

# Hearing of Submissions Committee

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## Agenda

**Tuesday, 28 May 2024**

Council Chamber - Civic Centre  
and via Videoconference

## Information for Councillors and the community

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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We pay our respects to all Elders, past, present, and emerging, who have been, and always will be, integral to the story of our region. We proudly share custodianship to care for Country together.



### COUNCIL VISION

Whether you live here or visit, you will see how much we care for country, how inclusive and connected our communities are, and how sustainable balanced growth makes this the best place in the world.

### VALUE OF HISTORY

We acknowledge that history shapes our identities, engages us as citizens, creates inclusive communities, is part of our economic well-being, teaches us to think critically and creatively, inspires leaders and is the foundation of our future generations.

### COUNCILLOR COMMITMENT

We'll be truthful, represent the community's needs, be positive and responsive and always strive to do better.

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**YARRA RANGES COUNCIL**

**AGENDA FOR THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING TO  
BE HELD ON TUESDAY 28 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM IN COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, ANDERSON STREET, LILYDALE AND VIA  
VIDEOCONFERENCE**

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**1. MEETING OPENED**

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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Acting Director Built Environment & Infrastructure, Phil Murton

Director Planning, Design & Development, Hjalmar Philipp

**4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

There were no apologies received prior to the commencement of this meeting.



## 5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

*In accordance with section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020.*

*The Local Government Act 2020 defines two categories of conflict of interest:*

- *a general conflict of interest, which is defined as “...a relevant person has a general conflict of interest in a matter if an impartial, fair-minded person would consider that the person's private interests could result in that person acting in a manner that is contrary to their public duty”*
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*In accordance with section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020, a conflict of interest must be disclosed in the manner required by the Governance Rules and the relevant person must exclude themselves from the decision-making process.*

No Conflicts of Interest have been received prior to the Agenda being printed.

**BUDGET FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025 PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS HEARING**

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Report Author: Manager Financial Services (CFO)

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services

Ward(s) affected: (All Wards);

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*The author(s) of this report and the Responsible Officer consider that the report complies with the overarching governance principles and supporting principles set out in the Local Government Act 2020.*

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

This item is to be considered at a Hearing of Submission Committee meeting that is open to the public.

**SUMMARY**

On 23 April 2024, Council resolved that the draft 2024-25 Budget and Plan 2025-2026 to 2027-2028 (including the draft 2024-2025 to 2033-2034 Capital Expenditure Program and draft 2024-2025 Fees and Charges) be received and advertised on 24 April 2024 for public comment.

The documents outline the future strategic direction and key activities that will be undertaken by Council and how the activities will be funded.

The documents were made available for public inspection and written submissions were sought from interested parties by lodgement time of midnight on Sunday 19 May 2024.

A total of 22 public submissions were received, and the purpose of this Delegated Committee meeting is to hear a number of presentations from submitters in relation to their submissions, and for the Committee to review and consider the written submissions received as well as the draft responses to each written submission as prepared by officers.

## RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Committee, having considered the written and verbal submissions received, accept the response to each submission as per Attachment 2 (published separately).**
- 2. That the responses in Attachment 2 are submitted to Council as the preliminary recommendations of the Committee for the Council Meeting on 25 June 2024 for the purpose of considering the adoption of the 2024-2025 Budget and 2025-2026 to 2027-2028 Plan, 2024-2025 Fees & Charges, and the 2024-2025 to 2033-2034 Capital Expenditure Program.**
- 3. The confidential Attachments 2 and 3 to this report remain confidential indefinitely as it relates to matters specified under Section 3(1)(f) of the Local Government Act 2020.**

## RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

On 23 April 2024, Council resolved that the draft 2024-2025 Budget and 2025-2026 to 2027-2028 Plan, including the draft 2024-2025 Capital Expenditure Program and 2024-2025 Fees and Charges schedule be reviewed and advertised on 24 April 2024 for public comment.

## DISCUSSION

### ***Purpose and Background***

Yarra Ranges Council has engaged its community, Councillors and Council officers to develop and review the Council Budget, as well as the Capital Expenditure Program and Fees and Charges. These documents were made available to the community for inspection and written submissions were sought to ensure these documents continue to reflect the goals, aspirations and needs of the community.

Council must prepare and adopt a 4-year budget that contains financial statements and other matters by no later than 30 June each year. The purpose of this report is to present the submissions received to the Committee, together with management responses, for consideration prior to the final Budget being considered by Council for adoption scheduled for 25 June 2024.

### ***Recommended option and justification***

It is recommended that the responses to submissions in Attachment 2 are the preliminary recommendations of the Committee to be considered at the Council Meeting on 25 June 2024 for the purpose of considering the adoption of the 2024-25 Council Budget, 2025-26 to 2027-28 Budget Plan and the 2022-23 to 2031-32 Capital Expenditure Program.

In Officers' view, there are no key issues arising from the submissions received in relation to the draft Budget documents.

## **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The Budget outlines:

- Council's management of financial resources for a four-year period; and
- The proposed resources allocated to the delivery of proposed initiatives, capital works, delivery of services and funding for key community priorities.

The consideration of the community submissions helps to inform the development of the Council's budget.

## **APPLICABLE PLANS AND POLICIES**

Council's Vision 2036 articulates the future aspirations for our community and the municipality. The 2021-25 Council Plan sets a clear direction for Council and articulates the focussed key initiatives and projects to be undertaken by Council.

Council's Community Engagement Policy 2021 sets out that Council will engage with the community for participation in the development of, and feedback on the Annual Budget.

## **RELEVANT LAW**

Council must prepare and adopt a budget for each financial year and the subsequent three financial years by 30 June each year in accordance with section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020.

The annual budget must be in the format outlined in the model prescribed by the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

### ***Economic Implications***

The draft 2024-25 budget shows a small underlying operating deficit. However, future financial projections indicate that this will only apply to the short term, with Council's longer term financial sustainability returning to positive assuming the local government sector continues to receive the fair and necessary external funding required from industry partners.

### ***Social Implications***

The draft Budget and Plan allows for the implementation of priority actions arising from the Health and Wellbeing Plan including: mental health, physical health, social recovery, climate change and impacts on health, reduce harm from alcohol, health impacts of emergencies and gender equity.

### ***Environmental Implications***

The draft Budget and Plan includes a number of key environmental initiatives, including the implementation of Year 1 initiatives in the Nature Plan 2024-2034 to contribute to the vision of a healthy, resilient and connected natural living landscape.

The draft Budget and Plan also provide for continued work on energy saving initiatives to reduce resources and energy consumption through environmental best practice.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

In accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy, the draft Budget documents were advertised from 24 April to 19 May 2024, with the community being invited to submit feedback for consideration by a Delegated Committee of Council.

Throughout the year we hear from the community in a variety of ways, including roadshows and community pop-ups held across the municipality, our online feedback portal 'Shaping Yarra Ranges', via Councillors, at Council meetings and from customer feedback.

The information we receive from the community has provided valuable input to the 2024-25 Draft Budget development process, helping ensure resources are being allocated to priority areas identified by the community, while also ensuring Council can continue to meet its legislative obligations.

### **COLLABORATION, INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

The draft 2024-25 to 2027-28 Budget and Plan, including the Capital Expenditure Program, have been prepared through rigorous consultation with Councillors and Council officers. These documents have been developed to respond to the current and future needs of the community.

### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

Consideration of the draft budgets needs to balance the needs and desires of all members of the community, the vitality and well-being of the municipality as a whole, and the future sustainability of Council. There is a risk that these competing objectives cause tension in the context of a diverse and complex community environment with scarce resources available.

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No officers and/or delegates acting on behalf of the Council through the Instrument of Delegation and involved in the preparation and/or authorisation of this report have any general or material conflict of interest as defined within the *Local Government Act 2020*.

## **ATTACHMENTS TO THE REPORT**

1. Council Budget Submissions – Summary
2. Council Budget Submissions – Summary with Management Responses (Confidential)
3. Council Budget Submissions – Full (Confidential)

## Budget 2024-2025 Submission Log – Summary (public)

Ref #	Submission Details	Speaking? Y or N	Category
1	As a resident and small business owner in Mount Evelyn, I would like to voice my support for the proposed drainage works on North Avenue, Mount Evelyn. This work is critical to prevent further damage to the property adjacent to the Aqueduct trail. Thank you for your consideration.	N	Drainage
	I would like to voice my support for the capital works drainage proposed for North Avenue, Mount Evelyn. Thank you for helping to make our local area safe!	N	
2	Objective 1 - to spend 30% of the budget on Arts/Culture and Heritage is clearly unbalanced particularly when it is not highlighted as a Major Initiative for that objective, nor are there any clear Performance Indicators for it either... Storm Reduction Expenditure of \$3.2m due to an "anticipated reduction in events" is clearly just an accounting excuse to reduce the no.. Nobody can honestly believe that emergency events are going to miraculously go away this year, but a budget overrun in this area of course "would be expected" should such events occur.... refer to the snapshots attached..	N	Budget Priorities - Arts/Culture/Storms
3	I appreciate the detailed planning that has gone into this budget and capital expenditure program, it is not an easy task the balance the varying expenditure needs across a vast geographic area. My submission is regarding the footpath program and roads program of the capital expenditure plan. Please consider bringing forward the planned footpath addition to Alexander Ave in Upwey (Between The Avenue and Rutherford). I am under the understanding this is included in the "new footpath program" item 170. If so, it would at earliest be constructed in 2026 and in my opinion is too late for such a heavily used and high risk road. This section of roadway is heavily used by pedestrians and school children, and traverses all of Upwey Primary, Upwey High school, Upwey Oval, Upwey Tennis and the Upwey-Tecoma bowls club, and as such should be a higher priority. Further the roadway is narrow, winding, and cars drive fast, making it very dangerous for pedestrians. Traffic calming measures should also be considered along the full length of Alexander Ave similar to other category 2 roads that are used as short-cuts through the area to avoid traffic on Burwood Highway. Many of the other similar category roads in the area have traffic calming but this one doesn't. Examples include Old Belgrave Rd, Sandells Rd and Station Street. If at all possible, please consider bringing forward these works. Or at the very least I would appreciate if they could be included as a row item in the program so they can be tracked by residents in the area.	N	Footpaths / Traffic Management
4	What about a footpath in Kingswood Drive Chirside Park	N	Footpaths

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5	I believe that the 10.4 million dollars of proposed spending on renewable energy could be put to better use. I would like to see the financial benefit from this spending. There are many institutions that believe that there is little or no benefit from renewable energy	Y	Budget Priorities - Renewables
6	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on what must have been a quite challenging budget considering the disasters over the past few years. I would like Yarra Ranges to move towards a Wellbeing Budget as part of a more general Wellbeing Economy to be developed and adopted by Yarra Ranges in this budget, and over the next few years. Here are some resources, you can highlight each one to go to the documents: VicHealth How to create a well-being economy Wellbeing Economy Policy Design Guide How to design economic policies that put the wellbeing of people and the planet first iris.who.int World Health Organization Deep dives on the well-being economy showcasing the experiences of Finland, Iceland, Scotland and Wales	N	Wellbeing
7	As a long time Hills resident, it feels very evident when reading the summary of the urban, valley and hills capital expenditure program that the Hills gets little attention. The impact of the 2021 storms is still an issue for many residents, with, for example, walking paths and roads cut up by heavy vehicles etc etc etc. Also, when we had more recent, widespread power outages because of storms, the Olinda footy oval with all its new solar panels was not open for the community in the first, critical, 24 hours. Power, for example, was not available to help the free food program operating in Olinda hall to save its refrigerated and frozen food stock. There is an urgent need to ensure that an emergency resource that we hear much about is actually available to community when it needs it.	N	Emergency Management
8	On behalf of the Kallista Community, The Kallista Flood Watch Group, seeks to make this submission for the sealing, drainage and infrastructure of Gleghorn Road, Emberson Street and Rivington Avenue. Further we seek to have these three roads classified as "Priority" in the allocation of funding and works to be undertaken. This advocacy is supported by petitions contained in the submission. Refer PDF	Y	Roads/Drainage
9	I see that the Yarra Ranges Council has strengthened its ADVOCACY for homelessness - whatever that might mean - but dedicated not one single dollar to any emergency measures to IMMEDIATELY address the crisis in people sleeping rough in this region. I assume that you are passing by with face averted because it is "Not a problem for local government." It is a problem for all of us; no neighbourhood can call itself civilized if it ignores amongst us this most basic need for shelter and safety. The Shire has a very poor record of hindering, not helping, initiatives to address this most pressing issue. Is it really less important than another walking trail? Forget advocacy: we need from the Shire urgent, practical, ECONOMIC support for emergency measures - like opening up sporting grounds or unused hall space as overnight homeless accommodation in this region and appropriately-resourced day centres with showers, telephones, onsite support. <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/article/2024/may/03/nsw-homeless-crisis-car-park-sleep-pilot-program">https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/article/2024/may/03/nsw-homeless-crisis-car-park-sleep-pilot-program</a>	N	Homelessness / Emergency Management



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10	<p>Dear Yarra Ranges Shire Council</p> <p>I see that, yet again, the Council has decided to comment in this year's budget (as it did last year, and I objected to it) that it refers to the Yarra Ranges having a low level of disadvantage and a high level of advantage. This is utter nonsense, as anyone who is working in homelessness and housing services will attest. This comment is insulting and, as was pointed out to the council last year, was based on census data that covers an area from Brighton through to well past Reefton. It is simply not enough to add an extra line stating that “despite these scores, we are working closely with some parts of the community experiencing levels of disadvantage”.</p> <p>It is worth acknowledging that most homeless people and families do not get to complete census forms.</p> <p>The budget also highlights that the Council has undertaken a 2023 review of its Advocacy Agenda, which it states has strengthened its focus on seven key priority areas: Vibrant Towns, Housing and Homelessness, Integrated Transport, Resilience and Sustainability, Health and Well-Being, Housing and Homelessness, and Tourism and Sustainable Economic Growth. Our Cerini Centre Social &amp; Affordable Housing working group would be grateful if the Council could inform us of what actions it has taken under this Advocacy Agenda to deliver on the Housing and Homelessness issues we face in Upper Yarra and precisely what it has done to assist this Cerini Centre Social &amp; Affordable Housing project as we have received very little advocacy support apart from that provided by Cr Jim Child in his capacity as Ward Councillor.</p> <p>The budget identifies under Strategic Objective 1, Seventeen strategic Objectives for connected and Healthy Communities, and not one refers to support systems, programs, funding initiatives, etc., for Homelessness and Housing issues. It talks about objectives that assist with positive Aging services (11), Supporting people with disabilities (12) along with others, focusing on community engagement in arts and heritage, and even programs to assist communities in reducing impact and preparing for climate change (17). All of these programs are of little benefit to a family experiencing homelessness and being forced to live in their cars dotted around a major of sporting ovals every night.</p> <p>As Council officers well know, I have been known to support the council on many issues. Now, for the second year in a row, this Budget receives a NOT SATISFACTORY rating from me, which is most disappointing.</p>	Y	Homelessness / Housing

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11	<p>This budget submission for FY 2024-2025 for \$566,000 is for Yarra Ranges Council to prioritise and allocate for the local drainage upgrade to BRISTOL CRESCENT Road, Lilydale from number 16 Bristol Crescent to the top of Hereford Road to be heard at Yarra Ranges Council meeting on Tuesday 28 May 2024.</p> <p>I am requesting curb and channel to Bristol crescent Lilydale of \$320,000 plus 30% contingency = \$416,000</p> <p>One side curb and channel on the even numbered side of Bristol Crescent - 110 meters x 4 houses x 2.5 people per house = 10 people.</p> <p>Both sides curb and channel of Bristol Crescent 160 meters x 10 houses x 2.5 people per house = 25 people..</p> <p>Install bigger pipes at the rear of everyone's property easement for eight Bristol Crescent properties.</p> <p>The estimated cost for easement pipe upgrade, and installation is \$150,000 (Cost to be confirmed by Yarra Ranges Council).</p> <p>Pits and drains to be cleared and maintained weekly.</p> <p>I urgently require Yarra Ranges Council to remedial and fix this now, as this has been an ongoing issue for the past 20 years, and has got worse over the last 6 years as a result of council approved overdevelopment of subdivisions resulting in increased volume of stormwater runoff through my property.</p> <p>Refer my petition dated 23 January 2024, photos and my presentation at February 2024 council meeting for more details.</p> <p>The water runs straight down my driveway from the road. The water runs and collects at the front of my house, goes under my house which has flooded many times destroying everything and my house stumps.</p> <p>As a result of inadequate local road drainage and small easement pipes, this has caused flooding under my house which has dropped on one side.</p> <p>The water also runs down my driveway destroying everything in my shed.I have been through my home insurance many times.</p> <p>Council has failed and neglected to fix and maintain and upgrade the roads and drainage that has highly impacted ratepayers and neighbourhood residents on Bristol Crescent.</p> <p>Yarra Ranges Council have already claimed responsibility by putting a hump at the top of my driveway to reduce the water flow which has failed to divert and prevent water running down my driveway. Yarra Ranges Council also dug out the top side of my property near the road in an attempt to divert water which has also failed.</p> <p>I have personally spent \$12,000 to improve drainage on my driveway and property to reduce the water flow.</p> <p>I am now forced to sell my property soon, as I will not spend any more money on saving my property from flooding as a result of the council failing to protect my home, as a result of excess storm water run off into my property as a result of over development.</p> <p>What is the impact if Yarra Ranges Council do not prioritise this investment this FY 2024-2025?</p> <p>As I have lived at my property for around 28 years the impact has been huge to myself, family and my property.</p> <p>I have a special needs daughter who has constantly tripped in my driveway and dislocating her knees. I have suffered major financial loss being a single parent for 17 years and spending every cent to save my property from flooding.</p> <p>I also suffer bad depression and anxiety everything it rains or rain is forecast. I am a flood survivor.</p>	?	Drainage

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12	<p>Dear Councillors and Team, Warm and best wishes all, More extreme floods, heat waves and biodiversity losses are coming, 2023 was the hottest year on record, by the biggest increase; and the last 10 months by turn have each been the hottest on record.</p> <p>The prediction around tipping points is that they can abruptly accelerate irretrievably. That's the risk scaring scientists and informed people right now.</p> <p>Nature and biodiversity are being hammered by 'development' faster than conservation efforts are restoring, so we are losing.</p> <p>Eco-grief is a growing thing, and the prescribed remedy is immersion in biodiverse healthy Nature sanctuaries. Hence this large block in the wildlife corridor would benefit more people by being improved as a Nature sanctuary and water ponding facility.</p> <p>Lilydale Development have made a lot of money promoting survival shortening housing, so deserve to be obliged responsible for this habitat restoration.</p> <p>Australian style 'luxury' housing is making things worse; the survival mode we need now is minimalist housing facilitating all willing hands to restore and love Nature.</p> <p>The recent State law to limit housing under 40 Ha is a mistake as more intense labour can grow more of the food and tree crops and tree shelter, the diversity and strength that we need and can help us survive. Infill housing, reducing shade, cooling ventilation, food growing capacity and Nature appreciation will cost lives with deadly heat waves coming at us.</p> <p>THE BUDGET 24/25 No communal nut trees, no fruit trees in the commons again? Despite IPCC and many warnings that cities will be vulnerable to food shortages, and co-operative urban gardens will logically be life-saving, community strengthening. There will be increasing hunger and famine in the world. We need new staff who deliver the best practices and responsiveness you promise and get paid for.</p>	?	Climate/Nature / Food security / Housing / Local Employment
13	Request for rate rebate be applied to all rateable properties within The Heritage Estate, together with supporting documentation from the Owners Corporation Committee Chairs and also the Heritage Golf and Country Club supporting the request	Y	Rates

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14	<p>Dear Yarra Ranges Councillors and Executive  Re: 5330,000 Budget Submission 2024-2025 for Chapel St, Lilydale</p> <p>In response to Yarra Ranges Council seeking budget submissions from the community, I am pleased to present my detailed budget submission for <b>\$330,000 for Chapel St Lilvdale</b> to be prioritised for roads and drainage infrastructure upgrades investment to protect our homes, our lives, our properties and Lilydale's community infrastructure.</p> <p>My name is Rosemary Mosley, I am flood survivor of Chapel Street, Lilydale of over 22 years, and on behalf of the residents in Chapel Street and Lilydale community members, the parents of Lilydale Pre-School children, Anglicare staff local business owners in and around Chapel St, Lilydale including the residents of Lilydale Lodge, Lilydale and the many visitors to Melba Park and Lilydale Outdoor pool and surrounding community Yarra Ranges Council community infrastructure I urgently seek your <b>approval to prioritise Chapel Street, Lilvdale to receive \$330,000</b> in capital expenditure to remediate flooding to protect properties, to protect the 279 resident lives, homes, businesses and Yarra Ranges Council community infrastructure.</p> <p>I am seeking Yarra Ranges Council to urgently invest in FY2024-2025 \$330,000 for improvements to local road drainage infrastructure, under road drainage infrastructure, accessible footpath establishment, kerb and channel guttering installation, installation of heritage lighting for Chapel Street, Lilydale and ongoing fortnightly maintenance of pits and drains. I have broken down the investment for Chapel Street, Lilydale as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapel Street, Lilydale from the corner of Clarke Street, Lilydale to Lilydale Recreation Reserve car park opposite Lilydale Outdoor Pool of approximately 150 metres @\$2m p/km = \$330,000*  *Refer Appendix B - Budget Assumptions</li> </ul> <p>In this submission, I include the below information to support this budget submission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Background to the budget request for \$330,000 investment in drainage and infrastructure upgrade'</li> <li>Rationale for Chapel Street, Lilydale for prioritised budget allocation for 2024-2025.</li> <li>Benefits for the 51.24m investment in drainage, roads and infrastructure upgrade.</li> <li>Relevant background information</li> <li>Estimated Scope of Works</li> <li>Attachments</li> </ol> <p>Attachment A - Photos of Chapel Street, Lilydale  Attachment B - * Assumptions used for budget calculations  Attachment C - Rosemary Mosley - Petition May 2024  Attachment D - Rosemary Mosley - Petition January 2024  Attachment E - Star Mail Articles - The human costs of flood survival in Chapel Street, Lilydale</p> <p>I look forward to presenting this budget submission of <b>\$330,000</b> to you in person on Tuesday 28 May 2024.</p>	Y	Drainage
15	replace old broken pipes, increase pipes, increase number of pits to allow water to drain away from our street, to allow traffic to pass and houses not to be flooded.	Y	Drainage

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16	<p>Having reviewed the capital works program for the 2025-25 financial year it was disappointing to note that the rectification of Edinburgh Road in Lilydale was not included in the projects therein identified.</p> <p>Our residents group put together a proposal for such works, a copy of which is appended hereto (as is an earlier treatise identifying the road's classification under the Road Management Plan).</p> <p>It is our wish that council officers reexamine this material as if it was a further proposal for inclusion in council's capital works program, preferable in this coming year or, at least, the year thereafter.</p> <p>It will be noted that the actual proposal suggests a 3 stage program so that it could be completed over a greater period of time if that would better suit councils ongoing program. ^</p> <p>The urgency and seriousness of this application is exacerbated by the traffic attending the various schools in the immediate vicinity.</p> <p>Refer full submission</p>	N	Roads
17	<p>Spending 17.8 MILLION on Playspaces and Sports Fields but only 5.3 Million on roads? Are you kidding me! When will we see the council "REDUCING" expenditure from the past year?</p>	N	Roads
Page 21 18	<p>Dear Andrew, I hope this email finds you well, i read with interest the article in the star news re the upcoming budget.</p> <p>I wasnt going to write as its a waste of time but i think people need to say what they think, as a ratepayer in Yarra Junction it beggars belief that with income of \$253 million the council still needs to borrow money and will run a defecit,</p> <p>It would appear those of us that are not accountants, that the council seems inept and cannot run a business properly,, if council was a business it would be broke,</p> <p>I noticed that council has decided to adopt the maximum rate rise allowed, yet still it runs a defecit and borrows money.</p> <p>the difference between the council and its ratepayers has never been wider,</p> <p>can your executive team not understand one simple principle</p> <p>dont spend more than you make (and by god the council knows how to spend money)</p>	N	Budget Financials
19	<p>Application for \$137,500 to fund a Feasibility Study into the creation of a continuous multipurpose Olinda Creek Trail from Lilydale Station to Olinda shops.</p> <p>Refer submission</p>	Y	Trails
20	<p>Please can the council upgrade our public toilets in Belgrave, Olinda and Monbulk.</p> <p>The toilets are currently in a shameful condition and my many communications have been falling on deaf ears.</p>	Y? But 'No' to registering?	Toilets

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21	<p>Can you please put funding into providing more and safer parking and roads around Birmingham Primary School. It's a poorly planned mess in Francis Cres and surrounds.</p> <p>Can you also look at adding a play space in the Lilydale Heights Estate. On Lakeview Drive there is a suitable reserve for a small playspace which is much closer than Lilydale lake.</p>	N	Roads/Parking/Play space
22	\$400,000 for 20A Nimblefoot Way, Lilydale and under roads drainage at the corner of Delta Close and Nimblefoot Way, Lilydale. Refer submission	Y	Drainage/Roads

Confidential Item

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**7. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

*In accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020*

There were no Confidential Items listed for this meeting.

**7. MEETING CLOSED**



***In providing for the good governance of its community, Councillors are reminded of their obligation to abide by the provisions as set within the Local Government Act 2020 and the Code of Conduct for Councillors.***

***When attending a Council Meeting, Councillors should adhere to the procedures set out in the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.***

*The following is a guide for all Councillors to ensure they act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of Yarra Ranges as a whole.*

- 1. Councillors will respect the personal views of other Councillors and the decisions of Council.*
- 2. Councillors may publicly express their own opinions on Council matters but not so as to undermine the standing of Council in the community.*
- 3. The Mayor is the official spokesperson for Council.*
- 4. Councillors will incur expenditure in a responsible manner and in accordance with the Councillor Expenditure and Policy.*
- 5. Councillors will avoid conflicts of interest and will always openly disclose any direct and indirect interests where they exist.*
- 6. Councillors will act with integrity and respect when interacting with Council staff and members of the public.*
- 7. Councillors will demonstrate fairness in all dealings and conduct and be open with and accountable to the community at all times.*
- 8. Councillors will conduct themselves in a manner that does not cause detriment to Council or the Yarra Ranges community.*