



**WELLINGTON**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

*The Heart of Gippsland*

## **Special Council Meeting Agenda**

The purpose of the meeting is

**Receive and consider submissions relating to the 2019/20 Draft Budget**

In accordance with the written Notice from the Mayor and Section 84 of the  
*Local Government Act 1989*, as attached.

**Meeting to be held at**

**Wellington Centre – Wellington Room**

**Foster Street, Sale**

**Tuesday 28 May 2019, commencing at 3pm**

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# SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 28 MAY 2019

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# ATTACHMENT

17 April 2019

To the Chief Executive Officer  
WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL

## **CALL OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 28 MAY 2019**

By this notice, I call a Special Meeting of the Wellington Shire Council to be held on Tuesday 28 May 2019 at 3:00pm at the Wellington Centre, Wellington Room (Council Chambers), Port of Sale.

The business to be transacted is for the following statutory purpose:

- Receipt and consideration of submissions relating to the 2019/20 Draft Budget



**CR ALAN HALL**  
**Mayor**  
**Wellington Shire Council**



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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***

**ITEM C2.1****RECEIPT AND CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS RELATING TO THE 2019/20 DRAFT BUDGET**

DIVISION: CORPORATE SERVICES  
 ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES  
 DATE: 28 MAY 2019

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

**OBJECTIVE**

To receive and consider any verbal and written submissions (as attached) relating to the 2019/20 Draft Budget.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
<b><i>That Council receive and consider submissions relating to the 2019/20 Draft Budget.</i></b>

**BACKGROUND**

Council resolved at its meeting held on 16 April 2019:

- To advertise its proposed 2019/20 Draft Budget and proposed differential rates under Section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- To hear verbal submissions on the 2019/20 Draft Budget on Tuesday 28 May 2019 at 3pm.

In accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council invited interested persons to make written submissions in relation to the 2019/20 Draft Budget by 5pm on 15 May 2019 and to also make verbal submissions at the Council meeting on 28 May 2019.

Council received 32 written submissions (as attached) in response to the 2019/20 Draft Budget and will consider these submissions in conjunction with any verbal submissions prior to the 4 June 2019 Council Meeting, where it will be recommended that the Budget, including any revisions, be adopted.

**OPTIONS**

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

**PROPOSAL**

That Council receive and consider any verbal and written submissions (as attached) relating to the 2019/20 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 2019/20 Draft Budget.

## **LEGISLATIVE IMPACT**

Under S129(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* "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 current Council Plan 2017-21 includes a Strategic Resource Plan which may be impacted by any budget changes.

## **RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT**

The consideration of submissions relating to the 2019/20 Draft Budget may have an impact on the level of resources available in 2019/20 financial year and the staffing levels of Council.

## **ENGAGEMENT IMPACT**

Under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* Council advertised its Draft Budget for 2019/20 and sought submissions from the public.

	<b>CORRESPONDENT</b>	<b>SUBMISSION</b>
1.	Heyfield Primary School (Principal and various students)	Request for upgrade of Heyfield Skate Park
2.	Heyfield Traders & Tourism Association Inc.	
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4.	Jamie Woolan	
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12.	Heyfield Community Resource Centre	
13.	Loch Sport Bowls Club Inc.	Request for financial contribution towards new synthetic green
14.	GippSport	Letter of support for Loch Sport Bowls Club's request for financial contribution towards new synthetic green
15.	Bowls Australia	
16.	Bowls Victoria	
17.	Danny O'Brien, MP	
18.	Victorian Farmers Federation	Request that rating cap be applied to each individual rating category

	<b>CORRESPONDENT</b>	<b>SUBMISSION</b>
19.	Loch Sport Business & Tourism Association	Request for construction of safe boating harbour at Loch Sport
20.	Jenny O'Neill	Request for ramp to assist Sailability Wellington at Lake Guthridge
21.	Graeme Wigg	
22.	Neil Ross	
23.	Steve Fletcher	
24.	Gail & David Cummins	
25.	John Shepard	
26.	Nick and Jen Fella	Request for introduction of Rural Living rate
27.	Gordon Street Reserve Committee of Management	Request for replacement lawn mower
28.	The Alliance for Gambling Reform	Request for funding to become a Leadership Council with the Alliance
29.	Sale Water Tower Restoration Committee	Request for funding towards electrical wiring of the Water Tower
30.	Alex Arbuthnot	General commentary
31.	Boisdale-Briagolong Football Netball Club	Request for additional funding to upgrade power supply at Boisdale Recreation Reserve
32.	Gippsland East Local Learning & Employment Network	Request for funding from Council for the next 3 years towards the establishment of a Higher Education Study Hub in Sale

**Submission 1 – Request for upgrades at Heyfield Skate Park (Heyfield Primary School Principal and various students):**



# HEYFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

(P.O. BOX 172) 22 TEMPLE ST. HEYFIELD, 3858.

Phone: 5148 2666 - Fax: 51482 964

Principal – Velleda Bradford

Email: [heyfield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:heyfield.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

To Whom It May Concern,

As the principal of Heyfield Primary School, I hear a lot of our students utilise the Heyfield Skate Park. They talk about the fun times they have there with friends after school and during the weekends and holidays.

Skate parks and playgrounds are an important part of children's development (in our case primary school ages). They develop skills physically using both sides of the brain, core strength and agility, but most importantly they develop social skills and a sense of belonging, which is priceless and vital at the eve of teenage years.

There is a need for Heyfield Skate Park to undertake some upgrade, the space is old and small. Only a few can ride on it at once. We run a very thorough Bike Education program at the school. Last year, I had thought about taking students to the Skate park to include safety awareness at the park, however when I saw the size and the state of it, I changed my mind.

For these reasons, I solely support the request for an upgrade of Heyfield Skate Park for our students and for the Heyfield community.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. Bradford". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Velleda Bradford

# A new Skate Park for Heyfield!

Dear whom it may concern,

I don't want to be needy but as a mid-skater I want to have a bigger skate park, because I can't do anything in that bowl, because it's too small.

This is some of the reasons why we should have a new skate park...

- There has been too many injuries, like blood noses, broken bones and once even a broken JAW! Because of how small it is.
- Secondly I think we should make more than one for all ages because the old skate park is too big for the little guys.
- I all so think we can make it more colourful like tagging it with some cool stuff like monsters and skate boards so it can be cooler and chuck in some lights please C =

P.S are school could maybe do a fund raiser.

Yours truly Jaxon P



# Heyfield Needs A Better Skate Park

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Lacey B. and I'm here to persuade you to help make our town more beautiful by helping us build a new skate park. Firstly, I'd like to say that I think our children's voice should be heard and have a say in this new design. I'd like to ask, 'How do you want to handle this?' I would like to handle it by making our skate park safer for the young and old, more colourful so people don't have to graphite all over it, and at last, make it more fun. This is how I think it could be done...

You could add a smaller bowl for young and less experienced kids and a big one for the more experienced kids. On all the sharp corners you should make them curved so it is more safe. Also, there is nothing better than a few little and big jumps or even just some hills. But especially the bowl, make it colourful make it bold and big. For the younger kids make a smaller but AWESOME bowl and very colourful so it attracts people to use it. Also try to put the skate park in a brighter place put some lights around it.

Don't you think that a bright, beautiful, safe but extremely fun skate park will be better than the one we have now? I think that it would be amazing and if you add a little picnic area it will be a very great tourist and community attraction. It would be amazing so could you please help us make our town more beautiful with this skate park.

Kind regards and thank you for taking your time to read this.

Lacey.B

## To Whom It May Concern

Here in Heyfield we enjoy skating but there is a few problems our skate park is NOT safe for anyone! Would you like to know why? Well here I go, first of all there has been some injuries in the dangerously deep and steep bowl from bold noses to broken arms, there was once a boy who is a very experienced skater who injured his jaw really badly!

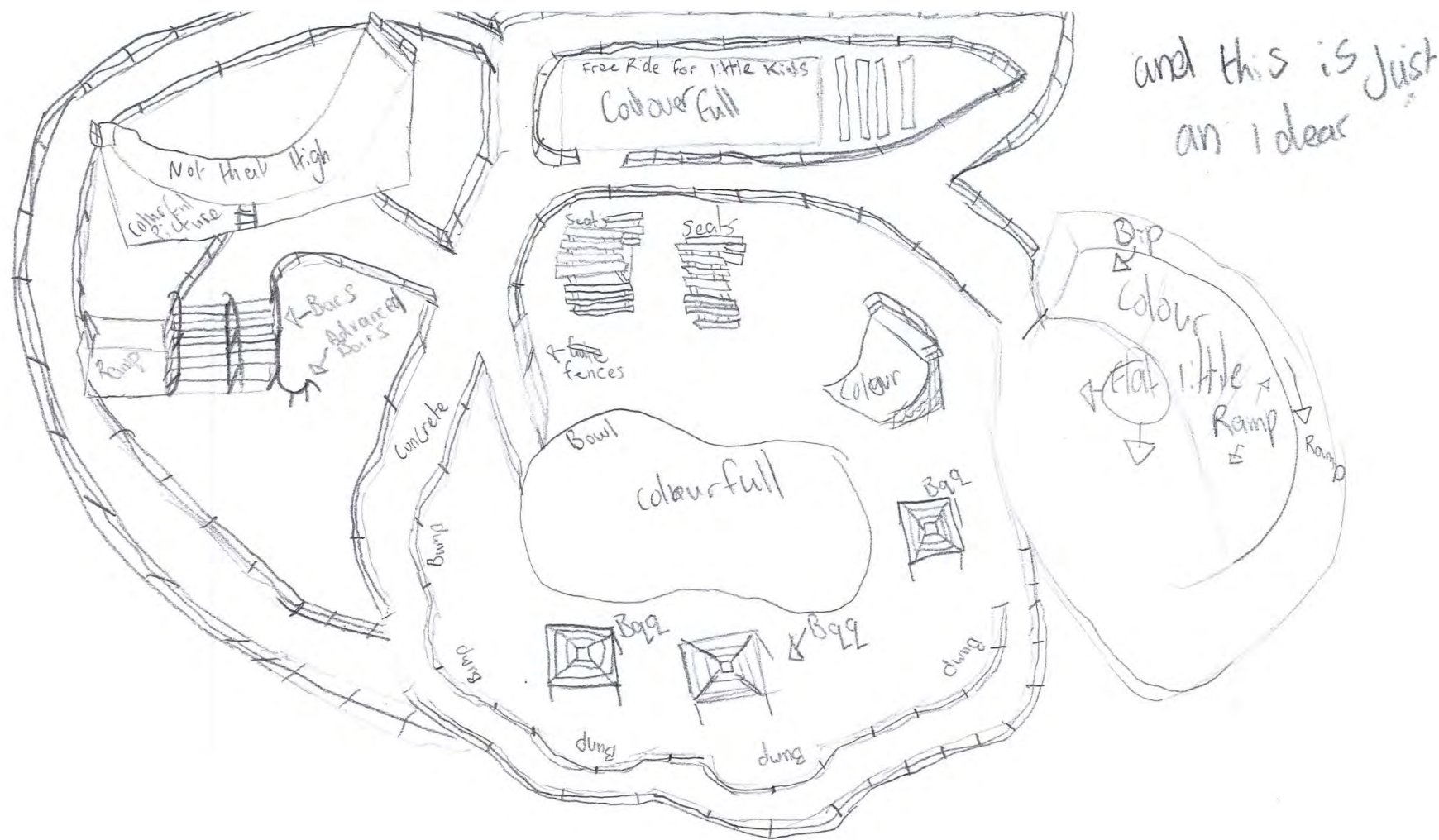
Second of all I believe that it was originally designed for older and advanced kids, Also its public so I think we need to do something about it and make it a shared ground from beginners to the very best skate boarders. For my third argument I would like to announce that it has come to the point where no one is wanting to use our rundown Skate Park with boring plain concrete and dirty seats.

It would be much brighter and happier if we had COLOUR! Everybody would be so thankful if we got an upgrade or even a new skate park, all our locals and committee will help in the project I'm not an amazing skater but I do love it and so does the other keen kids in Heyfield thank you for reading my letter to you and I hope I have persuaded you to help us in our project

Kind Regards

Remy. G

From Heyfield primary school



Just so you know I understand ~~the~~ money doesn't grow on trees ;)

## ABOUT THE HEYFIELD SKATEPARK

Dear councillors I think we should make a different to our skate park.

The rubbish there is always rubbish in the Boul I think we should put more rubbish bins around the skate park.

And of how deep the Boul is for the little kids and some people like to rollerblade but it's too dangerous and I think we need to make it safer.

Because people get badly hurt by a broken arms and legs and jaws even blood noses.

So I think we should make three skate parks one for the little kid's one for the teens and one for the adults.

So that concludes my speech.

From Sophea.M Heyfield Primary School Room 6 Year 5

# New Skate Park wanted

To whom it may concern

Quickly, we need a new skate park. It is not safe, because the bowl is too deep for a lot of people and there is always smashed glass in the bowl. We could crash and get cut by the glass or crash and seriously hurt ourselves, broken legs or arms or something.

The seat and tables are always filthy and disgusting, so I never sit there if I'm having fish and chips. So please just come and clean the seats and tables.

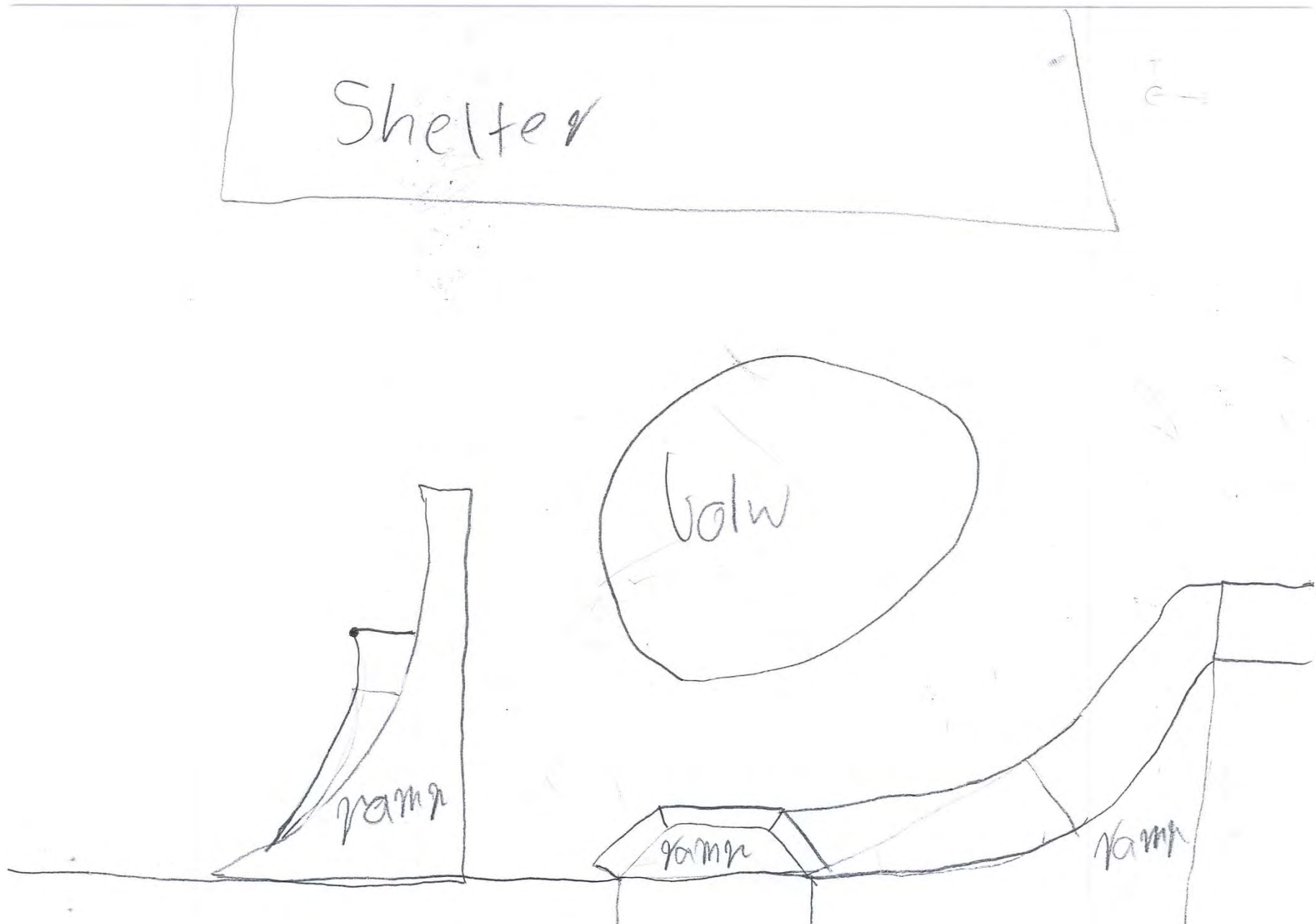
So we all ride on the footpath, and we could crash into pedestrians and really hurt them if they're coming out of the shops when they don't see us coming. It goes bang, then you find out the hard way.

By the way there is so much room next to the skate park, so you could just extend it, because that would make it bigger and attract more people, and that means it would become popular again.

So please listen to all of us at Heyfield Primary School.

Kind regards

Braiden W.



# New Skateboard Park

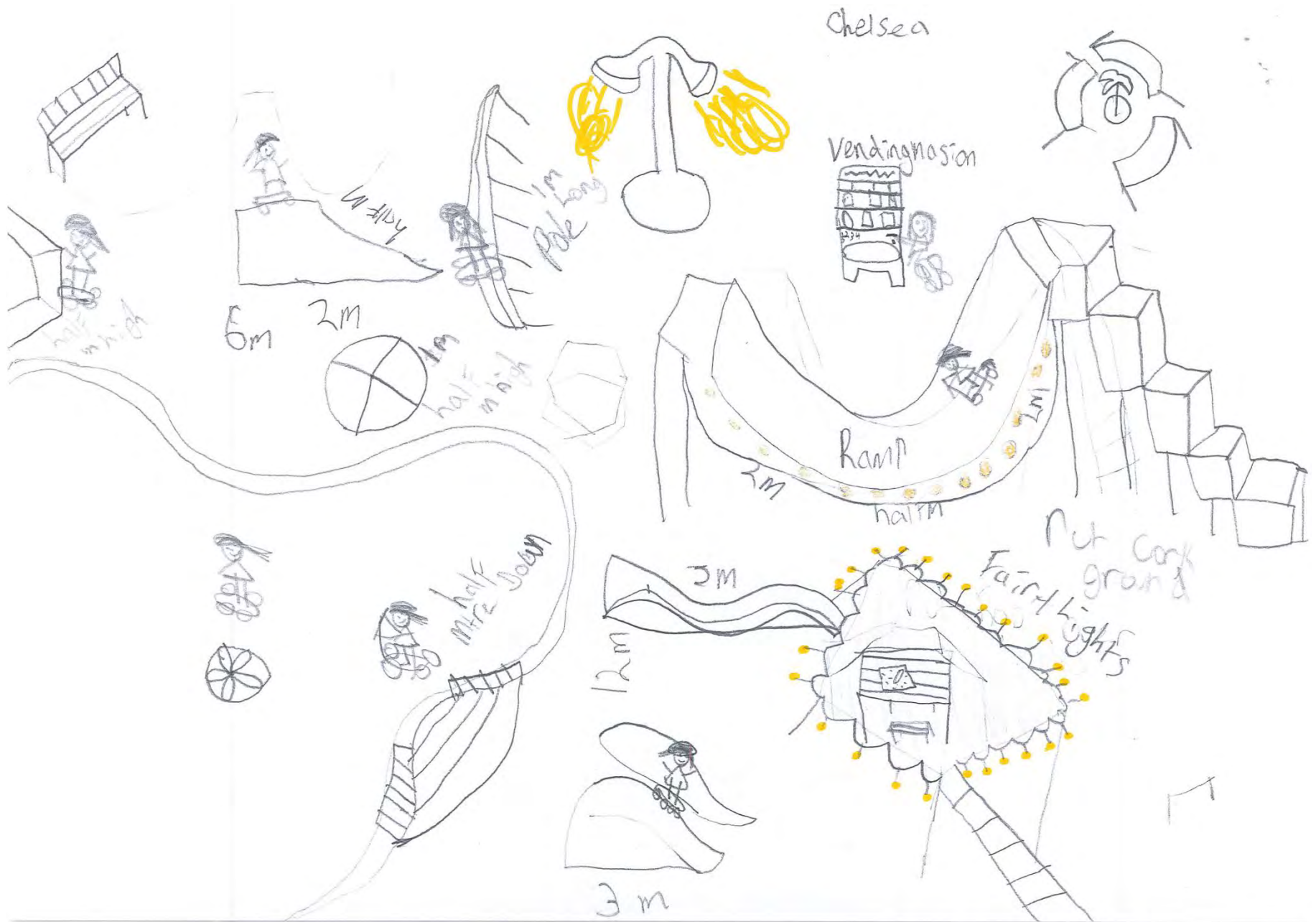
How can we make our Heyfield skateboard park great again

To Whom It May Concern we need a bigger skateboard park and I'm writing to you in regards of our Heyfield skateboard park even tho I have these 2 reason and they are there is way too much rubbish scattered around the place my other reason is that the bowl is way too deep

But however I have a solution put extra bins around and signs that show what happens to the poor animals I think as for our safety I think we should have the cork flooring and have some older kid things and some for the beginner's (kids)

I know my picture may be too big I hope I have persuaded use enough to get you to put some of my ideas into the skateboard park thank you for reading.

From Chelsea.s room 6 year 5



## HEYFIELD NEEDS A BIGGER SKATEPARK

To Whom It May Concern

It's a shame that our Heyfield Skate Park is not that safe, because the bowl is too deep. There's always smashed glass and it is too small.

I think we can design a new skate park because lots of us children are skaters, scooters and bike riders. We all use the skate park.

We need to make a bigger skate park because many people use it such as experienced skaters and beginners. At our old skate park the bowl is too deep and there's not even a higher jump or ramp.

To make it better I think we should keep the old bowl, just fill it in with more concrete. Then we should add 2 new ramps. Another nicer thing to improve our skate park would be some big footy lights for night time skating. We'll also add a recycle and rubbish bin. And maybe 2 cctv cameras hidden.

My friend roller-skates and she wants some extra concrete. To roller-skate around on. I think that's fair because the skate parks for everyone.

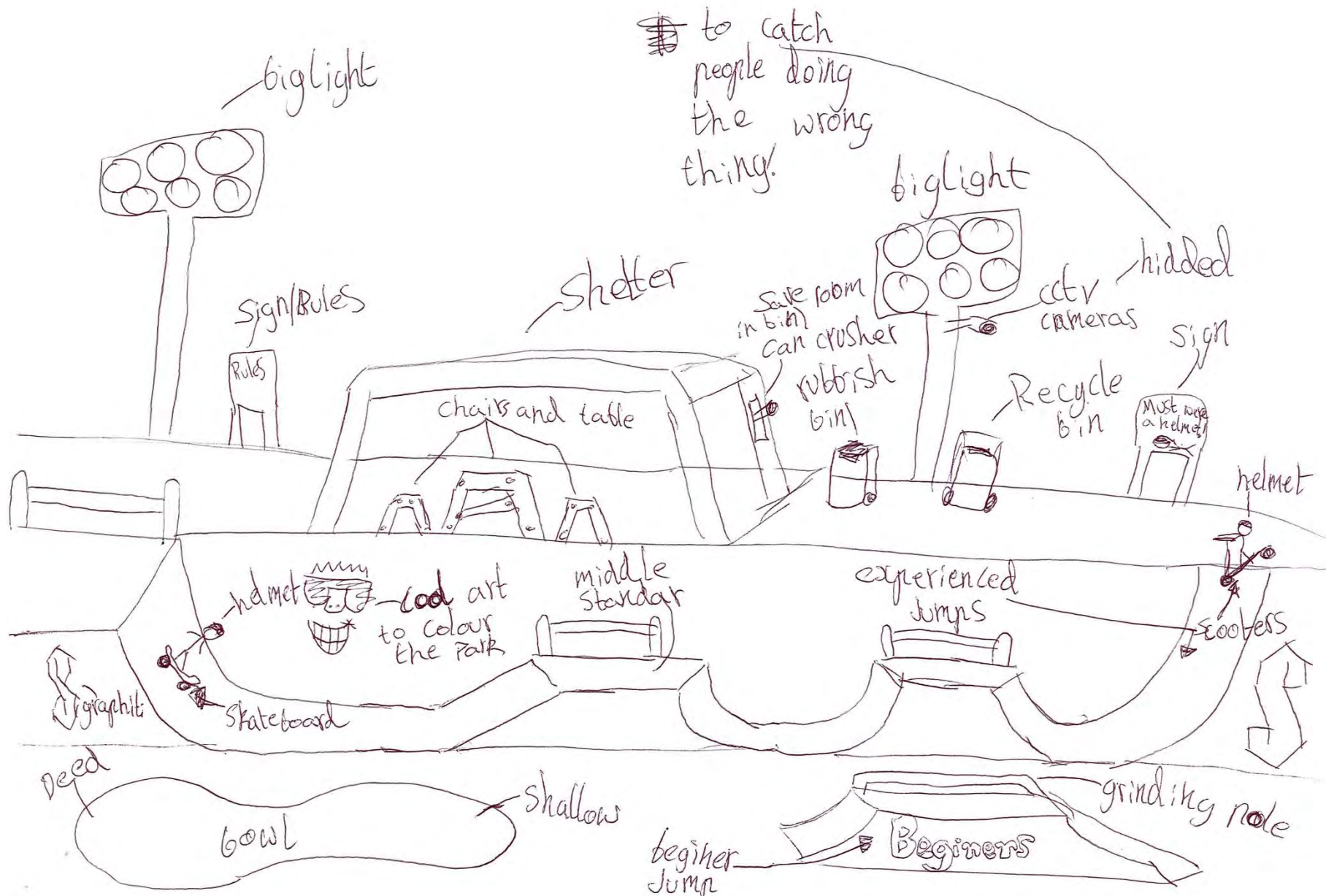
We'll make a sign that says rules and... WERE A HELMET!!!! It could save a life. We will get the signs from " Heyfield signs". To support our community. So that's my idea of a new skate park.

So, I think we Heyfield Primary School can help you build a new skate park.

Kind regards,

Brian G.  
Room 6, Year 5.  
Heyfield Primary School





# New Skate Park

## To Whom It May Concern

I'm writing this letter to you because many others and myself in Heyfield want a new skate park. These are the reasons why.

There is sometimes broken bottles there and I don't know about you, but, I don't want glass penetrating my skin while I do a tail whip. Also, the bowl is way too deep for many people and they might get injured! The skate park has so much room next to it, can I suggest we utilize this area better by joining a new design with the old.

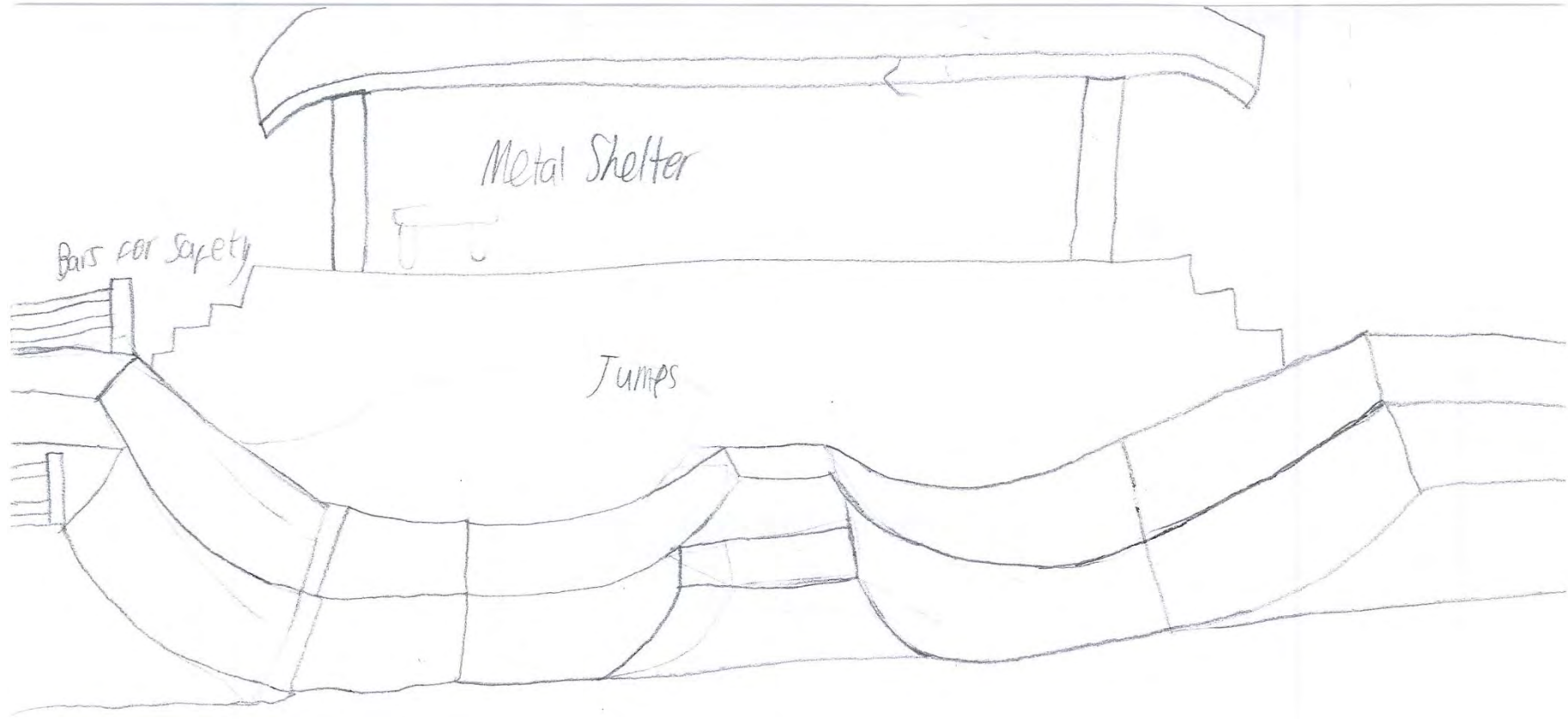
Firstly, let us keep the old park and connect the new skate park with lights. In case someone wants to go for a skate ride or a run they could go there for a break or ride during the night. Also, there should be grinding bars for scooters, jumps, a metal shelter with the tables that are the same as the ones there now. Also, there can be a few bowls one easy bowl, one bowl for people getting the hang of it and one deep one like the one we have now.

This is coming from a kid that wants everyone else and himself to cherish and enjoy every moment second, minute, hour, day, month, and years of their lives. And kids should have their voices heard like parents or grownups. You could also maybe do a vote in Heyfield for how many people out of 2000 that live in Heyfield want a new skate park, they could draw a design like me to give you guy's ideas?

Thank you for your time and please take these letters seriously. Have a good one.

Kind regards, Harry L.

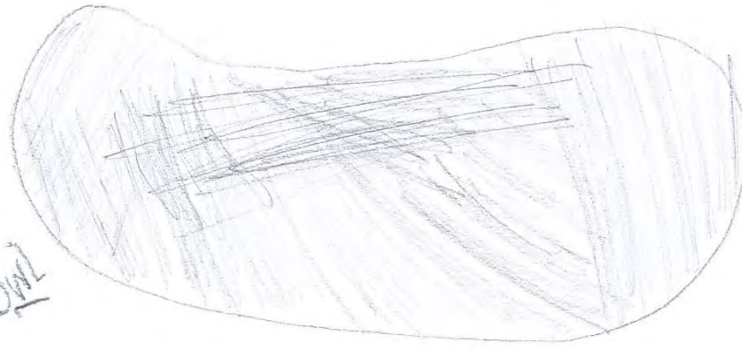
Room 6, Year 6 / Heyfield Primary School



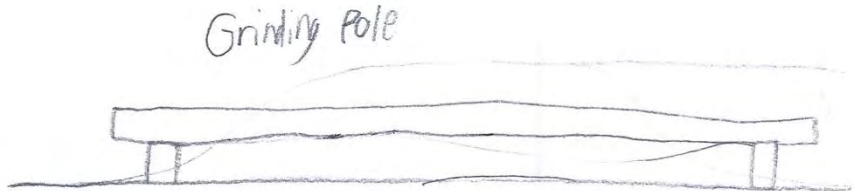
Metal Shelter

Bars for safety

Jumps



Bowl



Grinding Pole

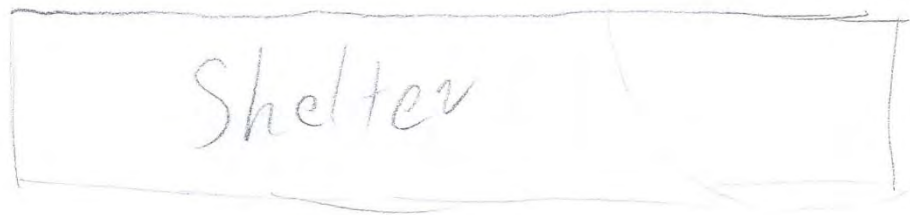
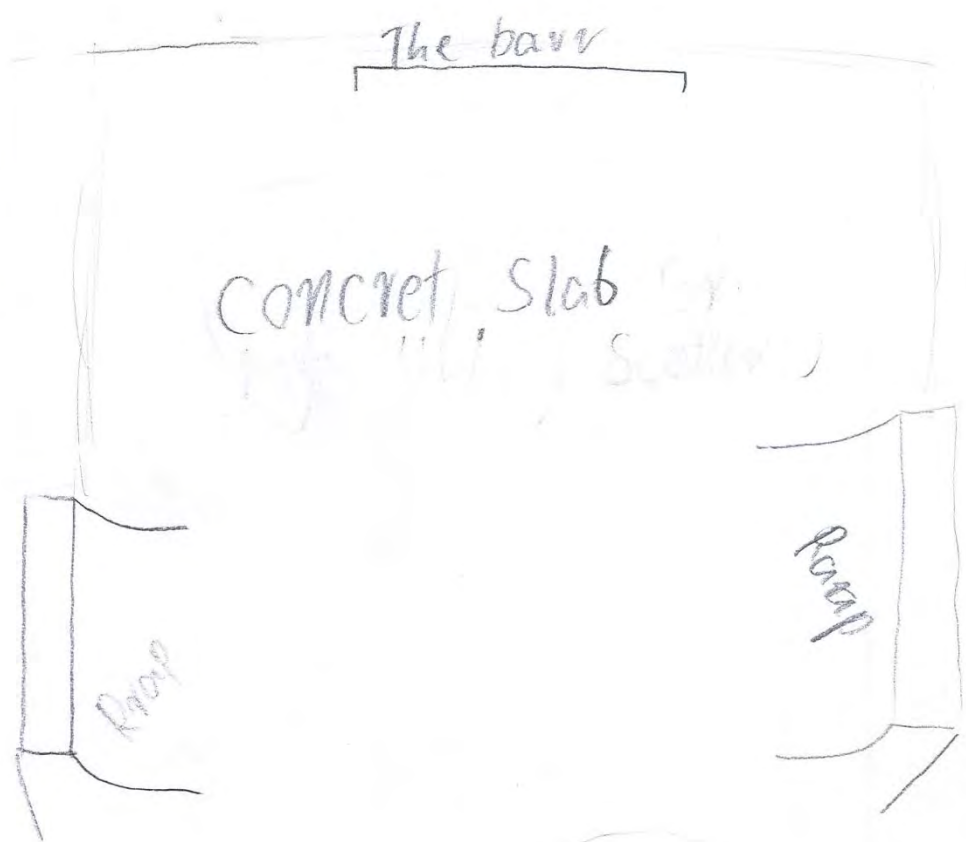
## New Skate park For Heyfield

To Whom it May Concern,

Due to many accidents that have happened at the Hefield skate park we think we need a new one. Here are some of our ideas.

We could add some lights to make it a lot brighter. Another idea we could do is separate the beginner's and more advanced skaters. But seriously this is a serious issue we need to make a change. For instants we could make it better by simply making it a lot more colourful. There's been many accidents like blood noses and broken arms and even a broken jaw. But for me personally I would like a space to roller blade. So those were the reasons why I think we need a new skate park.

Kind regards Lachlan P.



## **WE NEED A SKATE PARK MAKEOVER IN HEYFIELD**

### *To Whom It May Concern*

*I'm writing to you in regards to the Heyfield Skate Park because it needs a mega makeover! So I'm going to give you ideas of what to do. I thought we should defiantly make the bowl smaller, because if you think about it how many teenagers that are experienced and know how to skate amazingly perfect, hardly any! So now think about how many children there is, A LOT! But lots of us are beginners so defiantly make the bowl smaller.*

*I thought it would help if we made solar powered lights. So when its dark and people want to go to the Skate Park they can go and still see. Just think if you decide to go there you might fall over into the bowl and get a serious concussion! And the next day you have to go to the doctors AHHHHHHH(x100000). Just kidding I don't think people would go at dark if it had no lights.*

*Next subject, we should have sections for scooters, roller-skaters and skate boarders so they don't bump into each other. It's sad when the Skate Park is so small I'm we should make it bigger.*

*Kind Regards Tariema P.*

# New Skate Park

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you because the Heyfield skate park needs some attention. It's not safe because the bowl is too deep and someone could fall down the bowl and hurt them self's so we need to make the bowl shallower so then they don't hurt them self's.

Another thing is that we need lights at our local skate park because at night if people want to skate they can actually see the skate park.

Also could we have more seats around the skate park so then everyone is not so squished.

This the last thing we need space for roller-skaters

Thank you for your time

Your sincerely Kyron L.

Have a nice day.

# HEYFIELD'S SKATEPARK

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you due to the fact that Heyfield's skate park needs some attention. For example the bowl is quite deep and some people struggle to get to the other side. The metal bar is most of the time very hot so if you trip you may burn your hand. This not the ideal skate park for Heyfield.

Analogous to some skate parks Heyfield lacks in creativity [our teacher has had research some other skate parks like Dimboola, Mansfield and Inverloch.] I have drawn, in my opinion, the ideal skate park to for Heyfield. My design insists of stairs, a deep bowl [a little shallower than the present one,] A shallow bowl designed for the younger riders, a shelter for viewers, A bar for grinding, 2 ramps and an area for rollerblades colourfully designed in the shape of a spiral.

Injuries! Injuries! Injuries! We need our skate park to be a safe place. There have been quite a few injuries from a graze on the knee to a hospital injury. We can start by adding lights for at night when we can see where riding. I've never tried this but it sounds amusing.

So with this letter I hope you might get something out of it.

Kind regards

Lily grade 6

Hi my name is Alex I like to go  
to the heyfield skate Park  
in my spær time but after  
a while it gets boring and how  
are little kids so fasto learn  
how to Ride a scooter or  
a skate board I would like  
it to be like the sale  
skate Park. Thanks for  
reading this letter. PS I'm 11  
years old.

26/2/2019

To whom it may concern,

My name is Fletcher Thomas and some bigger kids keep smashing bottles so us little kids can not use it.

I do not think it is really kid friendly.

This is at maggra skate park.

Yours sincerely, Fletcher Thomas

**Submission 2 – Request for upgrades at Heyfield Skate Park (Heyfield Traders & Tourism Association Inc):**

*Heyfield Traders & Tourism Association Inc.*

Registered No A0016117G  
ABN: 68 753 627 527

PO BOX 89, HEYFIELD VIC. 3858

President  
Jamie Riley  
0438 206 172

Secretary  
Caroline Trevorrow  
0428 598 339

21<sup>st</sup> February 2019

Att: Councillor Malcolm Hole

The Heyfield Traders and Tourism Association fully support the proposal to upgrade the Heyfield Skate Park and are encouraged to see that this has been put on the agenda at the Council.

The Skate Park is a popular asset within the Heyfield Community, but being nearly 14 years old now, a face-lift would be beneficial.

The depth of the bowl (around 6 foot) is quite intimidating for young children to drop into and developing a new area for younger users would encourage more kids to get out and engage in a physical activity.

Modern skate parks have a range of features to challenge users of all abilities and ages. Having these improvements in our park would ensure local users stay in Heyfield rather than look to travel to the new Sale Skate Park.

The HTTA look forward to seeing this project progress into fruition.

Kind regards,

Caroline Trevorrow  
Secretary  
Heyfield Traders and Tourism Association



**Submission 3 – Request for upgrades at Heyfield Skate Park (Heyfield Wetlands Committee of Management Inc.) :**



*Information Centre*

1a MacFarlane Street, Heyfield, Vic. Australia 3858  
Phone: (03) 5148 3404



22nd February 2019

Attention: Councillor Malcolm Hole

The Heyfield Wetlands Committee of Management run the Information Centre at the Heyfield Wetlands. We are writing to support the proposal to upgrade the skate park.

The skate park is a very important facility not only for our community but also for tourists to our area. It has been approximately 15 years since it was built and is due for an upgrade to make it safer and a popular place for youth to enjoy as a sport.

At the moment it is very deep and this is an issue for younger children who want to use it. With an upgrade it will be there for all ages to access.

Heyfield is proud of the facilities we have in our town. We think of the wider community who use them and are always looking at making sure they are safe and attractive to the public.

Kind Regards

Wendy Rhodes  
President, Heyfield Wetlands C.OM. Inc

Website: [www.heyfieldwetlands.com.au](http://www.heyfieldwetlands.com.au)  
Email: [informationcentre@heyfieldwetlands.org.au](mailto:informationcentre@heyfieldwetlands.org.au)

**Submission 4 – Request for upgrades at Heyfield Skate Park (Jamie Woolan):**



25/02/2019

To Whom It May Concern,

Please find below a letter of support, in regards to the expansion of the Heyfield skate park precinct.

My Name is Jamie, I was born and bred in Heyfield and am currently living in town. I am lucky enough to be extremely happily married to my wife, Ali and have two boys, Cooper 7, and Jayden 4.

May I make a point of letting the reader know, we are both from large (in today's language!) families, so also plan on having at least another two children.

We encourage our boys to be active outside and limit their screen time to an absolute minimum; therefore having extra facilities around town would be fantastic. We are blessed in regards to the fact that they both love being outside.

I was somewhat of a BMX prodigy in my youth, and had it not been for injury and my subsequent cutting from the state BMX team, I may have not ended up becoming a tradesman, instead of a full time Red Bull Rider dream! But that's another story. So this is a topic close to my family's heart.

It would be really great for our town, as I'm sure you're well aware with the impact in the Timber Industry this town is really hurting, so new infrastructure would really be a positive step forward.

It would be great for our town, and I'm sure it would make people that would otherwise not stop on their way though, call in and spend some time and money in our beautiful town, which would be very welcomed!

Yours sincerely,

Jamie Woolan

**Submission 5 - Request for upgrades at Heyfield Skate Park (Ben & Stef Johnston):**

To Whom It May Concern,

We are current residents of Heyfield and have two boys who make use of the skate park in Heyfield.

We believe the town would benefit greatly with an upgrade to the skate park, as there is not a lot the kids can do in the space being the size that it is at the moment. A playground area like the one in Sale would also be beneficial as most parents take their older children to the park with their younger ones who get bored quickly and Rotary park isn't within seeing distance of the skate park.

We mostly go out of town to Sale to use the skate park there as it has been upgraded and caters for every level of rider. Both our boys love to skate at Sale, but of course Heyfield would be a lot more convenient for us & a lot of others.

An upgrade to Heyfield is a must in our eyes.

Sincerely,

Ben & Stef Johnston

Heyfield.



**Submission 6 – Request for upgrades at Heyfield Skate Park (Amanda Davies):**

**RECEIVED**

25 February 2019

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to lend my support to the expansion and upgrade of the Heyfield Skate park. As the mother of two boys it's fantastic to have a skate park in town. Unfortunately, our skate park is very limited and basically consists of a bowl, which is too advance for most kids, including my youngest son (8) to enjoy.

My eldest son (12) also finds the park lacking, as it only has one element. It's a shame that such a fantastic feature was let down by the limited scope and size of the initial project.

The expansion of the flat concrete area and the addition of some ramps would greatly enhance the skate park and increase its utilisation. It would enable younger and less experienced kids to use the area and increase the interest of more advanced skaters. Providing more entertainment and exercise for our local kids.

Heyfield is a town in desperate need of a boost. With the timber industry on shaky ground and the closure of regional power plants affecting job prospects, tourism is an industry that needs to be harnessed to lift our local economy.

We have a great playground in town already that attracts family's with young children. If we could improve our skate park we could also attract families with older kids.

By building on our activity precinct we would attract more people into town and that would boost our economy.

Parents seek out destinations that entertain their children. Not only would family's form surrounding areas and towns be inclined to visit, it would also encourage our own, surrounding tourists and campers, back into town.

Tourists that travel through Hayfield to reach their end destination (ie. lakes) would also be encouraged to stop and frequent our shops.

I hope the application to expand our skate park is successful. The funds put towards this project would greatly enhance that already invested and finally complete the park to the level it should be.

Yours sincerely



Amanda Davies

**Submission 7 - Request for upgrades at Heyfield Skate Park (Viktoria & Matthew Pope):**

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Cr Malcolm Hole

Wellington Shire Council



Dear Cr Hole,

**HEYFIELD SKATE PARK (AND NEED FOR BMX TRACK)**

We are writing to you to indicate our support for a proposed upgrade to the Skate Park in Heyfield.

Having recently relocated from Sydney to this lovely local community in the last 12 months, we can certainly see how the Skate Park benefits this community.

There are two primary schools located in the 'business hub' of Heyfield, with over 250 children. The local park continues to be a very busy hub for the children in our community, including after school and on weekends. Quite often, at these times, the park (and its wonderful bbq facilities) are used for birthday parties. The local pool is a huge asset in the warmer months, together with access to the rail trail, and the basketball and netball courts. The local football and cricket grounds are also very popular. As you can see, our local children enjoy the outdoors, and are heavily involved in sporting commitments.

In addition, there are also many members of the community who are seeking to include a BMX track to the park. The inclusion of a BMX track would be a huge advantage to our local children, providing another area of a free outdoor facility, enabling those in our community who are unable to participate and commit to other sports where fees are payable. There is no BMX track in any of the reserves in the local area, with the closest BMX track located in Glengarry, some 25 minutes away. We know of many families who support this new initiative and would be more than happy to fundraise and help build the BMX track, if required.

The local park in Heyfield continues to be a heavily populated meeting point, for not only locals, but the many tourists that travel through the area all year round. Many towing caravans (due to the ample parking available), families travelling with children and push-bikes loaded on the vehicles, are able to stop and enjoy what Heyfield has to offer. The park facilities, including a possible BMX track, would continue to draw tourists and the local community to use the park, continue to enjoy the outdoors, and ensure our local businesses experience continuing trade and boosting our local economy.

Your support in helping to build on an already wonderful community that is Heyfield, is greatly appreciated.

Kindest regards,

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Viktoria and Matthew Pope

**Submission 8 – Request for upgrades at Heyfield Skate Park (Adam Wake):**



Developing Young Lives

25 February 2019

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN



Re: Heyfield Skate Park proposed upgrades

I have two children attending Heyfield Primary school aged 7 and 9. Both of them love the Heyfield skate park and have for many years. I live on Mary Street in Heyfield and often see children gathering at the skate park on skate boards, bikes, scooters and just for somewhere to be. I have however often thought that it needed an upgrade and this proposal gets my full support.

Kind regards

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Adam Wake  
CEO/ Operations Manager  
Licola Wilderness Village

## Submission 9 – Request for upgrades at Heyfield Skate Park (Traci Grogan):



To Whom it may concern

We live in a rural town of Heyfield in Gippsland Victoria

As a family of five we participate in many local groups and activities as my children get older it is getting a lot harder to motivate them to play outdoors besides the local park in town and though it is adequate it is very hard to keep an eye on them when we play netball all day every 2nd weekend during Feb pre season through to end of September finals for North Gippsland we require a basic playground with equipment for children to keep them amused and entertained throughout the entire days at Gordon street reserve Heyfield – at this venue we hold netball junior and senior games and trainings, football junior and senior games as well as trainings also cricket and basketball junior and senior I feel for such a busy venue, there is not a single playground central to all areas at this sporting venue, every other North Gippsland Football netball league club has a venue playground, and a town park at their locality Please something has to be done, we host so many other teams with many children visiting this venue for different types of sport I've been asked so often, how is it you have the most amount of kids at Heyfield (netball) yet don't even have a playground. I truly believe that something has to be done, to bring a basic playground to this venue, (for example we can travel to Yarram or Glengarry both sporting venues have a fantastic playground I can look over during my game and see all three children playing with other kids during my game or match or whilst I am coaching and have a piece of mind they are safe.

When we are at Heyfield my town club I'm looking around, can't see my children feel anxious and worried have to send other parents out looking for my kids or other parents aren't sure where they are, who they are with, hiding behind a shed or throwing rocks onto the road or blocking toilets as they are bored, We desperately need something for them.

Last year with 8 players in Agrade alone, we had 4 parents all had 3 children each under the age of 12. 12 kids just in 1 netball team alone, we have u15 u17 with smaller siblings and d c b and a grades that host women of all ages and that is specifically just netball, Women are wanting to come back and play but its difficult with nothing for their children to do for the couple of hours a week they train and the entire Saturday they spend down at Gordon street reserve on a Saturday this year 2019 this is reflecting in a fall in older 30+ women wanting to play as their partners either aren't involved or directly playing football it has hurt our numbers and we are having to make up teams using junior players just to fill teams this year.

I would also like to bring to your attention the desperate need to upgrade the local skate park as my 8 year old cannot use it and with 2 or more skateboard riders it becomes to smaller a space, I have heard of a group looking at a Pump track and believe it is something my 3 children would absolutely love, not only as a exciting new physical experience but also as an all abilities open and large area to also ride their scooters and skateboards or even bikes which then opens it up to a vast range of children a great place for children and adults to spend time together but also as a break from being indoors with school or computer games, I believe as a only area close by it could bring other families to our area and increase the already flow of tourism to our region we are a hub of activity over the warmer months with many caravans and tourists 4wd stopping off in town potentially this could attract more families to our humble town of Heyfield

Many Thanks Traci Grogan

**Submission 10 - Request for upgrades at Heyfield Skate Park (Beth McKinnon):**

25<sup>th</sup> February 2019



To whom it may concern,

I am writing to show my support in regards to the proposed expansion and upgrade of the Heyfield Skate Park Precinct.

As a family with three active boys it is wonderful to have fantastic facilities in Heyfield such as the swimming pool, library, wetlands, park and skate park. Unfortunately we find that the current skate park is limited in size, scope and functionality. By expanding this precinct to include a larger area with things such as ramps and tracks, would increase its utilization and appeal both to younger and less experienced children, while also increasing the interest of more mature users.

Our current park and playground facilities are fantastic and often attracts families from surrounding towns and areas, as well as tourists who pass through town. Expanding our skate park precinct would attract more people to our town and therefore boost our local economy.


Our family hopes for a successful application in expanding our skate park.

Yours sincerely,

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Beth McKinnon- Heyfield

## Submission 11 - Request for upgrades at Heyfield Skate Park (St. Michael's Primary School):



Truth 22/2/2019

Wellington Shire Council,  
18 Desailly Street,  
Sale, 3850

Dear Councillors,

My name is Jenny Miller and I am the Principal of St Michael's Primary School, Heyfield. In discussions with our senior students during a civics and citizenship topic, it became evident that the Heyfield Skate Park requires considerable work for it to be a more useable recreational space in Heyfield. Students raised very relevant concerns with regards to design and location of the skate park. They do not feel safe using the facility and either don't use it or access skate parks in other towns.

The students' major safety concerns are:


- Graffiti and vandalism
  - There is frequently rubbish in and around the bowl, including glass, vegetation and other rubbish.
  - Fires are burnt in and around the bowl.
- Visibility
  - The skate park is set well off the road and is not highly visible from the street. This allows for vandalism to occur and presents a problem when the facility is used by all ages.
- Accessibility and design
  - The skate park does not cater to all abilities, particularly beginners, as the skill level is too high.
  - The useable space around the bowl is too small, not allowing sufficient movement for skaters and scooter riders.
  - Concrete edging is too narrow.
  - Tables and seats are too close to the bowl creating a collision hazard.
  - There is not enough variety to cater for all users.
- Maintenance
  - There are cracks in and around the bowl.
  - The edges are rough and dangerous.

The students' suggestions for improving the Heyfield Skate Park are as follows:

- Relocate the skate park closer to the road, making it visible to passers-by (eg. Between the Heyfield Bowls Club and the Heyfield Resource Centre).
- Redesign the skate park so that it is more user friendly for all abilities, not just those with a high level of skill.

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- Improve access in and around the skate park by making paths bigger and wider and repairing the surface edges.
- Improve access to the skate park by providing concrete footpaths to the skate park.
- Relocate tables and seats so that they do not pose a hazard.
- Clear some of the trees directly around the skate park so that vegetation does not fall into the bowl.
- Add a proper basketball half court as per the Sale Skate Park as this would be very popular with children and youth.

As council can see, the students have given serious thought to this matter and raised valid concerns with practical solutions. Recreational spaces are so important in small rural towns and I hope that Council will give this matter due consideration and act on the feedback from our students.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Miller  
Principal



**Submission 12 - Request for upgrades at Heyfield Skate Park (Heyfield Community Resource Centre):**



Heyfield Community Resource Centre

P.O. Box 201

Heyfield, 3858

22/2/2019

Attention: Councillor Malcolm Hole

I am writing to show our support and encouragement for the proposal to upgrade the skate park.

The skate park is a very important facility for our community and tourists. It has been approximately 15 years since it was built and is due for a well deserved upgrade.

The skate park is very deep and I have heard comments regarding this issue. With the upgrade the facility could be improved so that younger children will be able to enjoy this facility.

We need to keep these community facilities safe and enjoyable for all ages to use and encourage our users to stay in Heyfield by having a modern upgraded Skate Park.

Thank you for endeavouring to have this facility upgraded so that locals and visitors alike will be encouraged to use local facility.

Kindest Regards

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Julie Bryer

Heyfield Community Resource Centre

P: 03 5148 2100  
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W: [www.heyfieldcommunity.org.au](http://www.heyfieldcommunity.org.au)

PO BOX 201  
5 George Street, Heyfield

**Submission 13 – Request for financial contribution towards new synthetic green (Loch Sport Bowls Club Inc.):**



**Loch Sport Bowls Club Inc.**

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PO Box 870  
Loch Sport  
Vic. 3861  
ABN 93628429741

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20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

BUDGET SUBMISSION

Wellington Shire Mayor Alan Hall

Alan as you are aware the Loch Sport Bowls Club has been approved for a grant for a new synthetic green and as part of the approval the club has been raising funds towards their portion of the grant set by the LVA, to achieve this the club has for approximately 16 months been running raffles, holding social events and hosting private functions, other clubs, the Community House who have held functions at the club and Sunday Sippers who raised \$5,000 for a new commercial stove for the club so we could hold more catering events and I am now proud to say the club has now raised \$30,000.

The Bowls Club is situated on the Charles Street Reserve along with the RSL, Golf Club and Tennis Club/Fishing Club which is crown land and overseen by DELPW and the Charles Street Reserve Committee who all the user groups pay a yearly fee of \$325.00 to the Reserve Committee to manage the grounds outside the clubs boundaries, they also receive \$1042.00 annually from council. THE CLUB RECEIVES NO FINANCAIL ASSISTANCE WHATSOEVER FROM DELPW or the CHARLES STREET RESERVE COMMITTEE.

The Wellington Shire Council pays the insurance on the bowls club building. THE CLUB RECEIVES NO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AT ALL FROM THE WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

The Bowls Club Membership was almost nonexistent due to the condition of the green but since the club started this mammoth task I have been buoyed by the support from the people of Loch Sport, permanents, weekenders, holiday makers and other clubs with in the North Gippsland Bowls Association so much so our membership tiers have increased with the club now having 11 Affiliate memberships – 21 Social memberships and 53 Associate memberships with the majority frequenting the club on a regular basis and the clubs Face book page is generating huge amounts of interest with our Barefoot Bowls nights to the point where all the rinks are full with people happy to wait for a rink to become free, we now have people who are planning to retire in Loch Sport offering to organise or help with functions to raise money and most importantly to upgrade their memberships from June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 and most of all I have seen the very best of people in our efforts and that, I must say has been very heart warming.

Alan the Loch Sport Bowls Club is contributing \$30,000 to the project which will begin in August/September 2019 and due to the time frame the club will not be able to apply to the Councils Facilities Grant process, and as we receive no assistance from Council or DELPW at all we are asking Council to match our contribution by assisting us with \$30,000 towards the project.

As much as the ratepayers of Loch Sport have been very supportive I feel we can only ask them for so much monetary help and now I believe it is time for council to step up and help us.

Regards

Jennifer Blair

Secretary

Loch Sport Bowls Club

## Loch Sport Bowls Club

Loch Sport Bowls Club began a fundraising campaign in November 2017 to renew the synthetic green. The current green is no longer suitable – the pile is worn flat and mouldy.

The club cannot host competition bowling as the bowls equipment is damaged by the current green, but we do host social and bare foot bowls - which only by the tenacity of the members and attendees has seen a revival but will eventually have to cease being played on the current green.

The club have been successful with a LVA grant application and have submitted a final application to bring Loch Sport Bowls Club Into The Future. The project includes a new synthetic green and concrete works on the surrounds and paths.

The project breakdown is:

- Synthetic Green \$147,000
- Concrete reinforcement and repair \$25,500
- Contingency plan \$25,5000 - this is in place to ensure works that may arise, such as drainage and mould treatment are thought of and factored into the project.
- **Total cost is \$198,000**

As you know LVA expects a financial contribution from the applicant with Council's contribution of \$30,000 and the club's contribution of \$19,500 will satisfy the LVA expected 3 to 1 ratio which totals \$49,500.

So, Council's contribution of \$30,000 will assist the club in receiving \$198,000– in a mere ratepayers opinion that is a great investment return.

Once the project is complete the club believes that this is when all the hard work will begin – we will, with the assistance of Bowls Victoria

- introduce new programs
- bring competition bowling back to Loch Sport
- begin an advertising campaign
- re-invigorate barefoot bowls and social bowls
- ensure bowls is a staple activity for all visitors and residents to Loch Sport.

Since the fundraising campaign and the success with our LVA grant, the club has a the true sense of “anything can be achieved with hard work, collaboration and passion”. There has been a buzz all over Loch Sport and beyond – we have locals excited, regular holiday makers participating and supporting our campaign. This energy has kept the members enthusiasm for the project for 19 months now and we are so close to achieving our goals with your help.

# LOCH SPORT BOWLS CLUB

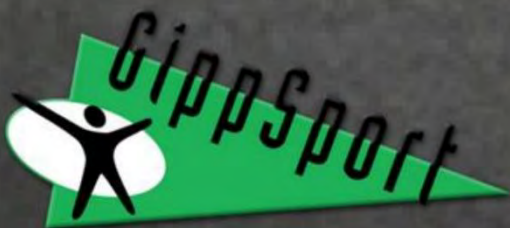
STRATEGIC PLAN

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*September 2018*

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## Acknowledgements

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The Loch Sport Bowls Club acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government in the development of this strategic plan through the Latrobe Valley Authority's Latrobe Valley Sport and Active Recreation Strategic Planning Grants Program.



The Loch Sport Bowls Club committee would like to thank GippSport who coordinated the strategic planning process and members who have supported this project.

We also acknowledge the staff at Wellington Shire Council and Bowls Australia for providing background information and support.



## Introduction

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The Loch Sport Bowls Club is located at the Charles Street Reserve. Loch Sport is a seaside community located in the Wellington Shire Council. The club has been working with Council in recent years and had identified the need to develop a Strategic Plan, as a way to review the current facilities and programs on offer. This report provides a framework for future club development, given the changing nature of sport committees.

Loch Sport has an ageing demographic and bowls provides an important recreational opportunity for the permanent residents. The town situated along the famous Ninety Mile Beach is impacted by a large visitor population over the summer months and peak holiday periods, where social bowls becomes more popular and the need to provide activities for families is more significant.

The synthetic bowling green is no longer suitable for competition bowling due to its poor condition. The current club members only have the option to compete at club invitational days held at other bowling clubs. However, they make the most of the existing facilities for social bowls, indoor bowls, and indoor functions and activities.

It is hoped that this plan will support future funding applications for facility improvements while maintaining a strong club structure to ensure ongoing participation and community involvement.



## Loch Sport

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Loch Sport is a coastal tourist town situated on the Ninety Mile Beach and Lake Victoria in Central Gippsland, Eastern Victoria, Australia. At the 2016 census it had a permanent resident population of 814. This is an increase of 125 from the 2011 census, though the number swells to 8,000 during the Easter and Christmas holidays.

Before European settlement, the area was used by the indigenous people for hunting and fishing, and the collection of water yams and other vegetable food. In the 19th century British settlers cleared the land and began farming. Sandy soils dominate the flat coastal heath scrubland, which is surrounded by brackish lakes on the north and Bass Strait on the south. Later, the recreational potential of the lakes for fishing, swimming, and boating was discovered, and by the beginning of the 20th century Loch Sport was accessible via a dirt track, with plots of land surveyed for the budding township. With increasing use of private cars, more people bought property in the town which, in 1980, was one of the last Victorian towns to receive electricity.

Loch Sport has a primary school, the bowls, golf and tennis club, angling club, Men's Shed, a caravan park, a marina, a pub, RSL club, boat club, service stations, bakery, police station, and supermarket. All of these groups rely on the small population to raise funds and attend programs, so it is important they do not duplicate services or programs.

The permanent population is increasing over time and tends to be the ageing and retirees. They require access to community programs and services, as well as physical activity options to remain healthy. There are limited formal sporting opportunities within the town, but other services including a new supermarket are being developed.

The caravan park in the past has catered for approximately 1,200 visitors each week over peak holiday periods which will increase in 2018/19 due an increase in the number of sites available. These visitors result in additional social members to the Bowls Club.



## About Loch Sport Bowls Club

Loch Sport Bowls Club is based at Charles Street Reserve, co-located with the town's other recreation facilities, including tennis courts, sand scrape golf course and adjacent to the Loch Sport Primary School. The club is affiliated with Bowls Australia. The bowls season starts August 1<sup>st</sup> and ends May 31<sup>st</sup>; barefoot social bowls is held during the summer season and long weekends in the afternoon.

The club offers both playing and social membership categories. There are currently 32 male and female members within the club. This has increased in the last 12 months. The club is incorporated and follows a traditional sports committee structure with all executive roles filled.

The Loch Sport Bowls Club is located on Crown Land which is managed by a Crown appointed volunteer Committee of Management for a three-year term. The Bowls Club has a representative on this Committee. There is a direct lease in place between the Bowls Club and DELWP for the bowls facilities. The Committee does not receive any funding from Council to support its operation. The Committee is also able to apply for grants to improve facilities with permission from DELWP in line with the intended purpose of the reserve. There are limitations in place around vegetation removal.

It can be hard for the club to fundraise in the town as there are a range of community organisations needing support from a small population, many of whom are retirees. The club needs to maintain and improve their facilities from their limited fundraising opportunities, and they are unable to host bowling tournaments which could be a major income earner once their green is replaced.

During this study, a log of volunteer hours was developed by the committee to record the contribution made to manage the facilities and maintain the club's operation. It is estimated that, on average, 20 hours per week was spent during the winter months, which increases up to 100 hours per week during peak periods due to the operation of the bar facilities.



## Participation Opportunities



Given that the club has had ongoing challenges with the standard of the bowls facilities, it has limited opportunities to increase participation in bowling. This is especially true during the winter months when the green is flooded and the mould is at its worst. In response to these challenges, the club has developed a range of alternative participation opportunities to raise funds and increase club involvement.

The club house is licenced to hold 80 and can seat 60 participants.

*Social Bowls*- over summer it caters for families (60 adults plus children).

*Indoor Bowls*- it runs a small indoor bowls program over the winter months.

*Weekly Monday Night Darts*- (20-28 participants).



*Bowls Competition*- the club enters teams into invitational events, where they travel to other club facilities to compete. It is unable to enter a pennant team as it cannot host competition. It is hard to compete without a venue to practice. The club has access to the community bus to assist with the travel arrangements.

*Schools Program*- the club is willing to work with the local primary school to run programs under the Sporting Schools banner, and requires support to obtain equipment and an accredited coach.

*Social functions including*- weddings, birthday parties, and wakes.

*Halloween Event*- held annually, selling out to a crowd of 80 people.

*Lions Club / Seniors Functions*- held annually.

*Christmas in July*- 66 people attend a sit down lunch, held annually.

*Volunteers Day*- held in 2017 and 2018 for 60 people to recognise local volunteers.

*Social nights*- where people can come and watch the cricket, football etc., and utilise the bar facilities.

## Membership

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Bowls Club membership numbers by year:

Year	Full Members	Social Members	Total
2014	10	-	10
2015	13	20	33
2016	12	24	36
2017	10	17	27
2018	9	23	32

## Members' Survey Results

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During consultation for this project we conducted a members' survey. A copy of the complete results can be found in the appendices of this report.

The members reported that the club is; welcoming, fun, friendly and inclusive. The local surroundings and the opportunity to socialise and participate in their local community is essential to their health and wellbeing.

The new green was identified as the highest priority project but there are real challenges to raise funds in the local community.



## SWOT Analysis

A detailed SWOT analysis was undertaken during the consultation phase of the project. In summary:



## **Strategic Plan**

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### **Vision for the Loch Sport Bowls Club**

*"A strong and sustainable community based bowls club that welcomes the whole family to enjoy a range of activities and programs".*

### **Community values for the Club:**

- A commitment to developing facilities.
- Welcoming environment- catering for the peak demand created by tourism.
- Strong links with all local community organisations and businesses to strengthen participation opportunities.
- Social functions and events that increase utilisation and participation.
- Equitable access that is affordable and provides physical activity opportunities.

### **Action Plan**

Following is a series of goal areas that have been developed and the associated actions to be implemented over the coming five years.

Actions have been given a priority ranking scale, using Very High, High, Medium, or Low. In some instances, Ongoing has been allocated as these tasks are required on a regular basis.



## **Goal 1 - Facility Improvements**

### **Highest Priority Projects**

Currently, the bowling green is such poor condition that competitive bowling cannot be played at the venue. This is significantly limiting participation.

Poor green condition is also damaging bowls equipment when members are trying to practice. Very soon the club will be unable to host social bowls programs, and there are health concerns about the mould on the green.

Ultimately if the facility is not upgraded there will be a negative impact on the long term viability of the club.

The estimated project cost for the green replacement and associated works is in the range of \$150,000-\$200,000 depending on the product selected. Please refer to the appendices for a quotation.

There would be the initial upfront investment required that would allow for the club to re-establish competitive bowling. A financial management plan will need to be developed to set aside funds for the future green replacement.

In addition to the Synthetic Green project, smaller improvement works will be required to maintain and improve the function of the club house facility. This work is ongoing and has been funded by small grants and community fundraising. Projects include: painting, shelter replacement, and landscaping.



## Goal 2 - Increase Participation and Membership

To ensure membership retention and to build participation numbers over time.

- Encourage all participants to become a social member. *High*
- Maintain effective communication with all members, so everyone knows what is coming up and can get involved. *High*
- Work with Bowls Australia, Bowls Victoria, and GippSport to implement new program initiatives to maintain interest, participation, and new membership. Activities include Jack Attack, Bowling with Babies, MOVE with Bowls. *Medium*
- Partner with local community organisations to promote the club and develop more diverse events and activities, i.e. summer programs. Hold combined Come and Try days. *Medium*
- Promote ongoing coaching opportunities and mentoring for all members – provide training opportunities for community coaches. *Low*
- Establish new competition bowling structures once the green is replaced, i.e. pennant and tournament opportunities. *Low*
- Look at alternative ways that the green can be used for exercise or fitness programs especially during the summer months. *Low*



### Goal 3. Marketing and Promotion

Effectively market and promote the club facility to not only increase participation but promote why it needs support to upgrade facilities.

- Ongoing update of the Bowls Vic website and other Council or community contact lists to maintain good connection with key stakeholders. *High*
- Promote the club Facebook page and other social media opportunities- regular updates. *High*
- Advocate with Bowls Australia, Council and the broader community about the club success and strong partnerships. *High*
- Promote the club in the Loch Sport Link (bi monthly). *High*

### Goal 4 - Strong Leadership

Continue to build a strong inclusive committee structure. Acknowledge all opinions and ideas, in order to create an effective, equitable decision-making process.

- Ensure that all of the Executive, Committee and Sub-Committee positions are filled. Develop succession plans for key roles, including considering transitioning roles after a set number of years. *Med*
- Improve committee meeting procedures, to ensure all opinions are acknowledged and the decision-making process is effective. *Med*
- Ensure Consumer Affairs, Bowls Vic, League and the DELWP obligations are met. *High*
- Document detailed roles and responsibilities. *Low*
- Participate in all Council / Community consultation processes, to ensure appropriate representation of the club and our contribution, in respect to decisions to be made. *High*
- Celebrate and recognise the work completed by volunteers/ sponsors. *High*

### *Goal 5 - Financial Sustainability*

Comply with sound Financial Management practices and improve club sustainability, with a plan to invest capital into facility improvements in the future.

- Complete annual finance reports to meet Consumer Affairs requirements. *High*
- Set membership fees for the season. Ensure membership information/statistics are being updated appropriately and made accessible to all committee members. Ensure fees remain affordable. Increase with inflation. *High*
- Continue to raise funds using a variety of new initiatives like events or social activities, for contribution towards major capital works projects. *High*
- Diversify and explore grant opportunities, consider how to best utilise Crowd Funding options. *Med*
- Once the new green is installed, establish a replacement funding account and set aside an annual allocation *High*



## Appendix

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### Supporting Information

#### Methodology

The following key steps were completed during the development of this Strategic Plan:

- A start up meeting was conducted with Loch Sport Bowls Club Committee and Members, with Bowls Australia support in June 2018.
- Research, consultation and an industry review was completed.
- A site inspection was conducted.
- Consultation was held with club members, Wellington Shire Council, Bowls Australia and other sports clubs to discuss the project and identify key issues and opportunities.
- A draft Strategic Plan was provided to the Committees for input.
- The final Strategic Plan to be adopted.

### Research Conducted

#### Demographic Review

Wellington Shire Council is the third largest municipality in Victoria, covering an area of 10,924 square kilometres to the east of the state. There is a total population of 43,465 (2016 Census). Healthcare and Agriculture are the main employment industries.

Located on the peninsula which splits Lake Victoria and the Ninety Mile Beach, Loch Sport has close access to state and national coastal parks.

Popular for holiday makers and day-trippers, Loch Sport is situated 65km from Sale, and visitors and residents have many places where they can enjoy a picnic or a BBQ while taking in the beautiful scenery. Bush lovers are able to enjoy a variety of walks, while fishing, boating, water skiing; swimming and kayaking are also popular.

The locality of Loch Sport has an index of 816, which ranks its SEIFA Index at number 2659 among the 2671 suburbs and towns of Victoria - placing it among the most disadvantaged 2% of suburbs and towns in the state.

## Loch Sport Demographics

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<b>People</b>	<b>814</b>
Male	53.2%
Female	46.8%
Median age	64
<b>Families</b>	<b>190</b>
Average children per family	
for families with children	2
for all families	0.2
<b>All private dwellings</b>	<b>1,689</b>
Average people per household	1.6
Median weekly household income	\$598
Median monthly mortgage repayments	\$700
Median weekly rent	\$150
Average motor vehicles per dwelling	1.4

## ***Supporting Plans and Strategies***

### *Wellington Shire Council Documentation*

Council policy 5.3.1 Council's Provision to Recreation/Cultural Facilities prescribes the mechanisms for funding and maintaining sporting infrastructure.

The Wellington 2030 Strategic Vision outlines Council's intention to support communities to; attain a sustainable level of local infrastructure reflecting the needs of communities, develop our sport and recreation infrastructure, and improve the quality and accessibility of our open space and facilities.

Loch Sport Community Plan 2012- The initial Community Plan was developed in 2008 and then updated again in 2012. The Community identified the need to create additional recreation opportunities and access to health facilities. There is a Community Representative Group which is supported by the Bowls Club.

There is currently no master plan in place for the Charles Street Reserve.

Surrounding Bowls Clubs:

Bowls clubs in the local area play as part of the North Gippsland Bowls Division and include;

- Golden – Paradise Beach
- Heyfield
- Maffra
- Rosedale
- Sale
- Stratford
- West Sale
- Yarram Country Club

There is a mid-week and Saturday pennant competition structure offering a range of formats, and each club hosts tournaments throughout the summer season.

### ***Consultation***

Individual consultation was held with key Committee members and a workshop was held with the Club Committee and Bowls Australia.

Consultation was also undertaken with the following external organisations:

- Wellington Shire Council Officers
- DELWP
- GippSport
- Bowls Australia/ Victoria
- Other Loch Sport Sporting Clubs and Community Organisations

### ***Disclaimer of Liability***

The information contained in this report is intended for the specific use of the key stakeholders that have provided input into this planning project. All recommendations by GippSport are based on information provided by or on behalf of the committee, Bowls Australia, DELWP and Council and it has relied upon such information being correct at the time this report has been prepared. Readers should note this report might include implicit projections about the future, which by their nature, are uncertain and cannot be relied upon. They are dependent on potential events or technical assessments, which have not yet occurred.

### ***References***

The following references have been used in the development of this report:

- Government websites – Planning scheme data and maps, grant information.
- Wellington Shire Council website and relevant planning documents.
- Australian Bureau of Statistics – Population data.
- Other Recreation studies and strategies as identified in the document

**Submission 14 - Letter of support for Loch Sport Bowls Club's request for financial contribution towards new synthetic green (GippSport):**



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info@gippsport.com.au

16 April 2019

**FOR ATTENTION  
Wellington Shire Council**

**RE: LOCH SPORT BOWLS CLUB BUDGET SUBMISSION**

It is without hesitation that GippSport provides this letter of support for funding to be made available, to the Loch Sport Bowls Club, to replace their existing green with a new synthetic surface. Currently, the bowling green is in such a poor condition that competitive bowling cannot be played at the venue and this is significantly limiting participation. The poor green condition is also damaging bowls equipment when members are trying to practice and, very soon, the club will be unable to host social bowls programs due to the worsening condition of the green. There are also health concerns about the mould which currently covers the green.

GippSport staff members recently completed a strategic plan with the club where an improvement in facilities, specifically the green, was identified as the highest priority project for the club. The plan noted that *"ultimately if the facility is not upgraded there will be a negative impact on the long term viability of the club"*. Higher participation rates would be supported through an improved facility.

GippSport welcomes the fact that the Loch Sport Bowls Club is seeking funding, to improve their existing facilities, as this would lead to increased participation, in sport, in the town. Loch Sport has an ageing demographic with 46.5% of the population being aged 65 years, and over, and bowls provided an important recreational opportunity for these residents, as well as visitors to the area. We are also very supportive of improvements to facilities, including clubs' playing surfaces, in our smaller country towns as we recognize the important role that sport plays in these communities.

The Loch Sport Bowls Club is a Level 3 Good Sports Club which evidences the Club's commitment to providing a family friendly environment and well established alcohol management policies.

Should you require any more information please contact Ryan Evans on 0429 853 385 or [ryan@gippsport.com.au](mailto:ryan@gippsport.com.au)

Yours sincerely



Daniel Poynton | Executive Officer

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*Proudly supported by Latrobe City Council, Wellington Shire Council, Good Sports and our major funding bodies:*



Regional sport program



**Submission 15 - Letter of support for Loch Sport Bowls Club's request for financial contribution towards new synthetic green (Bowls Australia):**



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April 16, 2019

Jennifer Blair  
Loch Sport Bowls Club  
Charles Street Reserve  
Charles Street  
Loch Sport  
VIC 3851

Dear Jennifer,

I write on behalf of Bowls Australia to express strong support for the Loch Sport Bowls Club's application to the Wellington Shire Council for funding to improve its Club facilities.

Bowls Australia is responsible for leadership, development and management of the sport of Bowls across Australia. Our mission is to grow the sport while demonstrating our core values of collaboration, innovation, customer focus and inclusiveness.

The club is applying for the budget submission funding to assist with the installation of a new synthetic green to replace the current synthetic green, which is currently unplayable for all levels of competition. The installation of a new synthetic green enables the sport of Bowls to be played at all times, regardless of weather conditions or seasons and thereby enables our sport to be played by more people more often.

Even more importantly, such increased participation at the Club will lead to potential new members as well as introducing new players to the health and well-being benefits of bowls and the opportunities for increased social interaction that come from participation in this great sport.

The Loch Sport Bowls Club is a valued member of the Bowls Community and like all clubs play a very important role in the community in terms of engaging people of all ages and abilities in the physical and social activity of playing bowls and any effort to improve facilities for the benefit of the community is to be applauded.

Bowls Australia is very pleased to support Loch Sport Bowls Club's application to Wellington Shire Council. We are confident the planned improvements to the facilities will enable the Club to continue to contribute positively to increasing participation in active social recreation in the local region.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Dalrymple".

**Neil Dalrymple**



## Submission 16 - Letter of support for Loch Sport Bowls Club's request for financial contribution towards new synthetic green (Bowls Victoria):

Suite 7, 32-36 Camberwell Road, Hawthorn East VIC 3123  
P: (03) 9861 7100 F: (03) 9813 4199



Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

Jennifer Blair  
Secretary  
Loch Sport Bowls Club  
Charles Street Reserve, Charles Street  
Loch Sport Victoria 3851

Dear Jennifer

Bowls Victoria fully supports the Loch Sport Bowls Club in their application to the Wellington Shire to assist with the installation of a new synthetic green, thereby improving the sporting facility available within the local community.

The upgrading of the synthetic green will not only benefit Club members and assist the development and growth of the Club but will also offer the opportunity for broader community engagement.

This community facility project will create opportunities for the whole Loch Sport community to participate in bowls all year round. A new green will also provide more options for the Club to run more community activities such as barefoot bowls, a community cup, school programs, social programs and for the first time ever enter a pennant side in the North Gippsland pennant competition.




We congratulate your initiative in undertaking this project and wish you every success with your application.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wesley Fawaz".

Wesley Fawaz  
Interim Chief Executive Officer

ABN 60 409 666 182

[www.bowlsvic.org.au](http://www.bowlsvic.org.au)    

**Submission 17 - Letter of support for Loch Sport Bowls Club's request for financial contribution towards new synthetic green (Danny O'Brien, MP):**

**Danny O'Brien MP**  
MEMBER FOR GIPPSLAND SOUTH

Ref: GI1738

Mr David Morcom  
CEO  
Wellington Shire Council  
PO BOX 506  
Sale VIC 3850

**RE: Letter of Support for the Loch Sport Bowls Club**

Dear Mr <sup>Payne</sup>Morcom,

I am writing to express my support of the Loch Sport Bowls Club 2019-2020 budget submission for \$30,000, which will be used to assist with costs associated with replacing synthetic greens.

The Loch Sport Bowls Club is a highly-valued organisation run by dedicated volunteers who have worked tirelessly to support their community. As a result of this hard work, the monies requested will be matched by funds raised by the club.

Yours sincerely,



**Danny O'Brien MP**  
Member for Gippsland South

17/5/2019

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*for Regional Victoria*

**Submission 18 - Request that rating cap be applied to each individual rating category (Victorian Farmers Federation):**



Mr David Morcom  
Chief Executive - Wellington Shire Council  
PO Box 506  
SALE VIC 3850

28 March 2019

Dear Mr Morcom,

**Wellington Shire Council budget 2019-2020**

Farmers in Wellington Shire Council are concerned about the future sustainability of rates and the impact of rates on farms, and thus take a great interest in the council's 2019-2020 budget.

To that end we request a copy of the draft council budget to be sent to [policyteam@vff.org.au](mailto:policyteam@vff.org.au), when the draft budget is released.

Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) members within Wellington Shire Council wish to work with the council to ensure a budget is delivered that is fair to all residents, businesses and allows farmers the ability to continue operation of viable businesses. We therefore request that as well as the rating cap applying to total rates, that the rating cap be applied to each individual rating category.

The VFF is looking to work with the council to ensure sustainability of both farms in the district and the council. Ultimately it is the VFF position that the pool of funding for rural and regional councils needs to be grown or responsibilities reduced, in order to lift the burden off a small local base.

Nationally, through the National Farmers Federation, we are pushing for larger federal infrastructure grants to be based on need rather than population. At a State Government level, we are pushing for clear guidance from the state government on the core business of local councils to stop the shifting of responsibilities onto local government. Additionally we campaigned extensively to get a review into the sustainability of the rating system and will be looking for the review to look at all options to try and find a new way forward, towards more sustainable local government.

We invite you to get in contact to discuss ways we can work together for the benefit of everyone in the community. You can contact Paula Fitzgerald, VFF Stakeholder Policy and Advocacy Manager on 9207 5621 or at [policyteam@vff.org.au](mailto:policyteam@vff.org.au).

Please see below for our recently renewed Local Rates Position Statement.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Plant

Farm Business and Regional Development Committee Chair  
Victorian Farmers Federation

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# VFF Policy Statement

## Local Rates

Adopted 21 February 2019

Confirmed 6 March 2019



It is policy that the following principles encompass the VFF policy on local government responsibilities and funding:

### Responsibilities of Local Government

- The State Government must outline the core responsibilities of Local Government in legislation
- These core responsibilities should include:
  - Maintenance of local roads;
  - Control fire risk on roadside verges;
  - Control of pest plant and animals on Local Government owned land;
  - Provision of Municipal Planning;
  - Community services to an extent that all rate payers benefit (eg. local libraries, economic development or waste disposal if applicable to all rates payers, as voted by all ratepayers);
  - Hosting council meetings and community forums to inform the community on council activities;
  - Providing feedback to State Government on proposals and regulatory change that will affect the local area.
- Any additional community services that do not benefit all rates payers should be paid for through a service fee by those who use the service.
- Any funded activities outside of those core responsibilities should have to be justified to the community and passed through the Local Government budget process as a separate budget item to core responsibilities, to allow for any objections to this additional activity.
- Local Government must be evaluated annually on their performance against those core responsibilities, with the community made aware of the outcome of the evaluation.

### Funding of Local Government

- Overview:
  - The VFF reject the use of property tax revenue as a funding stream for Local Government.
  - The VFF support the use of a municipal charge, grants and user charges as the funding streams for Local Government, and
  - The Local Government budgetary process must be transparent and clear to a layman, with a process for rate payers objections which is accessible to all those who pay rates.
- Federal
  - Given the large scale and economic importance of the road infrastructure controlled by Local Government, the VFF expect the Federal Government to significantly fund Local Government.

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- If rating land forms apart of Local Government revenue, federal crown land should be rated.
  - Any federal grants should be based on need rather than population.
  - Call on the NFF to advocate for greater federal funding on behalf of the VFF.
- State
  - If rating land forms apart of Local Government revenue, state crown land should be rated.
  - Any state grants should be based on need rather than population.
- Municipal charge
  - A flat charge to each occupied dwelling should be used by all Local governments to fund core responsibilities, rather than the rating system.
  - This charge should be renamed to Community Charge.
  - If a rating system is in place, there should be a minimum requirement of a 20% municipal charge (community charge) with no maximum.
- User charges
  - For community services beyond the core responsibilities of Local Government, users of these services should be charged.
  - If community services which have user charges are cross subsidised by other sources of funding, in particular rates but also grants, this cross subsidisation should be made clear to all in the community through the Local Government budget process.
- Rating
  - The VFF does not support the rating of farm land in any circumstances.
  - Where farm land is rated, whether with differential rates or not, a rate cap of CPI cap should be separately applied to each individual rating category – general, residential, farm, commercial.
  - If rating land forms apart of Local Government revenue, the VFF does support the rating of house and curtilage on farm land at a rate commensurate with the level of services provided by the council to that property.
  - If farm land is rated, a differential rate must be applied to reduce the burden of rates on farm land.

**Submission 19 – Request for construction of safe boating harbour at Loch Sport (Loch Sport Business & Tourism Association):**



Mr David Morcom  
Chief Executive Officer  
Wellington Shire Council  
Sale  
Vic 3860  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of March

Dear David

My name is Matt Edey. I am the current President of the Loch Sport Business and Tourism Association.

Just before Christmas myself, Colin and Zara Kent met with Senior Managers of the Council to discuss a Safe Harbour for Loch Sport.

We left that meeting with a direction to find out what Loch Sport wanted and whether or not the population saw the need for this safe boat harbour. We conducted a survey over the Christmas period and the signed petitions are in

We asked on the petition "Would you support the construction of a safe boat harbour Yes or No"

The response was astounding over 1000 responses and 99% of responders said yes.

As new President of the Loch Sport B & T, I would like the opportunity in the near future to address a full council meeting to give current Councillors an update on the projects and direction we wish to take with regard to Loch Sports Future Development, to ensure all stakeholders are on the same page.

I will produce a briefing paper prior to the Meeting.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Edey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matt Edey

President Loch Sport Business and Tourism

## **Submission 20 – Request for ramp at Lake Guthridge (Jenny O’Neill):**

Dear Councillor

I am a friend of Sailability which has been operating on Lake Guthridge since 2000 providing lots of people with a disability the opportunity to go sailing who normally couldn't.

There's been tens of 1000s of hours provided by volunteers over the almost 20 years.

The jetty which was originally provided by Council is very useful especially with the davit crane to lower some people into the boats.

The water levels fluctuate regularly making launching difficult (its very low currently) and Sailability would like a ramp to help put the rescue rubber duck with motor safely into the water. It is much larger and heavier to handle than the Sailability boats which come apart and can be launched from the jetty.

Council has in its forward budget of 2022, to build a ramp next to the jetty and we would appreciate council bringing that forward to an earlier year or even with leftover funds from this year.

As with the jetty, we know other people would use the ramp to access the lake, so it would have benefit for the broader community. Thanks for considering this.

Yours sincerely,

Jenny O’Neill

## **Submission 21 – Request for ramp at Lake Guthridge (Graeme Wigg):**

Dear Councillor

I am a friend/volunteer with Sailability which has been operating on Lake Guthridge since 2000 providing lots of people with a disability the opportunity to go sailing who normally couldn't.

There's been 1000s of hours provided by volunteers.

The jetty, originally provided by Council, is very useful especially with the davit crane to lower some people into the boats.

The water levels fluctuate regularly making launching difficult and Sailability would like a ramp to help put the rescue rubber duck with motor safely into the water. It is much larger and heavier to handle than the Sailability boats which come apart and can be launched from the jetty.

Council has, in its forward budget of 2022, to build a ramp next to the jetty and we would appreciate council bringing that forward to an earlier year or even with leftover funds from this year.

As with the jetty, we know other people would use the ramp to access the lake, so it would have benefit for the broader community.

Regards

Graeme Wigg

**Submission 22 – Request for ramp at Lake Guthridge (Neil Ross):**

Dear Councillor

I am a friend/volunteer with Sailability which has been operating on Lake Guthridge since 2000 providing lots of people with a disability the opportunity to go sailing who normally couldn't.

There's been 1000s of hours provided by volunteers.

The jetty, originally provided by Council, is very useful especially with the davit crane to lower some people into the boats.

The water levels fluctuate regularly making launching difficult and Sailability would like a ramp to help put the rescue rubber duck with motor safely into the water. It is much larger and heavier to handle than the Sailability boats which come apart and can be launched from the jetty.

Council has, in its forward budget of 2022, to build a ramp next to the jetty and we would appreciate council bringing that forward to an earlier year or even with leftover funds from this year.

As with the jetty, we know other people would use the ramp to access the lake, so it would have benefit for the broader community.

Yours sincerely

**Neil Ross**

## **Submission 23 – Request for ramp at Lake Guthridge (Steve Fletcher):**

Dear Councillor

I am a friend/volunteer with Sailability which has been operating on Lake Guthridge since 2000 providing lots of people with a disability the opportunity to go sailing who normally couldn't.

There's been 1000s of hours provided by volunteers.

The jetty, originally provided by Council, is very useful especially with the davit crane to lower some people into the boats.

The water levels fluctuate regularly making launching difficult and Sailability would like a ramp to help put the rescue rubber duck with motor safely into the water. It is much larger and heavier to handle than the Sailability boats which come apart and can be launched from the jetty.

Council has, in its forward budget of 2022, to build a ramp next to the jetty and we would appreciate council bringing that forward to an earlier year or even with leftover funds from this year.

As with the jetty, we know other people would use the ramp to access the lake, so it would have benefit for the broader community.

Steve Fletcher

**Submission 24 – Request for ramp at Lake Guthridge (Gail & David Cummins):**

Dear Councillor

We are parents of a young man Michael, who is wheelchair bound and severely intellectually disabled. One of his few joys in life involves connection with water and so Sailability is a highlight in his life.

We are continually amazed by the input of several volunteers who have assisted over the years in providing Michael and many others with such a wonderful leisure activity.

The jetty, originally provided by Council, is very useful especially with the davit crane to lower some people like Michael into the boats.

The water levels fluctuate regularly making launching difficult and Sailability would like a ramp to help put the rescue rubber duck with motor safely into the water. It is much larger and heavier to handle than the Sailability boats which come apart and can be launched from the jetty.

Council has, in its forward budget of 2022, to build a ramp next to the jetty and we would appreciate council bringing that forward to an earlier year or even with leftover funds from this year.

As with the jetty, we know other people would use the ramp to access the lake, so it would have benefit for the broader community.

We would like to strongly support the building of this ramp as soon as possible.

Regards

Gail and David Cummins

**Submission 25 – Request for ramp at Lake Guthridge (John Shephard):**

Dear Councillor,

**Re: Sailability Wellington, Lake Guthridge Boat Ramp**

I believe that Council has, in its forward budget of 2022, funds to build a ramp next to the jetty on Lake Guthridge.

Would it be possible to bring that forward to an earlier year or even use leftover funds from this year so that construction may commence earlier?

With water levels fluctuating regularly launching the heavy rescue rubber duck with motor safely into the water can be quite difficult. I, for one, have had an unplanned swim whilst trying to retrieve the rescue craft. The Sailability boats which come apart, are much lighter and can be launched from the jetty.

The jetty, originally provided by Council, is very useful especially with the davit crane to lower some people into the boats.

Your consideration of this matter would be appreciated

John Shepard

## Submission 26 – Request for introduction of Rural Living rate (Nick & Jen Fella):

To whom it may concern,

We are writing a submission in response to the 2019/20 Wellington Shire Council draft budget.

Our concern is the significant rates which people who reside outside the major townships of the Shire pay. We would like you to consider a minor change in the rating system in order to make the system fairer for all rates payers.

Firstly we will begin with our own situation. We have 100 acres of covenanted property (Section 173 Overlay), which is classified as “primary production land use”. We are unable to work the land because of this overlay. We therefore cannot source an income from the land, however we pay the higher rate fire services levy.

Secondly, we are 27km from Sale. Unlike those who live in town we do not have access to gas, electricity, sewer, water, phone and internet, sealed roads with footpaths and street lighting, rubbish and recycling collection (24km to Seaspray tip now that Rosedale is closed), public transport and the usual facilities and services that are offered in town i.e. library, sports grounds etc. We are unfairly discriminated against by paying the same “General Rate” that is paid by those that live in the larger towns which we effectively subsidise.

To rectify this difference I offer the suggestion of introducing a third “Rural living” rate to compliment the General /Commercial and Farm Rate that is also offered by some neighbouring councils. This rural living rate should be less than the two other rate values because these residents require fewer council resources than other categories that currently exist.

Council’s overall rates value should be reviewed as rate in the dollar is set by the council and Wellington’s are generally the highest of all neighbouring councils. Commercial Rate is generally dearer than the General Rate, not the same. Please see examples below based on a CIV of \$100,000

### \*Wellington Shire Council

General/Commercial Rate:  $0.005297 \times \$100,000 = \$529.70$  PA  
Farm Rate:  $0.004238 \times \$100,000 = \$423.80$  PA

### \*Latrobe City Council

General Rate:  $0.00468373 \times \$100,000 = \$468.37$  PA  
Farm Rate:  $0.00351280 \times \$100,000 = \$351.28$  PA

### \*Baw Baw Shire Council

General Rate:  $0.003858 \times \$100,000 = \$385.80$  PA  
Farm  $0.003472 \times \$100,000 = \$347.20$  PA  
Commercial/Industrial  $0.004630 \times \$100,000 = \$463.00$  PA

### \*Alpine Shire Council

Residential:  $0.004424 \times \$100,000 = \$442.40$  PA  
Farming:  $0.003230 \times \$100,000 = \$323.00$  PA

Commercial/Industrial  $0.006326 \times \$100,000 = \$632.60$  PA

\*East Gippsland Shire Council

General:  $0.00391157 \times \$100,000 = \$391.15$  PA

Farm:  $0.00352041 \times \$100,000 = \$352.04$  PA

Commercial/Industrial:  $0.00567178 \times \$100,000 = \$567.17$  PA

Figures were not available for South Gippsland and Mansfield. All other figures were sourced from Council websites.

Thank you for your consideration of a fairer rating system,

Nick and Jen Fella

**Submission 27 – Request for replacement lawn mower (Gordon Street Reserve Committee of Management):**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019

The CEO Wellington Shire Council

The Gordon Street Reserve Committee of Management provides this submission to the 2019/20 Draft Budget.

We wish to see funding included for the replacement supply of a new mower. The current machine is over 6 years old and not able to be replaced within our maintenance budget. We also believe that replacement machinery is a capital expenditure.

We humbly suggest that Council employees would not be using the current mower, but assorted volunteers must.

We also mow the Newry grounds. We buy all fuel, servicing and part replacement from our maintenance subsidy. Volunteers transport the mower to the other venues behind their own vehicles.

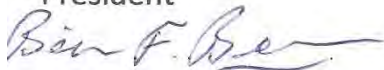
The replacement cost for a new machine, which is a Hustler Super 104 is \$40,950. The life of the machine should exceed 5 to 8 years.

We ask you to kindly consider this submission.

On behalf of Gordon Street Recreation Reserve

Brian Brown

President



**Submission 28 – Request for \$5000 to become a Leadership Council with the Alliance for Gambling Reform (Alliance for Gambling Reform):**

Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors,

Please find attached a budget submission from the Alliance for Gambling Reform. The Alliance would highly value Wellington Shire Council's partnership. Wellington Shire has a relatively high number of machines per capita - 8.9 pokies machines per 1000 adults, versus the state average of only 5.1 per 1000 adults. Wellington Shire Council residents lost over \$21 million on pokies last year alone.

Working closely with the Alliance, we believe it is possible for Wellington Shire Council to successfully reduce harm from poker machines and offer your residents a safer and healthier future.

We hope that you will favourably consider membership of the Alliance for 2019-20.

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Kind regards,

Katherine Copsey  
Council Gambling Harm Advisor



**ALLIANCE FOR  
GAMBLING REFORM**

**2019**

**Submission prepared for  
Wellington Shire Council**

**Partnership proposal  
Alliance for Gambling Reform**

## INTRODUCTION

The Alliance for Gambling Reform is a collaboration of organisations with a shared concern about the harmful aspects of gambling and its normalisation in Australian culture. We campaign for reforms of the gambling industry that reduce the harm it causes – particularly on local communities.

We know much more today about poker machines compared to when they were first introduced in Victoria some 25 years ago. We now understand the deliberately deceptive, addictive and misleading programming of poker machines and the devastating impact that this causes on hundreds of thousands of Victorians and on our local communities.

We recognise gambling addiction as a public health issue, with no acceptable level of harm from poker machines. We pursue policy changes that prevent and reduce the harm that flows from poker machine gambling, including;

- changes to the licensing regulations for poker machines that enable communities to have a say over the location of machines in their community;
- elimination of machine design features that increase the likelihood of addiction such as losses disguised as wins and near misses; and
- \$1 maximum bet and maximum hourly loss rate of \$120 per hour.

These policies mark the beginning of a continuous process of preventing harm from poker machines, not the end.

The Alliance is seeking \$5,000 from Wellington Shire Council. In requesting these funds, we invite Council to commence a partnership as a Leadership Council with the Alliance. In 2018/19, 21 Victorian councils (Banyule, Brimbank, Darebin, Frankston, Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Hobsons Bay, Hume, Kingston, Knox, Maribyrnong, Maroondah, Melbourne, Mitchell Shire, Monash, Moonee Valley, Moreland, Mornington Peninsula, Whittlesea, Wyndham and Yarra) made financial contributions to the Alliance as Leadership Councils.

These funds enabled the Alliance to offer individual support to councils for activities to prevent harm from gambling and allowed us to continue our ground-breaking work pressuring AFL clubs to get out of the pokies business, putting pressure on Woolworths over their unconscionable operation of more machines than any other company and furthering our campaign for meaningful regulatory reform.

The Alliance is especially keen to commence a partnership with Wellington because of the relatively high number of machines per capita in the Shire - 8.9 pokies machines per 1000 adults, versus the state average of only 5.1 per 1000 adults. Wellington Shire Council residents lost over \$21 million on pokies last year alone. Wellington Shire has too many machines and the impact of these machines on your local residents is substantial. Your residents deserve higher levels of protection which we aim to assist you to achieve. We have seen that poker machine operators cynically seek to concentrate machines in areas of higher social disadvantage and our collaborative efforts will be required to address this imbalance.

## INFORMATION – CONTACTS

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## ALLIANCE FOR GAMBLING REFORM INFORMATION

Name of Organisation/Group	Alliance for Gambling Reform
Is your Organisation/Group known by another name	No
Australian Business Number (ABN)	14 829 021 950
Postal Address	Suite G06, Ground Floor, 60 Leicester St Carlton VIC
Incorporation Registration Number	266E
Type of organisation	Incorporated association
Registered for GST	Yes
Are you a charity	Yes
Charity type	Health Promotion Charity
Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) ?	Yes
Do you have any Tax Concessions?	N/A
Public Liability Insurance	Insurer: Dual Australia Pty Ltd Policy number: P_AL/0/103881/15/G6 Certificate of Currency – Attachment 1

## SECTION 1 : PROJECT SUMMARY

### History of the Alliance

Since the introduction of poker machines into Victoria, individuals and organisations have been advocating for measures to reduce harm. Occasionally, advocacy efforts have led to improvements such as the removal of ATMs from gambling venues. However, the power of the gambling industry is such that operators quickly mitigate against harm minimisation efforts and find new ways to exploit their harmful and dangerous products.

Prior to the creation of the Alliance, advocacy efforts were often ad-hoc and uncoordinated. Advocates sometimes supported conflicting strategies and had different advocacy asks. The gambling industry benefited from this lack of coordination with a slick and unified publicity and lobbying machine to ensure that they achieved outcomes which maximized profits whilst doing little to protect Victorians from harm.

Following the failure of national reforms proposed by Federal independent Andrew Wilkie, a number of eminent Australians and longtime gambling reform advocates began conversations with a view to creating a body that could run a successful campaign to counter the power and influence of the gambling industry and see meaningful reform introduced to protect Australians from poker machine harm. The Alliance grew from these conversations. One of Australia's foremost communications and marketing experts, the late Neil Lawrence, was a key leader in this area and the ground-breaking documentary that he produced, *Ka-Ching*, marked a critical turning point in our ability to reframe debate around poker machines to focus on their dangerous, addictive and misleading features.

With the financial backing of some generous private philanthropy, the Alliance was created to forge a far more effective approach by driving collaboration across these different fronts. In doing so, the Alliance is building a powerful base of supporters at the grassroots to propel forward the case for change and to re-frame the case for change so that it is more compelling and more likely to succeed than previous efforts.

We are a national alliance but have a heavy focus on Victoria and local government is very much at our core. Indeed the Alliance was formed shortly after the successful *Enough Pokies* campaign which Victorian councils formed in the lead up to the 2014 state election. Other organisations involved in the Alliance include the Salvation Army, the MAV, the VLGA and the Gambling Impact Society.

### Summary of Alliance activity

The Alliance is advocating for reforms to the gambling industry to reduce the harms it causes. Our focus is on poker machines but we also advocate for changes to sports and online gambling which would also reduce harm.

We are confident that our campaign can win because we have a strong strategy:

1. **Build a national supporter base** for poker machine reform.
2. **Re-frame the debate** back to the root cause of the problem – machines designed for addiction and a predatory gambling industry.

3. **Encourage clubs to divest** from pokies by demonstrating that their members want to see their club lead.
4. **Use our community power to move politicians** to support the reforms that ensure all clubs and pubs are made safe from machines that were designed to be dangerous.

The past twelve months has seen continued achievements for the Alliance in terms of media profile and movement building. Notably, the Alliance has maintained pressure on the AFL and AFL clubs. This is starting to pay dividends with more than 50% of clubs exiting or announcing their plans to get out of the poker machine business.

The Alliance has run a strong campaign targeting Woolworths and their unconscionable conduct. In November 2017 Alliance Director, Susan Rennie, recently ran for the Woolworths Board where she gave [a powerful speech](#). As a result the Woolworths Chairperson has made an undertaking that the company will consider \$200 cash out limits and reductions to opening hours. Sustained pressure has also contributed in the company changing the composition of the ALH board.

In addition, the Alliance has assisted community members and councils to actively participate in VCGLR licensing applications which has reduced the 90% plus success rate which poker machine operators used to achieve at the Commission with their applications.

Finally, the Alliance has launched the Champions for Change program. The program empowers people with experience of gambling harm to participate in reform advocacy in a number of ways that is meaningful to them. The program is an innovative, impactful and essential part of the Alliance campaign for gambling reform.

The Alliance is keen to develop a partnership with Wellington Shire Council. The shire has a high number of machines per capita, and your communities deserve higher levels of protection.

## SECTION 2 : OUR GRANT PROPOSAL

**Campaign Name**

The Pokies Play You – The Alliance for Gambling Reform

**How much funding is the Alliance requesting from Council?**

\$5,000 annual contribution

**How will Wellington Shire Council benefit from this campaign?**

The greatest benefit for Wellington Shire Council of this campaign comes from working in concert with the Alliance, 21 other metropolitan councils and our partner organisations to advocate for state and national legislative reforms.

The legislative changes advocated by Wellington Shire Council and the Alliance will reduce gambling harm and disadvantage far more than is possible by councils working in isolation from each other.

In addition to the benefits of working in collaboration, becoming a financial partner entitles Council to:

1. Opportunities to work directly with a member of the Alliance's politics and media strategy team at a grass roots level to ensure that local messaging is crafted in a way that amplifies, and is amplified, by the broader Alliance campaign.
2. Opportunities for the Alliance spokespeople such as Tim Costello to create local media coverage of gambling issues in Wellington Shire.
3. Media and strategic support for any matters relating to poker machine licencing and planning and Council advocacy. We anticipate that this could result in better outcomes for a lower cost than more traditional investments in VCGLR and VCAT processes.
4. Enhanced ability to develop and deliver effectively on local gambling policy, with a particular focus on advocacy, community consultation, support and education.
5. Promotion of Wellington Shire Council gambling related events to Alliance supporters, such as community consultation forums, festival events, educational events or *Ka-Ching!* Screenings.
6. Your residents and ratepayers will understand the relevance and timeliness of this issue and see their Council as a leader in this field.

#### **SPECIFIC PROJECT / CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES 2019/20**

Below are some of the activities which we are looking to deliver over the next year.

- A. **FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN:** We are rolling out a campaign to call for the huge and growing losses and normalisation of gambling to be reigned in through evidence-backed harm reduction methods. These include: banning gambling ads during kids real viewing hours, furthering the harm reduction methods set out in the National Framework and making sure it's properly implemented. Like the awareness-raising campaign we ran during the Victorian state election, there will be exciting opportunities for councils to advocate on these issues and raise community awareness of harm and necessary reform as desired.
- B. **REFRAMING THE DEBATE:** The renaming of 'Responsible Gambling Week' to 'Gambling Harm Awareness Week' is a huge win and sign that the debate is changing to focus on the addictive nature of gambling rather than using the industry's self-serving messaging of 'responsible gambling'. It's important to keep using a public health lens whenever we talk about gambling harm so we support ongoing efforts to get industry to curb harm from its products, encourage decision-makers to take responsibility for protecting communities and lift the burden of stigma and shame off individuals. Core to this is involving people with lived experience in our campaigning – if you would like one of our amazing Champions for Change to be involved in your local issues or advocacy, please let us know.
- C. **VICTORIAN STATE REFORMS:** Following on from the high-impact work that councils did in raising awareness of the need to curb gambling harm during the Victorian state election, there are opportunities for real reform. We were all appalled to read about the intrusive and

dodgy practices of some venue operators in The Age last year. In 2019 there are opportunities for your council to support strengthening of the Code of Conduct for gaming licence holders to stop operators preying on your community. We will also keep up the pressure for Victoria to follow the lead of Queensland and Tasmania in banning losses disguised as wins - it's simply not fair that Victorian communities keep falling further behind. It's the ideal time for councils to be engaging with your local MPs on these issues to find out if they are going to be a champion for real reform in this term of parliament and we can provide support to do this effectively.

- D. **WORKING WITH LOCAL SPORTING CLUBS TO REDUCE THEIR GAMBLING DEPENDENCE:** In their recent policy update the City of Darebin have raised the bar in the ongoing effort to reduce unhealthy relationships between local clubs and the gambling industry. We will be working with Leadership Councils and sporting clubs to take advantage of opportunities to reduce their dependence on poker machine revenue or other gambling sponsorship. This will include asking sporting clubs to support harm reduction measures such as maximum \$1 bets per spin.
- E. **LIVED EXPERIENCE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVOCATES:** Work with councils and Champions for Change to build relationships with politicians to secure policy wins, especially around unused licenses and establish a group of MPs prepared to advocate for reform in this term of parliament
- F. **AFL STRATEGY:** Public awareness which aims to build momentum against the AFL's association with pokies and focuses on the better and more family-friendly alternative models for funding clubs. This campaign fits into our broader strategy of shaming the gambling industry and like tobacco, making them unattractive to be associated with.
- G. **WOOLWORTHS STRATEGY:** Acknowledging that Woolworths aims to keep its association with pokies as quiet as possible, we aim to raise awareness with a campaign focused on publicity (both grassroots and national). Similar to our approach with the AFL, demonstrate that an association with pokies is detrimental to reputation.

#### **Role for Wellington Shire Council residents**

The Alliance will continue to work with Wellington Shire Council to tailor the communications strategy and materials to suit residents so that they can:

- Learn more about the need for legislative reform to minimise gambling harm
- Share educational materials with their friends, family, neighbours and peers
- Get involved in advocacy for reform of the industry through social media, email or volunteer events in the council area
- Participate in community engagement activities organised by the council that have been designed to align with Council policy and Alliance goals
- Organise their own advocacy group with support from the Alliance, if a crucial mass of residents is reached

#### **Role for Wellington Shire Council**

Cooperation at this level of advocacy is most effective when councils and the Alliance work together to develop and deliver materials and activities.

- Wellington Shire communications team sharing relevant community demographic and communications research specific to the city so that Alliance staff can tailor communications plans and materials to suit.
- Use of Alliance communications materials in Wellington Shire
- Promotion of relevant Alliance community engagement actions to residents and community groups in Wellington Shire
- Wellington Shire Council community development team working with Alliance staff and board members when developing community development activities
- Wellington Shire Council advocacy team coordinating with Alliance staff and board on activities such as government submissions and meetings with Ministers

### Credentials of AGR staff and board

The Board of the Alliance is made up of individuals who bring expertise, networks, and organisation and other skills required by the Alliance.

Members of the Board are;

**Cr Geoff Lake**, City of Monash\*

**Dr Mark Zirnsak**, Victorian Inter-Church Gambling Taskforce

**Dr Susan Rennie**, Darebin City Council\*

**Rev Tim Costello**, Australian Churches Gambling Taskforce

**Leigh Mason**, Gambling Impact Society NSW

**Tom Cummings**

**Kathryn Arndt**, CEO, Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA)

**David Beguely**

\* These board members do not formally represent their organisation on the Board.

**Jan Black**, Municipal Association of Victorian (MAV), is an adviser to the Board

The Alliance has a number of employees who assist the Board and supporter organisations with Alliance activities and campaigns:

**Tony Mohr**, Executive Director

**Margaret Quixley**, Campaigns Director

**Ashley Sutherland**, Victorian Campaigner

**Stephen Mayne**, Communications Advisor

**Kate de Costa**, NSW Campaigns Coordinator


**Megan Wells**, Campaigns and Volunteers

**Katherine Copsey**, Council Gambling Harm Advisor

**Pepi Belfort**, Champions for Change Coordinator

### AUTHORITIES & DECLARATIONS

I certify to the best of my knowledge, that the information provided in this submission is correct and discloses a full and accurate statement of the Alliance for Gambling Reform's details and proposal and agree to meet accountability set by Council.

<b>Authorised person's name</b>	Tony Mohr
<b>Signature of authorised person</b>	
<b>Position held</b>	Executive Director
<b>Date</b>	13 May 2019

**Submission 29 – Request for \$3500 towards wiring of the Sale Water Tower (Sale Water Tower Restoration Committee):**

14 May 2019

TO: Mayor and Councillors  
Shire of Wellington

**RESTORATION OF WATER TOWER, VICTORIA PARK, SALE**

Dear Mayor and Councillors

On behalf of the Water Tower Restoration Committee, I make a Budget Submission for \$3500 for the wiring - lights and power - for the Water Tower.

This will enable the storyboards on each floor to be read more easily, and will illuminate the stairwells, to enhance visitor safety.

Visitors who have difficulty climbing stairs will be able to watch films about the tower, including the views over Sale from the top floor.

It will also let us offer space for community events in the evening.

The tower has captured the interest of large numbers. Already, around 1000 people have visited.

Yours Sincerely

Peter Synan  
Coordinator.

## Submission 30 – General commentary (Alex Arbuthnot):

**From:** Alex Arbuthnot  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 May 2019 9:17 AM  
**To:** Alan Hall ; David Morcom  
**Cc:** Darren McCubbin  
**Subject:** Draft 2019/20 Budget

Mayor, David & staff  
Congrats again on very informative and progressive budget.  
Please note my 1<sup>st</sup> para and well done. I am a proud Wellington Shire rate payer.

Alex Arbuthnot AM

### Wellington Shire Council. Draft 2019/20 Budget

#### Alex Arbuthnot.

Comments & Response. May 10, 2019

Note 59 pages (packed with detail)

Congrats on a VG, Budget – strategic, progressive and v. responsive to community needs.

A special thanks to the \$1million drought initiative.

However, can I urge the Council to investigate further a **Wellington Agriculture Water Strategy.**

- To consider future water storage options; dams, wetlands (co- use for commercial & Environment)
- Gas Exploration (on land) as proposed by Robert Gottlieb (Aust. Feb15, 2019) – As we already are aware with 2 properties with Expl. Wells at Longford that not only receive an annual rent income (v. useful in a drought time) and receive water for irrigation.
- The agribusiness income from an expansive irrigation program would be a wealth booster for the Shire and Region.

Mayor's Introduction. - Mayor, Alan Hall.

- As per Wellington Strategic Vision & Council plan, the budget focuses on 6 key areas.
- Noting as well the rate reduction for farmers as well as the \$1million.
- Inc. funding for infrastructure – 15 projects with VG spread around the Shire. VG.
- \$5 m – road reseals, \$6.8 rural areas incl roadside vegetation management – *weeds!* – *was hard to find the line item!!*

Well done Mayor

#### Financial Snapshot.

- Budget \$100m & surplus \$10m.
- Capital works program \$40m – borrowings \$4m- VG
- Organisational (staff) \$14m - VG

#### Planning

- Vision, VG noting incl- vibrant economy!

#### Strategic Objectives (6 Themes)

- Communities.
  - 4 objectives.inc. budget.
  - Aqua Energy; applaud the facility, Inc. up. *parking is a pain!!! & note refurbishment & planning for Yarram Pool project*
- Services & infrastructure.
  - 4 objectives. Total new budget down a little.
  - New entry plan for Loch Sport.
  - Arts- Wedge development -*what a great asset beside the Gallery!*
  - Note wks. planned for Maffra. VG
- Natural Environment.
  - 3 objectives. not sure how you measure 1.
  - New initiatives - VG – update Env. Strategy& develop a C accs & reduction Plan – VG
- Lifelong Learning.
  - 2 objectives.
  - 3 initiatives with Gallery, excellent.
  - Guidelines foe Staff & Council on working with Aboriginal Culture. a plus.
- Economy. (note *budget Inc. VG*)
  - 3 objectives – Applaud all 3 and a big tick for tourism. *Please consider rural/ agri- tourism and international – We have a lot to offer!!*
  - . *consider developing a Strategy / Plan. AA*
  - note & support all 5 initiatives.
- Organisational.
  - 4 objectives. Esp. 1 ‘a leader in best practice, innovation’.
  - Initiatives – Port of Sale Mooring Access Project. VG *A key precinct for Sale.*
  - Note also a review of Gipps. Regional Livestock Exchange. (challenging)
  - Performance Indicators – 7 – VG

### 3. Financial Statements.

- Income statement - \$100 m. - surplus current year - \$18m . VG
- Equity inc. & 5-year projections VG.
- Cash flow VG
- Capital work, on budget & inc. yearly projections VG.
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### 4. Financial Statements - Notes.

10 pages of v. comprehensive financial detail. VG

### 5. Capital Works Program.

\$40 m. program 10 pages of detail and I applaud the work on the West Sale Aerodrome. *an opportunity for export of agri. produce and use for tourists.*

### 6. Financial Performance Indicators.

VG – note indebtedness up!

### 7. Appendix 9 pages of further budget detail

Well done Shire team.

**Submission 31 – Request for additional funding to upgrade power supply to Boisdale Recreation Reserve (Boisdale-Briagolong Football Netball Club):**



**Boisdale-Briagolong  
Football Netball Club Inc**

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0447 933 427

**Secretary:** Josie Stubbe  
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**Treasurer:** Ron Masin  
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16 May 2019

**David Morcom  
Chief Executive Officer  
Wellington Shire Council**

**RE: Boisdale Recreation Reserve Regeneration Project**

Hi David,

As discussed with Brett Lanigan today, the new change-rooms at the Boisdale Recreation Reserve are now 95% completed (and useable) and we expect the lights/poles, for the new light towers, to arrive in the next 2-3 weeks and be erected shortly afterwards.

This work has been funded by a number of sources. To date, there has been contributions from the Latrobe Valley Authority (\$300,000), WSC (\$28,812.50), Rec Reserve (\$14,837) and Football Netball Club (\$14,827). Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and club members we have also accounted for more than \$60,000 of in-kind labour/materials.

Our project Manager, Ray Adams, has done a fantastic job of keeping costs down and the amount of work that has been completed, for the dollars spent, has been remarkable. Unfortunately, though, there has been an engineering hiccup along the way - the original engineering that was supplied for the light poles was not compatible with the soil report. Upon re-engineering there was a further \$20,000 added in costs largely due to the amount of concrete required increasing, from 14m to 60m, as well as the edition of reinforced cages.

We still have another payment of \$29,000 coming from Latrobe Valley Authority which will cover these costs however the increased cost, of putting the light towers up, means that we are now longer in a position to fund the upgrade of the power supply to the Reserve (which really needs to be done ASAP).

As a result, we are now seeking additional funding to have this work completed. If the Wellington Shire could provide any additional financial assistance (ideally the full \$20,000) to finish the project, it would be very much appreciated by the Club. In return, we would actively promote the financial assistance, provided by the Shire within our Club and throughout the wider Gippsland community.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Ryan Evans  
President  
Boisdale-Briagolong FNC

**Submission 32 - Request for \$22,000 from Council per annum for the next 3 years towards the establishment of a Higher Education Study Hub in Sale (Gippsland East Local Learning & Employment Network):**



The Mayor  
Cr Alan Hall  
Wellington Shire Council

22 May 2019

Dear Councillor ~~Hall~~, *Alan*

**Re: Gippsland East Higher Education Study Hub**

Thank you for the Council's interest in the development of the Gippsland East Higher Education Study Hub – especially at the end of a long workshop day.

I don't think we're understating the potential of the Study Hub to be a game-changer in supporting local university students to complete their studies successfully, by participating in an active and supported regional learning community.

Our original business case for the Study Hub proposed its expansion into Wellington Shire in 2022 – aligning with the anticipated opening of the new TAFE Gippsland campus at Port of Sale.

In order to accelerate the Study Hub's implementation in Sale, we will need additional funds of \$44,000 per year in order to cover program coordination, travel and program delivery.

To achieve this, Nexus Mutual has confirmed a contribution of \$22,000 per annum for 3 years (ie. FY19/20 to FY21/22 or until the new campus is operational) on the condition that Council match the funding.

As such, I am seeking a financial contribution from Wellington Shire Council of \$22,000 per year for 3 years starting FY 19/20 or until the new TAFE Gippsland campus at Port of Sale is operational. This will enable us to commence Gippsland East Higher Education Study Hub programs in Wellington Shire from July 2019.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jane Ponting'.

Jane Ponting  
Executive Officer  
Gippsland East LLEN

