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1	Can you please help me to understand why you have set aside \$2M for maintaining aquatic facilities and \$2.3M for animal management (I understand these are important) but only \$497K for supporting people with disabilities?	Requesting an explanation of the funding allocation of services compared to supporting people with a disability.	<p>Thank you for your submission requesting an explanation of the funding allocation of services compared to supporting people with a disability.</p> <p>Council doesn't provide case management or direct client support to people with a disability as this is provided through the NDIS. The budget allocated for next year is part of Council's commitment to support our over 55 population and people with a disability to live Healthy Active lives. Activities include – addressing ageism, supporting volunteerism, hosting healthy lifestyle forums and education sessions, and raising awareness of mental health and support activities that assist older residents and or people with a disability.</p>	No
2	I would like to propose that the Scout Hall in Olinda along The Georgian Road be painted, and a decent path built leading to its door. At the moment it is a 'Spooky' looking building as described by three visitors to the area. It is covered in tree bark and generally looks very uninviting. A coat of paint other than the army green colour it is now, would bring it up to look more inviting. I have no idea what the inside is like. Visitors pass it on their way to the Botanical Gardens and it is certainly looks very neglected and forgotten.	Upgrading of Olinda Scout Hall and improving access to building.	<p>Thank you for your submission regarding painting the Olinda Scout Hall and improving access to building.</p> <p>The Scout Hall is a direct lease arrangement between the Scouts and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. As Council is not the landlord, we would be pleased to forward your submission to the Department in order for them to address the issues raised in your submission directly with them.</p>	No
3	While the rest of Pinks Reserve is slowly improving, bike/pram/e-mobile direct access from Buttler Street to the sealed access road has gone from poor to almost non-existent - ruts, then scoria (dangerous for bikes), and, for	Safe access around Pinks Reserve from Buttler Street	Thank you for your submission regarding safe access around Pinks Reserve from Buttler Street during construction.	No

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	<p>months now, a temporary track around the fences placed for construction worker safety - at the expense of citizen safety. Construction, at the current rate, will take a long time. Surely the fences can be located to deliver a safe work site, while still allowing Council to construct a sealed multi-use track. (Canterbury Road hill is not safe for bikes, Mt.Dandenong/Gladesville/Cherylynne/Buttler/Pinks/Liver pool is - except for 100m or so)</p>	<p>during construction.</p>	<p>The construction works for the netball court area is scheduled to be completed in July / August 2022, and temporary fencing removed.</p> <p>In the interim, Officers will review condition of the temporary access to ensure it is safe and functional.</p> <p>The Master Planning for Pinks Reserve considers connectivity throughout the recreational area and surrounds. At this stage upgrading the existing gravelled paths are not a priority of the overall plan.</p>	
4	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Yarra Ranges Council Draft Budget. You will see from my comments that my interests focus on social and environmental issues.</p> <p>I believe you have made the right decision to support a healthy and sustainable future for the Yarra Ranges Community, to commit to ongoing delivery of the Liveable Climate Action Plan and to implement a “build back better” approach to economic recovery.</p> <p>Council’s commitment to Community Engagement reflected in many line items in the Draft Budget should be commended.</p> <p>One thing that has confused me is whether the items included in the Major/other initiatives sections of the Draft Budget are in fact included in the Draft Budget; as far as I can see they do not appear in the Draft Budget. Other than a comment that the “build back better” initiative is a “New Major Initiative to be approved” I can see no commitment to funding the initiatives proposed in the Major/other</p>	<p>Feedback and improvements to the draft Budget.</p>	<p>Thank you for your submission and valuable feedback on Council’s draft Budget document.</p> <p>The Budget outlines how Council allocates its resources so that it can achieve its strategic objectives. The major and other initiatives are specific to each of these strategies, with specific services then costed under each strategy. While the initiatives are not specifically referenced in each service, they are the operational focus towards achieving our initiatives and strategic objectives. Our success on how we achieve these is outlined in our annual report each year.</p> <p>Your comment regarding the absence of an acknowledgement of Country is noted, and we have</p>	<p>No</p>

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	<p>initiatives headings and cannot find many of these proposals as line items in the Draft Budget. This is a pity as many of these initiatives are innovative, exciting and necessary for a vibrant and creative Council.</p> <p>I would especially like to see the “build back better” initiative and Environmental Stewardship incorporated into the Strategic Pillars for Economic Development so that these issues are recognised equally with purely commercial, investment and business goals.</p> <p>Similarly Protecting our biodiversity assets has a theme of Landscapes and Ecosystems, yet there is no reference to funding for Landscapes, only a brief reference under the Major/other initiatives heading, and no other reference at all to Ecosystems. The theme Land use and Climate Change is recognised in the Draft Budget in Business Area 9: Land use policy development. However, it seems the implementation of the Liveable Climate Plan has been relegated to the Major/other initiatives section of Strategic objective 3.</p> <p>The Draft Budget rightly includes Tourism as a key issue in Yarra Ranges, however it is important that the Draft Budget also considers the impacts of tourism on the amenity of residents. The Draft Budget should provide for consultation and the development of strategies to manage the tourist impacts on local residents.</p> <p>There is scant attention to Indigenous (Aboriginal, First Nations) people. I could find no acknowledgement of Country in the document other than the words in “Our Vision”: “you will see how much we care for Country”. The</p>		<p>updated the document that will be presented for adoption to include an appropriate recognition.</p> <p>Council is developing a new 10-year Economic Development Strategy which has a strong focus on responding to climate change. It is anticipated that the draft Strategy will be placed on public exhibition in the coming months and outlines a set of values to drive and support the transition into a regenerative Yarra Ranges economy including embracing systematic change aligned with principles of a circular economy and looking beyond net-zero emission to a net-positive impact on the planet and on our community.</p> <p>In partnership with Yarra Ranges Tourism (Lead) and the Victorian Government Council a Destination Management Plan for the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges region will be developed by bringing together key regional stakeholders including community, to discuss and develop a shared vision for growing the visitor economy (over a 3-5 year period). It will set out what success looks like for the region by fostering congruent relationships between visitors, residents, and tourism businesses.</p> <p>Tourism has seen a significant increase as our community have emerged from COVID however it has created some amenity concerns for local residents. As part of our place planning, we have incorporated strategies that seek to manage these impacts and aim to protect the character of these unique areas. This includes parking and traffic solutions, better support for active transport modes and</p>	

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	<p>intention to “Improve Aboriginal health and wellbeing by providing a range of supports to Oonah Health and Community Services Aboriginal Corporation to establish the Healesville Belonging Place, an integrated Aboriginal health facility” falls under the heading of Major/other initiatives, so it seems it may not be funded in this Draft Budget. The only other reference I could find was participation of Aboriginal children in Maternal and Child Health. The sections on the Arts and Creative Activities could specifically include funding for Indigenous projects. See items 14 and 15 in section 2.1 Strategic objective 1: connected and healthy communities.</p> <p>Council is complying with the Gender Equality Act and is engaged in the Free from Violence Local Government Program, I would also like to see some reference to women’s issues in the general business of council, for example consideration of innovative housing options for women, and involvement (which may already be happening) in the Women Leading Locally Victorian Government initiative to encourage women to become councillors.</p> <p>Two Resources relevant to the Draft Budget: Wellbeing Economy Policy Design Guide: How to design economic policies that put the wellbeing of people and the planet first. This Guide includes those countries which we all know as</p>		<p>improved planning of our open spaces and public areas. Warburton in particular has become a focus and a draft Urban Design Framework will be publicly exhibited in the coming financial year to seek community feedback on design responses to some of these issues that can then be developed into deliverable projects.</p> <p>Council have been developing our Reconciliation Action Plan that includes numerous exciting initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Significant investment in the establishment of the Healesville Belonging Place which is currently undergoing the schematic design phase. This is funded through Council’s Major Projects budget</li> <li>- Council’s Creative and Connected Communities department regularly schedule a range of Indigenous performances and performers across Council’s arts venues.</li> <li>- Reconciliation and cultural activities such as the annual Reconciliation Week event that is funded by internal department budgets.</li> <li>- the Firestick Project with funding from the partnership with the Firesticks Alliance Aboriginal Corporation</li> </ul> <p>Council has recently finished exhibition of a Discussion Paper that explores issues around housing in Yarra Ranges. One of the strong themes that arose from community was concern about the lack of social and affordable housing, which has a clear relevance to women and children needing crisis and longer-term housing. This is being</p>	






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	<p>innovators in introducing Wellbeing Economies, including New Zealand, Scotland and Iceland  <a href="https://weall.org/wp-content/uploads/Wellbeing-Economy-Policy-Design-Guide_Mar12_FINAL.pdf">https://weall.org/wp-content/uploads/Wellbeing-Economy-Policy-Design-Guide_Mar12_FINAL.pdf</a></p> <p>And:</p> <p>Ten Principles to Build Back Better Wellbeing Economy Alliance  <a href="https://weall.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Wellbeing_Economics_for_the_COVID-19_recovery_10Principles.pdf">https://weall.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Wellbeing_Economics_for_the_COVID-19_recovery_10Principles.pdf</a></p>		<p>further explored through a Community Reference Group as we start to draft our new Housing Strategy and will put this out for public exhibition and comment in the coming financial year.</p>	
5	<p>FINISHING THE JOB. Ref new Lilydale Ambulance Station. Many people and their dogs walk along Charles Rd to walk around the Wetlands. Concreting has finished there - leaving two small bits of the plantation beside the road not concreted. It would be a very small job, but for safety reasons it is important to extend the concrete walkway beside Hull Road across the two ambulance entrances and onto the area beside Charles Road. Please inspect and consider.</p>	<p>Improving connectivity as part of the finalisation of the new Lilydale Ambulance Station.</p>	<p>Thank you for your submission regarding improving connectivity as part of the construction of the new Lilydale Ambulance Station.</p> <p>The nature strips at the new Lilydale Ambulance Station have been top soiled and grassed in accordance with the development's Landscaping plan. Following a recent inspection, it is acknowledged that extending the footpath past the recently constructed vehicle crossing/path entrance to the new ambulance facility will improve connectivity within the area.</p> <p>These works will be forwarded to the Infrastructure Services team for consideration within the 2022/23 minor capital works budget.</p>	No

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6	<p>Application for \$125,000 Feasibility Funding for Olinda Creek Bicycle Nature Trail as outlined to council in May via Zoom meeting by Ron Thomas Chairman Olinda Creek Bicycle Nature Trail Committee Details in file attached. <a href="#">Submission No 6 - attachment - FeasibilityFinalOlindaCkTr.docx</a></p>	<p>Application for Feasibility Funding for Olinda Creek Bicycle Nature Trail.</p>	<p>Thank you for the detailed budget submission and recent presentation to Councillors for a proposed Olinda Creek Trail, from Lilydale to Olinda.</p> <p>Council has \$628,000 committed to the extension of the Olinda Creek Trail, between Swansea Road, Montrose to York Road, Mt Evelyn, over the next two financial years. Most of the other trail alignments highlighted in the submission are in areas managed by Parks Victoria. Council will continue to work closely and advocate for missing links in the trail network to be completed and/or upgrades to be completed where possible. Many of the paths and trail links on Council managed land highlighted in the submission are known to Council officers and are being considered for future feasibility studies, capital works and grant funding bids, amongst other recreation and trail projects.</p>	Yes
7	<p>Emphasis on Council Infrastructure, Liveable places, economy, and tourism across the whole of Yarra Ranges Shire. Submission No 7 – attachment below:</p>		<p>Please note: no email provided.</p> <p>Thank you for your supportive submission regarding prioritising the identified points under each of our Major Initiatives. Council is dedicated to positively planning for future generations' liveability for years to come.</p>	No

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	<p>Council submission:</p> <p>I whole heartedly believe the Yarra Ranges Council should be prioritising the below points</p> <div data-bbox="324 347 891 470"><p><b>Connected and Healthy Communities</b> Communities are safe, resilient, healthy, inclusive and socially well connected. Quality services are accessible to everyone.</p></div> <p>Point 5 &amp; Point 4</p> <div data-bbox="324 534 891 657"><p><b>Quality Infrastructure and Liveable Places</b> Quality facilities and infrastructure meets current and future needs. Places are well planned and are hubs of activity that foster wellbeing, creativity and innovation.</p></div> <p>Point 3 &amp; Point 4</p> <div data-bbox="324 726 891 849"><p><b>Protected &amp; Enhanced Natural Environment</b> A healthier environment for future generations.</p></div> <p>Point 2</p> <div data-bbox="324 917 891 1040"><p><b>Vibrant Economy, Agriculture and Tourism</b> Our tourism, agriculture, health, manufacturing and other industries are leading and dynamic. Strong investment and attraction underpins sustainable economic growth and job creation.</p></div> <p>Point 2, Point 3, Point 4, Point 5, Point 6</p> <div data-bbox="324 1109 891 1232"><p><b>High Performing Organisation</b> An innovative, responsive organisation that listens and delivers quality, value for money services to our community.</p></div> <p>Point 8</p> <p>Expenditure in these areas will set up our community for years to come.</p>			
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8	<p>Submission from Rethink Warburton Mountain Bike Destination</p> <p>Extract below from the submission attached:</p> <p>Rethink Warburton Mountain Bike Destination wishes to place a complaint about the Warburton Mountain Bike Destination Project and the problem of Over tourism in Warburton and in the surrounding towns.</p> <p><b>Become a world class trails and eco-tourism destination through project development, delivery, advocacy, and partnerships, including the delivery of the Rivers and Ridges projects.</b></p> <p>As Warburton is suffering from over tourism already, we object to any of the money allocated in the budget for promoting tourism in the area or building new tourism projects that will attract greater numbers of tourists here but believe money would be better spent dealing with the crowds of tourists we have already.</p> <p><a href="#">Submission No 10 - Rethink WMBD Council Budget 2022-23 Rethink.docx</a></p>	<p>Redirecting funding from the Warburton Mountain Bike Destination toward current tourism.</p>	<p>Thank you for your submission regarding the Warburton Mountain Bike Destination project.</p> <p>The project is currently progressing through an Environment Effects Statement (EES) process to ensure detrimental effects to ecology, heritage and social values can be avoided or minimised to an acceptable level. The Victorian Minister for Planning will provide an assessment of the project which will determine how it will proceed. Yarra Ranges Council (YRC) will implement the project in accordance with the Minister’s assessment. While the current surge of tourism brings great support for local businesses and celebrates the wonderful aspects of Warburton it can come with some amenity impacts. As part of our place planning, we have incorporated strategies that seek to manage the impacts of tourism and aim to protect the character of Warburton. The Warburton Place Plan has been adopted and now a draft Urban Design Framework (UDF) is being prepared for community exhibition and feedback. This proposes a design response to some of these issues that can then be developed into deliverable projects, and includes parking and traffic solutions, better support for active transport modes and improved planning of our open spaces and public areas. In partnership with Yarra Ranges Tourism (Lead) and the Victorian Government Council a Destination Management Plan for the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges region will be developed by bringing together key regional</p>	Yes



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			stakeholders including community to discuss and develop a shared vision for growing the visitor economy (over a 3-5 year period). It will set out what success looks like for the region by fostering congruent relationships between visitors, residents, and tourism businesses.	
9	<p>Budget discussion and contradictions.  <u>Council Budget Conversation 2022</u>                      In the foreground and right throughout the budget, the WMBD pops up as a Goal. This huge document speaks of ecotourism. It is disheartening because I know that the project must carve trails throughout native wilderness. Whether it be private property, council parks, state, and federal forest, it cannot happen without wanton destruction of natural endangered environments.                      Next the next breath council claims the following:                      “Ensure the plants, animals and ecologies of Yarra Ranges that our community value so much are supported and retained alongside us in healthy landscapes, by preparing and implementing a Biodiversity Plan that provides renewed focus for Council, the community, and partners.”                      Followed by:                      “Protected and Enhanced Natural Environment. Deliver actions of the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy and deliver the parks and reserves improvement program to enhance amenity, access and participation in public spaces and places.”</p>	Council Budget discussion and contradictions.	<p>Thank you for your submission. You have highlighted a number of strategy references and their respective goals and objectives. Council has many goals and objectives which on the face of it appear to be competing with each other, and in some ways that is the nature of the dynamic business of local government. What is most important is that these goals and objectives are clear statements of consideration for any project or service conducted by Council. The role of Council is to navigate solutions taking into account the competing pressures and working to establish comprehensively considered projects.</p> <p>The Warburton Mountain Bike Destination (WMBD) is a major project being delivered by Council and is a case in point for managing the diverse outcomes of Council goals and objectives. Because of the identified interests, an Environmental Effects Statement was commissioned as the most comprehensive mechanism of assessment to develop a project that could be delivered, whilst still honouring the objectives of a protected environment.</p> <p>With regards to funding, the majority of stated funding amounts have been supplied from other tiers of</p>	No

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	<p>And:                      “Continue to develop and support the capability of Environmental Volunteer Groups including seeking funding support to invest in our shared environment. Local biodiversity is secured, and communities are supported to be more sustainable”</p> <p>Then back to the WMBD:                      “Develop and deliver improvements to Council’s network of recreational trails across the municipality to support improved recreational, health, social, and economic needs of the community and become a world class trails, agritourism and eco-tourism destination. Yarra Ranges recognised as a world class trails and ecotourism destination”</p> <p>A total contradiction in terms. The spending on the WMBD is going to blow out over years and the costs far outweigh Physical or Financial support listed for the environmental focus Council claims to have.</p> <p>Council has stated there is a Climate Crisis and yet pushes forward with forest ruin. Therefore, I have no trust or faith in council’s statements as they completely contradict each other. The following statement from council:                      “High Performing Organisation                      Improve the community’s trust and connection with Council through more meaningful and inclusive community engagement and innovative approaches to communication. Innovative Council approach to</p>		<p>government to support Council in the delivery of the project. This means that Council’s rate contribution has leveraged significant external dollars to deliver a high quality project to the community, to visitors to the municipality, and to support business enhancement and employment within the local area, whilst delivering an asset our community can be truly proud of.</p> <p>While the current surge of tourism brings great support for local businesses and celebrates the wonderful aspects of Warburton it can come with some amenity impacts. As part of our place planning, we have incorporated strategies that seek to manage the impacts of tourism and aim to protect the character of Warburton. The Warburton Place Plan has been adopted and now a draft Urban Design Framework (UDF) is being prepared for community exhibition and feedback. This proposes a design response to some of these issues that can then be developed into deliverable projects, and includes parking and traffic solutions, better support for active transport modes and improved planning of our open spaces and public areas.</p> <p>In partnership with Yarra Ranges Tourism (Lead) and the Victorian Government Council a Destination Management Plan for the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges region will be developed by bringing together key regional stakeholders including community to discuss and develop a shared vision for growing the visitor economy (over a 3-5 year period). It will set out what success looks like for the region by fostering congruent relationships between visitors, residents, and tourism businesses.</p>	

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	<p>communication and engagement improves community trust and, therefore, connection.”</p> <p>Is all smoke and mirrors when you look at:            \$2.2 million for biodiversity conservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2.3 million for animal management and improving community safety</li> </ul> <p>And:            “Parks, open space, and streetscapes (\$11.3 million) – major trail projects including Ridgewalk; Yarra Valley Trail; Warburton Mountain Bike Destination (pending the outcome of the Environmental Effects Statement) and various township improvements; Indigenous Heritage Visibility; Yering and Coldstream Station Activations; Wesburn Pump Track; park furniture renewal and improvements; Brushy Creek Trail, Mooroolbark, and trail rehabilitation projects.”</p> <p>Knowing that:            2.2 million won’t go far to do this:            Nature Plan – Protecting our biodiversity assets Council’s Nature Plan will define the activities, programs, and projects of the highest priority for the next 10 years. It will set targets for Council and allow for prioritisation of conservation action on Council managed land. In addition, it will improve our support to private landowners and increase environmental stewardship, identify areas to seek external funding, highlight key advocacy priorities for our municipality and ensure rigorous monitoring and adaptive</p>			

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	<p>management are embedded into our programs effectively. In developing objectives for the plan, consideration was given to the four themes and the key actions identified where council can have the greatest impact on biodiversity conservation. Linked to Council's Environment Strategy, these themes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscapes and Ecosystems • Land use and Climate Change • People and Nature</li> <li>• Pest Plants and Animals Actions identified will take us towards a future vision of a more connected landscape, with higher quality and more resilient habitat for native plants and animals, including the rare and threatened species we're fortunate to have. Together with Council's Liveable Climate Plan, we will continue to deliver on climate action by investing in renewable energy, sustainable design, resilient buildings and moving towards a zero emission fleet while considering climate in all our strategies and every aspect of our business.</li> </ul> <p>We will support our community to care for nature in their own backyard and beyond, providing opportunities for all to engage with the natural environment and learn more about it. The draft Nature Plan will be presented mid-2022 for final consultation.</p> <p>And the real cost alone (in the budget) of No 520 Warburton Mountain Bike Destination: Development of over 100km of mountain bike trails in the hills surrounding Warburton</p>			

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	<p>2022-23 \$1,500,000, 2023-24 \$1,500,000, 2024-25 \$2,500,000, 2025-26 \$2,810,000,                      2022-23 Council funding \$530,000 20022-23 external funding \$970,000                      2021-22 to 2030-31, council funds \$2,110,000, external funds \$6,200,000, Fed \$5.2m, State \$700k, Other \$300k                      I have no further trust or faith in Council, my representative in O'Shannassy Ward (who does not represent me or my views) or council itself for making the decisions they have in the report. A big fail, electing the O'Shannassy Ward rep as Mayor. I do not want my hard-earned money spent by a council with this much contradiction and lack of comprehension of the damage it is doing to the area.                      Sincerely                      Council has my address and contact details, as I am a rate payer.                      07/06/2022</p>			
10	<p>Council Plan/Budget response 2022 Council's Budget and Plan do not give enough weight to our Climate Emergency response. More urgent than before, the IPCC report in February points to a "brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity", advising rapid and radical transition in housing and industries, especially agriculture, to give us healthier and stronger food systems, more moderate, liveable micro-climates, and sequester maximum carbon, to give us most chance to survive an accelerating climate</p>	<p>Request for Council's response to Climate Change be increased.</p>	<p>Council is developing a new 10-year Economic Development Strategy which has a strong focus on responding to climate change. It is anticipated that the draft Strategy will be placed on public exhibition in the coming months and outlines a set of values to drive and support the transition into a regenerative Yarra Ranges economy including embracing systematic change aligned with principles of a circular economy and looking beyond</p>	Yes

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	<p>change and turn this momentum around. The called for transitions can be attractive with stronger communities working together and all the health benefits of better diet and connections to nature, but the magnitude and momentum of the threats forecast must be brought into perspective and given priority. Tipping points for runaway, irredeemable warming could be crossed any time. Great chunks of Antarctica and the Arctic ice are melting, vast stores of methane thawing and forest fires increasing, all reinforcing each other, so it is a great challenge to reverse this momentum. In the short term all cities can be quickly vulnerable to food shortages as climate change events cause crop failures; increased and more intense droughts, floods, fires, storms, and conflicts over diminishing resources causing broken supply lines and price spikes. This IPCC report recommends low-income households be assisted to adapt their housing to survive increasingly deadly and frequent heat-waves. It urges more space between houses so there can be more trees planted which can reduce temperatures by 15 degrees. The lower demand for cooling reduces the risk of power-outages. State and Council strategy is antagonistic to this by encouraging infill buildings and less garden space. This policy needs changing. The Urban Tree Canopy Strategy and the Bio-diversity Plan are flagged again but the investment in them does not reflect their importance. \$Millions are given to sports facilities, but only \$105,000 to Urban Design Landscapes. 2 budgets ago, an increase of 55 extra urban trees were budgeted for, not saying from how</p>		<p>net-zero emission to a net-positive impact on the planet and on our community.</p> <p>Council is now embedding strong sustainability principles into the planning of our centres, including transitioning from large carbon footprint housing towards high efficiency housing concentrated around transport, shops, and services. This protects our important green wedge from inappropriate development and maximises proximity to regions of food production. This is being delivered through the Housing Strategy project as well as individual place-based planning projects. Council has also applied for State Government funding to investigate a deeper application of the '20 Minute Neighbourhood' principles in Plan Melbourne, which would recommend strong sustainability responses in our planning for place. This will be coupled with streetscape projects that promote street tree planting to reduce Urban Heat Island effects and Water Sensitive Urban Design solutions that improve water quality in our waterways.</p> <p>The Lilydale Structure Plan has completed its public exhibition and will be progressing towards final adoption. This vision for Lilydale offers numerous opportunities to increase tree planting and create effective responses to open space, making a meaningful improvement to the environmental performance of the centre. It will increase access to public transport as well as promote local employment and investment, thereby reducing reliance on carbon emitting transport modes.</p>	

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	<p>many. Last year, no figure was given, no % of increased urban tree canopy and yet Looking around there is so much space and opportunity to increase tree canopy and give us a cooler habitat. As drought could strike in any year, and it will be harder to get trees going, the investment in maximum tree canopy is best made as soon as possible, to give the kids a real sporting chance. Biodiversity in Lilydale is dropping as it is over many metropolitan areas as infill building occurs and gardens are reduced and simplified, and as industrial agriculture continues to spray weedicides and pesticide; yet it can strengthen urban ecosystems and mental well-being. The new planting around Lilydale though is mostly gum trees and we do not see an emphasis on diversity. The most important transition for human survival can be made in agriculture, from industrial agriculture, which is a major contributor to global warming, to Regenerative Agriculture which maximizes carbon sequestration into soils and gives stronger, healthier, more local, and urban food systems. People are generally not informed about the vulnerability of our food systems, nor can they picture how much food can be grown around homes and communities if all water and nutrients are used and recycled efficiently. So demonstrations educating around this are very important. So we need Council to step up planting more shade canopy, more diverse canopy, and more food-tree canopy. To grow the maximum amount, to sequester carbon, and most secure food systems, earthworks which infiltrate the most rain into soils through swales and soak pits are</p>			

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	<p>mainframe investment, to invigorate broadscale agriculture and urban streetscapes alike, yet there is no mention of it in Drainage or Roadworks. This needs examples and attention this year. Cited again as a Major Initiative is: - “Activate, develop, and construct significant community facility projects across the municipality to respond to current and future community needs.” Global climate catastrophes are coming, so to strengthen local communities we need more community orchards and food gardens and more community kitchens at the centre to help us through times of emergency response. Near the Civic Centre along the By-Pass Reserve is the most strategic site to demonstrate and practice these co-operative ventures, to speed education of important village-scale skills and techniques. On this site we need to demonstrate Permaculture building skills to be most efficient and use minimum resources. Cob and pole-frame building, the rocket-stove mass-heater and cooling tunnels can be life-savers, make housing really affordable and enhance creativity. Composting and composting toilets need to be demonstrated and refined here as cities everywhere must learn. So we cannot afford delay about deciding the best purpose for this land. Net-zero emissions targets are not ambitious given the risks. “Sleep-walking into catastrophe” describes the general world response. Transport must be electrified and minimized as soon as possible; industry and lifestyles localized for greatest resilience. The emissions from building a bypass will cause more deaths through fire and storm. The resources wasted could be deployed to</p>			



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	help several villages survive. This land is urgently needed to inspire.			

The following feedback was received from community members on the ‘Shaping Yarra Ranges’ website. These comments are not formal submissions and will be sent to the various departments to be addressed.

No	Website feedback
1	Sassafras, a destination for a huge number of tourists, desperately needs improved amenities/streetscaping. The toilets are an embarrassment.
2	Newgrove Road and Lalors Rd in Healesville need footpaths. Newgrove Road is a busy road connecting many to the local primary school.
3	I would love to have the lane I live (Swansea Rd rowdy) on surfaced and drainage fixed to compensate for the work on commercial Rd.
4	Please Main unsealed road Farndons Rd, mount Dandenong to be fixed. (road travels through the national park)
5	If young people are the ones who've been most impacted by the pandemic, lockdowns and school shutting, I wanted to see more support for us.
6	\$2m for youth - for all things mental health, participation, and engagement. That is INCREDIBLY low! Not enough support! Invest more here!

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7	The walking track goes for such a long way. I'd like to see a water tap along the way
8	Shame on Council for letting big corporations move into Healesville and ruin our precious historic township and heritage streetscapes.
9	The most amazing thing about living in the Shire of Yarra Ranges is the access to open space and countryside. It is really important to me.
10	walking helps me manage anxiety. Learning about my environment promotes connection. I enjoy plant / habitat signage. Add MH affirmations to
11	Several years ago, Montrose Community centre hosted some world class musical performances which were extremely popular. Can these return?
12	My preference would be to halve the road renewals and upgrades budget and spent the money saved on early childhood development & education.
13	What happened to the footpath to be built .from Mt Dandenong peak, down Ridge Rd to Mt D village. Promised years ago!!? Peter Gilbert
14	1. Footpath on left side of York Rd. Going uphill 2. Bus shelters, both sides of York rd. Near mimosa Ave. why were they forgotten?
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16	What more can be done to save our planet? 1. Education 2. Supporting infrastructure 3.....

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17	Please restrict parking to one side of Winyard Drive Mooroolbark to assist traffic flow and safety. Ample parking is now available elsewhere