

Reasons for Council's Budget Decision

In making a decision in relation to the proposed Yarra City Council Budget 2018/2019, 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.

ID	Topic	Reasons for Decision
1 & 33	Provide outdoor gym infrastructure	<p>Council conducted extensive consultation with residents and park users throughout 2016 and 2017 about improvements in the northern part of Edinburgh Gardens. During the consultation period a small number of submissions (3) requesting fitness equipment were received however the majority of interest was in other forms of park improvements.</p> <p>At the Council meeting on 17 December last year Council endorsed a plan for the northern part of Edinburgh Gardens, but fitness equipment was not included as part of that plan.</p> <p>In 2015 Council consulted on a Master Plan for Darling Gardens and fitness equipment was recommended in the draft Plan. During the exhibition period Council received considerable objection to the inclusion of fitness equipment in the gardens and that element was removed prior to the final plan being endorsed.</p> <p>Funding for fitness equipment at either of these locations is not supported on the basis of these relatively recent consultations.</p>
2	Increase Social justice and drugs funding	<p>Council is committed to social justice and improving the health and wellbeing of the community remains a key priority. To promote emotional wellbeing and community connectedness Council provides community infrastructure such as libraries, neighbourhood houses near the estates and discount access to leisure centres; delivers programs and services to residents through Maternal and Child Health, Youth Services and Aged and Disability; and awards community grants to agencies and groups that deliver health, cultural and community services. Council has retained funding to these programs in the 2018/19 Budget as advertised. Council continues to lobby both the State and Commonwealth Government for increased resources for drug treatment and rehabilitation services; more funds for homelessness outreach, transitional and permanent housing for those experiencing homeless.</p> <p>Further, in the Victoria Street Precinct Council is delivering 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); working closely with a number of traders providing grants and in-kind support to help them refurbish their shopfronts and roller doors; undertaking regular street cleaning in and around Victoria Street and posters and graffiti are cleaned daily from Council assets by our graffiti crews; and through our contractor Inner space, picking up syringes from streets, parks and public toilets, and look after the syringe disposal bins found in Yarra. Council is pleased that the State Government is trialling a supervised injecting facility at North Richmond Community Health, a facility which we have advocated for many years, and is working with partners to promote community health and safety in this area.</p>

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3	Improve waste recycling	After significant community consultation, officers have completed a draft Yarra Waste Minimisation Strategy 2018-22. The strategy response to the issues detailed in the submission. Officers presented a report to Council on 8 May 2018, at which Council endorsed the draft Strategy for public exhibition, seeking community input. This consultation closed 13 June 2018, and feedback received during this process will inform the final Strategy, which will be presented to Council for adoption in the coming months.
4	Traffic calming works	There have been a total of 97 reported casualty crashes along Brunswick Street for the five year period from January 2010 to December 2014. In September 2016 Council received \$950,000 grant under the Victorian Federal Infrastructure Investment Blackspot Programme to alleviate the poor crash history on Brunswick Street. Officers will be monitoring the safety performance of the installed improvement works on Brunswick Street to determine their level of effectiveness.
5	Community Art facilities improvements	Officers assume this is a reference to the Sailors and Soldiers Memorial Hall. Council is considering the future use of this building in the context of the Collingwood Town Hall Urban Design Framework, and the needs of the local community. Council will receive a report in 2018/19 which will provide options to consider for the future use of this building.
6	Improve road safety	Council's proposed budget includes funding for the Wellington Street separated bicycle lane. Yarra's Safe Travel Strategy contains actions to reduce road incidents through prioritisation of sustainable transport and improved safety design standards.
7-25, 27-29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 39, 40, 43, 45, 47 & 76	Canoe Club Pavilion support for upgrade of facility	Council recognises the value of all its community-based sporting clubs and the Draft 2018/19 Budget includes \$80,000 towards work at this facility. This would enable improved storage of canoes and prepare designs for future improvements that would provide showers, change rooms, DDA compliant aspects for a future possible upgrade.
26	Gambling Alliance funding grant	<p>The Alliance for Gambling Reform is a national collaboration of organisations with a shared concern for the harmful and unfair impacts of gambling. Council is a currently a non-financial member of the Alliance. Council has again been invited to join the leadership group of the Alliance, this financial membership costs \$25,000 per annum.</p> <p>Pokies and other gambling continue to take considerable sums of money out of people's pockets locally. Council hasn't had a local license or permit applications for pokies for many years due to planning restrictions (effective policy in the Yarra Planning Scheme), saturated market and population growth constituted of high SES household less likely on average to gamble on pokies.</p> <p>The Alliance is helping realise Yarra's higher order advocacy outcomes. The Alliance has a high profile and is executing effective lobbying, public relations and community awareness on the harms created by the gambling industry and the need for improved regulation and restriction on accessibility of gambling products. The budget does not currently include funding to join the leadership group of the Alliance.</p>

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30 & 48	Improve pedestrian safety	<p>Your points around shared bike/pedestrian paths have been noted. This is an issue Council has been tackling for some time, looking at different innovative ways to get this message across and to encourage mutual respect and care between all users of our much in-demand infrastructure.</p> <p>In relation to your specific point about speed humps on the road in Scotchmer Street between Brunswick Street and St. Georges Road, Council's Traffic Team will shortly be consulting with the North Fitzroy community on making local streets more liveable and safer. We encourage you to visit https://www.yoursayyarra.com.au/improving-northfitzroy to provide feedback from 28 May to 17 July 2018. Council will also be holding a community workshop at the Holden Street Neighbourhood House from 4pm-7pm on 21 June 2018 to gather further feedback to inform future projects in the area.</p>
36	Reduce waste collection frequency	<p>The City of Yarra has a diverse range of residential housing stock including low density, medium density, high density and a combination of high density housing combined with commercial activities. This makes the introduction of a fortnightly rubbish collection more complex when compared to some other municipalities. Over the next 12 months Council intends to trial a FOGO (Food Organics Green Organics) collection across approximately 700 low density residential properties. The intention is to trial a fortnightly rubbish collection across approximately 200 single dwellings to collect data and complete an analysis and evaluation that explores the potential to introduce a fortnightly rubbish collection service within appropriate residential dwelling types. The evaluation is expected to be completed by approximately February 2019.</p>
37, 60, 63, 66	Economic development Bridge Rd, Victoria St	<p>The Draft 2018/19 Budget includes funding of \$390,000 for improvements to Bridge Road, Church and Victoria Street which will include new and replacement street furniture, bike hoops and plantings.</p> <p>We also contribute \$60,000 annually to the Bridge Road Main Street traders association who implement an annual marketing strategy to attract new business and visitors to the street.</p> <p>There is also a new initiative, a Shopfront Improvement Program, for Victoria Street in the proposed Budget.</p> <p>The aim of these projects is to improve the aesthetic of Victoria Street, while also engaging and educating traders to take pride in their shops.</p>
38	Rushall Reserve expenditure	<p>The Planning Permit application is about to be lodged following the Council resolution which will be processed according to the Statutory Planning processes – the advocacy to relevant Ministers and local Members has also commenced also in accordance with the recent Council resolution regarding seeking State assistance with funding of the required works. No works could commence until the necessary planning approvals and Metro Train approvals are in place.</p>
41	Reduce administration costs	<p>Council employs over 1,000 staff to deliver a wide range of services and maintain the significant infrastructure and assets, that our community values and enjoys. Each year, as part of Council's Enterprise Agreement, employees receive an annual increase on their salaries and wages. Yarra provides high levels of direct service provision to the community compared with other surrounding Council's. Yarra achieves higher levels of community satisfaction as a result. Council's staffing costs are held at a reasonable level to reflect this service standard. Council is also legally required to pay its staff superannuation and has other employee related expenses such as WorkCover premiums that are included in this increase.</p>

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42	Improve waste recycling	<p>Council does deliver a variety of education programs to reduce waste to landfill. These include:</p> <p><u>Food Know How</u></p> <p>The Food Know How program has evolved into a 5 week Challenge which guides households and the community on the steps of good food planning, shopping, storage, preparation, and composting.</p> <p><u>RecycleUs</u></p> <p>Councils bin inspection program, Recycle Us, educates and encourage residents to recycle correctly by giving them direct relevant feedback about what is in their recycling and rubbish bin. On average the program has reduced contamination in recycle bin by 20% and reduced resource loss by 10% in the rubbish bin.</p> <p><u>MUD Recycling Program</u></p> <p>Our program for multi-unit developments produced a new way to engage with buildings and residents with the development of waste and recycling posters that are free for residents to access and download on our website. The program directly engaged with 20 locations per year, ranging in <u>size and scale, from units at Richmond Department of Housing to 500 unit high rise towers.</u></p> <p><u>Yarra's Community Resource Recovery Hubs</u></p> <p>Three large outdoor and four indoor hubs (in libraries and neighbourhood houses) have been successfully implemented throughout the municipality. These Hubs collect clothes, textiles, homewares, and small electrical items. We have consistently diverted just over 100 tonnes of material per year.</p> <p><u>Commercial Shop Recycling Project</u></p> <p>Engagement and education around recycling and managing waste better is now integrated into education program. The engagement package included one on one talks, information sheets, internal recycling bins, and stickers for external recycling bins.</p> <p>We have just completed public consultation on our draft Waste Minimisation strategy. This is available on our website, and will be finalised after consideration of feedback received during this process.</p> <p>In relation to points 2 and 4, Council provides worm farms and compost bins at cost price for residents. https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/service/recycling-and-rubbish/compost-bins-and-worm-farms. You could buy one of these directly yourself or ask your body corporate to purchase one for all residents. This would provide a solution that you could use an end product for any house or balcony plants and any landscaping on site if available.</p> <p>In the next year, we are going to trial a food and green waste collection to see how this works for our residents. 3. Yarra's rubbish bin is the smallest we can go before it becomes a manual handling issue. (i.e. trucks can collect the current bins; smaller bins require staff to lift them and this becomes problematic from an OH&S perspective) In the next year, we plan to trial a fortnightly rubbish collection to see how this works for our residents.</p>
44	Event Funding request	<p>The Village Festival is a recipient of Council's 3 year organisation funding along with 11 other recipients in Yarra in the same scheme. This funding is capped at \$20,000 per year per organisation and does that increase with CPI. Council recognises for many organisations this is partial funding for the activity funded. The level of funding offered by Council is not reflective of Council's valuation of the organisation, but a reflection of the budget allocations available. Council understands and values the work done by the Village Festival and the challenges it faces in sustainability. It understands the Village Festival has investigated and exhausted its options in being able to present the event under the current financial considerations.</p>

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46	Health and Leisure services	The request for Council to continue to support an integrated approach to services is noted and through its 0-25 Plan; draft Access & Inclusion and draft Active & Healthy Ageing Plan, Council will continue to support local agencies and services.
	Event Funding request	Arts and Cultural Services has for the past 6 years adopted an integrate service delivery model with other areas of Council's services. This includes strong strategic and project links with Family and Children's services but also links with less obvious areas such as Engineering Services. We see this approach as provided an improved service to community.
	Rates calculation	The rating methodology applied to a fourteen story building is identical to that of other buildings within the municipality. All property has a given valuation to which a rate in the dollar is applied, this rate in the dollar is determined from Council's annual budget and subject to a cap (a maximum amount) set by the State Government. Whether you own an industrial lot, a commercial building, or a residential dwelling, this calculation is the same. Net Annual Value of Property x Rate in the Dollar = Annual Rates Amount.
48	Infrastructure, Safety	<p>Council has prioritised its projects to deliver across a number of strategic areas. The entire discretionary amount available in the budget is well below \$10m. Council has identified and proposed funding for a number of infrastructure projects which would be considered "safe travel".</p> <p>Reclassification of streets to "open space" as proposed would invoke a long term strategic planning process. Council has identified an extensive list of strategic planning projects which officers are currently progressing.</p> <p>Then process to increase the open space levy is lengthy, must follow strict legislative requirements, and requires considerable resources. It is not part of council's adopted 4 year plan.</p> <p>Yarra is already well laid out to largely satisfy the 20 minute neighbourhood concept. The fact that many Yarra residents do not own vehicles testifies to this.</p> <p>Yarra is currently trialling a detailed 30kph speed limit in Fitzroy. The results of this trial may inform a possible roll out to other precincts in the future.</p> <p>Yarra is working with other authorities such as VicRoads and PTV and Transport for Victoria to reduce speed limits, improve DDA access to public transport and encourage provision of better cycling infrastructure. These discussions also necessitate inclusion of traders who often have strong views about the location and cost of parking to their businesses.</p> <p>Yarra's Safe Travel Strategy contains actions to reduce road incidents through prioritisation of sustainable transport and improved safety design standards. Council will shortly be undertaking a variable parking fee trial which may form the basis of such a model.</p> <p>The proposed requirement that street trees not block bicycle lanes can be considered when the next review of the Street Tree Policy is undertaken. Yarra's Travel Smart maps provide this information.</p> <p>The proposed study is wide ranging and extremely detailed. Available resource levels do not provide for this work to be undertaken either internally or by consultants.</p> <p>Officers seek external funding opportunities whenever they are able to satisfy the funding criteria, and also regularly advocate for additional funding as opportunities arise.</p>

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49-51, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59, 61, 62, 64-72, 74, 75, 77, 80, 85-89, 91- 101, 103 & 104	Requesting Richmond Public Housing Youth Space facilities	<p>Council provides funding through a specific community grant of \$170,000 per annum (over 3 years) to support the provision of programs and activities relevant to the needs and interests of young people living in the Richmond and Collingwood Housing Estates. This grant is currently delivered by the drum youth services. Yarra Youth Services work closely with drum to support the delivery of programs, activities and events on both estates. Activities are delivered on the Collingwood Housing Estate at 253 Hoddle Street. While this is not a dedicated youth space, it is youth-friendly, and suits the purpose of delivering programs, activities and events for young people living on the estate.</p> <p>Unfortunately, there is not a similar space in Richmond. We have advocated to the State Government to provide a youth space on the Richmond Housing Estate and/or to improve access to the community rooms for young people and groups delivering youth related activities. However, Council does not manage or own the community rooms on the estate and therefore has no control over who has access to the community rooms.</p> <p>As an alternative, the drum and Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House (BANH) (with the support of Yarra Youth Services) have recently began piloting the use of a portable building facilitated by BANH for youth programs on Thursday nights. Again, this is not a dedicated youth space, and Council doesn't manage the space. It is also limited given its size to reach significant numbers of young people. However, it provides an opportunity to trial a more specific space for young people.</p> <p>Further work needs to be done to explore potential youth spaces in Richmond, and to build a sustainable and programmed space that could be developed in partnership with Council, the drum youth services, local community organisations, and young people. This will involve considering management and operational costs of a youth space in Richmond.</p>
51	Improve park utilisation	Council officers are observing patterns of behaviour at the Lennox and Butler Street park but at this time there are no plans to program activities and the site is used for passive recreational activities.

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52	Heritage	<p>Heritage is one of the key characteristics of the City of Yarra. Yarra City Council is committed to promoting heritage through various initiatives such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information through Council's website. - Heritage walks. Council has identified 17 heritage walks. This information can also be accessed from the heritage link on the Council's website. - Installation of heritage signs at key locations. (Example- Mary Rogers Square at the corner of Bridge Road and Church Street). - Heritage Plaques (installed along Bridge Road shopping strip) - Streetscape masterplans- The Council is progressively preparing streetscape masterplans for activity centres which provide an opportunity for installation historic signs or plaques. <p>Currently, there is no budget provision for installation of plaques or signs on historical properties, however, such opportunities could be realised with the implementation of activity centre streetscape masterplans in the coming years. Council is also working to revise Yarra's Heritage Strategy in year 2018-19 which would provide a further avenue for inclusion of such opportunities and a basis for budget submissions for specific projects in subsequent years. Council is also exploring other means to promote heritage information to a wider community. In this regard, presently, Council is exploring an opportunity for a citizens heritage project along with the Melbourne University that would help document historical information through community participation. This would done through a web based interactive application which people would be able to access and where they would be able share information and photographs on heritage areas and properties of Yarra.</p>
55	Reduce vehicle infrastructure spending	<p>Council has prioritised its projects to deliver across a number of strategic areas, and must ensure that existing assets such as roads are adequately maintained. Council's draft budget includes funding for the Wellington Street separated bicycle lane.</p> <p>Council will shortly be undertaking a variable parking fee trial which may form the basis of such a model.</p> <p>Later in 2018, Council will also consider a report on car share, and a report on a parking management strategy.</p>
58	Economic development Bridge Rd, Victoria St	<p>Council is continuing to look at ways in which we can improve both Bridge Road and Victoria Street, to support vibrant and prosperous business precincts that will best serve the community.</p>
63	Event Funding request	<p>Council is committed to working with the community to address a range of issues that are interconnected, such as: public safety, community resilience, cultural vibrancy and sustainable businesses.</p> <p>Victoria Street has been a particular area of Council focus in the past years with the installation of the Gateway, the vision developed for the street, and initiatives such as the Reimagining Victoria Street. Council is actively working with local businesses to collaborate and work together on joint initiatives.</p> <p>There are also a number of infrastructure projects underway to improve the street level assets – shop windows and merchandising, street furniture and plantings.</p> <p>Council remains a major partner for the Lunar Festival which receives 3 year Celebrate Yarra funding of \$30,000 in cash per year and up to \$60,000 of in-kind logistical support.</p>

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66	Stop funding some external organisations	Given the range of roles and services Council provides to our community and complexity with many of these, there is often value in partnering with external organisations and bodies such as Yarra Energy Foundation (YEF) to assist in the delivery of community endorsed outcomes. YEF is a priority objective to assist the community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and move towards our target of a carbon neutral municipality. A four year funding agreement for YEF was approved by Council in 2017. The draft budget reflects this agreement.
	Event Funding request	Council has taken a light approach to managing the public amenity of our city during busy and important dates such as New Year's Eve. For the last 2 years we have tried to provide some programming that we believe is of interest to the local community.
73	General support	Thank you for your submission and your comments are noted
78 & 79	Reduce Expenditure	Thank you for your detailed submission. Your comments and recommendations are duly noted, and are for Council's consideration.
81	Economic development Bridge Rd, Victoria St	Council is continuing to look at ways in which we can improve Bridge Road to enable vibrant and prosperous business precincts that will best serve the community. The budget proposes programs to further these opportunities and support for Bridge Road.
82	Event Funding request	<p>The Gertrude Projection Festival is recipient of Council's 3 year organisation funding along with 11 other recipients in Yarra in the same scheme. This funding is capped at \$20,000 per year per organisation and does that increase with CPI. Council recognises for many organisations this is partial funding for the activity funded.</p> <p>The level of funding offered by Council is not reflective of Council's valuation of the organisation, but a reflection of the budget allocations available. Council understands and values the work done by the Gertrude Projection Festival and the challenges it faces in sustainability. It understands the Gertrude Projection Festival has investigated and exhausted its options in being able to present the full event under the current financial considerations. Officers have approved a funding variation that will enable Gertrude Projection to present a reduced 2018 event in Atherton Gardens.</p> <p>Officers recognise the actual costs of these events and \$7,500 appears to be fair community rate.</p> <p>However, any further funding cannot be offered within existing arrangements and would need Council direction to be accommodated.</p>

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83	Waste Levy	<p>A user pay system for the landfill bin has not yet been adopted by other Councils. A waste charge is utilised by Councils to provide the capacity to keep up with the increasing cost to deliver waste services to the community. As you point out the City of Yarra did go through this process and it was rejected by the community. At this point in time Council will not follow this course of action.</p> <p>We are looking at other programs to reduce our waste footprint. Yarra is currently trialling a food and green waste collection which will be used to assess the viability of introducing a new collection service across the municipality. Instead of sending this valuable material to landfill it will be composted and returned to farms to keep the nutrient cycle in production. This is another initiative to reduce material going to landfill as food and garden waste make up a significant amount of household bins.</p> <p>Yarra is in the process of rethinking our approach to waste. We currently have a draft Waste Minimisation strategy that we invite you to provide feedback and input on https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/news/2018/05/17/help-us-rethink-our-approach-to-waste</p>
84	Street Planting	<p>Bushland planting will commence in June 2018 and continue through to early August 2018. Locally indigenous ground story plants and two small trees will be planted this year at the cul-de-sac end of Railway Street Nth Fitzroy. Two more locally indigenous advanced trees will be planted in Autumn 2019 to complete the cul-de-sac end of Railway Street. The Railway Street border garden bed will also be planted with locally indigenous ground story plants during 2018</p>
90	Gleadell Street Improvements	<p>The LEGS submission is supporting this element of the Council's draft budget with respect to Gleadell Street which is welcome. Officers are aware of the LEGS's ideas and proposals for Gleadell Street as they made a similar submission to the Bridge Road Master Plan. Officers will consider their submission when the project is initiated next financial year and how we can engage with the group when scoping the project and through the preparation of a design concept.</p>
96	Community Grants Funding	<p>The Community Grants Program consistently delivers programs and initiatives that our community want, because they are community initiated, and deliver great values of return because most often Council is a co-funder of supported projects.</p>
102	Jack Dyer Pavilion	<p>The design development of the Jack Dyer Pavilion that commenced in 2016/17 is intended to continue in 2017/18 through discussion with the user groups. A funding allocation to commence construction is expected to be considered as part of the 2019/20 budget process.</p>
105	Event Funding request	<p>The Fringe Festival is a recipient of Council's 3 year organisation funding along with 11 other recipients in Yarra in the same scheme. This funding is capped at \$20,000 per year per organisation and does that increase with CPI. Council recognises for many organisations this is partial funding for the activity funded. The 3 year funding program called Creative Yarra was first endorsed by Council in 2013 and the funding pool has remained unchanged at \$170,000 for the last 5 years and is expected to remain so until the end of the current cycle in 2019. Council has been alerted to the financial stress that a number of organisations funded through this program are going through. However, there is no capacity within the existing budget to enable an increase.</p>

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106	Infrastructure	<p>Council has prioritised its projects to deliver across a number of strategic areas. 2. Council's LAPM programs consider opportunities for improvements to cycling infrastructure.</p> <p>YCAN's support for the Wellington Street bicycle lane project is noted. Development of a new bicycle strategy is not part of the Council 4 year Plan. A new strategy would require significant officer or consultant resources, and is not included in the draft budget. With many other sustainable transport projects anticipated in Yarra in the next period, such as route 96 upgrade, and cycle projects such as the Preston – CBD corridor, and advocacy on such projects as the Walmer Street bridge, NELA, and Streamlining Hoddle Street, existing resources are expected to be fully allocated.</p> <p>Yarra is currently trialling a detailed 30kph speed limit in Fitzroy. The results of this trial may inform a possible roll out to other precincts in the future. Yarra is working with other authorities such as VicRoads and PTV and Transport for Victoria to reduce speed limits, improve DDA access to public transport and encourage provision of better cycling infrastructure. Officers seek external funding opportunities whenever they are able to satisfy the funding criteria, and also regularly advocate for additional funding as opportunities arise.</p>
	Improve waste minimisation	<p>Councils draft waste minimisation strategy outlines how Yarra will reduce its waste through education, advocacy, leadership and services that promote mindful consumption and minimise the loss of resources. There is currently both a strong local and global call for us all to consider the changes we can make in our everyday life to reduce plastic pollution. As such the Proudly Plastic Free Campaign is a very important action in the draft strategy with budget being identified as a requirement to start the program in 2018-19. This is a campaign that we want to get right as the potential of its impact on engaging our community to rethink consumptive behaviour is huge. Your call to get this campaign up and running in the 2018-19 budget cycle is taken on record and will be explored with council officers.</p>
107	User pays approach	<p>Thank you for your submission and your comments are noted for Council's consideration.</p>
	Reduce Expenditure	<p>Council has prioritised its projects to deliver across a number of strategic areas including roads. Provision of bicycle infrastructure in suburban streets is consistent with Council's Strategic Transport Statement, and reduces demand for other transport modes such as public transport and private motor vehicle use.</p>
	Reduce Expenditure	<p>The 2018 Metropolis Customer Satisfaction Survey of Council's services indicated residents considered the following services by Council to be in the highest category – "Excellent" – for weekly garbage collection, local library, regular recycling, hard rubbish booking / pick up service, services for older people, Collingwood Leisure Centre, services for families and children, provision of parks, gardens and reserves, Fitzroy Swimming Pool, maintenance of parks, gardens, and reserves, pet registration service, arts and cultural activities, green waste booking / pick up service, Richmond Recreation Centre, Burnley Golf Course, and services for youth.</p>

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108	Support for Public Housing advocacy campaign	<p>The Victorian Government has committed to a new Public Housing Renewal Program (the Renewal Program). The Government has committed \$185 million towards these efforts. Across metropolitan Melbourne and in regional centres of Victoria, ageing public housing estates will be redeveloped into “modern, mixed-tenure neighbourhoods”. Profits generated from the sale of the private dwelling will fund the replacement of ageing public housing stock and also enable a 10% increase of social housing homes at each location. Upon completion the majority of social housing dwellings will remain public housing, with the remainder owned and managed by community housing providers. In its 2017 submission to the Standing Committee on Legal and Social Issues Inquiry into the Public Housing Renewal Program, Yarra City Council noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Victorian Government has failed to articulate, and evidence, how future development value – that is the uplift of redevelopment – is being captured by the government for public benefit. • Together, the nine sites to be renewed constitute roughly sixteen hectares of prime residential real estate. These sites can only be sold once and the onus is on the state government to demonstrate that there are significant public benefits from the Public Housing Renewal Program. At face value, the dwelling replacement plus ten percent increase seems inadequate • Council holds significant concerns on how vulnerable residents will be impacted during any redevelopment and possibly beyond. Housing is not just bricks and mortar – it is connection to place, including family, friends, employment, transport, health and community support services, and the informal networks that people build up during their lives. <p>The Public Housing Defence Network (PHDN) seeks financial support to organise a public meeting on the Renewal Program for engagement and awareness raising (this meeting would engage other municipalities affected); build an alliance with other LGAs and the MAV, produce communications collateral and ran an advocacy campaign; and resource governance activities. Council may wish to consider how the PHDN’s proposal aligns with its own policy positions and whether it elects to support this proposal or directly manage its own campaign through existing resources in communications and advocacy.</p>
109 (late) and 112 (late)	Public housing	<p>Council funds Launch Housing Assertive Outreach Service \$30,000 per year to double their outreach capacity within Yarra which informs our advocacy and leadership in addressing the impacts and responses to homelessness at local government level. Within existing budget Council demonstrates leadership through providing material aid and targeted access to Council facilities, facilitating local service coordination, asserting commitment to a rights based approach to people who are homeless, and ensuring Council officers understand pathways into and out of homelessness, the homelessness service system, and the limits of local government capacity to address homelessness. Council has a Policy Guidance Note, Affordable Housing Outcomes at Significant Redevelopments. This was adopted by Council in November 2017 and amongst other things requires that:</p> <p>As part of significant rezonings, provisions will be sought by Council for the new zone or overlay to require any development proponent to provide for at least 5% affordable housing at significant redevelopment sites once constructed and into the future.</p>

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110 (late)	Park lighting	<p>Council's open space lighting policy notes that Council does not light paths in environmentally sensitive areas or river corridors.</p> <p>The environmental considerations include the ability to light the entire path network considered critical to public safety, as it is not appropriate to partly light a path and unexpectedly discharging users into darkness.</p> <p>The land in question is only partly managed by the City of Yarra, the remainder being the responsibility of Parks Victoria.</p>
111 (late)	Sailors and Soldier's Building	The matter will be referred to Council for detailed review and consideration in conjunction with the Council's Property Strategy.