awareness in our community of the courses and social groups available. This will result in increased community participation and skills building.

3. SOCIAL INCLUSION

Social inclusion is the absolute strength of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres. We are very skilled at approaching and attracting people in the traditional 'hard-to-reach' demographic brackets.

We provide a huge range of courses, classes, activities and services that cater to a wide range of needs and interests and bring people out of their houses and back into their communities.



Yarram's Scrabble Sessions

Through the running of events and activities, the community benefits through gaining a greater understanding, and therefore a greater sense of identification with their place and community.

Provision of recreational and cultural activities which increases community access, participation and connection across age groups is also inherent in the proposals outlined (Council Plan - 2013-2017). All of these factors benefit the community's sense of wellbeing through increased personal and group connections.

'Celebration of culture and community' (Wellington 2030) together with promotion of 'participation and working together' (Wellington 2030) are underlying principals in the possible programs outlined in this business case.

SPECIFIC NHLC EXAMPLES:

Briarolong: One of the other main areas that the House and the community would benefit from is highly experienced and qualified tutors and trainers. Many tutor charges are out of our price range so having extra funds to cover this area would allow us to offer great courses with experienced tutors and still be able to offer the opportunity to the community at a low cost. Offering quality courses at low costs is very important to our sector as we are about engaging all learners and community members in affordable education.

A large part of the Community House mission is to encourage people of all ages to join in with others in their community. We would like to be able to put on more, free afternoon teas/chat opportunities to help engage people in our relatively isolated town.

Loch Sport: We have a small permanent population. This population is not clustered together and it is not unusual for one family to be the only residents of their street for most of the year, even though there are no vacant blocks. While there are a large number of retirees, there are also families with young children. Many people may also be described as part-time residents who spend at least half the year in Loch Sport but are away frequently or for long periods of time.

The Community House is well placed to plan and carry out occasional, but regular, events aimed at bringing the community together and fostering a sense of belonging. Such events could become part of the holiday season offerings at Loch Sport. Such happenings could include cultural events, such as a small music festival, community lunches, picnics, bush walks into our coastal and national parks, or campfire gatherings.

Because of Loch Sport's relative remoteness, costs would be beyond the collection of small donations that would be expected at such events. In addition, the socio-economic profile of Loch Sport suggests that charges would need to be kept low to enable many people to participate.



Dargo's Australia Day BBQ and Community Cricket Match

4. CONNECTIONS ACROSS WELLINGTON SHIRE

The Wellington Shire Neighbourhood Houses Cluster has recently been formed in partnership with the Wellington Shire Council Social Policy and Planning Team. This partnership has many benefits to WSC, to the NHLCs and to the Wellington communities.

The recurrent funding would be used to enhance and continue this cluster and to promote the following outcomes:

- Keep NHLC current with community information for public health opportunities and other community education
- Cover travel and attendance costs for cluster meetings and professional development for coordinators and committees in the Shire. This will allow the coordinator to leave the office to liaise and partner in cluster activity in a more relevant and meaningful way.
- Support the cluster to form stronger partnerships to identify key activities and events to be promoted and supported as a united group. E.g. the Wellington Primary Care Partnership, Gippsland Woman's Health and Latrobe Community Health to better understand and plan to meet the emerging needs of local communities, especially persons who may be feeling isolated or have special needs due to mental health issues, learning difficulties, or disability
- Regular engagement at the Wellington Cluster Meetings will foster a more collaborative approach amongst the Wellington Shire NHLC and Businesses to identify emerging needs, and in turn enable sharing of knowledge and resources to meet these needs
- Sharing of innovative community development opportunities
- Promotion opportunities as group, enabling us to be a stronger force in Wellington

The focus of this funding should be to develop and enhance active partnerships between Wellington Shire and Neighbourhood Houses, to improve two-way communication, and to include Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres as a recognised addition to the Wellington Shire suite of service providers.



Yarram's Photography Class



Gormandale's Annual Fun Day and Quilt Show

NHLCS IN WELLINGTON SHIRE: KEY FACTS

As well as those previously expanded on, NHLCS in Wellington Shire deliver courses, activities and programs in line with a multitude of WSC strategies and outcomes including: WSC Council Plan 2013-2017, Walking and Cycling Strategy, Access and Inclusion Plan, Arts and Culture Strategy, Community Engagement Strategy, Economic Development and Tourism Strategy, Healthy Lifestyles Strategy and the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centers (ANHLC) Multiple Benefits Document shows that in NHLCS across Victoria:

- 52% of NH participants have a concession or healthcare card, compared to 23.8% of total Victoria
- 57.6% of NH participants are aged 45 or older
- 81% of NH users are participating for course or class, social group or health and exercise

When asked: 'What are the main benefits participants received from engaging in a NH activity?' (they were asked to select more than 1), 47% of surveyed participants advised 'spending time with other people', 41% said 'meeting new people and making friends', 36% said 'improve my wellbeing and confidence', 23% said 'improve my health' and 27% of working age people said 'improve my job skills'.

Around a quarter of those aged 65 and over come to the NH for exercise or health classes, and over 30% identify improved health as a benefit.

A healthy ageing literature review found older people's participation in social, economic, cultural, spiritual and civic affairs is essential to their health and wellbeing. The study found, crucially, participation is linked to social connectedness which reduces the risk of cognitive decline and results in better mental health and physical health outcomes.



Rosedale's Community Christmas Lunch

Similarly, a National Ageing Research Institute (NARI) review of dementia research found contact with social networks and social activity are among the factors that reduce the risk of cognitive decline, all causes dementia and Alzheimer's disease. (The implications are that participation in NH ultimately reduces the cost burden on the health budget.). 39% of Wellington Shire residents are aged over 50 according to census

33.2% Aboriginal and 34.5% of Torres Strait Islander NH participants identify as having a disability or long term impairment (much higher than the general population at 20.4%).

2011 CENSUS DATA AND WELLINGTON SHIRE – KEY STATS

Wellington Shire has a high number of under-educated and low income residents. NHLCs offer many pathways and stepping stones to higher learning and improved standards of living. We provide many activities and groups to greatly improve the mental health of the most vulnerable members of our community.

- Twice as many Victorians have a University or tertiary degree than those living in Wellington Shire (15% for VIC vs 5% for WS)
- 12% of residents in Wellington were either unemployed or away from work at the time of the 2011 census
- 35% of working-aged residents work under 25hrs per week
- The average wage of household in VIC is \$1216 per week vs \$905 in Wellington
- 21.7% of couple families had both parents not working
- The average dwelling income for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander households in Wellington is \$794 vs \$962 in VIC

In many areas, Wellington Shire over-indexes on demographics that participate in NHLC programs. As this business case outlines, we offer significant support to these people.

In 2013 the number of people using Neighbourhood Houses in Wellington Shire during an average week (including volunteers, students, children in childcare, people from other organisations meeting at the House) was 1,195 people (2013 Participant Census).

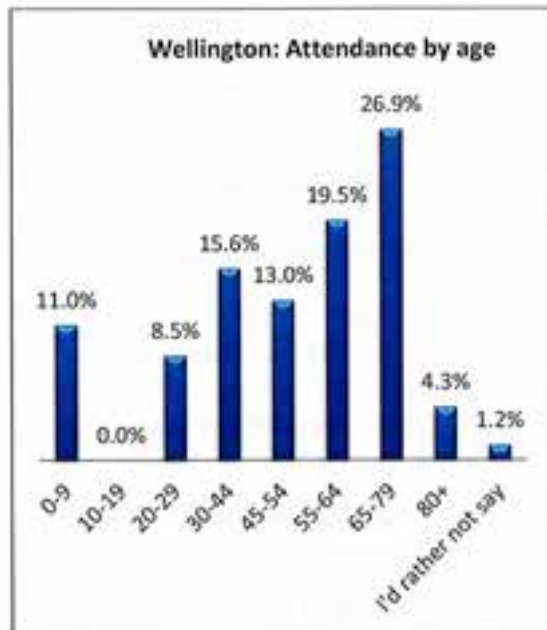
The number of those people who participate in programmed activities at Houses during an average week was 680 people (56.8%) (2013 Participant Census). This highlights that there are a multitude of reasons people access NHLC: for information and support, social inclusion, health and wellbeing, as well as education and training.

The following data is collated from the ANHLC 2013 Participant Census. This data was collected through asking every community member who used the NHLC during a 1-week period in August 2013 to complete a short survey about their activities and reasons for visiting. A total of **810** participants' responses were received by the 10 NHLCs in Wellington Shire.



Dargo's Biggest Morning Tea

WHO COMES TO WELLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES AND LEARNING CENTRES?



The most significant age groups utilising NHLCs are 55-64 and 65-79 year olds. This is representative of the fact that NHLCs provide activities and programs that help to reduce social isolation and give people, especially those approaching retirement, who lose their connections with the workforce, an outlet for skills sharing and social interactions.

The 2011 Census shows that 39.15% of WSC residents are aged 50 and over vs 32% of total VIC. In addition, 49% of the Shire is separated, divorced, widowed or never married. The average age of a widower is 78, divorcee 56 and separated 50 (this is the highest demographic NHLC attract).

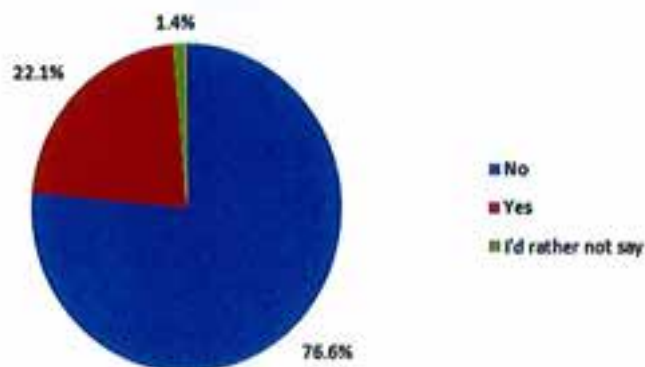
The high number of 0-9 year olds attending represents the Long Day Care, Kindergarten and Occasional Care Services that some NHLCs provide in their community.



Women are the main users of NHLCs.

Heyfield, Rosedale and Yarram NHLCs are all supporting or running Men's Shed groups in their communities. The Men's Shed program has been shown to have significant social and health benefits for men. As the *Beyond Blue report 2013 Men's Sheds in Australia: Effects on Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing* shows, Sheds facilitate health interventions in hard to reach populations (men over 45 in rural areas) in direct ways (organised health checks, distribution of leaflets, health talks) and indirect ways (members 'looking out' for each other, recognition of symptoms and mutual advice).

Distribution by disability/impairment - percentage

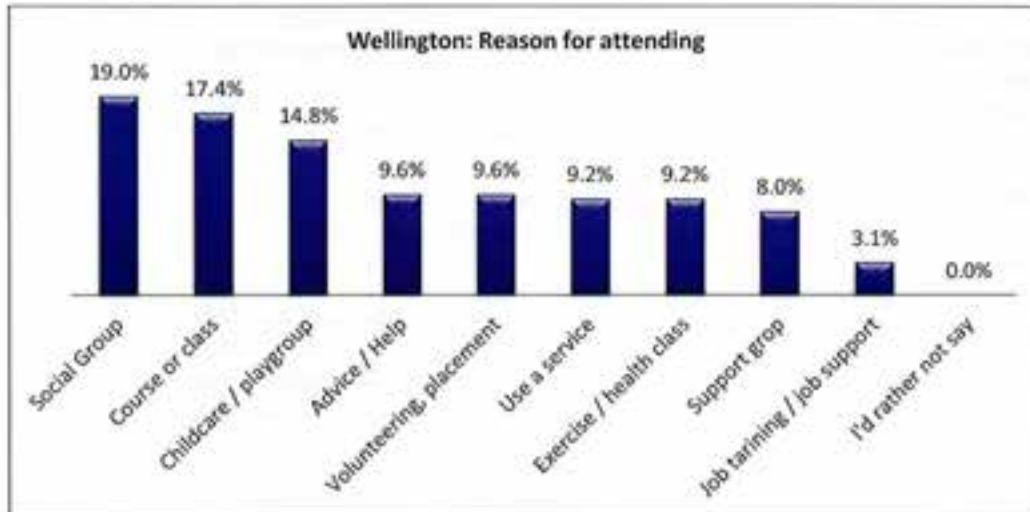


As seen here, 22% of people who attend NHLCs in Wellington Shire identify as having a disability. This is higher than the percentage of the general community (18%) and highlights that NHLCs play a very important role in supporting people with a disability and in allowing a space for activities designed and directed by them to be developed.

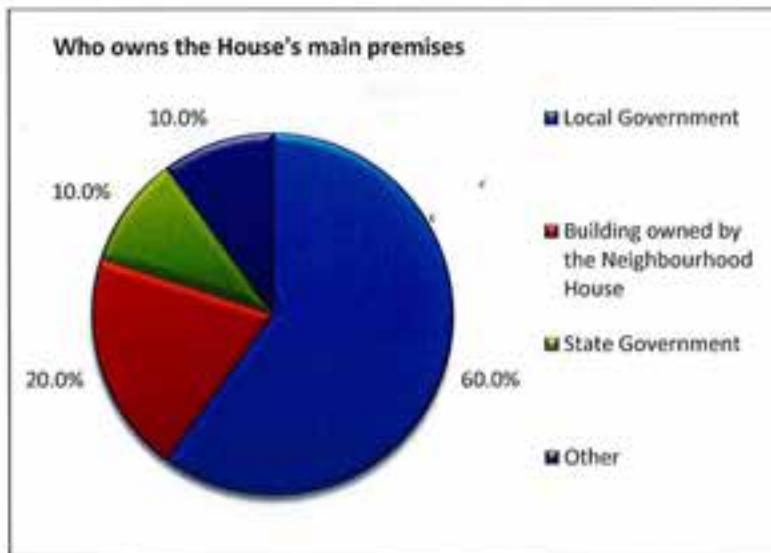
WHY DO PEOPLE VISIT NHLCS?

For 19% of people attending NHLCs in Wellington Shire, social groups are the reason they come – to connect with other people.

NHLCs are exceptionally good at providing a welcoming, non-judgemental environment that allows all people to participate at their own pace and meet with like-minded people to share interests and experiences.



NHLC AVERAGE PREMISES AND UTILITY COSTS



Wellington Shire support of NHLC premises is of paramount importance. With significant operating costs putting financial pressure on Houses, many would not be able to operate without Shire support, thus depriving local communities, and the Shire as a whole, of much-needed programs and services.

Many of the NHLCs in Wellington Shire reside in a Wellington-owned building, or have some relationship with WSC around the provision, maintenance or leasing of their premises.

APPENDIX 1: WELLINGTON SHIRE NHLCS – CONTACT DETAILS

Briagolong Community House

9/11 Avon St, Briagolong 3860
Web: www.bch.briagolong.com.au
Email: bch@briagolong.com.au
Phone: (03) 5145 5425

Dargo Community Centre

177a Lind Ave, Dargo 3862
Email: dnh333@bigpond.com
Phone: (03) 5140 1333

Gormandale Community House

32/34 Main Street, Gormandale 3873
Web: www.gch.org.au
Email: gormandalech2@bigpond.com
Phone: (03) 5197 7264

Heyfield Community Resource Centre

5 George St, Heyfield 3858
Web: www.heyfield.net
Email: coordinator@heyfield.net
Phone: (03) 5148 2100

Loch Sport Community House

Public Hall National Park Rd,
Loch Sport 3851
Web: www.lochsport.org.au
Email: lsch@netspace.net.au
Phone: (03) 5146 0145

Maffra Neighbourhood House

48 Kent Street, Maffra 3860
Web: sites.google.com/site/maffrach

Email: officemch@wideband.net.au
Phone: (03) 5147 1487

Rosedale Neighbourhood House

2-8 Cansick St, Rosedale 3847
Web: www.rosedalenh.org.au
Email: rosedalenh@wideband.net.au
Phone: (03) 5199 2595

Sale Neighbourhood House

19-23 Leslie St, Sale 3850
Web: www.snh.net.au
Email: office@snh.net.au
Phone: (03) 5144 5747

Segue Community Hub and Arts Cafe

66 Tyers Street, Stratford 3862
Email: segueinstratford@gmail.com
Phone: (03) 5145 6203 / 0413 647 557

Wurruk Community House

6 White Crescent, Wurruk 3850
Email: wurrukch@bigpond.com
Phone: (03) 5143 2292

Yarram Community Learning Centre

Old Union Bank Building,
292 Commercial Rd, Yarram 3971
Web: www.yclc.com.au
Email: yclc@dcsi.net.au
Phone: (03) 5182 6294

APPENDIX 2: NHLC EXISTING FUNDING BREAKDOWN

Income and expenditure 2013/14 year

House/ Centre name	State Govt.	Main sources & uses	Common wealth Govt.	Main sources & uses	Local Govt.	Main sources & uses	Other grant income (e.g. service clubs)	Main sources & uses	Self-generated (course fees, childcare fees, bank interest, fund raising)	Main sources & uses	Donations, bequests, corporate sponsor	Main sources & uses	Total income 2013/14	Total expense 2013/14	Operating result 2013/14
Brigolong Community Centre	\$40,076	Wages and overheads			\$3,270	Community Colour & Textiles project	\$2,048	IT equipment	\$20,254	Courses, tutors, general expenses, all other costs			\$74,646	\$75,913	(\$1,267)
Dargo Community Centre	\$24,338	Wages and overheads			\$1,300	Newsletter production and Australia Day event			\$15,631	IT, general expenses, production & postage newsletter, community events			\$41,869	\$36,293	\$5,576
Gormandale Community House	\$83,630	Wages and overheads, ACEF classes			\$1,400	Newsletter			\$45,745	Childcare, all other costs	\$40		\$132,875	\$130,635	\$1,440
Heyfield Community Resource Centre	\$147,365	DHS, ACEF grant, ACEF Student contact hours, Centrelink, RDV, Childcare Admin, DEECD, Childcare Educ, (a lot is non-recurring)			\$11,000	Jazzing Up Heyfield Shire, Goven Exhibit Heyfield News			\$206,882	Childcare, Heyfield News, Green Machine, Men's Shed, Family History, Sustainable Living Festival, Community Garden, Programs			\$455,047	\$446,058	\$8,989
Loch Sport Community House	\$47,201	Salaries, admin costs, utilities, program development (\$32,400 one off grants)			\$19,907	New Year's Eve Event Newsletter Welcome Pack 3 off grants	\$321		\$9,681	Supplies, tutors	\$3,509	New Year's Eve Event	\$80,669	\$75,692	\$4,977
Maffra Neighbourhood House	\$24,538	NH Coordination Program	\$2,506	Broadband for seniors training	\$5,500	Events Grant, Family Open Day 2014			\$7,413	Course and Tutor expenses	\$654	Equipment	\$40,701	\$43,179	(\$2,478)
Rosedale Neighbourhood House	\$80,303	DHS NH Coordination Program – wages and overheads DEEWR ACEF Funding	\$142,487	DEECD Kindergarten Funding – wages DEECD Long Day Care Funding – wages, broadband for Seniors training					\$132,026	Long Day Care & Kinder Payments – wages, Course fees, room & bus hire etc, pay tutors Fundraising to support groups and buy resources	\$242		\$455,958	\$528,377	(\$72,419)
Sale Neighbourhood House	\$133,079	Co-ordination and Capacity and Childcare Benefit Rebates and Capacity & Innovation Fund Grant to carry out Project for Disengaged Learners	\$3,473	Purchase of Childcare software program and operational support	\$5,000	School Holiday Program	\$1,000	To upgrade IT	\$89,848	Wages, Course materials, Printing, Advertising, Maintenance, Fundraising Expenses, Insurances and Utilities, Bookkeeping	\$22,774	Deposit on 23 Leslie St Purchase, and Loan Payments 23 Leslie Street	\$295,174	\$388,396	(\$93,222)

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Segae In Stratford							\$6,200	Purchase of coffee machine	\$20,800	Operation including rates, electricity, phone, café supplies, publicity, maintenance & associated costs	\$1,000	Upgrade of kitchen	\$28,000	\$17,000	\$11,000
Wurrak Community House	\$37,470	NIOP							\$2,415				\$39,890	\$35,274	\$4,616
Yarram Community Learning Centre	\$85,885	APICP Centrelink	\$29,572	Men's Shed	\$4,400	Monthly Newsletter Community Assistance	\$945	Yarram Lions Club	\$40,178	Course Fees			\$166,880	\$169,085	(\$2,205)
Total	\$713,354		\$278,128		\$51,977		\$30,562		\$668,769		\$28,219		\$1,751,009	\$1,845,900	(\$94,891)

Submission 2.1 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Erin Nowak x 2):

To whom it may concern,

How can you be seriously considering closing the Aqua Energy Creche? The word has just got out to the community and you have some very very very upset community members!!!! Being able to have your children supervised by such wonderful staff whilst you use the Aqua energy facilities of which you pay a membership for along with creche costs is a vital part of keeping our community healthy.. both physically and mentally. Without the creche service I know I will have to stop my membership as I will have no one else to care for my daughter while I do a class or use the gym (2-3 times per week). The majority of the community using the facility are mothers with young children, wanting to get their fitness back. At that time in the morning either their husbands/partners are at work, or like the RAAF community have no other family members here to help look after their children for 1-2 hours while they enjoy the facilities. You are worried about the cost of the creche... You should be concerned about the loss the Aqua Energy will incur once the members cancel their membership if this is to occur. I would like to know if any of the Wellington Shire have young children or have had young children and have used the service?? Or you have you forgotten and for some reason think that the users of the service have no importance in our community and that their health and well being is not a priority of the Wellington Shire? I am so shocked, disappointed and outraged by the thought that this could happen and I sincerely hope that there is opportunity for the community to voice their opinion and that you are honest enough to listen and revoke this notion.

Regards, one very unhappy community member.

Erin Nowak.

7th May 2015



Chief Executive Officer
Wellington Shire
PO Box 506, Sale 3850

Draft Revised Council Plan Submission

To the Chief Executive Officer

I am writing to object to the proposed closure of the crèche at Aqua Energy.

The crèche provides an invaluable service, providing a whole section of our community with an opportunity to exercise: enhancing physical, mental, emotional and social well-being.

The Council clearly recognizes the importance of a healthy active lifestyle. This is evidenced by their healthy initiative four-year plan, which aims at inclusion for all: *"Health is the top priority. Without health it's difficult to live lives we value."* (Wellington Shire)

Two of the listed priorities are increasing physical activity and increasing opportunities for social connectedness. The Crèche is imperative for achieving these two goals for cares of young children.

The number one reason why I decided to gain a Gold Membership at the Aqua Energy was solely because I could place my daughter in a very safe, engaging and warm environment whilst I used the facilities.

Without this facility, there is absolutely nowhere else that I can safely leave her while I exercise. I feel as though I am promoting a healthy lifestyle to my daughter and being a single mother I would have no choice than to stop attending the gym classes offered.

Whilst my daughter was having her swimming lessons today in the pool, I observed the amount of mums coming and going from the crèche and Aqua Energy and am just so disheartened to think that this demographic that so readily uses the crèche and facilities are potentially going to have this social connectedness and opportunity to stay active stripped bare from them.. Where do you propose mothers and fathers go now to exercise???? Do you not want them to use the Aqua Energy?? This deserves serious thought, there has to be another option.

Apparently it is the second crèche session that is not proving to be profitable?? I would suggest arrangement of the timetable to have classes run for the second session. I know most mothers wish to get out of the house first thing, after school drop off and attend a class/gym... Why not have more

classes? Extend the sessions? Slight fee increase? Consider occasional care?? 9am-1pm Similar to what Neighbour hood house was providing.

Please, I urge you to reconsider. Let's not give up such a valuable community service. It will be absolutely devastating to see this go..

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Erin Nowak', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Erin Nowak.

Submission 2.2 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Carly McGowan):

To whom it may concern,

Today I was informed that a recommendation had been put forward to close the crèche at Aqua Energy.

I am new to Sale and also a new gold member of Aqua Energy. I have a six month old baby who attended the crèche for the first time today so that I could attend a fitness class at the centre. Without the crèche, I would not be able to utilise the facilities on offer at Aqua Energy to my full advantage or really, not much at all, which is basically money down the drain. I paid upfront fees for 6 mths with the intention of putting my child into crèche while I exercised, and today was the start of that journey & my baby & I both enjoyed our time there.

I would love to know the reasons behind the recommendation as it was quite busy when I was there today, obviously popular with the local mums, and the ladies who were working there were lovely. If it has something to do with cost, I'm sure the parents who utilise the crèche would be happy to discuss the matter with the council so that we can reach a reasonable outcome.

I would love to see the crèche continue to operate and thank you for your time in reading my request for it to do so.

*Regards,
Carly McGowan*

Submission 2.3 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Hayley Bartlett):

Chief Executive Officer
Wellington Shire Council
Po Box 506
Sale Victoria 3850



I am writing to object in the strongest terms to the proposed closure of the creche facilities at the Aqua Energy complex. I have used the creche for my three boys, since my eldest was six weeks old, he is now six years old. It has provided a wonderful service, which has allowed me to stay fit and active which is challenging with young children. I am sure I am not alone in saying that my fitness, health and positive mental outlook is largely due to being able to exercise on a regular basis. I have also been able to enjoy swimming lessons with my children whilst their siblings were in the creche.

My sons love the creche and are always happy to go there. The staff are absolutely wonderful and treat my children like their own. The creche is a happy place that is well attended. Frankly without the creche the gym and group fitness classes would be empty. This seems to be a short sighted decision to save a small amount of money. Many of the classes at Aqua Energy will not be viable if parents have no access to creche. This has a flow on effect to other users of the facilities and Aqua Energy employees.

I fully understand that it is not the purpose of Aqua Energy to provide childcare, but it is the purpose of Aqua Energy to ensure that leisure facilities are available to the whole community. Your community includes parents of young children. The best way to provide these facilities is to ensure childcare is available at the complex.

I am sure that council would not purposely introduce policies that restrict easy access and social inclusion. Not to mention the wider issue of obesity and fostering fit and healthy lifestyles, that presumably is the focus of Aqua Energy. In fact may I direct you to your Healthy Wellington policy which states that 'health is the top priority' with two of the major objectives of this policy, being to improve 'social inclusion and social connection' and increased 'physical activity'.

The proposed closure of the creche effectively excludes a large section of society from accessing the councils facilities and I think that is unacceptable. Sadly, this service is an easy target. If similar provision to facilitate access for another discrete group such as the elderly or disabled clients were to be cut there would be outrage. But we do not seem to accommodate the needs of babies, young children and their carers in our society.

The amount of money that is to be saved is considerably small (\$70,000 per year). Especially when you compare it to the 15 million that it's costing for the new 'Sale Hub' and the new Desailly street headquarters, or the 1 million that was spent on the Sale mall upgrade.

The comments from the Mayor on the 'moderate usage rates' and 'alternative local childcare' simply prove that she is completely out of touch. If there are only moderate usage rates why is it always necessary to book well in advance to obtain a creche spot? I would also love to know where these other local child care facilities are that allow you to enroll your child for just an hour?

For me it is not simply a matter of waiting for my husband to get home from work so I can access the gym or pool. He, as do many others in this community works in a fly in fly out job. Without access to the creche that small amount of time to do something for myself will no longer be possible.

I seek reassurance that all other possible options have been fully explored and that this is more than a knee jerk reaction, in an effort to cut the budget. For example have you looked at increasing charges, better promotion of services, changed opening hours? If so what conclusions have been reached on these options and why?

Simply put, no creche equals canceled memberships and canceled swimming lessons

I am sure that a budget shortfall can be rectified without permanently and needlessly sacrificing a valuable service and excluding large numbers of people from access to local leisure facilities in the process.

I look forward to your early response.

Yours sincerely

Hayley Bartlett

Submission 2.4 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Helen Kennedy):

Hi,

I am writing to oppose the closing of the crèche at Aqua Energy.

I personally do not use the crèche, but am a member of Aqua Energy.

The members & non members who use the crèche will probably leave. As well as doing fitness classes they also use the cafe. There is no other fitness centre I know of in Sale that has a creche. We are in a society where there is so much emphasis on fitness, sometimes this is the only way mum's can workout and socialise as well.

The repercussions is you will lose members and no doubt will take their friends with them.

I think you need to reconsider your decision.

Thank you,

Helen Kennedy

Submission 2.5 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Anonymous):

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards of the news of the possible cosure of the Aqua Energy creche. I find it very strange that you would want to discourage mums/dads from being fit and healthy, not only would you lose a lot of customers but you would be also lowing their membership.

The government can support junkies with a free methadone program but healthy and normal people can't have funds to pay creche staff members? I pay my rates that go up every year, I think this is the silliest thing I have ever heard of.

The council is providing a service, you don't need to make a profit.

You will lose my fortnightly direct debit membership if there is no longer a creche as there would be no point in me keeping it as I would not be able to use it as I have kids.

Thanks.

Submission 2.6 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Mary Wilson):

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the proposed closure of the Aqua Energy Crèche. I am a mother of three young children under 5 years of age. Our family uses the Aqua energy facilities on a regular basis. Our children attend weekly swimming lessons as well as the intensive swim program during school holidays. My husband and I attend exercise classes, the pool, gym 2-3 times a week and often on the weekend for leisure.

The Aqua Energy facilities were vital during pregnancy and after the birth of our children to help me regain my fitness physically and mentally and provide a safe social environment for our children. It was my lifeline! This would not have been possible without the availability of the crèche at Aqua Energy.

It saddens me to think that this service will cease and not only will I have to go elsewhere but so will many others. The closure of the Aqua Energy crèche will force us to cancel our memberships and take our children out of their swimming lessons.

Please consider how the closure of the Aqua Energy crèche will affect many families like mine but also the interests of many other families and the wider community before going ahead with the closure.

Yours Sincerely,

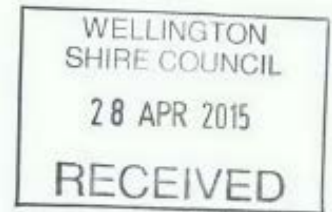


Mary Wilson

Submission 2.7 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Annette Carroll):

To the Councilors of Wellington Shire Council.

22/04/2015



As a rate payer and a long time Gold member of Aqua Energy, I'm writing this letter in protest of the closing of the crèche at Aqua Energy.

The crèche is an important part of the centre as it allows Mums, Dads and Grandparents to make use of the facilities provided knowing their children are safe and nearby. As a city with a transient community with the RAAF base and oil industry a lot of users don't have the luxury of family in the area to look after their children for an hour.

With the importance of exercise for physical and mental wellbeing the closure of the crèche will prevent many from using what is a great community facility and this would be a real shame.

I look forward to your reply to this matter.

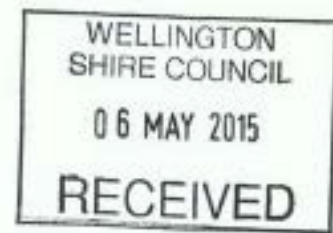
Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annette Carroll".

Annette Carroll

Submission 2.8 - Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Elise Dyce)

27th of April 2015



Dear Chief Executive Officer,

I am writing to object in the strongest terms the proposed closure of the crèche at Aqua Energy Sale. I have been a Gold Membership holder for over five years and have utilised the crèche facilities on a regular basis since both my two boys were a few months old. One of the things that attracted me most to Aqua Energy was the fact that it was the only gym in town that offered supervised care of my children whilst I exercised. The crèche has provided a wonderful service which has allowed me to stay fit and active which can be challenging with young children. Being able to exercise on a regular basis contributes to my fitness, health and positive mental outlook and I firmly believe that these things would suffer for me and many others if the crèche were to close.

The crèche facilities are fantastic; the staff are wonderful and my boys have loved going there for 3-4 sessions a week whilst I attend group fitness classes. The closure of crèche would see a snowball effect throughout the complex. Closing crèche would mean a significant drop in group fitness numbers, which means classes would be cut and less fitness instructors needed. Without crèche I would be unable to attend these classes and to be frank, would have no reason to keep my gym membership at all.

Crèche has allowed my boys to be involved in social interactions with other children of the same age. This aspect of crèche has been fundamental in my children's lives as we don't have many friends or family with young children. Crèche has allowed our children opportunities to develop socially and this is very important to me. Without crèche, my children would definitely lose some of these wonderful social connections they receive by attending Aqua Energy crèche. Being able to attend group fitness classes and crèche has also helped me to make new contacts and meet with people of similar ages, interests and circumstances. The closure of crèche would see me lose these social connections.

The draft proposal states that there is "adequate childcare vacancies elsewhere". I have contacted local childcare facilities and there is no centre in Sale that offers short term or hourly sessions. Without any childcare rebates I would be charged for a full day at \$76.50. This is completely unaffordable for me. Family Day Care offers short-term places but if crèche mothers took up those places then there would no longer be adequate vacancies. And since working mothers get priority over other people wanting care (and rightly so,) then crèche users would have no childcare vacancy and no alternative means of care.

I understand that it is not Aqua Energy's purpose to provide childcare, but it is the purpose of your facility to ensure that leisure activities are available to the whole community. A variety of community members access crèche facilities, not just mums who require "mummy time". These members include Dad's, Grandparents and also Carers of children who want to live an active and healthy lifestyle; something valued and promoted by Wellington Shire Council. The proposed closure of crèche effectively excludes a large section of the community from accessing some fantastic council facilities and to me, this is unacceptable.

The \$70,000 that is to be saved from closing the crèche is relatively small in the grand scheme of things, especially when you compare it to the 15 million spent on the 'Sale Hub' and the new Desailly Street offices, as well as the 1.5 million dollars spent on upgrading the Sale Mall, whose inadequate amount of new and expensive seating doesn't even shelter one from the rain or sun!

The Mayor's comments about "moderate usage rates" could not be further from the truth. If this was the case then why is it necessary to book children in to crèche in advance to ensure your spot? It is also necessary to cancel your crèche booking by 8am to ensure people on the waiting list are given an opportunity to receive a spot.

I understand the Wellington Shire Council needs to make budget cuts but I don't believe cutting the crèche in an effort to save \$70,000 is the answer. If this proposal was to go through, the Council stand to be worse off financially because many people will cancel their memberships. My family alone spend around \$3113.60 annually at Aqua Energy on the following:

Gold Membership-	\$900
Swimming lessons x 2 children-	\$1029.60
Crèche-	\$764
Café-	\$400

Cancelling my Gold Membership would see Aqua Energy lose about \$2064 of my money per year. If the 70 regular families that attend crèche do the same, your financial loss stands to be approximately \$144,480 per year.

There are many options that could be explored to ensure that this valuable service remains open, such as:

- Changing/ extending crèche times so that more people can access crèche facilities
- Better promotion of services, like actively advertising. Your Aqua Energy ad on the radio doesn't even mention having a crèche!
- All users paying for crèche sessions in advance and a strict no refund policy without 24hours notice for cancellations
- Look into the possibility of making Aqua Energy crèche an Occasional Care facility that offers short-term care to members and non-members. I know many people who would utilise occasional care services, myself included.

I am sure that a budget shortfall can be rectified without permanently and unnecessarily sacrificing a valuable service and excluding a large number of people from accessing local leisure facilities in the process.

Yours sincerely,

Elise Dyce

Submission 2.9 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Tracey Harper)

Chief Executive Officer
Wellington Shire Council
POBox 506 Sale,
Vic 3850



Draft Budget Submission

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my extreme disappointment at council's proposal to close the crèche at Aqua Energy. This facility is absolutely essential to mums and carers of young children who will not be able to make use of the gym facilities and classes without this service.

We have a big problem with obesity in our community and yet Council is proposing to take away a facility that allows carers of small children (particularly mothers who may be struggling to get active and back into exercise) to get fit and healthy.

Without the gym crèche facility the only form of exercise left to carers is walking or jogging with a pram which is not feasible for many months of the year due to weather or, if you live out of town as I do, can be quite dangerous.

I read in your Council Plan that two Strategic Indicators for the Council are 'increased number of visits to WSC aquatic facilities per head of municipal population' and 'increased community satisfaction rating for overall performance of recreational facilities.' Both of these targets will be affected by this decision.

I have a full membership at Aqua Energy but without the crèche I would not be able to attend and would be forced to cancel my membership. Before returning to work I made use of the crèche three times per week to attend exercise classes and use the indoor pool. Now that I have returned to part-time work I can only use the crèche once per week, which probably doesn't sound like much to the people looking at the statistics but this 1.5hrs each week is invaluable to both my mental and physical wellbeing.

My understanding is that council believes the facility is costing too much money and that there are alternative options for childcare.

In terms of money, why not trial putting up the prices to see if the crèche can recover more of the funds? I would happily pay twice as much as I currently do for this service. This option should at least be investigated before the crèche is closed down.

In terms of alternative childcare options, I am yet to find any which would provide me with short-term, ad hoc childcare in close vicinity to Aqua Energy. I would love to know where these services are as I and many other mums who make use of the crèche are going to be desperately trying to find them if it is closed.

Perhaps more could be done to promote the crèche facility. I had been using the gym for many years prior to the birth of my child and was not aware that this facility existed. Perhaps the 'moderate usage' could be boosted by more promotion of the facility by Aqua Energy and Council.

The staff and the facilities at the crèche are fantastic and it would be devastating if this service was discontinued. I have spoken to many, many people who are dismayed by Council's proposal.

Please reconsider and maintain this very valuable and vital service.

Regards,

Tracey Harper

Submission 2.10 - Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Julie Proud)

VERBAL SUBMISSIONS MADE AT WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING OF 21 APRIL 2015

Julie Proud – Proposed Closure of Creche

Good evening Councillors and Mayor. My name is Julie Proud. I've been nominated by a group of service users within the Wellington Shire that access Aqua Energy's crèche. Firstly I'd like to say that one of the biggest misconceptions amongst the Shire's other service users is that the crèche is free. So for people in the gallery and other people that may listen to this those people that access the crèche pay for their gym membership and they also access the crèche at a nominated fee.

Although the documents released by the Wellington Shire class the crèche as having moderate use, members are restricted to session times and those session times are Monday through to Friday, 2 sessions each day. Members pay \$4.90 per session and non-members in the community can also access the crèche and I'm not sure that that's available knowledge throughout the Shire. An average family of 4 with 2 parents and 2 children using the crèche for 2 sessions a week makes a yearly cost on average, for 40 weeks, that's school terms only, approximately \$784 per family for the access and usage of the crèche. And on top of that the gold membership and weekly spends in the cafeteria on average, for that family, it works out to be approximately \$2,700 a year. There are approximately 70 families that utilise the crèche. They have gym memberships, they use the crèche, cafeteria spends and, on average, that's approximately \$102,000 per annum, not calculating the additional planned membership increases for 2015/16 which is also included in the draft budget.

As for the statement 'alternative local child care is available', if a child is booked into day care facilities so that Mum or Dad can access the gym you must take the full day option which is \$76.50 per day less the child care rebate and this is sometimes very unaffordable for some families considering the cost-effectiveness of the crèche facility. One mother reported that she was on a wait list for a space at two local child care facilities for one child and in the seventh month she actually got that service. So after the closure of the Neighbourhood House, Aqua Energy crèche is the only short term child care available in the Sale area.

Wellington Shire needs be commended for the recreational facilities that are available for community members and visitors to use. The development and implementation of policies such as the Healthy Wellington Plan, Keeping Wellington Healthy, Health and Wellbeing Plan and Physical Activity Strategy just to name a few. We would urge Council to reconsider the closure of the crèche at Aqua Energy. Upon the news of the proposed crèche closure many members have stated that they will completely withdraw their memberships and not utilise any services related to Aqua Energy. Since Monday 20 April 2015 a petition has been circulating via social media which now has over 230 signatures against the closure.

The crèche provides an avenue for families to have social connectedness and community inclusion. This is extremely important and links into every Wellington Shire policy and plan mentioned before.

Whilst we appreciate budget constraints, in closing, I would like Councillors to consider that as a part of the Wellington Shire's community wellbeing strategic direction "*Wellington is a vibrant community that values partnerships and collaboration in the planning and delivery of health and wellbeing programs, services and activities*".

Thank you.

Submission 2.11 - Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Emily Larsen x 2)

VERBAL SUBMISSIONS MADE AT WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING OF 21 APRIL 2015

Emily Larsen – Proposed Closure of Creche

Hi, I'm Emily Larsen and I'm just wanting to add something about the gym crèche as well.

I guess I just wanted to let you know, from my own personal experience using the crèche, when I had my first child I felt quite socially isolated. I found it difficult to find activities to leave the house and meet other people and the crèche has provided me with an avenue to do that. And I think a lot of the other mothers there really enjoy that time and they've met people that are like-minded that are into health and that have children the same age. So, although we are there to use to use the gym facility it does provide an avenue to meet people and to connect socially. So we're quite devastated and it's really important to us and we'd really like some consideration to keeping it there.

Thank you.

Dear Malcolm

I am writing to object in the strongest terms to the proposed closure of the crèche at Aqua Energy. I have been a member at Aqua Energy for close to seven years now. I first joined when I moved back to Sale after ten years in Melbourne. The facility is fantastic and so well priced when compared to city gyms. I loved the community feel the gym had and I began to make new friends with people that also attended regularly at the same times. After the birth of my first child in 2011, I began using the crèche. The crèche provides an invaluable service, providing parents and carers of young children with an opportunity to exercise: enhancing physical, mental, emotional and social well-being. Health and Fitness have always been important to me but never so important until I became a parent. My love of fitness I believe came from my parents. Who might I add are over 60 still very fit and regularly attend the gym and exercise classes. I too hope through role modeling that my children will also inherit a love for fitness related activities. And this may in turn mean that they grow into healthy adults.

Becoming a parent for the first time although wonderful can be very challenging! Often you are sleep deprived, exhausted and feel uncertain about how to best care for a new baby. I also found this time quite socially isolating as it was my first time away from work and study in many years. My husband works a FIFO roster like many other members of the local community his work requires him to be away for 3 weeks at a time. When I was using the crèche it was quite often the only social contact I had in that day. Booking into the crèche meant that I committed to finding the time to exercise and time for myself, which can be challenging with young children. I always left the gym in a happy, positive mood and felt ready to tackle the day ahead. Being able to exercise also helped me to lose the extra 16 kilograms I had gained during pregnancy and I got back to my pre pregnancy weight 9 months after giving birth. I also ran 10 kilometers, which is further than I had ever run in my life! I felt a great sense of achievement, my self-confidence had finally returned and I had lots of energy, which I believe has made me a better parent. I truly believe that this would not have been achievable if I did not have access to the crèche.

Many would argue that we currently have an epidemic of preventable, costly and chronic disease. And according to the 'Healthy Wellington Plan' the Shire would tend to agree. This plan states that physical inactivity ranks as the leading contributor to preventable disease and morbidity among women. Recent research also indicates that the post partum period is a particularly critical time for the development of obesity. Regular physical activity has been associated with numerous direct health benefits; favorable effects on cholesterol, insulin sensitivity and aerobic fitness just to name a few. Some of the reported Psychological benefits include a reduction in symptoms of anxiety and depression and improved mood and well-being. The plan developed by council also recognizes the influence that social connectedness has on an individuals health and well-being. The Victorian Education Department in a recent report named social isolation as a key family stressor alongside parental mental illness, parental substance abuse, home violence and low income. In this context, the importance of building social support networks around families needs to be recognized. The Crèche goes a long way in providing its users with both an opportunity to increase physical activity and social connection, two out of the four priorities that have been identified by council for good health. Although the 'Healthy Wellington Plan' is great in theory it seems little point developing such plans if the services that help the community achieve it's listed priorities are on the chopping block. Perhaps the consultation process needs to involve seeking advice from healthcare professionals such as maternal child health nurses, doctors and midwives in order to gain a well-rounded view of the health implications that cancelling such a service may have.

The service is not only invaluable to the parents and carers who use it, but also the children that attend. My son loves going to Crèche, which is very well run by experienced and caring staff while offering a wide range of enjoyable and stimulating activities. The Crèche provides an opportunity for children to experience short periods of separation; a service, despite contrary reports, is not offered anywhere else in the Shire. Some children do not cope in busy commercial day care

centers or for long periods of time away from their parents. This service allows these children to develop coping skills and independence, which may in turn help with the transition to long day care or Kindergarten. I would encourage councilors to visit the crèche to see how happy the children who attend are!

Although it has been suggested that 'alternative commercial childcare' exists. There is no like for like alternative within the Shire. Certainly spaces may be available at commercial daycare and family daycare however in most cases these facilities require you to book and commit to set days per week and more often than not charge for a full day of care, which before rebate is upwards of \$70 per child per day. Last year I had my son waitlisted at two of the larger daycare facilities in town only to get a spot after 7 months at the beginning of this year. I am currently gearing up to return to study in July after the birth of my second child in December and subsequently trying to get both my children a spot on the same day at the same center, currently no places are available. Not only is it difficult to obtain a place for children in local daycare but also I simply could not afford to send both my children more than once a week and nor do I want to. Currently I use the crèche twice a week at an additional cost of \$4.90 per child this equates to a cost of \$19.80 per week on top of my membership. If I were to place both of my children in daycare it would cost upwards of \$280 per week.

I believe that 'moderate usage' rates as cited by the council is shortsighted. The proposed closure does not just affect the current users but also those who are not yet parents and may require and benefit a service like this in the future. It is fairly safe to say that once it's gone it will not return. Please keep this in mind when making your decision.

I understand that the crèche carries some burden to rate payers, but I would ask council to look at ways to reducing the cost as opposed to cutting the service completely. After all I am sure that all council would agree the more services on offer the better off we are. Some of these options may include:

- Offering spaces to non-members for occasional care purposes. This also fills the 'gap' that was left by neighbourhood house which I believe was a well used service. Surely affordable occasional care would be a desirable service for many members of the community. I would suggest that two sessions operate 1st: 8:45-10:45, 2nd 10:45- 12:45 with early booking available to non-members in the second session. And the option to book over both sessions (this may assist working mothers).
- Paying when you book. As far as I am aware all childcare facilities within the shire require payment in advance and if your child is sick or unable to attend you are still required to pay for their place the crèche should be no different. This also means that last minute cancellations or no shows do not carry such a great cost burden.
- Advertising and Marketing current advertising for Aqua Energy has no mention of the crèche. The crèche I believe is a point of difference for Aqua Energy as it is not offered by any other gyms in the area and therefore should be heavily advertised.
- Slight increase in prices. It is general consensus among crèche users that this would be welcomed if it means keeping the service.
- Restructuring of class timetable. Perhaps offering more popular classes inline with the second crèche session would help increase its use.
- Price increase for family memberships. I believe this needs a price review. Currently two adult memberships are more expensive than a family. I believe that it should be at least the same price, which would make children then free.
- Using the space for multi function. Perhaps after school art classes (there are some currently running in Stratford), yoga, Les Mills children's class, Pilates.

Currently Aqua Energy has something for everyone, the young, the elderly, those with disabilities and as it stands those with young children. I think 'we' need to shift our thinking that the crèche is subsidized childcare, but in fact a service that allows a particular group of people to access a facility. I urge council to rework the current model of the crèche in order to find a solution that is considered financially viable. Surely investing in the health of young families is money well spent! But at the end of the day it comes down to priorities and I hope that the physical and mental health of parents of young children is high on your list.

Yours Sincerely

Emily Larsen

Submission 2.12 - Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Rachael Laves)

Chief Executive Officer

Draft Budget Submission

Re: Potential closure of Aqua Energy Crèche facility

Dear David,

I recently read in the Gippsland Times (and on page 26 of the draft budget) that the Wellington Shire Council are considering closing Aqua Energy Crèche. The Wellington Shire Council area is one of the most impressive (of the four states I have lived in) in terms of footpaths, parks and public facilities, so this decision really surprised me. I believe this proposal, if it were to go ahead, would be of long term detriment to the community under **2.7. Strategic Objective 7: Community Wellbeing-Healthy Lifestyles.**

The Aqua Energy crèche was my reason for joining as a Gold Member in July 2011. I was newly posted to town (RAAF), had a four week old baby and three children under seven. I hate to think of what my fitness would be like now, had this facility not existed. I have constantly recommended newcomers to Sale to join Aqua Energy because of this facility, with many actually joining a gym for the first time and becoming group fitness regulars. I believe that having access to aqua Energy crèche has had not only physical benefits but, just as important, mental health benefits.

I cannot sing the praises enough of Rosie Leah and her staff. Over the last 10 years I have used childcare in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. Rosie and the Aqua Energy crèche room and sunny outside play space is unanimously the family favourite. My 4 year old packs her bag and tells me "get your gym clothes on, we going to Gym Crèche".

To specifically address the justifications for closure: "*Only moderate usage*". Throughout the time I have been a member, a weeks' notice is often needed (particularly in the under 3's) to secure a position for the 9:00-10:30am session. It is always very busy and mostly fully booked when I am there. "*Other childcare options available*". As a Mum of four, there are no viable 2hr childcare options available to me for the purposes of exercising. Childcare (long day care) is \$75 per day and I cannot justify this. I would not consider using other childcare options, as it would mean another drop-off and another expense. I would be forced to discontinue my membership and not use the facility.

In an age of rising obesity levels, chronic health conditions and mental health issues this budget decision could directly impact on parents' ability to do safe and effective rehabilitation and fitness activities and connect socially with positive, fit and healthy people. This decision will directly inhibit healthy lifestyles within our community in the short and long term.

Yours Sincerely,

 30th April 2015

Rachael Laves.

Submission 2.13 - Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Kylie Pratt)

WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

06 MAY 2015

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Dear Chief Executive Officer

I am writing in regards to the closure of the Aqua Energy Crèche, the crèche is an essential part of the gym, closing it would be ludicrous! Exercise is vital to maintain health and fitness and also mental health. The services offered by Aqua Energy are not only aimed at young single people or the elderly. The services are also there for families. By closing the crèche you are stating that families are not important to you at the Wellington Shire Council. Are parents less deserving of exercise, health and wellness than other citizens? Closing the gym is a disgusting lack of regard for a large portion of people you hope to vote for you in the next election. I pay my gym membership like everyone else. If the crèche is closed I will not be able to go to gym at all. My daughter attends the crèche 3 to 4 times a week, she loves going, the staff are wonderful and I know that she is well taken care of while I attend classes. Closing the crèche is wrong. I implore you do **NOT** close the Aqua Energy Crèche!

KEEP THE CRECHE OPEN!!!

Regards



Kylie Pratt

Submission 2.14 - Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Simon Dyce)

Monday 27th Of April, 2015



Dear Chief Executive Officer,

I am writing to you to object to the proposed closure of the crèche at Aqua Energy Sale. I am not a member of your facility but my wife and children are and it would impact our lives negatively if this proposal was to go through.

My wife has held a Gold Membership at Aqua Energy for over 5 years and our two sons have been attending crèche since they were a few months old. It has been part of my family's weekly routine to visit Aqua Energy 3-4 times a week where my wife partakes in group fitness classes and my children go to crèche. My boys love and have always loved attending crèche. They speak so affectionately of their carers that I know them by name. Rosie, Helen and Kaylene have been wonderful to my children and from what my boys tell me, have created a delightfully caring and nurturing environment that treat my boys like they are their own.

My children's lives would be very negatively impacted if the crèche were to close. Crèche allows them to be involved in social interactions with other children of the same age. This aspect of crèche has been fundamental in our children's lives as we don't have many friends or family with young children. Crèche has allowed our children opportunities to develop socially and this is very important to us. Without crèche, our children would definitely lose some of these wonderful social connections they receive by attending Aqua Energy crèche.

My wife's life would also be negatively impacted if crèche were to close. When I met my wife prior to having children she maintained a rather unhealthy lifestyle. Drinking, smoking and an unhealthy diet with no exercise were part of everyday living for her. Before trying to conceive our first child she made the decision to live a healthier lifestyle. She quit smoking and made more health-conscious decisions to eat more nutritiously. She also started looking for a gym to join. What made her chose Aqua Energy was the fact it had a crèche. No other gym around was offering an affordable, supervised crèche.

Since then my wife has attended Aqua Energy 3-4 times per week and loves participating in group fitness classes. She is a different person now to the person I met all those years ago. A healthy lifestyle has positively impacted her life and our family's lives in many ways. She now has lots of energy to keep up with our two boys, has an extremely positive outlook on life and rarely gets sick. She is a fantastic role model to our children and we all live and lead much healthier and active lifestyles because of this.

My wife's healthy lifestyle would be very negatively affected if crèche were to close. It would severely impact my wife's ability to exercise and lead a healthy lifestyle and I fear this would have extremely negative effects for her physical and more importantly, her mental wellbeing. I work long hours so early morning and evening group fitness classes don't work for us. We also don't have family available for babysitting.

Healthy lifestyles are something the Wellington Shire values and promotes so I urge you, please reconsider the proposal to close the Aqua Energy crèche. Surely there are options that can be looked at to keep crèche operating, such as a price increase, extended or changed hours of operation or better advertising or promotion to get more people accessing this wonderful facility. My family spends close to \$3000 at Aqua Energy annually on gym fees, swimming lessons, crèche and café purchases. If the crèche closure proposal was to be implemented our family would go elsewhere for these activities.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Dyce

Submission 2.15 - Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Susie Andrews)

Dear Mayor,

I am writing to you in the hope that you will allow the Aqua Energy crèche to remain open.

As a 61 year old, who has been a member of Aqua Energy since it opened, I do not use the crèche. However, I remember well as a young mother of two how socially isolated I felt, and how difficult I found it to exercise on a regular basis. The crèche provides an invaluable service, providing a whole section of our community with an opportunity to exercise: enhancing physical, mental, emotional and social well-being. It is not about "mummy time"- a term that demonstrates a complete lack of understanding of and empathy with the position of people responsible for young children. It is about following through with your healthy lifestyle initiative that states "inclusion" for all.

As a retired primary school teacher of over 35 years experience I also know the value of socializing experiences for young children. On speaking with users of the crèche I have heard only glowing reports. The more positive experiences we give young children (and their carers) the better off we all are as a community.

Perhaps you could extend the current service to allow access to non users of the gym, supplying occasional care at a slightly higher rate but a rate that allows access to many who may currently be excluded because of finances.

You state there are viable alternatives but occasional childcare is almost non-existent. Childcare services charge \$71+ dollars a day and that is for one child. Many people struggle financially and could never afford these "viable alternatives"- again hardly "inclusive" for all.

I understand that you have only a certain amount of money but there must be many services that you provide that are not "financially viable". Why must this service be singled out? Surely your expenditure should be prioritizing those services that enhance people's lives as opposed to those based around achieving an aesthetically pleasing outcome. Eg. your intention to spend a large amount of money on the port of Sale. A consultation process with the crèche staff and users may provide some great strategies to helping meet the cost- something I believe that has not taken place.

There is a lot of competition in town regarding fitness classes and facilities. If the crèche goes, the current membership could drop significantly. Smaller class sizes may see a reduction in classes offered and staff position jeopardized. This is not to mention the loss of future members... the crèche is a great draw card. What a shame this would be for such an excellent facility- one that many people in the town have contributed significant amounts of money to; a short sighted and backward step!

As community ratepayers we all contribute to services that we may not necessarily use: services that assist the elderly, the sick and those living in remote places are all important to offer. And so is this service. I urge you to reconsider and allow the crèche to remain open.

Yours sincerely
Susie Andrews



Submission 2.16 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Dannielle Monaghan)



Attention Chief Executive Officer,

I am writing in response to the proposed closure of the Aqua Energy Crèche.

I am a Gold Member and make use of the Aqua Energy Crèche facility for my two young children 2-3 times a week. I, like many mums, grandparents, friends and carers would be unable to utilise the Aqua Energy facilities for my own fitness and well being if not for the Crèche. I am not fortunate to have family to fall back on so I rely on the wonderful crèche staff to care for my two children so I can have some time to keep myself fit and healthy but more importantly mentally positive. I feel that after losing mum when my first born was 4 months old I needed the use of the gym to regroup mentally and to release feel good endorphins to help me cope with these massive changes in my life. Both the beautiful ladies in the crèche and a wonderful group of ladies from the fitness classes continually supply amazing support and without the crèche I would lose contact with a lot of these ladies.

Aside from the crèche allowing me to access gym facilities it also plays a huge part in social skills for my children. The easiest way to get my 4 year old to put his shoes on in the morning is to tell him we are going to crèche! They both absolutely love it and I know they will miss their little friends they have made if it closes.

In regards to the 'moderate usage' quote, I find if I don't book in the week prior there is no way I will get a spot for my two children so feel maybe the research on use of the crèche facility needs to be closer looked at.

I also use the crèche for my daughter while I take my son to swim lessons and again without this facility I will unfortunately need to reassess my swimming lesson options.

I will be extremely disappointed if the closure of the crèche goes ahead and like many am desperately hoping this proposal will be reassessed and the crèche will continue to operate.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D Monaghan".

Dannielle Monaghan

Submission 2.17 - Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Annie McAdam)

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

I am writing to object in the strongest terms to the proposed closure of the Aqua Energy Crèche.

I have been a gold member of the gym for the last four years and have used the crèche for the last two. It is a unique facility in Sale, highly valued by the mums/carer's that use it and well used and run-contrary to notions expressed in the draft budget proposal. I acknowledge that it is running at a loss and that the second session is extremely underutilized however, I believe this is down to Aqua Energy's management of the crèche. Aqua Energy Management have been reluctant to listen to members' feedback re classes over the years, they do not market the crèche or co-ordinate the second session with many classes and it would seem, as the whole complex is being run at a loss, the current way it is operated needs to be addressed.

I urge you not to sacrifice the crèche and leave mums/carer's/children without the opportunity to interact with others and gain/regain fitness and health. The crèche is arguably a more vital service to rate payers than an outdoor gym circuit in Maffra. There is no alternative child care available to the people that use the crèche. Please restructure it, increase the price if required but do not exclude the gym members that require this service to exercise and thus preserve physical and mental wellbeing. I remind you of the Council's Vision 2013-2017 (7.1) that promises to 'Support access of recreational opportunities for ALL sectors of the community.'

Yours faithfully,



Annie McAdam

Gold member
Mother
Registered Nurse (A&E)

Submission 2.18 – Question re Proposed Closure of Aqua Energy Creche (Glenn Canfield)

Online question received at the Council Meeting held on 21 April 2015:

Name	Question	Date
Glenn Canfield	Will the Council update the Defence Material Organisation Project AIR5428 Office of the removal of support services that directly affect Defence Families, i.e. Aqua Energy Creche Services?	18:57 21-04-2015

Submissions 2.19 – 2.33 - Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Sam Madden, Karen Hughes, Maternal & Child Health, Ben McAdam, K. McKenzie, Vineetha Das, N. McClen, Ashley Shanahan, Gary McMillan, Lynee Millward, Caroline Epskamp, Fiona Ronchi, Christina Weatherall, Thomas McAdam, Eveyln McAdam)

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This is a very well run service with many benefits for the children who attend. This service is the only service within the shire that offers occasional care at a rate that is accessible to most people. It offers stimulating activities and opportunities for developing important social skills in a caring and safe environment.

I urge you to reconsider.

Yours Sincerely

Submission 2.34 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Peter Nowak)

7th May 2015



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Both my daughters use the crèche facility and then attend the gym classes. Not only is this beneficial for them it is demonstrating to my grandchildren the importance of staying active and strong.

One of my daughters is a single mother, and without the crèche facility she would have no one during the week to look after her daughter while she stays active and fit. It has also helped her connect with other mothers, which has been imperative.

It would be a great shame if this closes as there is no other service like this and it would prove that council devalues the young mothers/fathers in our community.

I know that all my grandchildren have benefited developmentally by attending crèche and has prepared them for kindergarten and school.

I urge you to reconsider.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Nowak".

Submission 2.35 - Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Andrea McKenzie)

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

I wish to strongly object to the proposed closure of the crèche at Aqua Energy. As recent gold members of the past year, my husband & I have found this service a godsend and frankly, it was the only reason we chose Aqua Energy over the other gym facilities in town.

Since having our second child, a much more demanding and unsettled little soul than his older sister ever was, my patience levels have dropped and my stress levels skyrocketed... I have started back working 2 day this year and often struggle at home as my husband works FIFO, so I cannot emphasize how much it means to me, to be able to have that one hour to myself, while my children are being cared for by the beautiful educators in the crèche & exercise without them nagging, needing me or constantly demanding my attention. I personally do not enjoy exercise, but know it is beneficial for my physical and mental wellbeing and after pushing myself during an exercise class I feel better about my self, I'm much happier and therefore know I am better mother and wife.

I know that some people need exercise to function, and doing so with children in tow, often just adds to the stress. The crèche is a beautiful service. I am always amazed by the amount of activities on offer & the learning that occurs such a short 1.5-hour period. Rosie is a fantastic director and it is a credit to her!

I acknowledge that the crèche is running at a loss, but feel disappointed and cheated that council is appearing to 'throw in the towel' to save a relatively small amount of money in the scheme of other projects on the go, instead of investigating and/or finding other alternatives to make the crèche more viable.

Examples of this could be: A slight fee increase, offering occasional care where parents can leave the facility to run errands, advertising or promoting the crèche better and even changing or adding to the group fitness timetable... Many ideas of which were discussed at today's meeting. I feel hopeful through our collaboration this morning, that we have found a positive solution to save the crèche. I urge you to reconsider your decision when reviewing the proposal that will be put forward. We have many other ideas and strategies we would love to put in place to make the crèche run even better if the proposal to close it is overturned.

The draft budget states that only 7.5% of Gold Memberships use the crèche, which may seem like a minority group, but please don't dismiss us just like that... Especially with many young women and teens in today's society suffering from a negative & unrealistic or unhealthy body image and even as a celebrity mum can explain life after childbirth:

"After making two babies, holy cow, does your body do some crazy stuff! It's hard to stay positive and love yourself. You feel like a kangaroo with a giant pouch; everything's saggy and weird. But you think about how beautiful it is that you're able to make children. When I lose sight of that, I exercise, and spend time with my kids. Then I start to see things that are bigger than myself." – Drew Barrymore

I believe you are proposing to take away a vital facility to an already vulnerable demographic and I urge you in the strongest possible way to please reconsider!

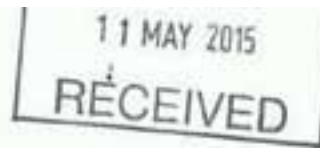
Thank you for your time,

Andrea McKenzie



Submisison 2.36 – Petition re Objection to closure of Aqua Energy Creche (Glenn Canfield)

Chief Executive Officer
Wellington Shire Council
PO Box 506
Sale, Vic 3850



Dear Mr Morcom,

1. I would like to draw your attention to the proposed Wellington Shire Budget for 2015/16 and the decision to remove funding for the Aqua Energy crèche services.
2. The decision to remove funding is inherently biased against the Australian Defence Force and ESSO community. The majority of these families do not have the local family support and as such, will be unable to utilise the basic services of the Aqua Energy in the future.
3. As an Australian Defence Force Member, I typically work from 0730 to 1730, and as such have limited opportunity to supervise children whilst my wife attends fitness classes. With the removal of crèche services, and inability to gain short (1.5hr) child minding services, effectively my Wife will be cut off from yet another local activity.
4. I note that Wellington Shire Council is citing "alternative local childcare availability" as a reason for closure, however I have found gaining short period (1.5hrs) child minding near impossible in Sale. Noting that Neighbourhood house has been also closed, it would be appreciated to outline where this alternate short period childcare availability is.
5. The ability to utilise crèche services is the only reason our family has contributed Gold membership to the Aqua energy for the past eight years. With the closure of the crèche, I can no longer justify this membership.
6. It is disappointing from a community aspect that Wellington Shire Council is targeting Defence and ESSO families through budget cuts to health and fitness facilities.
7. I sincerely hope that prior to any decision to cut funding to Rate payer services, that priorities will be revisited.
8. Please find enclosed a petition including over 400 signatures and comments.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glenn Canfield".

Glenn Canfield

10 May 2015

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Recipient: Cr. Carolyn Crossley, Cr. John Duncan, Cr. Peter Cleary, Cr. Emilie Davine, Cr. Malcolm Hole, Cr. Patrick McIvor, Cr. Scott Rossetti, and Cr. Bob Wenger

Letter: Greetings,

Don't close Aqua Energy Creche!

The Aqua Energy Creche provides a vital service which allows parents/guardians to participate in the numerous health and fitness activities at the centre. Many parents/guardians would be unable to take part in classes, workout in the gym or swim if it were not for the provision of short period paid childcare. For the many families in Sale who do not have extended family or support in the region, the creche service also provides opportunities for children to experience short separation and socialisation from a young age.

"The Aqua Energy crèche have your child's best interest at heart. The qualified staff aim to offer the highest quality care in a friendly, caring and secure environment. The program provides a stimulating atmosphere where children can further develop their social and learning skills through play." (Wellington Shire Council Website).

Name	Postal Code	Country	Signed On	Comment
Alanna Stephenson	3851	Australia	20/04/15	
Alex Burns	3852	Australia	20/04/15	
Alisa Dickinson	3851	Australia	22/04/15	
Alison Wright	3131	Australia	20/04/15	
Ally Sage	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Amanda beechey	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Amanda Canfield	3850	Australia	20/04/15	The Aqua Energy Creche provides a vital service which allows parents/guardians to participate in the numerous health and fitness activities at the centre. Many parents/guardians would be unable to take part in classes, workout in the gym or swim if it were not for the provision of short period paid childcare. For the many families in Sale who do not have extended family or support in the region, the creche service also provides opportunities for children to experience short separation and socialisation from a young age.
Amanda Castle	3850	Australia	27/04/15	it is important for all of us to exercise, including mums! The gym should be exclusive!
Amanda smith	3850	Australia	20/04/15	because I have a lot of friends who use these facility and if they close the crèche they won't be able to use the gym or the pools :-{
Amanda Steele	3858	Australia	21/04/15	
amber dias	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Amber stewart	3860	Australia	21/04/15	I think it would be a loss for Aqua Energy to close the crèche. Lots of families use this facility.
Amber Weaver Smith	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Amy S	96761	United States	22/04/15	
andrea halliwell	3860	Australia	21/04/15	
Andrea McKenzie	3850	Australia	20/04/15	Because this is a fantastic and valuable facility for the community and a couple of extra dollars on our rates is money well spent for the health and well belong of parents with young children!!
Andrea McNaughton	3862	Australia	27/04/15	
Andrew Mckellar	3818	Australia	26/04/15	
Angie Derham	3862	Australia	22/04/15	
Anika Duncan	3862	Australia	20/04/15	These services are a necessity.
Ann-Marie Mcadam	3851	Australia	20/04/15	If the Creche closes I will be cancelling my membership.

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Anna Bessell	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
anna brady	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
anne edgson	6330	Australia	21/04/15	
Anne Griffiths	3860	Australia	20/04/15	
Anne Law	4975	Australia	21/04/15	I'm signing because health and fitness is a fundamental part of being a healthy human and parent. If this Crèche closes many parents and guardians will not be able to maintain their fitness goals. Please keep it open, happy healthy parents make good parents.
Annette Carroll	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Annie mcadam	3851	Australia	20/04/15	
Annie Pleming	3860	Australia	21/04/15	
Anonymous Jackson	3850	Australia	22/04/15	
anya kolak	3850	Australia	22/04/15	
ashlea may	3860	Australia	21/04/15	
Ashlea Scarfo	3851	Australia	20/04/15	
Ashleigh fairhall	3850	Australia	20/04/15	although I personally haven't used the crèche I see its value to those who have and know of people who use it. If you close it. You will soon see membership and attendance at Aqua energy diminish opting for a more family friendly facility.
Ashley Iliopoulos	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Athina Iliopoulos	3850	Australia	22/04/15	
beck sherwell	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Belinda Howard	3851	Australia	21/04/15	
Belinda Jones	3860	Australia	20/04/15	
belinda vieth	3337	Australia	21/04/15	
Belinda wisely	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Ben Larsen	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I think the creche is a great way for parents with young children to be able to goto the gym and stay fit and healthy. There is no other creche / childcare facility available that allows you to put your child in for and hour at a time. Big loss for Sale if the creche is closed. Especially with an abundance of FIFO workers and RAAF personnel in the area.

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Ben mcadam	3851	Australia	21/04/15	
Bernadette Toohey	3850	Australia	27/04/15	
Bernie Gleeson	3850	Australia	20/04/15	This is a vital service. People need to have child free time to be able to exercise.
Brad rogers	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Brad White	3860	Australia	28/04/15	This is an important service that is provided to support health and fitness in the community.
Brea Mclay	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Bridie Stillman	3150	Australia	20/04/15	
Briony Campion	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Brittney Kuch	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Bronwen Hall	3850	Australia	20/04/15	This crèche gives me much needed time out in a place where I can nurture my physical and mental health.
Brooke McInnes	3850	Australia	21/04/15	We need services like this in a small town.
Brooke Stewart	3850	Australia	25/04/15	
Camille Sasse	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Carly Higgins	3858	Australia	21/04/15	
Carly McGowan	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I use the crèche and want it to stay open!!!!
Carly Richardson	3862	Australia	20/04/15	I work casually at Aqua Energy and would be unable to do those shifts should the crèche close.
Carly Sellings	3847	Australia	20/04/15	
Caroline Duck	3862	Australia	21/04/15	Mums need to have proper child care facilities
Carolyne Wilson	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Cassandra Byrne	3851	Australia	21/04/15	As a mother this is a service I know that myself and many others appreciate as it gives us the opportunity to build and maintain fitness levels.
Catherine Ashton	3199	Australia	20/04/15	My Mum goes to this gym as a senior and has always been impressed with the focus this gym has on supporting all ages in their strive to improve their fitness or skills. You cannot close this service. Closing this service would be very detrimental to the local community.
Catherine gangur	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Cathie Shanley	2117	Australia	21/04/15	It is important for me young folk without babysitters to be able to exercise
Cathleen Crouch	3931	Australia	21/04/15	

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charlene venables	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Charmaine Wilson	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Chris Lowrey	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Christine Burke	4223	Australia	21/04/15	
claire Scarlett	2582	Australia	20/04/15	
Clare Howson	3850	Australia	22/04/15	young mothers need the crèche so they can have a bit of a break and do something for themselves !!!
Clarinda Treglown	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I think it could be better used.. It's not very flexible for working parents & after hours.. Could be ran really well if done right.
Claudio Durbano	3840	Australia	26/04/15	
Clinton Gartung	3862	Australia	22/04/15	This service is available so to promote a healthy lifestyle. closing it down will prevent my wife the ability to reach her goals and our rates are paid to allow services like these to be subsidised.
cobie jones	3851	Australia	23/04/15	the shire think they can control everything. they don't think of others when they get all high and mighty.
Colleen dorsman	3860	Australia	28/04/15	
Coralie Nichols	3862	Australia	20/04/15	These are the services that have a wider economic benefit than the bottom line figure. This service is important for our RAAF families, mental health and socialisation. By keeping this promotion of Aqua Energy and its other facilities continues.
Courtney Mraz	3851	Australia	20/04/15	Disappointing the new mayor Carolyn has such little respect for mothers trying to get out of the house and enjoy exercise with out there children, for the short time of up to 3 hours. How ever the crèche isn't free, the parents using it are paying for the services. So where are the profits going? What happens to the carers jobs, will the mayor find positions else where? What happens to the gym instructors when the classes on at the crèche operating times have excruciating decline in numbers? Pool and admin staff, do there numbers decrease the required staff? What are the flow on effects? Does this mayor actually care about the general health and well being of mothers in the area, and the flow on effect that shutting such amazing facility. I think it's foolish, aqua energy is a wonderful gym with wonderful facilities and amazing staff.
Courtney rogers	3847	Australia	20/04/15	

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craig horn	3850	Australia	20/04/15	It would be incredibly short sighted to close this creche service outright. Please consider options, and keep customers!!
Craig Skeen	3850	Australia	27/04/15	I think it's helping parents with opportunities to keep healthy
Dan compton	2830	Australia	20/04/15	
Dan Jeffs	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Daniel Mendes	2076	Australia	21/04/15	
Danielle Carpenter	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I have school aged children now but being a RAAF family the crèche allowed me to join the gym. No crèche would have meant there would be no way of me exercising. This is a REALLY BAD idea by the Wellington Shire Council!!
Dannielle Monaghan	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Dave Arnup	3850	Australia	20/04/15	Once it's closed i
David Ford	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I use the crèche and will have to cancel my membership if I can not put my child in care while I train
Debbie Fox	3850	Australia	27/04/15	
Debbie Olsson	3850	Australia	22/04/15	
Dennis Carstairs	3862	Australia	27/04/15	
Diana Dorber	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
dianne dalley	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I use it!!!! And I'm a member
Donna Morgan	3850	Australia	27/04/15	This crèche is a much needed service for parents knowing they can have a workout, swim or just a much needed timeout for a coffee knowing their children are in a safe, nurturing environment.

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Duggan Louise	3850	Australia	21/04/15	The closure of this facility would be detrimental to the emotional well being of many mothers who use this facility. As research has long demonstrated, regular exercise is vital for mental health. Mothers of young children need all the support they can get. The opportunity to exercise and socialise is paramount. The closure will only result in increase pressure on the health system through the lack of opportunities for mums to participate, nurturing their own wellbeing. Additionally the qualified staff in the creche work tirelessly to ensure the needs of each and every child in their care are met. They are fabulous. In all my years using this facility I simply could not fault them. They too will no longer have work. I beg you to review your decision based on the long term impact and the number of people affected.
Ebony Cameron	3860	Australia	21/04/15	A lot of people around the area don't have family close by to just call on to have their children while they go to the gym...a lot of memberships will be canceled ..
Ed Jones	3851	Australia	21/04/15	
Edmond Jones	3851	Australia	21/04/15	Because I care, this is not a public toilet they are closing!
Elise dyce	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Elissa Duck	3850	Australia	23/04/15	
Eliza McDiarmid	3850	Australia	21/04/15	I'm supporting the people who use it , why should we have built these facilities if they aren't can't be utilised by the public.. Our rates paid for this facilities to be there in the first place, they are still paying for the child care as well as their membership fees.
Elizabeth Newman	3047	Australia	21/04/15	
Ellie Charmer	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Elvira Rita Wisniewski	3850	Australia	21/04/15	It's important to every parent that uses the gym, that needs help with their little ones.
Elvira Wisniewski	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Emily Larsen	3850	Australia	20/04/15	

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Emily Lazzaro	3131	Australia	20/04/15	I have many family and friends in Sale, who use the gym and the crèche and I think to shut it down without consultation or due consideration of the impacts is disgraceful on the Council's part. The opportunity to exercise and to have a short break from your children is vital to the health and well being of mothers (and fathers in many cases). The Council has clearly not thought this through and I hope they reconsider their decision based on the significant amount of feedback about how important the crèche is to the Sale community.
Emily Norman	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I often use the gym criche for some "me time" knowing that my son is very happy and being well looked after while i get some time to exercise. Without the criche i will cancel my membership.
Emma Arnup	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Emma austin	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Emma Bates	3851	Australia	20/04/15	If it closes I'll cancel my membership
Emma caird	4152	Australia	21/04/15	health and fitness for everyone is so important. It's wonderful that mothers are taking the time to focus on this important aspect of their lives. They should be supported in doing this.
Emma Fox	3860	Australia	30/04/15	I need the service!!! Extend hours and make more money!!!!
Emma Gault	3850	Australia	22/04/15	I want the creche to stay open.
Emma Marsden	3862	Australia	20/04/15	
Emma Wragge	3850	Australia	3/05/15	
Erin nowak	3850	Australia	20/04/15	Without this service I will not have the opportunity to stay fit and healthy and utilize the facilities of the Aqua Energy. I pay a GOLD membership ontop of creche cost, like so many others and will be so ashamed of our Council if they approve this.
Fay Hicks	4207	Australia	20/04/15	
Felice Mayman	3850	Australia	22/04/15	
Fiona Mowat	7250	Australia	21/04/15	
Fiona suarez	3851	Australia	21/04/15	It is important to encourage health and fitness in the community. The crèche service enables mothers and fathers to exercise using the Aqua energy'so facilities.
Frank Gionfriddo	3875	Australia	27/04/15	AN IMPORTANT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR FAMILYS
Gary McMillan	3850	Australia	22/04/15	
gavan broberg	3851	Australia	20/04/15	

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Glenn Canfield	3850	Australia	20/04/15	The removal of this service would be a significant loss to the Community, especially due to the large number of Defence Families that rely on this service.
GREG PHELAN	3978	Australia	20/04/15	G. J. Phelan
Hannah Lonnee	3850	Australia	21/04/15	because this is a shire run facility, it is a service to the community! So foot the bill for this to remain open, you have clients who will go else where if it shuts down so you can save some money.
Hannah Riseley	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Hayley Bartlett	3862	Australia	20/04/15	
Hayley smolenaars	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Heather Hayman	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Heather Lamb	3064	Australia	21/04/15	
Helen Kennedy	3850	Australia	21/04/15	You close the crèche you will lose members. Creche is a great service, , also many have coffee afterwards.
Henderson Bree	3850	Australia	22/04/15	
Holly coombe	6163	Australia	20/04/15	
Jacinta Fitzpatrick	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Jaclyn hamilton	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Jacqueline fox	3860	Australia	20/04/15	
jacqui rosewood	2305	Australia	21/04/15	I remember having young kids and desperately needing to work on my fitness, the only way to do this is with a crèche being available, especially when you live away from family...
Jacqui Schofield	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Jamie Campbell	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
JAN LEAR	3850	Australia	24/04/15	
Jane mcmillan	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Janelle McMahon	3850	Australia	22/04/15	I am a member and have a family gold membership because its the inly gym with a creche. Rosie and the creche ladies are fantastic, I know my kids are in good hands while I do a class or workout in tge gym. Please Please don't take this service away.
Jani Talikka	2913	Australia	20/04/15	
Jasmine Williams	3860	Australia	21/04/15	
Jason Canfield	3850	Australia	20/04/15	

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Jenna White	3860	Australia	28/04/15	With the obesity numbers increasing it is devastating to think that a local council would make it even harder for men and women, with children to be able to enjoy the pool and gym facilities.
Jennifer davidson	3850	Australia	21/04/15	i need this crèche in order to be able to get back into fitness after having my second child (8 weeks old). Having 2 kids is hard enough to find time to exercise let along finding a babysitter or putting them in alternative care for \$90 a day.
Jennifer McKenzie	3850	Australia	23/04/15	All three of my grandchildren attend this chreche regularly and love going there and playing with the other children of all ages. It really affects the entire family when mums and dads don't get a chance to exercise and interact with other parents and adults during their busy days.
Jenny Scoble	3850	Australia	21/04/15	I am 7 months pregnant and planning to get a family gold membership soon. If there is no crèche then I will go elsewhere.
Jenny Williams	3860	Australia	21/04/15	
jess goodwin	3850	Australia	28/04/15	
Jess Hobson	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Jessica Carrick	3850	Australia	21/04/15	This service effects my community
Jessica Downie	3850	Australia	21/04/15	creche is a great service and my son loved it when we did go Before I stopped going to the gym!!
JessicA kerr	3850	Australia	22/04/15	creches are very valuble useful and hard to come by its needed
Jill Merkel	10031	United States	21/04/15	Because its important
Jill Thayer	3850	Australia	22/04/15	
Jo Crawford-Wynd	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Jo Foster	3851	Australia	20/04/15	
Joanna Gieschen	3860	Australia	20/04/15	I would like to use this service in the near future. Without it I wouldn't be able to use the facilities as I have 3 young kids
Joanne Hammill	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Jocelyn Willox	3851	Australia	20/04/15	
Jodie martin	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
JoDie taylor	3860	Australia	20/04/15	

Name	Postal Code	Country	Signed On	Comment
Jodie whykes	3850	Australia	21/04/15	i believe the crèche is one of the better "services" offered in Sale & I strongly believe it makes a difference in the mental & physical health & wellbeing of those using the service. Having children & finding time to yourself is hard without support services such as this . It should not always come down to dollars and cents that's why they call it a "service".
John Haines	3850	Australia	21/04/15	It is a "penny pinching" move for a much valued service
josh leah	3875	Australia	21/04/15	
Josh Marshall	3844	Australia	20/04/15	
Julia Hales	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I was hoping to start using the crèche now that my daughter is old enough. It would be terrible to loose this service as I have no family who can help out so crèche is the only option.
Julie Foat	3860	Australia	21/04/15	It is a critical service for mums & dads with bubs to be supported to keep fit and healthy.
Julie Proud	3850	Australia	20/04/15	Social inclusion and health is important FOR EVERYONE !!
June Dimarco	3850	Australia	22/04/15	
Justin Mclay	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Kain Cameron	3860	Australia	21/04/15	
Kara Wheeler	3858	Australia	21/04/15	
karen allison	3851	Australia	21/04/15	Families need to be able to access quality care while exercising, husbands working offshore, no family to assist ie. RAAF families. My chn attended in the old stadium so I could meet new people playing basketball 11 years ago, this is a vital service that Aqua Energy needs to consider if they are offering family memberships, swim lessons etc.
Karen Allison	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Karen Beach	3851	Australia	20/04/15	My family needs this!
Karen Hughes	3853	Australia	20/04/15	
Karen McAdam	3851	Australia	20/04/15	

Name	Postal Code	Country	Signed On	Comment
Karen Staplehurst	3850	Australia	21/04/15	<p>I am signing this petition because a healthy mind and body is not always easy to achieve without support. As a parent, to be able to access a facility to care for your children, in a nurturing and safe environment is not always easily accessible. The creche facilities and staff provide a service that allows parents an opportunity to take time to nurture themselves and feel good about themselves. All this equals happy, healthy parents. To close the gym is selfish, and deprives the families that use the creche it. There are many known advantages that regular exercise provides individual with such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving your quality of life Reduce stress Boost happy chemicals Reduce anxiety Boosts self esteem Improves self confidence Helps to prevent cognitive decline Helps to decrease addictions Increased energy levels Reduced blood pressure
Karena Lorene	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Karlee Lees	3156	Australia	27/04/15	I occasional have put my kids in this crèche when I visit sale, plus my nephew attends there and it's fantastic for the kids. Parents can go and work out and know their kids are safe and being cared for.

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Kate Annup	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Kate Gunn	3850	Australia	21/04/15	I'm signing because this service is crucial to the success of the facility. Without a crèche, Mums will stop their memberships.
Kate Hayes	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Kate Jones	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Kate Lindrea	3850	Australia	22/04/15	
Kathryn Kappenberger	3850	Australia	21/04/15	health and fitness should be encouraged and this would be a big blow to parents who value their health and wish to have the opportunity to use the facilities at Aqua Energy with the piece of mind their child(ren) are in a safe environment. Also it's not fair for the carers that work in the crèche to lose their job that they may love and be proud of. Parents should not be disadvantaged as life is already hard enough. Keep it open, I'm sure this petition has increased its popularity already. A bit like the Bundy Hall scenario.
Katie Johnston	3862	Australia	21/04/15	This is a great service for Mum throughout Sale and surrounds and it shouldn't be closed. I just had a baby and I won't be able to use the gym this year without this service.
Kayla Beechey	3850	Australia	22/04/15	I joined aqua energy because of the creche. It made life so much easier but it's such a shame they don't see how great it is. Hope they realise that closing the creche will end in a lot of cancelled memberships.
Kayla Fischer	3862	Australia	21/04/15	
kayla hellings	3850	Australia	21/04/15	I'm signing because I am a new mum who will be using these facilities in the near future and will not be able to if there is no crèche offered!
Kaysie Lehmann	3862	Australia	21/04/15	The town needs this facility!
kazz Staplehurst	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
kellie Kennedy	3844	Australia	20/04/15	
Kellie Lazzaro	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Kellie Murray	3860	Australia	21/04/15	
Kelly Barry	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Kelly Berger	3082	Australia	20/04/15	

Name	Postal Code	Country	Signed On	Comment
kelly daymond	3850	Australia	20/04/15	im singing this because use partners need somewere out children can go when go to a fit ness class or a gym class poeple will be lost with out the care for the children save the creche
Kerrie Coey	3850	Australia	20/04/15	This closure goes against Wellington Shire Council's Strategic Vision for Wellington 2030 in 2 of the 9 themes reflecting the main areas of interest for the community. Themes - Population, Wellbeing and Safety. There are no viable alternatives in our community that can support the population that utilizes this facility. Child care services such as Gum Nuts should not be considered as alternatives as they are not the type of facility that can accommodate 1-2hr usage which is what most people need when they do go to use the facilities at Aqua Energy.
Kerry mcmillan	3851	Australia	22/04/15	
kim cook	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Kim Garrett	3862	Australia	27/04/15	I use the creche and classes on a regular basis.
Kim Groves	3850	Australia	22/04/15	I will not be able to continue utilizing the gym/pool for exercise without the creche.
Kim Hawryluk	3850	Australia	21/04/15	It provides access to people using the gym.
kira dunn	3850	Australia	22/04/15	I'm signing this as a lot of my friends us this and it would be stupid to close it!
Kirby-Anne Boyle	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
koren Sutherland	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Kris Grattan	3850	Australia	23/04/15	
Kristen millar	3851	Australia	20/04/15	
Kristie Sutton	3847	Australia	21/04/15	
Kristie Szabatura	3851	Australia	20/04/15	this is so totally a bad idea!
Kristy Phillips	3860	Australia	20/04/15	
Kylie Campbell	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Kylie Dingwall	3851	Australia	21/04/15	It is a valuable service to our community which allows Mum's, Dad's & careers an opportunity to take some time, to look after their own physical and mental health.
kylie eicke	3851	Australia	23/04/15	need a creche!
Kylie Wilson	3041	Australia	21/04/15	I care.
Lakshmi Shesan	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Ian hua	3850	Australia	28/04/15	
Laura Belcher	3850	Australia	20/04/15	

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Lauren Clyne	3859	Australia	21/04/15	I won't be joining the gym if there is no option of on site crèche, it is difficult enough to get to the gym for an hour let alone find external child care.
Lauren Gately	3860	Australia	21/04/15	
Lauren Glover	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Lauren Low	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Lauren MacRae	3850	Australia	27/04/15	
Lauren Pini	3851	Australia	21/04/15	Great facility provided.
Lavinea McMillan	3851	Australia	21/04/15	
Leah Scott	3000	Australia	21/04/15	Because I use it
Leanne Evans	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Leanne Jones	3862	Australia	20/04/15	
Leanne Powers	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Lelsey Palmer	3850	Australia	20/04/15	im signing because I think it is a very silly idea to take away some peoples only option for going to the gym..memberships would also drop
Leonie Roberts	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I'm signing in support of our community ☺
Lesley Palmer	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Lewis Staplehurst	3850	Australia	9/05/15	My mums best friend works at the creche in if she loses her job then she would lose her house which would be a massive disaster for their family
Lia Storer	3851	Australia	20/04/15	I have friends that wouldn't be able to use the gym without the creche
lia storer	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Linda hunt	3860	Australia	21/04/15	
Linda Skehan	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Lisa Centra	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Lisa Pattinson	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
lisa van ekeren	3850	Australia	20/04/15	Its a service we NEED !
Lori Field	3850	Australia	22/04/15	
Louise Slattery	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Mackenzie Pope	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Maggie gray	3860	Australia	20/04/15	
maralice roy	3037	Australia	21/04/15	
Marcus Steward		New Zealand	21/04/15	

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Margaret Murray	3340	Australia	21/04/15	
Margie Collins	3850	Australia	1/05/15	
mariann weathers	3850	Australia	22/04/15	
marion dusting	5211	Australia	24/04/15	this is false economy on part of shire
Marita Wilson	3853	Australia	21/04/15	I'm am signing because i feel this is beneficial to mums who would like to keep up good health and exercise that need a creche for childcare while they exercise....
Mary Wilson	3850	Australia	20/04/15	The AE creche is my life support#3children#healthybodyhealthymind
Marylou Lee	3862	Australia	20/04/15	This creche provides a safe care environment for littlies and an effective support network for parents.
Matt Ward	3850	Australia	28/04/15	To Wellington Shire: Although I don't use the creche, I see many members drop their children off at creche prior to either their gym/pool session or group classes. Without this creche, there would be no justification to continue with group classes either. Aqua Energy is already priced at the top end for Sale. Start messing with the facilities Wellington Shire and you will end up shutting the doors completely. We pay some of the highest rates in Victoria, would look fairly embarrassing as a council if you couldn't keep your gym open.
Maxine Johnson	4753	Australia	21/04/15	It is needed by so many mum's.
Meg Cromb	3860	Australia	20/04/15	
Megan Gunn	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Megan Kenny	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Megan Rodgers	3860	Australia	20/04/15	mum's and dad's with kids need to work out too! let's encourage good fitness for all!
Mel Glover	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
mel lund	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Melanie Lyndon	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Melanie Martin	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Melinda avery	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I think it's important for our community to have access to this service
Melinda Richardson	3858	Australia	20/04/15	
Melissa bransdon	3850	Australia	20/04/15	im signing because i believe this is an important thing that is needed not just for mums but for all carers. I don't understand why something that is paid for by the customers needs to go
Melissa Clohesy	2017	Australia	22/04/15	

Name	Postal Code	Country	Signed On	Comment
Melissa conway	3860	Australia	20/04/15	im signing this because I feel the crèche is a valuable asset to our local community
Melissa Dean	3862	Australia	21/04/15	
Melissa Farley	3850	Australia	22/04/15	
Melissa Lund	2060	Australia	22/04/15	It's not right
Melissa Tatterson	3850	Australia	21/04/15	It's a truly valuable service that is the only reason people can attend classes and workout!
Merryn Stevens	3851	Australia	21/04/15	
Michael Hewitt	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Michaela Fischer	3194	Australia	27/04/15	Aqua Energy Creche is one of the few serves to the region that allows parents to get out of the house and maintain a healthy lifestyle.
Michelle Bartlett	3862	Australia	21/04/15	
Michelle Eustace	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Michelle Glover	3850	Australia	20/04/15	This crèche is a fantastic service. I would have been unable to use the gym without it.
Michelle Glover	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Michelle McDougall	3850	Australia	20/04/15	Without this facility I would be unable to partake in gym classes or help with my older sons' swimming
Michelle Mckay	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I am a employee and my now 4yr old used the crèche 6 sessions a week for two years so I could work and now I have a second bub I use the crèche to be able to excersise.
Mikaela Fowler	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Mike Thayer	3850	Australia	28/04/15	My wife uses this gym and the creche service. We are far away from home and don't have a network of friends and family that could easily watch our child so my wife can go to the gym. The creche is very important to us
Mrs Elizabeth Newman	3047	Australia	21/04/15	I grew up in Gippsland, raised my daughter there during her younger years and recognise the need for this. Please do not be so shortsighted as to re,Ove something that enables parents of young children to be able to get out and exercise
Nadine Grumley	3850	Australia	23/04/15	the shire seem to be cutting many things in our community and no replacing any of it! So my question is why are rates going up and so many services being cut? This service allows parents to go to the gym and be social as well as trying to stay healthy
Nadine Oliver	3850	Australia	23/04/15	
Narelle Harris	3875	Australia	21/04/15	Why give mothers a disincentive to exercise! More gyms should be opening child care, not closing! Just ridiculous

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Natalie Brown	3850	Australia	20/04/15	In the future I plan to use the facility and I know of several other mums that already use and others that plan on using it in the future
Natalie Parsons	3850	Australia	21/04/15	The ladies are so caring and friendly and it's an incentive to exercise.
Natalie Scott	3852	Australia	20/04/15	I have used the crèche before with my 3 children. They loved it and if it wasn't there, there is no way I could have worked out!
Natasha French	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I'm signing because I'm a Mum and Mum's need exercise too!!
Nathalie Morriss	3850	Australia	22/04/15	I'm signing because we really need this to be available to parents of young children. We want exercise programs to be easily accessible for all.
Nicholas Johns	3850	Australia	22/04/15	
Nicole Bauer	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I know of plenty of families who don't have localised support to look after their children while they use the gym. If this creche closes you will surely lose members. That can't be beneficial to the kitty in the long run.
nicole daebler	5012	Australia	21/04/15	
Nicole gieschen	3860	Australia	21/04/15	creche is the only reason I have a membership at Aqua energy, without crèche I will be cancelling my membership
Nicole Hoernlein	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I used this facility consistently over a period of 8 years throughout my 3 children's pre school years. It allowed me to meet new people and grow friendships and created routine for my children and I. The crèche allows mothers to be part of a healthy & happy community creating a positive culture and role models for our children. Please don't shut the crèche.
Nicole hogan	3851	Australia	21/04/15	
Nicole Shugg	3850	Australia	24/04/15	
Nicolle Robinson	3860	Australia	21/04/15	This crèche is the only reason I go to this gym! Close this and lose all my business!
Nyssa Cunningham	3850	Australia	22/04/15	
Pam Sellings	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Paul Robson	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Paula Burns	3851	Australia	27/04/15	This is such an amazing thing to have been able to use while my boys were young! My 2 boys loved going to crèche! The lady's who run the crèche are fantastic people! The thought of it closing down is very sad! PLEASE SAVE THE CRÈCHE!!!
pip cousin	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Queylyn Turnbull	3850	Australia	20/04/15	

Name	Postal Code	Country	Signed On	Comment
Rachael Edey	3860	Australia	21/04/15	
Rachel Hazeldine	3850	Australia	22/04/15	This is very important for wellbeing of mothers in this community!
Rachel stothers	3858	Australia	20/04/15	
Rani Darby	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Raquel Mayman	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Raylene Wilkinson	3847	Australia	22/04/15	it's important for a number of reasons
Rebecca Bagshaw	3850	Australia	21/04/15	i want to join this gym and if there is no crèche then what's the point for me as I have a toddler who would have to go there for me to access the gym
Rebecca Grattan	3850	Australia	23/04/15	
Rebecca Radlof	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
rebecca reid	3847	Australia	21/04/15	
Rebekah Reside	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
renee Leah	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Reza Salmanzadeh	4021	Australia	22/04/15	
Rhiannon Baker	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Rhonda Newton	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Rick Birdsey	3850	Australia	21/04/15	The council can save money elsewhere not by removing important services like these.
Rick McKenzie	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I strongly believe this is a valuable asset to our community! As an Aqua Energy member and crèche user, we will be cancelling our membership if this closes!!
Robbie Stephen	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Robin Van Gunst	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Robyn Garner	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Rodney Jones	3850	Australia	5/05/15	You will lose many parents from using the pool/gym because there potentially is no crèche.
Rozanne Leah	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Ruby Thornton	3844	Australia	21/04/15	
sally howson	3859	Australia	21/04/15	Im signing this petition as I believe it's ridiculous getting rid of a crèche at a place that helps and encourages healthy living for parents. I'm sure the wellington shire could cut back on other things rather than something thats helping our community with healthy living and exercise.

Name	Postal Code	Country	Signed On	Comment
Sally Mackie	3850	Australia	23/04/15	
Sally Radford	Wd3 1gd	United Kingdom	22/04/15	
Sam campbell	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Sam Iazzaro	3850	Australia	27/04/15	
Samantha Campbell	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I'm sick of the Wellington shire taking the things we need out of this shire
Samantha King	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Samantha margaritis	4211	Australia	21/04/15	
Samantha O'Neill	3850	Australia	21/04/15	What other options do mums have in Sale for child care over class times? convenience to do school drop off and make it in time for 9.15 classes? Our costs for child care will not make it a viable option to remain a member.
Samudra gugliotti	3850	Australia	27/04/15	
Sara Harris	3851	Australia	21/04/15	I use this facility and have done for years. I pay to use this facility and think it wrong on so many levels to consider closing the crèche. Parents will simply have to end their memberships, what good will this do?
Sarah Maher	3844	Australia	21/04/15	
Sarah Skehan	3850	Australia	20/04/15	I'm signing because I use this crèche while I train at Aqua energy
Sarah Skehan	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Selena Gillham	3847	Australia	4/05/15	
Shae saywell	3860	Australia	20/04/15	
Sharon Frerk	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Sharon howe	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Sharon Ray	3850	Australia	21/04/15	We LOVE the creche. I have made use of it with both my children. Having the chance to swim laps means that I can then take my 2 year old for a swim. I'm not sure how we would do this each week without the creche,
Sharon Ray	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Shay Linden	6031	Australia	21/04/15	
Shelley Horton	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Shelley Stewart	3850	Australia	23/04/15	I can't go to the gym if there isn't a chrashe there.. I'm sure a lot of people would be feeling the same way..
Sheree Cook	2640	Australia	20/04/15	

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SIAN TUBB	3851	Australia	22/04/15	It's essential to the well being of many local mums who want to use the facilities. The member and class numbers will suffer if there is no crèche and so will the organisation !!
Sian Tubb	3851	Australia	22/04/15	
Skye Codrington	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
skye varyd	3860	Australia	21/04/15	By closing the creche a lot of memberships will be discontinued as it will not be possible for many parents to continue to utilise the complex. I also thought this was a community 'service', not something that was only to raise revenue?
Stacey Howard	4158	Australia	22/04/15	
Stacey Thompson	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Staci Scott	3851	Australia	21/04/15	
Steph Jones	3860	Australia	20/04/15	
Stephanie Thompson	3850	Australia	26/04/15	
Stephen Chalmer	3850	Australia	21/04/15	

Name	Postal Code	Country	Signed On	Comment
Stewart harper	3860	Australia	25/04/15	<p>It is up to individuals to remain physically active - the benefit being a reduction in mental health disorders and likelihood of suffering a cardiovascular event or type 2 diabetes. The loss of the crèche facility will only make it more difficult for individuals and families to stay fit and healthy. Not all parents have the benefit of being able to use other family members or carers to look after their children whilst they attend the gym. In this new generation of both parents working and other impacts on time, the use of the crèche is vital for them to steal a few previous hours in order to attend the gym.</p> <p>I urge the Council to reconsider this cost saving measure, raise gym membership by \$1-2 overall to subsidise the crèche, there must be other options out there that would provide enough income to allow this service to remain open. I believe this cost saving measure to be myopic, I believe the loss of this service will result in lower numbers of members, unable to attend classes due to the lack of short term childcare.</p>
Stewart harper	3860	Australia	25/04/15	
Subside andrews	3850	Australia	21/04/15	promoting a healthy lifestyle is vital for young mums..... Despite what has been said by the mayor there are no viable alternatives. The council should make assisting ALL members of the community a priority .
susan Hancock	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Suzanne Beaton	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Suzanne Johnston	3859	Australia	28/04/15	
Tai Balfour	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Tam Hummel	3850	Australia	20/04/15	Because it would be a dis service to all the families that use and need the crèche
Tamsin Jeremiah	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Tamsyn Cromb	3860	Australia	21/04/15	
Tania Knight	3851	Australia	20/04/15	
Tasman Harris	3851	Australia	21/04/15	I don't want to see this important service go. We use the service and many of our family and friends do as well. This service allows so many mums and dads to utilise the facilities that otherwise they would not be able.

Name	Postal Code	Country	Signed On	Comment
Teagan Morelli	3862	Australia	20/04/15	I have a 4 month old baby and i want to get back in to the gym and swimming for fitness/weight loss post pregnancy. It's much easier if i can do this with my baby in the same location rather than finding a babysitter for her while I come in. I would definitely get a membership to the facility if the creche is available for my use
Tenille Stille	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Terryn Burley	3851	Australia	27/04/15	
Tim Duck	3850	Australia	26/04/15	Because i need it i have young children.
Tim Duck	3850	Australia	26/04/15	
Toni cupples	3851	Australia	20/04/15	
Tracey Crane	3084	Australia	21/04/15	With no family in sale an knowing so many in same situation it is vital for the physical and psychological well being of local people to have somewhere to exercise and socislidr
Tracey Crane	3084	Australia	21/04/15	
tracey de nobile	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Tracey Harper	3860	Australia	25/04/15	This service is essential for carers of young children. I currently have a full gym membership but will have to cancel it without the crèche facility. The staff and facility are fantastic. Perhaps more promotion of this wonderful facility is needed as many people are unaware it is available.
Tracey Harper	3860	Australia	28/04/15	This is important especially for young mums who need a break and want to keep fit.
Tracey McKeown	3875	Australia	20/04/15	
Tracey Mitchell	3850	Australia	20/04/15	You promote heathy living! Well how are these parents suppose to do this if you take away the crèche??? You lose the crèche, you lose those members!!
Tracey Reid	3850	Australia	21/04/15	There are so many other useless things that can be cut back on but instead you take away a very valuable facility to the community. Shame on you guys
Tracey Thompson	3851	Australia	21/04/15	I am signing this because I know how important it is for young mums being able to be active & supported. This crèche is invaluable- both for mums & the kids.
Tracy Liepa	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Tricia Eaton	3850	Australia	22/04/15	
Trish Robertson	3860	Australia	20/04/15	
Trish Thompson	3851	Australia	20/04/15	

Name	Postal Code	Country	Signed On	Comment
Trudy hulls	3862	Australia	21/04/15	For goodness sakes..you want ppl to utilise your facilities and yet your taking away a tool that allows then to utilise the facility!! Think about it!!!
Vanna Mason	3850	Australia	20/04/15	
Veronica Barnes	3847	Australia	21/04/15	I believe it is important for young Mums to have an opportunity to exercise and know that their child/children are close by and being cared for.
Vinerva Taylor	3850	Australia	22/04/15	Currently pregnant but planning to use the Creche Facility after my baby comes. If this would be unavailable then how would I be able to attend fitness classes and get back to shape without someone looking after my baby. Would definitely consider cancelling my membership if this happens!
Vinnie Staplehurst	3850	Australia	21/04/15	
Vivienne Robinson	3862	Australia	21/04/15	
Wendy White	3860	Australia	28/04/15	

Submission 2.37 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy Creche (Kathy Thompson)

Chief Executive Officer
Wellington Shire Council
PO Box 506
SALE VIC 3850



Dear Sir/Madam

SUBMISSION REGARDING DRAFT 2015/16 BUDGET

I write to express my concern at the proposed closure of the Aqua Energy Creche, and propose that the Council reconsider the closure of this facility in order to save \$70,000. My argument is that the service may come at a financial cost but the social benefit far outweighs this cost and that if the Council reconsidered its spending in other areas that it could easily finance this service.

The benefits to the community are as follows: Namely that the community benefits from fewer toddler drownings due to this service, that carers for children are able to access affordable child care whilst fulfilling their parental duty of water wiseing their children and that women are able to increase their fitness after pregnancy and hence lessen the burden on healthcare systems.

Has the Council considered that if one of its objectives is to enhance the health and wellbeing for the whole community, by closing this facility it is excluding mothers in this statement?

Ways to find additional funding for the service.

Has the Council considered increasing the fee for the childcare?

Has the Council considered reducing the hours of the service to 3 instead of 4, and/or reducing the number of days to 3 that the service is offered?

Has the Council considered running the facility as a childminding service rather than crèche?

Has the Council considering partnering with a TAFE and using the service to provide training and hence use voluntary workers or lower cost workers under a paid professional?

What will the area be used for if not a crèche? How much would it cost to remodel the area which has toddlers toilets etc if it is not to be used for this purpose? Would the proposed new service for this area provide any chance of income to the council?

Has the Council considered the loss of income to the Aqua Energy facility if the crèche is closed?

Has the Council considered reducing the amount of spending on streetscapes, Natural Environment & Parks and the Arts and Culture in order to find the small amount of \$70,000?

I shall give you my situation as an example as to why I chose to spend \$150/term on swimming lessons for one child and \$21/lesson on childminding. Not to mention money on incidentals such as a coffee or some food and due to the crèche I also took out a Gym membership. By coming to the facility I also spent

money in the town of Sale – buying meat, vegetables, fuel and at times lunch at the local stores. Over the year on swim lessons and childcare alone I spent over a \$1,000 at the facility.

I live in the Wellington Shire on the boundary at Wonyip, my partner works away and we have no family in the area. Hence no childminders available. The closest pool to offer swimming lessons is Toora, a 20 minute drive from my house. There is no childcare on offer. Therefore I was unable to have a 6 month old child in a pram and be in the water with a 26month old child. The pool is outdoors and heated so not opened all year round. Hence I was unable to use the service. There is no occasional care in the township.

The next closest facility is Yarram – the pool does not offer swim lessons for young children, does not have child care and is unheated. From attending Storytime at the library, and looking directly to the pool, I can assure you the only creatures gaining anything from this facility are the ducks. Also there is no occasional care available in the township.

The next closest pool is at Foster – same problems as at Yarram. Except there is occasional care at \$77/visit.

Then there is the Leongatha pool. Again no childcare facilities – so not accessible for the likes of me. Again the town offers occasional childcare at \$77/visit. But there was no guarantee that a place would be available each week of the term.

So my only solution and I am so grateful it was there was the Aquaenergy facility at Sale. For our family it is a 3hour return trip to access this facility but I believe living on a rural property with dams it is worth the money and time to water proof my children. I also wanted to increase my fitness and again this was the nearest gym with childcare facilities, but there may be others available in Sale but there isn't in any of the previous towns mentioned.

I'm not sure if the Councillors are aware that it only takes a child 20 seconds to drown. On rural properties with dams this is a concern for parents. Is the Council aware that you cannot have an unattended pram with a baby in it on a pool deck whilst you are in the water with a child? Is the Council aware that Occasional Childcare comes at a cost of \$77 whether you access the centre for 1 hour or 6 hours? Is the Council aware that a place is not guaranteed at services outside the centre for childminding each week – but that you have to pay for the swim lesson regardless of if you are able to attend or not? Is the Council aware that not everyone has a person available to mind their child, at the specific time that a swim lesson is offered? There are no toddler lessons in the evening or on weekends, when the other parent may be available. Is the Council aware that a child is not a package that can be left just anywhere but that a responsible parent is looking for a suitable service to leave their child. The Aquaenergy Creche meets these requirements. Is the Council aware that by having the Creche at the Aquacentre that you can put one child through swimming lessons whilst the other is in the Creche and then swap the children around. So that on one morning you can be advancing 2 children through swimming lessons. Is the Council aware that this is a very well run service and credit to the Council that such a service is offered to women in the area?

I am very disappointed to see that the Council has put very little thought in to the consequences of cancelling this service. I am even more disappointed to have a Woman championing the removal of services from mothers and children in this district. The flippant off handed remark of there are other

childcare services available in the town appears to have been made with very little research or consideration as to the circumstances of families in the district.

I hope you will reconsider your proposal.

Yours faithfully


Kathy Thompson

Submission 2.38 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy Creche (Leanne Jones)

Attn: CEO

Wellington Shire Council

PO Box 506

Sale Vic 3850



Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to object to the Wellington Shire Council's proposed 2015/2016 budget, and specifically to the proposal to close the crèche facilities at the Aqua Energy complex.

I could write about the small amount of money that the Shire is attempting to save and compare it to the substantial amount already spent (and the proposal to continue to spend) on other arguably unnecessary upgrades in the area. Or I could write about the amount of money spent annually in different areas of Aqua Energy complex which is only made possible because of the crèche facilities.

I could also write about the Mayor's unsupported claims about 'alternative local childcare' availability or the hearsay comments of the service not being 'commercially viable'.

However, instead of pointing out the flaws in the Shire's proposed budget and the Mayor's unsubstantiated claims, I will tell you what the crèche service means to me. My 2 children have attended crèche since they were 8 weeks old. They are now 4 ½ and 3 years. The staff in the crèche are by far the most polite, caring and professional employees within the whole Aqua Energy complex and I am sure all parents who have had the pleasure of meeting with the staff would fully agree with me. My children do not attend day care and have therefore learnt to interact with other children in the crèche, play in a different environment and be independent of me for up to 90 minutes, knowing that I am within metres from them. In return, I have been able to regain fitness after having both children, and most importantly keep a positive mental outlook on life by continuing to exercise, knowing that my children are nearby, supervised and well cared for. If this service ceases, I will be unable to exercise for up to 2 weeks at a time, as my husband works a rotational fly in/fly out job. This would definitely affect my both my fitness and clarity.

To give you a different perspective - I have, on occasion, booked the children into crèche whilst I study for my Law degree in the café area. I spend (additional) money in the café while I do this and the children and I then all go for a swim together.

My daughter has also participated in an intensive swimming program during School Holidays (more income for the complex) and this was only made possible because my son was able to attend the crèche during that time.

If you were to consider my family's gold membership costs, the cost of crèche per child, the money spent in the café and the money spent on swimming lessons – this would amount to quite a lot for my family alone.

To me, it is basic economics. Aqua Energy attracts members like me, because of the crèche service. This allows membership costs to be what they are. If the crèche service ceases, members like me will cancel their memberships as there is no available care for children. The membership costs (which we have repeatedly been told are already subsidised by the Council) would presumably rise. Put simply,

Put simply, general members (or 'rate payers') are not subsidising the child care – the child care is subsidising general members. If you were to lose the gold memberships of the families using the crèche facility, it would have a considerable snowball effect which doesn't seem to have been taken into consideration by the Council.

I believe the proposed closure of the crèche has not been properly considered and is simply a knee jerk reaction to cut the budget. Other options should be fully explored and disclosed, instead of giving the community a few vague comments and unsupported figures in the hope that we do not react. Perhaps the complex could consider including occasional care, advertising the service or changing the crèche times/sessions. A trial period could take place before announcing a rash decision.

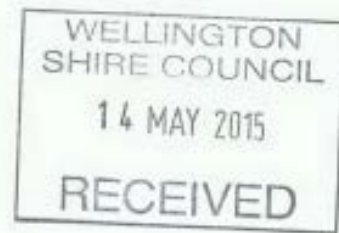
The crèche facility is not a luxury - it is a necessity for us parents to have social inclusion, to try and keep fit, and most importantly to be good role models for our children – the future of our community.

Without the crèche facilities, Aqua Energy can consider my gold membership cancelled.

Regards,

Leanne Jones

Submission 2.39 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Gayle Evans)



Wednesday the 6th of May 2015

To the Chief Executive Officer,

I am writing to object to the proposed closure of the crèche at Aqua Energy. The crèche provides an invaluable service, providing a wide section of our community, including mothers, fathers, grandfathers and careers an opportunity to exercise: enhancing physical, mental, emotional and social well-being.

The Wellington Shire Council clearly recognises the importance of living a healthy active lifestyle. This is evidenced by their healthy initiative four-year plan, which aims at inclusion for all. **"Health is the top priority. Without health it's difficult to live lives we value"** (Wellington Shire). The Shire sees leading a healthy lifestyle as such a priority that they have included it as part of their 2030 Strategic Plan under the Wellbeing and Safety theme, stating that **"We will work in partnerships to promote and facilitate healthy lifestyles"**. (Wellington 2030 Strategic Vision). The crèche is imperative for achieving these goals for people who are caring for young children. These goals cannot be met if the crèche were to close.

The crèche is an extremely well run service with many benefits for the children who attend. This service is the only service within the Shire that offers occasional care at a rate that is affordable to most people. It offers stimulating activities and opportunities for developing some important social skills, delivered in a safe and caring environment. My grandchildren have attended crèche since they were a few months old and have loved the social and stimulating environment this service has provided them. It has also helped them build some wonderful social connections, which, without crèche would not have happened.

I realise funding is limited and money tight, but surely there are other options that can be explored without having to take away this wonderful service to our community. Such as:

- Price increase
- An online booking service that requires 24 hours cancellation or no refund given
- Offering a wider variety of group fitness classes (the most popular crèche sessions coincide with the popular group fitness classes, usually ran during the 9:00-10:30 session. Perhaps offering more of these classes during the second crèche session would see more numbers)
- More active advertising and promotion. Your 'Active April' promotion at Aqua Energy brought in new members and new people accessing crèche facilities
- Explore making crèche an Occasional Care facility where non-members could also access child care

Yours sincerely,

Gayle Evans

Submission 2.40 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy Creche (Clinton Gartung)

Dear Mr. David Morcom,

I am writing in response to the draft budget submission that was put out for public comment. There were a few submissions I had problems with but none more so than the INTENDED CLOSURE OF THE CRECHE AT AQUA ENERGY.

I understand that shire needs to be pro-active in cost costing to keep rate rises at a minimum, but I also do believe there are a lot of alternatives to this. I also understand that the Wellington shire is a large area by size and that this service only affects a small proportion of the shire but this is a paid for service by users and subsidized by others also. A bit more thought could have gone into this rather than just closing the doors.

As the shire has identified previously it understands that the rate payers of the Wellington shire are in the higher percentage for the state of being overweight or obese and closing this service down will just add to the burden on our already stressed health system.

I personally am very disappointed to even think that the shire would consider closing this vital service down as the main reason my family members have a membership there is for this service. If this was to close down I would be requesting a full refund as my wife would not be able to attend every week as I work away on a 7 day on 7 day off roster in effect only being able to use the gym / pool services for ½ of the year or find alternative child care which as you know is very difficult in our area. I know of a lot of families in the same situation who work locally off-shore who are disappointed in this submission and don't think it has had enough thought put into it. There is a lot of ways the shire could save the \$80,000 annually without closing this service down.

- *Port of Sale cultural hub (what benefits will this provide for the amount of money being spent on it??)*
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If you were to close this service down I personally believe the fall-out will be much greater as some families will not renew their membership and take it elsewhere (there are plenty of other gym's available with cheaper memberships), which will mean the shire will have to increase its fees again to cover all the lost memberships. There are gyms in the local area which in the situation of a majority of the off-shore workforce working away for half the year so they have made up membership packages to suit that lifestyle and as I said previously I/we are prepared to pay the extra to be members of your gym for this ONE GREAT SERVICE.

Our children love attending the crèche and the staff are lovely and do an amazing job and I also feel sorry for them as I feel they are the forgotten people associated in this. These ladies will all be looking for another job to I take it as they are trained professionals in that field (where to for them?)

I believe you will receive e-mails or alternates from others in the same situation who can word their opinions/feelings better than myself, I will back up most of them have to say who are disappointed in this proposal.

Regards

Clint Gartung

Submission 2.41 - Objection to closure of Aqua Energy Creche (Marinda Smith)

Chief Executive Officer
Wellington Shire Council
PO Box 506
Sale VIC 3850

Re Intended Closure of Crèche at Aqua Energy, Sale

Dear Mr Morcom,

I have been advised today that the Wellington Shire Council is considering closing the Aqua Energy crèche in Sale from July this year. Frankly I find this appalling.

I have been an avid swimmer my entire life and now that I am a mother to three young children I encourage them to swim too. I live in Yarram and have been attending Aqua Energy in Sale and using the crèche for several years now. I find the service both invaluable and affordable. The staff are not only knowledgeable, but extremely friendly and helpful. Without child minding facilities I will not be able to continue to swim or use any of the centre's other facilities and I know that many other parents, mainly mothers, will be affected in the same way.

Yarram residents are already limited by the town's remoteness to both sporting facilities and childcare options. There is a pool in Yarram but it is an outdoor facility which is only open during the summer months and it does not have a crèche. To ensure my children and I can continue to swim, a necessary skill for all Australians, I drive to Aqua Energy in Sale each week, which from Yarram is an hour's drive each way. There I can undertake the fitness I choose knowing that my children are safe and happy. Until now.

I used to attend the Latrobe Leisure Centre in Morwell, however Latrobe City Council decided to shut their in-centre crèche down. With young children in tow, many fellow centre users and myself were forced to discontinue using the centre. In order to maintain some level of fitness, the crèche at Aqua Energy in Sale is now the only option left to me within a reasonable driving distance from Yarram, (if you call driving for an hour each way with three young children reasonable). I can't believe Council can be so short sighted as to consider removing this last vital service. It will place a substantial portion of Wellington community members at a real disadvantage.

Swimming is integral to my general fitness, health and wellbeing, as is knowing that my children are being well cared for. Council's work promoting healthy living and active lifestyles is ineffectual if it removes one of the very services which make this possible. Council's 2015/16 Draft Budget outlines several strategic objectives important to the Wellington community, particularly community wellbeing, lifestyle opportunities and assets which meet current community needs. The crèche at Aqua Energy is very well regarded and well patronised. It is meeting a community need. The recommendation to close the crèche does not support any of these objectives. I simply do not understand Council's proposal to remove this service from the community.

Numerous women in Wellington shire do not have access to other childcare options such as family or friends. Even when childcare at the Yarram hub is up and running, if there is no crèche at Aqua Energy my children would have to remain in Yarram so that I can swim in Sale, which means they will miss out on gaining valuable swimming skills. For many mothers an hour or two at a fitness centre is the only break they get. Daily childcare rates charged by most private centres for an hour or two's use render them not even worth considering.

Council's proposal to close the crèche communicates clearly that parents, and particularly mothers in Wellington shire, are not valued. If this crèche is closed the closest pool with crèche which I

could access is well over 100 kilometres away from my home. In the age of access for all, I find this situation astounding.

I implore council to reconsider this flawed recommendation.

Yours Sincerely,

Marinda Smith

Submission 2.42 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy Creche (Luke de Boer)

Dear Chief Executive Officer of the Wellington Shire Council,

I'm writing this email you today because I have recently been informed that there is a draft budget proposal to close the Aqua Energy internal child caring facility.

Firstly, as you would already be aware that the communities of Sale and the surrounding areas include a very high percentage of families whose primary bread winner works fly/ fly out rosters either offshore in Bass Strait, North West Shelf Western Australia and even internationally. The primary care givers of these families make a lot of sacrifices to allow their partners to do this work, and I know that many of them utilise the Aqua Energy Services, where they can enjoy their exercise during the day, knowing that their little ones are safely being looked after at the Aqua Energy crèche.

I too work offshore and I can see the negative affect this will have on my partners ability to exercise and have our kids adequately cared for at the same time.

I believe we should consider other families who are not part of the FI/FO workforce who may also be affected. They could include:

- *Shift workers families*
- *Dairy farming community*
- *Hospitality workers*

I can only imagine how difficult it must be to balance the Wellington Shires Councils budget. I appreciate that some unpopular decisions will need to be made, however I urge you to please to propped closure of the Aqua Energy crèche

regards

Luke de Boer

Submission 2.43 - Objection to closure of Aqua Energy Creche (Daniel Duggan)

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to the draft budget submission that you have out for public comment. In particular, the closure of the crèche at Aqua Energy.

I'm very disappointed and surprised to hear that the closing of the crèche is being examined, considering the vital service that it provides. This, for my family and several others, will have a great impact on their health and wellbeing, particularly while I am at work: I work offshore on a one week on, one week off roster.

I urge the shire to consider very carefully the following elements:

- I refer to the 'Healthy Lifestyles Strategy: 2011-2015' document, which highlights the lower life expectancy of the people of Gippsland than the State average (page 14), the higher percentage of people being overweight or obese (page 15) and the burden of disease (page 15). The document also estimates that 'many of the top risk factors contributing to the burden of disease for both men and women in Wellington (and in Gippsland as a whole) relate directly or indirectly to levels of physical activity. Increases in levels of physical activity will also help to address obesity, high blood pressure and high cholesterol' (page 16). Closing the crèche would only have a negative effect on family health. Taking children to the crèche helps educate them about good health and wellbeing; that eating well and exercising is good for mental and physical health.*
- As I'm at work 50% of the time, closing the crèche will mean that my wife, Sonia, will only be able to use the facility every second week. We pay the family membership annually, which, as you know, is over \$1,100.00. Unfortunately, Sale does not have an alternative crèche that can take children for 1 or 2 hours at a time. And even if it did, this would not work as well unless it was part of the Aqua Energy complex. It would make using the facility logistically very difficult.*
- The closure of the crèche will mean that I will regretfully be requesting a refund on my membership. I will simply not be able to justify the use of the facility for only 6 months of the year. Several of my work colleagues are in the same situation. I cannot speak for them but I have spoken to several and they have expressed their disappointment and indicated that they will be requesting a refund on membership as well.*
- I invite the Council to consider that, by giving the men and women of Gippsland an opportunity to exercise, the maintaining of the crèche contributes to the education of children and the future generation of Gippslanders: children who see their parents live a healthy life will be more incline to make exercise part of their normal everyday life.*

I do, however, recognize that making a budget balance is a very difficult thing to do and would like to congratulate the shire on its past achievements. The parks, walks, BBQ's and roads, for the most part, are outstanding.

Yours faithfully,

Danny Duggan

Submission 2.44 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy Creche (Steve & Vannda Mason)

I am writing to you in regards to your proposed closure of the crèche at Aqua Energy, Sale.

As a long term rate payer, I would like to voice my opposition to this in the strongest terms possible. As an offshore worker with 3 young children, this is the only way that my wife can participate in gym activities and gain good social contact at the same time whilst I am at work for 7 days.

Then when I am home for 7 days, this is an outlet where we can attend the gym together, maintaining a healthy and social relationship, which can only benefit our other activities within Sale.

Short term care is not available at child care centres, so if the crèche were to close, having membership primarily for use of the gym, there would be no reason to maintain our family Gold membership.

Please give this decision some serious thought!

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Steve and Vannda Mason (& kids)

Submission 2.45 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy Creche (Rick McKenzie)

Dear Cr. Malcolm Hole,

I am writing this letter in support of keeping the excellent service of the Aqua Energy Crèche open. The educators that care for our children do an amazing job running this crèche, it's fantastic & the play based learning they provide is invaluable. It disappoints me that it's not supported by management in finding new & viable ways to keep it running...

I know it took me about 20 minutes to make a couple of calls to other crèche facilities to discuss their systems. I'm not sure if any of this had been discussed prior to the proposed closure but I would hope it had.

From what I understand not being privy to all financial data the crèche is running a loss of 70K. The session from 9:00 -10:30 is pretty much always full and the numbers nearly balance, however the 10:30-12:00 session is usually quiet and which I'm sure costs the facility dearly.

The key to the crèche working well is to have it better managed and promoted, I suggest trailing a few different ideas before even thinking about scrapping it, some include:

- *The first is to allow the facility to open to the public as a casual care at a higher rate (Parents shopping, appointments, groceries or just having a break from their kids etc.). Without getting into numbers and figures, perhaps reserve 75% of availability for gym users, then up to 1 week prior to date of care, open the remainder to the public. 25% would always be available to the public every day and can be booked well in advance if needed. The rate for occasional care would have to be worked out by accounts people. Things to consider include; second child subsidy, 9:30 - 10:30 session be more expensive as it is already very popular for gym users. I believe it would be relatively easy to generate an extra \$150 a day nearly 40K a year with a few changes.*
- *Currently the only way to book kids in is by phone & the only inkling the crèche exists to non-members is one tiny word, under an Aqua Energy page on the council website.*
 - *An online booking page allowing parents to login, check days of interest, availability and being able to book & pay online would make it far easier for people to book out of hours, I understand this however would come at a cost to set up.*
 - *Promote the service for the public in the local newspapers, signs, flyers or newsletters at schools, childcare facilities & MCH office. - And possibly look into parents allowing to claim government childcare rebates... Then you would even be able to charge a little more per session*
- *Have the crèche close at 2:00pm every day. And promote the occasional care option heavily or have a slightly lower cost for care from 11:00 - 2:00.*
- *Share the space to other businesses that might want after school care, kids craft workshops, school holiday play, mother's groups etc. Or even make it a multi use room for an additional fitness class*
- *Asking for sponsorship for the crèche may also be a possibility from big business that wish to promote healthy lifestyle.*

If gold members with young children were to cancel their memberships due to the crèche closure some problems to consider include:

- *The cost coming into the business which has been reported as sustainable*
- *Development of young children socially as for some, it's the only social activity they engage in before kinder*
- *Swimming lesson cancellations, as we won't be able to continue our youngest boy's class without the crèche available to watch our little girl.*

- *Families not being members simply won't spend the time in the facility, revenue coming into the café etc.*
- *Jobs or cut hours of the fitness instructors, swimming teachers admin staff*
- *And especially the jobs of the most lovely & genuine carers I have had the pleasure to know.*

So I ask, please do not close the crèche! I object the proposed closure in the strongest way! It's a fantastic facility & a real asset to our town. A lot of other towns, some with a smaller population than ours are happy to run such a facility, please don't make our town the one to make such a final change.

Your feedback would be appreciated and thanks for listening,

Rick McKenzie

Submission 2.46 – Objection to closure of crèche (Sharon Jessup)

Dear Chief Executive Officer of the Wellington Shire Council,

I wish to strongly object to the proposed closure of the crèche at Aqua Energy.

Though I do not use this service myself, I do realize how beneficial it is to the community and especially young mums. In today's society there are far more opportunities for mothers than there were when I was raising my children. Often these women are juggling work with raising children, while trying to keep a clean and happy household. They often get lost in the role of mother/ wife/ partner etc. and so it is important they have time to regain their headspace and utilizing the Aqua Energy crèche is a perfect opportunity for this.

The stresses of today are far greater than they were years ago & you only have to Google things like 'Unhealthy body image statistics Australia' to find that:

- Over 50% of Australian high school girls have tried to lose weight
- And that only 16% of young women are happy with their body weight etc.

And adding childbirth on top of that comes statistics from examples like the 2010 Australian National Infant Feeding Survey, which showed:

1 in 5 mothers of children aged 24 months or less had been diagnosed with depression and of all the cases of diagnosed depression, just over 1 in 5 were diagnosed for the first time during the perinatal period of the infant selected for the current survey.

We all know the benefits that exercise can have on one's frame of mind, some possibilities include:

- Gives you an improved sense of control, coping ability and self esteem
- Provides distraction from negative thoughts and a chance to have new experiences
- Offers an opportunity to socialize and get social support if done with others
- Changes the levels of chemicals in the brain, such as serotonin, stress hormones and endorphins & can help
you sleep better

Now as a Nanna myself, I love looking after my grandchildren but know that my daughters often feel guilty or as if they're burdening me when asking me to watch their children, especially when it's time out for themselves. So I can only imagine how isolated other families/ women feel who have no family around to help out. I can only assume they have to wait until their partner finishes work if they wish to exercise which then, only cuts into their already limited 'family time' even more. The crèche is the perfect solution for this and has been for many families over the last 7 or so years.

There must be other avenues to investigate in order to make the crèche more viable before closing the doors and I would like to hope you have thoroughly looked in to all these options. After all, having an active and thriving community is really a benefit to all! I urge you to please reconsider your decision on closing this wonderful service.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Jessup

Submission 2.47 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Bernadette McKenzie)

Chief Executive Officer,
Wellington Shire Council
PO Box 506
Sale, Vic, 3850

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed closure of the crèche at Aqua Energy in Sale. After moving back to Sale in 2012, I looked to join a fitness facility which offered all the great things that are offered at Aqua Energy. I love the location which is so beautiful and unique, the group fitness classes, the pool, the gym, the staff and instructors, but since having my daughter in 2013, mostly I have come to love the crèche.

The crèche in Aqua Energy is really something the Wellington Shire Council should be proud to operate, the staff are fantastic and since my daughter was a few months old it has become a great part of her life. Here she engages with children of other ages and has become used to spending short amounts of time with other adults which has proved to be a crucial stepping stone in her development onto daycare so that I have been able to take up some work.

The crèche enables families with young children to socially connect with other members of the community. This is never so important as with the arrival of a new baby. For many women, myself included, having a new baby can be an isolating time as it is the first time leaving full time working careers and attending the gym is a way to interact with other adults, quite often this is the only adult contact some mothers have in a day. With postnatal depression levels at such high rates services like this are so important to mothers (and fathers) trying to stay attached to the world and re-connect with their bodies through physical activity.

Our family holds a Gold Membership within Aqua Energy and roughly would attend the facility over 6 times a week for gym, group fitness, and swimming. We chose to spend our hard earned money (upwards of \$2,500 P/A) at this facility because we believe health and fitness to be a huge priority in our family. We want our growing family to see an active mum and dad and I don't see how this is possible with the closure of the crèche. My husband works long contracting hours so it is difficult for us to find time to exercise outside of his worktime and if we both try to rotate our exercise after

his work it really becomes a trade off with our family time, which is just so precious. Although we have family in the area, everyone works so we don't have babysitters at the ready who can help so that we can both maintain our health and fitness. With Sale's high transient population, with the RAAF and Oil and Gas Contract Workers, this service should be something Council really tries to hold onto and promote as it is such an amazing support for those new to the area.

I understand that the pending decision to remove the facility is due to the cost burden on rate payers and I ask Council reconsider the structure of the service offered at Aqua Energy and instead of closing the facility, look at improving the business model. I doubt this service was ever set up as a profit making enterprise but surely there are options to close the \$60,000 gap. Such ideas to include:

- Offer spots within the crèche not used by facility members to the wider community as "occasional care" and charge a much higher premium, with availability of the Childcare Benefit Rebate to eligible families. There seems to be a really high interest around town for this service for parents who:
 - are trying to get some employment opportunities, I work casually so have no option other than to work from home or take my daughter to work with me
 - are studying and need some dedicated time
 - need to attend appointments
 - need a break! My Maternal Child Health nurse agrees that this is such an important service to hold onto, she often recommends the crèche to new mothers who need a break, not so they can work out but just so they can have some time out, have a coffee in the cafeteria, catch up on emails, read a book etc
- Advertising the service, to current members, schools, maternal child health centers, new mothers groups, the RAAF, print, radio, TV – it is such a great service with currently zero promotion. Aim to fill the second sessions which currently have fewer attendees
- Consider offering afterschool, before school and school holiday care. The space is so well set up and only utilized for 3 hours a day, such better use could be made of this resource.
- Applying a more stringent cancellation policy so that users pay upon booking so revenue is not lost
- Modify the group fitness timetable to generate some more interest in the crèche second session, the class timetable never changes!
- Increase the cost for the crèche
- Use the space for something else in the later part of the day, we used to do CX classes in the crèche room in Wannambool – they made it work!

This service has been targeted as it has been flagged as used by a "small number of residents". I think council need to define who they consider as a small number of residents. The crèche services current members but shutting this facility also affects all those families that will need this facility

going forward, myself being 6 months pregnant represent one of those families. With no crèche, I have to look at years with extremely limited options as far as my family's fitness and wellbeing is concerned. We all know that once a facility like this is shut down, it will not reopen, and that is to the absolute detriment of local young families in the area.

The Draft amendment notice to the budget lists Aqua Energy would lose \$23,000 worth of income, I think this figure needs revaluating as it seems extremely low given the indication from current members who will have to cancel their memberships if crèche is cancelled. This figure doesn't include the knock on consequences of losing "crèche members" to Aqua Energy. Without young families being able to attend the center during the day:

- The establishment becomes less busy during the morning and will lose a lot of its atmosphere and the great appeal that it has now due to the attendance of young families
- gym presence will decline
- swimming class numbers will drop (as no care for siblings while parents tend to other children in lessons)
- group fitness numbers will diminish (possibly causing some of them to be cancelled, and loss of hours for instructors)
- cafeteria sales will reduce
- general lack of patrons means less customer service requirements and less hours for staff

In summary I think this amendment to the budget needs reconsideration to carefully redevelop the crèche model into one that doesn't pose such a burden on ratepayers. The fact that it has been flagged for cancellation baffles me in the weeks Wellington Shire offer advertisements in the local paper which promote the Shire as a healthy one, mentioning its policies are that all residents maintain some sort of physical activity that they enjoy, and in the same breath can attempt to take away such a crucial service to young families which enable them to do just that! Secondly the closure proposal fails to take into account any alternative replacement childcare services

Noticing that there are "other potential uses" for the space, I would like to know what these are and what "value added and income generating activities" the crèche would be replaced with. I cannot fathom that anything that this space could be used for would mean as much to so many people as the crèche does currently and I don't think these are the sorts of tradeoffs that we really want to be making in our area, especially given the Wellington Shire's promotion to facilitate 'healthy lifestyles', which should be truly valued. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Bernadette McKenzie

Submission 2.48 – 2.49 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Jasmine Williams, Skye Vardy)

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to express my disappointment with the Council's recommendation that the Aqua Energy Creche be discontinued from July 1, 2015. I, along with many others, utilise this facility numerous times per week and have done so for the past 5 years. It is this service that allows me to utilise your facility. It is not possible for me to attend the group fitness classes without having somewhere to leave my children. Daycare is not an option as it is impossible to get your child in for an hour and a half session 3-4 times a week.

The majority of members that utilise the creche have 12 month family memberships. These cost \$1566. It would only take 45 members to cancel their memberships to make up the \$70,000 deficit the creche is allegedly costing. If memberships are cancelled, patronage will drop, group fitness classes will dramatically reduce in size and unfavourable 'word of mouth' will be rife. This alone should be enough to consider retaining the creche.

At a time when health and fitness have become a major focus for individual's mental and physical health and wellbeing, shouldn't you be doing as much as you can to promote this to our community? And make it easier to access rather than more difficult?

Our children love the creche and the staff that work there. They will often ask and speak of Rosie, Kaylene and Helen, and when they are next going to see them. I ask that you reconsider the closing of this service. If it is discontinued, I will be cancelling my Aqua Energy membership.

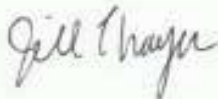
Thank you for your time,

Submission 2.50 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy Creche (Jill Thayer)

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to ask the council to please reconsider closing the crèche at the Aqua Centre. I am an American living here in Sale. I have been going to the gym for 18 months with my toddler. If you close down the crèche I would not be able to continue my membership as I have no family or close friends that could consistently watch my toddler while I exercise. The aqua centre has been a huge help in my adjustment to living in Sale and Australia in general. Since I have no family here, I've made some great friends at the gym and is a place I look forward to going on a daily basis. It has been wonderful socially for my toddler as she looks forward to playing with other children her age at the crèche. Please do not close it down!

Thank you,



Jill Thayer

Submission 2.51 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy Creche (Kellie Gartung)

12th May 2015

Chief Executive Officer
Wellington Shire Council
P.O Box 506
Sale VIC 3850

Dear CEO,

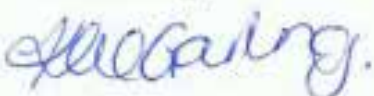
I am writing to strongly object to the council's recommendation in the 2015/16 draft budget to discontinue the Aqua Energy Crèche. I have held a gold membership at Aqua Energy since 2013 and during this time have used the crèche 2-3 times a week for my two children. The crèche is a fantastic facility that has allowed me to regain my fitness and positive lifestyle after having my two children. Like many families in our local community my husband works away a week at a time. This means finding suitable childcare every second week for short periods of time to exercise and attend fitness classes very difficult. The crèche has allowed me to not only be able to exercise and maintain a healthy lifestyle, but also meet other people and form social networks. This has had a very positive impact on my family and also my own wellbeing.

If the crèche was to close I believe our community would lose a very valuable resource. I understand this service is not use by everyone in the community, but there are few council facilities that are. As with any community there is a diverse range of people that make it unique and therefore many services are needed to help a wide range of ages and cultural needs. Primary health and particularly family health promotion is a very large part of the wellington shire with many young families choosing to live here. Closing the crèche would impact many families and their lifestyle.

I hope that the council will reconsider and look at some strategies to reduce costs of the crèche and allow this fantastic service to continue. If the crèche were to close I would certainly be cancelling my membership as will many others.

I look forward to a reply

Yours sincerely,



Kellie Gartung

Submission 2.52 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche & changes to Wellington Toy Library (Jennifer Oliver)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

DRAFT BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

Funding cuts to Aqua Energy Creche and Wellington Toy Library



I am concerned with the Wellington Shire's draft budget, and the proposed funding cuts to the above services. These cuts will have a disproportionate adverse effect upon pre-school children and their parents. Both services provide opportunity for social inclusion, early years development through play and social interaction, and contribute to the health and wellbeing of families within the Wellington Shire. The proposed cuts would be implemented in July 2015, providing little or no opportunity for either organisation to implement alternative practical or financial arrangements in order to continue to provide their services. The cuts equate to less than 0.12% of the Shire's overall projected income for the coming year.

The majority of primary carers for pre-school children are women, and it is largely women and their children that will be adversely impacted upon by these changes. I do not suggest that the budget changes infringe the Equal Opportunity's Act, but I do note that the changes are indirectly discriminatory in that they will adversely affect women and children. I particularly note that removing all funding for the crèche at the leisure centre will have a direct impact upon women using the leisure centre facilities. There is no similar local service that would enable parents to drop their children for 1.5 hours whilst they use the leisure centre.

There are a number of benefits of having the crèche within the leisure centre:

- 1) Parents can minimise the time the child/ren are in care because there is no additional travel time between the leisure centre and the care facility;
- 2) Parents only pay for a short period of time, which coincides with the fitness class schedule;
- 3) Parents are within the same facility in case there is an emergency or requirement that they attend upon the child;
- 4) Parents can quickly and easily drop off and collect children where they are using the facility in conjunction with swimming classes and want to utilise the crèche for one child whilst attending swimming classes with a sibling.

I would suggest that further direct consultation should be undertaken with the service users to assess how the crèche may be run more cost efficiently. This may include changing the crèche times; increasing the cost for members and/or for non-members in conjunction with offering a discounted rate for term or multiple pre-paid bookings.

In relation to the Toy Library, the Toy Library is run by a volunteer committee, many of whom are working parents. The toy library provides an important service and is the only toy library in Sale. Withdrawing the funding in such a short space of time provides no realistic opportunity for this service to initiate alternative arrangements. If the toy library ceases to operate in the short term it

then becomes increasingly unlikely that it will become functional in the long term. The toy library membership year runs from March, and therefore the toy library will not be able to make any changes to its membership fees until March 2016, making it impossible to undertake any financial restructure to cover the Shire's proposed budget changes. Providing funding for a further period will enable further consultation with the toy library committee, to consider alternative means of support which will ensure that the toy library can continue to operate in the long term.

On a personal level, I moved to Gippsland from Melbourne in January 2014. There was a wealth of facilities for young families within the area of Melbourne that I previously lived. I had hoped that in moving to the country I would improve the quality of life for my family, and this was a significant motivation for our move here. I appreciate that the Shire has to balance a number of competing financial interests, the pot of money is not endless, and that rate payers understandably demand that Council applies their funds appropriately. However I have found the provision of services within the Shire for young families to be quite limited. By way of example I attempted to attend the Anglican "Mainly Music" session and was told that there were 15 families on the waiting list in Sale. This is a weekly music session with a small fee for attendance. This example demonstrates the need and the demand for families within this community to have access to services that enhance their social engagement and community inclusion. The proposed funding cuts decrease provision in an area that I would consider to be already minimal.

I would commend the Shire on funding these services to date, and request that the funding of the services be continued for at least the next 12 months. This time will enable a greater degree of community consultation, with a view to creating more sustainable funding arrangements for both services.

Yours faithfully,



Jennifer Oliver

Submission 2.53 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Kellie Lazzaro)

Dear Wellington Shire Council CEO, David Morcom,

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As an employee of ABC News I want to state that these are my views and not those of my employer and any coverage of council matters by myself in my work as a journalist will not be impacted by my interest in this issue.

I have regularly used the gym and its crèche as a gold family member and I am proud that my town supports a facility that promotes healthy family lifestyles and fitness.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opposition to the closure of the Aqua Energy crèche. I was genuinely surprised when I learnt that this council wants to close the purpose built crèche that was part of the original Aqua Energy development. I personally know generous donors of the facility who financially supported the venture knowing that it included a crèche.

Emerging constraints on budgets is obviously a challenge faced by all levels of government, and small business too. It is troubling that this council has decided to close the crèche, without first fully exploring alternative solutions and strategies to keep the service operating. It's surprising that, prior to this, council hasn't experimented with alternative business models for the crèche, given it has been operating unsustainably for a long time.

It's a shame that council didn't view the crèche closure as an item worthy of public consultation. However I am grateful that I live in a small community, passionate enough to sign petitions and write submissions and hold meetings to come up with ways to try to convince the council to change its mind. The overwhelming sentiment is that all avenues should be fully exhausted, before we accept the closure of a key service that promotes health and wellbeing in our small town.

At a meeting on May 8th with gym and council staff, crèche users discussed a business model that would involve reducing the crèche to a one daily 2-hour session and increasing fees modestly. The

proposal also involves opening the crèche to higher fee paying non-gym members and allowing parents to leave the facility.

I believe this is a reasonable interim measure that greatly reduces council's cost burden and I hope it meets your approval.

If I may take the opportunity though, I would like to suggest another option for review by council staff – which has the potential to provide an expanded, more profitable crèche service in the longer term.

EXPAND CRECHE AND OFFER OCCASIONAL CARE

Since the closure of the Neighbourhood House Take a Break program, there is no 3-hr supervised care option for children in the Sale area. I would like to see council's economic development team look into the pros and cons of operating the Aqua Energy crèche as a 3-hour occasional care facility for gym members and higher fee paying non-members. Parents would be able to drop their children at crèche to attend gym and/or leave the facility to attend appointments, work or study. It is an oversight and wasted opportunity by Aqua Energy management to have had the self imposed rule in place all these years prohibiting parents from leaving the facility when their child is in care at the crèche. Removing this rule would immediately improve crèche attendance because we'd be appealing to a whole separate group of parents who require short bouts of childcare. Parents who are late to collect their child would be charged anywhere between one and five dollars per minute, which is industry standard. A stricter cancellation policy, or payment on booking to reduce losses from last minute no-shows should also be implemented. Volunteer carers and student carers who hold the appropriate working with children checks could work alongside qualified staff, to reduce wage costs. And could the facility be registered for childcare rebate/benefit?

I have provided a link to the crèche at Warrnambool's Aquazone. It's an example of how a leisure centre crèche can be run innovatively and efficiently whilst providing a valuable service to a

rural community. It also shows how a leisure centre can successfully adapt its business model to operate more sustainably.

<http://www.aquazone.com.au/child-care>

I urge councillors not to view the crèche as simply a 'luxury item' for a bunch of lycra-clad women. It is not that at all. It is a valuable community asset that is a genuine draw card for young families who live in the shire.

The council has worked hard to build alliances with large organisations like Esso and the RAAF Base East Sale. But decisions like this, to close the crèche at Aqua Energy, will compete with those efforts, and detract from the Family Friendly reputation that is necessary to attract young people to settle in our small town and renew our community.

This issue does not apply to just 60 families. Hundreds of families have used the crèche over the years – some travelling regularly from Maffra, Heyfield and Stratford. It is a facility that is used mostly by parents of pre-school aged children and as those children go off to school, other families come along and take up their spot. So I think it was misleading for comments in the media to suggest that it is a *small* group of people affected by this proposed closure and that there are alternative forms of childcare to fill the void, because that is not true.

I would also argue, that any money saved by closing the crèche may only re-emerge as a cost burden on other organisations when isolated, new mums present at hospital or GPs with health and weight issues or mental health issues like post natal depression.

As an aside, I wondered also if there is room in the longer term to:

- Investigate whether YMCA (which operates Warragul Leisure Centre's crèche) or Uniting Family Care or a group of Family day carers are interested in running the Aqua Energy crèche?

- Liaise with other councils on how their council-operated gymnasiums and crèche facilities are run and how have they managed to operate through financial challenges?
- Source interim funding from Esso or other corporates to keep crèche open while better business model is formed.

I really appreciate your time and thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the draft council budget.

Yours Sincerely,

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Kellie Lazzaro

Submission 2.54 – Objection to closure of Aqua Energy crèche (Sharon Ray)

Wellington Shire Council
2015/16 Draft Budget Submission



Dear Councillors,

I am writing in regard to the funding of the AquaEnergy Creche. I feel strongly that this service is valuable to our community and should remain open.

I hope there is the opportunity for a review of this service. It appears that there are opportunities to expand the usage. It might be useful to provide access to people to leave children for occasional care, for say three hours, while they attend appointments or other business. There are possibly other models that may prove more cost effective. In my opinion, there are probably many other opportunities for cost saving at this facility.

I know that Council is aware of the importance of supporting a healthy community. The investment in the health of our families is returned to us many times over in the benefits it brings.

In my personal experience, I have used the creche with both of my children since they were around one year of age. Part of our weekly activity is to spend time in the creche while I swim, then meet with friends to enjoy a swim together. My children and I are both benefitting from the physical activity and the social connections, and making the most of our great facility at AquaEnergy.

I look forward to hearing a positive result to your consideration of this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Ray".

Sharon Ray

Submission 3.1 – Support for Mobile Library Service (Julie Davies)

Council,

I live in Loch Sport. My husband, Charles, and I have been permanent residents since 1980. We are now in our 70's, and both enjoy reading for relaxation and information. Before the grand event of the Mobile Library we came into Sale to the Library. In the first years here we had three children at School in Sale, so were often in Sale.

Now we only drive in once a week for groceries, banking etc.

We use the Mobile Library every week. It is a very important part of our week. Phillip Brooks is very helpful and everyone who uses the Library enjoys his cheerful presence. The Mobile Library is a very social part of Loch Sport. We often see people there who do not come out of their houses otherwise, as they are elderly (older than us) and in ill health. We have quite a lot of elderly and infirm living here. They could not get into the Sale Library, as many rely on friends for transport and shopping, so will be devastated at its loss.

Loch Sport is a very isolated town. We often feel neglected by the Council. We pay our rates but we do not get many services. The Mobile Library is one that we feel is necessary, and I hope that you will consider our needs.

Yours,

Julie Davies

BRIAGOLONG SENIOR CITIZENS INC.

Secretary: J. Short, Briagolong. 3860. Tel. 0351455 253 Email: judybriag@netspace.net.au

20/04/2015

The Mayor and Councillors,
Shire of Wellington,
70 Foster Street,
SALE. 3850.



Dear Mayor and Councillors,

At a meeting of the Senior Citizens Club of Briagolong held today, it was brought to our notice that the Mobile Library is in danger of being discontinued because of the cost of a new bus. All members present were disturbed with this information and would sincerely request that further consideration be given to the fact that the Mobile Library is a very important part of community life in Briagolong. School children, young families, Senior Citizens all use this service. As there is no public transport available to Briagolong, it would be a sad inconvenience to most of this community.

We strongly recommend that you reconsider this decision and we look forward to your reply to our concerns. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Cr. Peter Cleary of Briagolong.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Short".

JUDITH A SHORT.
Hon. Secretary.

Submission 3.3 – Support for Mobile Library Service (Betty Richardson)

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re the debate over the withdrawal of the Mobile Library. I for one will be very disappointed if this happens. I am in my 80's, still driving, but the library is very handy when the weather is bad, or I don't need to go to Sale or Maffra.

As there has been a lot of older people that have left Briagolong, it has made a difference, but a lot of people don't watch TV all day. I love my good books. The staff in all the libraries are absolutely lovely.

Perhaps the answer is a smaller vehicle with easy access.

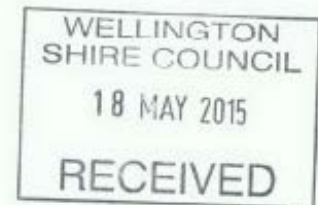
Yours sincerely

Betty Richardson

Submission 3.4 - Support for Mobile Library Service (Cowwarr Community & Historical Association Inc.)

16th, May 2015

Chief Executive Officer,
Wellington Shire Council
PO Box 506
SALE. 3850



SUBMISSION: RETENTION OF THE MOBILE LIBRARY VITAL FOR THE EDUCATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

Cowwarr Community & Historical Association (CCHA) is very disappointed that once again Council is planning to scrap the Mobile Library and use the rather disingenuous claim that this is all the result of the State Government rates cap.

CCHA would have thought that over the years, provisions would have been made so that when the time came to replace a finite asset like the Mobile Library a budget would be in place for that purpose.

Apart from the disadvantage this will cause in our small villages to those who do not drive it will be devastating for the children of our small Primary Schools.

CCHA cannot speak for the other small Primary Schools in the Shire but imagines that like Cowwarr Primary School they do not have the money to keep much reading material other than core curriculum material.

Cowwarr PS has a small static collection of books, mostly donated and certainly not up-to-date enough to provide books for the Premiers' Reading Challenge which requires 30 books to be read by junior school students and 15 by the seniors

Cowwarr PS has participated in the Premiers' Reading Challenge since its inception.

The students look forward to their weekly visit to the library and financially it would not be possible to bus them to and from Heyfield apart from the loss of important class time.

As the Mobile Library is such an important resource in the education of our children, CCHA believes that the State Government has a role to play in assisting with the financing of a replacement.

To that end, CCHA urges Council to mount a vigorous case to Education Minister James Merlino and the Department of Premier and Cabinet, that denying our children the educational experience that a Library provides places them at a distinct disadvantage compared to children from large towns.

CCHA does not believe that because people live on farms and in small towns they should receive second class service – for most it is not a “lifestyle choice”.

Yours faithfully



Judith Stone
Secretary – Cowwarr Community & Historical Association Inc.

Submission 4 – Objection to review of Council’s financial support for Gippsland Sports Academy (Gippsland Sports Academy)



**GIPPSLAND
SPORTS
ACADEMY**

Wellington Shire Council
P O Box 506
Sale 3850
Attn: Glenys Butler

17 April 2015

Dear Ms Butler



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It is with great disappointment that the Board of the Gippsland Regional Sports Academy (G.R.S.A) received correspondence that the Wellington Shire Council is reviewing its ongoing financial support of the G.R.S.A

I would like to offer some points for your consideration, since 1997 the Gippsland Regional Sports Academy has assisted many young athletes across Gippsland including Wellington Shire to realise their sporting ambitions at the highest level including Olympic medallist Ash Delaney and Pro-golfer Geoff Drakeford both being past residents of Wellington.

Many Wellington Shire residents have been recipients of the monthly Gippstar Awards which is auspiced through the G.R.S.A and continues to provide support and aspiration to many high achieving sports people throughout Gippsland.

The G.R.S.A. has committed financial support for 2016 from all other Gippsland councils and would like to avoid the situation of excluding one council on all marketing and promotional materials.

In conclusion whatever the outcome the G.R.S.A. wishes to maintain close relationships with the Wellington Shire Council and encourages the review to continue the financial support of the G.R.S.A even at a reduced dollar amount.

Yours Sincerely

Di Blackwood
GSA Chair

Jim Vivian
Executive Officer

AN INVESTMENT IN EXCELLENCE



Submission 5.1 - Objection to removal of mosquito spraying (Chris & Birgit Sarsfield)

Dear Madam Mayor,

As a resident of the Shire of Wellington and a ratepayer holding multiple properties within the Shire (and therefore, a significant contributor to the Shire's coffers,) I wish the following information to be considered by yourself and your Council colleagues: -

The Merriman's Creek Reserve at Seaspray is regarded as a public domain by the owners, residents and visitors to the area and as such, is maintained (to the best of our abilities) by the occupants of the properties abutting this land. Many enjoy walking/cycling along the reserve and it proves an attraction to the area.

The maintenance of the reserve is also attended by Shire of Wellington on a twice-yearly basis where grass and reeds are slashed to allow and keep public access to the walking tracks atop the levee bank and the minimization of pest infestation, including mosquitos. We are grateful for the Shire's participation in this ongoing program.

However, I am vexed by Council's recent decision to terminate the Mosquito prevention measures which have been in place for some years. As you have stated publicly: -

"Increased mosquito activity means that there may be more chances of being bitten. Whilst a mosquito bite is annoying, it's also wise to remember that there's a risk of blood borne disease such as Barmah Forest Virus and Ross River Fever.

"These virus infections can cause major illness with symptoms including tiredness, rash, fever and sore and swollen joints.

Seaspray is acknowledged as a breeding ground for these potentially dangerous insects due to its close location to Lake Reeve and the tidal activity of the local creek.

Seaspray also has a proud heritage as a gathering place for travelers and holiday makers from Sale, its surrounding areas and beyond.

Cancelling the Shire's eradication program and suggesting we just use commercial personal repellent is totally unacceptable and beneath the dignity of your office from a health and safety point of view.

My wife and I have young grand children who will access our property abutting Merrinan's Creek reserve and we are truly concerned your decision will impact on our family's amenity.

We are very unhappy with the prospect of funding withdrawal to the mosquito spraying program and would appreciate your consideration of our submission.

Yours, Chris & Birgit Sarsfield
Heyfield/Seaspray

Submission 5.2 - Objection to removal of mosquito spraying (Elizabeth & Oscar Rowland)

Dear Madam Mayor,

My wife and I were visiting friends who live in Seaspray 3 years ago and were so taken by the place that we bought a holiday house in the town; I recall at the time many of our friends warning us about the mosquito problem.

In the three years that we have owned the property the mosquito problem has been quite manageable and has had minimal effect on our holidays, I can only assume that the councils treatment in that time has had the desired effect.

I would also like to point out that the council itself has previously stated that controlling the mosquito population is important:

"Increased mosquito activity means that there may be more chances of being bitten. Whilst a mosquito bite is annoying, it's also wise to remember that there's a risk of blood borne disease such as Barmah Forest Virus and Ross River Fever."

"These virus infections can cause major illness with symptoms including tiredness, rash, fever and sore and swollen joints".

It is our opinion that funding for mosquito prevention is crucial for the functioning and growth of the beautiful place Seaspray is.

Yours sincerely

*Oscar & Elizabeth Rowland
Seaspray*

Submission 5.3 - Objection to removal of mosquito spraying (Gary France)

Chief Executive Officer,
Wellington Shire Council,
PO Box 506, Sale VIC 3850.

Dear Sir,

RE: Seaspray Mosquito Spraying Program

I have a property at 31 Foreshore Road, Seaspray, which my family use on a regular basis to enjoy the great delights that your Shire has to offer. That enjoyment has significantly increased since the eyesore of the "humpies" has been removed from the foreshore & the new camping ground established.

The main purpose for my writing concerns the enjoyment of the amenity of the area, I have been advised the Council, in reviewing its 2015/16 Draft Budget is considering cutting the mosquito spraying program as "*there is little evidence to prove that it has a substantial effect on the amenity and health of the communities close to the wetlands where some areas are sprayed.*"

My understanding is the Communicable Disease Prevention & Control Unit of the Department of Health, has not undertaken any study in the area to gather any evidence one way or the other.

Has the Council undertaken this study? If so to better understand the issue could I have a copy please.

Has the Council used the "Appendix 6: Template for decision-making" in the Framework for Mosquito Management Framework in Victoria? If so to better understand the issue could I have a copy please.

If not, then there is no evidence to prove that the spraying has not worked.

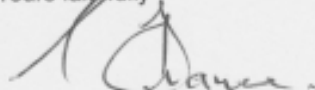
It would seem to me that if the spraying program has worked the mosquito numbers would be reduced & the evidence of infection would be reduced. An expected & good outcome.

I would consider, without continuing the spraying program the area will rapidly gain a reputation for mosquito infestation & not to be visited, impacting on the amenity, & businesses of the area & personal health of those living & visiting the area. I do acknowledge with an integrated approach the individual has a responsibility to use personal protection as the spraying is not fully effective on its own, however spraying reduces the problem.

Having had Ross River virus many years ago, I ask you to continue the shared spraying program with the Department of Health & continue following the Framework for Mosquito Management Framework in Victoria, maintaining your shared funding status.

By doing this it will enable the Council & community to continue the integrated approach to effective mosquito management.

Yours faithfully



Gary France 0409 939 072 (g.m.france@bigpond.com)

Submission 5.4 - Objection to removal of mosquito spraying (Wellington Regional Tourism)



6th May 2015

Mr David Morcom
Chief Executive Officer
Wellington Shire Council
PO Box 506
Sale Victoria 3850



RE: Mosquito Spraying

To David,

It has been brought to our attention that the Wellington Shire may possibly cease the spraying of the mosquitos throughout the Shire. We would like to be reassured that this will not affect popular tourism towns that in the past have been effected by mosquitos. If there has been some research done to say that the current spraying program has no effect on the mosquito we would like to see these results.

Yours faithfully

Trent Fairweather
President
Wellington Regional Tourism

Submission 5.5 - Objection to removal of mosquito spraying (Maggie & Gary Evison)

Dear Madam Mayor,

As a resident of The Shire of Wellington and a ratepayer of 43 Mandalay Drive The Honeysuckles we wish for the following information to be considered by yourself and your Council colleagues.

Our Property backs on to Lake Reeve with all its lovely birds and wildlife which to us is a joy to behold.

The Wellington Shire each year have sprayed to minimize the infestation of mosquitoes which we are grateful for.

However we are deeply concerned by Council's recent decision to terminate the Mosquito prevention measures which have been in place for some years. As you have stated publicly:

Increased mosquito activity means that there may be more chances of being bitten. Whilst a mosquito bite is annoying, it is also wise to remember that there is a risk of a blood borne disease such as Barmah Forest Virus and Ross River Fever.

These virus infections can cause major illness with symptoms including tiredness, rash, fever and sore and swollen joints.

The Honeysuckles is a fast growing Community, with many permanent residents and many home owners who come frequently to holiday homes all year through.

So it is with great concern that cancelling the Shire's eradication program and suggesting we just use commercial repellent is totally unacceptable and beneath the dignity of your office from a health and safety point of view.

My husband and I have Children and Grandchildren who visit us regularly and are very concerned your decision will impact on our family's health and enjoyment of our lovely area.

We are very unhappy with the prospect of the funding withdrawal to the Mosquito spraying program and would appreciate your consideration of our Submission.

Kind Regards,

*Maggie & Gary Evison
12/5/2015.*

Submission 5.6 - Objection to removal of mosquito spraying (Barry Curtain)

Mosquito Control Program – Wellington Shire

If you live in the Gippsland Lakes area you will know about mosquitoes. The area has one of the highest populations of mosquitoes in Australia. In the Wellington Shire there is a Mosquito Control Program that reduces the number of airborne mosquitoes along our coastal and lakes community areas.

The Wellington Shire should consider the following if proceeding to cancel the program -

- . There is currently no one currently employed except the Mosquito Monitor at the Shire that knows anything about Mosquito Control. Unfortunately unsubstantiated decisions have been made without any consultation.
- . The quoted savings of \$50,000 is minute considering the benefits.
- . The Shire will lose the State Government funding of the other half of the costs of the program through the Department of Human Services. The program is shared on a 1:1 basis.
- . The Shire will lose future access to breeding sites controlled by Parks Vic and DEPI.
- . The program has reduced the number of people being effected by Ross River Fever. The Shire could become responsible for people contracting Ross River if they are not trying to do anything to control mosquitoes. The council has a duty of care obligation to provide control methods, advice and education to the public.
- . You cannot measure the mosquitoes that have been treated as they no longer exist. Spraying can kill from 30 to 50 million mosquito larvae per hectare.
- . The program was cancelled in the early 90's but was started again later the same year through public demand.
- . The last four years we have experienced fairly dry summers and airborne numbers of mosquitoes have been low, but when we get our usual seasons an increase is imminent.

The Mosquito Control Program involves the following -

- . Monitor breeding and spraying sites.
- . Collect samples for tests for Ross River, Barmah Forest Virus and other viruses at the Arbovirus Department at the Bundoora University each week in order to warn of any outbreak of virus.
- . Carry out household inspections of water tanks, sewerage systems and household breeding in the coastal residential areas.
- . Educate the public on local mosquito control with pamphlet distribution and media releases.
- . Provide information about mosquito protection on public notice boards in the coastal towns.
- . Respond to complaints from the public.
- . Conduct weed control in exposed drains at Hollands Landing, Seacombe and Seaspray.

Barry Curtain
Mosquito Monitor Wellington Shire

Submission 6 – Objection to fees for Domestic Animal Businesses (Gary Jones)

I am writing to you about the letter I received from the Wellington Shire Council in regards of registration fees.

I would like to take the opportunity to voice my displeasure of the new fees being put in place for the Domestic Animal Business (Breeding and Rearing Establishments)

As a large registered breeder I already have many overheads and expenses which I try and keep to a minimum so that the cost doesn't need to be on forwarded to the purchasers of the animals. Many costs are incurred to keep a high standard of the legislative requirements and maintaining the upkeep of the property and the health of the animals.

As a registered breeder some of the high costs that I incur are:

Food eg- fresh mince, dry food, rice, bread, chicken and chicken bones. This is a large weekly order.

Water- Bowls of fresh drinking water is provided every day, also water is used daily to clean yards. Electricity is used every day to run cleaning equipment, heaters and air conditioners, plus grooming equipment

Staff expenses to care for the animals and maintain the high standard living quarters.

Bedding, bowls and new carpets are up dated regularly.

Grooming equipment is often replaced to keep dogs healthy

Vet bills which run into thousands each month to have all the dogs meeting the high standard of health and care which is non-negotiable. This includes desexing, microchipping, worming and vaccination of pups being sold.

The list does not stop on how much I have to spend to have happy health dogs and the added expense if the increased Breeders Fee will affect how my costs can be reduced without affecting the health of each dog.

The Minster for Agriculture needs to be aware of all factors before making decisions that only affect Registered Breeders. As we are all aware, the backyard breeders have no controlling body to ensure the health and safety and breeding management of all canines, therefore a uniform approach to all dog breeding needs to be in place. People will continue to buy pups/dogs from backyards because they are cheaper, but they have no paper record (vet certificates, health guarantee, parentage) or follow up requirements. Legislation needs to look at the bigger picture not just concentrate on the breeders who are already abiding by the rules and laws.

Thank you for your time

Kind regards

Gary Jones

Submission 7.1 – Objection to proposed withdrawal of direct staffing support to Wellington Toy Library (Sharon Ray)

**VERBAL SUBMISSIONS MADE AT WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING
OF 21 APRIL 2015**

Sharon Ray – Toy library

I'm Sharon Ray and I'm from the Wellington Toy Library. Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight.

The Wellington Toy Library understands that savings need to be found within the Council budget. The Toy Library asks that Council consider providing 50% of the previously allocated funding and extend the employment contract of the Coordinator until December. Our service extends to around 150 children in the Shire. Current users have paid up until March next year with the understanding that the Coordinator is there to support them and run the toy library sessions. Six months of funding will support our organisation in the essential transition away from relying on Council assistance and towards becoming a volunteer-run organisation. Without this the Toy Library risks facing closure after July this year.

Thank you.

Submission 7.2 – Objection to proposed withdrawal of direct staffing support to Wellington Toy Library (Clare Baldwin)

To the CEO and Wellington Shire Councillors,

Since moving to Sale four years ago, the Wellington Toy Library has played a significant role in helping me connect with other young families in the area. My oldest children, Owen and Patrick, have now cemented in their weekly routine a visit to the toy library. These visits have engendered in them a strong sense of connection to their community (the interactions they have with other children when borrowing are priceless and have a hugely positive impact on their interpersonal developmental skills!). The sense of responsibility they have in terms of caring for the toys is mind-boggling. They respect the notion of shared toys and the concept of the needless cycle of purchasing toys for their exclusive ownership.

Owen and Patrick had a sincere respect for the overwhelmingly helpful Veronica, the previous Coordinator, and now with Elizabeth, whose advice they are keen to take on board; they seem to sense she has an authentic interest in them, which they benefit from enormously.

The loss of the toy library would be sorely felt. My youngest child is now three months old; it would be very sad for her and I if the existence of the toy library were to become like a folklore story in our community.

Thank you for forwarding this (tardy!) but heartfelt message onto each of the Councillors.

Yours Sincerely,

Clare Baldwin

Submission 7.3 - Objection to proposed withdrawal of direct staffing support to Wellington Toy Library (Wellington Toy Library Inc. Committee)

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Wellington Toy Library



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Committee Submission

While we understand the need for savings to be made, we ask that Council reconsider the proposed budget cuts to the Wellington Toy Library.

We are at a point in the Toy Library's evolution where to suddenly lose our coordinator would mean risking our existence. The Toy Library Committee members have worked very hard to build the profile of this service; in the past 12 months we have more than doubled our membership and now reach over 150 children. Current members have signed up until March 2016 with the understanding that our Coordinator is there to run each session. The Coordinator's role is to deliver the efficient provision of quality educational and developmental toys for loan, and to operate the Wellington Toy Library in a way that ensures parents, carers and children have access and information regarding play and toys. Without a consistent Coordinator our members risk facing a disorganised and declining service with decreasing numbers.

It is unfair to expect our members to deliver the Toy Library service as untrained and inexperienced volunteers within a short space of time, especially considering the transient population that the Toy Library caters for. For example, three of our committee members are RAAF families.

Despite only being open five hours per week, our Toy Library is an appealing service because of the consistent presence of a knowledgeable coordinator who is authentically interested in the needs of the children. The Coordinator is able to guide families towards developmentally appropriate toys that engage and extend their play experience. We cannot see that it is possible to effectively replace these skills with a rolling roster of volunteers.

Section 7 of the Council Plan 2013-2017 states the Strategic Objective; *Enhanced health and wellbeing for the whole Community*. 7.3 refers to *services relating to health and wellbeing being highly effective and valued*. The Wellington Toy Library provides a service that is directly involved in the health and wellbeing of families within the Shire, especially when supported by a professional coordinator.

Our hope is that Council reviews the decision and continues to fund the Toy Library coordinator. A future reduction in the hours funded from 6 hours per week to 3 hours per week would provide a significant saving, while maintaining the high standard of service our members expect. Costs could be further reduced by offering the Toy Library only during school terms.

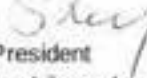
We are asking that at the very least Council considers supporting our transition away from a funded Coordinator by continuing to employ our Coordinator until the end of the calendar year. This would enable our members to access the product they have paid for while planning and

implementing alternative options for continuing the service. Without this interim support closure is a distinct possibility from July.

We feel disappointed to be in this position when just 12 months ago we were included in the planning for the new Cultural Hub development. We feel deeply that the decision not to be included in the Hub is a missed opportunity for our organisation and the community. If Council can provide the transitional funding it will bolster our confidence and revitalise our morale as an organisation on the path to independence.

We ask that Council reconsiders withdrawing funding from the Wellington Toy Library. We hope that, at the very least, we are provided with 50% of the previously allocated funding and the current employment contract for the Coordinator is extended until December 18, 2015.

The committee of the Wellington Toy Library thanks the Councillors for their previous support and for considering our budget submission. If any further information is required, we would be happy to provide it.

Sharon Ray 
Committee President
Wellington Toy Library Inc

on behalf of the Committee

Clare Baldwin (Secretary), Susie Humphries (Treasurer), Adele Robinson, Gemma Reardon,
Sam King, Belinda Howard.

wellingtontoylibrary@gmail.com

85 Macalister St
Sale, 3850

DID YOU KNOW...?

The logo for Toy Library, featuring the words "TOY" and "LIBRARY" in white capital letters on a purple rectangular background. The background of the slide also features a faint, stylized graphic of a child's face.

Play is the highest form of research – Albert Einstein

Man is most nearly himself when he achieves the seriousness of a child at play – Heraclitus

The true object of all human life is to play – GK Chesterton

Our Membership

- The figures
 - Membership year runs from March 1st
 - Total membership for 2014/15 year – 80 members
 - Memberships to date for 2015/16 – 70.
- The geography
 - Members from Sale, Stratford, Coongulla, Longford.
- The members
 - Parents, Grandparents, extended families;
 - Family day carers;
 - Concession card holders;
 - RAAF families, ESSO families, Police families, Hospital employees;
 - Migrants from India, Pakistan, Germany, Sudan;
 - Families with children with special needs and disabilities.

Our Benefits

- Providing children with a wide range of toys and games to develop their learning and skills;
- Encouraging the concept of borrowing, sharing and respecting resources within a community;
- Providing support, social connections and a sense of belonging to families at risk of social isolation.

Our Community Connectedness

- Library/Story time talks
- RAAF Family groups talks, support, info packs, prizes
- Maternal and Child Health Nurse talks and information packs
- Baby's Day Out - this year we connected with 20+ families
- Sale College 'Hands on Learning' project to refurbish some of our wooden toys
- Local Therapists and Special School staff using TL for clients

Our fundraising links

- Lions Club
- Sale Greyhounds
- Toy Sale Catalogues
- People's Choice Community Bank
- Sale Primary School

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Dear Wellington Shire Councillors

I am writing to urge you to continue funding the employment of a coordinator for the Wellington Toy Library.

I have been associated with the Toy library now for over 15 years as an Educator with Family Daycare. "It has been such a wonderful community resource for the children I have in care".

The facility provides significant value that through a unique service.

Consider the importance of toys to children. A toy library is a venue where parents, grandparents and/or carers can go to borrow a large variety of good quality toys, puzzles and games, designed to support children's development and promote learning through play.

The Toy Library is viewed by many as integral parts of the community, a basic resource that the council should provide and a mark of a civilised society. Reduction in the number of facilities is viewed as a backward step. Whether it will save costs, replacement of skilled staff will mean inconsistency in service. The Council should pay for and maintain a service at its current level. A consistent coordinator in the Toy Library is very important and helps make our service really valuable to families

Replacing skilled staff with volunteers with less experience and a different motivation is identified as an issue that may impact on the consistency of the service.

Yours Sincerely

Lorraine Prout

4th May 2015

Councillors Wellington Shire
PO Box 506
Sale VIC 3850

Dear Wellington Shire Councillors,

I am writing to urge you to continue funding the employment of a coordinator for the Wellington Toy Library. The Toy Library and its coordinator are important to my family for many reasons.

I learned about the Toy Library when I was a new parent. I was feeling very overwhelmed and uncertain about my new role. My Mother In Law offered to pay for membership at the Toy Library for my daughters first Christmas present. I went along and got a membership thinking that I would occasionally borrow a toy. Wow! I was utterly astounded at the variety of toys for the children available. On the day I joined I took toys home that my daughter has enjoyed and played with. We have been borrowing regularly since that day. My Mother In Law intends to renew our membership as a Christmas present yearly. She loves that we borrow toys and make good use of the Toy Library.

On entering the Wellington Toy Library I am always greeted with a smile and a warm hello. Elizabeth always makes me feel welcome and at ease. She also has made an effort to get to know my daughter and always makes a big fuss over her. Everyone thinks that their own child is special, but when Elizabeth makes a fuss over my daughter, we all feel a little bit special and important. Elizabeth knows my daughter and has made an exceptional effort to develop a relationship with her. I enjoy going to the Toy Library and having a chat. Elizabeth recommends age appropriate toys that engage and develop my daughter's skills.

The coordinator at the Toy Library is essential for people like me who want to save money and the environment. This saves my family money; we do not have to regularly purchase toys. They are also used by many children saving them being used once or twice by a child and then being put into landfill.

Elizabeth is very busy every time we go into the Toy Library. She is organising and coordinating resources constantly. There are a lot of toys to organise! This should be done by one person to maintain consistency and efficiency. If not things will likely become disorganised and people will not be able to find toys. The quality of the Toy Library will not be as good as it once was.

Please reconsider the funding for a coordinator at the Wellington Toy Library.

Many Thanks

Sally Robson.

27/4/15

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to you in relationship to your prospect of ceasing funding for the toy library coordinator. I am a Family Day Care Educator and use the toy library service weekly to enhance my program for the children. Our routine outing to the toy library helps children to feel a part of a community organisation and to learn about using a council service. I have been a member for the past year and have found having Elizabeth at every session the toy library is open extremely useful, she knows what toys suit what ages and where to find toys. She helps bring the toys out to the car when I have four toddlers in tow. She makes sure all the toys are kept together, are in a clean, working condition and are in labelled boxes and containers. She ensures the smooth, fast change over of toys on session days, which can get very hectic. Without her the toy library will not be the same. I value this service to my business along with a lot of other people who use the toy library.

Yours sincerely,

Kylie Willox

2 Polaris Drive Sale,

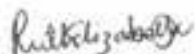
Victoria, 3850

23rd April 2015.

Dear councillors,

I'm writing to you on behalf of the East Sale Family Group to show our support of the Wellington Toy Library (WTL) and its coordinator. Many of the mothers in my social circle make use of the toy library and speak of the difference it makes to our every day life. For families that move often it provides an instant method of making connections in a new community and anything that makes this transition easier is invaluable. The children love having new fun and educational toys and the money saved as a parent is substantial. I am the mother of two young boys and we love the WTL and use it weekly. I am constantly amazed at what a wonderful and well utilized service it is and look forward to visiting Elizabeth each week and chatting to her amongst the chaos! I find it hard to imagine it ever succeeding without Elizabeth's constant care and dedication to it's smooth operation. She is a dedicated, kind and attentive lady who ensures that each family is well taken care of. I ask and hope that you will continue to fund this fantastic service.

Thank you,



Ruth Broadbent,
Member of East Sale Family Group.

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The Toy Library is important to my family

A fabulous service for all local families. Visitors from other places think we are very lucky.

Yours sincerely

Clare O'Brien
5 Yvette Close Sale

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its such a valuable & needed service and has allowed my little boy to have access to far more toys than he would otherwise.

Yours sincerely

Many Thanks Gemma Reardon!

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The Toy Library is important to my family - it saves money and is important for social interaction for children and their parents.

Yours sincerely

J. Flusty

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Yours sincerely

Claire Whitford



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Megan Gunn



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Maria Speed

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Elissa Dick

Yours sincerely

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Yours sincerely *Bernadette Toohy*

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Kerri Pontifex


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Elizabeth Hanna


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 Gaye Davies

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C. Malion
5/July/15

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Kylie Willox

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Jaclyn Hamilton

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Nicoletta Tutolo

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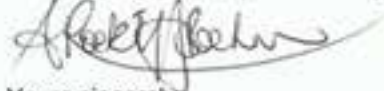


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Yours sincerely

Alice Rockliff Beahan.

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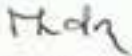
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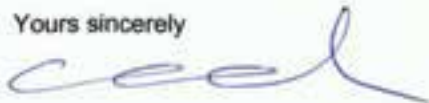
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Yours sincerely

Max Stephanie Dent

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Yours sincerely *Pat Brewer*

Pat Brewer

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Ruth Broadbent

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Yours sincerely

J. McCallum

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I am writing to urge you to continue funding the employment of a coordinator for the Wellington Toy Library.

The Toy Library is important to my family, as a single man with limited funds I love the idea of being able to use a wide variety of toys for just a small fee.

Yours sincerely

Tanya Rickertby

Submission 8 – Latrobe Wharf Project (Wellington Regional Tourism)



6th May 2015

Mr David Morcom
Chief Executive Officer
Wellington Shire Council
PO Box 506
Sale Victoria 3850



To David,

RE: Latrobe Wharf project

After our WRT meeting in April much discussion was had on the new project for the Latrobe Wharf. We would like to put our opinion forward for you to consider as it is one of our top 5 priority project for 2015/2016.

The Swing Bridge steering committee have designed a fixed structure wharf for a cost of \$80,000 which will be partly funded by the Department of Transport. In our opinion this fixed structure will not be suitable for the needs of boats in the area as it would be too high to dismount onto. Its only purpose will be a fishing and general viewing platform.

However if the structure was a floating wharf all boats could use it to get out and walk around the Swing Bridge, this would increase the visitation to one of our great attractions, the historic Swing Bridge.

We would appreciate further discussion on this issue before a final decision is made as to the structure of the Latrobe Wharf.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink is located below the 'Yours faithfully' text. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Trent Fairweather'.

Trent Fairweather
President
Wellington Regional Tourism

Submission 9 – Queries re boating infrastructure funds, mosquito spraying and installation of footpaths in Loch Sport (Loch Sport Community Representative Group Inc.)



**LOCH SPORT COMMUNITY
REPRESENTATIVE GROUP INC**
ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY IN TOWN PLANNING

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LOCH SPORT VIC 3851
Email: lscrg@lochsport.org.au

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Loch Sport – A Great Place to Visit an even Better Place to Live

Wellington Shire Council
Chief Executive officer
PO Box 506
Sale Vic 3850



Dear Sir /Ms

RE WELLINGTON SHIRE 2015 2016 BUDGET PAPER

We note that there is a reference made to Loch Sport regarding funding the Skatepark and an allocation of funds towards improvements to the shelter in Lake St.
We thank Council for this small allocation to our town.

There is also a reference to funds for boating infrastructure new works per the boating action plan.
The Loch Sport CRG would like to know what the boating infrastructure funding is for does it relate to any more boating funding for Lochsport to keep our boat ramps in better condition.

The Loch Sport CRG is keen for Council to be clear in their planning for Loch Sport

Mosquitoes: Is spraying for Mosquito prevention included in this budget as it is a health problem when mosquitoes are very plentiful

The reference to funding for annual footpaths and shared paths is there something in there for lochsport?

Pathways: in reference to a previous request for pathways Alan Lewis report July 2007 and partial installation suspended because of sewerage works: the street works are now complete and we trust that there has been funds allocated in this budget to continue installing especially in National Park road in the area of Marina Drive and Holmes St over the hills which is very dangerous for foot traffic.

Regards
Kaye Hogben
Secretary
For the Loch Sport Community Representative group

17th May 2015



C3 - REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT

ITEM C3.1**PLANNING DECISIONS**

DIVISION:

DEVELOPMENT

ACTION OFFICER:

MANAGER LAND USE PLANNING

DATE:

2 JUNE 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		

OBJECTIVE

To provide a report to Council on recent planning permit trends and planning decisions made under delegation by Statutory Planners during the month of April 2015 for information.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note the report on recent planning permit trends and Planning Application Determinations between 1 April and 30 April 2015.

BACKGROUND

Statutory Planners have delegated authority under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to make planning decisions in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the Wellington Planning Scheme including the issue of: planning permits, amended permits, extensions of time, refusal of planning permits and notices of decision to grant a planning permit.

A copy of planning permit decisions made between 1 April and 30 April 2015 is included in Attachment 1.

Attachment 2 provides an overview of recent planning permit trends including decisions made, efficiency of decision making and the estimated value of approved development (derived from monthly Planning Permit Activity Reporting data).

OPTIONS

Council may choose to note this report, alternatively, Council may choose to seek further information and refer this report to another meeting.

PROPOSAL

That Council note the report on recent planning permit trends and planning application determinations between 1 April and 30 April 2015.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a conflict of interest.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

The monthly report communicates information about planning trends and determinations including the issue of planning permits, amended permits, refusal of planning permits and notices of decision to grant a planning permit.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

All planning decisions have been processed and issued in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the Wellington Planning Scheme.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

All planning decisions have been issued after due consideration of relevant Council policy, including Council's Heritage Policy and the requirements of the State and Local Planning Policy Framework in the Wellington Planning Scheme.

COUNCIL PLAN

The Council Plan 2013–2017 Theme 5 Land Use Planning states the following strategic objective and related strategy:

Strategic Objective

“Appropriate and forward looking land use planning that incorporates sustainable growth and development.”

Strategy 5.2

“Provide user friendly, accessible planning information and efficient planning processes.”

This report supports the above Council Plan strategic objective and strategy.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Planning decisions are made in accordance with the relevant environmental standards to ensure that environmental impacts are minimised

**PLANNING APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS
BETWEEN 1/04/2015 AND 30/04/2015**

Application No/Year	Date Received	Property Title & Address	Proposal	Status
134-4.00/2009	22/01/2015	Assessment No. 403550 LOT: 51 PS: 644118 37 HENEBERY CRES LONGFORD	Amendment to permit for 300 lot CDZ1/FZ subdivision of the land.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 14/04/2015
264-3.00/2009	12/02/2015	Assessment No. 261750 LOT: RES PS: 52648 SURFEDGE DVE GOLDEN BEACH	Amendment to permit to sell and consume liquor on site.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 2/04/2015
441-3.00/2011	24/03/2015	Assessment No. 195644 FORESHORE RD SEASPRAY	Amendment to permit for construction of a surf life saving club.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 8/04/2015
111-2.00/2013	8/08/2014	Assessment No. 327585 CA: 89E 1,639 CHESTERFIELD RD GLENMAGGIE	Amendment to permit for use and development of a quarry.	Withdrawn 23/04/2015
108-2.00/2014	9/04/2015	Assessment No. 62216 LOT: 1 TP: 83359K 123-125 RAYMOND ST SALE	Construction of a new roof over existing decking and a new carport.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 20/04/2015
146-2.00/2014	5/03/2015	Assessment No. 280362 LOT: 70 PS: 4853 26 JANETTE ST MCLOUGHLINS BEACH	Amendment to permit for use and development of a dwelling/shed.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 13/04/2015
288-1.00/2014	2/09/2014	Assessment No. 408328 LOT: 4 PS: 602217T 49 PRINCES HWY SALE	Use and development of the land/warehouses/setback reduction.	NOD issued by Delegate of Respon/Auth 20/04/2015
309-1.00/2014	17/09/2014	Assessment No. 184085 PC: 352548X 24 MACASSAR CRES THE HONEYSUCKLES	Buildings and works associated with construction of a shed.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 9/04/2015
411-1.00/2014	16/12/2014	Assessment No. 112797 LOT: 2 PS: 614922 TOONGABBIE	Buildings & works/construction of Telecommunications Facility (NBN).	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 28/04/2015
413-1.00/2014	16/12/2014	Assessment No. 96024 CA: 7 SEC: 11 13 MUNRO-STOCKDALE MUNRO	RLZ2 subdivision of the land into 2 lots.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 21/04/2015
414-1.00/2014	16/12/2014	Assessment No. 92791 CA: 10C SEC: 1 30 SWANS RD MUNRO	FZ subdivision of the land into 2 lots (house excision).	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 22/04/2015

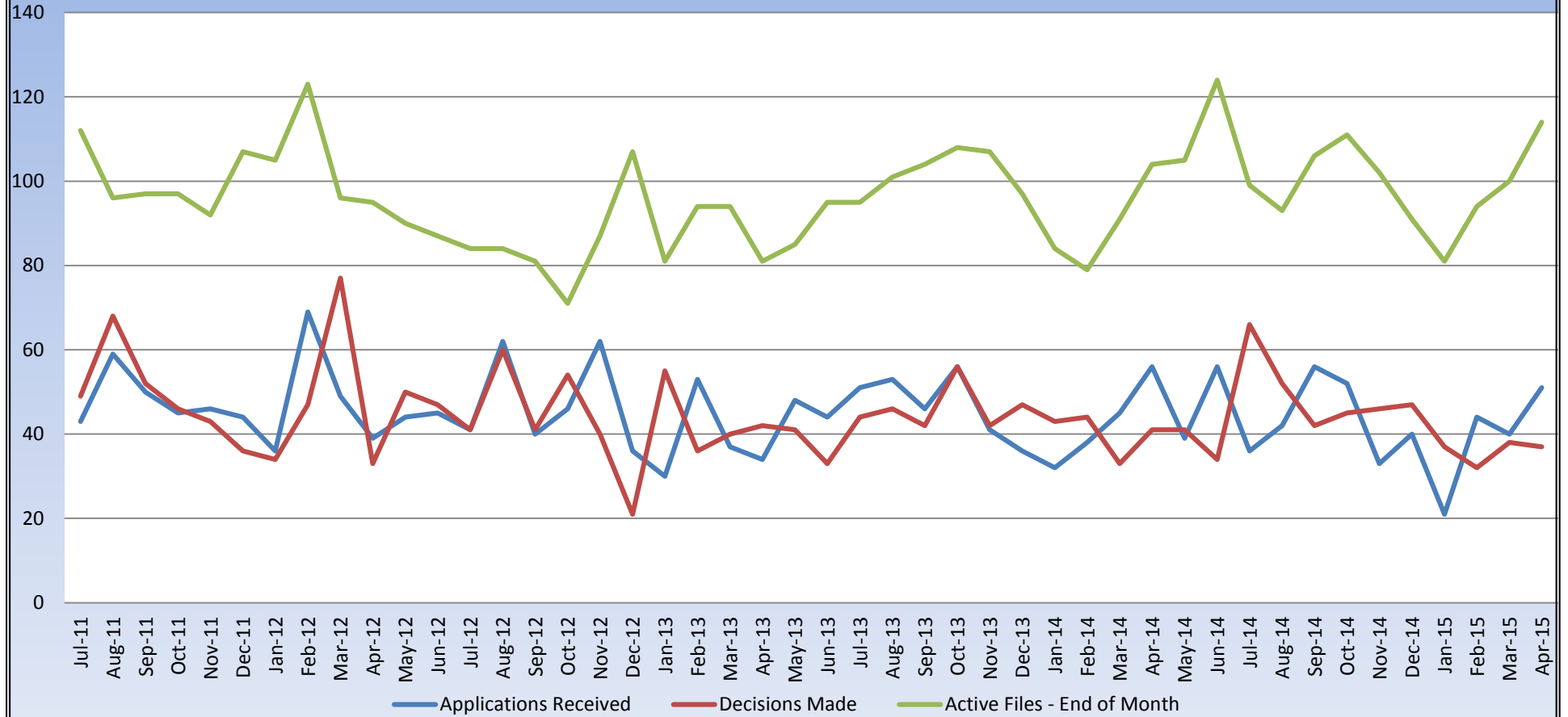
Application No/Year	Date Received	Property Title & Address	Proposal	Status
7-1.00/2015	15/01/2015	Assessment No. 326488 PC: 375331V 758 COWWARR-SEATON SEATON	Removal of native vegetation.	Withdrawn 27/04/2015
9-1.00/2015	16/01/2015	Assessment No. 255885 LOT: 801 PS: 40160 10 SIXTH AVENUE PARADISE BEACH	Development of the land for a dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 14/04/2015
16-1.00/2015	28/01/2015	Assessment No. 197665 LOT: 2 PS: 126675 93 BARKERS RD WILLUNG	2 lot subdivision of the land (house excision).	Withdrawn 27/04/2015
19-1.00/2015	3/02/2015	Assessment No. 196170 LOT: 3 PS: 736756 11 IRVING ST SEASPRAY	Resubdivision of 4 existing lots into 4 new lots.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 29/04/2015
20-1.00/2015	3/02/2015	Assessment No. 364208 PCA: 17C 27 RIVERSDALE RD MAFFRA	Buildings and works associated with addition to existing dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 20/04/2015
24-1.00/2015	5/02/2015	Assessment No. 235747 LOT: 953 PS: 55692 78 NATIONAL PARK RD LOCH SPORT	Buildings and works associated with construction of a carport.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 17/04/2015
29-1.00/2015	9/02/2015	Assessment No. 307140 LOT: 1 TP: 401774R 1/75 JOHNSON ST MAFFRA	Buildings and works associated with extension to shop and dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 2/04/2015
32-1.00/2015	12/02/2015	Assessment No. 269860 CA: 34 SEC: C GIFFARD WEST RD GIFFARD	Subdivision of the land into 2 rural lots.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 22/04/2015
41-1.00/2015	18/02/2015	Assessment No. 328088 LOT: 1 PS: 300826 410 MCLACHLANS RD TINAMBA WEST	Buildings and works associated with development of a shed.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 22/04/2015
47-1.00/2015	24/02/2015	Assessment No. 81570 LOT: 2 PS: 729741 BAY RD THE HEART	Re-subdivision of existing lots to create two rural lots.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 17/04/2015
48-1.00/2015	24/02/2015	Assessment No. 270355 CA: 21A1 234 MERRIMANS CREEK GORMANDALE	Two lot re-subdivision of the land.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 14/04/2015
51-1.00/2015	24/02/2015	Assessment No. 306746 LOT: 2 PS: 549859T 171 JOHNSON ST MAFFRA	Buildings and works associated with extension to an existing workshop.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 13/04/2015

Application No/Year	Date Received	Property Title & Address	Proposal	Status
53-1.00/2015	25/02/2015	Assessment No. 217208 LOT: 655 PS: 52648 27 SEA BREEZE AVE GOLDEN BEACH	Buildings and works associated with development of a single dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 14/04/2015
59-1.00/2015	3/03/2015	Assessment No. 104505 LOT: 23 PS: 48985V 22 MORTIMER DVE FULHAM	Buildings and works associated with development of a hangar.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 2/04/2015
59-2.00/2015	9/04/2015	Assessment No. 104505 LOT: 23 PS: 48985V 22 MORTIMER DVE FULHAM	Amendment to permit for buildings and works associated with a hangar.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 30/04/2015
67-1.00/2015	11/03/2015	Assessment No. 373506 PCA: 12A GARRETT'S RD LONGFORD	Removal of native vegetation (2 large trees).	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 1/04/2015
68-1.00/2015	11/03/2015	Assessment No. 429258 LOT: 2 PS: 703136F 85-87 CANSICK ST ROSEDALE	Buildings and works associated with development of a single dwelling.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 14/04/2015
69-1.00/2015	12/03/2015	Assessment No. 255489 PC: 163430 13 FIFTH AVE PARADISE BEACH	Buildings and works associated with construction of an outbuilding.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 22/04/2015
77-1.00/2015	16/03/2015	Assessment No. 361071 PCA: 4A 112 LOWER NEWRY RD NEWRY	Buildings and works associated with construction of a farm shed.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 22/04/2015
81-1.00/2015	18/03/2015	Assessment No. 360982 CA: 22B 141 LOWER NEWRY RD NEWRY	Buildings and works associated with construction of a building.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 30/04/2015
88-1.00/2015	25/03/2015	Assessment No. 191874 PCA: 5 SEC: 1 22 PRINCE ST ROSEDALE	Buildings/works associated with construction of a free standing patio.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 1/04/2015
107-1.00/2015	7/04/2015	Assessment No. 185041 LOT: 347 PS: 82059 1-3 MCLACHLAN ST THE HONEYSUCKLES	Buildings and works associated with construction of 2 dwellings.	Withdrawn 30/04/2015
112-1.00/2015	9/04/2015	Assessment No. 412346 CA: 62A SEC: 2 HUGHES RD COBAINS	Buildings and works associated with development of a farm shed.	Withdrawn 22/04/2015
115-1.00/2015	10/04/2015	Assessment No. 380923 CA: 35D 331 LANES RD ALBERTON WEST	Buildings and works associated with extension to existing building.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 17/04/2015

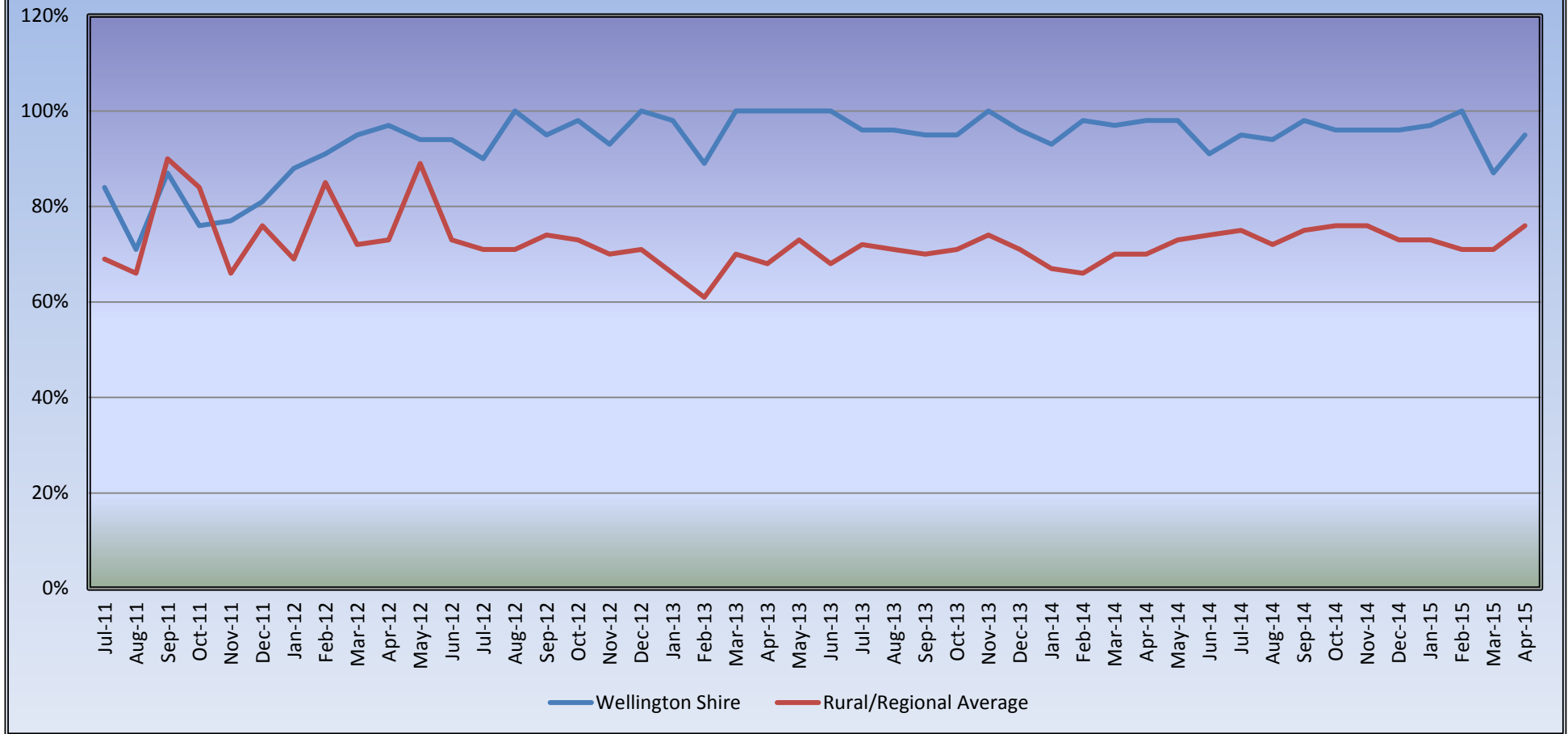
Application No/Year	Date Received	Property Title & Address	Proposal	Status
118-1.00/2015	13/04/2015	Assessment No. 86348 LOT: 1 PS: 147403 254 STRATFORD	Re-subdivision of the land to create 2 new lots.	Permit Issued by Delegate of Resp/Auth 28/04/2015
120-1.00/2015	15/04/2015	Assessment No. 263657 CA: 77B1 1,582 MADALYA	Buildings and works associated with development of a farm shed.	Withdrawn 22/04/2015

Total No of Decisions Made: 37

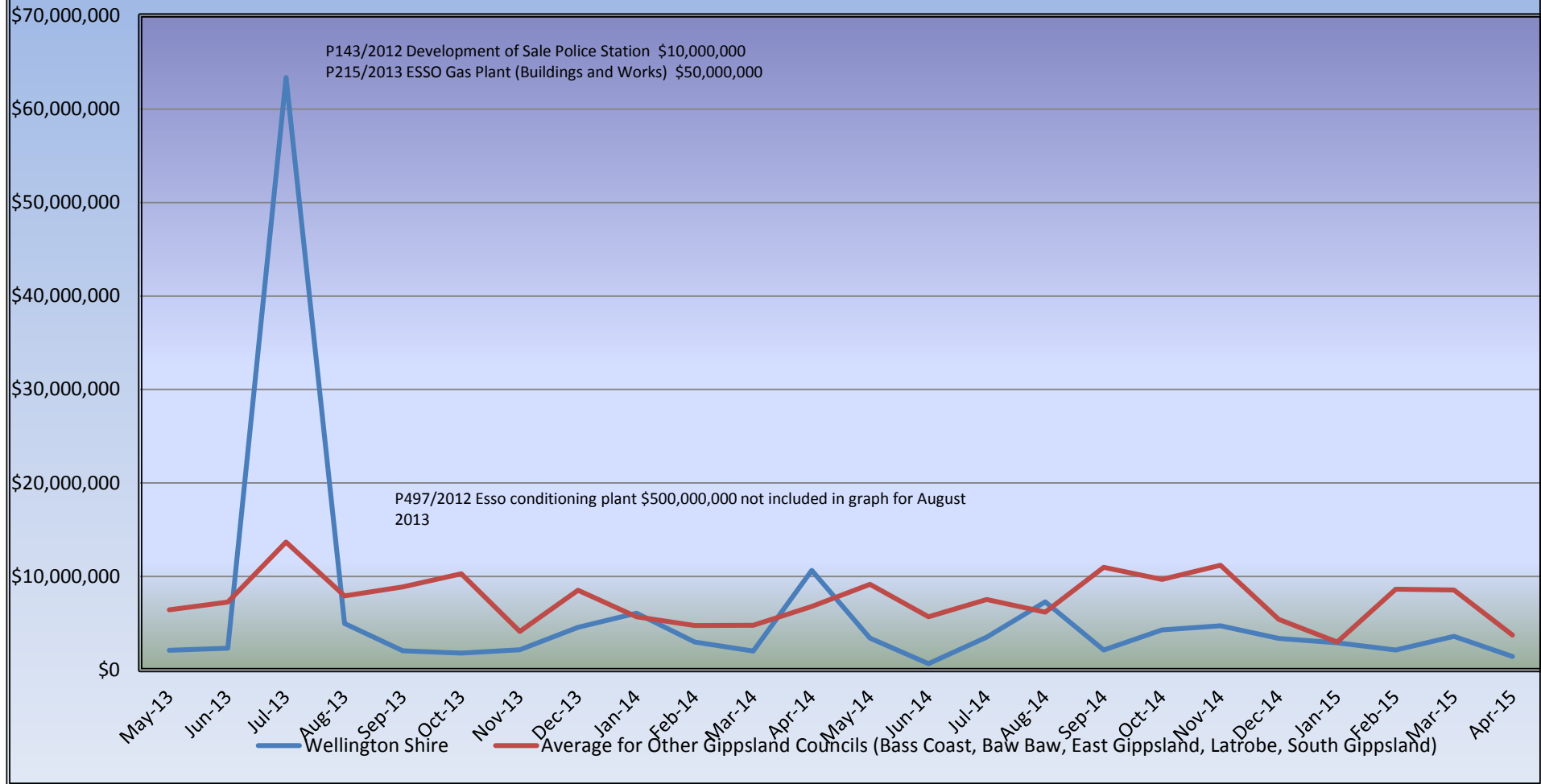
**PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED /DECISIONS /ACTIVE FILES
APRIL 2015**



DECISIONS ISSUED WITHIN 60 DAYS APRIL 2015



ESTIMATED VALUE OF WORKS MAY 2013 - APRIL 2015



ITEM C3.2**STRATEGIC LAND USE PLANNING PROJECT PRIORITIES 2015/16**

DIVISION: DEVELOPMENT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER LAND USE PLANNING

DATE: 2 JUNE 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	

OBJECTIVE

To seek Council's support for the following project being undertaken as part of the 2015/16 strategic land use planning work program:

1. Targeted detailed assessment of priority places of potential heritage significance as part of Stage 2 of the Wellington Heritage Study.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That

1. Council supports the following project being undertaken as part of the 2015/16 strategic land use planning work program:

- Targeted detailed assessment of priority places of potential heritage significance as part of Stage 2 of the Wellington Heritage Study.

BACKGROUND

The current strategic planning work program and potential new 2015/16 project priorities were discussed at Council's *Strategic Land Use Planning Projects Review Group* (Project Review Group) meeting of 10 February 2015. A copy of the minutes and information presented to the Project Review Group were distributed electronically to all Councillors on 13 February 2015.

There is already a significant 2015/16 work program, which focuses on various Council and privately initiated planning scheme amendment requests. The work program includes preparation of Outline Development Plans for North Sale, Wurruk and Longford, Port Albert Rural Lifestyle Lot Review and Planning Controls Review Implementation, Bushfire Planning Project, Rosedale Structure Plan Implementation, Stevens St, Sale rezonings, technical amendment and the rezoning of the former Sale police station site. Given the available budget and current project priorities, there is limited scope for new strategic land use planning project work in the 2015/16 financial year unless current project priorities are to change/be deferred. In view of this, Officers believe that a selective approach which targets the available funding towards a single project should form the basis of the project selected.

In broad terms, key options for new project work discussed at the 10 February 2015 Project Review Group meeting included:

1. Targeted detailed assessment of priority places of potential heritage significance as part of Stage 2 of the Wellington Heritage Study.
2. A review of the existing planning scheme controls to facilitate the removal of redundant, repeat or ineffective provisions (note that an application for this work has been lodged with the Rural Planning Flying Squad).
3. Other small town structure plan preparation.

The Wellington Shire Heritage Study Stage 1 (the Study) was completed in May 2005 by Context Pty Ltd, which responded to an acknowledged community respect for and appreciation of Wellington Shire's heritage. Stage 1 of the Study included an Appendix 6 (see **Attachment 1** to this report), which provides a list identifying priority places with potential heritage significance for further investigation as part of a subsequent Stage 2 study. A total of 803 places were identified in the list and of those places 584 were considered to be high priority and 219 a medium priority.

In June 2005, Council resolved to,

'receive the Wellington Shire Heritage Study Stage 1 and proceed with the Wellington Shire Heritage Study Stage 2 and Planning Scheme Amendments on a staged basis and subject to budget allocation and external funding on a dollar for dollar grant basis'.

Following the completion of Stage 1 of the Study, Council prepared Amendment C26 to the Wellington Planning Scheme to provide Heritage Overlay protection to a significant number of places and precincts in Sale and Port Albert. However, due to competing project and budget priorities further Stage 2 Heritage investigations have yet to be advanced elsewhere in the municipality.

With the assistance of Council's Heritage Advisor, it is now proposed to 'target' a select number of heritage places that are considered to be amongst the most significant within the Shire using a 2015/16 budget allocation of \$50,000.

The detailed assessment of a number of targeted places (in the order of 50 places) would provide the justification required for the selected places to be statutorily protected through their formal inclusion within the Heritage Overlay within the Wellington Planning Scheme.

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. Proceed with the targeted detailed assessment of priority places of potential heritage significance as part of Stage 2 of the Wellington Heritage Study; or
2. Resolve not to proceed with the recommended project and seek further information at a future Council meeting.

PROPOSAL

That Council supports the following project being undertaken as part of the 2015/16 strategic land use planning work program:

1. The targeted detailed assessment of priority places of potential heritage significance as part of Stage 2 of the Wellington Heritage Study.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The recommended 2015/16 strategic planning project priority has been included in the draft 2015/16 budget. Officers are currently pursuing the potential for dollar for dollar funding through the Rural Planning Flying Squad, but details of the continuation of this program are yet to be finalised. Should dollar for dollar funding become available, it will enable an increased number of places to be investigated and have heritage citations prepared to justify future Heritage Overlay protection.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

All strategic land use planning matters are considered in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and/or any relevant legislation.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013 –17, Theme 5: Land Use Planning states the following strategic objective and related strategy:

Strategic Objective

“Appropriate and forward looking land use planning that incorporates sustainable growth and development.”

Strategy 5.1

“Ensure Land Use Policies and Plans utilise an integrated approach to guide appropriate land use and development.”

The proactive preparation of citations to protect a targeted number of heritage assets within the Shire supports the above Council Plan strategic objective and strategy.

PLANNING POLICY IMPACT

The project identified as priority work will contribute towards ensuring that strategic land use planning within the Wellington Shire occurs in an orderly and coordinated manner and that the Wellington Planning Scheme remains up-to-date and utilises the most appropriate ‘planning tools’ from within the Victorian Planning Provisions.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

The recommended project would be undertaken as part of the overall strategic planning work program for 2015/16 and on this basis would be appropriately resourced.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Undertaking the project would demonstrate Council's commitment to working towards achieving the preservation of some of the Shire's most significant heritage assets which are not currently protected in the Wellington Planning Scheme. On this basis, the broader community impact is likely to be generally positive, although it is acknowledged that some landowners may oppose future application of the Heritage Overlay to identified land.

CONSULTATION IMPACT

A detailed consultation process will be developed as part of the project. It is anticipated that the bodies/organisations involved in the development of the original Heritage Study will be re-engaged as part of the process.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT

Identifying some of the Shire's most significant heritage assets for inclusion within the Heritage Overlay and affording them a higher degree of protection will serve to reduce the risk of their loss as a finite resource in the future.

APPENDIX 6: LIST OF PLACES IDENTIFIED FOR STAGE 2

This summary table lists the high and medium priority places identified as of potential heritage significance and worthy of further investigation in Stage 2. It is arranged by locality and then by street address.

The Wellington Heritage Places database contains the records of the 1787 places entered up to the completion of Stage 1.

Locality	No	Place name	Street name	Stage 2 priority	In a precinct?
Airly	1890	House	Clydebank Road	Medium	
Airly	1891	Airly Hall	Clydebank Road	Medium	
Airly	1628	Springfield	Gibsons Road	High	
Airly	1889	Williamvale	Settlement Road	High	
Alberton	1935	Murses House/Shop (site)		Medium	
Alberton	1393	Albert River Railway Bridge No. 1		High	
Alberton	1394	Albert River Railway Bridge No. 2		High	
Alberton	1934	Houses west of the River		Medium	
Alberton	1395	Albert River Howday Railway Bridge		High	
Alberton	2296	Blackshaws Bridge	Blackshaws Road	Medium	
Alberton	1936	Sharwell's House	Manns Beach Road	High	
Alberton	2302	Dawsons Bridge	Old Wellspool Road	Medium	
Alberton	741	Alberton Primary School No. 1	Thompson Street	High	
Alberton	1937	The Reef	Yarlam - Potts Albert Road	Medium	
Alberton West	1963	Telegraph Road		Medium	
Alberton West	1946	Hickey's Hill Quarry		Medium	
Alberton West	1950	Mine shaft on Greg Venings' Property		High	
Alberton West	1957	Rifle Range		Medium	
Alberton West	1960	Stone Quarry		Medium	
Alberton West	2050	Primary School,		High	

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Locality	No	Place name	Street name	Stage 2 priority	In a precinct?
		Alberton West			
Alberton West	1397	Gelliondale Road Bridge	Gelliondale Road	Medium	
Alberton West	1953	Alberton West Public Hall	Gelliondale Road	High	
Alberton West	2307	Gillons Bridge	Gillons Road	Medium	
Alberton West	1964	The Gullest	Old Welshpool Road	Medium	
Alberton West	2421	Bridge	Pound Road	High	
Alberton West	1498	Sloping Bridge	Pound Road West	High	
Alberton West	2303	Deep Creek Bridge	Pound Road West	Medium	
Alberton West	740	Woodlands	South Gippsland Highway	High	
Alberton West	2427	Strays Haven	South Gippsland Highway	High	
Balook	602	Hut		High	
Balook	603	Logging Winch		High	
Balook	600	Gravel Pit		Medium	
Balook	712	Bulga National Park	Grand Ridge Road	High	
Balook	1503	Moonfields Dairy and Well	Grand Ridge Road	High	
Balook	713	Suspension Bridge (Bulga National Park)	Grand Ridge Road	High	
Balook	599	Cooks Mill	Old Yarra-Balook Rd (Tarra Bulga National Park)	High	
Binginwarri	2475	Binginwarri Hall		High	
Binginwarri	1400	Road Bridge - Binginwarri	Albert River - Welshpool Road	Medium	
Binginwarri	2323	Newtons Bridge	Binginwarri South Road	High	
Binginwarri	2315	Kays Bridge	Binginwarri South Road	High	
Binginwarri	2331	Everetts Bridge	Everetts Road	High	
Boisdale	2176	Boisdale Uniting Church		High	
Boisdale	2133	Boisdale Township		High	Boisdale Main Street Precinct
Boisdale	1567	Old Boisdale Homestead		Medium	

Locality	No	Place name	Street name	Stage 2 priority	In a precinct?
		(Pettigrews)			
Boisdale	2177	Blacksmiths & stables		High	Boisdale Main Street Precinct
Boisdale	2134	Boisdale Consolidated School	Boisdale/Newry Road	Medium	
Boisdale	1745	Silos	Boisdale-Valencia Creek Road	High	
Boisdale	1880	Trees - Orange & Elms	Fosters Hill - below	Medium	
Boisdale	753	St George's Anglican Church	Maffra - Briagolong Road	High	
Briagolong	1676	The Boarding House		High	
Briagolong	1662	Azzurri Park		Medium	
Briagolong	1667	Bank Building (1910) (fmc)		High	Briagolong Town Centre Precinct
Briagolong	1572	French's		High	
Briagolong	1568	Roman Catholic Church		High	Briagolong Mechanics Precinct
Briagolong	515	Gladstone Creek Goldfield Area		Medium	
Briagolong	1675	Cottage (Mrs Stevens)		High	
Briagolong	1569	All Saints Anglican Church		High	Briagolong Mechanics Precinct
Briagolong	1677	Agnes Goldsmith's Cottage		High	Briagolong Mechanics Precinct
Briagolong	1680	House (Billiard Room)		Medium	
Briagolong	1560	The Delta		Medium	
Briagolong	156	Briagolong Town Centre Precinct		High	Briagolong Town Centre Precinct
Briagolong	2182	Briagolong Mechanics Institute Precinct		High	Briagolong Mechanics Precinct
Briagolong	1672	Garage (fmc)		High	Briagolong

Locality	No	Place name	Street name	Stage 2 priority	In a precinct?
					Town Centre Precinct
Briarolong	1653	Coffee Palace		High	Briarolong Town Centre Precinct
Briarolong	1654	The Wine Hall		Medium	Briarolong Town Centre Precinct
Briarolong	1660	Ollie Crawford's	Avon St. cnr McLean St	High	
Briarolong	1658	House	Avon Street	High	
Briarolong	1665	Post Office (1904) (fine)	Avon Street	High	Briarolong Mechanics Precinct
Briarolong	1671	Willow Cottage	Avon Street	High	Briarolong Town Centre Precinct
Briarolong	1659	Briarolong RSL Log Cabin	Avon Street	High	
Briarolong	1676	House	Blundy Street (cnr Rossmore Ave)	High	
Briarolong	1754	Briarolong Cemetery	Boundary Road	Medium	
Briarolong	1681	House	Cahill Street	High	
Briarolong	1682	House	Cahill Street	High	
Briarolong	1683	House (Maurice Conway)	Cahill Street	High	
Briarolong	782	Primary School No. 1117	Church Street	High	Briarolong Mechanics Precinct
Briarolong	1570	Presbyterian Church	Church Street	High	Briarolong Mechanics Precinct
Briarolong	1574	Hopville	Dargo Road	High	
Briarolong	1573	Balmoral	Dargo Road	High	
Briarolong	2127	Edward Bennett's	Dargo Road	High	
Briarolong	2180	McKinnon House	Dargo Road	Medium	
Briarolong	2123	Blair Athol	Dargo Road	High	
Briarolong	1664	Burger Bill's (Kellys Store)	Forbes St (cnr Avon St)	High	Briarolong Town Centre Precinct

Locality	No	Place name	Street name	Stage 2 priority	In a precinct?
Briagolong	1656	House	Forbes Street	High	
Briagolong	1673	Nissen Hut	Forbes Street	Medium	Briagolong Town Centre Precinct
Briagolong	1666	Butchers Shop, Briagolong	Forbes Street	High	Briagolong Town Centre Precinct
Briagolong	778	Briagolong Hotel	Forbes Street	High	Briagolong Town Centre Precinct
Briagolong	1668	Taylor's	Forbes Street	Medium	Briagolong Town Centre Precinct
Briagolong	1755	boom	Freestone Creek Road	Medium	
Briagolong	151	Track 96, Lees Creek, Granite Creek area	Freestone Creek Road, Lee Creek Track, Largo Road	High	
Briagolong	2124	Alf Drews house	Lees Road	High	
Briagolong	2122	Coonguayah	Maffra Road	High	
Briagolong	1661	Cottage (1868)	McLean Street	High	
Briagolong	2179	O'Connors	O'Connors Road	High	
Briagolong	2341	Gulboden Bridge	Off Freestone Creek Road	High	
Briagolong	1756	Mud brick houses	Paddy Melon Gully	Medium	
Briagolong	1679	House (Charlie and Grace Graham)	Rosstrevor Avenue	High	
Briagolong	2121	Forbes Gate (Forbes Mill site)	Stratford Road	Medium	
Briagolong	2181	Blacks	Valencia Creek Briagolong Road	High	
Briagolong	2126	Luttons	Victoria Parade	High	
Bundaluguah	2432	Cobains Bridge	Cobains Lane	High	
Bundaluguah	1634	Bundaluguah - Myrtlebank Hall	Maffra - Sale Road	Medium	
Bundaluguah	1888	Cottage	Maffra Sale Road	High	
Bundaluguah	1886	Glenvale	Maffra Sale Road	High	
Bundaluguah	1887	Fairview	Maffra Sale Road	High	
Bundaluguah	1632	Quarry Park	Montgomery Road	High	

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Locality	No	Place name	Street name	Stage 2 priority	In a precinct?
Bundalugrah	1633	House	Montgomery Road	Medium	
Bundalugrah	1439	Road Bridge - Bundalugrah	South Lane	Medium	
Bushy Park	158	Bushy Park		High	
Bushy Park	2178	Angus McMillan Memorial		Medium	
Calligree	3299	Tanners Bridge	Tanners Road	High	
Carrajung	1971	Carrajung Cemetery		High	
Carrajung	1621	Carrajung Memorial Park Gates		High	
Carrajung	2449	House and farm complex	Carrajung-Woodside Road	Medium	
Carrajung	227	Carrajung Primary School	McDermott Street	High	
Carrajung	1622	Carrajung Public Hall (former Church)	McDermott Street	High	
Carrajung	2448	Chris Church of England	Stirling Street	Medium	
Carrajung	1620	Carrajung Hotel (former)	Stirling Street (site McDermott Street)	Medium	
Carrajung Lower	2316	Lays Bridge	Carrajung Lower - Lays Road Connection	High	
Carrajung South	2447	Carrajung South Public Hall	Old Carrajung Road	High	
Carrajung South	2334	Pogues Bridge	Pogues Bridge Road	High	
Castleburn	1405	Bulgaback bridge and hotel complex (Castleburn)		High	
Castleburn	1922	Scheffers Hut	Dargo Road	High	
Castleburn	1583	Castleburn	Dargo Road	High	
Castleburn	1923	Bark Hut (2)	Former Dargo Road	High	
Clydebank	1929	Redbank		High	
Clydebank	1649	Stirling Holme	Clydebank Road	High	
Clydebank	1648	Chadecote	Clydebank Road	Medium	
Clydebank	1646	Bunjalene	Clydebank Road (off)	Medium	
Clydebank	1651	Clydebank Wharf	Clydebank Road (on river)	High	
Clydebank	1641	House	Fosteron Road	Medium	

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Clydebank	1647	Ormond	Hughes Road	High	
Clydebank	1650	Redbank Wharf	Redbank Road	High	
Cobains	751	St Marks Church of England, Cobains		Medium	
Coongulla	2106	Ryans Home	Ryans Road	High	
Coongulla	2105	Lanigans Bridge	Weir Road	Medium	
Coopers Creek	128	Brantons Bridge		High	
Cowwarr	1410	Thomson River Railway Bridge		Medium	
Cowwarr	2093	Timber House		High	
Cowwarr	2091	Group of Houses		Medium	
Cowwarr	2090	Railway Station House		High	
Cowwarr	1796	Hotel - Cowwarr		High	
Cowwarr	2100	Old Houses	Church Street	Medium	
Cowwarr	2096	House	Church Street	High	
Cowwarr	2095	Leysbars Family House	Church Street	High	
Cowwarr	2089	Christ Church	Church Street	High	
Cowwarr	2075	St Bridgirs Church & Hall	Church Street	High	
Cowwarr	2099	Park - Elm Trees	Church Street	High	
Cowwarr	462	Cowwarr Cemetery Reserve	Church Street	Medium	
Cowwarr	2065	Callista	Cowwarr Station Road	High	
Cowwarr	2069	The Grange	Cowwarr-Walshalla Road	High	
Cowwarr	2101	Old House	Cricket Street	Medium	
Cowwarr	2066	O'Brien House	Dawson Road, off Main Road	High	
Cowwarr	2068	Glenburn	Magues Lane	High	
Cowwarr	1797	Lamhrook	Neilsons Road	High	
Cowwarr	2102	Older Houses	Railway Street	Medium	
Cowwarr	1412	Rainbow Creek Bridge	Rices Road	High	
Cowwarr	2073	Ferney	Toongahbie - Sale Road	High	
Cowwarr	2074	Railwood	Toongahbie Sale Road	High	

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Cowwarr	1798	The Loch	Traralgon - Maffra Road	High	
Cowwarr	2067	The Poplars	Traralgon-Maffra Road	High	
Cowwarr	2098	House	Traralgon-Maffra Road	Medium	
Cowwarr	2072	Asian Lodge	Traralgon-Maffra Road	High	
Cowwarr	2071	Riversleigh	Traralgon-Maffra Road	High	
Cowwarr	2094	House	Traralgon-Maffra Road	High	
Cowwarr	2070	Pine Grove (Cowwarr)	Traralgon-Maffra Road	High	
Cowwarr	2088	Cowwarr Public Hall	Traralgon-Maffra Road (Main Street)	High	
Cowwarr	2097	Shop - old	Traralgon-Maffra Road (Main Street)	High	
Cowwarr	2092	National Bank Building	Traralgon-Maffra Road (Main Street)	High	
Cowwarr	2087	House	Traralgon-Maffra Road (McMillan Way)	High	
Crooked River	581	Eagle Vale Hut		Medium	
Crooked River	467	Crooked River Swing Bridges	Crooked River Road	Medium	
Crooked River	2340	Olivers Creek Bridge	Wonangatta Road	High	
Crooked River	1753	Kingswill Bridge	Wonangatta Road	High	
Dargo	585	Dargo Hotel		High	Dargo Town Centre Precinct
Dargo	2132	Cemetery (Dargo)		High	Dargo Town Centre Precinct
Dargo	752	St Peters Church of England, Dargo		High	Dargo Town Centre Precinct
Dargo	417	Normanby Mine		Medium	
Dargo	1893	House	Dargo Road	High	
Dargo	1417	Road Bridge - Dargo	Dargo Road	High	
Dargo	479	Dargo Township	Dargo Road	High	Dargo Town

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					Centre Precinct
Dargo	1733	Dalmore Shearing Shed	Forest Road	High	
Dargo	1737	Dargo School No. 1081	Lind Avenue	High	Dargo Town Centre Precinct
Dargo	2141	McGuire's House	Lind Avenue	High	Dargo Town Centre Precinct
Dargo	1736	Dargo Public Hall	Lind Avenue	Medium	
Dargo	2140	Cottage	Lind Avenue	High	Dargo Town Centre Precinct
Dargo	1750	Myrtle Scott's House	Lind Avenue	High	Dargo Town Centre Precinct
Dargo	1738	Catholic Church (Dargo)	Lind Avenue	High	Dargo Town Centre Precinct
Dargo	1735	School House (Residence)	Lind Avenue	High	Dargo Town Centre Precinct
Dargo	1734	Avenue of Trees	Lind Avenue	High	Dargo Town Centre Precinct
Dargo	504	Lower Dargo Water Races	Lower Dargo Road	High	
Dargo	1892	Road bridge - Dargo	Lower Dargo Road	High	
Dargo	1732	Dargo Mill	Lower Dargo Road	Medium	
Dargo	2347	Oars No. 3 (bridge)	Shortcut Road	High	
Dargo	552	Upper Dargo Diversion Tunnel	Upper Dargo Road	Medium	
Dargo High Plains	548	Treasures Plain and Homestead	Dargo High Plains	High	
Dargo High Plains	1752	Mount Ewin Hut	Dargo High Plains Road	High	
Darriman	1419	Tram Bridge		Medium	

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Darriinan	763	Mechanics Institute, Darriinan		High	
Dawson	1421	Rail Bridge - Dawson		Medium	
Dawson	2081	Spring Valley	Cowwarr Season Road	High	
Dawson	2083	Pnora	Heyfield Dawson Road	High	
Dawson	2082	Allman House	Stoney Creek Road	High	
Dawson	2084	Chester house	Stoney Creek Road	Medium	
Darson	1800	Wandlocka Homestead	Maffra-Rosedale Road	Medium	
Devon North	2308	Glenrose Bridge	Bulgers Road	High	
Devon North	2437	Riversleigh	Bulga Park Road	High	
Devon North	2438	House and Cottage	Off Bulger Road	Medium	
Devon North	2312	Ingles Bridge	Ingles Road	High	
Devon North	2337	Whiskey Turner Bridge	Off Tarra Valley Road	High	
Devon North	2430	Devon North Public Hall	Tarra Valley Road	High	
Devon North	2435	St Luke's Uniting Church	Tarra Valley Road	Medium	
Devon North	2327	Widdons Bridge	Widdons Road	High	
Dannellys Creek	1501	Tullamore Township Site		Medium	
Darson	813	McCubbins Lime Kiln		High	
Darson	481	Lime Kiln, Darson		High	
Darson	815	Darson Irrigation System		High	
Darson	1798	Darson School, Hall and Cork Tree	Johnson Road	High	
East Sale	1624	RAAF Base Command Centre	Aerodrome Road	High	
East Sale	1626	House	Aerodrome Road	Medium	
East Sale	1625	East Sale RAAF Base	Aerodrome Road	High	
East Sale	1613	Mynard house	Aerodrome Road (off Somerton Park Road)	High	
Feenbank	2345	Perry River Bridge	Stockdale-Feenbank Road	High	

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Flynn	1765	P & V Norton Property	Collier's Lane	Medium	
Flynn	2306	Bridge over Flynn's Creek	Old Melbourne Road	High	
Flynn	1767	Blackwood	Princes Highway	High	
Flynn	1768	Gen-Stockdale Property	Princes Highway	High	
Flynn	1770	The Avenues	Princes Highway	High	
Flynn	1769	Pine Grove	Princes Highway	High	
Flynn	2310	Bridge over Flynn's Creek	Rathjens Road	Medium	
Flynn	1761	Gowrie	Rosedale - Flynn Road	Medium	
Flynn	1763	Stuckey Homestead	Rosedale-Flynn Road	Medium	
Flynn	1764	Locksley	Rosedale-Flynn Road	Medium	
Flynn	1762	J & M Macklin Property	Stuckey's Lane	Medium	
Flynn	1759	Fryatt's (Melton Park)	Tirralgon - Yarrata Road and Rosedale - Flynn Road	High	
Fulham	1897	West Sale Aerodrome (RAAF Airforce base) - associated buildings	Princes Highway	High	
Fulham	1896	Fulham Post Office	Princes Highway (near Sale-Heyfield Road)	High	
Gelliondale	1981	Hobbs and Neilson Milk & Cream Dairy Factory (site)		High	
Gelliondale	1979	Amp's Wood's Store & Post Office	Crangs Road	High	
Gelliondale	2423	Interwar house	Gelliondale and Crangs Road	High	
Gelliondale	2422	Victorian Cottage	Gelliondale and Crangs Road	High	
Gelliondale	1983	Hopetoun Hotel	Gelliondale Road and Crangs Road	High	
Gelliondale	1980	Coal Mine and Briquette Works	South Gippsland Highway	High	
Giffard	768	Bazooma Wool Shed	Costello's Road	High	
Giffard	2157	Brown property	Giffard Longford	High	

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			Road		
Giffard	2320	Meriers Bridge (1)	Middle Road	High	
Giffard	2321	Meriers Bridge (2)	Middle Road	High	
Giffard	2019	Warrigal Creek Homestead	Middle Road	High	
Giffard West	1425	Tram. bridge - Giffard West		Medium	
Giffard West	2306	Four Mile Creek Bridge	Four Mile Creek Road	High	
Giffard West	2455	St John's Uniting Church	South Gippsland Highway	High	
Giffard West	2158	Cobb & Co. stopping place	South Gippsland Highway	Medium	
Giffard West	2159	Giffard West Hall	South Gippsland Highway	High	
Glen Falloch	1563	Glenfalloch Homestead Complex		High	
Glen Falloch	447	Burgoynes Hut and Track	Licola Road	High	
Glencairn	1536	Licola North School		High	
Glencairn	1919	Glencairn	Glencairn Road	High	
Glengarry	2468	Glengarry Hall		High	
Glengarry	2314	Bridge over Rosedale Creek	Lower Cairnbrook Road	High	
Glengarry	2313	Bridge over Four Mile Creek	Lower Cairnbrook Road	High	
Glenmaggie	1584	Mechanics Institute, Glenmaggie		High	
Glenmaggie	1547	St John's Roman Catholic Church		High	
Glenmaggie	2167	Cottage		Medium	
Glenmaggie	1551	Meadows Cheese Factory		High	
Glenmaggie	1899	William Saffon's grave	Heyfield-Licola Road	High	
Glenmaggie	2080	Erin Vale	Kelly and Morda Road	Medium	
Glenmaggie	2137	Glencourt	Licola-Glenmaggie Road	High	
Glenmaggie	2079	The Retreat	Seam Glenmaggie Road	High	

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Glennaggie	485	Glennaggie Weir	Weir Road	High	
Golden Beach	2460	Houses	Blue Water Avenue	Medium	
Golden Beach	2151	Golden Beach Foodarama	Surf Ridge Drive	High	
Golden Beach	2459	House	Surf Ridge Drive	Medium	
Golden Point	454	Golden Point Hut Site and Track		Medium	
Golden Point	99	Purgatory Spur	Golden Point Track	Medium	
Goodwood	1985	Tramline at Pier Allot		Medium	
Gormandale	1427	Road Bridge - Gormandale		Medium	
Gormandale	2305	Farmers Bridge	Farmers Road	High	
Gormandale	1618	Timbs Crossing and Bridge	Gormandale - Stradbroke Road	Medium	
Gormandale	1616	Cottage	Gormandale - Stradbroke Road	Medium	
Gormandale	1615	Church, Gormandale	Gormandale - Stradbroke Road	High	
Gormandale	1612	Gormandale Mechanics Institute	Hyland Way	High	
Gormandale	1611	Butchers Shop	Hyland Way	High	
Gormandale	1599	Gormandale Store	Hyland Way	High	
Gormandale	1351	Gormandale Co-operative Creamery and Butter Building (former)	Hyland Way	High	
Grant	524	McMillans Track		High	
Greenmount	1894	Glengarry's Station		High	
Heyfield	2319	Mephast's Bridge	Old Washpool Road	High	
Heyfield	1696	Large Industrial Shed		High	
Heyfield	1711	Primitive Methodist Church (first)		High	Heyfield Town Centre Precinct
Heyfield	1585	Church of England (First)		High	Heyfield Town Centre Precinct
Heyfield	1799	Glen Thompson		High	

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Heyfield	1689	Heyfield Mill Houses		High	
Heyfield	1705	House	Almann and Mills Street (cmt)	High	
Heyfield	1690	Pumping Station	Besant Street and River Road	High	
Heyfield	1790	Racecourse Reserve	Commercial Road	Medium	
Heyfield	1361	Heyfield & District Co-op Butter Factory (fret)	Commercial Road	High	
Heyfield	1691	House	Davis Street	High	
Heyfield	1724	Saleyards & stables building	Davis Street	High	Heyfield Town Centre Precinct
Heyfield	1695	Heyfield Timber Mill Precinct	Firebrace Road	High	
Heyfield	1549	Railway Hotel	George and Pearson Streets (cmt)	High	Heyfield Town Centre Precinct
Heyfield	1719	Stables	George and Temple Streets (rear of shops)	High	Heyfield Town Centre Precinct
Heyfield	1718	Stationmaster's House	George Street	High	Heyfield Town Centre Precinct
Heyfield	1707	House	George Street	High	
Heyfield	1708	Graham House (B& shop)	George Street	High	Heyfield Town Centre Precinct
Heyfield	1720	St Michael's Catholic Church	George Street	High	Heyfield Town Centre Precinct
Heyfield	1688	War Memorial, Heyfield	George Street	Medium	Heyfield Town Centre Precinct
Heyfield	2110	Greenvale	Glunmaggie Road	High	
Heyfield	2111	Nenagh	Heyfield - Upper Maffra Road	High	
Heyfield	1728	Heyfield Memorial	Macfarlane Street	High	Dargo

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		Hall			Street Rural Area
Heyfield	1698	Bank (fmr)	MacFarlane Street and Temple Street	High	Heyfield Town Centre Precinct
Heyfield	1726	Harbeck's Store	MacFarlane Street, cnr Besant Street	High	Heyfield Town Centre Precinct
Heyfield	1558	Tyson Homestead and Workman's Quarters	Maffra Road	High	
Heyfield	1693	House (Museum)	3 Mary Street	High	
Heyfield	1725	Police Station (fmr)	MacFarlane Street	High	
Heyfield	2112	Killeen	McLachlans Road	High	
Heyfield	1710	House	Mills Street	Medium	Heyfield Town Centre Precinct
Heyfield	1702	House	Pearson and Harbeck Streets (cnr)	Medium	
Heyfield	1701	House	Pearson and MacFarlane Streets (cnr)	High	
Heyfield	1709	Clay Mines	Rattcourse Road	Medium	
Heyfield	2107	Homestead (Heyfield)	Riverview Road	Medium	
Heyfield	1699	Bridge remains	Rose Street	High	
Heyfield	2104	House Tramline	Slate Forest	High	
Heyfield	1723	Chinese Restaurant/Residence	Temple and Harbeck Streets (cnr)	High	Heyfield Town Centre Precinct
Heyfield	1694	Primary School	Temple Street	High	Heyfield Town Centre Precinct
Heyfield	1722	Lock-Up	Temple street	Medium	
Heyfield	1721	Post Office (Heyfield)	Temple Street	High	Heyfield Town Centre Precinct
Heyfield	1713	Commercial Hotel	Temple Street	High	Heyfield Town Centre

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					Precinct
Heyfield	1730	St James Anglican Church	Temple Street	High	Heyfield Town Centre Precinct
Heyfield	2169	Log cabin	Tinamba Glenmaggie Road	Medium	
Heyfield	2108	Homestead (Ruins)	Tinamba-Seaton Roads and Upper Maffra Roads	Medium	
Heyfield	1704	Slaughter Yards	Tyson Road	Medium	
Heyfield	2109	Heyfield Homestead	Upper Maffra Road	High	
Hiawatha	1452	Albert River Road Bridge - (1)		High	
Hiawatha	1433	Albert River Road Bridge - (2)		High	
Hiawatha	2204	Hiawatha swimming hole and waterfall		Medium	
Hiawatha	1436	Albert River Road 6th Bridge	Albert River Road	High	
Hiawatha	1434	Albert River Road Bridge - (3)	Albert River Road	High	
Hiawatha	1435	Albert River Road 5th Bridge	Albert River Road	High	
Hiawatha	1437	Albert River Road Bridge - (4)	Albert River Road	High	
Hollands Landing	1578	Hollands Landing		Medium	
Howitt Plains	492	Macalister Springs and Vallejo Gannet Hut		Medium	
Howitt Plains	490	Howitt Plains Hut	Howitt High Plains Road	Medium	
Howitt Plains	491	Guy's Hut and surrounds	Snowy Plains Road	Medium	
Buntonston	2048	Faran House	Balrong Road	High	
Jack River	1988	Well at Chenhall's	Egans Road	Medium	
Jack River	2325	Shays Bridge	Jack River Valley Road	High	
Kilmarny	1438	Road Bridge - Kilmarny		Medium	
Licola	1556	McMichael's (DOC'S)		Medium	

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Licola	1925	Kellys Hut		Medium	
Licola	1920	Stubber's Hut		High	
Licola	744	All Saints Church of England		Medium	
Licola	405	Higgins Hut		Medium	
Licola	1921	Holmes Plain Yards		Medium	
Licola	1924	Spring Hill Hut		Medium	
Licola	1926	McMichael's Hut	Kelly's Plain	Medium	
Licola	1919	Bill McMichael's Shearing Shed & Bridge	Licola - Heyfield Road	High	
Licola	516	Moroka Hut	Old Moroka Track	Medium	
Licola	518	Millers Hut	Tambourita Road, Moroka Road	Medium	
Llowalong	1907	Sothers houses	Llowalong Road	High	
Llowalong	1906	McDonald House (Llowalong)	Llowalong Road	High	
Loch Sporn	1902	Loch Sporn		High	
Longford	1747	3G1 Transmitter Station		High	
Longford	806	Swan Hotel		Medium	
Longford	812	Buggy Creek Lime Kilns		High	
Longford	1745	Bacon Factory		High	
Longford	1750	Cindery Track	(on Glenroe property)	Medium	
Longford	1863	Sutherlands	South Gippsland Highway	High	
Longford	1885	Clearview	South Gippsland Highway	High	
Longford	1862	Longford Hotel	South Gippsland Highway	High	
Longford	1751	Tannery (site)	South Gippsland Highway	Medium	
Longford	2479	Longford Hall	South Gippsland Hwy and Johnson Road (NE cor)	Medium	
Macks Creek	1443	Road Bridge - Macks Creek		Medium	
Macks Creek	2294	Baxters Bridge	Baxters Road	High	
Macks Creek	2330	Coppas Bridge	Off Tarra Valley Road	High	
Macks Creek	2336	Saddlingtons	Off Tarra Valley Road	High	

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		Bridge			
Mackles Creek	2298	Bookers Bridge	Roberts Road	High	
Maffra	1646	Rail Bridge - Maffra		Medium	
Maffra	1875	Maffra Show Grounds Complex		High	
Maffra	1543	St Mary's Roman Catholic Church		High	
Maffra	2118	Maffra Johnson Street Precinct		High	Maffra Johnson Street Precinct
Maffra	1540	Roman Catholic Presbytery (assoc St Marys)		High	
Maffra	2130	Variogated Brush Box		High	Maffra Johnson Street Precinct
Maffra	1544	St Mary's Roman Catholic Church Hall		High	
Maffra	720	Duart	Boisdale and McLean Streets (cnr)	High	
Maffra	1865	Boisdale Street Elms	Boisdale Street	High	
Maffra	2128	Jule London house	Boisdale Street	High	
Maffra	1877	Gleamaggic houses (cnr)	Boisdale Street	High	
Maffra	1374	Maffra Butter Factory (Murray Goulburn)	Bundalagwah Road	High	
Maffra	1879	Cemetery Road - Pines	Cemetery Road	High	
Maffra	1546	Methodist Church	Church and Pearson Streets (cnr)	High	
Maffra	1872	Maffra Memorial Pool	Duke Street	Medium	
Maffra	719	Utingi	Edward Street	High	
Maffra	1870	Mafeking Hill Park	Foster/Boisdale and Alfred Streets (cnr)	High	
Maffra	1881	Marsh	John and Pearson Streets (cnr)	Medium	
Maffra	2132	Youngs Arcade	Johnson & Foster Streets (cnr)	High	Maffra Johnson

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					Street Precinct
Maffra	1550	Maffra Sports Club	Johnson Street	Medium	Maffra Johnson Street Precinct
Maffra	1539	Maffra Memorial Hall Complex	Johnson Street	High	Maffra Johnson Street Precinct
Maffra	1535	Cambrai	Johnson Street	High	Maffra Johnson Street Precinct
Maffra	2131	Tree - Ficus Macrophylla	Johnson Street	High	Maffra Johnson Street Precinct
Maffra	2128	Pitt's Plumbing	Johnson Street	High	Maffra Johnson Street Precinct
Maffra	1368	Macalister Hotel	Johnson Street	High	Maffra Johnson Street Precinct
Maffra	1370	Metropolitan Hotel	Johnson Street	High	Maffra Johnson Street Precinct
Maffra	1867	Maffra Holiday Park	Johnson Street	Medium	
Maffra	2129	Foster Building	71 Johnson Street	High	Maffra Johnson Street Precinct
Maffra	1369	Commercial Bank of Australia (fmr)	Johnson Street (cnr Thomson)	High	Maffra Johnson Street Precinct
Maffra	1869	Victoria Park	Kent and McLean Streets (cnr)	High	
Maffra	1873	Maffra Secondary College	Kent Street	Medium	
Maffra	2119	Kincaids	Kent/McLean Streets	High	
Maffra	1876	Horse Trough	King Street	Medium	
Maffra	780	Gibney Homestead	Laura Street	High	

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Maffra	1866	Trees - Osage Orange	MacLister Park	High	
Maffra	2174	Water Baliff houses	Maffra Tinamba Road	High	
Maffra	1882	Lozraine Bennett house	Pearson and Boisclaire Streets (cnr)	Medium	
Maffra	1883	Red Brick Houses: group of three	Pearson Street	High	
Maffra	1884	Thiess Environmental Services	Pearson Street	High	
Maffra	1562	Clorio	Pearson Street	High	
Maffra	1871	Boonah	Princes Highway and Carney Street (cnr)	High	
Maffra	2173	Office John Vardy Transport Pty Ltd (Railway Station)	Railway Place (Station Street)	High	
Maffra	2171	Thompson Treated Timber	Railway Place (Station Street)	High	
Maffra	2172	Murray Coulbuen (fmr Sugar Store)	Sale Road	High	
Maffra	2170	Sugar Beet Factory Houses	Sale Road & Johnson Street	High	
Maffra	1878	Red Gum Trees	Sellings (Sellings?) Lane	Medium	
Maffra	1565	Powerscourt	Stratford Road	High	
Maffra	1874	Railway Houses	Stratford Road	Medium	
Maffra	1727	Thomson Street Oaks	Thomson Street	High	
Maffra	1545	St John's Anglican Church	Thomson Street (cnr Church Street)	High	
Maffra	2136	Maffra Cemetery	Three Chain Road/Sandy Creek Road	High	
McLoughlins Beach	2348	McLoughlins Beach Foot Bridge	No Road	High	
Meerlieu	1455	Lake View Homestead		High	
Meerlieu	1905	Meerlieu School		High	
Meerlieu	1454	Mutton Bay Fig (Ficus macrophylla)		High	
Meerlieu	1900	Meerlieu Hall	Bengworden Road	High	
Meerlieu	1458	Meerlieu Bridge	Indenow-Meerlieu Road	High	

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Montgomery	1636	Montgomery Park	Holts Lane	Medium	
Munro	2201	Park House		High	
Munro	1898	Munro town centre precinct	Munro Road	High	
Munro	2476	Munro Public Hall	Munro Road	High	
Munro	754	St Marys Church of England, Munro	Munro Road	High	
Myrtlebank	1629	House	Bengworden Road (near Princes Hwy)	High	
Myrtlebank	1631	Croslea House	Grassdale Road	High	
Myrtlebank	1630	Summer Hill	Maffra - Sale Road	High	
Nambrook	2678	Nambrook Hall		Medium	
Newry	1563	Warrata		High	
Newry	1564	Summerlea		High	
Newry	1460	Joyces Bridge		Medium	
Newry	1542	St Ica's Roman Catholic Church	Dawson Street	High	
Newry	2339	Horstmanns Bridge	Horstmanns Road	High	
Newry	2062	House	Maffra Newry Road	High	
Newry	1541	St Andrew's Presbyterian Church (former)	Main Street	High	Newry Town Centre Precinct
Newry	2064	Newry Town Centre Precinct	Main Street	High	Newry Town Centre Precinct
Newry	123	Dermody's Camp	Wattignil Toms Road	Medium	
Palmerston	1524	Palmerston Township Survey		High	
Perry Bridge	1773	Union Church		High	
Perry Bridge	1772	Catholic Church (former)		Medium	
Perry Bridge	1640	Balgonie	Balgonie Lane	High	
Perry Bridge	811	Ramahnyuck Mission	Ramahnyuck Road	High	
Port Albert	788	Cliffy Island Lighthouse		Medium	
Port Albert	764	Racecourse		High	
Port Albert	715	Pilot Station (site)	Sunday Island	Medium	

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Port Albert	2222	Angus McMillan Monument, Port Albert	Tarraville Road	Medium	
Port Albert	2221	Port Albert Settlers Memorial	Tarraville Road	Medium	
Port Albert	2223	Port Albert War Memorial	Wharf Road	Medium	
Riverslea	1461	Campbells Bridge on Boggy Creek		High	
Riverslea	2199	Macalister Research Farm		High	
Riverslea	1554	Ravenwood		High	
Riverslea	1555	Riversdale		High	
Riverslea	2054	Fortuna	Colemans Road	High	
Riverslea	2055	Mourne Park	Colemans Road	High	
Riverslea	2198	Stafford Vale	Cornwells Road	High	
Riverslea	2056	Merringreen	Vandy's Road	High	
Rosedale	1813	Town Reservoir (will used as backup)		High	
Rosedale	1832	George Binstoull House	Albert Street	High	
Rosedale	2192	Cottage	Albert Street	High	
Rosedale	1839	St Marks Anglican Church Complex	Albert Street	High	
Rosedale	1851	Cottage	Carsick Street	High	
Rosedale	1836	Blind Joe's Bridge	Carsick Street	Medium	
Rosedale	1802	Enmore	Denison Road	High	
Rosedale	1805	The Crest	Denison Road	High	
Rosedale	1595	Evergreen	Evergreen Road	High	
Rosedale	1828	The Wartles	Friends Road	High	
Rosedale	1806	Ulamara	Friends Road	High	
Rosedale	1831	Railway Gatehouse 2	Friends Road, cnr. Carsick Street	High	
Rosedale	2188	House	Hood Street	High	
Rosedale	2189	Cottage	Hood Street	High	
Rosedale	1834	Neighbourhood House	Hood Street	Medium	
Rosedale	2183	Wendy Uera Teardrops	Hood Street (cnr Prince St)	High	Rosedale Town Centre Precinct

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Rosedale	1830	Railway Gatehouse	Longford Road	Medium	
Rosedale	1808	Tanner + Chown Properties (former)	Longued Road	High	
Rosedale	1834	Shire Offices (former)	Lyons Street	High	
Rosedale	1861	House	Lyons Street	High	
Rosedale	1859	House	Lyons Street	High	
Rosedale	1858	Residence and Shop	Lyons Street	High	Rosedale Town Centre Precinct
Rosedale	1857	Senior Citizens House	Lyons Street	High	Rosedale Town Centre Precinct
Rosedale	1856	Opportunity Shop	Lyons Street	High	Rosedale Town Centre Precinct
Rosedale	1855	War Memorial + Angus McMillan Memorial (Rosedale)	Lyons Street	High	
Rosedale	1835	King House	Lyons Street	High	
Rosedale	2193	House	Lyons Street	High	
Rosedale	2184	Mrs Tuck's Boarding House	Lyons Street, cor Albert St	High	
Rosedale	1819	Old Rosedale Road	Merton Road	Medium	
Rosedale	1816	Mulberry Trees (Porch's House Site)	Merton Road	Medium	
Rosedale	1771	Thornfield	Mile Lane	Medium	
Rosedale	1837	Grandstand, Recreation Reserve (Rosedale)	Moote Street	High	
Rosedale	2194	Shop (Antiques)	Prince Street	High	Rosedale Town Centre Precinct
Rosedale	1854	Butchers Shop + Residence	Prince Street	High	
Rosedale	1850	Teacher's Residence	Prince Street	High	Rosedale Town Centre

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Rosedale	2195	Rosedale Town Centre Precinct	Prince Street and Lyons Street	High	Rosedale Town Centre Precinct
Rosedale	1853	The Exchange Hotel	Princes and Lyons Streets (cne)	High	Rosedale Town Centre Precinct
Rosedale	1807	Karradon	Princes Highway	High	
Rosedale	1809	Ellisdale	Princes Highway	High	
Rosedale	1810	Princes Highway Bridge	Princes Highway	Medium	
Rosedale	1812	Willow Park	Princes Highway (alongside Laroche River)	Medium	
Rosedale	1811	Tannery site (Rosedale)	Princes Highway (off)	High	
Rosedale	2186	Shop	Princes Street	High	Rosedale Town Centre Precinct
Rosedale	2185	Allen's Cottage	Princes Street	Medium	
Rosedale	1849	ANZ Bank Building (former)	Princes Street	High	Rosedale Town Centre Precinct
Rosedale	1842	Presbyterian Manse (Rosedale)	Queen Street	High	
Rosedale	2190	Ornament	Queen Street	High	
Rosedale	1844	Girrahween	Queen Street	High	
Rosedale	1841	Police Stables	Queen Street	High	
Rosedale	1843	St Andrews Uniting Church (Rosedale)	Queen Street	High	
Rosedale	2191	St Rose of Lima Church	Queen Street (inc Lyons Street)	High	
Rosedale	1594	Rosedale Racecourse	Rosedale - Stradbroke Road	Medium	
Rosedale	1589	Old Sydney Cottage house site & ruins	Rosedale-Stradbroke Road, Cemetery Road	High	
Rosedale	1597	Rosedale	Willang Road	High	
Rosedale	1596	House	Willang Road	High	
Roseneath	1579	The Loggings		High	

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Sale	868	House (place id 868)	Darley (?)	High	
Sale	1638	Sale Cheese Factory	Dawson St (west end near lagoon)	Medium	
Sale	1637	Alfred & Mary Howitt house site	Dawson St (west end near pines)	Medium	
Sale	890	Norfolk Island Pines	Desaily Street	High	
Sale	2203	House	Fronting road near Sway Lake Drive-Inn	High	
Sale	476	House (place id 476)	Macalister Street	High	
Sale	2342	Maxfields Bridge	Maxfields Road	High	
Sale	2346	Park Street Bridge	Park Street	High	
Sale	722	Private Garden	Pearson Street	High	
Sale	2343	Haglan Street Bridge	Raglan Street	High	
Sale	882	House (Place id 882)	Raymond & Strawell Sts	High	
Sale	2344	Spencers Bridge	Spencers Road	High	
Sale	878	Post Box	York Street	High	
Seacombe	2142	Seacombe		Medium	
Seaspray	2147	Benusa House		High	
Seaspray	2146	McNeilly house		High	
Seaspray	1473	Cottage - Prospect Station		Medium	
Seaspray	2464	McKenzies farm house		High	
Seaspray	2149	Grave		High	
Seaspray	2150	Seaspray Primary School		Medium	
Seaspray	2148	Irving house		High	
Seaspray	2153	Seaspray Memorial Gates and Park	Bearup and Buckley Streets	Medium	
Seaspray	2143	Seaspray General Store	Bearup Street	Medium	
Seaspray	2154	Stewart House	Bearup Street	High	
Seaspray	2457	Province - Bearup Street	32 Bearup Street	High	
Seaspray	2465	Smith House	Buckley Street	High	
Seaspray	2144	Church of the Epiphany	Buckley Street	High	

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Seaspray	2233	Memorial Park	Buckley Street	Medium	
Seaspray	2458	Precinct - Buckley Street	Buckley Street	High	
Seaspray	1474	Seaspray Prospect Road Bridge	Prospect Road	Medium	
Seaspray	2145	Seaspray Memorial Cypress Avenue	Seaspray Road	High	
Seaspray	2467	Glover family houses: group	Shoreline Drive	High	
Seaton	661	Mount Useful (Trig Point and Rainforest)		Medium	
Seaton	2085	McManus House	Chute Road	High	
Seaton	2076	Meadowlea	Seaton Glenmaggie Road	Medium	
Seaton	2117	Orchard Valley	Wilson Road	Medium	
Staceys Bridge	1421	Stacey's Bridge	Albert River Road	High	
Staceys Bridge	2295	Billy Creek Bridge	Billy Creek Road	High	
Staceys Bridge	2311	Helleren's Bridge	Helleren's Road	High	
Staceys Bridge	2328	Raceys Bridge	J Barry Road	High	
Stockdale	554	Grave of Shepherd's Wife and Child		Medium	
Stockdale	1744	McDonald House		Medium	
Stockdale	2197	Insolvent Track (Anderson's Track)	Insolvent Road, Insolvent Track	Medium	
Stradbroke	2160	Cartage	Bradleys Road	Medium	
Stradbroke	2162	Gunnery Range site (WWII)	Giffard Road	Medium	
Stradbroke	2165	Bark Hall (farm complex)	Cornmandale-Stradbroke Road and South Gippsland Highway (ens)	Medium	
Stradbroke	2166	Gunnery Range bunkers (WWII)	Seaspray Stradbroke Road	High	
Stradbroke	2163	Bulginga	South Gippsland Highway	Medium	
Stradbroke	2164	Cobb & Co. site (The Meadows)	South Gippsland Highway	Medium	
Stradbroke	2456	Stradbroke Hall	South Gippsland Highway	High	
Stradbroke West	785	Stradbroke West State School No.	Cornmandale-Stradbroke Road	High	

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		2254			
Stratford	1785	Railway Station - Stratford		High	
Stratford	1577	Punt Site and Swinging Basin		Medium	
Stratford	1478	Avon River Railway Bridge		High	
Stratford	1479	Avon River Bridge		High	
Stratford	1910	Edwardville	Airly Road	High	
Stratford	1911	Avon Park (Stratford)	Airly Road	High	
Stratford	1787	Coitage	Blackburn Street	Medium	
Stratford	1792	Convent (former)	Blackburn Street	High	
Stratford	1793	House	Dixon Street	High	
Stratford	1790	Mechanics Institute, Stratford	Hobson Street	Medium	
Stratford	1788	House	Macfarlane Street	High	
Stratford	1777	House	Macfarlane Street	High	
Stratford	755	Holy Trinity Church of England, Stratford	Macfarlane Street, cnc Blackburn St	High	
Stratford	1794	'Tranquil Bed and Breakfast	Merrick Street	Medium	
Stratford	1791	Water Trough	Merrick Street	Medium	
Stratford	757	Roman Catholic Church, Stratford	Merrick Street	High	
Stratford	1795	House (former Shire offices)	Merrick Street	High	
Stratford	1909	Nativity (Stratford) Cemetery	Princes Highway	High	
Stratford	1908	Craigielea (Gault property)	Princes Highway	High	
Stratford	535	Stratford Highway Park	Princes Highway	High	
Stratford	1915	House (former hospital)	Raymond Street	High	
Stratford	1905	Tlowalong Bridge (remnants)	Raymond Street (end)	Medium	
Stratford	190	Weirs Crossing	Stewart Lane	Medium	
Stratford	1912	Flax Mill	Stratford-Maffra Road (cnc Beer Road)	High	
Stratford	1580	Leebrook	Stratford-Stockdale	High	

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				Road		
Stratford	1781	State Bank (former)		Tyers Road	High	
Stratford	1783	Ridgways Cafe	57	Tyers Road	High	
Stratford	1528	R.S.L. Hall, Stratford		Tyers Street	High	
Stratford	1530	Coleman's General Store Stratford		Tyers Street	High	
Stratford	1527	Post Office, Stratford		Tyers Street	High	
Stratford	1782	Shop (Carters)		Tyers Street	High	
Stratford	1784	Maternal and Child Health (Country Womens Association)		Tyers Street	Medium	
Stratford	1529	Bakery, Shop & Residence, Stratford	20	Tyers Street	High	
Stratford	1776	House		Tyers Street (Briagolong Road)	High	
Stratford	1780	Ray Veal's Shop		Tyers Street (Briagolong Road)	High	
Stratford	1779	Teacher's Residence (Stratford)		Tyers Street (Briagolong Road)	High	
Stratford	1778	House		Tyers Street (Briagolong Road)	High	
Tarraville	797	Tarra River Boule Seater			Medium	
Tarraville	1523	Township Surveys: Tarraville; Port Albert, Palmerston			High	
Tarraville	1483	Road Bridge - Tarraville		Manns Beach Road	High	
Tarraville	2425	House		Manns Road	High	
Tarraville	2424	House		Manns Road (Cnr Port Albert Road)	High	
Tarraville	2335	Rays Bridge		Rays Road	Medium	
Tarraville	2047	Tarraville Township Site Reeve's Special Survey		Reeve Street	High	
Tarraville	2324	Muddy Creek Bridge		Robertsons Beach Road	Medium	
The Heart	1536	Heart Park			High	

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The Hean	1613	Jetty	Bay Road (on Lake Wellington)	Medium	
The Hean	1645	Avondale	Bengwooden Road	High	
The Hean	1749	The Hean Landing and Freshwater Hole Bridge	Freshwater Hole Road	High	
The Honeysuckles	2463	The Honeysuckles		High	
Tinamba	1553	Heyfield Park		High	
Tinamba	2060	Tinamba Town Centre Precinct		High	Tinamba Town Centre Precinct
Tinamba	1486	Rail Bridge - Tinamba		Medium	
Tinamba	1487	Rail Bridge - Tinamba		Medium	
Tinamba	1489	Rail Bridge - Tinamba		Medium	
Tinamba	1566	Byron Ledge		High	
Tinamba	2059	Schuetzackers Tinamba Hotel		High	Tinamba Town Centre Precinct
Tinamba	1488	Rail Bridge - Tinamba		Medium	
Tinamba	2135	Osage Oranges	Maffra - Seaton Road	Medium	
Tinamba	2058	McLauchlin property	Newry Road	High	
Tinamba	2057	Mulhnes property	Newry Road	High	
Tinamba	1485	Kellas Bridge	Tinamba - Seaton Road	Medium	
Tinamba	2061	Alton Park	Tinamba Road	High	
Tinamba	2053	Roonsleigh	Trarigon-Maffra Road	High	
Toongabbie	2297	Bridge over Fells Creek	Neilsons Road	High	
Trenon Valley	2442	Trenon Valley Homestead	Hyland Highway	High	
Upper Maffra	2114	Banyule		High	
Upper Maffra	2200	Leathorn Dairy		High	
Upper Maffra	2115	Horsman	Horsmans Road	High	

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Upper Maffra	2116	Bonnie View	Horstmans Road	High	
Valencia Creek	1740	Uniting Church		High	
Valencia Creek	1742	School Residence		High	
Valencia Creek	1741	Valencia Creek Hall and Post Office		High	
Valencia Creek	1491	Road Bridge - Valencia Creek		Medium	
Valencia Creek	1391	Valencia Creek Bridge, Avon River	Brigsdang Road	High	
Valencia Creek	140	Wombat Bridge	Valencia Creek Road, Wombat Flat Road	High	
Wareford	2480	Frail Homestead		High	
Wareford	580	Wareford Bridge	Bairnsdale-Dargo Road	High	
Willung	1494	Road Bridge - Willung		Medium	
Willung	1603	Merton Bridge	Merton Vale Road	High	
Willung	1602	Macreadie property	Willung Road	High	
Willung South	2338	Toms Cap Bridge	Toms Cap Road	High	
Winnindoo	1801	Winnindoo Post Office (former)	Morris Road	High	
Womerah	1496	Road Bridge - Womerah		Medium	
Won Wron	2414	Won Wron Primary School No. 1957 + residence		High	
Won Wron	2329	Boodyarr Bridge	Boodyarr Road	High	
Won Wron	1497	Road Bridge - Won Wron	Calrossie-Won Wron Road	Medium	
Won Wron	1405	Road Bridge - Calrossie (2)	Calrossie-Won Wron Road	Medium	
Won Wron	2300	Cocksedges Bridge	Cocksedges Road	High	
Won Wron	2309	Greigs Creek Bridge	Greigs Creek Road	High	
Won Wron	2416	Won Wron Recreational Reserve	Hyland Highway	Medium	
Won Wron	2443	Auburn Vale	Hyland Highway (opp. Won Wron P.S.)	High	
Won Wron	2445	Won Wron Public	Hyland Highway and	High	

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		Hall	Won Wron - Woodside Road		
Won Wron	2522	Napier Bridge	Napier Road	High	
Won Wron	1403	Road Bridge - Calrossie III	Prison Farm Road ²	Medium	
Won Wron	2326	Trenton Valley Bridge	Trenton Valley Road	High	
Won Wron	2301	Davidsons Bridge	Trenton Valley Road	High	
Won Wron	745	St Peter's Anglican Church	Won Wron - Woodside Road	High	
Won Wron	575	Won Wron State Forest (& Prison)	Yarram Road	Medium	
Wongungarra	413	Howickville Township Site		Medium	
Wongungarra	407	Winchester Township		Medium	
Wongungarra	577	Pioneer Race Course	Racecourse Track, near Station Track junction	Medium	
Wonyip	2052	Hall (Wonyip)		High	
Woodside	2001	Big Tower		Medium	
Woodside	2012	Wool Shed		High	
Woodside	2011	Half Way House		Medium	
Woodside	2020	Cemetery, Woodside North		Medium	
Woodside	2003	Brennans Gates		Medium	
Woodside	2004	Bridge		High	
Woodside	2007	Cascade Run on Bracken Creek		Medium	
Woodside	1354	Beedy Creek Homestead Complex	Carrajung Woodside Road	High	
Woodside	2017	Woodside General Store	South Gippsland Highway	High	
Woodside	2453	Beach Grove Hotel	South Gippsland Highway	Medium	
Woodside	2454	House	South Gippsland Hwy (Next to Woodside General Store)	Medium	
Woodside	2008	Cemetery, Woodside	Stazings Road	Medium	
Woodside	2016	St Gerard's Catholic Church	Woodside Beach Road	High	

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Woodside	2450	Woodside Primary School	Woodside Beach Road	High	
Woodside	2452	Pinehaven	Woodside Beach Road	High	
Woodside	2317	Lyons Bridge	Woodside North Road	High	
Yarram	2044	Charcoal Kilns		High	
Yarram	2035	Nightingale House		High	
Yarram	1500	Road Bridge - Yarram		Medium	
Yarram	1499	Road Bridge - Yarram		Medium	
Yarram	2040	Stockwell Buildings		High	
Yarram	747	Holy Trinity Church of England		High	
Yarram	2042	Yarram Drapery		High	
Yarram	2205	Railway shed (Yarram)		High	
Yarram	2030	Henley's Funeral Parlour		High	
Yarram	2025	C.T. South Boat Shop		High	
Yarram	2027	Mc Gladd's Garage (Formerly Mason)		High	
Yarram	2028	Palmer's Garage (Formerly Head)		High	
Yarram	187	Yarram (township)		High	
Yarram	1587	Yarram Showgrounds, football ground & walyards		High	
Yarram	2051	Miss O'Connell's House		High	
Yarram	2110	Victorian Cottage	Buckley Street	Medium	
Yarram	2409	House	Buckley Street	High	
Yarram	2415	House	Carpenter Street	High	
Yarram	2412	House	Church Street	High	
Yarram	2411	House (The Presbytery)	Church Street	High	
Yarram	2413	House	Church Street	Medium	
Yarram	2364	House	unt Commercial and King Street	High	

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Yarram	2378	Claremont	Cnr Deagherty and Montgomery Streets	High	
Yarram	2355	St Mary's Catholic Church	Commercial and Buckley Street	High	
Yarram	2351	Mechanics' Institute	Commercial and Church Road	High	
Yarram	717	Bank of NSW (former)	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	2206	Hotel (former)	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	2352	Yarram Hospital	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	748	St Andrews Uniting Church (for Presbyterian)	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	2207	Albion Shire Offices (former)	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	2353	Precinct - Commercial Road North Residential	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	2418	House	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	2394	House	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	2393	House	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	2356	House	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	2238	Memorial Park Yarram	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	2392	House	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	2357	House and Shop	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	2237	Yarram War Memorial	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	842	Regent Theatre (Yarram)	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	2419	Precinct - Commercial Road	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	767	Union Bank (former)	Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	2395	Attached House Pair	349 Commercial Road	High	
Yarram	2396	House (Country Cottage Nursery)	Commercial Road (also 345)	High	
Yarram	2417	Murray Goulburn Buildings	Commercial Road (opposite the Butter Factory)	Medium	
Yarram	2350	Concrete bridges (2)	Commercial Road / South Gippsland	Medium	

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			Highway		
Yarram	2025	Coffee Palace	Commercial Road and James Street (nr)	High	
Yarram	2354	Plane and Ash Street Trees	Commercial Road north and south	High	
Yarram	2365	John Palmer Holden Garage	Commercial Road, Yarram	High	
Yarram	2416	Farm House	Commercial Street	Medium	
Yarram	2377	House (cottage)	Dougherty Street	Medium	
Yarram	2575	House	Duke Street	High	
Yarram	2386	House	Duke Street	High	
Yarram	2380	House	Duke Street	High	
Yarram	2481	House	Duke Street	High	
Yarram	2383	House	Duke Street	High	
Yarram	2384	House	Duke Street	High	
Yarram	2385	House	Duke Street	High	
Yarram	2387	House	Duke Street	Medium	
Yarram	2379	House	Duke Street (also No. 91)	High	
Yarram	2372	Yarramlea	End of Yarram Street	High	
Yarram	2402	Houses	Erud Street	Medium	
Yarram	2388	Old Garage	James and Fairview Streets (nr)	Medium	
Yarram	2376	House and farm	James Street	High	
Yarram	2362	House	King Street	High	
Yarram	2038	St Eliza's Private Hospital	King Street	High	
Yarram	2463	House	King Street	High	
Yarram	2397	Precinct - Railway employee houses	Lawder Street	High	
Yarram	2318	McLean Street Bridge	McLean Street	Medium	
Yarram	2389	Precinct - McMillan Crescent	McMillan Crescent	High	
Yarram	2441	Guggenheims	Missens Lane	High	
Yarram	2034	Masonic Hall	Nichol and Yarram Streets	High	
Yarram	2490	House	Nichol Street	High	
Yarram	2361	House	Nichol Street	High	
Yarram	2368	Precinct - Nichol	Nichol Street	High	

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		Street			
Yarram	2359	House	Nicol Street	High	
Yarram	2358	House	Nicol Street	High	
Yarram	694	Timber Stables (former)	Nicol Street	High	
Yarram	718	Beamsgrove (House & stables)	Nicol Street	High	
Yarram	2333	Nicols Bridge	Nicols Road	High	
Yarram	2414	Water Tower	Nightingale Street	Medium	
Yarram	2036	Nurse Lawler's Private Hospital	Rodgers Street	High	
Yarram	2033	Police Station (+ Lock up Site)	Rodgers Street	Medium	
Yarram	2400	The Cottage	Rodgers Street	Medium	
Yarram	2405	House	Rodgers Street	High	
Yarram	2399	House and Canary Island Palm	Rodgers Street	Medium	
Yarram	2401	House	Rodgers Street	High	
Yarram	2403	House	Rodgers Street	High	
Yarram	2404	House	Rodgers Street	High	
Yarram	2407	House	Rodgers Street	High	
Yarram	2406	House	Rodgers Street	High	
Yarram	2461	House	South Gippsland Highway	High	
Yarram	2349	Alysbury	South Gippsland Highway	High	
Yarram	2429	House and garden	South Gippsland Highway	High	
Yarram	2398	Precinct - Station Street 'mail houses'	Station Street	High	
Yarram	2459	Interwar House & Garden	Yarra Valley Road	Medium	
Yarram	2374	Precinct - Union Street	Union Street	High	
Yarram	2373	House	Union Street	Medium	
Yarram	2408	Precinct - Wesley Street	Wesley Street	High	
Yarram	2440	House	Woranga School Road	High	
Yarram	2371	House	Yarram Street	High	
Yarram	2370	House	Yarram Street	High	

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Yarram	2566	House	Yarram Street	High	
Yarram	2569	House	Yarram Street	High	
Yarram	2391	House	Yarram Street	High	
Yarram	2368	House	Yarram Street (c/nr Union)	High	
Yarram	2367	House	Yarram Street (c/nr Union)	High	



C4 - REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

ITEM C4.1**CUNNINGHAME STREET SPECIAL CHARGE STREET CONSTRUCTION SCHEME – INTENTION TO DECLARE SCHEME**

DIVISION: BUILT & NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS & PROJECTS

DATE: 2 JUNE 2015

IMPACTS								
Financial	Legislative	Council Policy	Planning Policy	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

OBJECTIVE

To consider the proposed Cunninghame Street Special Charge Street Construction Scheme Number 1501 for declaration as a Special Charge Scheme for the section of Cunninghame Street between Dundas Street and Lansdowne Street.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION*****That:***

1. ***Council commences the statutory process under the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) to declare a Special Charge Scheme for the purposes of constructing Cunninghame Street between Dundas Street and Lansdowne Street in Sale and providing any ancillary works including drainage.***
2. ***Council in accordance with sections 163(1A) and 163B(3) of the Act, directs that a public notice be given in the Gippsland Times newspaper of the intention of Council to declare the scheme at its ordinary meeting to be held on 18 August 2015 in accordance with the proposed declaration of Special Charge Scheme Number 1501 in the form of this resolution for the full construction of the section of Cunninghame Street between Dundas Street and Lansdowne Street in the township of Sale.***
3. ***Council directs that in accordance with section 163(1C) of the Act, separate letters enclosing a copy of the public notice be sent to the owners of the properties referred to and set out in the schedule of properties forming a part of the Proposed Declaration of Special Charge, advising of the intention of Council to declare the Special Charge at its ordinary meeting to be held on 18 August 2015, the basis of the calculation and distribution of the Special Charge and notifying such persons that submissions and/or objections in writing in relation to the Proposed Declaration of Special Charge will be considered and/or taken into account by Council in accordance with sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Act.***
4. ***Council appoints three Councillors plus an alternative representative to form the 'Cunninghame Street Special Charge Scheme Submissions Committee' that is established by Council under section 223(1)(b)(i) of the Act, to consider written submissions/objections and to hear any persons who in their written submissions under section 223 of the Act have requested that they be heard in support of their submissions***

5. ***That Scheme Number 1501 for construction of the section of Cunninghame Street between Dundas Street and Lansdowne Street, Sale as presented to this meeting be adopted and a Special Charge for the scheme commences 18 August 2015 and remain in force for a period of ten years.***
6. ***The Special Charge be declared for the purpose of defraying costs associated with street construction (including drainage) which Council considers will be of benefit to those property owners required to pay the special charge.***
7. ***The following be specified as the land in relation to which the special charges is so declared: All properties abutting Cunninghame Street within the township of Sale bounded by Dundas Street and Lansdowne Street intended to be included in the scheme as defined on the plan attached to this report.***
8. ***The following be specified as the criteria which forms the basis of the special charge so declared:-***
- ***Properties will derive special benefit due to construction of the roads and streets by:-***
 - ***Reduction in dust***
 - ***Enhance the amenity and character of the land and local area***
 - ***Creation of improved riding surfaces for the street***
 - ***Improved access and egress from properties***
 - ***Improved road drainage***
 - ***Improved parking with indented parking***
 - ***Improved road safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians***
9. ***That pursuant to Clause (2) of Section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council resolves:-***
- (a) ***The total amount of the special charge to be levied is \$81,233***
- (b) ***The criteria used as a basis for declaring the special charge are:***
- ***Improved amenity for properties in the area defined by the scheme boundary.***
 - ***Improved road safety for properties and the community in the area defined by the scheme boundary.***
 - ***That for the purposes of Clause (2A) of Section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989 the total amount of the special charge to be levied will not exceed the amount calculated in accordance with the formula $S = R \times C$***
- Where S = The maximum total amount that may be levied from all persons who are liable to pay the special charges.***
- R = The Benefit Ratio pursuant to Clause (2B) of Section 163 of the Act***
- and C = The cost of the scheme***
- That for the purposes of Clause (2B) of Section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989, the Benefit Ratio R shall have a value of 0.185***

(c) One third of the cost is to be apportioned to all properties included in the scheme on the basis of each property having abuttal to the street to be constructed under the scheme will be apportioned one (1) Access Benefit Unit (ABU).

(d) Two thirds of the cost will be apportioned on the basis of abuttal length for each property. Abuttal length for the purpose of this scheme is defined as the actual frontage, one third sideage and one half rearage (including any extensions to these dimensions associated with corner splays) for every property in the scheme. The amount to be charged to each property for abuttal will be the product of the abuttal length of the property divided by the total abuttal length for the scheme multiplied by two third the cost.

10. Having regard to the preceding parts of this resolution, it be recorded that:

a) The owners of the properties described in the scheme document entitled "Cunninghame Street Special Charge Street Construction Scheme Number 1501" are liable for the respective amounts set out in the scheme document. Council will be contributing 80% of the property owners costs.

b) Such owners may subject to any further resolution by Council, pay the special charge per property/title in accordance with the following:

- (i) the full amount within 45 days of invoice or**
- (ii) payment may be made over 20 quarterly instalments (5 years) including interest or**
- (iii) payment may be made over 40 quarterly instalments (10 years) including interest**

11. The Chief Executive Officer or the person for the time being acting in that position, be authorised to give public notice of this declaration in accordance with Sections 163 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

12 The Chief Executive Officer, General Manager Built & Natural Environment and Manager Assets and Projects or the person for the time being acting in that position, be authorised to carry out any and all other administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under section 163A and sections 163(1A), (1B) and (1C) and sections 163B and 223 of the Act.

BACKGROUND

Following the introduction of the Wellington Shire Council 2014 Residential Road and Street Construction Plan, property owners abutting the proposed scheme area expressed interest in a special charge scheme. An informal investigation of a special charge scheme was commenced which included the preparation of a design and cost estimation. This section of Cunninghame Street is one of the main access routes to the Sale Primary School.

A public meeting was held on Tuesday 31 March 2015 and an informal survey, which included an estimated cost, was distributed to all property owners liable to be included in the proposed scheme. The result of the informal survey was 94% of the property owners replied and all replies were in favour of the proposed scheme.

Currently there is unsealed road shoulders with only the through lanes sealed and an open channel drain on the north side of the road. The proposed Cunninghame Street Special Charge Street Construction Scheme would provide for a fully constructed section of Cunninghame Street between Dundas Street and Lansdowne Street. The work would include a fully sealed road with indented parking, kerb and channel, improved drainage and stormwater management. This scheme will ensure that this section of Cunninghame Street will be to a similar standard as other through sections of Cunninghame Street.

There are 18 owners of 19 properties in the scheme area.

OPTIONS

- Progress the proposed scheme by advertising the intention to declare the special charge scheme
- To not advertise the intention to declare the Special Charge Scheme.

PROPOSAL

That Council advertise its intention to declare a Special Charge Scheme for the full construction of the section of Cunninghame Street between Dundas Street and Lansdowne Street in the township of Sale.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil Staff and/or Contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest in this section

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The scheme is estimated to cost \$440,000. The amount to be recovered under the scheme does not include GST.

Portion to be recovered from property owners \$81,233

Portion to be recovered from Council as a property owner \$33,848

Portion of cost to be recovered from Council as direct costs \$324,919

Total estimated cost of scheme \$440,000

1. As only 20% of the cost of this scheme is intended to be recovered from affected property owners, Council will need to provide for the estimated cost within its 2015 / 2016 Capital Works Program. Council funding is to be allocated from its 2015/2016 Commonwealth Roads to Recovery Program.
2. The method of apportioning the costs for this scheme includes both access benefit and road abuttal. Accordingly, 33.3% of the estimated cost is to be uniformly apportioned among the properties in the scheme as an access benefit. The remaining 66.7% is to be apportioned on the basis of full cost for properties fronting the road/streets to be constructed, one half cost for all properties with rearage to a road/street to be constructed and one third cost for all properties with a sideage to a road/street to be constructed. Council will be contributing 80% of the property owners costs.
3. It is proposed under the scheme to invoice property owners for their apportioned project amount after commencement of construction of the scheme. Options for payment per property/parcel/title are 20 quarterly instalments (5 years) or 40 quarterly instalments (10 years) for all amounts. An interest component will be included where payment is to be made under either of these instalment programs.
4. The average estimated cost per property is \$4,275. The lowest estimated cost is \$2,382. The highest estimated cost is \$6,346.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

This scheme has been prepared in accordance with Section 163, 163A, 163B of the Local Government Act 1989. Public notification will be in accordance with Sections 163 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989. Submissions and objections to the scheme will be considered in accordance with Sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Clause (2) of Section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989 requires Council to determine:

- (a) The total amount of the special charge to be levied; and
- (b) The criteria to be used as the basis for declaring the special charge.

Clause (2A) of Section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989 provides that for the purpose of Section (2) (a) the total amount of the special charge to be levied must not exceed the amount "S" where $S = R \times C$ and;

S = is the maximum total amount that may be levied from all the persons who are liable to pay the special rates or special charges.

R = is the benefit ratio determined by the Council in accordance with sub-section (2B).

C = is the total cost of the performance of the function or the exercise of the power under sub-section (1).

The Benefit Ratio “R” is calculated by:

$$\frac{TSB(in)}{TSB(in)+TSB(out)+TCB} = R$$

- **TSB(in)** is the estimated total special benefit of those properties that the council has decided to include in the scheme.
- **TSB(out)** is the estimated total special benefit of those properties with an identified special benefit that the Council does not propose to include in the scheme.
- **TCB** is the estimated total community benefit.
- **R** is the benefit ratio.

For the purposes of this scheme:

$$TSB(in) = 19 \text{ (no. of properties in scheme)}$$

$$TSB(out) = 0$$

$$TCB = 83$$

$$\text{Therefore:- } R = \frac{19}{19+0+83} = 0.185$$

and

$$S = R \times C$$

$$S = 0.185 \times \$440,000$$

$$\text{Therefore:- } S = \$81,233$$

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

The scheme has been prepared in accordance with Council’s Special Charge Schemes – Roads, Street & Drainage Development Policy 4.2.4 and 2014 Residential Road and Street Construction Plan.

PLANNING POLICY IMPACT

The proposal has no impact on Planning Policy.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

Implementation of the scheme can be undertaken within the resources of the Assets & Projects unit with the assistance of external contract engineering support for the survey and design of the scheme. In the event the scheme is adopted by Council, construction will be carried out by an approved contractor via a tender process.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Implementation of this scheme will have a significant community impact as it will realize a fully constructed road with indented parking for a collector road. Direct benefits will include the elimination of vehicle generated dust, defined street parking, improved through traffic conditions and road safety arising from the defined road location, associated signage and pavement markings and improved drainage.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Implementation of this scheme will have a positive environmental impact arising from the reduction of dust generated by vehicles as well as improved quality of stormwater runoff.

CONSULTATION IMPACT

A comprehensive public consultation process has been entered into with affected property owners including:

- Numerous discussions between property owners and Council staff during 2014
- Public meeting held at Sale, 31 March 2015
- Mail out survey of all property owners, 1 April 2015
- Follow up mail out in mid April 2015 requesting replies to the survey.
- Mail out 11 May 2015 advising survey results and the proposed process for the scheme.

Further consultation will be through recommendation 4 of this report. The recommendation is for the creation of a Council Committee made up of three councillors and an alternative representative. The Committee will consider submissions/objections to the scheme and to hear any submitters/objectors who request to be heard in support of their submissions

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT

Implementation of the scheme will produce a substantial reduction in risk to motorists, cyclists and other road users through improved visibility (reduction of dust), properly identified through lanes, indented parking and new signage and markings.

Attachment 1

CUNNINGHAME STREET SPECIAL CHARGE STREET CONSTRUCTION SCHEME No 1501

PLAN OF SCHEME AREA.

Scheme Boundary _____





C5 - REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

ITEM C5.1**GIPPSLAND ART GALLERY ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES**

DIVISION: COMMUNITY AND CULTURE
 ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ARTS AND CULTURE
 DATE: 2 JUNE 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
			✓	✓		✓		✓	

OBJECTIVE

To receive the minutes from the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group meeting held on 4 May 2015.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive the minutes of the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group meeting held on 4 May 2015.

BACKGROUND

The Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group is a Committee of Council that meets every two months. The membership of the Advisory Group includes representation for professional artists, art educators, community members, Gallery Society members and a Councillor.

As provided under the Committee's Instrument of Delegation, the objectives of the Committee include providing advice to the Gippsland Art Gallery Director of the views, requirements and aspirations of the community in relation to visual arts. This includes: art in public places; cultural and artistic matters relating to the Gippsland Art Gallery; proposed acquisitions to the Gippsland Art Gallery collection; development of policies for the management and promotion of the Gippsland Art Gallery; and promotion of community interest in the Gippsland Art Gallery.

The committee's Instrument of Delegation reflects the desire to seek community input, advice and feedback on the operations of the Gippsland Art Gallery and to present this information to Council.

It is to be noted that these minutes have yet to be formally ratified by a future Advisory Group meeting and are provided as current information for the Council.

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. Receive the minutes from the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group meeting held on 4 May 2015; or

2. Request additional information and receive the minutes from the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group meeting held on 4 May 2015 at a future meeting.

PROPOSAL

To receive the minutes from the Gippsland Art Gallery Advisory Group meeting held on 4 May 2015.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

This report is in accordance with Council Policy 5.3.2 which establishes a framework for the guidance of Council in relation to the roles and responsibilities of Committees.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013-17 Theme 4 Infrastructure states the following strategic objective and related strategy:

Strategic Objectives

"Asset and infrastructure that meet current and future community needs."

Strategy 4.3

"Manage Council community facilities planning to ensure that outputs are based on identified community needs."

This report supports the above Council Plan strategic objective and strategy.

**GIPPSLAND ART GALLERY
ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
GALLERY LIBRARY
Monday 4 May 2015
6.00pm, Art Gallery Library**

MINUTES

1. Opening of meeting, welcome of visitors and attendance

Present:

Claire Marston (Chair), Cr Emile Davine, Clive Murray-White, Robbie Aitken, Rob Ziffer, Brian Castles, Bianca Taylor, Brian Cantwell.

1.1 In attendance:

Anton Vardy, Stephen Dempsey, Simon Gregg, Sarah Atkinson (Minute Secretary).

1.2 Absent: no absentees

1.3 Assembly of Councillors and Staff Conflict of Interest Declaration:

Completed by Anton Vardy.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting Wednesday 4 March 2015

Moved: Clive Murray-White **Seconded:** Brian Castles

3. Reports

3.1 Director's Report

4. Business Arising

4.1 The Port of Sale Cultural Hub Project Steering Group met on Tuesday 28 April, with the absence of the architects and Jeremy Gaden (Creative Victoria) no further development of plans were presented. Due to a power cable which currently sits under the site of the proposed lift, a cost analysis will be made of its removal before a plan is confirmed to either remove the cable or relocate the lift. Cabling of the temporary Gallery will also be considered during this process. The next meeting in June should see this issue resolved.

4.2 The gallery will close on Sunday 28 June and re-open Friday 10 July with *Synthetica*. The front desk will be moved to the temporary gallery and gallery shop limited to non-consignment items initially.

4.3 New computer systems are now in place, the gallery has been assigned a drive which has been instrumental for the compilation of images for the upcoming book release.

5. Reports

5.1 Director's Report

With the relocation project, our Gecko's program will be put on hold these school holidays. Weekend workshops will be offered in place of the usual program.

The recent opening of Dawn Stubbs and Lois Brown was attended by approximately 165 visitors. Our final exhibition before the relocation will be *Rodney Forbes – The Lost White Woman of Gippsland 27 May – 28 June*. A discussion panel has now been confirmed.

John Leslie has offered to assist with the purchase of Daniel Crawshaw's *Silva I –IV*, 2013 and also with the publication of the 50 Year Anniversary Book.

5.2 Gallery Society Report

A society meeting was held, discussion were made regarding the upcoming Dinner for the Melbourne Masterpieces dinner and talk which will most likely be held at ONeills.

5.3 Chair's Report

The Chair attended the opening of Horror Show at Strange Neighbour and has also been involved with the conception and installation of Clive Murray-White's current exhibition at Cowwarr Art Space which will run during a maintenance period for the gallery.

6. General Business

6.1 Planning and monitoring of programs, events and activities in the Art Gallery

The Director outlined upcoming programs, including Synthetica, curated by Claire Watson, the Gippsland Print Award, Horror Show (currently exhibiting at Strange Neighbour) and a staff exhibition later in the year.

6.2 Expansion and encouraging of volunteer participation and community interest in the Art Gallery, and to assist with promoting the Art Gallery's events and facilities to visitors

6.3 Proposed acquisitions to, and de-accessioning from, the collection of the Art Gallery, as required for donations under the Cultural Gifts Program

The Curator presented a group of works that are currently stored, but not owned by the Gallery. Consensus was made to purchase the Mavis Jennings's landscape, with vote moved by Clive Murray-White and seconded by Brian Castles. The other works will be considered for fundraising / auctions, perhaps for the Gallery Society. Clive Murray-White then left the room during the discussion and for the vote on Daniel Crawshaw's *Silva I –IV*, 2013 due to a conflict of interest. The Curator explained the offer of assistance from John Leslie and the suggestion to also approach corporate bodies for future funding was proposed.

The Curator also presented a folio of work from the Freestone Press Printmaking Studio as a survey of local artists representing the print making movement in a concise and high quality group. Brian Castles moved the vote and Clive Murray-White seconded.

6.4 Cultural and artistic matters relating to the Art Gallery, including promoting cooperation between the Art Gallery and other services of Council

The Director outlined that the upcoming budget was yet to be finalised. The potential for sponsorships, or other means of funding will be explored once the budget has been announced. Clive Murray-White proposed that a program for Art Students be explored to assist with photographing their work, particularly in light of the work Lindsay is currently undertaking in recording the collection.

6.5 Maintenance, augmentation and development of the permanent collection of the Art Gallery

6.6 Advising Council on development of policies for the management and promotion of the Art Gallery

The Director advised the committee on the upcoming relocation of the sculpture garden, with the involvement of Dyers in transporting Clive Murray-White's piece. Communicating the gallery relocation with the general public will take place over the upcoming months.

6.7 Utilise networks to obtain support for the Art Gallery, both financial and non-financial, and to assist with philanthropic support of these activities

The Director raised the potential of approaching corporations such as Esso BHP Billiton for philanthropic support.

7 Next Meeting

Monday 3 July 2015 at 6:00pm (or earlier as per requirements of the redevelopment project)
Gippsland Art Gallery

Temporary Gallery Facility Port of Sale Business Centre 66 Foster Street Sale or to be advised.

Meeting Closed: 7.00pm



D. URGENT BUSINESS



E. FURTHER GALLERY AND CHAT ROOM COMMENTS



G. IN CLOSED SESSION

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That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 to consider:

- a) personnel matters*
- b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer*
- c) industrial matters*
- d) contractual matters*
- e) proposed developments*
- f) legal advice*
- g) matters affecting the security of Council property*
- h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person*