

Reasons for Council's Budget Decision

In making a decision in relation to the proposed Yarra City Council 2019/20 Budget, Council is required to consider all submissions made to it in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989. In informing submitters of its decision, Council is required to provide reasons for its decision. Those reasons, as they relate to each submission, are set out in the following table.

Topic	Sub'n ID	Reason
Activation/Place Making - Gleadell Street	134,	The development of an updated precinct-wide framework plan that takes in to account the Richmond Town Hall and new Richmond High School was part of Council's endorsed Bridge Road Master Plan. Funding has been allocated in the 2019/20 Budget to support the development of the framework plan and for the potential construction of a new pedestrian crossing at the Gleadell Street/Highett Street intersection. The submission and ideas will be considered as part of the design process. Consultation has begun with key stakeholders including an initial meeting with representatives from the submitter. There are significant ideas in the submission that require more detailed investigation of their feasibility and costs.
Activation/Place Making - Gleadell Street	134	Arts and cultural activity can contribute actively to place making. Some of that work is very well demonstrated in integrated projects such as the Walnut Street shared zone, using the road as a canvas for art. Council supports community driven events, such as the pop up chalk drawing project proposed, through our Community Grants scheme, which provides an annual mechanism for Council to partner with community organisations to realise local outcomes.
Budget for Reid Street Park	31, 33, 46, 48	An amount of \$20,000 has been included in the 2019/20 for preparation of the design for the Reid Street Park. Community consultation is also programmed for 2019/20. Additional in-fill tree planting in Reid Street is scheduled for Winter/Spring.
Close part of Brunswick Street	92	Thank you for your suggestion for Brunswick Street between Alexandra Parade and Victoria Parade to be made car free. A detailed and multi-faceted study by Council would be required to determine the benefits and impacts of this proposal. As you have noted, traffic would be diverted to Nicholson Street and Hoddle Street, which would require Council to engage with VicRoads as the responsible authority for those streets. Council would need to make a decision to allocate time and resources to this type of study. Council has trialled road closures in other locations, and is exploring a range of other treatments to address safety and to improve amenity such as the 30km/h Speed Limit Trial in Collingwood and Fitzroy, and the upcoming Rose Street Shared Space project. Council will consider the outcomes and implications of these, and their transferability to other locations such as Brunswick Street.
Cost of tree maintenance	70	The 2019/20 Budget has allocated \$1,000,000 planting appropriate tree species throughout the municipality. The recurrent pruning costs for all trees is undertaken within the operational budget.

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Creative spaces - Dancehouse facilities upgrade	143	The 2019/20 Budget includes an allocation of \$29,000 for the toilet renewal project at Dancehouse. A detailed proposal by Council to install adequate air-conditioning for the space would be in the order of \$200,000. The \$89,000 air conditioning solution proposed is not a sufficient budget and may lead to a sub-optimal outcome and/or the need for additional budget to complete the project.
Funding contribution towards lighting upgrade at Ramsden Street Oval	140	W Council is aware of the Pick My Project, the need for lights at Ramsden Street Oval and the shortfall in the project budget. This request will be considered as part of Council's 2019/20 Budget deliberations.
Funding request for a new library in Yarra Bend precinct	58	Council currently provides five Libraries across the municipality, while there is currently no plan to increase this number Council will consider initiatives to ensure existing libraries are more accessible for communities.
Funding request for an Active Transport Strategy	135	The 2019/20 Budget includes an amount of \$200,000 to develop an Integrated Transport and Parking Management Plan.
Funding request for Collingwood Children's Farm Compost hub	130	The provision of \$30,000 in the 2019/20 Budget is sufficient to build the compost facility at the Collingwood Children's Farm.
Funding request to paint the silos in Richmond	60	Largescale public murals are an impactful way of transforming places. Yarra is very proud to be the home of Juddy Roller who has been the arts organisation realising many of the silo artwork across Victoria, also delivering a fantastic largescale mural on the public housing tower in Collingwood. Council receives many requests for murals, on private and public land, and has developed a Mural FAQ to assist residents to understand the commissioning process. Council's involvement in particular pieces will depend on financial capacity and impact on the community. This project would have its merits and the viability will depend on whether funding can be reallocated from other Council priority projects.
Improve animal management	23	Council officers regularly patrol parks and respond to any issues observed with appropriate enforcement.
Improve bicycle infrastructure	6, 8, 109	There are proposals to deliver additional separated bike lanes on roads in the 2019/20 Budget. Wider footpaths are desirable where foot traffic is high however it should be noted that such treatments require significant budget. Existing Council budgets do not allow for comprehensive widening of footpaths.

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Improve bicycle infrastructure	4, 7	<p>The issue of cyclists speeding on shared pathways is a concern but Council does not consider the installation of speed humps on shared pathways to be a practical safe solution.</p> <p>Where possible, shared paths in Yarra are designed and constructed to 3 metres wide. Wider shared paths allow for higher cycling speeds, which (anecdotally) diminishes the feelings of comfort for pedestrians.</p> <p>The shared path between Bridge Road and Victoria Street is managed by Yarra Council and is 3 metres wide. The river bank is constrained and there is no opportunity to create a continuous separated pedestrian path.</p> <p>In the case of the shared path between Victoria Street and Walmer Street, the shared path is managed by Parks Victoria. Along that section, the river's edge is very tightly constrained and the shared path is less than 3 metres wide. There is no opportunity to create a continuous separated pedestrian path.</p> <p>It is not desirable, for environmental and visual amenity reasons, to provide more paths/hard surfaces along the Yarra River.</p>
Improve bicycle infrastructure	24, 32, 37, 101, 111, 117, 127, 128, 137	<p>The total budget for cycling infrastructure and improvements is difficult to calculate and is significantly more than that contained within just the bike budget. Works are also funded via State Government either directly or through grants, or via the road resheet budget, LAPMS, black spot funding or other mechanisms. An increasing issue in the deliverability of new cycle facilities such as Copenhagen lanes other than capital funding is these facilities can require the removal of trees and/or car parking which are both sensitive issues.</p>
Improve bicycle infrastructure	9, 20	<p>The 2019/20 Budget includes works that will improve the quality of cycle routes including improved east west routes...</p>
Improve bicycle infrastructure	15	<p>Community members are encouraged to contact Council directly if they identify issues with specific road services. Council's road renewals program aims at improving road surfaces and existing cycling lanes. A number of Councillors are regular cyclists on Yarra's roads and bike paths.</p>
Improve bicycle infrastructure	16	<p>Widening the bike path crossing at Alexandra Parade is being looked at. The Parade is managed by VicRoads and they need to provide approval before any works can proceed. VicRoads approval is a process which takes time and is outside of Councils control.</p>
Improve bicycle infrastructure	45	<p>Burnley Street and Swan Street are managed by VicRoads. This makes it more complex for Council to improve pedestrian and cyclist's facilities on these roads. This area will be looked at as part of a State Government placemaking project.</p>
Improve bicycle infrastructure	56	<p>Council has budgeted to commence development of an Integrated Transport Plan, the strategic questions raised in your submission would be considered during this process.</p>

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Improve bicycle infrastructure	102	Officers have been working with State Government on the Gipps Street steps issue for approximately 10 years. It is proving to be very complex to resolve due to land ownership and local resident sensitivity. State Government and Yarra remain committed to upgrading this link.
Improve bicycle infrastructure	119	The 2019/20 Budget has allocated funding of \$200,000 toward and Integrated Transport and Parking Strategy It will provide a framework for infrastructure spending and also address strategic questions around the role of parking and charges.
Improve Budget engagement	53	Your suggestion of multiple choice questions as an engagement method is noted.
Improve bus services	16	Your concerns regarding the reliability of the bus service and PTV App are noted.
Improve Family Services	29	Council currently offers an extensive suite of programs for families, youth and children as well as support for older persons. Council directly manages 5 Early Learning Centres, along with another 2 kindergartens, Outside School Hours Care and Occasional Care programs. Council's youth services program provides a range of programs and supports for vulnerable young people in the community. Council also provides family support, Maternal and Child Health, playgroups as well as managing a range of community spaces used for children's services. Council offers extensive financial support to youth and children's service providers through grants programs. Services for older people include meals, in home support, assessment and community transport. Council works in partnership with State and a range of community service providers and is continuing to develop new and innovative responses to the changing needs of the community. Council's engagement with all ages is also demonstrated by the extensive suite of programs offered at Council's 5 library services.
Improve financial accountability	19	An across the board 10% decrease in rate revenue will not mean that your rates go down by 10%, because that's not how rates are calculated. Rates are calculated based on the average increase or decrease of the movement in property values across the city. Additionally, the majority of Yarra's community highly values the number of services, the levels of service, and the investment in infrastructure that Council currently provides. This is demonstrated by Council's high results in the recent independent community satisfaction survey. Council is constantly seeking new ways to deliver its services and capital infrastructure within a best value framework, and builds a \$500,000 reduction in spend from its operating bottom line into its budget each year.
Improve financial accountability	68	Councillors represent the rate payers of the City. Councillors are very aware of this, and are totally accountable for where Council's money is allocated. The majority of Yarra's community highly values the number of services, the levels of service, and the investment in infrastructure that Council currently provides. This is demonstrated by Council's exceptionally high results in the recent independent community satisfaction survey. Council is already very involved in partnerships with community care organisations that support people experiencing homelessness and/or violent home environments.

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Improve financial accountability	93	Council reports total employee numbers as part of its quarterly Finance report. Regarding the other metrics, Council will think about these for future reporting.
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Improve food and organics services	56	The kerbside collections for recycling, garbage and booked green waste are contracted. The focus of the strategy is to reduce the amount of waste generated and to recover resources that can reduce the need to utilise virgin materials.
Improve food and organics services	95	Council is not in the position to purchase shredding equipment. Unfortunately there is no viable alternatives for bamboo and ivy at the moment. This may change in the future and Council will reconsider.
Improve graffiti removal	11, 23, 25, 26, 40, 47, 50, 74, 151	The Graffiti Prevention Act 2007 (the Act) is a key aspect of the State Government's graffiti management approach. Local Government Local Laws and policies are consistent with this key piece of legislation. Graffiti is a law enforcement issue and it is advisable that graffiti is reported to Victoria Police, particularly if you are seeing a pattern in the type of graffiti offences occurring. The Graffiti Management Strategy (2019-2022) actions have flexibility to be adjusted year on year without altering the strategy. By February 2020 we will have the required data to link the most effective strategy actions to the 2020/21 Budget. This will allow us to provide a graffiti budget that is linked to dealing with graffiti within Yarra City Council. By February 2020 we will be in a position to provide a report that will allow Council to make informed decisions around graffiti management and the graffiti budget based on reliable data and proven methodology. The intention is to identify the most effective and efficient way to prevent graffiti within Yarra so we are moving from a reactive process towards a proactive process.
Improve Johnston Street	71	<p>Council's Economic Development Unit has responsibility for working with local traders to help promote Yarra's retail precincts. Council has just recently developed a new online mapping platform that promotes the variety of businesses in retail precincts. Johnston Street is one of the first to be completed, follow this link https://embed.alpacamaps.com/locale/city-of-yarra-retail-precincts/default?tags:prefilter=johnston%20street . The aim is to have all twelve Yarra retail precincts completed by the end of the year when a full promotional plan will be undertaken.</p> <p>Should you require further information, Council's Senior Project Officer – Retail, Tourism and Marketing would welcome the opportunity to discuss the platform in more detail.</p> <p>Council is progressively upgrading the public realm in activity centres whilst not part of the budget, opportunities can be considered in future budgets. Council's annual tree planting program can consider opportunities for</p>

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		additional trees along Johnston Street, although recognising that conditions can limit the choice of locations and types of trees.
Improve open space	16	Open Space is very important within the city limits and it needs to be utilised to its optimal level. We are developing an Open Space Strategy and as part of that process we will be going out to the community seeking feedback and suggestions for the use of all open space areas across the city next year, the area you refer to and your suggested use will be considered in the development of the strategy. We encourage you to participate. We have a dedicated Urban Agriculture Officer that can assist with promoting Urban Agriculture in your area. We encourage you to make contact with the officer to explore local opportunities in 2019/20.
Improve open space	38	<p>There are many situations where footpaths are narrow across Yarra. Extending footpaths would require a significant expense and would have implications for vehicular movement and car parking, which often makes it impractical. In the case of Stewart Street, traffic calming measures to create a 'shared' zone have been used to improve pedestrian priority and reduce traffic speeds.</p> <p>Council has a Public Toilet Strategy which sets out the program for upgrades and new toilets. Stewart Street is not a priority location compared to other areas within Yarra.</p> <p>Opportunities for the expansion of the existing park in Stewart Street were considered when the park underwent an upgrade last year and were not pursued due to issues with land ownership (some roads are owned by Vic Track).</p>
Improve open space	59	<p>The Yarra River environment at Alphington is likely to change in response to the development at Yarra Bend. Council would need to conduct extensive consultation with the local community before proposing to construct a paved path.</p> <p>Paved connections to the Chandler Highway shared path from Alphington will likely remain via the streets network. Access from the river's edge to the Chandler Highway shared path will be via steps.</p>
Improve open space (in Public Housing)	12	Yarra Council is committed to working with state and federal governments to support positive outcomes for our local community. We advocate on behalf of our current and future residents to help deliver our objective of building healthy, inclusive and liveable communities. We will look for opportunities to seek commitments from the Department of Health and Human Services to improve community facilities in public housing estates at Fitzroy, Collingwood and Richmond to ensure they are fit for purpose.
Improve open space maintenance	5	The grassed areas at Edinburgh Gardens are designed to be green for as long as possible, however, sometimes bare patches do occur in some circumstances, such as at the north and south ends of the park where M41 main drain works are occurring. These bare patches will be rehabilitated in the coming months.
Improve open space maintenance	12	A new open space strategy is being prepared and will set a strategic direction for the provision of additional open space in response to the growth occurring in Yarra. The suggestion for Cambridge Street has been raised before and will be considered as part of the strategy.

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Improve open space maintenance	26	Funding is provided in the budget for on-going programs to address graffiti removal, cleansing and maintenance of public areas and improvements to open space.
Improve open space maintenance	34	The garden bed site between Swan Street and Bridge Road has an established plant palette that includes both exotic and indigenous plants. There are no indoor plants in this area.
Improve open space maintenance	35	The plantation on the corner of Young and Cecil Streets was a community garden, which was found not to be utilised and since removed. The infill planting for our streetscapes will begin soon, with appropriate trees selected that suit the areas identified.
Improve open space maintenance	51	The grassed areas at Edinburgh Gardens are designed to be green for as long as possible, however, sometimes bare patches do occur in some circumstances, such as at the north and south ends of the park where M41 main drain works are occurring. Additional toilet facilities are in development, along with a number of rejuvenation plans for the park. Council is currently working on stage two of the Rain Garden project and more information should be made available shortly.
Improve open space maintenance	149	<p>The current streetscape maintenance contract is under review for conformance to the specifications, performance standards and quality standards. The review will provide a framework for the new streetscape maintenance tender specifications. Any additional cost (if required) to achieve the best outcomes for Council and the Yarra community will be incorporated into the budget.</p> <p>All trees are on an appropriate watering and maintenance program and the death of a tree or a species can be due to a number of varying environmental factors. The trees in Michael Street have been under stress, however irrigation systems are being implemented and the trees have been under a fortified watering regime to improve their condition. Tree planting within Yarra is carried out in accordance with the Urban Forest Strategy 2017 which takes into account green canopy requirements, hot spot mapping, end of life cycles and appropriate species.</p>
Improve outdoor exercise equipment	37	The provision of equipment in open space is considered when open space upgrades are considered or when specific proposals for locations are made. There is a lot of demand on Yarra's open spaces and the capacity of open spaces to accommodate a greater range of equipment can be difficult. The broader need for additional open space is being considered as part of the new Open Space Strategy.
Improve pedestrian infrastructure	38	There are many situations where footpaths are narrow across Yarra. Extending footpaths would require a significant expense and would have implications for vehicular movement and car parking, which often makes it impractical. In the case of Stewart Street traffic calming measures to create a 'shared' zone have been used to improve pedestrian priority and reduce traffic speeds. Council has a Public Toilet Strategy which sets out the program for upgrades and new toilets. Stewart Street is not a priority location compared to other areas within Yarra. Opportunities for the expansion of the existing park were considered when the park underwent an

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		upgrade last year and were not pursued due to issues with land ownership (some roads are owned by Vic Track).
Improve pedestrian infrastructure	41	The Hoddle Street Victoria Parade junction will be looked at as part of the wider Doncaster busway.
Improve playgrounds	59	The design for upgrade of the Alphington Park playground is programmed for 2019/20 at which time the inclusion of gym equipment can be considered.
Improve public safety	1, 42, 72, 73	<p>The issues facing the general area, including Lennox and Victoria Streets are complex and Council is aware of the significant impacts that anti-social behaviour and drug-related activity is having on the community, including public amenity and safety considerations. We are working closely with stakeholders such as Victoria Police, local traders, community organisations, State Government and community health centres, including North Richmond Community Health (NRCH) where the Medically Supervised Injecting Room (MSIR) currently operates, to achieve improved outcomes.</p> <p>Responsibility for drug related issues and public health and safety more broadly sits across local, state and federal governments. Council's key role in this space is around promoting public amenity. We believe that a range of initiatives for this precinct in combination can make a difference to the negative impacts of illicit drug use.</p> <p>Council has intensified programs in relation to public amenity, including in relation to road and footpath cleansing, graffiti and poster removal from assets, and maintenance and repair of street furniture and signage. Our contractor, Inner space, picks up needles/syringes from streets, parks and public toilets and managing the syringe disposal bins, offering a response within 24 hours of report. Council also recently completed urban design work to improve the amenity, safety and public realm at the intersections of Lennox/Nicholson and Victoria street (improved footpaths, new street crossing points, street furniture, bicycle parking, lighting, public art and street tree planting). With local traders, we are helping improve shopfronts along Victoria Street through targeted clean-ups, application of designed vinyls to roller shutters and better visual merchandising. We are also running a marketing campaign for the precinct called Rediscover Victoria Street. We are helping to foster social connections through initiatives such as the new Youth Hub for the Richmond Estate community. With Rotary and community health providers, Council has also supported a series of Outreach barbeques at Butler Park to facilitate connections between people who are opiate-dependent and the agencies that can help them.</p> <p>Council also recently welcomed the Victorian Government's announcement of additional support for the MSIR including extra security and social outreach services, which directly relates to the issues raised by you in your correspondence. This is in addition to Council's recent resolution to increase current cleaning activities in the area surrounding the MSIR, which is already partially operational.</p> <p>A summary of initiatives being undertaken by Council and other stakeholders to improve outcomes is available in a recent Council report available at https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/-/media/files/the-area/victoria-street/victoria-street-precinct-council-report-19-december-</p>

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<p>2017.pdf?la=en&hash=BBE762EBA8E9F75FAE166C47D436004BFDF53911. Information is also available on our website at https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/the-area/reimagining-victoria-street.</p> <p>As you would be aware, the MSIR based within NRCH opened just ten months ago in July 2018 for a two year trial. The State Government has stated that the chosen location for the MSIR trial was in part because it is close to where people buy and sell drugs, and NRCH already provides many vital health services to reduce the spread of blood borne viruses and other harms associated with drug use.</p> <p>Over the trial period, an independent panel will review the MSIR. After considering the evidence collected by the panel during the trial, a report of findings will be provided in 2020. A decision will then be made by the Victorian Government on whether the service should continue with an option to extend the trial for a further three years. There are currently no plans for any additional rooms in other parts of Melbourne or Victoria. New laws would be needed to establish any other medically supervised injecting room in Victoria.</p> <p>In relation to crime, drug-related activity or personal safety concerns (including in relation to people who may be displaying threatening behaviour towards others or themselves and/or who may also be experiencing severe social or intellectual issues, the Police have authority. Council encourages the community to call the Police in any instances where someone feels threatened, witnesses illegal activity or fears for the welfare of an individual. It is important to report these concerns to Police (including any trends, for example days of week that issues are of most concern) as this can inform their policing operations.</p>		
<p>Improve public seating/street furniture</p>	<p>22, 121</p>	<p>A new Open Space Strategy is being prepared and will set a strategic direction for the provision of additional open space in response to the growth occurring in Yarra. There are many areas within Yarra needing additional open space and the strategy will set directions and priorities considering the overall needs of the municipality.</p>
<p>Improve public seating/street furniture</p>	<p>121, 134</p>	<p>Work is currently underway developing an overall framework plan for the Richmond Town hall and Richmond High School precinct. The development of an updated framework plan, that takes in to account the new school, was part of Council's endorsed Bridge Road Master Plan. Funding has been allocated in the 2019/20 to support the development of the framework plan and for the construction of a new pedestrian crossing at the Gleadell Street/Highett Street intersection. This proposal is best considered as part of the development of the framework plan so that any changes to parking and the street network can form an integrated approach. In this case there are other possible changes to the intersection of Palmer Street and Griffith Street that need to be considered before any changes are made. Consultation with key precinct stakeholders has commenced.</p>
<p>Improve public toilets</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>Cleaning of the toilet facilities at Edinburgh Gardens occurs twice daily on weekdays and three times a day on weekends.</p>

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Improve recycling and food organics services	30, 36, 57, 101, 128,	<p>The China's National Sword Policy has had a significant impact on the Australian recycling industry. Yarra Council decided to be proactive in exploring new ways to collect and manage recycling. We want to help fix the recycling industry, create local jobs and use waste as a resource, instead of sending it to landfill.</p> <p>In June, Council will start a trial across approximately 1,300 households in the Abbotsford area that has a food and garden waste, glass, recycling and garbage collection. It builds on the successful food and garden waste collection trial we started last year. Results of that trial have been very positive – residents diverted from landfill approximately 40% of the contents of their kerbside garbage bins by weight.</p> <p>In our new trial we will be testing different ways we collect recycling, how we talk to the community about recycling and other things to make our service work better. Following the trial period, we will consider expanding the service throughout Yarra.</p>
Improve road maintenance	4	<p>Council has a program for both the cleaning and maintenance of its network of laneways.</p> <p>We will forward your details to the relevant officer so they can contact you and confirm the location of the laneway you have concerns about and investigate this matter further.</p> <p>Council's Traffic Unit recently carried out a Local Area Place Making (LAPM) study in the Scotchmer precinct, which includes Scotchmer Street. Speed humps in Scotchmer Street were not recommended as part of the Council endorsed LAPM 3 Plan as the 85th percentile speed of vehicles was below the posted speed limit.</p>
Improve services for public housing residents	49	<p>The draft budget includes a number of programs that Council has supported for many years that are primarily about diversity and inclusion. The Community Grants program provides just over \$2 million to community groups in Yarra. A major part of this funding is distributed to low socio-economic community groups or organisations that serve them. The nine Neighbourhood Houses in Yarra receive a major contribution from Council and run programs primarily for people from low socio-economic backgrounds. There is the Discounted Use of Town Halls for community groups to access for a community event, there are community memberships available for our Leisure Centres. These are just a few examples of programs that fall under the strategic objective of an Inclusive Yarra.</p>
Improve street cleaning	50, 52, 67, 73	<p>The street sweeping program for the retail strips which includes Brunswick Street includes the sweeping of side streets up to fifty metres from the main road. Popular night time economy areas are very heavily parked almost 24/7 which creates access issues for the street sweeper. The retail areas are swept 7 days per week at night and Council also has precinct cleaners on foot that patrol the retail areas 7 days per week. . Additional resources are allocated to areas around Swan Street during football season. Additional resources have been allocated around North Richmond, this area is cleaned 7 days per week and Council does a syringe collection 2 times per day, 7 days per week.</p>

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Improve street cleaning	54	<p>Council has received an application to discontinue the road identified in your submission, if Council elects to progress this application there will be a formal process which includes requests for submissions from local residents. If this occurs we will include your budget submission to that process unless you advise otherwise.</p> <p>Trade waste bins can be placed on council land for collection and can remain on road as long as practicably required. The commercial bins on Little Smith Street are bins that would normally be kept within the closed road and are stored along the footpath apart from one which is from a business on Gertrude Street that places the bin in Little Smith Street for collection and then it is moved to other storage. Due to the nature of the commercial strips and some aged buildings not all premises have the capacity to store bins on private land and Council can, as required under certain conditions, provide a permit to land holders to store bins on Council land. Bins will still need to be placed out on Little Smith Street for collection even if the road was open.</p>
Improve street cleaning	64, 66	The retail strips are swept 7 days per week. Other areas are swept on a 4 week cycle. Feedback is noted and Officers will explore the condition of the garden beds.
Improve street drainage	18, 27	Council's drainage team manage; drainage; planning, maintenance, renewal, major projects, cleansing, WSUD management, 'hot spot' program, customer responses, flood assistance, data management, infrastructure investigations. Investigations are undertaken following reported flooding incidents, maintenance is programmed where possible and if the infrastructure requires major works it is added to the capital program. Council is currently reviewing the allocated budgets available for drainage. It is also worth noting that the Council drainage system is not capable of coping with major storm events and was not designed to do so. Property owners also have a responsibility to ensure adequate flood protection measures are taken to protect their property.
Improve street lighting	22	A lighting assessment of St David Street will be undertaken by the Civil Engineering Unit to investigate your concerns. A member of the Civil Engineering unit will be in contact with you once the assessment is complete.
Improve traffic management	2, 128	Council's Traffic Engineering Unit has identified East Clifton Hill as the second highest in priority for a Local Area Place Making (LAPM) study. This study is currently programmed for Financial Year 2019/20 and is the appropriate forum to investigate this issue
Improve traffic management	17	Council's Traffic unit has identified Carlton North as the highest in priority for a Local Area Place Making (LAPM) study. Amess Street falls within this study area. This study is currently programmed for financial year 2019/20 and is the appropriate forum to investigate this issue.
Improve traffic management	50	Council has an obligation and responsibility to investigate and address traffic safety issues on its road network. Capital works form part of the suite of tools used by Council officers to improve road safety for all road users in Yarra. The budget allocation is appropriate for capital works to improve road safety next financial year. Regarding the 30km/h Trial, the 12 month trial period concludes in September 2019, following which an evaluation of the

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Improve traffic management	56	trial will be carried out and a report on the outcomes and recommendations will be presented to Council.
Improve traffic management	62	The signals at the intersection of Bridge Road and Lennox Street are under the management and responsibility of VicRoads, as Bridge Road is a VicRoads managed road. Council officers will refer this request to VicRoads for further investigation and a response directly to you. I would also encourage you to contact VicRoads directly with this request. Council officers will also investigate this matter to determine if Council can assist with your request to VicRoads. In regards to your query regarding an E-Tag system to deter non-local traffic on local roads, I advise that the required infrastructure and cost to implement such a system has not been investigated by Council. This would be a large undertaking in terms of cost and resources.
Improve traffic management	63	The "P-Turn" on Hoddle Street is part of the Major Roads Project Authority (MRPA - State Government) Streamlining Hoddle Street Project. Whilst Council liaised closely with the project team, the design and function of this project is a State Government responsibility. I encourage you to contact MRPA with your concerns. Regarding the current 30km/h speed limit on Wellington St, this is part of a 12 month trial of 30km/h speed limits in Collingwood and Fitzroy. The trial will conclude in September 2019, following which an evaluation of the trial will be conducted and a report with recommendations will be presented to Council.
Improve traffic management	88	<p>The funding included in the draft budget will support development of a detailed plan for street scape improvements as well as upgrades to the street furniture along these main roads. The ability to plant trees is limited because the roads are major east/west roads with clearway restrictions controlled by Vic Roads which prevents the planting of trees within the road pavement. In addition to this the building canopies over the footpaths is another limitation which restricts the potential locations for tree planting and the types of trees that can be planted. Opportunities for additional tree planting in kerb outstands are used to increase the tree canopy and improve the amenity of shopping centres.</p> <p>Council's Urban Forest Strategy provides guidance on tree planting across the municipality with the aim of increasing tree canopy cover to address the heat island effect. In 2018/19 approximately 1000 additional tree were planted across Yarra. The 2019/20 -Budget provides \$200,000 additional funding for tree planting.</p> <p>In regards to Richmond Primary School, the Strategic Transport and Traffic Engineering units have responsibility for safety around schools and road safety respectively. Officers will investigate the concerns raised and determine if action is required.</p>

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Improve traffic management	89	The current budget allocation of \$1.35 million is to fund Year 1 delivery of LAPM Precincts 3 bounded by Nicholson Street, May Street, St Georges Road, Brunswick Street and Alexandra Parade in Fitzroy North, 13 bounded by Johnston Street, Victoria Street, Hoddle Street and the Yarra River in Abbotsford and 19 bounded by Bridge Road, Burnley Street, Swan Street and the Yarra River in Richmond. The remaining budget requirements have been proposed for Years 2 and 3 to fully deliver these 3 LAPM Precincts. Council has an obligation to balance budget allocations for capital and operational requirements across the organisation for each financial year, Council has determined that the current allocation is appropriate.
Improve traffic management	112, 147	Thank you for raising your concerns with Council regarding local traffic and road management.
Improve traffic management	122	The signals at the intersection of Highett Street and Church Street are under the management and responsibility of VicRoads, as Church Street is managed by VicRoads. Council officers will refer this request to VicRoads for further investigation and request a response directly to you. I would also encourage you to contact VicRoads directly with this request. Council officers will also investigate this matter to determine if Council can assist with your request to VicRoads.
Improve traffic management	138	This issue has been investigated by the Traffic Engineering unit and Parking Management. As acknowledged by the requestor, the existing 2P parking at Park Street has been converted to 4P to allow for NECA students to park cars at this location instead of Holtom Street East. NECA management have been advised of this change and requested to instruct students to park in Park Street. Traffic Engineering investigated Holtom Street East at school drop off and pick up times and did not observe any conflicts between parents dropping off/picking up school students and NECA students. The advice given to residents is that there is no observed road safety issues. Officers will continue to monitor the situation.
Improve traffic management	149	The Traffic Engineering Unit has collected traffic volume and speed data on various sections of Gold Street in the past. An officer will contact you to identify the section/s of Gold Street that you have concerns about so that Council can conduct a traffic survey to determine the current volume and speed of traffic. Officers will then be able to assess the need for new traffic measures in Gold Street.
Increase arts funding	133, 139	Council considered the multi-year arts funding scheme review in 2018 and increased funding for this pool significantly, whilst the annual funding scheme has been pegged with the Consumer Price Index rises each year. Council recognises the value of arts and culture to our residents and the social, cultural and economic impact it has for our city. In order to increase the funding pool for the grants program, Council would need to reallocate funding from other priority projects.
Increase funding for sporting facilities, clubs and ovals	152	The City of Yarra currently supports a large number structured and unstructured recreation activities, and is always happy to hear suggestions from the community on how these programs could be improved. Please feel free to submit a specific proposal for review by Council Officers.

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Increase funding for sporting facilities, clubs and ovals	153	. The Fitzroy Lions Soccer Club first season in the Football Victoria competition has offered an excellent opportunity for the people of Yarra and demonstrated the important role sport can play in building a strong community. Council officers will continue to work closely with all sporting clubs, including Fitzroy Lions Soccer Club to ensure that they have adequate levels of support and facilities to meet their needs The City of Yarra is currently investing in community sport through Capital improvements (e.g. upgrading pavilions, sports fields, sports lights) and by providing grant funding opportunities for Yarra community clubs. We are hopeful through a these actions and other club development initiatives that we will be able to keep sport accessible and affordable to many of Yarra's residents.
Move disabled parking bay	121	Council Officers note the submission proposals with respect to Gleadell, Griffith and Palmer Streets. A Precinct Plan is currently being developed by Council's Urban Design team for this area. Your proposal will be considered and assessed on its merits in the development of the precinct plan.
Murphy's Hut - Burnley Park Cottage	34	The draft budget contains an allocation that will allow works to prevent deterioration of the Burnley Park Cottage (incorporating the structure known as 'Murphy's Hut'). There is also an item in the draft budget for Council to prepare a framework that will assist Council to manage and maintain Council's heritage buildings.
Negative impact of night time economy	133	<p>Noise disturbance and application of State Environmental Protection Policy (SEPP) N 1 & 2 this is only applicable when it is contained as a condition within the relevant Planning Permit and the measurement is taken from the nearest residential property. If there is not a control within the Planning permit then the amenity clause under the Yarra Planning scheme is applicable and SEPP may be taken as a consideration, as is the location (i.e. major commercial strip) where people have chosen to live, expectation of a certain level on noise as appropriate to the area, can the noise be heard in a habitable room and does it prevent normal activities such as watching TV, conversations, sleep deprivation and the like.</p> <p>The measurement of noise in a complex matter and breaches cannot be simply measured and ascertained it is a science and for accuracy needs to be completed by a suitably qualified person. Again though unless a SEPP condition is present it is only one factor of consideration for a breach of amenity under the Yarra Planning scheme.</p> <p>Please also note that venues can and do have conditions on their liquor licence such as SEPP and amenity conditions and these are investigated and enforced by Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation and Police, complaints regarding these matters should be reported to them for action.</p> <p>Anti-social behaviour, drunkenness etc. are matters for the Police and should be referred to them for action however in saying this we do regularly meet with Police on a regular basis to advise of concerns received and do conduct joint inspections etc. as required also with the view of conducting spot patrols as we have done in the past.</p>

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Opposition to Council's involvement in political issues	66	<p>Yarra Council is committed to communicating important information to residents, businesses and visitors. This includes communicating decisions of Council. We aim to raise awareness of Council's work, achievements and decisions, communicate Council's position on issues that impact the municipality and promote a strong, positive image of Yarra.</p> <p>The Mayor is the official spokesperson for Yarra City Council. Council resources are used to support them to undertake media activity that is consistent with Council's position and helps to deliver on our communications objectives.</p>
Opposition to development of heritage property	154	<p>The property, 336 Burnley Street, Richmond is covered by City of Yarra Heritage Overlay as 'individually significant'. City of Yarra has a significant number of other properties under the Heritage Overlay that are privately owned. Maintenance and management of these heritage places is the owner's responsibility.</p> <p>Council's Heritage Strategy does not promote the purchase of private heritage property by the Council as a way to manage neglect of heritage. Instead, Council contributes to the Victorian Heritage Restoration Fund (VHRF) to support to the heritage property owners. Individual property owners can apply to VHRF for funding for restoration of their properties. Details of the terms and conditions of funding can be found on the VHRF website. http://www.vhrf.org.au/</p>
Opposition to livestreaming of Council meetings	43, 88	<p>Over the past 18 months, Council has trialled the publication of audio podcasts of Council meetings. The audience for these podcasts has been slowly growing, and has now reached number where the number of people downloading the meeting regularly exceeds the number of people who are able to attend in person. This experience has shown that there is a demand for online access to meetings, and while podcast have partly met this need, video streaming promises to open Council meetings to a wider audience.</p> <p>The budgeted cost enables meetings to be streamed from Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond Town Halls in a quality that is sufficient to make for an uninterrupted and quality viewing experience. The proposal has been built based on the experiences of a number of other local Councils and is a tried and tested system.</p>
Reduce bicycle infrastructure budget	11, 39	<p>In terms of traffic and transport money is spent in both of these areas. Your comments regarding the state of the roads has been referred to our Engineering Branch for consideration. Far more is spent on road renewals each year than cycling facilities. Police Enforcement of road rules is a matter for the police.</p> <p>The budget for Wellington Street cycling lanes work taking place in 2019/20 is being funded by VicRoads, not Yarra rate payers. Council considers the introduction of a tax for cyclists to be a matter for State Government consideration.</p>
Reduce Council fees for disadvantaged	49	<p>Each year, Yarra Leisure reviews its fees and charges as part of Council's budget process. We believe that our current fees and charges are comparable to other leisure facilities with similar service offerings. As we have a suite of programs and services our offerings are tailored to provide best value based on industry benchmarking.</p> <p>When setting our fees, we also take into consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running and maintaining 3 leisure centres which include pools, classes,

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		<p>gyms and a golf course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavily subsidised membership options for people who hold an applicable concession card – this will be 40% (19/20) discount on our full fee – greater than many local council and privately run facilities. Typically the industry provides a 15 to 25% discount for concession card holders. • The diverse requirements of our customers with our aim to maximise participation from all members of the community <p>At Yarra Leisure we offer a number of choices that we've benchmarked against the industry which we feel are comparable to other facilities. Our suite of program and service options are designed to meet the diverse requirements of our customers with the aim to maximise participation from all members of the community, as well as being extremely price competitive for facilities that have similar offerings. This wide lensed approach provides more options for our customers to stay fit and maintain a health and fitness lifestyle.</p>
Reduce rates	21	<p>The cost of delivering the services that our community values, and the expenditure required to invest in Council's infrastructure, exceeds both the CPI and the WPI. Aligning to the cap is necessary for Council to be able to continue to deliver the services and infrastructure at the levels required to meet our community's expectations.</p>
Reduce roads budgets	3	<p>Council has an obligation and responsibility to maintain all of its assets, including its road network. The current budget allocation is appropriate for the maintenance and upgrade of Council's road assets. I also advise that Council's Strategic Transport and Traffic Engineering units have allocated budget each financial year to improve pedestrian, cyclist and vulnerable road users' access and safety on our roads. Strategic Transport also works closely with public transport bodies to advocate for and influence decisions on the public transport network.</p>
Retain Fitzroy pool	21	<p>The City of Yarra supports the Fitzroy Swimming Pool as part of the suite of Yarra Leisure Services. There is no proposal to reduce the level of support for the Fitzroy Swimming Pool.</p> <p>Each year our Leisure facilities operate every day (except Good Friday and Xmas Day) and deliver exceptional services to our community. The operational hours of our Leisure centres are reviewed each year in line with the budget and if there are any proposed changes as a result, these would be formally considered by Council as part of the budget process.</p> <p>In relation to your concerns around the future impact of buildings around the pool overshadowing is considered part of the planning process and due regard is given to this facility in recognition of its community importance. There have been no recent planning permit applications lodged or determined immediately interfacing with the Fitzroy Swimming Pool</p> <p>In relation to your query about the management model for Fitzroy Swimming Pool, this is a decision for Council, officers are not aware of any discussions or plans for any alternative management model.</p>
Support Climate Emergency initiatives	8, 57, 106	<p>Council is committed to leading strong action to tackle the climate emergency, establishing a Climate Emergency Officer is vital to that effort.</p>

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Support Developer Contributions	15	Currently developers are required to make a contribution towards providing open space and once Council's proposed Developer Contribution Plan is approved they will provide an additional contribution towards Council's infrastructure improvement costs. These contributions will help to support the improvement of the amenity of the municipality.
Support dog friendly open space	13, 18, 61	The provision of fenced dog off-leash areas has been raised through consultation and is one of the issues being considered in the new Open Space Strategy. The demand on Yarra open spaces is increasing and whilst shared use of spaces for off-leash dog exercise occurs it can lead to conflict with users. Whilst being considered in the proposed strategy, the ultimate provision of additional areas will depend upon finding suitable locations and potential acquisition of land.
Support dog friendly open space		Council has approved the temporary use of Ottery Reserve by the school whilst the school building development occurs. It is expected that the reserve will return to public use unless Council agrees to an alternative proposal.
Support electric cars	14, 160	Council is examining a number of opportunities to support the use of electric cars in the municipality
Support Festivals and Events	11	Street based festivals are important to the City of Yarra. Council provides multi-year funding to the Johnston Street Fiesta, Victoria Street Lunar Festival, the Gertrude Projection Festival. It recognises the opportunities to support live music in Yarra through events such as the Leaps and Bounds Music Festival, Smith Street Dreaming and CHANGES. For 2019 CHANGES will include a 2 night music showcase in 10 music venues along Brunswick Street Fitzroy where hundreds of musicians from Victoria will play. The feasibility of restarting the Brunswick Street Fringe Parade was reviewed a number of years ago and it was determined that events such as Leaps and Bounds and CHANGES are more viable ways to support the activity given the restrictions posed by road closures and the interruption to public transport.
Support for Alphington Bowls Club	125	Council officers look forward to consulting with the Alphington Bowls Club and the community on developing a concept design for an upgrade of the Alphington Bowls Club facility that will meet the future needs of the Alphington Bowls Club and the Yarra Bend community. The completed concept design and associated costings will be used to inform consideration of future Council budget decisions for the funding of the construction works associated with the upgrade.
Support for Jack Dyer Pavilion	146	Officers understand the State Budget included an allocation of \$2 million to delivering an upgrade to the Jack Dyer Pavilion facility that will result in an appropriate modern sporting community facility, with improved amenities and dedicated female change rooms and bathrooms that will support increased participation in sport. Officers will pursue Sports and Recreation Victoria to confirm a formal funding agreement for this project.

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Support for live music	66	The City of Yarra enjoys an enviable reputation as the home of creativity, one that is stitched into the fabric of our residents with a high percentage of residents who are practising artists, many businesses whose trade is centred around creativity and residents who appreciate the arts, as this submission from the Fitzroy Residents Association demonstrates. Council's financial commitment to arts and culture prioritises a partnership approach with our local community and is divested to maximise arts as an everyday experience outcome for our residents. Should Council consider higher levels of investment in the arts, it could expend it to support more activities that could promote community building, creativity and generate cultural tourism.
Support for Panther Pavilion Ivanhoe and Northcote Canoe Club	55, 65, 69, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 90, 91, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 103, 110, 124	Thank you for your budget submission and your clear love of kayaking and the Ivanhoe and Northcote Canoe Club. The Panther Pavilion design and the boat storage projects have been identified as important community recreation projects that will enhance the usability and access of the facilities and activities offered now and into the future. Your submission will be considered as part of councils budget deliberations.
Support for Railway House community garden	104, 105, 107, 108, 113, 114, 115, 116, 118, 120, 123, 126, 129, 131, 132, 136, 141, 142, 144, 150, 156, 157, 158	Council resolved on 28/5/19 to support the proposed design for the Community Garden The 2019/20 Budget contains \$30,000 for this purpose.
Support homelessness initiatives	44, 47	Council is currently developing a Homelessness Strategy and this submission has been forwarded to the relevant officer to include in the consultation process on the draft strategy which will happen shortly. Council engages Launch Housing for the provision of outreach services to people sleeping rough. Funding for this is included in the budget. Council funds several projects that target people who are homeless through the Community Grants program. Libraries and Leisure also provide relevant services to people sleeping rough.
Support Small Business	10	Council delivers an annual business events program that operates across a calendar year. Council hosts various programs delivered by Small Business Victoria, the Australian tax Office and local businesses on a broad range of topics. The program is based on the levels of interest and participation. Small Business Victoria provides local government access to a panel of workshop leaders that have extensive industry experience. The topic of building resilience - how to prepare for business challenges is being offered during 2019/20. Council's Economic Development Coordinator would welcome the opportunity to discuss the service that you have to offer in more detail.

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Upgrade Collingwood Library	148	Council refurbished Collingwood Library, with new furniture, new shelving, more study space and flexible spaces in September 2018. The building itself is heritage listed and this limits the degree to which the building can be altered to better construct a community hub.
Princes Hill naming promotion	159	Council is currently completing a Princes Hill Heritage Walk project which promotes the historic significance of the area, the scheduled release is late August. It will be promoted on Council's website and social media drawing attention to the correct naming of the area.
