



WELLINGTON

SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

Special Council Meeting Agenda

The purpose of the meeting is

Receive and consider submissions relating to the 2020/21 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 via Skype

Tuesday 9 June 2020, commencing at 3pm

**or join Wellington on the Web:
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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 9 JUNE 2020

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ATTACHMENT

11 May 2020

To the Chief Executive Officer
WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL

CALL OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2020

MEETING TO BE HELD VIA SKYPE

By this notice, I call a Special Meeting of the Wellington Shire Council to be held on Tuesday 9 June 2020 at 3:00pm.

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

- Receipt and consideration of submissions relating to the 2020/21 Draft Budget

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, those who are wishing to make a submission, please refer to the Draft Council Budget 2020/21 page of our website for further details.



CR ALAN HALL
Mayor
Wellington Shire Council



Council Meeting Information

As the COVID-19 social distancing requirements remain in place, the Minister for Local Government, has issued the “Minister’s Good Practice Guideline MGP-1: Virtual Meetings”. Pursuant to section 87 of the Local Government Act 2020, these guidelines ensure that local Government decision making can continue in line with COVID-19 requirements and further details can be found on the Local Government Victoria website.

These guidelines take effect from 1st May 2020 and will remain in place through to 1st November 2020.

While members of the public can no longer attend meetings in person and social gathering restrictions remain, we have provided options for those wishing to speak to submissions at this Special Council Meeting.

As we continue to face a new way of gathering, we thank you for your support and look forward to a new way of keeping in touch with all of the Wellington Shire.



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: 9 JUNE 2020

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 2020/21 Draft Budget.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY

RECOMMENDATION
That Council receive and consider submissions relating to the 2020/21 Draft Budget.

BACKGROUND

Council resolved at its meeting held on 5 May 2020:

- To advertise its proposed 2020/21 Draft Budget and proposed differential rates under Section 129 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- To hear verbal submissions on the 2020/21 Draft Budget on Tuesday 9 June 2020 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 2020/21 Draft Budget by 5pm on 3 June 2020 and to also make verbal submissions at the Council meeting on 9 June 2020.

Council received 14 written submissions (as attached) in response to the 2020/21 Draft Budget and will consider these submissions in conjunction with any verbal submissions prior to the 16 June 2020 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 2020/21 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 2020/21 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 Council Plan 2017-21 Theme 6 Organisational states the following strategic objective and related strategy:

Strategic Objective 6.3: *"Maintain a well governed, transparent, high performing, ethical and accountable organisation."*

Strategy 6.3.3: *"Ensure sound governance processes that result in responsive, ethical, transparent and accountable decision making."*

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

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

The consideration of submissions relating to the 2020/21 Draft Budget may have an impact on the level of resources available in the 2020/21 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 2020/21 and sought submissions from the public.

DRAFT 20/21 BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

	CORRESPONDENT	SUBMISSION
1.	Wendell Raven	
2.	Kaylene Wheeler (Petition 900+ signatures) - Letter of Support	Request for construction of walking/bike track between Seaspray and The Honeysuckles
3.	Alliance for Gambling Reform	Request for \$15,000 towards partnership with the Alliance as a Leadership Council
4.	David Woodhouse	Request that funds be allocated for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pruning/pollarding of plane trees and street sweeping of leaves in Edward Street, Maffra; and • An engineering remedy for drainage problem in Edward Street, Maffra.
5.	Steve McDonald	Request (Petition) that Abel's Road and Boyle Road Longford be sealed
6.	Victorian Farmers Federation	Encouraging Council to have a fair and balanced rating strategy
7.	Community Clubs Victoria	Request that Council relieve rates for at least a 6 month period for not for profit community clubs
8.	Lake Wellington Yacht Club	Request for \$10,000 towards construction of unisex accessible toilet and urinal at Yacht Club
9.	Sale Sunday Charity Market	Request for \$80,000 towards construction of an equipment shed at the Sale Canal
10.	Neil Barraclough	Requesting that Council understand that it is likely that climatic conditions will impact on the largely rural rate base's ability to raise revenue and also increase its costs
11.	Nicky Reeves	Request to reduce the proposed increase in truck wash fees at Gippsland Regional Livestock Exchange
12.	Steve and Lisa Harrison	
13.	Victorian Farmers Federation	Request that the farm differential rate be adjusted in line with farm valuations to maintain stability
14.	Deborah Hammond	Request to reduce the proposed increase in yard fees at Gippsland Regional Livestock Exchange

No.	1
Submission	Request for construction of walking/bike track between Seaspray and The Honeysuckles
Correspondent	Wendell Raven

Hi,

I live in Melbourne and have been visiting Seaspray regularly since 1995. I now take my sons, 9 & 11 years old, and they love Seaspray and enjoy riding their bikes within Seaspray.

I would love to be able to ride with them to The Honeysuckles but the road is just simply too dangerous with no footpaths and a 100kph speed limit, it is not the place to be with young children.

I encourage you to include provision in the FY21 budget to build a walking track along Shoreline Drive between Seaspray and The Honeysuckles. I understand that this proposal has strong support from local ratepayers in both Seaspray and The Honeysuckles and they have been lobbying for this track for the past 8 years.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would consider my request and the safety of my children.

Thanks,
Wendell Raven

No.	2
Submission	Request for construction of walking/bike track between Seaspray and The Honeysuckles (Petition 900+ signatures)
Correspondent	Kaylene Wheeler

PETITION FOR A WALKING TRACK BETWEEN SEASPRAY AND THE HONEYSUCKLES.

For many years , Residents from Seaspray and the Honeysuckles have campaigned for a walking/ running/ bicycle pathway to link the two neighbouring towns.

This track would improve the connections between the two communities and provide a much needed fitness path which would keep users safe from dangerous road traffic along the 2km route.

Our petition was to gauge the support for this pathway and we were overwhelmed by the support including support from our overseas visitors from Germany, France England and Switzerland. Many saying that they were surprised that it hadn't happened, considering how many other pathways have been completed in the Shire.

Over the summer holiday period over a 1000 signatures were collected from people who support the construction of the walking track.

Foreshore Road is often a speed way and many tourists, visitors and locals find it unsafe to use, but they do so because it is a good length for walking and bicycles to engage in fitness activities.

This road has seen two bad accidents in the past two years and with the town population on the up every summer and

holidays our roadsides are always full of families, children and tourists either having a stroll or partaking in some serious fitness pursuits

The topic of a walking track is always fiercely lobbied for at our monthly Ratepayers meetings and now it's time for the Wellington Shire to listen to us.

After what seems like an eternity of polite requests we decided the time has come for for more public and vigorous campaigns in the hope that we will finally achieve success. Looking forward to a favourable outcome , I present the Petition for the walking track between Seaspray and the Honeysuckles on the 90 mile beach.

Kaylene Wheeler

on behalf of the Seaspray Ratepayers Ass.

Reserve Committee of Management.

Sent from my iPad

3/3/20



Seaspray Ratepayers' Association president and Seaspray Reserve Committee of Management board member Kaylene Wheeler on the road where residents would like a walking track built. Photo: Zoe Curtis

Beach residents lobby for a walking track

SEASPRAY and Honeysuckles residents have joined forces to lobby Wellington Shire Council to build a walking track to link the two communities.

More than 900 people have signed a petition calling for council to build a 2.6 kilometre-long walking track between Seaspray and the Honeysuckles adjacent to Shoreline Drive.

More than 20 residents gathered on the stretch of road recently as a show of support for the proposal.

Seaspray Ratepayers' Association president and Seaspray Reserve Committee of Management board member Kaylene Wheeler said residents from neighbouring coastal communities had been lobbying council for the past eight years to budget for the walking track.

Ms Wheeler said the 2020-21 budget presented the ideal opportunity for council to pay some long-overdue attention to the two towns.

She plans to present the petition with 900 signatures to council at its draft budget meeting.

"My biggest concern is safety," she said.

"There was a hit-and-run accident in our town in January when a child was injured, and in 2017 another serious accident was recorded involving a walking group on the same stretch of road where the path is desperately needed.

"The other reasons why a walking track is so vital is it would not only link the two relatively isolated communities, but it would also promote health and wellbeing.

"While we do have access to a lovely walking track that is 90 miles long, weather and tide conditions means the beach is not always viable for fitness, whereas a walking track could be used regardless of these always-changing factors.

"While Seaspray and the Honeysuckles are only a few kilometres apart, the two towns also have a quite individual feel.

"Despite this, our communities see themselves as one united force, and our residents and holidaymakers believe a walking track would play an integral part in community connectivity."

In its 2012 strategic plan, Wellington Shire Council stated "it will assist and support communities to promote walking and cycling in the Wellington Shire, and that planning will continue to incorporate opportunities for residents and visitors to walk and cycle to key destinations for leisure".

Since that time walking paths have been built in Longford, Wurruk and Alberton, and Ms Wheeler said it was time for council to make good on its plan commitment to Seaspray and the Honeysuckles.

"We needed the path back then, but our towns have changed even more since that plan was written," she said.

"While we have always been holiday towns, Seaspray and the Honeysuckles now have an increasing number of permanent residents, and of course our populations balloon even more over

summer which is when our roadsides are always full of families, children and tourists either having a stroll or partaking in some more serious fitness pursuits.

"The topic of a walking track is always fiercely lobbied for at our monthly ratepayers' meetings — and now it's time for the Wellington Shire to listen to its ratepayers," Ms Wheeler said.

A council spokesperson said it had not yet received any correspondence or petition from the Seaspray Residents and Ratepayers Association.

"If they decide to submit a petition, we will table the petition at a council meeting and consider the submission," the spokesperson said.

Celebrate Seaspray

A free quarterly newsletter produced by the Seaspray Ratepayers' Association
with the support of the Wellington Shire Council



AUTUMN EDITION

MARCH 2020



More than 20 Seaspray and Honeysuckles residents gathered on Shoreline Dve to show their support for a walking track.

SEASPRAY AND HONEYSUCKLE RESIDENTS LOBBY FOR WALKING TRACK TO LINK THE TWO NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITIES

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More than 900 people have signed a petition calling for the Wellington Shire to build a 2.6km long walking track between Seaspray and the Honeysuckles adjacent to Shoreline Drive. More than 20 residents gathered on the stretch of road recently as a show of support for the proposal, which has also been covered recently by local media outlets.

Seaspray Ratepayers' Association President and Seaspray Reserve Committee of Management board member Kaylene Wheeler says residents of the neighbouring coastal communities have been lobbying council for the past eight years to budget for the walking track and Mrs Wheeler says the 2021 Council budget presents the perfect opportunity for the Council to pay some long-overdue attention to the two towns. Mrs Wheeler plans to present the petition with 900 signatures to Council at its upcoming 2021 Draft Budget meeting.

My biggest concern is safety," Mrs Wheeler said. "There was a hit-and-run accident in our town in January when a child was injured and in 2017 another serious accident was recorded involving a walking group on the same stretch of road where the path is desperately needed.

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Shoreline Dve between Seaspray and the Honeysuckles is popular with walkers but pedestrians are forced to dodge cars.

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+ 68 pages of signed Petition.

The following letter of support was also received on 26 May 2020:

From: Kaylene Wheeler
Sent: Tuesday, 26 May 2020 12:13 AM
To: Darren McCubbin
Cc: David Morcom
Subject: Seaspray/Honeysuckles pathway..

Dear Darren,
Could you please pass this on to all the Wellington Shire councillors.
Cheers
Kaylene.

Greetings Wellington Shire Councillors from The Seaspray Community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and to consider our request for a pathway from Seaspray to the Honeysuckles to connect our two towns.

Our petition of over a thousand signatures has already been presented to you at the March meeting to show you just how passionate we feel about the need for this pathway.

As we move on this year, with restrictions being relaxed, we expect a huge number of visitors to come and holiday and enjoy our part of the 90 mile beach.

We have already seen during lockdown many people using the newly constructed footpaths that have recently been finished.

So, regarding our community's request for a walking track between Seaspray and the Honeysuckles, we understand that council would consider in the 20/21 budget including an amount to undertake a study to connect, assess and cost a track between the two locations.

We understand this is the first step in considering this project, and our community would strongly support this in answer to our very strong petition.

We would ask your staff work with our community group and share the report with us when it is finalised.

We understand that once this report is received, hopefully later this year, our community will be in a better position to further discuss the project with Council as to whether Council will support the actual building of the track in the 21/22 budget.

I'm sure I don't have to repeat the benefits of the Pathway as I have already done so, Recreational, safety and fire protection etc We have been lobbying for this for so many years and your support is needed now, and would be much appreciated.

Kaylene Wheeler
President Seaspray Ratepayers Ass.
Reserve Committee of Management member.

No.	3
Submission	Request for \$15,000 towards partnership with the Alliance as a Leadership Council
Correspondent	Alliance for Gambling Reform



2020/21

**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 to local communities.

It's been an extraordinary start to 2020, with first a summer of unprecedented bushfires and now the staggering impact of the coronavirus pandemic affecting communities. This has brought about the closure of gambling venues across the country as a prudent containment measure for COVID-19, but also resulted in a subsequent spike in and promotion of both legal and illegal online gambling products in Australia.

The Alliance is deeply concerned about the rise in online gambling products being promoted to people during this time of crisis. We know the community will be experiencing heightened levels of anxiety, increased physical and mental ill-health, instability and financial stress. We also know that people who are (necessarily) socially isolated are more vulnerable to gambling harm. Communities are in great need of protection from gambling harm at present. At the same time, the disruptive nature of these events means that we have an opportunity to reassess the pervasive and harmful presence of gambling in our society and the influence the industry has come to wield.

We know much more today about poker machines compared to when they were first introduced in Victoria some 29 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 Australians and on our local communities.

The Alliance recognises 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 \$15,000 from Wellington Shire Council. In requesting these funds, we invite Council to commence a partnership with the Alliance as part of the strong group of Leadership Councils. In 2019/20, 23 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, Noosa, Whitehorse, 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 big corporate actors like Woolworths to get out of the pokies business, raising awareness of the harmful effects of sports gambling advertising - especially on children - and furthering our campaign for meaningful regulatory reform.

The Alliance is keen to commence a partnership with Wellington Shire Council. We have previously approached Council seeking your financial support and membership of the Leadership Council group. In 2019/20, the Alliance's budget request was not granted, with the Mayor commenting that this was "on the basis of other, more localised partnerships being in place through the Liquor Accord and Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation which support local activities to reduce the harmful impacts of gambling."

Acknowledging this response, our Chief Advocate the Rev. Tim Costello wrote to councillors in late 2019 with the following comments:

"I congratulate the Shire for acknowledging action on reducing gambling harm in your community, and thought it necessary to highlight the role our advocacy and community awareness-raising also has in reducing gambling harm locally.

This advocacy includes creating broader awareness of gambling harm and the urgency for reform through hard-hitting media coverage, lobbying and advocating to decision makers in higher levels of government. The Alliance is also committed to empowering people with lived experience of gambling harm, supporting them to share their stories to create momentum for reform. When there are applications for more poker machines or expanded pokies venues in a Leadership Council area, we help community members to access information and navigate processes in order to elevate the voices of locals and to protect residents from further risk of gambling harm.

...

This year alone losses in the Wellington Shire topped \$21.5 million dollars - that's \$621 per adult annually. This amount in itself is \$91 more than the Victorian average per adult annually."

The Alliance is especially keen to commence a partnership with Wellington Shire Council because of the very high number of pokies per resident your community suffers (9.2 machines per 1000 adults versus the statewide average of 5). 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 vulnerable communities and our collaborative efforts will be required to address this imbalance.

INFORMATION - CONTACTS

	Contact 1	Contact 2
First name	Katherine	Kasuni
Surname	Copsey	Mendis
Position	Council Gambling Harm Advisor	Council Gambling Harm Support Worker

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: Chubb Policy number: 01EL543968

SECTION 1 : PROJECT SUMMARY

History of the Alliance
<p>Since the introduction of poker machines, 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.</p> <p>Prior to the creation of the Alliance, advocacy efforts were often ad-hoc and uncoordinated. Advocates sometimes supported conflicting strategies and had different reform 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 Australians from harm.</p> <p>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, <i>Ka-Ching</i>, marked a critical turning point in our ability to reframe debate around poker machines to focus on their dangerous, addictive and misleading features.</p>

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 and 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. **If we re-frame poker machine gambling** from an individual responsibility to a public health issue industry and governments have responsibility for, then we will reduce shame and stigma, and increase pressure on governments to act
2. **If we build a national supporter base** of individuals, 'Champions of Change' who've experienced gambling harm, Leadership Councils and community organisations that share our commitment to preventing gambling harm, then we will increase our organisational power to influence effective policy outcomes
3. **If we reduce the credibility and influence of the gambling industry** and contrast with positive examples of gambling-free or pro-reform clubs, then we will limit the power of industry to influence perverse policy outcomes
4. **If we advocate to decision makers**, centering those with lived experience, then we will be more effective at achieving systemic policy reform

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 big corporate actors to get out of the harmful business of gambling, with Woolworths announcing their intention to divest from pokies. The Alliance has run a strong campaign targeting Woolworths and their unconscionable conduct. In November 2017 Alliance Director, Dr. Susan Rennie, ran for the Woolworths Board where she gave [a powerful speech](#). This builds on the achievement of passing 'peak pokies' for the AFL and AFL clubs, with over 50% of clubs exiting or announcing their plans to get out of the poker machine business.

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 Champions for Change program is going from strength to strength. The program empowers people with experience of gambling harm to participate in reform advocacy in ways that are 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 unfortunately still has a high number of machines per person when compared to the state average, and your community deserves higher levels of protection.

SECTION 2 : OUR GRANT PROPOSAL

Campaign Name

The Alliance for Gambling Reform

How much funding is the Alliance requesting from Council?

\$15,000

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, 22 other local 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, remaining 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 Alliance spokespeople such as Chief Advocate the Rev. Tim Costello, Dr Susan Rennie and Champions for Change lived experience advocates to comment and support 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.
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 consultation forums, festivals and community 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 2020/21

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

- A. **SPORTS AND ONLINE GAMBLING CAMPAIGN:** We will roll 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: extending the ban on gambling ads to further reduce harm especially to children, 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 Federal election, there will be exciting opportunities for councils to advocate on these issues and raise community awareness of harm and necessary reform as desired. In the new environment created by COVID-19 there is potential for gambling harm to shift online and we will need to work vigilantly to protect our communities from this threat in a time of increased isolation and vulnerability.
- B. **REFRAMING THE DEBATE:** The shift across the nation from states marking '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 through the Champions for Change program.
- 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. The Victorian Government has recently released the reformed venue Code of Conduct for gaming licence holders which takes some positive steps to curbing harm from gambling but unfortunately doesn't go as far as it should. The Alliance and partner organisations continue to pursue our state reform asks, including extinguishment of unused EGM licences, banning harmful machine features like losses disguised as wins, reducing opening hours and introducing maximum \$1 bets. 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:** Increasingly, local council policies are tackling the unhealthy relationships between the gambling industry and local clubs. 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, including championing the success of safe and inclusive clubs that have made the decision to be free from gambling harm.
- 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 extinguishment of unused licenses and establish a group of MPs prepared to advocate for reform in this term of parliament.

Role for Wellington Shire Council residents

The Alliance will 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

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 shire 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;

Dr Susan Rennie, Chair
Dr Mark Zirnsak, Deputy Chair
Tom Cummings
Elizabeth O'Shea
Ethan Taylor
Anna Kennett
David Crosbie
Sharon Dickson
David Beguely

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

Rebecca Thorpe, Communications Advisor

Kate de Costa, NSW Campaigns Coordinator

Katherine Copsey, Council Gambling Harm Advisor

Kasuni Mendis, Council Gambling Harm Support Worker

Pepi Belfort, Champions for Change National Coordinator


Anna Bardsley, Champions for Change Victorian Coordinator

Isadora Poole, Digital Campaigner

The Rev. Tim Costello, Chief Advocate

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.

Authorised person's name	Tony Mohr
Signature of authorised person	
Position held	Executive Director
Date	02/04/2020

No.	4
Submission	Request that funds be allocated for pruning/pollarding of plane trees and street sweeping of leaves in Edward Street, Maffra and an engineering remedy for drainage problem in Edward Street, Maffra
Correspondent	David Woodhouse

To: Councillors, Wellington Shire Council

From: David Woodhouse, Maffra

22 April 2020

Wellington Shire Council – 2020 pre-Budget Submission

In respect of your preparation of your 2020 Budget, I request that the following items be considered and included with a suitable allocation of funds and actions taken to effect them.

Both items relate to Edward St Maffra, more particularly the southern (Princess St) end. My father's (C P Woodhouse) residence at 18 Princess St Maffra 3860 is at the south west corner of Edward St.

Please acknowledge receiving my submission. Please contact me should you wish to discuss any of my submission: my contact details are in my covering email.

1. Pruning/pollarding of Plane Trees and volume of leaves etc

Pruning/pollarding of Plane Trees

I have had dialogue with your arborist Cameron (and I've made formal service requests) over the past 2 or so years, in respect of the extent/volume of autumn leaves and the conkers falling from the Plane trees in Edward St (and other streets in Maffra).

While the timing of trees shedding leaves is generally dependent on nature and climate, in recent years (at the times that I have been at Maffra) my observation has been that the timing and volume has been drought affected and exacerbated by large flocks of corellas/cockatoos, most likely in search of the conkers for food during the drought. For example, in February through March 2018 corellas/cockatoos were very active, with leaves shed and/or chewed and conkers dropped; as at April 2020, there's been minimal leaves shed and (so far) infrequent (albeit still noisy) corella/cockatoo activity, probably reflecting the trees and birds benefiting from rain in prior months.

In my most recent discussion with Cameron on 24 October 2019, he raised the possibility of pruning the Edward St trees after summer (the inference being 2019/2020 summer). **I ask that funds be allocated for this pruning/partial pollarding to be effected, not only for 2020 budget but also on a cyclical basis to keep the canopy reduced.**

(I note that late in 2019 the electricity supplier pruned some branches from the first tree on Edward St's eastern side to clear the electricity wires. I also believe that some branches from that tree had previously been pruned by (for) the Council following a request by the owners of 2 Edward St.)

I am not asking that the trees be removed or that their summer cooling or any other amenity be severely diminished. The views of affected Edward St residents/abutting property owners between Princess and McLean Streets may need to be sought in the respect of the extent of reducing canopies.

Street sweeping of leaves etc

I note that under the Council's *Nature Strip Maintenance Policy*, abutting property owners are not responsible for the management of trees. There is however an expectation by Council that the property owners clear the trees' leaves: this can be a relaxing activity for those able to do so, however some elderly (and other?) property owners are not necessarily able to cope with all of the leaf volume. Disposal of the leaves can be an issue for some. Reducing the canopies would reduce the volume to be gathered and disposed of.

In March 2018, Cameron alerted to me that it was OK to gather the leaves etc into the gutter for the street sweeper to pick up: on that day we did that for an imminent sweep. Use of a team from Fulham Correctional facility had also been mooted. For Edward St Maffra, gathering into the gutter has implications for my next item 2 in respect of drainage blockages.

Hence, **it would be appropriate to include in the Budget funds to allow frequent sweeping of Edward St to clear leaves etc.** This should be scheduled more frequently for the months that trees shed (generally autumn, although nature dependent) in addition to other times through the year.

The timing of the scheduled street sweeps should be advised to property owners (e.g. through the Council information in the Gippsland Times) so that they can rake the leaves to the gutter. Individual requests by property owners for a street sweep could be made although the incidence would not be widely known by others.

2. Edward St Drainage

Council officers are aware of my father's and my concerns in respect of the inadequate drainage in Edward St outside his property to cope with rain water. The most recent (multiple) episodes of more significant street flooding (that I have observed and reported to Council) have been in January and February 2020; I have had correspondence from Council in this regard which I reference in part below. Similar events occurred several times in January 2019 and in November 2018: I provided photographs of these events to Council on 31 January 2019. I note that these summer-time events have preceded any increased volume from the autumn shedding of leave, although some of the blockages/flooding may in part be due to the accumulation of leaf litter etc not cleared in prior seasons.

The drainage inadequacy has been an issue from when Edward St was reconstructed by the Shire of Maffra in an early year of the 1970s: my father/mother – having been required to contribute to the cost – had communicated with that Shire and (I believe) Wellington Shire in the ensuing years. I have taken up the issue in the last 2 or so years, although have observed the flooding in my teenage years and subsequently.

(The events I have cited are those I have observed at the more recent periods that I have been in Maffra: there have been others over preceding years and probably recently during my 2020 absences.)

This flooding has occurred with as little as 5mm of rain (it would seem, if the drainage is blocked), not just storm events intimated by Council in its 30 January 2020 response to me: the cumulative rain totals on some days have exacerbated flooding and prolonged the water receding. Council officers have witnessed the flooding, most recently on the afternoon of 18 February 2020 after 5mm of rain: they were pro-active in their clearance and signage actions then and have made inspections subsequently, thank you.

Council's 2020 responses to me propose capital works of "minor improvements to side entry pits" to "enable the street sweeper to more effectively gather leaf litter" (WSC letter 30 January 2020) – I believe this is not a complete capital works solution - and maintenance "with the envision of reducing blockages and leaf litter to avoid blockages" (WSC email 27 February 2020).

These proposals (in my opinion) reinforce the need for the Edward St Plane trees to be properly managed: reduced canopy may reduce the leaf incidence, and frequent sweeping to reduce leaf litter blockages. I note that leaf litter etc falls directly onto the street pavement as well as nature strips, with the wind also blowing leaves to the pavement/gutter from nature strips.

The 27 February 2020 email also stated "... the investigation confirmed that there is limited ability to improve the drainage in this area given the characteristics of the street and the levels of the drain the system ultimately discharges into." I read this as an engineering failure from the outset or from any subsequent attempts to remedy the situation. I fail to understand why a proper engineering solution has not been possible over the years: other Maffra streets with street trees and kerb/channelling (to my knowledge) do not flood like Edward St does. It is only the section of Edward St abutting my father's property and numbers 2 and 4 and marginally numbers 5 and 6 Edward St that is subject to street flooding: none north of there. The flooding is a hazard to both vehicles and pedestrians including children walking or riding to/from school. If flooding occurs/remains at night, in the absence of street lighting there, the risk to pedestrians increases. The February 2020 event saw the nature strips outside numbers 2 and 4 Edward St also flooded: I believe the owners of number 2 communicated with Council in this regard.

We are appreciative of the actions of Council officers earlier this year to mitigate the events at those times. However, I have not replied to the 30 January 2020 letter or the 27 February 2020 email to query the veracity of some of their responses: I am OK if this submission is passed to the relevant Council officers for their consideration and response.

I ask that sufficient capital be allocated in the 2020 Budget for the capital works (already) proposed in the Council's 30 January 2020 letter to me and that additional amounts be allocated to once-and-for-all provide an engineering remedy for the Edward St drainage problem for all rain events. This would need to be in conjunction with proper management of the Plane trees and leaf litter as per my item 1 above.

This ends my submission in respect of the preparation of the 2020 Budget.

Thank you

David Woodhouse 22 April 2020

No.	5
Submission	Request (Petition) that Abel's Road and Boyle Road Longford be sealed
Correspondent	Steve McDonald

To the Mayor and Councillors,

Firstly, I Wish to congratulate Council on proceeding with the planned Boggy Creek Road upgrade. This is a fine example of the application of the special charge scheme enabling improvement in both amenity and, more importantly, a safer road for our community which is often a little out of the way. I also note the scheme moving forward in other areas such as Port Albert and Maffra. Well Done.

Please find attached a proposal for the sealing of Abel's Road and Boyle Road sent through to Wellington Shire recently. Michael Gunn and I have had discussions and meetings with John Tatterson and Zac Elliman recently to discuss the benefits such a scheme would provide for Abels Road and Boyle Road. From these conversations, I was of the understanding that our proposal would be presented to Council on Tuesday 21st April. On a review of the meeting on YouTube link, I found it wasn't.

With the Boggy Creek Road plan scheduled for approval on Tuesday, I was hopeful the timing of the attached proposal would be included in your recent meeting and be discussed, particularly considering the proximity to the Boggy Creek plan. The proposal for Abel's and Boyle Roads has concerns and reasoning consistent with the improvement objectives and share the traffic burden, with Boggy Creek Road, which has significantly increased in recent years.

Considering the attached proposal did not make it to Council for consideration on Tuesday, please accept this proposal as a "petition" from the residents of both Abel's Road and Boyle Road for consideration by Council. The attached has exceptional support from the owners with 94.4% prepared to contribute to a special charge scheme for the sealing of these roads.

Regards,

Steve McDonald

ABELS ROAD & BOYLE ROAD

SEALING PROPOSAL

The property owners of **Abels Road and Boyle Road, Longford** wish to submit for consideration by Council, an upgrade to the road surface of both Abels Road and Boyle Road, Longford under the “special charge scheme”.

Following subdivisions and developments in the area, **Abels Road** in particular, now has a significantly increased amount of traffic which creates dust plumes and degrades the road surface quickly after maintenance is performed. It is also the target for some alternative driving exploits. It is because of this we request to have Abels Road, and Boyle Road, upgraded to a bitumen surface. We will also propose to have the speed limit revised, suggesting a 60km/h limit is more suited to the neighbourhood.

An improved road will result in:

- Improved safety for ourselves and our children,
- Reduced traffic related dust
- Improved drinking water quality (we all collect from roof top catchments).
- Enhanced amenity of the area.
- Improved and safer riding surfaces (particularly for children riding/walking to school or bus stops)
- Improved access and egress from properties.
- Improved safety and visibility at the Boyle Road intersection.
- Improved drainage.
- Reduced maintenance cost for the Wellington Shire.

As per the Shire website, the proposed Boggy Creek Road Street Construction Scheme will provide for the construction and sealing of the road to a 6.2m seal width. Barrier kerbing is proposed at bends and improved drainage and stormwater management will form part of the proposed works which are shown on the map in blue. Our proposed addition to the Boggy Creek plan is included in red.



With Boggy Creek Road upgrade works scheduled later this year, the relative proximity of Abels & Boyle Roads, the current level of development in the area and the shared traffic of both Boggy Creek and Abels Road, we believe it both makes sense and is a pragmatic approach to progress this proposal in a similar time-frame.

Consistent with the Boggy Creek Road owners concerns, the owners of properties on both Abels Road and Boyle Road share similar concerns and wish to request a formal investigation into a special charge scheme be commenced and applied. The list of owners included below identifies names, addresses, property numbers and each owners indicated position of support based on conditions being consistent with those outlined and applied in the Boggy Creek proposal.

Property Owner	Property Number	Property Address	Support Y/N	
Tim & Simone Russell	185116		Yes	
Carolyn McMillan & Leon Wain	185124		Yes	
Bill & Marlene Brennan	N CPR		Yes	
Marshall & Tracey Thompson	185140		Yes	
Longford Township Cemetry Reserve (Council Owned) *	185157		Yes	
Steve & Lotje McDonald	411827		Yes	
Michael & Megan Gunn	411066		Yes	
Jason Murray	380667			No
Michael & Jenny Osborne	197335		Yes	
Steven & Kim Centra	369074		Yes	
Leo McDonald	197343		Yes	
Jeremy Dumas	207357		Yes	
John & Jenny Harrington	197368		Yes	
Brian & Anne Whelan	197376		Yes	
Cathy Harper	185470		Yes	
Robert & Tracey Elliott	185462		Yes	
Marty & Sue-Ellen Jackson	185454		Yes	
Neale & Julie Burton	185447		Yes	
Totals		18 Properties	17	1
		Support percentage	94.4%	5.6%

We believe this demonstrates the **high level of support** required for Council’s consideration.

On behalf of the owners of Abels Road and Boyle Road, Longford.

Mick Gunn	Steve McDonald
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No.	6
Submission	Encouraging Council to have a fair and balanced rating strategy
Correspondent	Victorian Farmers Federation

Cr Alan Hall
 Mayor
 Wellington Shire Council
 18 Desailly Street
 SALE, VIC 3850

By email: alanha@wellington.vic.gov.au

18 May 2020

Dear Cr Hall,

RE: 2020/21 Draft Budget - Farm Rates

Victorian agriculture cannot be expected to shoulder an even greater rating burden as we work to help rebuild the state's economy in the wake of COVID-19.

That's why I am writing to all Victorian local government councils to encourage a fair and balanced rating strategy, and to extend an invitation to partner with the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) in advocating for an overhaul to Victoria's rating system.

The VFF recognises the difficult position councils face when it comes to the resources available to them to develop a fair rating strategy. Victoria's rating system has created the situation whereby regional and rural ratepayers pay more in rates as a percentage of the value of their property than ratepayers in metropolitan Melbourne.

What's more, regional and rural ratepayers often receive and have access to fewer services from local government than ratepayers in the city.

The VFF is deeply concerned about the inequities that all regional and rural ratepayers face, not just farmers. Changes must be made to the state's rating strategy in the long term and we would welcome the opportunity to work with Wellington Shire Council to advocate for reform.

However, our expectation remains that all councils will put forward a fair and equitable rating strategy this year, particularly in light of recent drought conditions, the bushfires and the COVID pandemic.

The VFF constantly monitors and reports on the rates set by all local government councils to promote fair rating strategies and to actively campaign against unfair and inequitable rate hikes.

The VFF will be vocal in calling out councils that unfairly shift the rating burden onto farmers and the agricultural sector, whilst acknowledging and publicly commending councils that strike balance in their rating strategy.

The current model of using land valuations for striking rates, places undue financial stress on farming businesses as the value attributed to farm land does not reflect farm businesses' revenue generation nor capacity to pay. Differential rates were introduced as a tool for councils to address equity issues arising from the land valuation method of determining rates.

The fundamental principle should be that as the value of farmland increases, the differential rate is adjusted to reduce the rate in the dollar so that the rate burden paid by the farm sector remains stable. The VFF expects that Wellington Shire Council will use the mechanisms it has available to maintain a balanced rating strategy.

The VFF is very happy to meet with your council to discuss your rating plans for 2020/21 and how we may work together to advocate for long term reform. To discuss further, please contact Luke Hooke, Manager, Stakeholder Policy and Advocacy, on 0428 288 909 or at lhooke@vff.org.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Jochinke', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David Jochinke
President
Victorian Farmers Federation

No.	7
Submission	Request that Council relieve rates for at least a 6 month period for not for profit community clubs
Correspondent	Community Clubs Victoria



12/05/2020



Dear Mayor Cr Hall

I'm writing on behalf of Community Clubs Victoria, the peak body for the many not-for-profit clubs throughout Victoria, to seek your much-needed support.

As you can imagine, the Government's decision to close indoor venues in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 has had a dramatic impact on our clubs. While they come in all shapes and sizes, our member clubs are not-for-profit entities, and any surplus funds go right back into supporting their local communities. This makes them particularly vulnerable to interruptions of cashflow, and many will struggle to make it through this pandemic without some form of assistance.

Should these clubs be forced to close their doors, the ripple effect throughout the community would be dramatic. Hundreds of thousands of children and youths would be denied the opportunity of playing organised or casual sports, and a significant number of adults and older citizens would lose their community hub and opportunity to volunteer. With community clubs employing around 30,000 Victorians, the economic impact of clubs closing or downsizing would be significant.

To make sure that we weather this storm and ensure that these vital community hubs are here long into the future, we are writing to each LGA to seek their consideration of relief from rates for at least a six-month period. We hope we can add Wellington Shire Council to the growing list of LGAs that have indicated their willingness to come to the table and assist.

We have attached a brochure explaining the structure of not-for-profit clubs and the huge positive impact they have on your community.

While our staff are currently working in isolation, we have senior people rostered at CCV to respond to calls, so should you wish to discuss this matter further please call us on (03) 8851 4900.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

Leon Wiegard, OAM, President

THE BENEFITS OF CCV

CCV provide members with support, guidance and contact with the right experts in a wide range of disciplines. They include but are not limited to:

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| Club Governance | Emergency Procedures |
| Industry Training | Promotions |
| Club Providers Directory | Security |
| Anti Money Laundering/Counter | Responsible Gambling |
| Terrorism Finance Reporting | Self Exclusion |
| Beverage Pricing and Margins | Superannuation |
| Club Insurance | Friday Feedback Email Newsletter |
| Managing Margins and Costs | Hub Industry Magazine |
| Outsourcing Catering operations | Equal Opportunity and Social Inclusion |
| Volunteer Rules and Regs | Manager Advisory Councils |
| Privacy Guidelines | Annual Club Conference |
| Dispute Resolution | Industry Golf Day |
| Accreditation and Compliance | Working with Children Check |
| Liquor Licencing | Industry Bowls Day |
| Gaming Regulatory Advice | Government Advocacy |
| Supplier Contract Reviews | Music Licencing and Performances |
| Wagering Regulatory Advice | HR/IR (SIAG) Advice Service |
| Keno Regulatory Advice | Industry Award Night |
| Bingo Regulatory Advice | Management Recruitment Service |



7/19 GERTRUDE STREET FITZROY VIC 3065 PH:8851 4900 WWW.CCV.NET.AU



Community Clubs Victoria is a not for profit peak body representing over 1000 Victorian Clubs. All CCV member Clubs are not for profit.

They provide through their own "core reason for being" sporting, charitable, social and community based activities and vast opportunities for members to volunteer for an endless array of local projects.



COMMUNITY CLUBS ARE COMMUNITY HUBS

ABOUT GAMING

Victoria has the lowest ratio of Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs) per person in Australia. In 2016 it was 1 EGM per 160 people (TAS 1:112, SA 1:105, NT 1:85, QLD 1: 77, NSW 1:62, Note WA only has EGMs at their Casino)

Clubs are committed to reducing harm through a range of initiatives some regulated, some codified including:

- Universal ban on all Gaming/EGM advertising in any form of media
- The Self Exclusion Programme (a world's best practice)
- Your Play (a pre-commitment tool on money and time)
- Responsible Service of Gambling Training/Certification
- Local Gamblers Help Service relationships
- Closes on all EGMs
- Natural Light in all gaming rooms
- Players Information Displays on ALL EGMs
- Visible gambling support brochures and cards on all EGMs

The number of adults with a significant problem with gambling is **down to 0.7%** (University of Sydney Gambling Treatment Centre - School of Psychology 2015)

Gaming expenditure in Victoria is less than it was 10 years ago despite increased wages and a vast population increase

Australia has less than 3% of the world's EGMs. The estimated world count in 2014 was 7,673,134.

The number of EGMs per state is **not linked to the % of Problem Gambling** in that State. It is consistent across the Country across all forms of gambling.

Abolishing any form of gambling sends it underground, online or interstate or all three.

All legal gambling in Clubs is **highly regulated and taxed**.

Unbalanced interpretations of the clubs' Community Benefits Statements have been circulated through the LGA's offices. They show in most cases the benefits are **less than 2%** where in fact all clubs meet their obligation of **8.33% and more**. The document edits out much of the criteria to serve a biased agenda.

ABOUT OUR CLUBS

CCV members allocate their Clubs' revenues to their "Core Reason for being" and the development of community venues and projects.

Clubs do not store revenues. They are spent on sport, cultural, charitable and other NFP common interest groups.

Clubs are 'owned' by their members and administered by a committee elected by the members.

Overall Club gaming turnover is substantially less than any other hospitality sector in Victoria.

Club gaming tax supports our states Hospitals and Schools.

Clubs are the "Hub" of their local community and provide activities and hospitality for all sectors of the community.

CCV, on behalf of Clubs, operates a very successful, long running and timely Self Exclusion Programme for those who wish to be barred from gaming rooms for an agreed period.

CCV members provide support and opportunities for a vast army of volunteers throughout their local communities.

In regional Victoria our Clubs are in most cases **THE central meeting point of all social and sporting activity**.

CONSIDER THE NUMBERS FROM OUR 2016 KPMG AUDIT



27K
EMPLOYEES
9K IN REGIONAL AREAS



\$850M
IN FACILITIES
FREE OR SUBSIDISED



2.3M
MEMBERS



\$1B
SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION



\$56M
DONATIONS
CASH & IN-KIND

No.	8
Submission	Request for \$10,000 towards construction of unisex accessible toilet and urinal at Lake Wellington Yacht Club
Correspondent	Lake Wellington Yacht Club



23 May 2020

Councillors,
Wellington Shire Council

Lake Wellington Yacht Club
725 Marlay Point Rd
CLYDEBANK VIC 3851
PO Box 201
SALE VIC 3850
ABN: 57 686 243 033

Dear Councillors,

Lake Wellington Yacht Club (LWYC)'s priority work has been improving its accessibility and sustainability. Last week we were advised that the Latrobe Valley Authority has awarded \$92,767 towards our Accessibility for All project totalling \$114,892 (see attached budget). The club is contributing \$14,700 in cash and \$7,400 in kind and we are asking Council to contribute \$10,000 through the 2020/21 Draft Council Budget Submission opportunity specifically directed towards the unisex accessible toilet and urinal.

LWYC has been located at Marlay Point since 1960, the only publicly accessible area on Lake Wellington, the only community sports facility and a useful staging point for emergencies and management. This Accessibility for All project will feature a compliant accessible ramp to the clubhouse, pathway linking clubhouse to disabled parking bays, accessible urinals and unisex toilet facilities, increased water storage capacity and installation of solar panels to reduce electricity costs. These changes will ensure its broader membership such as Sailability members and other groups e.g. aged care facilities, hirers etc can access the Club.

LWYC has toilets, showering and storage facilities on the ground floor with the meeting, kitchen and office up 17 steps as line of sight is required to monitor boats on the water. As you know, LWYC has auspiced Sailability for 20 years, staffed by volunteers and used by many groups including the Specialist School, George Grey, Scouts and others.

Latrobe Valley Yacht Club has been sailing with LWYC since Hazelwood Pondage's closure and an MOU is progressing around membership integration, an extended sailing program, finances, asset acquisitions and Sailability at Lake Wellington itself. The Club will be stronger through this.

Additionally, LWYC is keen to increase the breadth and number of hirers and users of our facilities. We have already hired to various groups such as Greening Australia, GLaWAC, schools, a foster service, Caravanner Association, Deer Hunters and sometimes private events. And we know some don't even consider hiring because of the accessibility issues. With broader use of the facility we hope to extend the appreciation of the lake and Marlay Point and improve Lake Wellington Yacht Club's ongoing sustainability.

We appreciate you giving consideration to our request & extend an invitation for you to visit. Please find attached photographs and the budget we submitted to LVA.

Yours sincerely
Darryn Dyer
Commodore



Lake Wellington Yacht Club
 725 Marley Point Rd
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 PO Box 201
 SALE VIC 3850
 ABN: 57 686 243 033

Accessibility for All - Lake Wellington Yacht Club Inc.		
Date: 9 April 2020		
Income		
1.	Org cash contribution	\$14,700
2.	Org in-kind contribution	\$7,655
3.	Other cash contributions	
4.	LVA contribution	\$90,757
	Total	\$114,892
Expenditure		
1.	Plans and Permits	\$1,473
2.	Access Ramp (Q \$11,500) and Concrete Path (\$18,700)	\$69,700
3.	Unisex Toilet and Men's accessible area (\$2,493)	\$3,110
4.	Water Tanks, Connections (\$5,148) and Sereezing (\$1,579)	\$6,927
5.	Solar Panels including rebate (Q)	\$6,758
	Sub total	\$97,867
	In-kind contribution	\$7,655
6.	Agreed project contingency	\$9,890
	Total	\$114,892
Notes		
1.	All expenditure is shown exclusive of GST	
2.	Maximum agreed in-kind is \$7,435	
3.	Contingency is agreed at \$9,890 (10%)	
4.	(Q) indicates quotes provided	
Approved	<i>Dorcas L. Dyer</i>	
Name	Dorcas Dyer	
Title	Commodore	
Date	22/04/2020	

80.7 percent LVA contribution



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THE RAMP



East side and front of Clubhouse

Toilet and Shower Facilities are on the left hand side blue double door.
Equipment and smaller boat storage is on the



right hand side



The ramp will travel up the north side of the Clubhouse, turning south to run along the west side with a landing and return up to the sliding door. The verandah will be reconstructed at a level to be flush with the door.

This is the Clubhouse's west side where the ramp will travel. The current water tank is straight ahead and the building on the right is a bunkhouse and sign-on room for the Marlay Point Overnight Race.



This is the current men's urinal with two steps up to it.

No.	9
Submission	Request for \$80,000 towards construction of an equipment shed at the Sale Canal
Correspondent	Sale Sunday Charity Market

Sale Sunday Charity Market

Thompson River Canal Reserve, Sale
Third Sunday of every month 7am – 1pm
Incorporation no. A0029509P

President - Peter Boyle
Secretary - Angie McKie 0437 985 283
Treasurer - Mary Templeton 0409 574 253

The Sale Charity Sunday Variety Market has been an integral part of the Wellington Shire for 42 years, offering local charities an opportunity to raise funds monthly. The funds raised over the 42 years has reached \$398,000 for well over 100 local charities and people in need. Each month a local charity assists the market volunteers in the popular food stall for a donation between \$500 - \$1,000.

Over the 42 years the Market has grown from small stalls of trash and treasure, soup and sausages food stall to being one of the largest markets in the Gippsland area. During the summer months the Market can have up to 200 stallholders.

The committee have been proactive throughout the 42 years with their needs and have purchased market equipment such as a food van, cool room, trailer, BBQ equipment, safety equipment, signage and marquee. In the 1980's the committee worked with the Wellington Shire Council to build a toilet facility for Thompson River Canal Reserve, donating \$10,000 towards the build. The committee currently maintain this facility, the committee supply toilet products, perform the cleaning and necessary repairs and pay the utility costs.

The market has not only donated to local charities and causes they have supported local businesses, at present local suppliers utilised are Abicor, Kwiktip, Bakers Delight, Geddes Butchers, Bunnings and Richies IGA.

The market serves a vital economic role in Wellington, it offers a unique local supply chain that directly benefits the local economy and has had a lasting impact on the quality of life for Wellington residents.

For the past two years the Market committee have been working hard to keep the markets' legacy far reaching into the future. The committee once again have worked closely with Council to access planning approval to build a permanent structure to house the market's equipment needed to run more efficiently. This has involved numerous meetings to establish land availability and suitability, site approval, planning approval, environmental health requirements and funding strategies.

Council departments involved are Community Wellbeing (Lisa Lyndon), Natural Environment and Parks (Liam Cole), Land Use Planning Statutory Planner (Mark Bayly), Environmental Health (Aimee Holt), Active Communities (Sharon Macgowan).

The shed will relieve the many volunteer hours required to set-up and pack-up the market once a month. The set-up and pack-up involves transporting the food van, cool room and equipment trailer, water cartage (5 x 10 litre water drums), construction of the portable tent/shelter, BBQ set-up, portable trestle tables/workstations and power cabling.

The food standard shed will have all the necessary equipment available on site to run the market, the design is accessible for all, it is designed for food preparation and sales, it will house the cool room and all cooking equipment to food safety standards, it will have commercial cleaning provisions, ease of access to electricity and water. The shed will improve health and safety for the patrons, committee members and stall holders and it will also enable the market committee to have an official home and meeting space.

The food standard shed will provide the market with a much needed boost into the future, such as the ability to offer barista made coffee.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$139,168 (see attached quote).

*Please note due to the recent Covid19 health restrictions it has been difficult to get an onsite visit for actual cost estimation for the plumbing requirements, the estimation is a 'worst case scenario'.

The Market committee have raised \$20,000 towards the project and will continue contributing to the project while supporting local charities.

*Please note the current Aust Health Department directions has closed the market for the foreseeable future and this has impacted fundraising opportunities.

The market committee request \$80,000 through the 2020/21 Draft Council Budget Submission opportunity to assist towards the cost of the project.

The Market committee are confident Council's contribution will be a considerable driver toward community interest in assisting with remaining funds needed to complete the project, ie Crowdfunding campaign. Council's contribution will enable the committee to have a realistic and achievable target to present to the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our request.

Kind regards,

The Sale Charity Sunday Variety Market Committee

PAUL VERSTEDEN - ABN 95 470 809 490

ESTIMATE

Paul Verstedden

Attention: Sharon MacGowan
Wellington Shire
Sale, VIC. 3850
Date: 25/7/19

Attention: Mary Templeton
Sale Sunday Market
New facility Cost Estimate

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

PROGRESS PAYMENT: 50% upon acceptance of this quotation

FINAL PAYMENT: Balance due on receipt of final invoice.

BANK DETAILS: Westpac BSB: 033-253 ACCOUNT: 279 717

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost
PLANNING & PERMITS: ?	1	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
ERECT NEW SHED & AWNING: SBR Roofing Quote	1	\$ 20,360	\$ 20,360
CONCRETE SLAB & FOOTINGS: GBG Concreting Quote	1	\$ 15,950	\$ 15,950
INTERNAL LINING & BUILDING: SBR Quote	1	\$ 9,513	\$ 9,513
ELECTRICAL CONNECTION & WIRING: Suggested power connection via dog shed next door if sufficient supply available. Wiring to new shed lighting & power. Marathon Elec Estimate	1	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
PLUMBING: Connect new building to water & waste mains. Waste mains connection requires boring under road to connect. (May be possible to connect to the dog shed next door as a far cheaper option)	1	\$ 28,693	\$ 28,693

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VINYL FLOORING: ESTIMATE Vinyl Boards \$4000 ESTIMATE Commercial Vinyl \$12,000	1	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
KITCHEN BENCHES S/S: ESTIMATE Maffra Sheetmetal	1	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
DRINKS FRIDGE: ESTIMATE second hand drinks fridge	1	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
			\$ 0
			\$ 0
		Subtotal	\$ 126,516
	GST	10.00%	\$ 12,652
		Total	\$ 139,168



12 March 2020

Mrs M Templeton
PO Box 820
SALE VIC 3850

Email: nandmtempleton@gmail.com

Dear Mrs Templeton

TOWN PLANNING APPLICATION NO: P220/2019

PROPOSAL: Buildings and works associated with development of the land for a store to be used in-conjunction with an event generally in accordance with the endorsed plans.

PROPERTY TITLE: CA: 2014. Parish of Sale

PROPERTY ADDRESS: Punt Lane SALE

I wish to advise that Council has had to issue a correction to your planning permit. This was because an important condition (condition 5) was accidentally not placed on the planning permit. The correction to Planning Permit No. P220/2019 is attached.

Your attention is drawn to the conditions of the Permit. **Please read these conditions carefully**, and check as to whether there are any steps which you should take **prior to commencing the use or the development authorised by the permit, especially if plans for endorsement or approval (or other information) is required to be submitted prior to the permit having force or effect.**

This permit is not a building permit, and if the proposal involves the construction, alteration, relocation or removal of a building, you might need to obtain a separate building permit.

All conditions on this Planning Permit must be completed or complied with. This Planning Permit will be audited toward the expiration date to ensure compliance.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter, you may contact me either by phone on (03) 5142 3019 or by email on mark.bayly@wellington.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

MARK BAYLY
Statutory Planner

Sale Service Centre
18 Desailly Street (PO Box 506), Sale Victoria 3850
Telephone 1300 366 244

Yarram Service Centre
156 Grant Street, Yarram Victoria 3971
Telephone 03 5182 5100

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The Heart of Gippsland

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS NOTICE

WHAT HAS BEEN DECIDED?

A permit operates from the date specified in the permit, or if no date is specified, from:

- i. the date of the decision of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, if the permit was issued at the direction of the Tribunal, or
- ii. the date on which it was issued, in any other case.

WHEN DOES THE PERMIT EXPIRE?

1. A permit for the development of land expires if:
 - the development or any stage of it does not start within the time specified in the permit, or
 - the development requires the certification of a plan of subdivision or consolidation under the *Subdivision Act 1988* and the plan is not certified within two years of the issue of the permit, unless the permit contains a different provision; or
 - the development or any stage is not completed within the time specified in the permit, or, if no time is specified, within two years after the issue of the permit or in the case of a subdivision or consolidation within five years of the certification of the plan of subdivision or consolidation under the *Subdivision Act 1998*.
2. A permit for the use of land expires if:
 - the use does not start within the time specified in the permit, or if no time is specified, within two years after the issue of the permit, or
3. The use is discontinued for a period of two years. A permit for the development and use of land expires if:
 - the development or any stage of it does not start within the time specified in the permit; or
 - the development or any stage of it is not completed within the time specified in the permit, or if no time is specified within two years after the issue of the permit; or
 - the use does not start within the time specified in the permit, or, if no time is specified, within two years after the completion of the development, or
 - The use is discontinued for a period of two years.
4. If a permit for the use of land or the development and use of land or relating to any of the circumstances mentioned in section 6A(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, or to any combination of use, development or any of those circumstances requires the certification of a plan under the *Subdivision Act 1988*, unless the permit contains a different provision -
 - the use or development of any stage is to be taken to have started when the plan is certified; and
 - The permit expires if the plan is not certified within two years of the issue of the permit.
5. The expiry of a permit does not affect the validity of anything done under that permit before the expiry.

WHAT ABOUT APPEALS?

- The person who applied for the permit may appeal against any condition in the permit unless it was granted at the direction of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal where, in which case no right of appeal exists.
- An appeal must be lodged within 60 days after the permit was issued, unless a Notice of Decision to grant a permit has been issued previously, in which case the appeal must be lodged within 60 days after the giving of that notice.
- An appeal is lodged with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
- An appeal must be made on an Application for review form which can be obtained from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, and be accompanied by the applicable fee.
- An application for review must state the grounds upon which it is based.
- An application for review must also be served on the Responsible Authority.
- Details about applications for review and the fees payable can be obtained from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.



PLANNING PERMIT (CORRECTED)

Form 4

Planning and Environment Regulations 2005

Permit No: P220/2019
Planning Scheme: Wellington Planning Scheme
Responsible Authority: Wellington Shire Council
Address of Land: CA: 2014
Punt Lane SALE
Parish of Sale.

The Permit allows: Buildings and works associated with development of the land for a store to be used in-conjunction with an event generally in accordance with the endorsed plans.

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLY TO THIS PERMIT:

Amended Plans:

1. Prior to the endorsement of the development plans, revised plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions shown. The plans must be generally in accordance with the plans submitted with the application, but modified to show:

The site plan showing the shed constructed away from the existing trees marked with a red circle on the attached map. The location of the shed must be approved by Council's Community Committee section.

Compliance with the Endorsed Plans:

2. The layout of the site and the size, design and location of the buildings and works permitted must generally accord with the endorsed plan

Tree protection during construction

3. Before the development (including any demolition) starts, a tree protection fence must be erected around the drip line of the trees to be retained. The tree protection fence must be constructed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and must remain in place to deter vehicular and pedestrian access. No trenching or excavation within the fence will be permitted. The area inside the tree protection fence must not be used for storage or dumping of tools, materials or waste, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority

CORRECTED PLANNING PERMIT P220/2019, 12 MARCH 2020, PAGE 2 OUT OF 3.

Council's Open Space Unit:

4. The trees marked with a red circle on the attached map must be retained. During the construction of the proposed shed, no excavation is to be undertaken within 6.5 metres of the trunk of the existing trees that will be retained.
5. The shed must be constructed on a raised base rather than being excavated.

Council's Infrastructure Development Department:

Access

6. Vehicular access to the proposed shed must be from the western wall and existing reserve only. There must be no access to the east or the north from the Punt Lane road reserve.

Expiry of permit - Development

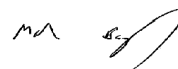
7. This permit will expire if the development is not completed within two years of the date of this permit. In accordance with Section 69 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, an application may be submitted to the Responsible Authority for an extension of the period referred to in this condition if a request is made in writing before the permit expires, within six months of the date of expiry if work has not lawfully commenced on the site or within twelve months of the date of expiry if work has lawfully commenced on the site.

CAN THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY AMEND THIS PERMIT?

The Responsible Authority may amend this permit under Division 1A of Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Date Issued: 18 September 2019

Signature for the Responsible Authority:



MARK BAYLY
Statutory Planner

THIS PERMIT HAS BEEN CORRECTED AS FOLLOWS:

Date of correction	Brief description of correction.
24 September 2019	Condition 5 from Council's Infrastructure Development Department was added as it was mistakenly not included in the original planning permit. The remaining condition was renumbered accordingly.
12 March 2020	Condition 5 from Council's Open Space Planner was added on the permit to prevent the ground where the shed will be constructed being excavated. The remaining conditions were renumbered accordingly.

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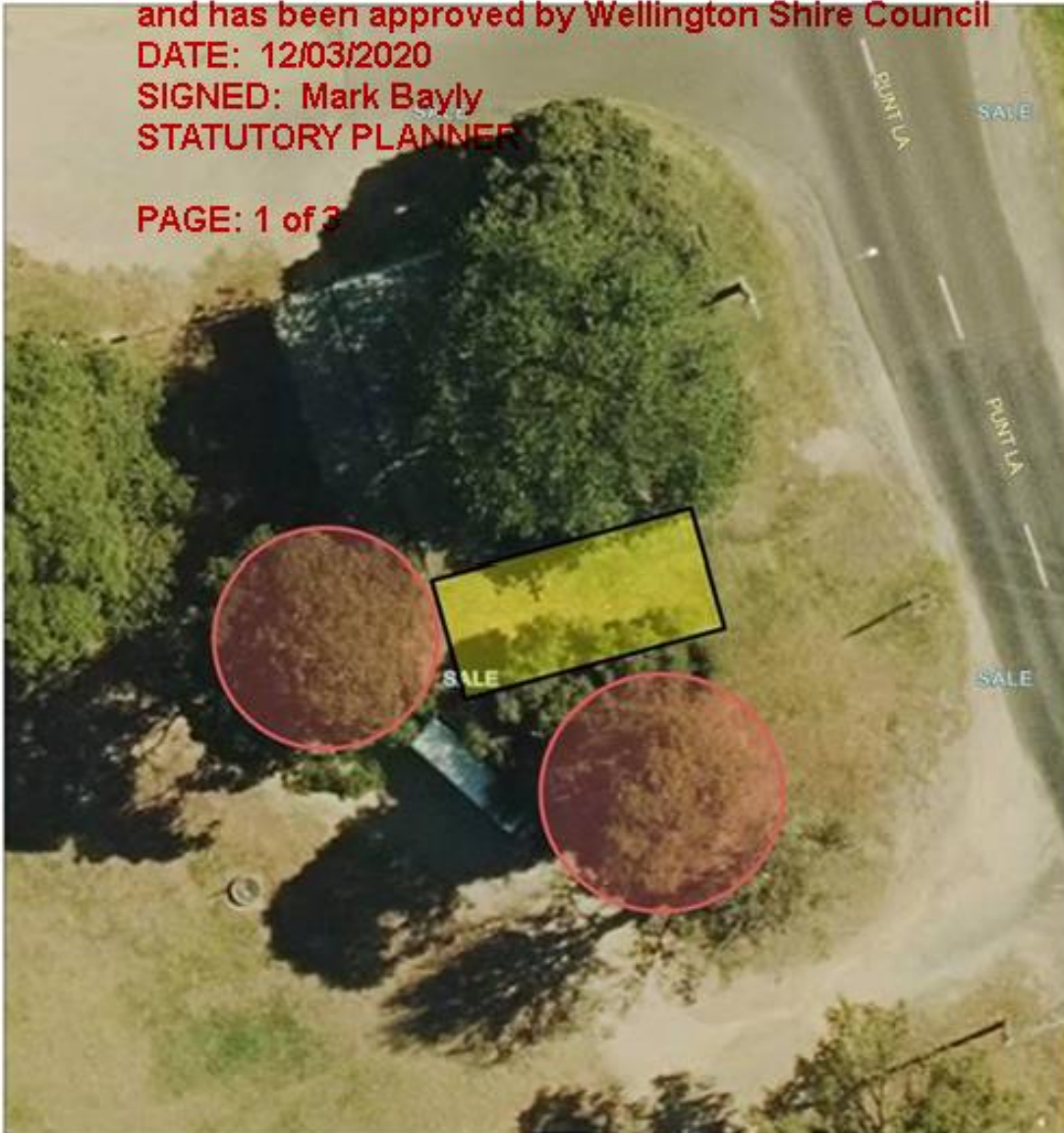
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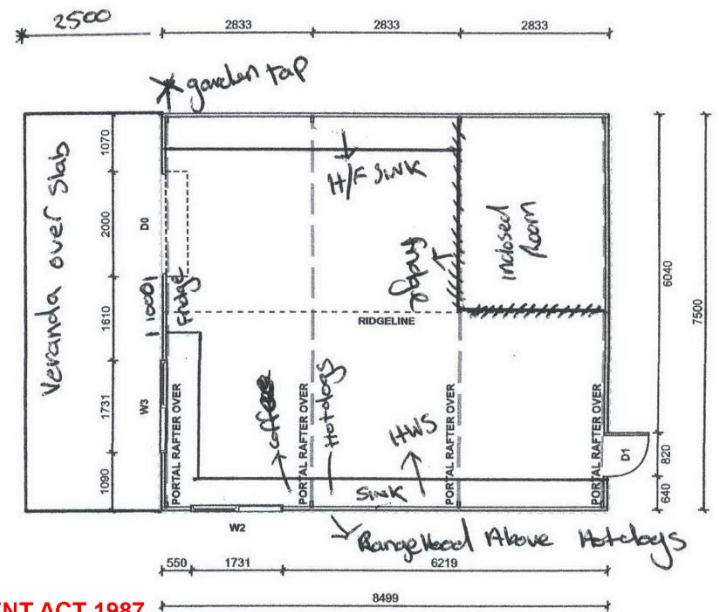
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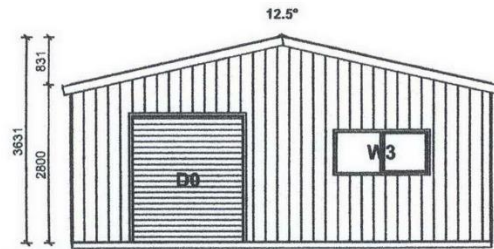
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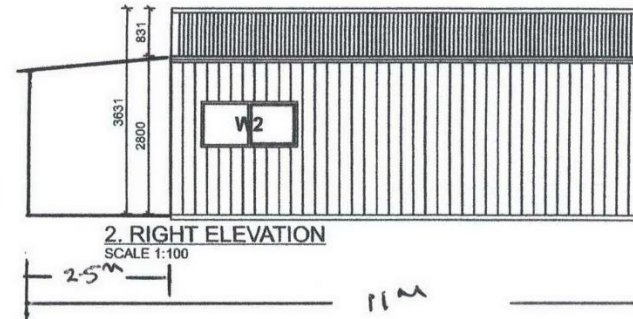
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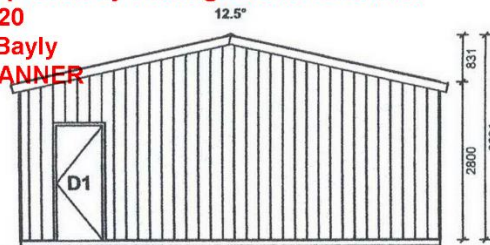
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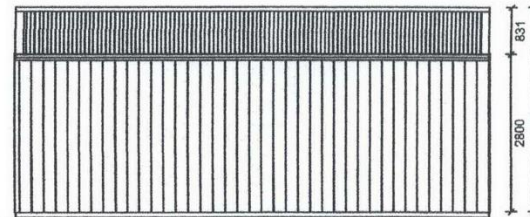
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Sale Sunday Charity Market

Introduction - Established in December 1978 to assist local community charities.

The market is held every third Sunday of the month with up to 200 stalls offering a broad range of local produce, nuts and spices, plants and flowers and general good such as clothing, toys, accessories collectibles and gifts for what is now one of the biggest markets in Gippsland.

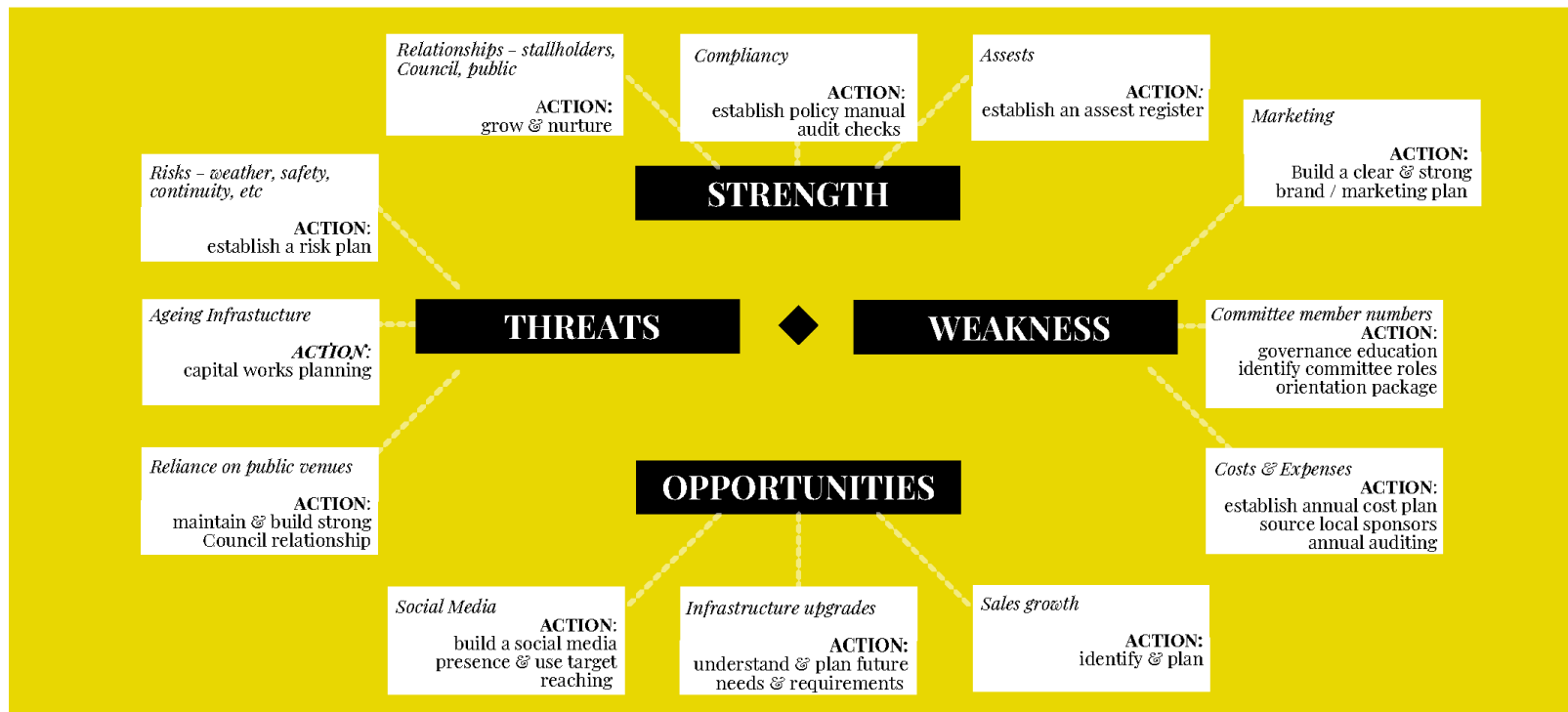
The Market's appeal is its authenticity, variety and value-for-money, with many small local traders operating with minimal overhead costs. Each month a local charity assists the market volunteers in the popular food stall for a donation between \$500 - \$1,000. The Market committee have been able to support Sale to the tune of \$398,000 and counting.

Vision - To continue giving back to Sale and charities in need.

Goals - To continue supporting local charities and businesses and to facilitate a professionally supervised and organised market.

Immediate Actions -

1. Install permanent food standard infrastructure to continue and grow the food sales opportunities and local charity group capacity to raise funds.
 - o current status - WSC consultation complete, site approved, WSC planning permits approved, project manager installed, quotes received.
 - o next steps - funding strategy (WSC budget submission, crowd funding campaign, volunteer grants Jan 2021).
 - create actionable marketing plan, increase local profile and launch effective advocacy strategy.



No.	10
Submission	Request that Council understand that it is likely that climatic conditions will impact on the largely rural rate base's ability to raise revenue and also increase its costs
Correspondent	Neil Barraclough

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mixing". Some two years later the cold water had moved sufficiently north to give us very dry years in 2008 and 2009. The Black Saturday fires occurred during this drought,

Two times 18.6 years earlier we got our driest year on record in the sale and Bairnsdale record-1972.

Go back 3x18.6 years and the Murray River stopped running on one of last centuries worst droughts

Go back another 18.6 and you have the drought leading up to the Red Tuesday fire of 1898. Two of Victoria's six worst fires occurred in this lunar cycle. Go back another 18.6 years (ref 1- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drought_in_Australia)

1877 All states affected by severe drought, with disastrous losses in Queensland. In Western Australia many native trees died, swamps dried up and crops failed.

Passed on to me anecdotally from a long time Cann River Resident-
When I first came to Cann River in 1963 I was lucky enough to meet and talk to several old stockmen who were born there. They told of open forests with easy access to distant settlements just by horse back in just a day or two. No made tracks! They also spoke of drought just before 1880 told to them by older stockmen who said that around the few big waterholes that had lasted after the Cann River dried up there were the carcasses of native animals only.

The driest year on record for the Gabo Island Lighthouse with an annual average of 936mm is 1878 with 508.4mm, it was preceded by two years of below average rainfall.

Back another 2x18.6 years- (ref 1) 1838–39 Droughts in South Australia and [Western Australia](#)

Also the discovery/exploration of Gippsland by Angus McMillan was driven by drought in 1839.

Back another 18.6 years to 1823.6 there are references to a megafire of 1824

Back to the future, we need to watch the Antarctic Ice Sheet and Antarctic sea surface temperatures leading up to April 2025 and if a significant amount of the ice shelves break up or if sea surface temperatures drop we can expect a significant drought to follow a few years later. This will likely be in a cooling world with the ice mass in Antarctica increasing.

The summers of 2027-28 and 2028-29 have a higher than random probability of being severe fire seasons.

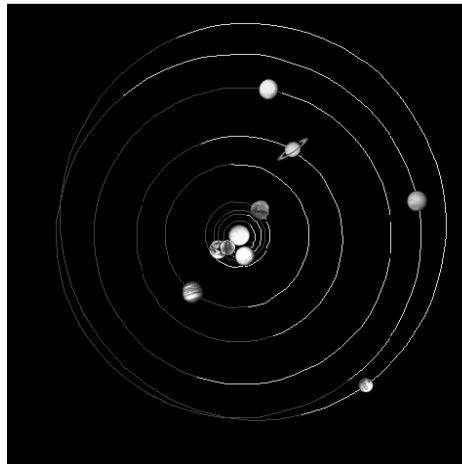
The next period of higher probability of severe drought in the 18.6 year lunar cycle may be the summers of 2031-32 and 2032-33.

Much of eastern Australia suffered in the drought leading up to the fires of 2013 which was a particularly bad summer. The drought started around June 2012 in my area, east Gippsland. If you go back 4x18.6 years it takes you back to the start of the drought that preceded the 1939 fires and the lead up to those fires was worse than the lead up to these fires in many parts of eastern Australia. Back another 18.6 years and there was a severe drought over much of eastern Australia from 1918-20. One of Victoria's worst six fires occurred on this lunar cycle and the droughts in the past seem related to low solar activity as well.

If you go back another 18.6 years it takes you back to the start of the Federation drought of 1901-2 which was worse in much of eastern Australia than this drought has been to the present and many fires occurred during these years. Back another 37.2 years to another drought and the Black Monday fires of 27th February 1865, said to be the worst day for heat and smoke since 1851

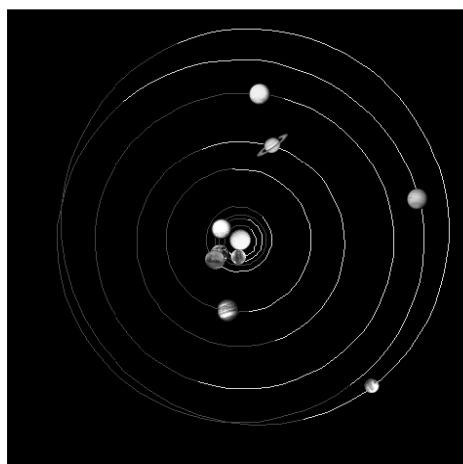
In ten years time the planets Saturn and Jupiter will be aligned opposite to each other in their orbits around the sun, the planet Uranus is near aligned as well. When Saturn and Jupiter are opposite we seem to have a greater chance of extremes in either wet or dry with Uranus likely compounding the situation.

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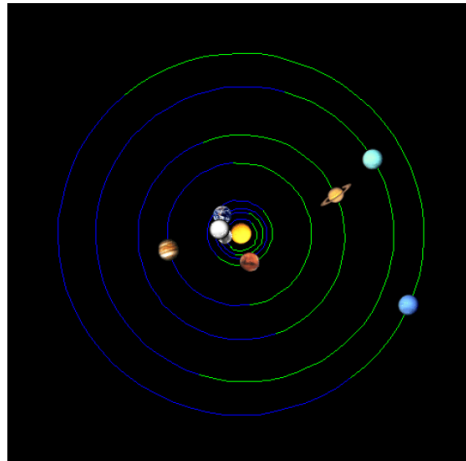


In 2031 when this lunar cycle is set to give us a higher probability of drought Saturn, Jupiter and Uranus are very close to aligning similar to the situation that occurred during our likely worst drought and fire weather combination since European settlement of Victoria.

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The planetary alignments during the 1851 drought which occurred during the lunar drought cycle we have just been through. The planetary alignment on Black Thursday 6th February 1851 will be very similar to the alignment of 2031, it could negate the lunar cycle or compound it as it seems to have in 1851.



Reference to planetary alignments-

http://www.fourmilab.ch/cgi-bin/Solar/action?sys=-S&fbclid=IwAR0zZIPI_gEA9Lb - ChPzcA9U139INrq2O9fBs015QQEZx1_T7tPOijmMks

This lunar cycle produces droughts of a greater severity and incidence during periods of low solar activity and it is predicted that by 2030 we will be in a period of the lowest solar since European settlement of Australia so there is a reasonable chance this drought will be catastrophic. There is a likelihood that the latter part of the drought in Gippsland will be worse west of Sale than east of Bairnsdale.

So, the summer of 2031-32 and 2032-33 have a much higher than random probability of being extreme summers for bushfire.

Let's look at temperature and extreme bushfire weather I have cut and pasted a section from what I submitted to the 2009 Royal commission into the Black Saturday fires on behalf of the Gippsland Apiarists Association Inc.

7 Climate change as a factor.

There is no consensus on the subject amongst scientists or the layperson and the issue has added complexity with a widespread contention that an understanding can be reached by first selecting a group of experts from a particular side of the debate and following them. This approach appears to have significant flaws in relation to reaching a rational conclusion. It is further complicated by what appears to be political and other motivation as the reason for selecting a particular side to follow.

What can we say with a degree of certainty?

7.1 The severity of the Black Saturday fire has been attributed to climate change with the drought of the last decade and the Melbourne's "record" temperature of 46.4 proof of that.

7.1-1 Let's analyse the suggestion that the record temperature of 46.4 for Melbourne proves climate change was a factor in the fire.

Go to <http://home.iprimus.com.au/foo7/fire1851.html> and check out the weather for Black Thursday, February 6th 1851. The description of the drought and heat wave that preceded it sounded far worse than our few hot days this summer, the temperature was recorded at 47.2 Celsius in Melbourne. The wind was described as like coming from a furnace and the strength of a tornado.

Let' now look at what has changed since 1851. Around the 1920's maximum/minimum thermometers came in. The 47.2 in 1851 was recorded when it was checked at 11 am. As we understand it, maximum/minimum thermometers came in the 1920's and it was likely a few degrees hotter than the 47.2 degrees on Black Thursday 1851

Now let's check the weather map for Black Saturday and see how the jet streams took air right across the continent from north to south picking up heat and loosing humidity as it passed over the scorched interior. In 1851, pre rabbits, grazing and other factors inland Australia was much better vegetated so would have had a lesser heating effect on the air passing over it.

The 19th century was a period of lower solar activity and the 20th century a period of high solar activity, the higher the solar activity the higher the expected global temperatures.

According to the book "Ordeal by Fire" by W S Noble Melbourne recorded another day of 111.5 degrees Faranheight (44.2 degrees C) in 1862, once again pre maximum/minimum thermometers with an unrecorded peak so likely as hot or hotter than Black Saturday 2009.

A thorough analysis of the 50 years from 1850 to 1900 may even reveal more such days in that fifty year period than for the century from 1900 to 2000!

Let's look at Sales temperature record-

http://www.bom.gov.au/jsp/ncc/cdio/weatherData/av?p_nccObsCode=36&p_display_type=dataFile&p_stn_num=085072

Statistic	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
2017	26.8	25.1	26.1	21.0	17.4	14.9	15.2	15.1	18.3	21.2	24.7	24.7	20.9
2018	27.0	26.3	24.6	22.5	18.1	15.0	15.3	15.9	17.9	21.1	21.9	26.6	21.0
2019	29.5	26.7	24.6	21.9	18.3	15.7	15.0	14.8	18.0	21.4	22.8	25.0	21.1

Statistic	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
2020	26.0	24.0	23.3	19.9									

View a year of daily data

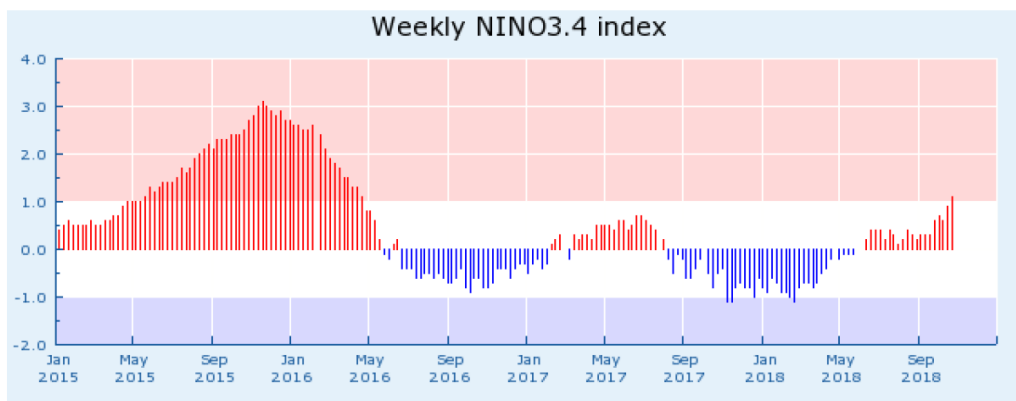
Summary statistics for all years

[Information about climate statistics](#)

Statistic	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Mean	25.6	25.4	23.6	20.4	16.9	14.3	13.9	15.1	17.1	19.4	21.4	23.5	19.7

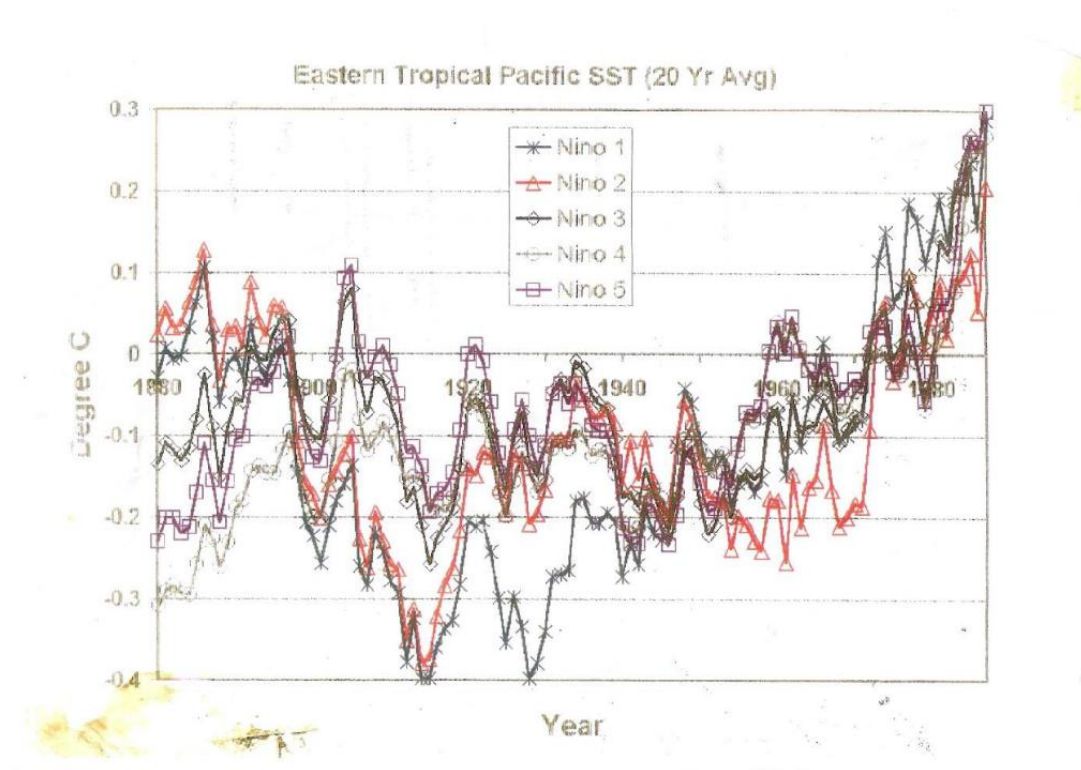
2017, 2018 and 2019 were recorded as being the warmest years in the temperature record for Sale going back to 1946

In attachment 3 I give the following graph of sea surface temperatures in the Eastern Tropical Pacific and explain an undersea volcanic link.



An analysis of Eastern Tropical Pacific sea surface temperatures will likely reveal a relationship with maximum daily temperatures in southeast Australia

Further analysis will likely show a relationship between undersea volcanic activity and global volcanic activity. The graph below was taken from the link www.sepp.org/scirsrch/el_nino.html



So, we may see a slight rise in temperatures in the Wellington Shire over the next 15 years with sea levels falling slightly world wide.

So, natural cyclic climate variation will likely see an extended period of drought and increased extreme bushfire weather, particularly during the periods I have nominated as greater probability of drought

The summers of 2027-28 and 2028-29 and the summers of 2031-32 and 2032-33 likely have a higher probability of severe drought, higher temperatures and extreme fire weather. If it happens it will likely happen with cooling in the northern hemisphere, particularly the higher latitudes warmed by the Gulf Stream.

Global cloudiness is expected to increase world wide over the next 15 years as solar activity declines. There appears to be a clear decrease in solar irradiance in the East Sale record since 1990.

https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/images/stories/committees/enrc/future_water_supply/Submissions_57_110/085_Mr_Neil_Barraclough.pdf

What I am saying has many similarities with predictions based on a belief that human caused emissions of Carbon dioxide will cause these changes as well.

Two differences in predictions-

1. I am predicting a cooling in higher latitudes of the northern hemisphere, this is in conflict with our global warming friends.
2. I am predicting that many of the dams and natural waterholes that have dried up for the first time in living memory will be low or dry in coming decades, we won't be subject to more extreme rainfall events.

No.	11
Submission	Request to reduce the proposed increase in truck wash fees at Gippsland Regional Livestock Exchange
Correspondent	Nicky Reeves

Name: Nicky Reeves

Contact No.:

Email Address:

Submission Title: Increase of price of the Truck Wash at the Sale Yards

Your feedback on the Draft Budget:

I would like to submit some concerns with the council proposing to increase the truck wash cost from its current cost of 1.32+GST to 1.60+GST. I have been a livestock carrier for 20 years with the majority of my work in the local area. With the increase in biosecurity measures (which I agree with) over the years my use of the truck wash has increased to accommodate these measures, which involve washing out between loads. An increase of such a large amount would require me to pass this on to the farmers, as a farmer myself the past few years have been extremely tough and increases such as these are crippling their ability to get going again - it may have rained a little bit but we certainly aren't out of the woods.

The drought has impacted my carrier enterprise with many farmers moving less cattle (the numbers aren't there) and increases such as these only make the situation worse. Farmers already avoid sending cattle to Sale due to the large cost of using the yards (A farmer recently pointed out the drastic increase in calf yard fees in comparison to two years ago and are electing to not send them to the saleyards) and this will give agriculture enterprises added ammunition that the Shire does not support farmers and are only focused on revenue raising.

Having travelled and used a wide majority of truck washes, Sale is not the dearest but will be with this price rise and the facility is not up to standard to other truck washes across Vic and NSW - it does not appear that revenue raised from the truck wash is used for maintenance and up keep or measures to reduce water waste etc.

It would be appreciated that this be considered to in your budget review and a reduction in the increase be considered. In terms of financially viability such an increase may involve people setting up make shift truck wash facilities that are not up to standard and result in extra water usage and contamination of areas due to the run off from the trucks this is a reason why we use the truck wash and we would like to continue to do this, but it is hard to justify the cost.

No.	12
Submission	Request that the farm rate differential rate be adjusted in line with farm valuations to maintain stability
Correspondent	Steve and Lisa Harrison

Councillor Alan Hall
 Mayor
 Wellington Shire Council
 18 Desailly Street
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June 3rd, 2020

Dear Cr Hall,

RE: Submission to Wellington Shire Council on the 2020/21 Draft Budget

We welcome the opportunity to put forward a submission to the Wellington Shire Council on its proposed 2020/21 Draft Budget.

As local farmers in our community, we feel that the constant increase in rates above the state government's Fair Go Rate Cap of 2% annually is disappointing. We are aware that the Wellington Shire is not the only rural shire to increase its rates over the rate cap.

The farming families in the Wellington Shire are in a prime position to help to rebuild the economy in the Shire following the Coronavirus pandemic. As agriculture, forestry and fishing is the largest employment sector in the shire, it is these families and employees who will spend within the towns and businesses to keep our towns vibrant and successful.

However, after 3 years of drought, the financial reserves of many of these farming businesses are low. Compare this timeframe to that of the current Coronavirus impact (coming up to 4 months) and you will understand the frustration of many farmers when other businesses are expressing the need for assistance. The global impact of the Coronavirus pandemic has affected wool producers such as ourselves, as China is the major buyer of wool, and with the shutting down of their processing facilities, the price of wool has plummeted.

Whilst we acknowledge the positive action that the Wellington Shire undertook to use the Victorian Government's drought assistance funding to offset the 2019/2020 rates, the large increase proposed for the 2020/2021 farm rates (9.8%) will negate any earlier benefits and see many farming families continue to struggle to meet other financial obligations, which will reduce spending in the local businesses. Recovery from the drought will take many livestock farmers three to five years to reach pre-drought production as flock/herd numbers were reduced so heavily during the drought. In simple terms, if we have half the stock, our income will be halved. Even in the draft budget, you mention "the slow road to recovery" (page 3), so Council is aware of factors relating to this recovery time.

And yet, due to the vagaries of our rating system, the valuation of our decimated farmland appears to have grown so that we will be paying 9.8% more in rates (page 24, Draft Budget), even with a reduction in the farm differential rate. This does not allow for the fluctuation of income and therefore the ability of the farmer to pay.

By examining the figures contained in the draft budget on page 24, it appears that farmers are paying approximately 20% of the revenue raised by the rates, when they consist of only 10.4% of the number of assessments. Given that many farmers pay multiple assessments (in our case we

pay 5 assessments) the number of farmers contributing to the rates is less than 10%. We feel this is a vast inequity, especially given the benefit that we receive in terms of services used.

Whilst Council is unable to change the policy of the State Government when it comes to the rating system, a fairer spread of burden could be achieved by using the tools at its disposal. The farm rate differential needs to be adjusted along with the farm valuations to maintain some stability. Then we would not be writing letters like this. In your introduction to the Draft Budget, you announce "the freezing of all council rates" (page 3). Unfortunately, a rise of 9.8% for farmers is not a freeze in dollar terms.

All businesses will have experienced a reduction in spending due to the drought and/or COVID-19. We feel that local Councils should also cut spending and work within a reduced budget like so many other businesses. Unlike Councils, farmers cannot ask for an increase in payment for commodities.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this draft budget. We are happy to discuss any of these points in greater detail should you be interested.

Yours sincerely,



Steve and Lisa Harrison

No.	13
Submission	Request that the farm rate differential rate be adjusted in line with farm valuations to maintain stability
Correspondent	Victorian Farmers Federation



Cr Alan Hall
 Mayor
 Wellington Shire Council
 18 Desailly Street
 SALE, VIC 3850

3 June 2020

Dear Cr Hall,

RE: Submission to Wellington Shire Council on the 2020/21 Draft Budget

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) welcomes the opportunity to put forward this submission to the Wellington Shire Council on its proposed 2020/21 Draft Budget.

Agriculture in Gippsland cannot be expected to shoulder an even greater rating burden as farmers work to help rebuild the local economy in the wake of COVID-19. The table below shows the immediate shift in the rating burden that Council's proposed budget places on agriculture.

Average Rates Per Farm Assessment 2020/21	Change per farm assesment from 2019/20	Average Rates Per Residential Assesment 2020/21	Change per residential assesment from 2019/20	Farm Rate Burden 2019 (% contribution to total general rates from agriculture)	Farm Rate Burden 2020 (% contribution to total general rates from agriculture)
\$3,364	11.58	\$1,209	-1.44	18.43	20.25

Gippsland farmers face the same challenges that all ratepayers in the community are facing in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition however, farmers are particularly exposed to the impact of increasing energy costs, the vagaries of commodity prices, natural disasters such as bushfire and food, and of course, recent drought and dry conditions.

The VFF acknowledges Council's action in supporting drought impacted farmers by allocating all of the \$3.31 million from the Victorian Government's Local Government Service Support Payment to farmers as well as other council run initiatives. The VFF also acknowledges Council's recent efforts in response to the 2019/20 bushfire season which had an enormous impact on the local economy. However, in spite of this support and through what we hope will be a favourable change to seasonal conditions, Council must acknowledge that Gippsland farmers are already being squeezed from different angles and can little afford to be further squeezed by an inequitable change in farm rates. What's more, even with the prospect of improved seasonal conditions, Council must understand that a farm business cannot just resume normal production immediately.

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The VFF recognises the difficult position councils face when it comes to the resources available to them to develop a fair rating strategy. Victoria's rating system has created the situation whereby regional and rural ratepayers pay more in rates as a percentage of the value of their property than ratepayers in metropolitan Melbourne.

For example, a residential property in the Wellington Shire worth \$300,000 will pay over \$1,500 in rates, whereas a property valued the same amount in the City of Stonington would pay no more than \$390. Ratepayers in country Victoria have lower incomes generally than those in Melbourne and therefore pay a higher percentage of their income towards local government rates. This inequity has a disproportionate effect on farming communities who pay a significant contribution to local government rates.

The VFF believes there are five major inequities associated with the local government rating system:

- Farmers in general pay more in rates than residents in urban areas.
- Rating structures rarely account for the ability to pay and farmers' ability to pay rates fluctuates to a far greater degree than wage and salary earners.
- Farmers in general use few of the services they pay for through rates and are provided in urban areas.
- Land is a farmers' working capital and is taxed disproportionately compared with the working capital owned by other people and businesses.
- Victoria's rating system produces vast inequalities between metropolitan and regional ratepayers which compounds pressures faced by farm ratepayers.

Under Council's proposed budget, the average farm assessment will pay \$3,364 in general rates, compared to the average residential assessment which will pay \$1,208. It is important to recognise the reality that farmers pay multiple assessments across their land holdings, whereas the average residential and commercial business ratepayer typically pays rates on just one property. The average farm business in Wellington Shire will therefore pay approximately \$14,946 in general rates this year.¹

Farmers' incomes also fluctuate because they are more exposed to factors beyond their control including seasonal variability such as rainfall, natural disasters and changes in international commodity markets. These factors have little impact on land values, but have a significant impact on farmers' incomes and ability to pay.

The current model of using land valuations for striking rates, places undue financial stress on farming businesses as the value attributed to farm land does not reflect farm businesses' revenue generation nor capacity to pay.

It is important that Council acknowledges the inequities faced by farmers because of the rating system that has been imposed by state government policy. Whilst there is little Council can do to directly change that policy, it nevertheless can use tools at its disposal to promote a more equitable local rating strategy.

¹ Average rates based on the number of farm businesses in Wellington Shire counted in the 2016 ABS Agriculture Census.

The fundamental principle should be that as the value of farmland increases, the differential rate is adjusted to reduce the rate in the dollar so that the rate burden paid by the farm sector remains stable.

The VFF is concerned that Council's draft budget proposes an 11.58% increase in the average farm rate per assessment, particularly in light of there only being a 1.42% decrease to the average residential rate. The increase in the average farm rate is greater than the state-wide average farm rate increase of 4.5% (as at 29 May 2020). What's more, Council's proposed rating strategy would see average farm rates increasing by 27% since 2017/18, whilst average residential rates will only increase by 8.4%.

Council may seek to justify this year's increase based on the 14.96% increase to farmland values in the district, but it must be acknowledged that the current model of using land valuations for striking rates places undue financial stress on farming businesses as the value attributed to farm land does not reflect farm businesses' revenue generation nor capacity to pay. Differential rates were introduced as a tool for councils to address equity issues arising from the land valuation method of determining rates. Council must use the differential tool to its fullest extent to lower the increase on farm rates to be more equitable.

Whilst the VFF supports the principles behind the state government's Fair-Go rate capping policy, we do not support the current design of the policy due to the inequitable impact it has on farm rates. By capping the average general rate increase, farm rates are forced to be adjusted disproportionately to residential rates which make up the majority of the rate base. Council must not use the rate cap as an excuse to levy an inequitable rate rise on farm businesses in order to meet its revenue objectives.

The VFF is committed ensuring equity for all rural and regional ratepayers. We look forward to being able to work with the Wellington Shire Council to achieve positive outcomes for the farming community in Gippsland and welcome any opportunity to discuss Council's future rating strategy plans.

Yours sincerely,



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Victorian Farmers Federation

No.	14
Submission	Request to reduce the proposed increase in yard fees at Gippsland Regional Livestock Exchange
Correspondent	Deborah Hammond

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Submission Title: GLE Increase Yard Fees

Your feedback on the Draft Budget:

I would like to submit some concerns with the council proposing to increase the yard fees for the Bobby calf Mkt by 2.00%.

We (Elders) are finding a lot of resistance by our vendors, not supporting the Bobby calf mkt, as they are saying that the yards fees are extremely high compared to other Selling Centres, The GLE yard fees are currently \$3.30 Yard Fees + \$2.50 for Scanning = \$ 5.80 + gst, against another selling centre at Warragul charging one fee of \$3.70 + gst (this fee includes Yard fee & scanning fee in one charge) this being a \$2.10 dearer.

This makes a big difference when a Bobby Calf may only sell for as low as \$25.00 per head.