

Budget 2024-2025 Submission Log – Summary (public)

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| 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. https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/article/2024/may/03/nsw-homeless-crisis-car-park-sleep-pilot-program | 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 & 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 & 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 \$330,000 for Chapel St Lilvdale 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 approval to prioritise Chapel Street, Lilvdale to receive \$330,000 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"> 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 <p>In this submission, I include the below information to support this budget submission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Background to the budget request for \$330,000 investment in drainage and infrastructure upgrade' Rationale for Chapel Street, Lilydale for prioritised budget allocation for 2024-2025. Benefits for the 51.24m investment in drainage, roads and infrastructure upgrade. Relevant background information Estimated Scope of Works Attachments <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 \$330,000 to you in person on Tuesday 28 May 2024.</p> | Y | Drainage |
| 15 | <p>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.</p> | 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. 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 |
| 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 |