

Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

to be held virtually on Tuesday 16 November 2021 commencing at 7:00pm.

Attachments

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Thursday 11 November 2021

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Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

held virtually on Tuesday 12 October 2021 commenced at 7:03pm.

Minutes

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Thursday 14 October 2021

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Nillumbik Shire Council

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12 October 2021

Nillumbik Shire Council

**Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held
Tuesday 12 October 2021. The meeting commenced at 7:03pm.**

Councillors present:

Cr Richard Stockman	Blue Lake Ward
Cr Karen Egan	Bunjil Ward
Cr Natalie Duffy	Edendale Ward
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward
Cr Ben Ramcharan	Sugarloaf Ward (Chairperson Consultation Matters)
Cr Frances Eyre	Swipers Gully Ward
Cr Geoff Paine	Wingrove Ward (Chairperson Planning Matters)

Officers in attendance:

Carl Cowie	Chief Executive Officer
Vince Lombardi	Chief Financial Officer
Hjalmar Philipp	Director Operations and Infrastructure
Blaga Naumoski	Executive Manager Governance, Communications and Engagement
Corrienne Nichols	Executive Manager Communities
Rosa Zouzoulas	Executive Manager Planning and Community Safety
Jonathan McNally	Manager Community Safety and Amenity
Eddie Cheng	Manager, Information Technology
Nik Mistriotis	Lead Systems Architect
Katia Croce	Governance Lead

1. Welcome by the Chair

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chairperson, Cr Geoff Paine.

3. Apologies

Nil

4. Confirmation of minutes

Confirmation of minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 September 2021.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Frances Eyre

SECONDED: Cr Peter Perkins

That the minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 September 2021 be confirmed (**Attachment 1**).

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5. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Nil

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6. Officers' reports

PCC.025/21 Nillumbik Shire Council Submission to Melbourne Future Planning Framework

Item: Planning Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Rosa Zouzoulas, Executive Manager Planning and Community Safety

Author: Leigh Northwood, Strategic Planning Lead

Summary

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is seeking Council's feedback on the draft Land Use Framework Plans (LUFs), a key implementation action of Plan Melbourne 2017-2050.

The LUFs will set regional-level planning policy to be implemented into planning schemes. The LUFs will also inform local councils in decision-making for precinct planning, local and regional planning strategies, and infrastructure and servicing projects.

Consultation in regard to the draft LUF's and notification to Council was given along with the opening of the public consultation period on 24 August 2021.

Consultation closes 24 October 2021.

Given community input will not be able to be captured in Council's submission due to timeframes, a Council webpage has been created that identifies the project and directs the community to the engage website for any enquiries/submissions.

Subject to the adoption of Council's Submission which will be forwarded to DELWP via its Engage website portal in order to meet the closing date for submissions.

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

Submission read by Chairperson:

1. *Gila Schnapp*
2. *Esther Caspi*

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Ben Ramcharan

SECONDED: Cr Peter Perkins

That Council:

1. Adopts Nillumbik Shire Council Submission Melbourne Land Use Framework Plan (**Attachment 2**) to *Melbourne Future Planning Framework* plan, and directs Council officers to formally lodge the adopted submission with DELWP through its Engage website by the deadline of 24 October 2021; and
2. Makes the adopted Submission publicly available on Council's website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Geoff Paine, Chairperson for Consultation Matters vacated the chair at 7:09pm

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Cr Ben Ramcharan, Chairperson for Planning Matters assumed the chair at 7:09pm

2. Officers' reports

PCC.026/21 Consideration of Submissions Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan

Item:	Consultation Matter
Distribution:	Public
Manager:	Rosa Zouzoulas, Executive Manager Planning and Community Safety
Author:	Jonathan McNally, Manager Community Safety and Amenity Caroline Correa, Community Safety Coordinator

Summary

The purpose of this report is to acknowledge the submissions received from the community regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025 (**Attachment 1**).

A Domestic Animal Management Plan is a requirement under *Section 68A* of the *Domestic Animal Act 1994*, must be renewed every 4 years, with formatting and content set by the State Government to ensure consistency across the State of Victoria.

Councils have a legislated responsibility under the *Act* to ensure compliance and delivery of animal management services, which are in line with community expectations on responsible pet ownership.

The development of the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan has been shaped via extensive community consultation, including 523 surveys received in May-June 2021 and 38 submissions received in the second round of community consultation completed on Participate Nillumbik closing on 21 September 2021.

It is recommended that the Committee note the community submissions for the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan before the final document is presented to Council for adoption at the 30 November 2021 Council meeting.

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

In Person

1. *Lee O'Mahoney*
2. *John D'Alton*
3. *Julian Fraillon*
4. *Isabel Nalato*
5. *Freya Bramwell*

Submission read by Chairperson:

6. *Stephen Veitch*

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2. Consultation Matters

PCC.026/21 Consideration of Submissions Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Peter Perkins

SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the submissions received from community members and groups to the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025 (**Attachment 2**).
2. Acknowledges the presentations made to the Committee.
3. Considers the matters contained in the submissions and this report during finalisation of the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025.
4. Requests a further report to be presented at the November 2021 Council Meeting to adopt the final Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025.
5. Thanks submitters for providing Council with feedback on this important document.
6. Resolves that **Attachment 3** remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(g)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jonathan McNally - Manager Community Safety and Amenity, left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item 7:58pm.

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3. Officers' reports

PCC.027/21 Eltham Area Community Hospital

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Hjalmar Philipp, Director Operations and Infrastructure

Author: Jonathon Miller, Manager Property and Facilities Maintenance

Summary

The Victorian Building Health Authority (VBHA) has identified Council land at Civic Drive, Greensborough as its preferred location for the development of the Eltham Area Community Hospital.

The VBHA may acquire the land either through agreement with Council or compulsory acquisition.

Council has sought community feedback on the Eltham Area Community Hospital at Civic Drive, Greensborough from 25 August 2021 to 26 September 2021 to inform a decision on the potential sale of Council land at a subsequent Council meeting.

1,070 responses were received; 36% supported the proposal, 61% opposed, with the balance (3%) undecided.

Submitters have been invited to attend this meeting of the Planning and Consultation Committee to speak to their submissions.

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

In Person

1. Margaret McKenzie
2. Carol Doherty
3. Lyn D'Alton
4. Lyn Dalton on behalf of Laena D'Alton
5. Dr Svetlana Ryzhikh on behalf of Friends of Apollo Parklands
6. Svetlana Ryzhikh
7. Kelly Farrow
8. Kelly Farrow on behalf of Richard Williamson
9. Grant Nicholas Brooker
10. Dianne Brooker
11. Tim Fleet
12. Kate Fleet
13. Brian Murray on behalf of Nillumbik Ratepayers Association Inc
14. Rosemary Burdett
15. Sahan Fernando
16. Amanda Stefancic
17. Stuart Callaghan on behalf of Diamond Valley Basketball Association
18. Shirley Diez
19. David Boyle
20. Chris Scheri

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PCC.027/21 Eltham Area Community Hospital

Read by Councillors

21. *Alan Messini*
22. *Margaret Shannon*
23. *Scott Lawrence*
24. *Gerda Stiehl*
25. *Michael Ryzhikh*
26. *Dr Alex Artsyukhovich*
27. *Trent Burgess*
28. *Victoria Korovin*
29. *Sergiy Korovin*
30. *John Molina*
31. *Irina Cherkassky*
32. *Larissa Pitchouguina*
33. *Julia Zotova*
34. *Dmitry Ryzhikh*
35. *Gayle Molina*
36. *Rasta Fernando*
37. *Irina Guskova*
38. *Bella Cherkasskaya*
39. *Irina Protsenko*
40. *Rhonda Bain*
41. *Meghna Baru*
42. *Alexandra Gonos*
43. *Joe Wright*
44. *Jennie Juchnevicius*
45. *Garry Skerys*
46. *Ian Doran*
47. *Kwok Yi Hatton*
48. *Robyn Youlten*

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Richard Stockman

SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the submissions received from community members on the proposed Eltham Area Community Hospital at Civic Drive, Greensborough.
2. Acknowledges the presentations made to the Committee.
3. Considers the matters contained in the submissions and this report.
4. Requests a further report to be presented at the October 2021 Council Meeting to make a decision on the sale of the land proposed by VHBA for the Eltham Area Community Hospital.
5. Thanks submitters for providing Council with feedback.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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7. Supplementary and urgent business

Nil

8. Confidential reports

Nil

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 10:21pm.

Confirmed:

Cr Ben Ramcharan, Chairperson Consultation Matters

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50 Oatland Road, Plenty

House, Farm

Prepared by: Context	Survey date: September 2021
Place type: Residential	Designer: Not known
Significance level: Significant	Builder: Not known
Extent of overlay: See map below	Major construction: c1928



Figure 1. Main (west) elevation of 50 Oatland Road, Plenty. (Source: Nillumbik Shire Council, photograph of owner)



Figure 2. Main (west elevation) with mature tree in front and timber garage. (Source: Nillumbik Shire Council, photograph of owner)

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

This place is associated with the following historic themes in the *Nillumbik Thematic Environmental History* (2016):

1 4 TRANSFORMING AND MANAGING THE LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

4.4 Agriculture, orchards and viticulture

6 BUILDING TOWNS AND SHAPING SUBURBS

6.3 Interwar subdivisions and estates

LOCALITY HISTORY

Plenty is a semi-rural district north of Greensborough, about 20 kilometres northeast of Melbourne. The name Plenty is drawn from the nearby Plenty River, which was named by Joseph Gellibrand in 1835. Gellibrand chose the name to reflect the promising countryside of the area (Victorian Places 2015).

Crown land sales in the area began in the 1840s, with blocks ranging from around 300 to 800 acres. Alexander McKillop was the first to purchase a block: Crown Portion 5, Parish of Morang, comprising 820 acres (Figure 3). The Crown continued to auction the other blocks in 1853: Patrick Mornane obtained Portion 3 Section 4, and LC Luscombe purchased 308 acres in Portion 2 Section 4 (Westbrooke 2016).

The land between Plenty River and the early Yan Yean Road (now part Heard Avenue and part Yan Yean Road), was subdivided gradually until the early twentieth century. From this time the need for smallholdings increased, and land was divided more frequently as a result (Westbrooke 2016).

This initial, ad hoc settlement pattern contrasts with other settlements in the Nillumbik Shire and relates to the selection and take-up of occupation licences. Much of this land was believed to be auriferous and hence was taken up under 20-acre occupation licences under the Land Acts. Fruit-growing became the most viable use of the small hilly lots. A number of small communities developed to service this new settlement pattern and industry. Often these settlements featured only a school and post office. 'Glenaulin', on Portion 2 Section 12 of the Parish of Yan Yean farther north, was subdivided into 108 two-acre lots and 72 one-acre lots, which were advertised in early 1854. The selling of the lots, however, was unsuccessful (Westbrooke 2016).

The alignment of the Greensborough Road (now Yan Yean Road) was altered from the original survey line with a series of curves to the west in 1869 (Argus, 23 June 1869:2). This new road formed a boundary for a number of subsequent subdivisions (Westbrooke 2016).

Some who owned large blocks of land towards the north in Yan Yean Parish attempted ambitious early subdivisions involving division of the land into several smallholder blocks. Portion 2 Section 4 of Yan Yean, to the north of Plenty, was subdivided by Henry and John Cooke, who advertised the blocks as 'Egglestone Estate' c1885 (Westbrooke 2016).

The 1870s marked a more traditional pattern of subdivision in the area in which larger blocks were divided into two or three lots. This pattern lasted until 1900, by which time only a few significant homesteads had been erected.

The early twentieth century marked the height of a subdivision trend in the area. This was likely influenced by the success of smallholders, particularly orchardists, in surrounding areas such as

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Arthurs Creek. Leslie Woodbourne Clarke, a grazier from the Doreen property 'Linton Grange', inspired this trend in 1905, having bought the northern lot of the northern half of Crown Portion 5, subdividing it into nine lots of 10 to 28 acres. The first of Clarke's allotments was purchased in 1906. By 1914 eight had been sold, and the last was sold in 1927 (CT: V3098 FF446). The southern edge of the subdivision included a private road, Clarkes Road, now Worns Lane. This success led to an increase in subdivision in the Plenty area, where most smallholdings ranged from 10 to 30 acres.

Portion 5 west of Yan Yean Road, owned by Bank of Australia Ltd (presumably the rebadged Real Estate Bank Ltd, which had purchased the land in 1888), was subdivided into 17 lots of approximately 20 acres each in 1911. Browns Lane provided a central dividing line for the subdivision. Fourteen lots had sold by 1916 (CT: V2020 F836).

Arthur Grenbry Outhwaite of 'Tallarook', in Walsh Street, South Yarra, purchased a section of Portion 3 Section 4 west of the Yan Yean Road, comprising 496 acres, from John Butler's executors in April 1912 (CT: V2326 F062), and immediately subdivided the property into 40 lots (CT: 3589 F730). In 1925 the Lierse brothers bought the 38 acres at the western end of the subdivision, which included a number of weekender lots (CT: V3589 F 730). When Outhwaite died in 1938, only two lots remained unsold (CT: V3589 F730).

In 1924 the secretary of the Plenty Progress Association proclaimed, 'within eight years our district has been converted by city workers from absolute bush into orchards and poultry farms...' (Age, 26 October 1924:9).

The area was described as being 'thrown open for selection' in 1913, with Plenty's new landscape celebrated in a 1925 article in the *Advertiser (Hurstbridge)*, as being 'the Toorak of the northern suburbs, where you get a panoramic view of the surrounding landscape for miles; a grand health resort, and only fifteen miles from the GPO' (*Advertiser (Hurstbridge)*, 31 July 1925:4). This intensification of subdivision coincided with the establishment of the Plenty Social Club and the Plenty Progress Association, and the development of a Plenty town centre in the 1920s that included a Primary School (HO213), Methodist Church (HO250), Store and Hall (HO248)

In 1928–29 the Heidelberg Shire compulsorily acquired 10 acres of land in Portion 2 Section 4 to create a 'pleasure ground and place of public resort'. In May 1930 the Plenty Progress Association began to raise funds to build a hall on this new recreation reserve (*Advertiser (Hurstbridge)*, 9 May 1930:4). Tenders were called in May 1931 and the hall was opened in July 1931 (*Advertiser (Hurstbridge)*, 9 May 1930:4; 23 May 1930:1).

In the early 1930s, the poultry industry was growing in the Diamond Creek area and it was suggested the area may grow a greater reputation for poultry than fruit-growing. The poultrymen of Diamond Creek noted as being 'among the first to export eggs to England' (*Advertiser (Hurstbridge)*, 22 April 1932, p. 2.)

After World War II additional community facilities were built. The Plenty reserve became a War Memorial Park featuring memorial gates, a playground, toilets, and trees planted by schoolchildren on Arbour Day. The Plenty War Memorial Gates (HO249) were erected by the Plenty War Memorial Trust in 1951. A fire station shed was erected on the corner of Howell and Yan Yean roads in the 1960s (Westbrooke 2016).

PLACE HISTORY

50 Oatland Road, Plenty, is located on Crown Portion 2, Section 4, Parish of Morang in the County of Evelyn. LC Luscombe purchased this allotment, comprising 308 acres, from the Crown in 1853 (Figure 3).



Figure 3. Detail cropped from the Morang Parish Plan with the approximate boundary of the subject site outlined in red. (Source: PROV with OpenStreetMap underlay and Context overlay)

Subdivision of the larger allotments in the localities of Plenty and Tanck's Corner (now Yarrambat) began in the 1880s (Mills 2016a). In June 1885, Robert Byrne, auctioneer of Collins Street, Melbourne, purchased 30 acres of Portion 2 Section 4 in the Parish of Morang (CT V1696 F031). Later in June 1885, Thomas Boyd, a steamship captain of St Kilda, purchased the land (CT: V1708 F492). Boyd's 30 acres was purchased by a St Kilda baker, William Robertson, in 1887 (CT: V1969 F697), and then James Butler, farmer of Clear Hills, in 1917 (CT V1969 F697). After Butler's death in 1922, probate went to William Henry Long of Black Rock in 1924 (CT V1969 F697). Probate papers listing the inventory of Butler's real estate show parts of Portion 2 Section 4, along with 72 acres of land at Clear Hills, were sold to William Charles Lierse, orchardist of Diamond Creek, in 1919. The remaining balance of £256 of the £710 purchase price was still owed at Butler's death (Mills 2016a).

In 1924, brothers William Charles Lierse and Ernst Otto Lierse obtained title of the 30 acres (CT V4863 F425). The Lierse family was well established in the Diamond Creek area at the time of purchase. Brothers William Charles, Otto Ernst and Bernhard August appear to have worked together in contracting and farming. They are referred to as orchardists, farmers and market gardeners at various times in the electoral roll and Certificates of Title (ER 1928, 1930, 1931). In 1925 the brothers also purchased Lots 25-39, 38 acres abutting the Plenty River on the west side of the Plenty River Estate, the 1912 subdivision of Portion 3 Section 4 Parish of Morang just to the north (Mills 2016a).

In 1927 William Lierse married Priscilla Mary Wadeson of Diamond Creek. The house at 50 Oatland Road, Plenty appears to have been constructed around 1928. From 1928 the electoral roll lists Priscilla Mary Lierse as residing at 'The Nest' in Plenty, suggesting the house was constructed by this time following her marriage to William in 1927. William remained on the electoral roll as an orchardist of Diamond Creek (ER 1928). It appears he may have worked on his father's Diamond Creek orchard.

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A dwelling is evident in a similar position to the house on a topographic map of the area dated 1930 (Figure 4). The garage to the south of the house appears to have been built contemporaneously to the house. By 1932 William Lierse owned a car, so it is probable the garage was constructed by then (*Advertiser (Hurstbridge)* 8 January 1932, p. 2).

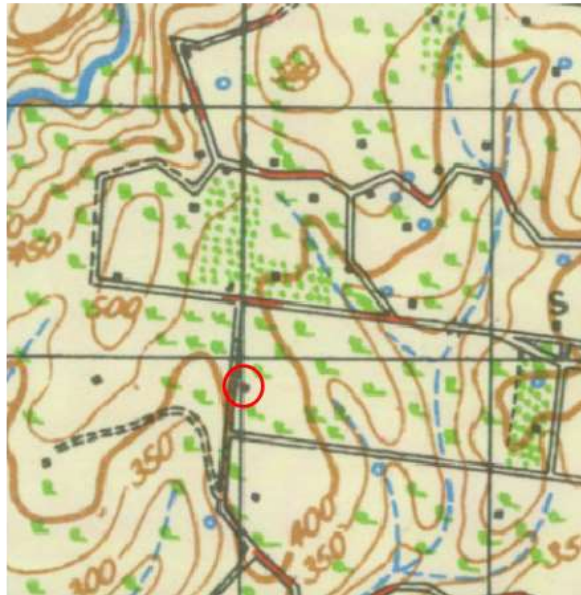


Figure 4. Detail from 'Victoria, Yan Yean' topographic map dated 1930 showing the possible dwelling (black square) circled in red with treed surroundings. (Source: State Library Victoria)

William Charles and Priscilla had one son, William John (John) Lierse, who was born in 1930. A photograph of the family taken from what appears to be the rear of the property shows the rear brick chimney, weatherboard cladding, clerestory window and moulded timber back door that appear extant today (Figure).

In 1936 the 30-acre property was divided into three. The northern lot was taken by Ernst Lierse and the southern by Bernhard Lierse, and William took the central lot of 11 acres 19 perches that includes the subject site (Figure). William was described in the certificate of title as a market gardener of Plenty, although it appears he undertook a variety of farming pursuits and services (CT: V4863 F425).

By 1943 William was identified as a poultry farmer of Plenty rather than an orchardist of Diamond Creek (ER 1943). William and Priscilla continued to live in Oatland Road and engage in community life.

Aerial imagery from 1946 shows the subject house surrounded by a number of sheds, likely to be poultry sheds, and areas of cleared land. A garage building to the south of the house, one rear shed and a dam visible in 1946 remain extant today (Figure).



Figure 5. Photograph of Priscilla, John and William Lierse dated 1934, part of the collection of photographs owned by Dorris McLaughlin. The photograph appears to be taken at the rear of the subject house. (Source: Identifier 1315, Victorian Collections, photographer unknown)

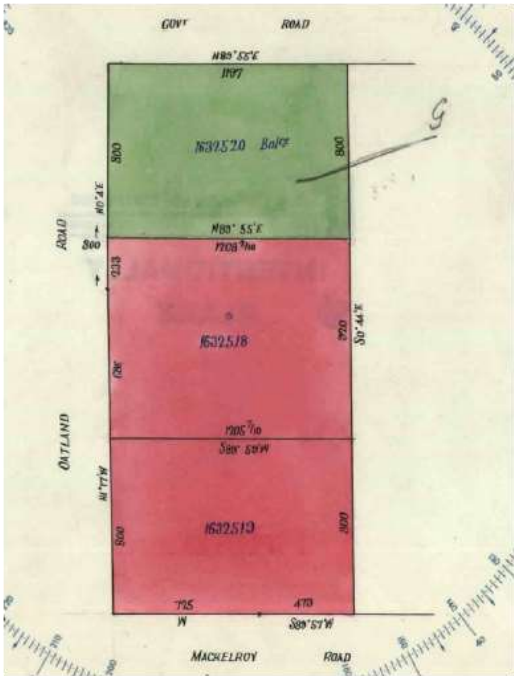


Figure 6. Detail from the certificate of title, showing the subdivision in 1936 whereby the blocks in red were transferred to William and Ernst Lierse as proprietors as tenants in common. The central portion, 1632518, which includes the subject site, was transferred to William Lierse. (Source: CT: V4863 F425)

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Figure 7. Detail of the subject site from aerial imagery taken in 1946–47 by Adastra Airways, showing the house, garage, and numerous large sheds to the rear. (Source: DELWP)



Figure 8. Detail from aerial imagery dated 1951. (Source: Central Plan Office, photographer unknown)

In 1965 John Lierse was working in poultry sheds on the family property in Oatland Road when a bushfire approached. The house was saved by sprinklers in the garden, but over 500 hens perished in the heat and smoke as the fire passed (Plenty George Bushfire Committee undated, p. 3)

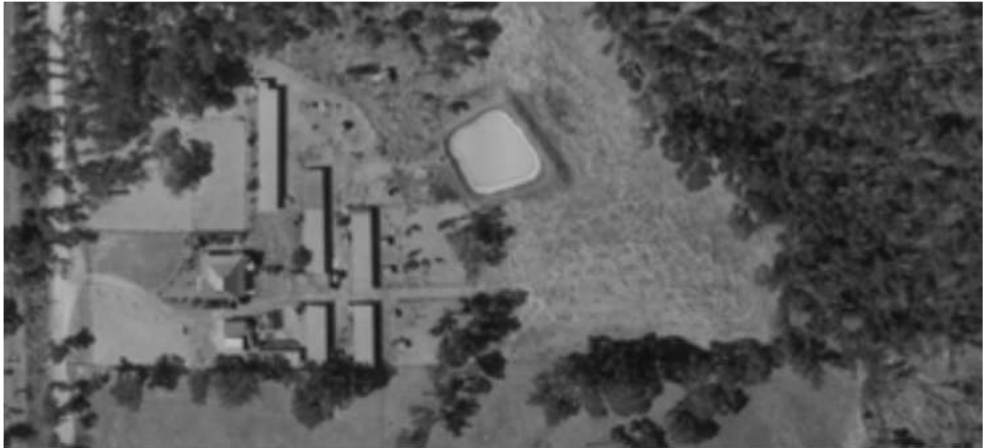


Figure 9. Detail from aerial imagery of the subject site dated 1968. (Source: Central Plan Office, photographer unknown)

Following the death of William in 1976, the property was transferred to Priscilla. When she died in 1983 the property was transferred to son John Lierse, who appears to have been living at the property. He subdivided the lot comprising 50–68 Oatland Road into three portions in 1996 (CT V6090 F888). The subject site containing the house, portion 3, became 50 Oatland Road (Figure). John Lierse continued to live at the Oatland Road property until 2018 (CT V10371 F839). He died in 2020 (*Herald Sun* 11 March 2020).

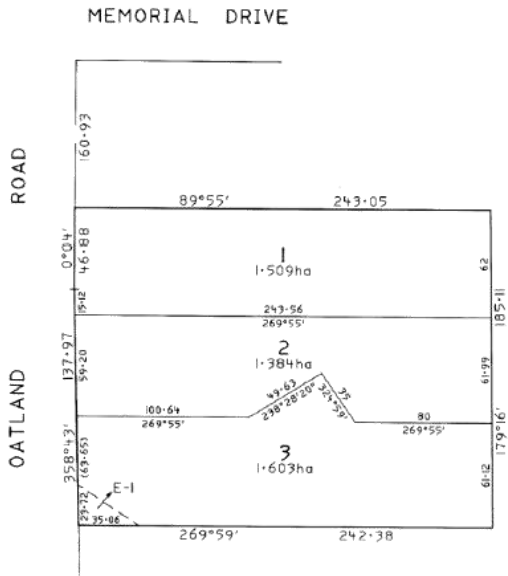


Figure 10. Plan of the subdivision of 50–68 Oatland Road, Plenty, in 1996. The subject site is portion 3. (Source: CT V6090 F888)



Figure 11. Aerial photograph of the site in 2015 showing the original sheds prior to demolition. (Source: Nillumbik Shire Council, photographer unknown)

The subject site was sold in 2018 (CT V10371 F839). The corrugated iron roof was replaced in 2011 (Nearmap). All but one of the corrugated iron agricultural sheds to the rear, and other smaller structures, were demolished in 2018 (Nearmap). The 1920s hairpin wire fence that had been at the front of the property was replaced with a slatted timber fence in 2019–20 (Nearmap). The subject site was sold to the current owners in May 2021 (CT V10371 F839).



Figure 12. The subject site in 2021 showing the main house (c1928), timber garage (by 1946) and remaining corrugated iron shed to the rear (by 1946). The property boundary is outlined in blue. (Source: Nearmap)

The Lierse family

William (Karl Wilhelm) Lierse, carpenter and father of William Charles (eldest son), Ernst Otto (second son) and Bernhard (third son), was born in Germany in 1853 and came to Diamond Creek in the early 1890s. His carpentry skills featured in many of the early buildings around Diamond Creek (*Advertiser (Hurstbridge)* 22 April 1932, p. 2). In 1895 William married Marie Louise Strauch (also referred to as Louise Mary Stansh), who was likely a German migrant as well and advertised as a dressmaker in Diamond Creek in the late 1890s (*Mercury and Weekly Courier*, 26 May 1899, p. 4). The Lierse family lived in Chute Street, Diamond Creek, with their three sons and daughter. William (Karl Wilhelm) appears to have had an orchard at Diamond Creek 'near Mr Alston's'. This was offered for sale or to rent in 1931 (*Advertiser (Hurstbridge)* 18 December 1931, p. 6). The elder William Lierse died in 1932 (*Advertiser (Hurstbridge)* 22 April 1932, p. 2).

The 'Lierse Bros' were sanitary contractors to the Shire in 1928 and 1931 (*Advertiser (Hurstbridge)*, 14 December 1928 p.4; 23 May 1931 p. 6.). The younger William Lierse was involved in sanitary services for a longer period, contracting from c1920 to c1935 (*Eltham and Whittlesea Shires Advertiser and Diamond Creek Valley Advocate*, 22 October 1920 p. 3. *Advertiser (Hurstbridge)*, 10 May 1935 p. 6.).

The Lierse brothers and their spouses were heavily involved in the developing community life and community facilities of Plenty from the late 1920s. William and Priscilla and Bernhard and his wife Olive were involved in the Plenty Tennis Club and in the construction and maintenance of the courts at Plenty Park (*Advertiser (Hurstbridge)* 8 January 1932, p. 2). William held the position of joint vice-president of the tennis club committee and was appointed foreman for the construction. Priscilla was secretary (*Advertiser (Hurstbridge)* 8 January 1932, p. 2). Ernst appears to have been most prolific as secretary of the Plenty Progress Association and Plenty Social Club, secretary of the Plenty Hall Committee, and MC at numerous local social occasions (*Advertiser (Hurstbridge)* 23 December 1932, p. 3; *Advertiser (Hurstbridge)* 14 March 1930, p. 5). Ernst and his wife Linda were involved in fundraising for and building the Plenty Hall. Priscilla was elected secretary of the Plenty branch of the Red Cross in 1942 (*Eltham and Whittlesea Shires Advertiser*, 27 February 1942, p. 4).

DESCRIPTION

The house at 50 Oatland Street, Plenty, is a single-storey timber structure built c1928 for the owner, orchardist William Charles Lierse. Located on the eastern side of Oatland Road, between Memorial Drive and Mackelroy Road, the house has a generous setback from the street and sits on a 3.95-acre rural allotment. The allotment is broadly rectangular, with a protrusion at the middle of the northern side to accommodate a dam. Outbuildings include a timber garage with pitched roof to the south of the house and two corrugated iron sheds.

Asymmetric in form with a projecting front room, the weatherboard-clad house sits beneath a Dutch gable roof clad in corrugated iron. The base of the weatherboard house is slightly elevated on timber stumps clad with wide boards spaced for ventilation.

A return verandah runs from the projecting front room along the west elevation, wrapping around the northwest corner of the house and along the north side terminating at an enclosed room about two thirds of the way along.

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The main roof of the house extends down over the verandah at a lower pitch. Access to the verandah is via a flight of brick steps along the street facing (west) side of the house, aligned to the front door.

Key features of the building and landscape include:

- asymmetric built form with a projecting front room and return verandah;
- weatherboard-clad walls;
- corrugated iron Dutch gable roof that extends down at a lower pitch over the return verandah;
- exposed rafter ends;
- red brick chimney;
- projecting front gable;
- decorative gable end detail, including timber lattice work and small timber brackets;
- timber window hood clad in corrugated iron with scalloped trim, supported by brackets;
- original pattern of fenestrations on the west, south and north elevations;
- timber double-hung sash windows;
- glazed door under the verandah on the west elevation
- half-glazed front door set in a moulded timber door frame with sidelights;
- original or early timber flywire screen doors;
- corrugated iron clad timber garage with pitched roof and decorative gable end detail including timber lattice work south of the house (by 1946);
- extant corrugated iron clad agricultural shed to the rear (by 1946);
- mature tree in front of the house; and
- open rural landscape setting.

Alterations and additions include:

- The cutting back of the western edge of the verandah and construction of a low brick planter box on which the verandah posts now sit,
- recent corrugated iron shed south of the garage
- timber front fence (c2019).

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Figure 13. Projecting front room with decorative gable end above a pair of timber double hung sash windows with a timber window hood supported by brackets with scalloped trim. (Source: Nillumbik Shire Council, photograph of owner)



Figure 14. Decorative timber fly screen door with half glazed front door behind. Note the unpainted panel on the wall where an original name plate would have been located. (Source: Nillumbik Shire Council, photograph of owner)



Figure 15. North elevation showing the return verandah with turned timber posts and Dutch gable end. (Source: Nillumbik Shire Council, photograph of owner)



Figure 16. South elevation showing Dutch gable end, red brick chimney, pair of double-hung sash windows. (Source: Nillumbik Shire Council, photograph of owner)

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Figure 17. Rear (east) elevation. (Source: Nillumbik Shire Council, photograph of owner)



Figure 18. Northeast corner of the house showing the enclosed verandah. Note the extant early window hood that runs the length of the east elevation. (Source: Nillumbik Shire Council, photograph of owner)



Figure 19. Timber garage with pitched roof and corrugated iron walls. (Source: Nillumbik Shire Council, photograph of owner)



Figure 20. Timber garage with lattice gable end detail that matches the house. The timber doors retain their original hinges. (Source: Nillumbik Shire Council, photograph of owner)

INTEGRITY

The house at 50 Oatland Road, Plenty is highly intact, with very few changes visible to its original or early built form and fabric. The integrity of the house is greatly enhanced by the intactness of the main elements and details as listed above. Overall, the place has very high integrity.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Much of the land in Nillumbik was taken up as large agricultural properties from the 1860s onwards. Although subdivisions occurred in the area in the late 1880s, and again in the first decade of the twentieth century, these subdivisions were predominantly speculative and little development occurred. The land continued to be largely rural until World War I, with small, scattered townships.

The early subdivisions did not drastically change the rural nature of the area. In 1909, when a large farm northeast of Eltham was divided, the lots were still sold in parcels of 6 to 29 acres. These allotments were advertised as being equally suited to farming and fruit-growing as they were to residential purposes (Mills & Westbrooke 2017).

The success of such subdivisions led to an increase in subdivision in the nearby Plenty area, where most smallholdings ranged from 10 to 30 acres. Coinciding with this intensification of subdivision in the area, the Plenty Social Club and Plenty Progress Association were established along with the development of a Plenty town centre in the 1920s, that included a Primary School (HO213), Methodist Church (HO250), Store and Hall (HO248)

Arthurs Creek, Doreen, Hurstbridge, Strathewen, Plenty, Diamond Creek, Yarrambat and Research became important centres for a fruit-growing industry that was based at Diamond Creek. In 1931 *The Leader's* correspondent wrote that 'scores of small orchards few more than 20 acres in extent, are to be found within the neighbourhood of Diamond Creek and Eltham, and it is on fruit growing that most of the inhabitants of this district depend for their livelihood. Smaller orchardists however often struggled to make a living from their trees and often turned to other activities such as raising chickens, selling firewood or even working for other landowners or in goldmines as well as tending their fruit trees (Mills & Westbrooke 2017). This appears to be the case for the subject property, as William Charles appears to have run a poultry farm on the property, established by 1943, after previous work as an orchardist and sanitary contractor. The Lierse brothers undertook a variety of occupational pursuits on various landholdings in the area.

Reflecting the popular architecture of the time, most houses built as a result of the subdivisions in the Plenty area were 'bungalows'. The early bungalows from the 1920s were commonly associated with the Californian Bungalow style, which usually featured a high level of detailing. Many houses built in the same period or later, however, conformed to a broader interwar bungalow type, especially those in outer suburban and semi-rural areas. These houses were generally simpler and more stripped back than their Californian Bungalow counterparts and were commonly asymmetric in form, with large verandahs incorporated under the main roof line of the house.

This interwar period of development in the Shire was identified in the Shire of Nillumbik Heritage Gap Study Framework (June 2009) as under-represented in the Heritage Overlay. Four properties (including the subject property) not included in the Heritage Overlay were identified as demonstrating this development period. The other identified properties are:

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Figure 21. 145 River Avenue, Plenty (assessed as individually significant by Mills (2016). (Source: Mills 2016c)

145 River Avenue, Plenty, is historically significant as a representative example of an early development within a smallholding subdivision, the Plenty River Estate. The property contains a rare surviving example of a brick interwar farmhouse built during the closer settlement of Plenty.

145 River Avenue is aesthetically significant for its substantially intact brick interwar farmhouse, which retains its original form and main features including an all-encompassing main hip roof, timber-framed windows, front gable-roofed wing and front verandah with brick balustrade and pillars. The farming sheds to the rear demonstrate the operation of a farm smallholding and contribute to the setting of the place (Mills 2016c).



Figure 22. 'Nilgiris', 183 Yan Yean Road, Plenty, assessed as individually significant by Mills (2016). (Source: Mills 2016b)

'Nilgiris' is historically significant as a representative example of the farm properties established during the development of Plenty in the 1920s following the major early twentieth century subdivisions. It is of historical importance as an example of a War Service Home erected in the 1920s and as a successful poultry farm during the 1930s.

'Nilgiris' is aesthetically significant as a 1920s weatherboard bungalow. The farming sheds to the rear demonstrate the operation of a poultry farm and contribute to the setting of the place (Mills 2016b).



Figure 23. 14-26 Browns Lane, Plenty assessed as individually significant by Context 2021. (Source: Context July 2021)

14-26 Browns Lane, Plenty, is historically significant for its association with the development of Plenty in the interwar years. It provides tangible evidence of the interwar subdivision pattern in which large rural landholdings in the Plenty area were divided for sale in allotments of 10 or 30 acres. These allotments were advertised as being equally suited to farming and fruit-growing as they were to residential purposes. It is a largely intact representative example of a timber interwar bungalow.

Key characteristics include its asymmetric built form with projecting front room below a dominant hip and gable roof, extensive wrap-around verandah under the sweep of the main roof line, and a box bay window that sits under its own skillion roof with a window hood (Context 2021).

The following examples of 1920s bungalows included in the schedule to the Heritage Overlay in the Shire of Nillumbik are comparable to 50 Oatland Road.



Figure 24. Orchard House, 25 Cottles Bridge – Strathewen Road, Cottles Bridge (HO190). (Source: VHD)

The property at 25 Cottles Bridge –Strathewen Road, Cottles Bridge, is significant as one of few brick houses built prior to 1930 in Nillumbik. It is unique in the municipality as an example of the transitional bungalow style, exhibiting elements of both the interwar and Federation eras. It is also significant for its association with Thomas Cottle, the namesake of the Cottles Bridge area, the Cooke orcharding family, and the probable builder of the house, 'Caffin' (VHD).



Figure 25. 200 Ryans Road, Eltham North, assessed as Individually Significant by Context (2021). (Source: Context 2021)

200 Ryans Road, Eltham North, is historically significant as a house built in the Glen Park Estate area of Eltham North during the 1930s. The subject site is important as one of the earliest surviving houses from this initial development period of the estate. Built in 1933, it is of representative significance as a 1930s timber house built during the time when a general lack of material affluence was evident. The house demonstrates key elements typical of 1930s bungalow, which were designed with more restrained decorative detailing than bungalow types of earlier decades.



Figure 26. Old Brinkkötter House, 32 Lindon Strike Court, Research (HO114). (Source: VHD)

The substantial brick house built c1935 at 32 Lindon Strike Court, Research, is significant for its associations with the Brinkkötter family, well-known Research farmers and orchardists. The existence of two adjacent farmhouses on the one property is rare in the former Shire of Eltham, and the c1935 house is aesthetically significant for its unusual design (VHD).

Conservative in its design, 50 Oatland Road, Plenty is also stylistically comparable to earlier houses built in the shire in the 1910s.

The following examples of earlier houses included in the schedule to the Heritage Overlay in the Shire of Nillumbik are comparable to 50 Oatland Road:



Figure 27. Edwin Peters House, later Henry Ryan House, 5 Hyde Street, Diamond Creek (HO217). (Source: Victorian Heritage Database)

The Peters house at 5 Hyde Street, Diamond Creek, is historically and architecturally significant to Diamond Creek. It is significant as one of the earliest houses in the area and for its association with local carpenter Edwin Peters, and subsequently Henry Ryan of Ryan's butchery. It is architecturally significant as an early surviving example of a weatherboard Federation Bungalow in the shire (Victorian Heritage Directory).



Figure 28. Fermanagh, 1080 Heidelberg – Kinglake Road, Hurstbridge, assessed as Individually Significant by Context (2021). (Source: Context 2021)

'Fermanagh', 1080 Heidelberg-Kinglake Road, Hurstbridge, is of historical significance to the Shire of Nillumbik for its association with orcharding in Hurstbridge, which was the main agricultural industry in the Diamond Valley region from the 1880s to the 1930s. 'Fermanagh' is aesthetically significant as a particularly well-executed and architect-designed Federation villa that retains an early garden. It is distinguished by its intact Queen Anne details combined with the massing and verandah form of an Australian homestead.

Discussion

The house at 50 Oakland Road, Plenty, is a one of few surviving residences that demonstrates the pattern of interwar subdivision, in which large rural landholdings in the Plenty area were divided up for sale in allotments of 10 to 30 acres. These allotments were advertised as being equally suited to farming and fruit-growing as they were to residential purposes. In response to an increasing population in the area, this development coincides with and supported a growing Plenty town centre established in the 1920s which included a Primary School (HO213), Methodist Church (HO250), Store and Hall (HO248).

As was typical for many houses built in the area in the interwar era, 50 Oatland Road is of single-storey timber construction with an asymmetric form and a dominant verandah. Stylistically, the house demonstrates characteristics of a standard asymmetrical late Victorian or Federation villa. This is combined with an Australian homestead massing with a wraparound verandah roofed by a lower-pitched extension of the main roof. It is comparable to 5 Hyde Street, Diamond Creek (HO217), 1080 Heidelberg-Kinglake Road (recommended as Individually Significant), which both incorporate an asymmetric built form with projecting front room below a dominant hip and gable roof. The house at

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50 Oatland Road differs from these examples in its incorporation of an extensive wrap around verandah under the sweep of the main roof line and decorative window hood over windows of the projecting room. In this way it is more comparable to 14-16 Browns Lane, Plenty (recommended as Individually Significant), 25 Cottles Bridge – Strathewen Road, Cottles Bridge (HO190), 200 Ryans Road, Eltham North (recommended as Individually Significant) and Old Brinkkotter House, 32 Lindon Strike Court, Research (HO114).

50 Oatland Road compares well to 'Nilgiris', 183 Yan Yean Road, Plenty (assessed as individually significant) and 145 River Avenue, Plenty (assessed as individually significant) as an example of a farm smallholding. The c1920s timber garage and one remaining poultry shed at the rear of the house evidence the operation of a farm smallholding.

Overall, 50 Oatland Road, Plenty, is a good representative example of an interwar timber bungalow with a traditional asymmetrical form combined with an Australian homestead massing and verandah form. It is one of few surviving houses built in the interwar period as a result of increased land subdivision in the Plenty area. As such it is a highly intact example of a bungalow typology and corresponding period of development that is under-represented in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay. Together with the remaining poultry shed, timber-framed garage and setback, 50 Oatland Road provides tangible evidence of a farm smallholding dating from the interwar period.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

WHAT IS SIGNIFICANT?

50 Oatland Road, Plenty, built c1928, is significant.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include:

- setback from Oatland Road;
- asymmetric built form with a projecting front room and return verandah;
- weatherboard-clad walls;
- corrugated iron Dutch gable roof that extends down at a lower pitch over the return verandah;
- exposed rafter ends;
- red brick chimney;
- projecting front gable;
- decorative gable end detail, including timber lattice work and small timber brackets;
- corrugated iron clad timber window hood with scalloped trim supported by brackets;
- original pattern of fenestrations on the west, south and north elevations;
- timber double-hung sash windows;
- glazed door under the verandah on the west elevation;
- half-glazed front door set in a moulded timber door frame with sidelights;
- original or early timber flywire screen doors;
- timber garage with pitched roof south of the house;
- extant corrugated iron clad agricultural shed to the rear.

The mature tree in front of the house is not significant in its own right but contributes to the setting of the place.

Other more recent outbuildings are not significant.

HOW IS IT SIGNIFICANT?

50 Oatland Road, Plenty, is of local historical and representative significance to the Shire of Nillumbik.

WHY IS IT SIGNIFICANT?

50 Oatland Road, Plenty, is historically significant for its association with the development of Plenty in the interwar years. As an intact timber bungalow built for William Charles and Priscilla Mary Lierse in c1928, originally on a 30 acre lot, it provides tangible evidence of the interwar subdivision pattern in which large rural landholdings in the Plenty area were divided for sale in allotments of 10 of 30 acres. These allotments were advertised as being equally suited to farming and fruit-growing as they were to residential purposes. In response to an increasing population in the area, this development coincided with and supported a growing Plenty town centre. Established in the 1920s, the town centre included a Primary School (HO213), Methodist Church (HO250), Store and Hall (HO248). The Lierse family were early residents in the Diamond Creek and Plenty area involved in a variety of agricultural

and other pursuits. They were heavily involved in the development of community life in Plenty from the mid-1920s (Criterion A).

Arthurs Creek, Doreen, Hurstbridge, Strathewen, Plenty, Diamond Creek, Yarrambat and Research became important centres for a fruit-growing industry that was based at Diamond Creek. Smaller orchardists, however, often struggled to make a living from their trees and often turned to other activities such as raising chickens, selling firewood or even working for other landowners or in goldmines, as well as tending their fruit trees. This was the case for William Charles Lierse, who was an orchardist and sanitary contractor prior to establishing a poultry farm on the property by 1943. 50 Oatland Road provides important tangible evidence of these early agricultural activities in the area. The significance of the place is enhanced by its rural setting, which maintains its street frontage and setback to Oatland Road (Criterion A).

The house at 50 Oatland Road, Plenty, is a largely intact representative example of a timber interwar bungalow. It has had very few changes made to the original or early built fabric across its principal elevations. Key characteristics include its asymmetric built form with projecting front room below a dominant Dutch gable roof, and an extensive wrap-around verandah under the sweep of the main roof line. The extant c1920s garage, poultry shed, and open setting evidence the use of the site as a poultry farm complex (Criterion D).

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended for inclusion in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay of the Nillumbik Planning Scheme as an individually significant place.

Extent of overlay: As per map below:



Figure 29. Proposed curtilage for 50 Oatland Road, Plenty, outlined in red. (Source: Nearmap with Context overlay)

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Recommendations for the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay (Clause 43.01) in the Municipality
Planning Scheme:

Nillumbik Planning Scheme

External paint controls	No
Internal alteration controls	No
Tree controls	No
Outbuildings or fences	Yes
To be included on the Victorian Heritage Register	No
Prohibited uses may be permitted	No
Aboriginal heritage place	Unknown

Other

N/A

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NILLUMBIK PLANNING SCHEME

AMENDMENT C142

INSTRUCTION SHEET

The planning authority for this amendment is Nillumbik Shire Council.

The Nillumbik Shire Council Planning Scheme is amended as follows:

Planning Scheme Maps

The Planning Scheme Maps are amended by a total of one (1) attached map sheet.

Overlay Maps

1. Amend Planning Scheme Map No 08 in the manner shown on the attached map marked Nillumbik C142nill 001ho Map 08 Exhibition.

Planning Scheme Ordinance

The Planning Scheme Ordinance is amended as follows:

2. In **Overlays** – Clause 43.01, replace Schedule 1 with a new Schedule 1 in the form of the attached document.
3. In Incorporated Documents – Clause 72.04, replace Schedule 1 with a new Schedule 1 in the form of the attached document.
4. In Background Documents – Clause 72.08, replace Schedule 1 with a new Schedule 1 in the form of the attached document.

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**PCC.029/21 Amdendment C142nill to Apply the Heritage Overlay (permanently) to 50 Oatland Road,
Plenty**
Attachment 2. C142nill Instruction Sheet Authorisation

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NILLUMBIK PLANNING SCHEME

AMENDMENT C142

EXPLANATORY REPORT

Who is the planning authority?

This amendment has been prepared by the Nillumbik Shire Council, which is the planning authority for this amendment.

The amendment has been made at the request of Nillumbik Shire Council.

Land affected by the amendment

The amendment applies to part of 50 Oatland Road, Plenty 3090.

A mapping reference table is attached at Attachment 1 to this Explanatory Report.

What the amendment does

Specifically the amendment:

- Amends the Schedule to Clause 43.01 (Heritage Overlay) to apply the heritage overlay (HO271) to part of 50 Oatland Road, Plenty.
- Amends Planning Scheme Map No 008 to apply the new Heritage Overlay.
- Amends the Schedule to Clause 72.04 (Schedule to the Documents Incorporated in this Planning Scheme) to include a Statement of Significance for 50 Oatland Road, Plenty
- Amends the Schedule to Clause 72.08 (Backgrounds Documents) to include the citation for 50 Oatland Road, Plenty.

Why is the amendment required?

50 Oatland Road, Plenty, is historically significant for its association with the development of Plenty in the interwar years. As an intact timber bungalow built for William Charles and Priscilla Mary Lierse in c1928, originally on a 30 acre lot, it provides tangible evidence of the interwar subdivision pattern in which large rural landholdings in the Plenty area were divided for sale in allotments of 10 or 30 acres. These allotments were advertised as being equally suited to farming and fruit-growing as they were to residential purposes. In response to an increasing population in the area, this development coincided with and supported a growing Plenty town centre. Established in the 1920s, the town centre included a Primary School (HO213), Methodist Church (HO250), Store and Hall (HO248). The Lierse family were early residents in the Diamond Creek and Plenty area involved in a variety of agricultural and other pursuits. They were heavily involved in the development of community life in Plenty from the mid-1920s.

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line. The extant c1920s garage, poultry shed, and open setting evidence the use of the site as a poultry farm complex.

The significance of the property was assessed against the standard criteria contained in Practice Note 01 Applying the Heritage Overlay (August 2018) and is considered to meet the requirements and threshold for local protection through application of the Heritage Overlay. Consequently, Amendment C142nill is required to implement these findings by including the property in the Heritage Overlay.

The Heritage Overlay is the appropriate planning mechanism to protect the heritage values of the property as the Heritage Overlay requires a permit to be granted for building and works, including demolition that could affect the significance of the property.

How does the amendment implement the objectives of planning in Victoria?

The amendment implements the objectives of planning in Victoria as set out in Section 4 (1) and 12 (1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act). The following objectives in Section 4 (1) are particularly relevant to the amendment:

- 4(1d) - to conserve and enhance those buildings, areas or other places which are of scientific, aesthetic, architectural or historical interest, or otherwise of special cultural value
- 4(1g) - to balance the present and future interests of all Victorians

The following objectives in Section 12 (1) are relevant to the amendment:

- 12(1) A planning authority must—
 - (a) implement the objectives of planning in Victoria

How does the amendment address any environmental, social and economic effects?

The amendment will provide assured protection for a significant heritage site within the Shire of Nillumbik.

The amendment is not expected to have any adverse environmental or economic effects.

Does the amendment address relevant bushfire risk?

The Amendment will not increase the risk of life, property, community infrastructure and the natural environment from bushfire.

Does the amendment comply with the requirements of any Minister's Direction applicable to the amendment?

The amendment is consistent with the *Ministerial Direction 1 on the Form and Content of Planning Schemes* under section 7(5) of the Act and *Ministerial Direction 11: Strategic Assessment Guidelines* under Section 12(2) of the Act.

The amendment has been prepared with regard to *Ministerial Direction 9: Metropolitan Planning Strategy*, which refers to Plan Melbourne 2017-2050. The amendment is particularly consistent with the following direction in *Plan Melbourne 2017-2050*, as outlined below:

Direction 4.4 Respect Melbourne's heritage as we build for the future

- Policy 4.4.1 Recognise the value of heritage when managing growth and change

The amendment recognises the need for careful management of the ongoing processes of change to the urban environment and that decisions must be based on an appreciation of Melbourne's past as well as an understanding of its future needs.

How does the amendment support or implement the Planning Policy Framework and any adopted State policy?

The amendment supports or implements the following clauses of the Planning Policy Framework:

Clause 15 Built Environment and Heritage

Clause 15.03-1S Heritage conservation

- Objective: To ensure the conservation of places of heritage significance.
- Strategies:
 - Provide for the conservation and enhancement of those places that are of aesthetic, archaeological, architectural, cultural, scientific or social significance.
 - Identify, assess and document places of natural and cultural heritage significance as a basis for their inclusion in the planning scheme.
 - Ensure an appropriate setting and context for heritage places is maintained or enhanced.
 - Retain those elements that contribute to the importance of the heritage place.
 - Encourage the conservation and restoration of contributory elements of a heritage place.

How does the amendment support the Municipal Planning Strategy?

The amendment supports the Municipal Planning Strategy of the Nillumbik Planning Scheme:

*Clause 02.03-5 Built environment
Heritage*

Council seeks to:

- Protect and enhance places of heritage significance, including sites of Aboriginal heritage significance.
- Ensure new use and development do not impede on or detract from sites and features of Aboriginal cultural heritage and archaeological significance.

Does the amendment make proper use of the Victoria Planning Provisions?

The amendment seeks to ensure that the Victorian Planning Provisions are correctly applied through the application of Heritage Overlay to reflect the current and future intended use of the land.

The Heritage Overlay is the most appropriate mechanism for recognising and protecting the cultural heritage significance of the identified place.

The Amendment is consistent with Planning Practice Note 01 in regard to the amendment mapping. The mapping identifies the dwelling and the remaining outbuilding and extends the overlay to the significant area.

The Amendment is consistent with Planning Practice Note 01 in regard to applying the Heritage Overlay. The schedule to the overlay will be updated and annotated with regard to the extent of the curtilage.

How does the amendment address the views of any relevant agency?

The views of relevant agencies will be sought during the public exhibition process of this amendment C142.

Does the amendment address relevant requirements of the Transport Integration Act 2010?

The Transport Integration Act 2010 requires that a planning authority have regard to transport system objectives and decision-making principles where a planning scheme amendment is likely to have a 'significant impact on the transport system'. There are no statements of policy principles relevant to the amendment.

Resource and administrative costs

The amendment will have minimal impact on the resource and administrative costs of the responsible authority.

Where you may inspect this amendment

The amendment can be inspected free of charge at the Nillumbik Council website at www.participate.vic.gov.au/amendment-c142

The amendment is also available for public inspection, free of charge, during office hours at the following places:

Nillumbik Shire Council Offices

Civic Drive

Greensborough 3088

The amendment can also be inspected free of charge at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website at www.planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection.

Submissions

Any person who may be affected by the amendment may make a submission to the planning authority about the amendment. Submissions must be made in writing giving the submitter's name and contact address, clearly stating the grounds on which the amendment is supported or opposed and indicating what changes (if any) the submitter wishes to make.

Name and contact details of submitters are required for council to consider submissions and to notify such persons of the opportunity to attend council meetings and any public hearing held to consider submissions. The closing date for submissions is TBC. A submission must be sent to:

Amendment C142nill
Rosa Zouzoulas
Executive Manager Planning and Community Safety
Nillumbik Shire Council
Civic Drive (PO Box 476)
Greensborough VIC 3088

Alternatively, a submission can be sent electronically via email to:
strategic.planning@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

A copy of every submission, redacted to remove each submitter's personal information, will be available at Council's Participate Nillumbik website (<https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/>) for any person to inspect free of charge for two months after the amendment comes into operation or lapses.

The full content of a personal submission including any name/s is a public record and may be made available for public inspection and included in Council business papers. Contact information will be redacted. Names will not be redacted unless anonymity is expressly requested and confidentiality granted to a submission.

The full content of a submission made on behalf of an organisation in relation the amendment, including the name of the organisation is a public record and may be made available for public inspection and included in Council business papers.

Not providing the mandatory information will mean that your submission cannot be accepted.

You have the right to access and correct your personal information. Enquiries for access should be made to the Privacy Officer 9433 3271, privacy@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or PO Box 476, Greensborough Vic 3088.

Panel hearing dates

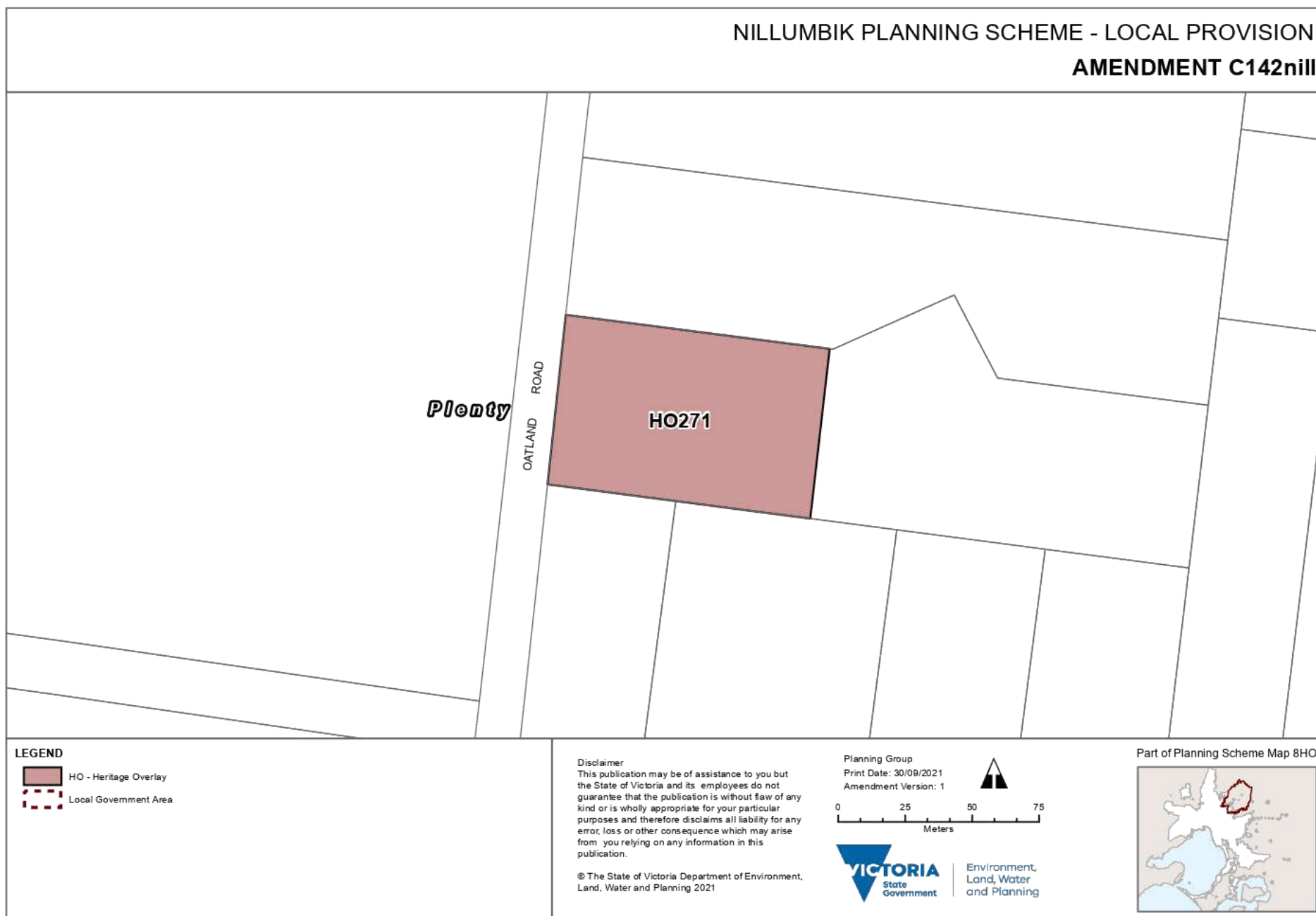
**PCC.029/21 Amdendment C142nill to Apply the Heritage Overlay (permanently) to 50 Oatland Road,
Plenty**
Attachment 3. C142nill Explanatory Report Authorisation

In accordance with clause 4(2) of Ministerial Direction No.15 the following panel hearing dates have been set for this amendment:

- directions hearing: TBC
- panel hearing: TBC

ATTACHMENT 1 - Mapping reference table

Location	Land /Area Affected	Mapping Reference
Plenty	50 Oatland Road	Nillumbik C142 001hoMap8 Exhibition



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DIAMOND CREEK TRADERS ASSOCIATION

PO Box 234
DIAMOND CREEK VIC 3089
0401 042 194
marketing@diamondcreekshopping.com.au

8 July 2021

Rosa Zouzoulas
Executive Manager Planning & Community Safety
Planning and Community Safety
34 Civic Drive
GREENSBOROUGH 3088

Dear Rosa,

**Diamond Creek Traders Association Marketing and Business
Development Special Rate**

I am writing on behalf of Diamond Creek Traders Association to request Council to commence the statutory process as soon as possible to put in place a new special rate to continue the marketing and business development program for the Diamond Creek business precinct.

We would like to keep the boundaries the same to apply to businesses trading from properties located in the core retail and business precinct including Main Road, Collins Street, Inglis Street, Chute Street, Elizabeth Street, Main Hurstbridge Road and George Street.

The rate to be collected is as follows:

- For the period of 5 years ending 30th June 2027
- No discounting to any business, ie all traders pay the full rate
- Funds raised in the first year will be \$120,000, and subject to Capital Improved Value (CIV) over the five year period for which the special rate is intended to remain in force.

To further support this request, a business survey was sent to businesses in Diamond Creek seeking their feedback on the current Special Rate that concludes on 30 June 2022.

From the 20 businesses that completed the survey, 1 was not in support of the special rate being renewed and 19 were in support of the special rate being renewed for a further 5 years. Survey results have been attached for your reference.

The rest of the questions will support the Association with future strategic business and marketing planning, should the special rate be renewed for a further 5 years.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CN' or similar, enclosed within a circular flourish.

Claire Nolle
President
Diamond Creek Traders Association

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Diamond Creek Special Rate Marketing Renewal 2022

Let's Continue the Special Marketing Rate

Dear Diamond Creek Trader,

This letter includes important information about the Special Marketing Rate Renewal.

Here are the key points you need to know:

- The proposed renewal will be for five years, from 1 July 2022 – 30th June 2027.
- There will be NO increase in fees.
- The Diamond Creek Traders Association have established a positive and collaborative working relationship with Nillumbik Shire Council.
- The Diamond Creek Traders Association intends to continue their new marketing direction with a holistic approach to benefit all businesses.

For the last five years, the Diamond Creek Traders Association has worked across multiple areas to promote and showcase businesses across the community. The renewal of the Special Marketing Rate is essential to continuing the growth, development, and continued prosperity of your business and others across Diamond Creek.

The Diamond Creek Traders Association Special Rate is supported by local property owners, traders, and the Nillumbik Shire Council. If renewed, this united group would enable the Association to continue activities that benefit local businesses and the community. However, if renewal is not achieved, there would be a significant decline in business promotional activities, local online presence, Council advocacy, and local event support.

We thank you for your support and look forward to continuing our work to manage, market, and support business activity in Diamond Creek. The remainder of this letter outlines what we've achieved with the Special Marketing Rate and our new direction for the next five years.

If you have any questions regarding the Special Rate Renewal, please contact Anna Henderson or Yvette Standfield on ☎ 0401 042 194.



What have we achieved with the Special Marketing Rate?

Streetscape

- Successful advocacy for the installation of more parking on Elizabeth Street.
- Maintenance of a low vacancy rate in the centre.
- Worked with local community members to maintain Chute Street planter boxes.
- Successful sale of Cube Z to the Diamond Creek RSL.
- Successful grant from State Government for \$10,000.
- Successful Council grant for \$2,000.
- Supported local art incentives, including the creation of murals, making art a community activity.

Marketing

- Redeveloped and elevated the Diamond Creek brand.
- Developed an email database to use as targeted, effective marketing
- Implemented the electronic gift card program.
- Sponsored local initiatives, including the Diamond Creek Rotary Town Fair, ANZAC Day events, and Diamond Creek's Christmas Community Carols.

Digital Marketing

- Built a new SEO-friendly website
🔗 www.diamondcreekshopping.com.au
- Created a unique page with new content and a Google Listing for EVERY business in Diamond Creek.
- Filmed and produced individual promotional videos for businesses that opted to participate.
- Produced industry promotional videos for the following industries: fitness, automotive, finance and banking, home improvement, health and wellbeing, and hair and beauty.
- Developed 'Meet the Trader', which showcases businesses across Diamond Creek.
- Implemented a social media marketing strategy to promote Diamond Creek businesses.
- Ran successful Facebook Ad campaigns, driving more online traffic and interest to businesses in Diamond Creek.
- Refer below to see results.

Events

- Clean Up Australia Day in Diamond Creek
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Halloween Trick or Treat
- Various Christmas activities, including decorating the streets with locally made decorations, Santa on the street, and other festive activities and events.

A New Direction that Benefits More Businesses

Over the past two years, we've initiated a holistic marketing strategy that strives to benefit all businesses, rather than a limited few. Renewal of the Special Marketing Rate would allow us to continue this approach which has a focus on digital and social presence. The strategy takes time but ultimately ensures that local businesses are front of mind in the community. We will also advocate more strongly to the council to invest in Diamond Creek, thereby ensuring that we keep the area looking fresh and green! This may include:

- Advocate for improvements, including streetscape plans, traffic management plans and precinct plans to create a more attractive and welcoming environment.
- Lobby to improve physical aspects of the centre.
- Encourage landowners to make improvements to buildings in the centre, particularly to the exterior facades.
- Investigate new signage opportunities.
- Assess the lighting in the car parks and around the centre to ensure it is adequate.
- Ensure the Traders Association is a part of the consultation for any new projects and streetscape to be undertaken in Diamond Creek.

NO Special Rate Renewal!

With no special rate renewal, Diamond Creek will lose the \$120,000 funds. The website will come down, and there will be no social media presence. This would have a significant impact on local businesses and the community. Most importantly, there will be no one advocating to Council for Diamond Creek, which means there is a high potential that council funds will be allocated to other centres in Nillumbik.

*Please note, there will be NO increase in fees, and the rate paid will be based on Capital Improvement Value (CIV).
The Diamond Creek Special Rate is up for renewal from 1st July 2022.*



Promote Your Business and
Support the Diamond Creek Community:

Let's Continue the Special Marketing Rate!
We encourage you to support the Diamond Creek Traders Association through the Special Marketing Rate. The activities and initiatives benefit your business and the local community by implementing marketing, digital marketing, advocacy, event support, and more.

Once again, if you have any questions regarding the Special Rate Renewal, please contact Anna Henderson or Yvette Standfield on ☎ 0401 042 194.

Summary of Results

Website Traffic

This graph below indicates how much traffic is coming to the Diamond Creek website.

The Blue Line shows the number of people who visited the Diamond Creek website. As you can see since the new website went live in November 202 there has been a steady rise.

The green line shows the number of people who have taken action when on the Diamond Creek website for example called a Diamond Creek business direct or gone to their own website.

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Conversions - Link Clicks

This table shows the number of people who have gone to the Diamond Creek website and then gone direct to a Diamond Creek business website. So essentially the Diamond Creek website has sent 308 people over 4 months direct to Diamond Creek trader websites.

Conversions		Goal 1: Outbound Link Click ▼	
Outbound Link Click (Goal 1 Conversion Rate)		Outbound Link Click (Goal 1 Completions)	
7.12%		308	
Avg for View: 4.04% (75.94%)		% of Total: 76.24% (404)	
7.12%		308 (100.00%)	



Telephone – Link Clicks

This table shows the number of people who have gone to the Diamond Creek website and then called a Diamond Creek business direct. So essentially the Diamond Creek website generated 99 calls direct to Diamond Creek businesses.

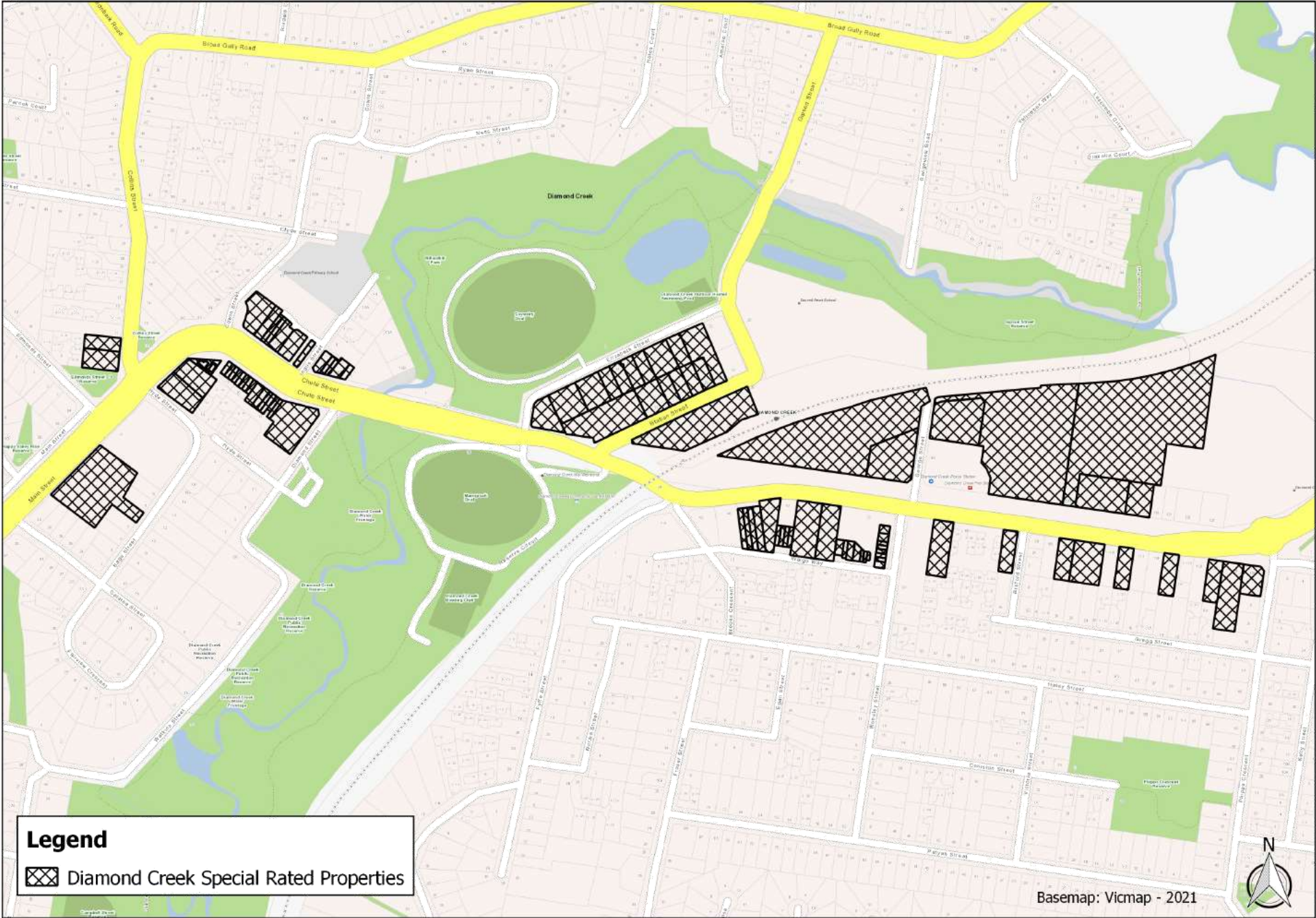
Conversions Goal 2: Outbound Link Click ▼	
Telephone Link Click (Goal 2 Conversion Rate)	Telephone Link Click (Goal 2 Completions)
2.29% Avg for View: 1.13% (102.18%)	99 % of Total: 87.61% (113)
2.29%	99 (100.00%)

Google Search Console – Top 20 Organic Queries

This list below shows the number of people coming to the Diamond Creek website and the Business pages people are going on. This is a very exhaustive list and we are happy to provide more detail if you are not listed below.

Top Queiries	▼ Clicks	-	CTR	Positions
Diamond Creek Noodle Bar	86	4,615	1.9%	6.2
Diamond Creek Panels	84	3,437	2.4%	5.9
BCK Automotive	73	1,162	6.3%	4.2
Diamond Creek Shops	64	489	13.1%	2
Cignall Diamond Creek	61	459	13.3%	1.9
Diamond Creek Pharmacy	59	3,847	1.5%	6.8
Volumes Diamond Creek	57	1,078	5.3%	3.7
Suziworld	52	2,561	2%	5.3
Diamond Creek Shopping Centre	51	640	8%	3.3
Veronicas Panrty	49	6,068	0.8%	4.8
Diamond Creek Newsagency	48	792	6.1%	5
Noodle Bar Diamond Creek	39	1,729	2.3%	6.8
Nillumbik Cellars	33	6,653	0.5%	8.9
Diamond Creek Barber	31	2,588	1.2%	6.6
Noodles Diamond Creek	28	620	4.5%	6.3
Yellowtail Fish And Chips	26	4,343	0.6%	9.9
Pleasant Surprises Diamond Creek	26	79	32.9%	2.8
Massage Diamond Creek	25	1,087	2.3%	8.2
Bua Ji	23	2,806	0.8%	10.6
Free Choice Diamond Creek	21	156	13.5%	1.9

The full list of businesses can be obtained by email @ marketing@diamondcreekshopping.com.au



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NILLUMBIK SHIRE COUNCIL NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DECLARE A SPECIAL RATE FOR THE DIAMOND CREEK CENTRE (Precinct)



Under Section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989 (Act), Nillumbik Shire Council (Council), as resolved at its meeting on **24 August 2021**, gives notice of its intention to declare a special rate.

The special rate is to defray expenses of Council in providing funds to the Diamond Creek Traders Association for funding a centre coordinator, promotions, advertising, marketing, business development and related incidental expenses to encourage commerce, retail and professional activity and employment in the Diamond Creek commercial business centre (Precinct).

The area of the special rate will be based on geographic criteria: the location and the capital improved value of those rateable properties within the Precinct that are used, or reasonably capable of being used, for commercial, retail or professional purposes.

Council considers that each rateable property included in the area that will be required to pay the special rate will receive a special benefit through increased economic activity.

Council intends to levy and spend an amount of **\$120,000** for the first year, raising in total an estimated amount of **\$600,000**, subject to Capital Improved Value (CIV) over the five year period for which the special rate is intended to remain in force. The special rate is to be levied from **1 July 2022** and remain in force for the period ending **30 June 2027**. The land to which the special rate is to be declared: properties located in the retail and commercial business precinct comprising properties on Main Road, Collins Street, Inglis Street, Chute Street, Elizabeth Street, Main Hurstbridge Road and George Street in Diamond Creek as shown on the map.

The special rate will be assessed on the ownership of rateable land used or zoned for commercial, retail or professional purposes located within the Precinct. The special rate is calculated by reference to the Capital Improved Value (CIV) of each property liable to pay the special rate in a similar manner to the calculation of the general rate and will be levied by Council sending quarterly notices each year to the persons liable to pay the special rate. It is payable by the due date fixed by Council in the notice. Council will consider cases of hardship and may reconsider other payment options for the special rate. There will be no incentives given for payment of the special rate before the due dates for payment.

For the total amount of the special rate to be levied, under section 163 (2)(a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act Council determines the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the special rate to which the performance of the function and the exercise of the power relates, including all special benefits and community benefits, that will accrue to the persons who are liable to pay the special rate, to be in a ratio of 1:1 (or 100%).

CARL COWIE - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
NILLUMBIK SHIRE COUNCIL

In the opinion of Council, all of the services and activities to be provided from the proceeds of the expenditure of the special rate are marketing, promotion and advertising related and will accordingly only benefit those properties and businesses subject to the special rate that are used, or reasonably capable of being used, for retail, commercial or professional purposes.

Copies of the proposed declaration and a detailed plan of the area including a list of all properties to be liable to pay the special rate, with the estimated amounts payable by each property based on the 2021 CIV valuation, are available for inspection during office hours at Council offices in Greensborough and on Council's website www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au for a period of at least 28 days after the date of the publication of this notice.

Under section 163A of the Act any person may make a written submission to Council under 223 in relation to Council's proposal to make a declaration under section 163 of the Act.

Any person required to pay the special rate imposed by the proposed declaration, whether an owner or an occupier of a property, has a right to object to the proposed declaration. In addition to the right to make a submission given under section 163A, the person may make a written objection to Council under section 163B of the Act. An occupier is entitled to exercise the right of objection if they submit documentary evidence with the objection showing that it is a condition of the lease under which the person is an occupier that the occupier is to pay any special rate.

Written submissions to Council under section 223 of the Act and/or written objections to be lodged with Council under section 163B of the Act must be received by Council addressed to the Economic Development and Tourism Officer, Nillumbik Shire Council, PO Box 476, Greensborough 3088 by 5 pm on **Friday 24 September 2021**.

Any person who has made a written submission under section 223 of the Act and has requested to be heard in support of their submission is entitled to appear in person or to be represented by a person specified in the submission before a Delegated Committee appointed by the Council to hear submissions under section 223 of the Act. Submitters will be advised in writing of the date and time of the meeting. Council will consider any written submissions and take into account any objections in accordance with sections 163A, 163B, and 223 of the Act.

Council proposes to make the declaration in late January/early February 2022. Further information on the special rate may be obtained from the Economic Development and Tourism unit on 9433 3111 or business@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

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27 August 2021

Property Owner Name
Property Owner address
Suburb State Postcode

Dear [Property Owner name],

Proposed Special Rate – Diamond Creek Business Precinct
PROPERTY ADDRESS

A special rate for the purposes of marketing, promotion and development of the Diamond Creek Business Precinct has been in place for the past 5 years. The current special rate expires on 30 June 2022.

The funds collected from a special rate assist in marketing and promoting the businesses within the precinct, and are also used to market the precinct as a whole to attract new visitors and shoppers. The Diamond Creek Traders Association has requested that Council seek to reintroduce the charge for a further five years.

This process is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*. A public notice of Council's intention to declare the special rate has been published in a newspaper and a copy together with a map is enclosed. Please take the time to review these documents.

If the new special rate proceeds, the expected contribution payable will be calculated proportionately based on Capital Improved Value (CIV) for rateable properties within the Diamond Creek Special Rate area.

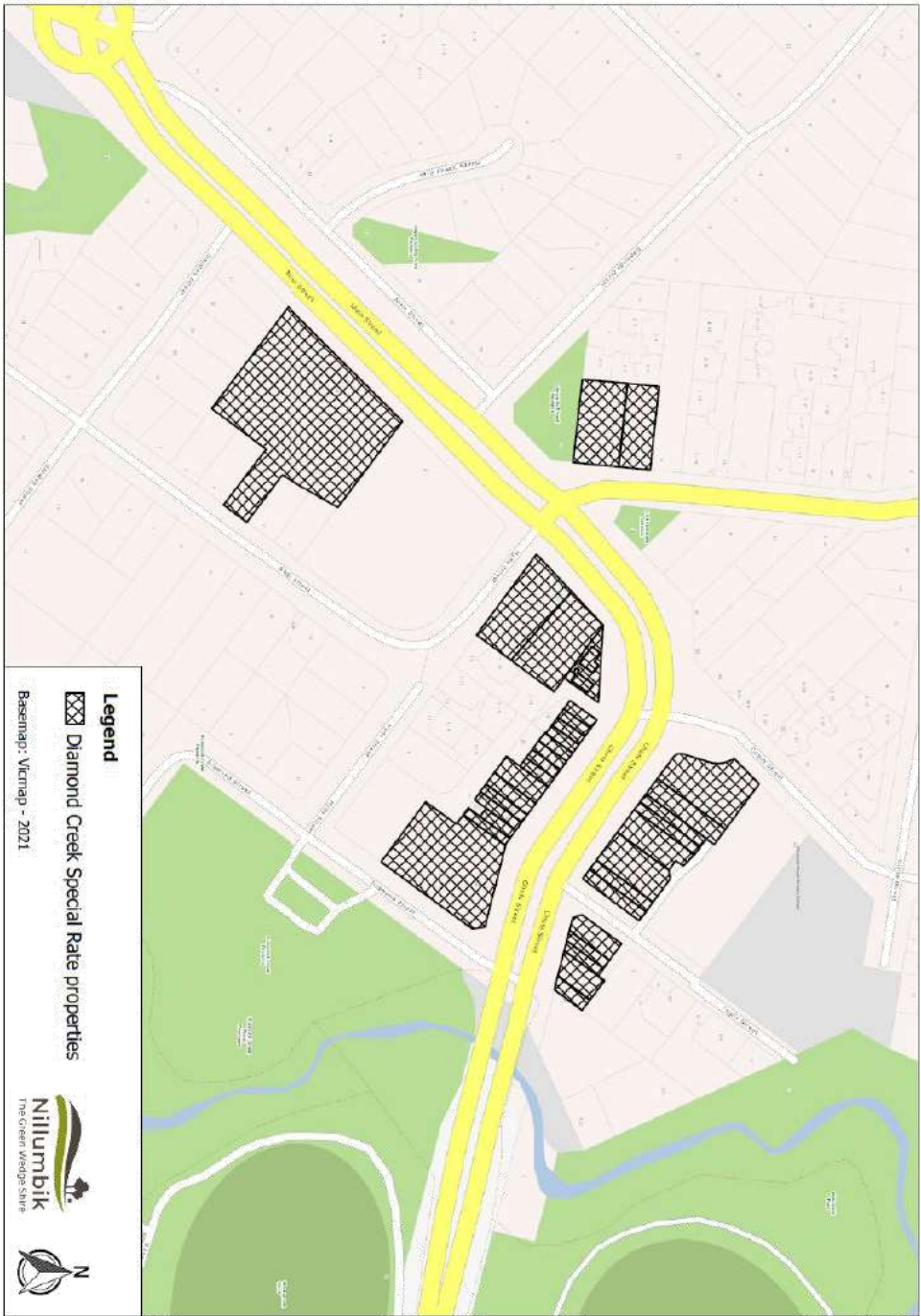
If you would like to make a written submission or objection to this proposal, it must be received by 5pm, Friday 24 September 2021. Submissions and objections are to be sent to Rania Mullins, Economic Development and Tourism Officer, Nillumbik Shire Council, PO Box 476, Greensborough VIC 3088 or emailed to business@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

If you provide a written submission, you will be invited to speak to Council to support your submission. This hearing of submissions is scheduled to be held at a Delegated Committee meeting on 16 November 2021.

If you have any questions about the renewal, please contact me on 9433 3111.

Yours sincerely,

Rania Mullins
Economic Development and Tourism Officer



Diamond Creek Business Precinct

What is a special charge?

A special charge is an annual fee paid by business properties that is pooled into a central fund and is spent on encouraging commerce and retail activity in Diamond Creek.

Who pays the special charge or rate?

- The property owner is liable to pay. However, some landlords have leasing arrangements that defer the special rate to the tenant.
- If you are leasing and unsure, please check your leasing arrangement or contact your landlord to find out who is liable for the special charge.
- See enclosed map to see the boundary of the Diamond Creek Special Rate proposed extension for 2022 to 2027.

What is Council's role in the special charge process?

- Council has been requested to declare a special rate at the request of a Trader Association/Chamber of Commerce/Incorporated Association.
- Under the Local Government Act 1989 (Act), Council must follow a statutory process and give notice under Section 163 of its intention to declare a special rate.
- Throughout this process, we work collaboratively with Traders Associations to market the local offer, drive growth, encourage commerce, retail and professionally activity and employment in our retail centres.

What is the Trader Association's role in the special charge process?

Each special rate charge is overseen by an incorporated traders association that has appointed a Centre Manager to coordinate the association's activities and act as a key point of contact between Council and the association (including its broader membership base).

Who manages the funds collected?

100% of the funds collected are directed toward the activities below and managed by the Traders Association/Chamber of Commerce/Incorporated Association:

- Digital, print and social media
- Marketing events
- Promotional materials
- Engaging a centre/events coordinator
- Improving centre décor and displays
- Enhancing the appearance of the centre to attract more customers

Council monitors the expenditure and ensures that the funds are only spent in accordance with the Special Charge agreement as stipulated by the Local Government Act 1989.

How can I be involved in the decision making of how the funds are spent?

The Diamond Creek Traders Association welcome new members to get involved and attend the regular meetings and also be involved in the development of a 5 year marketing plan.

How can I find out more about the Diamond Creek Traders Association?

Contact details:

Anna Henderson and Yvette Standfield Marketing Coordinator
marketing@diamondcreekshopping.com.au

Website:

<https://www.diamondcreekshopping.com.au/>

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 15 September 2021 8:15 AM

To: Business <Business@nillumbik.vic.gov.au>

Subject: Proposed Special Rate

Good Morning Rania

I would like to voice my objection to the proposed special rate because I can see no benefit to either the general public or the business owners because the whole shopping precinct of Diamond Creek is a total disaster with the car park at IGA in need of a good clean up and regular maintenance and not by a person who walks around most of the time picking up leaves which is just a waste of effort.

The car park at Coles is always a bottleneck when you are trying to enter or leave.

The public toilets in the Coles area are just a joke with only one being available to the public.

Station Street is also a joke with a truck always parked in the street forcing all the traffic to form a single lane to go past it, and particularly at end of school time when parents are trying to access Mc Donalds drive through creating additional traffic chaos.

These are a few of the reasons that I believe a special rate cannot be justified as Diamond Creek is bursting at the seams and does not require any further promotion until such time that parking and traffic flow have been addressed.

Further more the entry /exit from the oval and the tram car cafe is another example of poor planning as there is only one way in and out which is controlled by traffic lights and takes forever to escape.

Therefore in my view I cannot see any logic in promoting Diamond Creek as it is already bursting at the seams and all the traders are probably doing it hard due to all to lockdowns and would not appreciate any further costs impacted by the council.

Thank You

Regards

**Special Rate Renewal for Diamond Creek - Hearing of Submissions
Notice of Intention to declare a special rate in Diamond Creek - Public Notice -
submissions - redacted**

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, 19 September 2021 6:51 PM

To: Rania Mullins <Rania.Mullins@nillumbik.vic.gov.au>;

Subject: Filed: RE: Special Rate Renewal update and important information - Diamond Creek Traders Association

Hi Rania,
Thank you . [REDACTED] have submitted our support .

Is there any opportunity, I can also speak on the 16th November 2021, as well?
I am arranging a back support to open the Office, while I am attending the Council session.

If can not, I understand .

8-11-17



Monday, September 20, 2021

RE: Support for the Special Rates Diamond Creek Traders Association.

Having applied for this Marketing Rate many times, I would like to show my support for this arrangement into the future.

To centralize a marketing arrangement with the main purpose of drawing customers to Diamond Creek is necessary for the success of every business.

Competition from major shopping centers with their center Management advertising budgets, cause leakage from our old established town style shopping area. Every business needs not only to support itself but be recognized within the service area hub.

The marketing efforts by our Association should not be compared to individual business advertising it is not the same thing. We can all share at a very low and reasonable cost targeted advertising and community engagement. We all want to be seen and through the COVID-19 outbreak the association has been very successful with improvements to social media, and web designed promotions. Diamond Creek Shopping is using all kinds of opportunities to help the individual business promote themselves, it is up to the individual business to be involved and see how they can benefit by supporting each other.

We have a paid marketing consultants that we can all contact. There is a committee that gives freely of their time to assist Diamond Creek Business to succeed and be seen.

Sincerely,





Rania Mullins
Economic Development and Tourism Officer
Nillumbik Shire Council
PO Box 476
Greensborough 3088

Dear Rania

Notice of Intention to Declare a Special Rate for Diamond Creek

I support the Diamond Creek marketing program funded by the special levy rate.

I am convinced the renewal of our special marketing program is the way to go. Over the past 2 years we have been able to make some positive changes through marketing levy which has been working well with the update of our website and online marketing campaign. I feel that is important to continue growing the online campaign and to help support the businesses currently struggling due to lockdown and not being able to operate.

We should continue with it.

Yours sincerely



[Redacted]

Dear Rania,

Notice of Intention to Declare a Special Rate for Diamond Creek

I fully support the Diamond Creek marketing program funded by the special levy rate.

Over the past two years, I've seen excellent progress with the marketing campaign for Diamond Creek. Its continuation will promote all businesses in the local area and support the community.

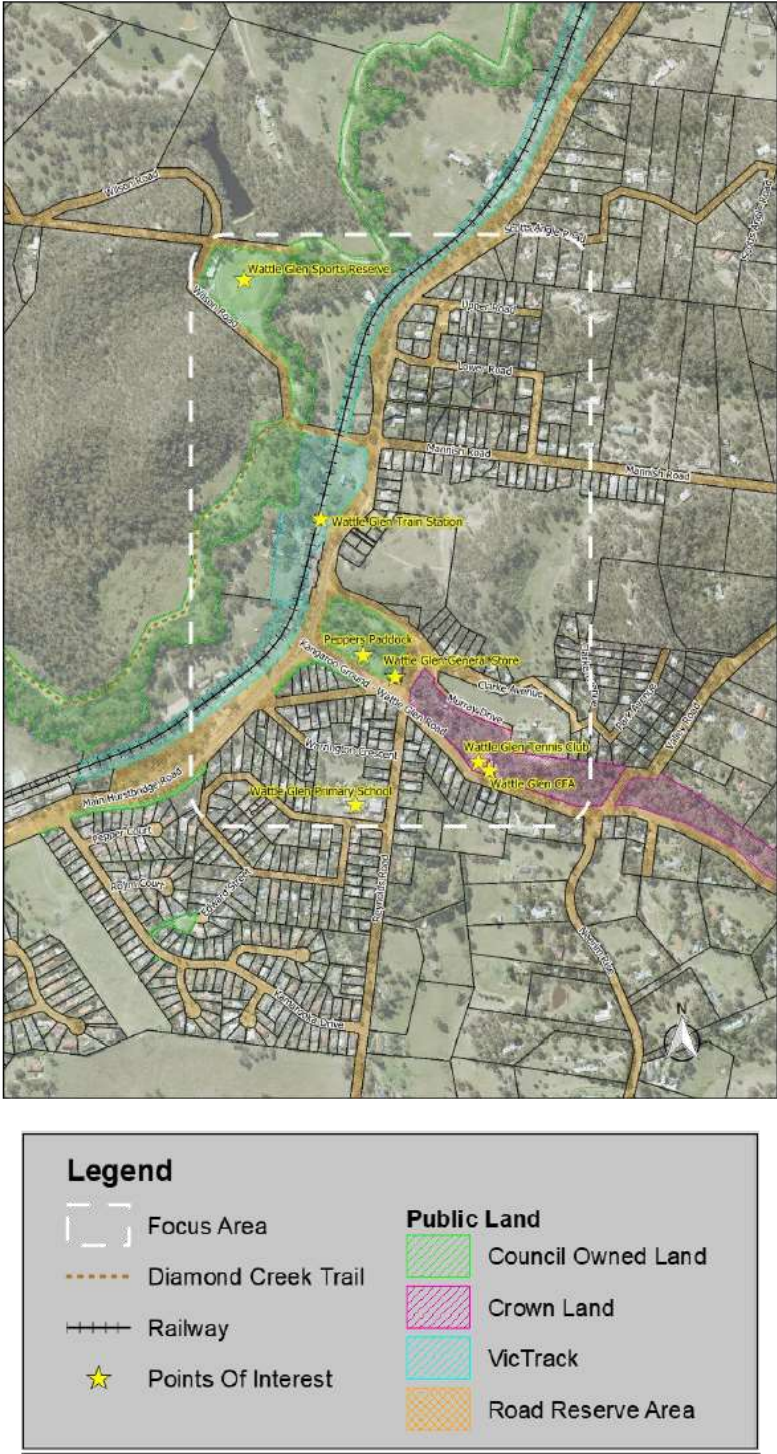
Small businesses particularly need support now to help with recovering from the pandemic and lockdowns. That's why it's never been more important to grow the online campaign while some traders may not have the resources to invest in their own marketing.

I am in full support and wholeheartedly believe we should continue with it.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted]

FOCUS AREA FOR THE
WATTLE GLEN PUBLIC REALM FRAMEWORK PROJECT



PCC.031/21 Response to the first round of public consultation for the Wattle Glen Public Realm Framework Project
Attachment 1. Focus area for Wattle Glen Public Realm Framework Project

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WATTLE GLEN PUBLIC REALM FRAMEWORK PLAN
RESULTS FROM COMMUNITY SURVEY
JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2021

	QUESTION 1:
	What are some words that describe Wattle Glen? These can be positive or negative.
1.	Beautiful, scenic, rural, home
2.	Amazing peaceful area but sadly its a dead area needs a major development!
3.	Small, community, green, family, spacious
4.	Green, peaceful, safe, unchanging, forgotten, delightful, beautiful, potential, hidden gem.
5.	A lovely area to live in
6.	Peaceful but close to amenities both Hurstbridge and Diamond Creek. Unsealed roads add to the character and feel that you are in a remote place.
7.	Quiet, untouched
8.	Peaceful, bushy, undiscovered,
9.	Peaceful, green, country
10.	A lovely little hamlet, potentially. The roundabout divides it. It needs help to retain its hamlet qualities. I like the idea of connecting the two sides - Pepper's Paddock and station, and then through to the Diamond Creek trail.
11.	Disappointing Dry, as in the natural fauna is far too native The park is outdated and in serious need of updating and needs to be better maintained, - cannot be used for children to run on as it is uneven and overgrown
12.	Tired. In need of infrastructure upgrades. Also in need of better housing development guidelines. Current development is putting too much strain on infrastructure.
13.	Wattle, bushland, spacious, quiet, friendly, safe, community orientated, protective of wildlife, protective of native fauna. Declining native birds, increasing traffic, increasing weeds.
14.	I, and many other residents, see Wattle Glen as the Gateway to the Green Wedge. This is because the Urban Growth Boundary weaves its way through the centre of town and the natural environment permits all of Wattle Glen. For example, the Friends of Watery Gully have held monthly revegetation meetings for nearly 30 years and the attendees are historically split between the residential area and the rural RCZ area ... as well as some people from outside of Wattle Glen. They all attend because they care about the natural environment. Therefore, for the Public Realm Framework Project Council needs to ensure that that resident efforts to improve the flora and fauna biodiversity of Wattle Glen are appreciated, so we do not become just another suburb.

15.	Pleasant, low key mix of rural and urban environs
16.	Charming, unpretentious, quiet, peaceful, almost a secret place. Still has country village atmosphere. Very hilly - which means great panoramic views, and some challenging terrain for gardening and walking.
17.	Semi rural, part of the green wedge but at risk of losing that identity with the councils' lack of acknowledgement of biodiversity, climate change and green wedge as pillars of our vision.
18.	Small town, not as built up and 'cookie cutter' as Diamond Creek.
19.	Trees, nature, quiet, peaceful, spacious, rural, wildlife, horse trails
20.	rural, hilly, small, trees
21.	After driving through DC you come to WG and it still feels like a rural community I know when I get to WG the feeling is of rural community and not suburb.
22.	A lovely suburb but lacking a bit of TLC!
23.	Parts of Wattle Glen still feel like a rural hamlet with quiet, peaceful neighbourhoods and rural vistas of grazing properties and animals, interspersed with trees. The shared trail (start of the Green Wedge Trail) on the roadside verge of the Kangaroo Ground - Wattle Glen Road is important for connecting the Green Wedge Trail to Peppers Paddock, the WG General Store and ultimately the Diamond Creek Trail. The main roads are getting busier all the time which makes it increasingly dangerous for recreational trail users, especially horse riders as we make our way around the neighbourhood.
24.	Friendly community, homely. Country vibes
25.	Rural, pretty, especially in August when the wattles are out,
26.	Bushy, quiet and friendly suburb
27.	Green, hilly, quiet, safe, friendly
28.	*** I'm a resident of Wattle Glen but apparently the indicative study area not cover where I live in Valley Road and beyond? If this is not an opportunity to address, for example, the fact that my kids have to walk through half a foot of mud to get to school, then when, how and with whom? *** In response to the question now :) Semi-rural, yellowgums, wattles, birds, beautiful (places hidden away), ugly (places showcased), poorly-defined thoroughfare for some, home for me, scattered, haphazard
29.	Wattle Glen is a semi-rural suburb in an attractive bushland environment. Many properties are large, some set up as lifestyle or hobby farms. There is road and rail access to most facilities. There is no commercial development so it is quieter than other suburbs nearby. Residents feel as if they live in the country but schools, shops, medical practices and sports grounds are within reach.
30.	Rural, untouched.
31.	Small, safe, backwater.

32.	Tranquil, accessible, town meets country, suburban conveniences without congestion
33.	Small, quiet, peaceful, on the way to other places
34.	Handy, beautiful, peaceful, gentle, welcoming. Always clean toilets. Natural environment. Negative: Vehicles parking within the root zone near the walking track at the Wattle Glen War Memorial Park. Rubbish dumped in this area.
35.	A bit run down in need of a revamp
36.	Small hamlet separated from the rest of suburbia. Love the treed, natural atmosphere. Unfortunately, it is one of the last places in Nillumbik to get services from the Shire (footpaths, general upkeep, replanting, etc) I cannot understand why you have defined Wattle Glen by using a boundary that is a square. Wattle Glen is a postcode and we all think of it as being quite different to how you have identified its boundaries. You have missed all of the people in Valley Road and lots around Sunnyside and many others. Perhaps ask locals how they perceive the boundaries of Wattle Glen.
37.	Has become a thoroughfare for trucks and traffic losing its village feel.
38.	Spacious. Green. Sparsely populated. Quiet. Beautiful. Quaint. Small. Local. Peaceful. Safe. Open.
39.	Small, in need of attention
40.	Quiet, tidy.
41.	Nice and quiet area. - Love the Diamond Creek trail - Happy to see a duplicated railway tracks being built at last - Unfortunately there is no pedestrian crossing in front of Wattle Glen train station, which is not safe for us all, especially young kids given cars always exceed 70km/hr around this area. A small crossing section at a roundabout is not very useful for us, who live toward Hurstbridge as we don't want to walk all the way there to cross the road and walk all way back again. - I work in the city, commute everyday, a train timetable is not great, long wait between the train. - Primary school is good but needs more funding from gov. Train
42.	Beautiful, natural, home Scary roads Wild life Co-existence
43.	Quiet, hidden suburb half way between Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge
44.	Lovely place to live that needs a few tweaks to perfect it.
45.	Unique, small town, great community, under the radar, gem, tightly held
46.	country feel. community. home. small. bush. peaceful.
47.	Country image
48.	Green. Outer suburb. Bush suburb. Hills.
49.	

50.	Friendly,
51.	-quiet -small -dangerous... the main road through Wattle Glen past Pepper's Paddock towards the roundabout needs a better and permanent pedestrian crossing
52.	Excessive road traffic noise Declining fauna population Ineffective council
53.	Peaceful, green, low density, family-friendly, quaint, natural, local, community feel
54.	Lovely little village but in need of some improvement
55.	Wildlife, open space, community values
56.	Community friendly, Closely associated with the natural environment, Pretty Laid back
57.	Green wedge, Natural environment, Community feel, Old world values, Bush views, Outdoor living, Safe
58.	Positive is a beautiful peaceful area but negative bout wattle glen it's a rural bush land! Very dark, Very old town, looks really poor and dead not a liveable area needs a major development to its roads streets houses and add path walks for pedestrians.
59.	Peaceful but Old Poor looking area, Dark in the night, Dangerous

Question 2:	
Which places do you use the most in Wattle Glen (such as railway station, general store, Peppers Paddock)?	
1.	Peppers Paddock, Diamond Creek Trail
2.	Wilson road, Wilson reserve, diamond creek trail.
3.	General store, Peppers Paddock, streets for walking, Wattle Glen trail
4.	General store, station, park, walking tracks, tennis courts.
5.	
6.	Peppers Paddock is a nice play space with lovely natural surrounds, it's close to what Wattle Glen currently has to offer.
7.	My house
8.	Walking trails, station
9.	General store, walking tracks, cricket oval
10.	We buy coffee occasionally at Pepper's Paddock
11.	Train station, oval, trail
12.	Broadgully road. The railway intersection
13.	Open space, backroads for walking, peppers paddock, block opposite railway, new walkway along the Diamond Creek, -Walkways along Kangaroo

	Ground Road, Road side verges, for walking! Wattle Glen oval, Valley Road, Wilsons road - Walking. Occasionally general store. Old Hurstbridge road, Murray Drive Clark Avenue.
14.	<p>As an aged, but active member of Friends of Watery Gully I have attended nearly every group working bee centred on Peppers Paddock, as well as informal visits for enjoyment – so Peppers Paddock.</p> <p>Also I'm an occasional user of the railway station, General Store and the Diamond Creek Regional Trail at the Wattle Glen end, as well as other informal walking tracks such as the Green Wedge Regional Trail which begins in Wattle Glen (and ends in Kinglake).</p>
15.	Diamond Creek Trail, Peppers Paddock, toilet facilities, general store.
16.	Home. walking paths, Peppers Paddock, railway station
17.	Walking trails, rail station
18.	Railway station. Peppers Paddock. Footpaths. Tennis club
19.	Paths and trails along creeks and road
20.	the walking trail, tennis club, playground area
21.	<p>The shared trail (start of the Green Wedge Trail) on the roadside verge of the Kangaroo Ground - Wattle Glen Road</p> <p>The WG General Store</p> <p>Peppers Paddock and public toilet</p>
22.	Peppers Paddock with our toddler
23.	<p>The shared trail (start of the Green Wedge Trail) on the roadside verge of the Kangaroo Ground - Wattle Glen Road.</p> <p>The WG General Store</p> <p>The picnic table on crown land opposite the WG General Store (over Old Hurstbridge Road) - it would be good to build some horse yards there for riders to enjoy a break here while they visit the general store, safely yarding their horse/s away from the road.</p> <p>Peppers Paddock and public toilet - a tie up rail would benefit horse riders wanting to use the toilets.</p>
24.	The peppers paddock general store, the parking area and playground and surrounds of peppers paddock. The walking track from train line along past the cfa station, The train station
25.	car park, access to Diamond Creek trail,
26.	Railway station, walking track from Wattle Glen to Diamond Creek
27.	General store, railway station, walking paths
28.	recreational walking along roads away from main road, within WG but apparently outside the "area of interest", Watery Gully reserve sections - again within WG but apparently outside the area of interest, railway station, primary school, Peppers
29.	Diamond Creek trail, Peppers Paddock, general store, railway station and (previously) Wattle Glen Primary School.
30.	Railway, bike path.
31.	The road, tennis club, peppers paddock, store.
32.	Railway, General store

33.	Currently - tennis club, sports oval (for personal exercise), footpaths on the main road In the past - primary school, Peppers Paddock, tennis club
34.	The playground, the general store, Peppers Paddock, the toilets, parking, the walking track from Wattle Glen War Memorial Park to Diamond Creek.
35.	
36.	Railway station, General store, Peppers paddock. We used to use the school of course.
37.	General store, nursery.
38.	Train station, Peppers Paddock, land behind Mannish Road, the new Diamond Creek Trail, Sports Reserve.
39.	Peppers Paddock, general store
40.	New walking track. Train station.
41.	Railway station and the rest given the area is not that big
42.	General store Playground Peppers Paddock with grandchild Wilson Road entry to trail
43.	Station, Peppers Paddock, Wattle Glen Sport Reserve
44.	Railway station, peppers paddock, new trail and the footpaths between each of these places.
45.	School, general store, new trail
46.	the bike track and around to the park, also the footpath between wattle glen and diamond creek, the footpath between wattle glen and silvan road.
47.	Pepper's Paddock Train Walking tracks
48.	Railway station, general store, Peppers Paddock, walking tracks, primary school, tennis courts, bike path
49.	School and trains
50.	Railway station Peppers Paddock New Diamond Creek Trail General Store
51.	-school -tennis club
52.	-
53.	Railway station, new Diamond Creek trail, General store, Peppers Paddock, informal open space up Clarke Avenue.
54.	Peppers Paddock, Wattle Glen Primary School, The General Store, CFA station
55.	General store, Play grounds, Oval, Walking track to DC - can't wait till it extends to Hurstbridge

56.	Peppers Paddock Previously the tennis courts The new walking/cycling trail to Diamond Creek
57.	Diamond creek trail Wilson Rd oval Powerlines paddock next to kamarooka Peppers paddock Railway station
58.	I use whole Wilson road to get to the sports club and diamond creek trail.
59.	Diamond creek trail

Question 3: What are your favourite spots in the area, and why?	
1.	Peppers Paddock, Diamond Creek Trail
2.	Wilson reserve and diamond creek trail because those the only two places I can safely walk with out looking out to run over by a car.
3.	Watery Gully - natural bushland, beautiful walks Wattle Glen trail - no cars, natural bushland, long clear walking area
4.	Wetlands behind the park because it's so tranquil.it would be great to have a bridge to join the park to the wetlands. The general store has always been a wonderful asset. The new walking trail is brilliant!
5.	Where ever we can enjoy a nice walk
6.	
7.	Diamond creek. Creek frontage the reason i bought my block.
8.	Rural roads, Ellis cottage and open space around it, Wattle Glen trail I love walking and enjoying the bush
9.	Tracks and trails, for running
10.	We used to stop with a coffee where the Diamond Creek trail car park is, when it was more natural and "undiscovered". A lovely spot with trees and the paddock with deciduous trees between it and the railway line. This is now a functional car park and it has lost its previous appeal. Hopefully the other side of the trail retains some of the appeal of the spot.
11.	The trail
12.	Broad Gully Road, but not happy with the housing developments. Needs fanning out.
13.	The area on both sides of Old Hurstbridge Road and along Clark avenue. The hill on the Hurstbridge side of Old Hurstbridge road, it is full of Kangaroos, and birds, wild and beautiful space to rekindle the soul. Wattle Glen sports reserve - when there are no soccer games there, friendly beautiful open space. The wild walk along the creek from Murray Drive to Valley Rd.

14.	<p>My favourite spot is the wetlands on the north side of Peppers Paddock which were created by the Friends of Watery Gully (with the help of Councils Environment Department officers.-).</p> <p>Not many people know about this restored wetland area and the idea of a footbridge that crosses Watery Gully Creek and joins the wetland to the community facilities, (playground equipment, toilets, BBQ shelter) on the south side of Peppers Paddock would be fantastic.</p>
15.	<p>Diamond Creek Trail, Peppers Paddock, general store.</p> <p>I often ride there with up to 15 members of our bike group. I know other bike and walking groups also now regularly use the Diamond Creek Trail to visit Wattle Glen and go to the general store, if they know where it is and how to get there.</p>
16.	<p>Peppers Paddock - lovely green space, with seats in shade and sun, wetlands with croaking frogs and indigenous vegetation, with cafe nearby, just a short walk from home. It is not over developed, keeping much of the natural values of the area.</p> <p>The new Diamond Creek Trail. A good walking path, not too hilly, nicely landscaped and signposted. Well away from the road and traffic (except bikes - if they would only give warning when coming up behind)</p> <p>Valley Road and Sylvan Road for a good long walk. Hardly any traffic, beautiful scenery.</p>
17.	Walking trails, bike trails for exercise within 5kms. No other options at present
18.	
19.	Trail running, in natural, rural setting on quiet roads. Guaranteed to see native wildlife and birds
20.	I love the trail it is away from the bust road and has beautiful trees and bird life. I also love the park it has lots of green space
21.	Peppers Paddock, general store nice place to stop
22.	The views up near the primary school
23.	<p>The shared trail (start of the Green Wedge Trail) on the roadside verge of the Kangaroo Ground - Wattle Glen Road</p> <p>Riding beside Watery Gully Creek</p> <p>The picnic table on crown land opposite the WG General Store (over the Old Hurstbridge Road)</p> <p>The WG General Store</p> <p>Peppers Paddock and toilet</p>
24.	My favourite is peppers paddock as its such a beautiful quiet play area, great meeting point for a nice day outing
25.	Diamond Creek Trail for cycling
26.	The street in which I live is very quiet and I love the position of my home.
27.	Quiet back/dirt roads for walking and cycling
28.	The views from Watery Gully road (outside the "area of interest"), the path between Murray Drive and Valley Road (outside the "area of interest")... most of the places I like in WG are apparently outside the "area of interest"!

29.	Diamond Creek trail, Wattle Glen Sports Reserve, Peppers Paddock - for exercise and spend time in nature. General store for coffee, snacks.
30.	Peppers Paddock, new bike path.
31.	
32.	
33.	Peppers Paddock as the kids can play on the playground or on the open space, as well as explore the creek and other side of the river.
34.	Walking track, playground, general store, the seating in Peppers Paddock. Just the peaceful outlook of the area has been very beneficial during lockdown.
35.	3x3 basketball, basketball
36.	The new walking path linking us to Diamond Creek and soon Hurstbridge. We have been waiting for this for years (decades?). Peppers Paddock and the General Store.
37.	As above, these businesses are local and valuable .
38.	The Wattle Glen end of the Diamond Creek trail. It's beautiful with the large trees, quiet surrounds. Very peaceful to walk along. The land behind Mannish Road - it's so open, quiet, full of native animals.
39.	Taking the kids to Peppers Paddock to play
40.	Between station and creek. I live there
41.	- The hill behind Mannish Rd that can walk through Clarke Ave. Love this, nice and peaceful with lots of kangaroos gathering around. - Old Hurstbridge Rd, nice and quiet
42.	All of it. It allows me to breathe in and be a part of the natural world
43.	Wattle Glen Sport Reserve
44.	The trail is lovely... can't wait to have the Hurstbridge portion completed
45.	General store - friendly, heart of the town, connection to community School - small, exceptional care, education/curriculum on the forefront The new trail!
46.	the new bike track is AWESOME but we love the entire area (why we moved here)
47.	Diamond Creek pathway
48.	I love walking on Valley Road (my road) and other roads around. I love that area behind Pepper's Paddock, the sort of wetlandsy area. I love the new bike path!
49.	
50.	New Diamond Creek Trail - ideal for walking/scooter/bikes with kids. Peppers Paddock - kids love it
51.	-tennis... great coach (Mark) and people
52.	-
53.	As a family with three young children, we love the direct access to wildlife and nature at our doorstep - watching kangaroos, picking mushrooms, riding

	our scooters along the new trail, taking the dog for a run at Peppers Paddock while the kids play at the playground.
54.	Wattle Glen Primary is just a beautiful place to be
55.	Elise Cottage, lovely place for reflections, kids and dogs can run 'wild' under the power lines.
56.	The wetlands of Pepper's Paddock The walk along Watery Gully The newly opened walking trail (to Diamond Creek)
57.	Diamond creek trail for walking the dog, and once we are allowed, picnicking at the picnic tables will be a highlight. Love the bush views, river views, great wide path for walkers, dog, kids, horses Peppers paddock, I enjoy being part of FOWG and contributing to the natural value of the space, learning about indigenous plants and eliminating weeds
58.	Favourite places are the sports club and diamond creek trail because I exercise there.
59.	Soccer reserve Use it to walk me dog

	Question 4: What do you value most about Wattle Glen?
1.	The natural environment, that there is very little development, our recreational trails
2.	It's a location close to the melb cbd.
3.	Low population, many trees and much bushland, low-density housing, friendly people, low traffic
4.	That it is green and feels safe. I am so grateful that Wattle Glen has kept it's unique untouched charm and so I have the privilege of raising my children in almost exactly the same safe, bushy, friendly neighbourhood environment that I grew up in 40 years earlier. I also value it's potential to maintain it's ethos while developing some new assets such as a small mud brick shopping strip opposite the park. Artists in residence. A community centre next to the general store. An upgrade to the scout hall to encourage it's use.
5.	The open space and uncrowned areas
6.	The country feel, verve off the main road and access unsealed roads and beautiful scenery. Unsealed roads are full of trees and abundant with wildlife.
7.	Perfect the way it is.
8.	Bush and natural environment
9.	Not overbuilt, good community
10.	Its not over-developed. It has a hamlet feel and is very pretty with bush and Peppers Paddock.

11.	The trail and the train station I wish I could answer more than one to the next question as I walk, drive and ride my bike equally - Wattle Glen is great for this :)
12.	Vicinity to family and friends
13.	The wildlife, the space, the green, the birds, the quiet. the freedom from shops except the lovely peppers paddock store.
14.	<p>I value the camaraderie of community groups where Wattle Glen, because of its size I think, certainly punches above its weight. In the past I have been an active member of the Wattle Glen CFA (20 years), family member of tennis club (15 years) and as a parent my three children attended Wattle Glen Primary School for seven years each.</p> <p>Now I am still an active member of both the Wattle Glen Residents Association (45 years and now on the committee) and the Friends of Watery Gully (28 years and current hold the important position of Tea Lady.)</p> <p>All of these community groups, as well as other sporting ones, including those at the Wattle Glen Memorial Reserve should all be nurtured by Council whenever possible. Could an overview of all this Community activity be the responsibility of one Council Officer from a Council implementation point of view?</p>
15.	The pleasant, low key mix of rural and urban environs that are now more readily accessible via the Diamond Creek Trail. .
16.	<p>It provides the best of both country and suburban living. Beautiful rural surroundings, yet not far from town.</p> <p>We rarely have hot nights when suburbs closer to Melbourne are sweltering. You can actually feel the temperature drop as you leave the more built-up Diamond Creek, heading for Wattle Glen on a hot night.</p> <p>Also it's a place with an interesting range of domestic architecture - old and new - not the boring uniformity you see in the housing estates. People tend to 'do their own thing' with their properties, houses tucked into their surroundings, rather than trying to 'keep up with the Jones'.</p>
17.	Quiet, biodiversity, rural atmosphere, birds, native habitat, walking trails, bike trails/riding, access to public transport, close proximity to shopping but separated from suburbia
18.	Trees! Not built up like diamond creek.
19.	Natural setting and undeveloped spaces
20.	Nature
21.	Its still has a country village feel with the General store CFA and tennis club and Peppers paddock.
22.	It is peaceful

23.	<p>Wattle Glen still feels like a rural 'farming' hamlet. The shared trail (start of the Green Wedge Trail) on the roadside verge on the Kangaroo Ground - Wattle Glen Road is important for connecting the Green Wedge Trail to Peppers Paddock, the WG General Store and ultimately the Diamond Creek Trail.</p> <p>Riding beside Watery Gully Creek</p> <p>The picnic table area on crown land opposite the WG General Store (over the Old Hurstbridge Road)</p>
24.	Upkeep and safety and authenticity
25.	centrality
26.	The trees and plants, animal life, natural environment.
27.	The semi-rural feel, whilst having the convenience of the station; being able to walk to the station and get the train to the city.
28.	The trees, the birds, the fact that it is semi-rural but close to public transport and shops
29.	<p>Bushland areas, walking trails, native birds and animals, fresh air, views of nearby hills.</p> <p>Fairly small community, friendly residents, great area to raise a family, several sports clubs in area.</p>
30.	Rural, fresh air, trees. Not excessive in the number of units/apartments.
31.	Isolation
32.	Accessibility to city via train and Diamond Creek centre via car.
33.	At the moment, the tennis club.
34.	Amenities such as toilets, play area (for grandchildren), the general store, and the fabulous walking track through a lovely environment. We can always find a peaceful place here.
35.	Community interaction and accessibility to sporting facilities.
36.	<p>Environment and people. We also like the cafe at the General store and believe that it could become a very desirable destination/facility/cafe.</p> <p>However, our understanding is that the Shire has stopped this happening by refusing planning permission for various proposals such as a deck on the western side (overlooking the park).</p>
37.	The creek.
38.	The quietness, the aesthetic, that it's an intentionally small community. It feels private, personal. It feels rural, while being close to metropolitan amenity. The views of rolling hills. How connected to nature it feels with kookaburras landing on the deck and kangaroos in the front yard. I like that we don't have traffic lights in the area, helps it feel more rural.
39.	The train station
40.	Was quiet and private. Now my house and land is exposed from walking track
41.	Not too congested and still lots of nature around, please keep it this way.

42.	Community Natural world Bird life Bill, Ghada and Elias at the General Store
43.	The quiet.
44.	The comparative quiet, country town feel.
45.	Nature - the rural setting, trees, country feel Community
46.	the country feel - please don't change it.
47.	Country environment
48.	I love that it's on a metropolitan trainline but I live in a mudbrick house and as I write this I can hear frogs. So the bush-city combo.
49.	School
50.	Bush feel, while still being close to suburban amenities.
51.	-an awesome school -main thing are within walking distance
52.	Trees, Fauna
53.	That it has a quiet, rural feel while still having direct access to the CBD for work. That it is proximate to two hubs (Diamond Creek & Hurstbridge) with multiple childcare, schooling and shopping options.
54.	Community
55.	Community
56.	The links with the natural environment The tree canopy Having the wetlands and home for frogs and other wildlife and plants
57.	The green wedge goals, being the lungs of Melbourne, focus on biodiversity and preserving and enhancing the environment, flora and fauna. We specially bought inside the green wedge knowing our property value wouldn't increase but because we wanted a guarantee of no subdivision and maintaining the low density bush feel and small community feel. I enjoy participating in community run initiatives to support the green wedge and to contribute towards the green wedge mandate
58.	It's only 25km from cbd also it's beautiful up hill and down hill nature not a straight land.
59.	Diamond creek trail and the sports reserve

Question 5:	
How do you most travel around Wattle Glen?	
Walk	26
Drive	24
Bicycle	5
Scooter	0
Public Transport	1
Other	0

Question 6:	
What are some dangerous or tricky spots for pedestrians and motorists in Wattle Glen?	
1.	We urgently need an off-road trail connecting existing trails along Main Hurstbridge Rd to the Diamond Creek Trail
2.	Definitely the most dangerous road in wattle glen is Wilson road to help the community it needs to be much wider a path walk for pedestrians, level crossing upgrade, lighting.
3.	Walking up Reynolds Rd with no footpath from Sunnyside Dr to Kamarooka Dr.
4.	Wilson's rd to Mannish road needs a round about with an island for safe pedestrian crossing the main rd. There also needs to be a footpath connecting the main rd down to the new walking track from Wilson's oval, Currently there is a constant flow of people walking 'on the road' and across the train tracks to the one lane bridge as this is the only way to get there. Another roundabout should be considered at Reynolds Rd to Old Hurstbridge outside the Milk bar. This intersection leads to the Primary school and is very blocked up at peak times. Exiting from old Hurstbridge Rd can take several minutes at it's busiest times. It is a difficult turn out as traffic speeds are unpredictable as the come up over the rise. A round about here would slow traffic and also create a safe spot for pedestrians to cross. People cross here frequently and it is very dangerous. The road should be properly made on old Hursty road next to the general store and down around the treed round about as a huge number of cars use this and it corrodes away making it unsafe.
5.	Heidelberg-Kinglake Road. The speed 70 then 80 is far to fast, it's dangerous for us turning from our crossover on to the main road. We have a problem with speeding motorists and especially motorcycles. The noise from motorcycles is deafening. The motorcycle fatality on Thursday morning should pinpoint the danger of this road.
6.	Crossing from the main road into Silvan road if you have caught the bus that stops near Silvan road.

	Crossing from main road to Wilson's road to get to the walking track & vice versa.
7.	The roundabout
8.	<p>The new Wattle Glen - Diamond Creek trail is fabulous, but it seems designed to keep out Wattle Glen residents as it is so hard to get too. It is dangerous walking along Wilson Rd (no footpath) to get to it. Why is there no other access point for residents? eg. there should be an access trail near the Ambulance station.</p> <p>Likewise Reynolds Rd has school kids walking along it but no footpaths on the southern end of the primary school, meaning children and families have to walk on the side of the road.</p> <p>It would be really good to have a proper walking trail along the side of Watery Gully.</p> <p>Likewise, bike trails up to Kangaroo Ground would be fabulous.</p>
9.	Crossing to and from the station on foot. Turning right out of the station. Getting out of Neerim Rise and Valley road safely to kangaroo ground road. The single lane Wilson road bridge
10.	The roundabout
11.	A zebra crossing near the park (although there is always a crossing lady/man there during school periods) I think is a good idea - perhaps even at the round about as I often see school aged children and adults trying to cross which can be quite difficult when traffic is heavy
12.	Broad Gully Road Railway crossing
13.	Crossing from the station to the bus stop opposite, or to old Hurstbridge rd.
14.	The noise from vehicles (particularly trucks all hours and weekend motor bike groups) is aurally dominating Wattle Glen more and more. This extra traffic is heading to cross the Yarra River mainly using Kangaroo Ground Rd as a rat run to and from the Diamond Creek direction. Also commuter cars from Wilson Rd, now that it is sealed, come from the residential growth areas of Doreen and Mernda, and then they travel to Kangaroo Ground Rd to get to the Yarra crossing. The proposed roundabout at Mannish Rd would help slow down the second group, particularly when going through the railway station area.
15.	It can be dangerous linking from the end of the Diamond Creek Trail to the general store for cyclists and pedestrians.
16.	Sadly, I find the shared waking/bicycle paths the most dangerous, because many cyclists approach from behind at great speed without warning. It is also becoming dangerous to cross the main road near the station.
17.	<p>Coming out of rail station car park turning right. Coming out of Neerim Rise as vehicles coming from Kangaroo Ground direction around bend are often travelling faster than 60 km/h and often have to either accelerate quickly or pull over into left verge. Coming out of Wilson Road and turning right. For pedestrians crossing road from Peppers paddock to station as no slow points especially at peak tradie hours. Maybe pedestrian refuge.</p> <p>Safe crossing points on Wattle Glen KG road when school crossing not operational, maybe a pedestrian refuge</p>

18.	Crossing road from lower rd to train station - it's dangerous!!!! And especially so for kids who want to access the new bike trail - only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs. Also turning out of lower rd, cars come zooming round the corner from Hurstbridge.
19.	Main road connecting Diamond Creek trail is difficult to cross. Constant traffic and dangerous blind corners. Suggest pedestrian crossing lights and 40 zone
20.	Coming around the corner from the train station onto Wilson's road to join the trail. It is so dangerous people from wattle glen want to access the trail.
21.	As a horse rider, getting across the main Heidelberg-Kinglake Road from the Old Hurstbridge Road behind Peppers Paddock, then having to pass the Station to get to Wilson Road to get on the Diamond Creek Trail is pretty tricky and dangerous. We need a safe, shared trail for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders between the Diamond Creek Trail and the Green Wedge Trail. Crossing the CFA station and Tennis Club to get from the Green Wedge Trail at Watery Gully Road to central Wattle Glen is also tricky
22.	Pedestrians crossing over to Peppers Paddock and walking onto the trail from the main road with a pram is very dangerous
23.	As a horse rider, getting across the Heidelberg-Kinglake Road from the Old Hurstbridge Road behind Peppers Paddock, then having to pass Wattle Glen Station to get to Wilson Road to access the Diamond Creek Trail. This investigation needs to plan a safe, shared connecting route for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders between the Diamond Creek Trail and the Green Wedge Trail. Is there any opportunity to create a trail easement agreement on the land surrounding 540 Main Hurstbridge Road? Having to cross the forecourt of the CFA station and WG Tennis Club to get from the Green Wedge Trail at Watery Gully Road to get to central Wattle Glen.
24.	The entire path past the cfa and the playground not being enclosed safer for young children
25.	The roundabout the bike lane when it has not been swept and may have broken glass or gravel
26.	Crossing over the main road to the railway station and exiting the railway station.
27.	Crossing the main Hurstbridge road.
28.	The pedestrian path between the fire-station and Valley Rd is not sealed and, in sections, is 6 inches deep in mud throughout winter. It's useless for scooters. We need to dry the kids shoes each night after they walk home from school. Unfortunately it is outside the "area of interest" so I suspect nothing will ever be done about it, which is rather frustrating. Wattle Glen offers a poor experience for pedestrians. Many roads don't have pathways. The roundabout crossing between the town and the station/bike-

	<p>path/recreation reserve is really dangerous in the mornings and the afternoons, for children in particular.</p> <p>Residents from the areas to the north of the station often dash across the road during peak hours, rather than walking down to the roundabout and back-tacking. If a train is cancelled, there can be a couple of dozen people running across the road amongst peak-hour traffic to try to get to the bus stop on the east side.</p>
29.	<p>The roundabout at intersection of Main Hurstbridge Road and Kangaroo Ground-Wattle Glen Road is a dangerous site for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. There is no pedestrian crossing which is definitely needed.</p> <p>For motorists turning right into Main Hurstbridge Rd from the Wattle Glen station carpark-it is tricky especially during peak periods and at night due to speed of traffic and a clear view is partially blocked by trees.</p>
30.	<p>Crossing at main round about to get to station.</p>
31.	<p>You have missed the mark with your envelope of wattle glen. The most pressing safety concern is the complete lack of made walking path from the CFA station to the bus stop opposite Lorimer Rd. This path is used every day by our kids and adults alike, as it is the only vaguely safe way of walking to the train station and not being hit by a car. It is desperately in need of formalisation to make it more user friendly. Given its terrain it is not disability suitable, nor could ever be made so, but that should not prevent some sensible efforts being made to improve the existing bush track for more able bodied people!!</p>
32.	<p>Side streets are dangerous, no street lighting, no foot paths and bad condition of roads. At night it feels unsafe to walk from the station. I would like to use my bike more often, but there are insufficient bike paths/tracks and the Diamond Creek track I don't think is illuminated at night (last time I went). Insufficient parking at the general store and reversing out to join the traffic can be tricky when leaving.</p>
33.	<p>Driving - coming out of Reynolds Rd and turning right into Kangaroo Ground-Wattle Glen Road Walking - crossing Kangaroo Ground-Wattle Glen Road from Reynolds Rd side to get to Peppers Paddock Walking/Riding - crossing Kangaroo Ground-Wattle Glen Road at the roundabout as you travel along Main Hurstbridge Rd</p>
34.	<p>The walking track is dangerous when cyclists don't sound their bell. Also THE DOG POO left everywhere. This is really disgusting when it is such a valuable and precious place for people to walk their dogs. It's hard to understand that there is such an overwhelming amount of dog faeces left on the path and the verges, sometimes even in plastic bags. Also graffiti has been a problem.</p>
35.	
36.	<p>Around the roundabout as traffic is travelling fast and the footpaths, etc are close to the traffic. There needs to be an alternative footpath/cycle path around the old road on the northern boundary of Peppers Paddock.</p>

37.	Wattle glen / kangaroo ground road especially the intersection in KG with the main road. Dangerous, too many trucks for a country road.
38.	Mannish Road has no footpath, so walking up and down it is a little scary when exercising with headphones in. Otherwise, on the roads I travel, I have no issue driving through our area and feel the speed limits are appropriate.
39.	Wilson's Rd is more goat track than a safe and suitable road for this day and age.
40.	
41.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No pedestrian crossing in front of Wattle Glen train station, difficult to cross given winding road and cars drive too fast around here. - Not enough street lights, especially along Main Hurstbridge road - No bike path pass a Main Hurstbridge Rd and Kangaroo Ground - Wattle Glen Rd roundabout.
42.	The intersection of Lorimer and Kangaroo Ground Wattle Glen Roads due to 80Km zone extending past the junction
43.	<p>Pedestrians crossing Main-Hurstbridge at the Hurstbridge end of the railway station.</p> <p>Pedestrians, cyclists using Wilson road to access the Diamond Creek Trail.</p>
44.	<p>Crossing the road at the railway station. We need a pedestrian refuge.</p> <p>Walking from the new trail to Main Hurstbridge road... there is no safe path for pedestrians on either side until you get to the bridge in Wilson Rd.</p> <p>Parking at the new trail is haphazard at best.</p> <p>We frequently hear hoon drivers doing circles at the baseball field, then the same at varying intersections towards Diamond Creek. By the time we get through to the police they've moved on.</p>
45.	<p>Where do I start?!</p> <p>Kangaroo Ground - Wattle Glen Road - trying to get across at the crossing to the park (which has a lollipop person on school days). Our son had a near miss trying to get across there. Scaring to see him nearly hit by a car! People speed past the general store area.</p> <p>Crossing the main road at the round about to get over to the station or new trail. Just today our 7 year daughter fell over on the road trying to get across in a panic. It's just horrible trying to get over to the new trail.</p> <p>Trying to get from the footpath to the new trail is also a nightmare. The corner of Wilson's Rd is scary as well as then getting over the railway crossing to get to the trail.</p> <p>It will only be a matter of time before someone is killed on that corner or stretch of road trying to access the new trail.</p>
46.	we live on the corner of mannish road and the main road. this intersection has always frightened me silly as we have to stop in the main road and turn right into mannish when coming home - the traffic comes SO FAST and both of us (myself and my husband) are petrified somebody is going to hit us from behind. we have lived here 18 months and already there has been an accident outside our house. Since the opening of the bike path, which is excellent, i have noticed a massive increase in families attempting to cross

	<p>the main road (also outside our house) with multiple children, bikes and often young children, playing chicken to get across. it is an accident (fatality) waiting to happen and only a matter of time.</p> <p>Additionally, we turn left towards KG out of mannish road and both of us have nearly collided with cars coming from the opposite road (from diamond creek) who are turning without giving way to us. This is also highly dangerous, especially if people aren't clear on the road rules or who they should be giving way too.</p>
47.	The bridge over the Diamond Creek single lane, poor paths to Diamond Creek and bad lighting on paths, Also, many unmade roads
48.	Crossing the road from Pepper's Paddock to the train is my number one concern, especially for my kids. If I could change only one thing it would be a safe crossing to the train across the road to Hurstbridge. I also wish it was a 40km/h zone outside the shop at school times.
49.	The roundabout on main Hurstbridge Rd.
50.	Crossing Main Hurstbridge Rd to the train station when walking from Mannish Rd can be difficult and dangerous at peak times. There is no proper footpath on Mannish Rd, so pedestrians have to walk on the road.
51.	It needs a permanent and safe pedestrian crossing near pepper's paddock and a safe one (if possible?) to cross Main-Hurstbridge Road for better and safer access to the train station
52.	-
53.	The roundabout is very busy. Crossing to the station during the morning peak hour can be difficult as the lines of sight are unclear. There is no direct access from the main road, over the railway to access the new trail so you have to either walk across a rocky area or along the road. There is not enough street lighting from the train station to the general store and along connected roads, to feel safe when walking home from the station at night.
54.	The school crossing desperately needs fixing - needs to be a 40 zone. Reynolds Rd outside the school is in need of speed reduction measures. It is more common to see people speeding than doing 40.
55.	Crossing the Main Hurstbridge Rd, access to the walking track along Wilsons rd
56.	Crossing the Kangaroo Ground road anywhere except the roundabout near the station
57.	<p>For pedestrians, the stretch of Wilson Rd between the main Rd and the new DC walking trail. The footpath on the bridge is ok, but the side of the road, particularly at the main Rd end is really dangerous as cars fly around the corner with no visibility and there is no curb or footpath. I used to walk it a lot going to the oval, but now even more with the trail there.</p> <p>For motorists, the whole of Wilson Rd. The traffic has massively increased in the last 18 months or so, and I've had many near collisions with ongoing cars going at least 70 in the middle of the road. There are a lot of spots barely able to fit two cars as it is, and some motorists don't move over. Needs a centre line painted so that people stay on their side in the event of traffic. More speed shows showing the 50km limit would possibly help too.</p>

58.	1. Whole Entire Wilson road to narrow needs to be double sided and pedestrians walk path along the road, power street light/ led lights to be added.
59.	The whole entire Wilson road, extremely dangerous especially on the turns, no lights no footpath for pedestrians

	<p>Question 7:</p> <p>When thinking about the environment what do you value in Wattle Glen? For example, the landscape, trees, a park, birds or a special spot (such as a pond, creek or a hill with a nice view).</p>
1.	The landscape, the scenic vistas, the indigenous trees and vegetation, the indigenous wildlife, the rehabilitation of Peppers Paddock
2.	It's nice to have a clear view but it's too bushy so makes it very hard to see a good view.
3.	Trees, low-density housing, landscape, birdlife
4.	There are so many magical green elements in Wattle Glen
5.	The lovely new walking tracks
6.	Temple ridge has... a beautiful view from the top and all the wildlife that live in it. (It may be classified as Hurstbridge?)
7.	Wattles along creek
8.	Landscape, the walking trails eg. the fire access trail off Thorne Rd, the trail along Watery Gully
9.	How green it is and good walking tracks. The new track to Diamo is great
10.	Trees, the creek and the landscape.
11.	I mentioned in question 1 that the first thought that comes to mind when I think of Wattle Glen is that it is dry - some water would be incredible, a lake, a pond, some GREEN trees - anything to give it some life!!!!
12.	The creek on Broad Gully Road
13.	All of your examples... Birds, some species no longer found in suburbs are still found here - Gang Gang's. Spotted Pardalotes, the froggy marshy pools. the wild creeks, The hill! next to old Hurstbridge road and the kangaroos there. Quiet back roads.
14.	<p>The neighbourhood character throughout the town is a joy. Particularly the tree dominated older section of the residential area and of course the Green Wedge section where much of it is also part of the township (btw: The 'outside' Green Wedge land surrounds and entwines with about 2700 of the residential part of the residential zoned township).</p> <p>However to maintain the character in town and for the surrounding Green Wedge area, Council needs to be more environmentally proactive with their attitude and with their land management enforcement.</p> <p>I know the Wattle Glen Residents Association is keen for Council to buy</p>

	<p>(probably using state or federal grants) the vacant land between Mannish Rd and Clarke Ave which is currently for sale, and this would be a great fillip to encouraging proper weed control, tree protection and general environmental awareness.</p> <p>The informal tracks on this land would also be a great way for pedestrians, dog walkers and cyclists to connect the northern residential areas of Wattle Glen with central Wattle Glen without having to go near the manic Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd.</p> <p>Buying this land, currently for sale, may seem like a big ask of Council, but it seems more and more Council taking the initiative for the benefit of the environment is becoming less and less.</p>
15.	The environment your experience as you travel the Diamond Creel Trail and around Peppers Paddock and the general store.
16.	<p>Wattle Glen has a beautiful rural landscape, with the Diamond Creek Valley between the hills, and views up to the Kinglake Ranges.</p> <p>The wattle trees in winter/spring are spectacular, and wildflowers can be seen in some places - Hardenbergia along Mannish Road and I have counted 15 different wildflower species along Wilson Road (outside the study area). But a few native lilies have popped up in gardens in Lower Road.</p> <p>There is a diverse population of birds - magpies, rosellas (eastern and crimson) butcher birds, tawny frogmouths (sometimes), galahs, cockatoos, bronzewings, crested pigeons, kookaburras, ducks, herons. Sadly most of the little birds (blue wrens, pardelotes etc).have disappeared from my area, but maybe some are still at Peppers Paddock. There are also kangaroos, and I love to hear the frogs at Peppers Paddock.</p>
17.	Biodiversity, Climate Change Action, Protection and enhancement of native flora and fauna, noxious weed and plant removal, pest control, foxes, rabbits etc.
18.	Open spaces to meander around and explore. Views and tree tops a must!!!
19.	Old tall trees, watery gully creek, undeveloped land along the creek and hill side
20.	park, trees & bird life
21.	<p>Watery Gully Creek and its trail alongside..</p> <p>The rural views with their mix of paddocks and bush</p>
22.	The Wattle trees, kookaburras
23.	<p>Watery Gully Creek and the trail alongside it.</p> <p>Rural vistas of farmland.</p>
24.	The green landscape and the birds
25.	The rural treed atmosphere
26.	Trees, open spaces, birds and a hill with a nice view.
27.	Walks on quiet dirt roads and the new walking track
28.	The views from the hills along Watery Gully Road are lovely. The north side of Peppers Paddock. The birdsong in the early morning. Really liking the new bike path.

29.	Hilly landscape with good views, beautiful trees, native wildlife, walking trails and open spaces, walking trail between Valley Rd and the general store, the Diamond Creek, Watery Gully, Peppers Paddock for picnics.
30.	Trees, green.
31.	It's fine as it is
32.	
33.	No retail shops, it's peaceful with lots of trees. Peppers Paddock is a great meeting spot, with lots of space to play, an undercover area, toilets and access to coffee at the General Store.
34.	The landscape alongside the walking track is really interesting as it changes from bush to farmland and into developed areas. It's a cross section of our shire. We've seen all sorts of birds including small spine bills and New Holland Honeyeaters and larger birds such as kookaburras. There's evidence of wombat diggings along the trail as well. Just standing on one of the bridges and watching the water birds dipping and diving gives great pleasure.
35.	
36.	Peppers paddock, especially the middle where Watery Gully flows through. We also value the banks of Watery Gully further upstream from the Store. The banks of Diamond Creek itself and the whole of the new path linking us to the world!
37.	Rural village feel, Diamond creek and remaining big trees.
38.	The overall landscape of Wattle Glen is its most valuable feature. I love that my house backs onto so much open, vacant land, filled with wildlife, large old trees. I love that I look across a valley to rolling hills, mostly untouched. The Wattle Glen part of the Diamond Creek trail is so wonderful, it genuinely FEELS like Wattle Glen. It's really easy to tell when you've crossed into Diamond Creek, with the bulldozing for development. Wattle Glen is an amazing pocket of nature.
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40.	Diamond creek, trees
41.	All of the above. Love all the surround nature around here. I also love to walk along Old Hurstbridge Rd, nice and quiet, so please leave it as is.
42.	Birdlife Wildlife, Trees and wide open sky Peppers Paddock Evening light on the bush
43.	the pond near wattle glen station and wetlands at peppers paddock (especially the frogs) the variety of birdlife visiting our garden (including owls) the tree coverage and the treed hills to the west.
44.	
45.	Definitely trees and open natural space
46.	The feeling of country - the bush, the trees, the birds.
47.	Trees landscape and native animals
48.	The landscape generally, and the birds and frogs.

49.	
50.	The environment generally and wildlife.
51.	-trees -hills -quiet
52.	-
53.	The views, the species diversity, the wetlands, the frog sounds, the pine trees on the hill (for pine mushroom season!). Being surrounded by green is amazing!
54.	My favourite spot is the top of the hill up from Kamarooka Dr
55.	Places fir the wildlife, creek, paddocks with old and big trees
56.	The tree canopy and bush feel generally, especially where the understory has been preserved. The wetlands behind Pepper's Paddock. The wonderful trees down near the Diamond Creek.
57.	Definitely the overall bushy landscape, and particularly areas of remnant bushland typical of the original ecological vegetation. Views onto bush reserves or blocks rather than the barren DC development hills. The creek and the walking trail. Peppers paddock for its revegetation and picnic spot
58.	To value this area and to be able to enjoy it's beautiful nature we must have a great and huge plan to upgrade all the streets and put power in them to make it more valuable and beautiful.
59.	I would value this area a lot more if I see it developed into a larger community

	Question 8: When thinking about history and other heritage what do you value in Wattle Glen? For example, a certain house, an old bridge or an old local story.
1.	Ellis Cottage is a great example of celebrating early European heritage. Otherwise, I find there is very little recognition of Wattle Glen's indigenous, timber, farming and orchard-related history.
2.	I respect the history and the heritage areas but This beautiful suburb deserves a major development to make it value a lot more
3.	Hearing about gold mining along Watery Gully and market gardens in Valley Rd
4.	The historic society
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8.	Ellis cottage
9.	The Jones house. Original habitat
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11.	Looking at Peppers Paddock, externally it has a great look about it, I have only every been in there once as sadly, I was extremely disappointed by the lack of hospitality and warmth. That was a few years ago, I'm wondering if it has changed hands since? Unfortunately, there's no second chance when there are so many other options close by... Black vice for example
12.	none come to mind
13.	The fact that the creek is named after a bull. I despair at the water quality from the old gold mining habits.
14.	<p>The new Diamond Creek Regional Trail is a great opportunity to inform people about the history of Wattle Glen. Information boards could be placed on the trail near Scrubby Creek, where the power lines are the border of Diamond Creek and Wattle Glen. Information boards could mention the original custodians, then Ellis Model Farm, WG was first called Balee when the train line was built, gold being found along Watery Gully Creek and the gold mines off Moonlight Rd. Perhaps someone would like to include the arson – the community hall in Wilson rd, the railway station and the Wattle Glen Primary School (twice I believe)</p> <p>Given Scrubby Creek is also the border for the Green Wedge, it could also be a great place to welcome people to "Wattle Glen – The Gateway to the Green Wedge."</p>
15.	The visible and known, but not visible connections to the early history of the area. It would be helpful to have information on heritage related signage at relevant spots along the Diamond Creek Trail and around Wattle Glen.
16.	<p>The former gold diggings along Watery Gully. The former Upper Diamond Creek School house along the main road (outside the area). The former church next to the school (now a residence). Some of the old houses from the 1920s and 30s remain, often remodelled and extended, but still remind us of the modest architecture of the district's past.</p> <p>There is a row of fruit trees adjacent to the Diamond Creek Trail, a reminder of the district's orcharding history.</p> <p>I have heard stories of the swimming hole in the Diamond Creek, not sure where, but probably not considered safe these days.</p>
17.	I do not value the sub station. There is little historically significant structures I am aware of in Wattle Glen.
18.	Old mud brick shed at no 10 Lower Rd
19.	Nothing
20.	not particularly
21.	The Wattle Glen I grew up with is riding my horse to meet friends who rode their horses from Diamond Creek at the old general store on the other side of the train station. We tied the horse up and have a four and twenty pie with sauce squirted straight into the pie from the plastic squirty bottle in a paper bag and a milkshake from a metal container you took back to the store! How environmental friendly we were! Lovely days that could still happen for kids if they had safe trails, crossings and tie ups. We the ride has changed from when I was a kid still lovely to be out on the horse but the fear factor from the traffic is a reality not a perception.

22.	Have no idea as it's not written up anywhere I feel that Peppers Paddock General Store lacks character and could definitely be more interesting and it must have a lot of history!!
23.	The farming and orchard heritage. The original farmhouses like the one in Murray Drive.
24.	I'm not aware of any
25.	nothing comes to mind
26.	I do not know much about the history of Wattle Glen, would be nice to have some literature about it particularly the indigenous history.
27.	There isn't much heritage left... the original general store building on the corner of Reynolds Road??
28.	Have to assume that Wurundjeri-willam people lived and worked in the area. There is no info I can find regarding this that relates to Wattle Glen specifically. Is a shame, makes me feel like I'm disrespectful. The signs of gold digging and possibly past residency along Watery Gully creek (within outside the "area of interest" but is well within Wattle Glen. The old collapsing holiday-house fibros deserve some sort of heritage assessment - but are outside the "area of interest" so guess they'll just tumble Most of what I know about Wattle Glen's history I have found on Victorian Collections - https://victoriancollections.net.au/collections?q=wattle%20glen .
29.	The local history of the area is fascinating, especially the history of Wattle Glen Primary School.
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31.	Don't stop progress with some old relic.
32.	I think the old steam trains that come through from time to time are lovely, but there is insufficient (safe) space to stop by the side of the road to watch/appreciate them
33.	I don't know any history of the area.
34.	I'm glad that the General Store is still operating. Where I live in Yarrambat the store has been closed for years and what was a traditional country store is an ugly relic.
35.	
36.	Peppers paddock. Could you ask us about what we want to see removed: the old electricity building (cream brick box) on VicTrack land just north of the station . . . indeed that whole area need landscaping.
37.	The store.
38.	I love the General Store - I think that's a really quaint piece of Wattle Glen history.

39.	
40.	My house and land. [REDACTED].
41.	All of it, let's preserve the way they were and re-store where appropriate
42.	A heritage gate in an old fence on the south side of WGKG Rd A strong sense but poor knowledge of the First Nations people who lived here
43.	The history of the picnic ground
44.	I would like any old homes/settlements on the trail to be protected (like Herberts ruins) and highlighted, also including any Wurrundjeri site information.
45.	The original post office on the corner of Reynolds Rd The primary school history
46.	nothing really
47.	Ellis Cottage is the most prominent heritage attraction in Wattle Glen and the Gold Mining history
48.	I'd love to know more about the Wurrundjeri people.
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53.	We love the scary old scout hall. It would be great to know more about the indigenous history of the area.
54.	Just the general area
55.	Elise Cottage
56.	I am interested in knowing more about the indigenous history. It would be good if there was some more information around WG about this history.
57.	I wish there was more info on the history of WG, I've found it hard to find much.
58.	I don't see there is any value for something old for eg old houses I prefer to see new houses to make the area look better.
59.	

	Question 9:
	Are there any areas of Wattle Glen that you feel unsafe in and what is the cause?
1.	Walking or cycling along Wilson Rd from Main Hurstbridge Rd to get to the Diamond Creek Trail - sometimes the road shoulder is so narrow, you need to cross Wilson Rd a number of times to make sure you are on a wide shoulder, especially when walking with young children.
2.	Wilson road it's a narrow lane that cyclists pedestrians cars trucks use it also it's got heaps of curves makes it very difficult on turns not to get in to a crash.

3.	Cycling down Kangaroo Ground Rd towards Wattle Glen between Valley Rd and Hurstbridge Rd if there is other traffic coming fast along that section.
4.	No
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6.	Lack of street lighting on the main road from the train station to the end of wattle glen heading towards hurstbridge
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11.	No, always feel very safe. In saying that I wouldn't walk alone at night, nor allow my daughters to either.
12.	Our property in Broad Gully Road. People are constantly trespassing and dumping residential and commercial rubbish. We have had to call in the EPA a few times, but the council has not helped in any way
13.	no, occasionally crossing main road, speeding traffic.
14.	<p>Pedestrians crossing the manic Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd at the train station, is a huge safety issue as the traffic amount and speed are ever increasing. Coming from the south walkers and cyclists are able to use the islands at the Kangaroo Ground Rd roundabout to cross Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd which helps.</p> <p>However there is nothing for all the pedestrian commuters coming from the north direction. The proposal for a roundabout a Mannish Rd corner could solve this problem as well as a lot of other problems. To wit: The proposed roundabout will also help those pedestrians and cyclists getting to and from the new Diamond Creek Regional Trail, will slow down traffic as it approaches the station area, will make it safer at the intersection for car using Mannish Rd and Wilson Rd etc.</p> <p>1. Council have put in an asphalt path from the General Store to the toilet block on Peppers Paddock. For safety they placed bollards along the edge of the adjacent vehicle parking. However, Council are very tardy in replacing any bollards that get smashed. Cannot checking the bollards be part of Council's Parks and Gardens department fortnightly visits to Peppers Paddock?</p> <p>2. Parking spaces for Peppers Paddock are often mentioned and while I agree they look nicer if sealed, I imagine the General Store relies on truck drivers getting a parking space to go to order their breakfast or lunch.</p> <p>3. Also, the current school bus-stop position prevents other Pepper Paddock visitors parking at a time when the playground equipment users often need to park. Can the school bus stop be placed elsewhere, eg at the front of the Tennis Club car-park in Kangaroo Ground Rd or use the public bus stop at the railway station as a school bus stop as well?</p>

15.	Travelling from the Diamond Creek Trail to the general store, particular trying to navigate crossing the Main Hurstbridge Road.
16.	No. I just keep a lookout for snakes and bikes, and have to be careful walking down steep hills.
17.	Crossing main road between station and Peppers Paddock. Crossing Wattle Glen KG Rd between 7am-9am and 3pm to 6pm at bottom of Neerim Rise. Traffic is too fast coming around bend from KG, also cars/4WD/trucks will veer into dirt at speed on left travelling to KG to go around vehicles waiting to turn right into Neerim Rise.
18.	Wilson rd, walking to the new trail, there's no footpath. Also no crossing from lower rd to station - dangerous!
19.	Main diamond creek road due to heavy, fast traffic
20.	yes, access to the trail
21.	I always hold my breath crossing the Main Road at the end of Old Hurstbridge Road behind Peppers Paddock and then passing the train station and carpark to get to Wilson Road and the Diamond Creek Trail. A safer link would be wonderful for horse riders.
22.	Walking along the main road with a pram I found dangerous when the path drops near the road Crossing the main road and walking on the road to get onto the new trail is very dangerous as tradies come shooting around the corner
23.	When riding, I feel unsafe crossing the Heidelberg-Kinglake Road at the end of Old Hurstbridge Road behind Peppers Paddock and then negotiating the train station and carpark to get to Wilson Road and the Diamond Creek Trail.
24.	There is no lights on the new walking track
25.	no
26.	Top of Kamarooka Drive intersection turning right into Reynolds Road due to plants obstructing view.
27.	No.
28.	- Crossing to the train station at the roundabout - especially at peak hours; Lots of impatient drivers and little to slow them down - dashing to the city-bound bus stop from the station when a train has been cancelled - The sharp corner with no footpath at all near the creek crossing on Valley Road; not just used by residents - lots of walkers from elsewhere park at the end and walk into the hills this way. Both main roads are used by lots of folk just passing through in the morning or afternoon, for whom speed limit signs appear to be purely ornamental.
29.	Crossing Main Hurstbridge Road at the roundabout is risky. Crossing the railway line at Wilson Road is unsafe as there is no footpath or allocated pedestrian crossing. Sections of Wilson Road have no footpath.
30.	
31.	As above, the walking path to Lorimer Rd needs immediate work. Also there is no link walking path from the new bike trail between diamo and hursty at

	the Wilson Rd interchange. It is a dodge of trains and cars to get home. Complete oversight there.
32.	As per above, my main concern is insufficient street lighting (eg Mannish Rd), at night the streets are steep, narrow and unilluminated. The DC Trail is dark at night.
33.	No really unsafe areas I know of or use. Sometimes the toilets are yuck but that's a common complaint of public toilets.
34.	Wattle Glen is a safe place for me.
35.	
36.	Just around the roundabout because of the speed of the traffic.
37.	As above the intersection of wattle glen / main road at KG. The railway crossing at Wilson road and Wilson road itself.
38.	I wouldn't say there's any area in Wattle Glen that I would say I ever felt "unsafe".
39.	Driving along Wilson RD makes me feel unsafe, it is caused by the road being extremely narrow.
40.	
41.	Not enough street lights, especially along Main Hurstbridge road. It's difficult to walk home from a train station after finish work in winter.
42.	Yes! Two way high speed of tailgating traffic from the general store to beyond the intersection with Lorimer Road
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44.	Crossing Main Hurstbridge Rd is dangerous during peak times particularly in winter at the corner where the railway station meets the road. Extra lighting and a lower speed would be considerate.
45.	Crossing the roads
46.	<p>the intersection of mannish road and main hurstbridge road, as mentioned above and for the reasons mentioned above. This is the worst one.</p> <p>Secondly the road down from the main road to the cycle track - no footpath and not even enough room for 2 cars to pass let alone the bikes and children and families and dogs that are heading down there.</p> <p>I walk my dog regularly at night from Wattle Glen to Diamond Creek along the bike track / walking track. I am not easily scared but between the WG roundabout and kamarooka drive there is a section of that walkway which is pitch black with NO lighting whatsoever and bushes alongside the footpath. I don't feel safe here and have turned back a couple of times. It just needs a light, that's all.</p> <p>finally the new bike track has many dog walkers which is also awesome but quite a few are offlead - i am not frightened of dogs but I DO own a dog that is not 'other dog friendly' when on lead - their dogs might be ok, but mine isn't and i can't have their dogs approaching mine and not being under control. It</p>

	would be nice to have some reminders or enforcement to have dogs on leads so we can all enjoy the space (plus I am aware that there are many little children who are scared of dogs...)
47.	Paths are poorly maintained and lighting issues
48.	Walking between the tennis courts and Valley Road at night because it's so dark. In winter the paths get muddy and slippery, in summer the overgrown grass conceals snakes. AND CROSSING THE ROAD FROM THE TRAIN!!!!
49.	Roundabout: I can't allow my child to use the roundabout which means they cannot use the bus or train or the new bike path to travel independently to school.
50.	I don't feel safe walking on Mannish Rd with my small children. The road is uneven and narrow with no footpath. Mannish Rd would greatly benefit from a proper footpath down at least one side.
51.	-crossing roads (see above)
52.	-
53.	Walking home (to Park Street) of a night from the train station feels unsafe as there is not enough street lighting to see where you're going. The area outside the public toilets in particular is scary as it is dark and there are bushes impeding your view in multiple directions.
54.	The school crossing, and that there is no real footpath from the crossing to the school. Kids have to cross at Warrington or go up the long way
55.	Our streets, bad drivers, people breaking into cars
56.	No
57.	Drunk bogan neighbours when they go off their nut. The week the DC fair carnies are in town is the only week we lock the doors and the cars. Everything else feels very safe.
58.	Yes, Wilson road It's a very busy narrow rd that for the safety of the people and my family and anyone that go pass Wilson road will experience that there's a very high chance a horrible and a disaster of an accident can take place along the road.
59.	Mainly the roads are very unsafe and abit scary to take the kids and dog for a walk to get around the streets

Question 10: What would you change within the streets and open spaces of Wattle Glen to best meet your needs?	
1.	More indigenous trees and understorey vegetation
2.	I would change all the current roads streets around the train station starting from Wilson add a petrol station some food shops Add lights in the streets
3.	A pedestrian bridge from Peppers Paddock to other side of the creek to link the areas and allow better access and use of both sides of the creek. It is a lovely area on the other side now but underutilised.
4.	I would love there to be less traffic! The noise is very loud. I would love to see the 36 acres that is for sale on Mannish road purchased by council and used as a recreation property. It is stunning and loaded with potential opportunity :)
5.	Reduce the speed on Heidelberg-Kinglake Road 70 to 60 and from 80 to 70 from the roundabout outside the station
6.	More lighting on the main road through Wattle Glen otherwise i would leave the rest.
7.	
8.	More walking trails and access to them. More footpaths More bike lanes
9.	Keep linking areas with walking tracks. Keep replanting original habitat. Better more obvious pedestrian crossing to the station.
10.	Even though we drive through mainly and often, it would be great to have cars slowed down and the space made more pedestrian friendly. We may go there more often for walks if the H'bridge side of the trail is pleasant. The Diamond Creek side did not appeal greatly - busy and the landscape is not a match to the beautiful Ferguson Paddock walk in H'bridge.
11.	Lights along the main road from Wattle Glen to Diamond Creek would be good. Coming into Wattle Glen, the first thing you see is a train station at the round about and a street sign - not very inviting. A lovely sign welcoming people to Wattle Glen would be so nice to see, something not outdated but with a rustic yet modern and vibrant feel to it!
12.	A graduation between houses and the open areas. Open areas for public use should be on public land NOT private land. There is no respect for private land in Wattle Glen. Roads need to be upgraded for safety. Would love to see little community shops not just on the main road but in various streets to promote community. Opportunities for sensible agricultural businesses and markets in the area
13.	Not much! Maybe a clearer access from the station to the new walkway in Wilson Road - safer pedestrian and bike crossing over the rail line - since that path opened the number of people there on a Saturday morning has gone from one (me) to 12 cars parked and many foot traffic at any one time. Making a clear access from there to the railway could work well for families to walk from

	<p>Diamo, over to Pepper Paddock for coffee and a train home - but those links are not clear.</p> <p>Encourage cyclists to use the cycle tracks instead of main road.</p> <p>But that's for others. For my needs don't change much at all!</p> <p>Purchase the hill next to Old Hurstbridge Road to extend the parkland and maintain Wattle Glen's unique 'country escape feel' for the walkers from here and Diamond Creek.</p>
14.	<p>Pedestrians crossing the manic Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd at the train station, is a huge safety issue as the traffic amount and speed are ever increasing. Coming from the south walkers and cyclists are able to use the islands at the Kangaroo Ground Rd roundabout to cross Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd which helps.</p> <p>However there is nothing for all the pedestrian commuters coming from the north direction. The proposal for a roundabout a Mannish Rd corner could solve this problem as well as a lot of other problems. To wit: The proposed roundabout will also help those pedestrians and cyclists getting to and from the new Diamond Creek Regional Trail, will slow down traffic as it approaches the station area, will make it safer at the intersection for car using Mannish Rd and Wilson Rd etc.</p> <p>1. Council have put in an asphalt path from the General Store to the toilet block on Peppers Paddock. For safety they placed bollards along the edge of the adjacent vehicle parking. However, Council are very tardy in replacing any bollards that get smashed. Cannot checking the bollards be part of Council's Parks and Gardens department fortnightly visits to Peppers Paddock?</p> <p>2. Parking spaces for Peppers Paddock are often mentioned and while I agree they look nicer if sealed, I imagine the General Store relies on truck drivers getting a parking space to go to order their breakfast or lunch.</p> <p>3. Also, the current school bus-stop position prevents other Pepper Paddock visitors parking at a time when the playground equipment users often need to park. Can the school bus stop be placed elsewhere, eg at the front of the Tennis Club car-park in Kangaroo Ground Rd or use the public bus stop at the railway station as a school bus stop as well?</p>
15.	<p>Provision of a safe crossing for pedestrians and cyclists across the the Main Hurstbridge Road.</p>
16.	<p>Weeding and clearing of dead vegetation. (I don't mean the hollow logs kept for animals)</p> <p>All along the roadside paths are slopes overgrown with weeds and bits of dead wood that one can trip over.</p> <p>Sadly, the northern side of Peppers Paddock is choked with weeds. the WGRA did such a good job planting this area a few years ago, but now the weeds have taken over, probably because lockdown has prohibited their monthly working bees. Could Council send a small work team to weed and prune?</p> <p>Also we need a campaign to stop people throwing their rubbish along the roadside - probably much of it from car windows. I suspect, also that some of</p>

	it may be from clumsy emptying of bins by the rubbish trucks. It would be good to have the piece of old road on the north of Pepper's Paddock tidied up and repaired as a walking track too.
17.	Have left turn out of station carpark only with a roundabout at Wilson Road to allow a safe U turn and also slow traffic past the station and safer crossing for pedestrians. Have a round about at Neerim Rise and Valley Road to slow traffic as it enters Wattle Glen from Kangaroo Ground and possibly realign the two intersections to allow this as one intersection. A crossing point at Peppers Paddock to connect to the new trails to DC and Hurstbridge.
18.	Crossing over main rd to station with lights! Better footpaths.
19.	Other than comment above, nothing else to change, perfect as is
20.	path to continue from railway station to meet up with the trail.
21.	A safe crossing for all to use. A tie up rail for horse riders in Peppers Paddock near the toilets Horse yards at the old General store site. think it my be crown land.
22.	The playground could be a bit more interesting! Maybe a sand pit? More community connections helping - food shares Nicer bbq area at Peppers Paddock - maybe not near the side of the road as a bit depressing!! Make shop more interesting - maybe it could sell community foods / live music? Live music in Peppers Paddock would be lovely instead of it always been in Hurstbridge? Move the Wattle Festival to Wattle Glen?
23.	If possible, a trail easement being provided through the privately owned land surrounding 540 Heidelberg-Kinglake Road to link up with Wilson Road and the Diamond Creek Trail. If this is not possible, a pedestrian (all user) crossing on the Heidelberg-Kinglake Road to get to Wilson Road. Provision for parking including for horse floats on the Old Hurstbridge Road behind Peppers Paddock, near Clarke Avenue. A tie up rail provided for horse riders in Peppers Paddock near the public toilets but away from the road. Provision of 2-3 horse yards on the crown land across Old Hurstbridge Road from the WG General Store.
24.	Safer fencing, better maintained path
25.	it will be better when the bike trail to Hurstbridge is completed It seems to lack a centre or heart. The general store is the main focus I often meet cyclists on the Diamond Creek trail looking for a coffee. I direct the to the General Store, as otherwise they would not be aware of it.

26.	Footpaths where they are missing on streets, they are always much more safer than walking on the road eg Reynolds Road from Kamarooka Drive down to the Main Road.
27.	<p>A pedestrian crossing, with lights, across the main Hurstbridge Road, would make crossing to and from the station and walking track much safer.</p> <p>A path along Wilson Road for walkers and cyclists (including crossing the railway track) is really needed to make it safer to get to the new walking trail to DC/Hurstbridge.</p>
28.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seal the thoroughly muddy path between Valley Rd and the fire station; provide adequate storm water drainage 2. Weed eradication along road-sides; when Valley Road was sealed on 2005 for example, Council allocated money for weed eradication and reveg - but it never happened 3. Pathway on the south side of KG road east of Reynolds Road 4. Some sort of vegetation screening to conceal the hideous electrical substation and surrounds adjacent to and north of the train station 5. Pedestrian crossing on the north end of the station car-park 6. The sharp corner close to the creek crossing on Valley Road has no visibility and no road verge for pedestrians; there have been several near misses over the years. Matter of time before a child is knocked off their bike. 7. Provide a pedestrian bridge across the creek to link the north and south sides of Peppers Paddock 8. Properly plant and maintain the roundabout - it's scrubby and weedy 9. Planting in the clearing on the west side of the roundabout 10. Proper pedestrian pathway between the town and the bike-path/recreation reserve area
29.	<p>A walking trail or footpath in the roadside reserve adjacent to Main Hurstbridge Road. This would be an alternative path to the concrete path on the opposite side which is narrow and dangerously close to speeding traffic.</p> <p>A footpath connecting Main Hurstbridge Rd to the Diamond Creek trail at Wilsons Rd.</p>
30.	Smarten up the very poor parking area near Peppers Paddock toilets and store. Increase the 10 minutes parking limit outside store to 1hr to allow customers at least time to have a coffee!! Add more no time limit parking at beginning of Old Hurstbridge Rd next to store to encourage longer term park attenders to park away from store front.
31.	Seal the dirt roads. This is 2021 for crying out loud, what are my rates going toward?? Time for the council to spend where its needed and not on more art and fluffy garbage. And fix the walking path as above.
32.	As per (9) and better footpaths (some side street don't have any at all).
33.	I no longer use the area enough to suggest changes. I live in Diamond Creek and my children no longer go to the primary school. We drive through to get to tennis lessons but no longer use Peppers Paddock as the children are older.
34.	<p>Perhaps the parking area near the store could be resurfaced.</p> <p>Are there other walking trails in Wattle Glen? If so, could they be given some publicity?</p>

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36.	<p>There needs to be a walking/cycling path strategy developed. For example, there should be a walking/cycling path along Watery Gully from Valley Road (and even further to Pretty Lane) to the station and on to the new bike path in Wilson Road. This should go around the north of Peppers Paddock along the old road. There could also be a similar bike path that joins the Sunnyside area.</p> <p>There also needs to be a check on speed limit signage to replace a few that have been removed or fallen over (eg Valley Road). Further speed humps are required in Valley Road (at the bottom of the hill outside number 30). These should remind drivers that it is a 50km area.</p> <p>A small walking bridge across Watery Gully in Peppers Paddock is required.</p> <p>There needs to be greater attention paid to managing the open space in Wattle Glen. The area between the Kangaroo Ground Road and Watery Gully upstream from the General Store needs to be treated as you do open space in Eltham. That is, cut the grass regularly and manage the vegetation. This includes the area between the tennis courts and the General Store which has been a disgrace for many, many years (Dead, fallen trees, very long grass, no access to the table that is there, etc.</p> <p>The "bridge" across Watery Gully on Valley Road needs maintenance. Posts were knocked over 15-20 years ago and have not been replaced.</p> <p>The informal parking areas along the Watery Gully "park" need to be managed. Cars and trucks use these and simply drive over the grass and vegetation and make it look really messy. This needs to be managed properly.</p>
37.	<p>Please do not allow viceroads to straighten the intersection at wattle glen / main road at KG It would ruin wattle Glen by making it easier fir huge semi trailers to pass through it.</p> <p>Rumble bars on the road and a change to 50 kh coming up To the intersection would make it safer. The major works on north east link will eventually help restore wattle glen to a village.</p>
38.	<p>The best thing Council could do is acquire the land between Mannish Road and Clarke Avenue. You can already see walking tracks along it in the map. This space was a godsend during the harshest COVID lockdown last year. If established and maintained, this would be a lovely open park for the community to enjoy. The wildlife would be even more protected than they are now. Formalising this space into council-owned land would truly cement Wattle Glen's place in the Green Wedge.</p>
39.	<p>I would join/ incorporate the general store and Peppers Paddock with the Diamond Creek trail.</p> <p>Great place to stop with the kids for a play and purchase a coffee from the store along the way.</p>
40.	<p>Better screening of houses from walking track. I dont mind the track just everyone can now see ALL my property</p>

41.	Proper walking paths or trail around the area
42.	Redesign the above intersection to actively slow the traffic before it gets to the heart of Wattle Glen thereby creating a much safer environment for all. Move the signs indicating changing limits so the 80km area starts well after Lorimer Rd, heading to Kangaroo Ground (Vicroads). This would require council to put a 50km sign on Lorimer Rd because it currently has no limit indicated, meaning Ministerial permission is required to change the main road limits because an open speed road cannot intersect with a 60km road Clean up the bus shelter at this intersection for safer use (PTV) Refine and level the currently rough walking track on the northern side of WGKG Rd to allow me to have access via mobility scooter so that I can then join the shared trail at its Wilson Road entry. (Vicroads land) Create a safe crossing to the railway station or Wilson Road intersection. Currently I have to drive to the trail which is exhausting and limits my access to the beautiful bush trail across the road from my home
43.	Some sort of treatment to the car park at the Wattle Glen Sport reserve to prevent cars doing burnouts.
44.	I would change the speed of main road. The speed changes at Scott's angle road towards diamond Creek, but it remains dangerous turning out of Lower Rd. If the speed there was 60kmph instead of 70 it would be much safer. As it is I direct visitors to my home in Lower road to exit via mannish Rd for safety.
45.	Peppers Paddock park is well overdue for updated play equipment. More pedestrian crossings More signs to the primary school
46.	The aforementioned light between the roundabout and Kamarooka drive (where the stairs come down).
47.	More lighting for the paths, toilet facilities and more water taps
48.	Just a little more lighting and safer pathways for kids walking or riding to and from school, and safe pedestrian crossing to the train.
49.	Major traffic calming at the roundabout or an overpass or something like that
50.	Footpath down at least one side of Mannish Rd.
51.	-safer pedestrian crossings
52.	Reduce all speed limits No subdivision, No more building approvals Carbon neutral
53.	More street lighting, add some more footpaths/access points between key areas (I.e. peppers padock & the train station, the main road & the new trail).
54.	Again making it safer for the kids
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56.	Ensure the natural feel is preserved and enhanced. More trees planted on the Diamond Creek side of WG ie around the primary school and Kamarooka Dve
57.	Footpath on Wilson Rd from main Rd to DC walking trail. Centre line for traffic on Wilson Rd
58.	1. I would definitely widen up whole entire Wilson road put path walk for pedestrians cyclists add power lights and a car park for people that use the

	diamond creek trail. 2. I would use some of the rural land and add a leisure centre, swimming pool, shopping centre and a petrol station.
59.	Definitely a footpath in all roads especially Wilson road as it's got the potential to be very useful to enter the creek

	Question 11: Anything else you would like to tell us?
1.	I have lived in Wattle Glen for more than ten years and would like it to remain largely as it is as I think it's great just the way it is! As the Secretary of the Wattle Glen Residents' Association and Convenor of the Friends of Watery Gully for the past eight years I also of course fully support the ideas in the submissions made by both of these local community groups.
2.	Thanks for giving me the opportunity to give my feed back on here I really think that best for this community that will be a great idea if the council take this to consideration and develop this dead beautiful area upgrade is a must to its roads streets lightings and a huge main point WATER Yarra valley water and gas please add these facilities also one last thing would be great idea to make the huge rural lands in to smaller lots to allow people like me to come purchase and live in beautiful wattle glen as it's so difficult and impossible to buy a property here!
3.	<p>I don't like hearing truck engine brakes as they come down Kangaroo Ground Rd towards Hurstbridge Rd. It would be good if trucks were forced to slow down earlier than Valley Rd. Better yet that trucks did not use Wattle Glen as route from the Western Ring Rd to Ringwood. I think a roundabout at Valley Rd would help calm traffic.</p> <p>I think it would be great if council bought the land opposite the Wattle Glen Railway Station and made that into public area (between Mannish Rd and Clarke Ave). This would be a great link from the Station to Peppers Paddock. It could be a beautiful area with great neighbourhood character. I would hate to see the alternative that it gets developed with housing.</p> <p>I would like to see a better link from the Wattle Glen station to the Wattle Glen walking trail. A paved footpath would help access.</p>
4.	<p>I've always loved the idea of artist being encouraged in Wattle Glen. Like a property with multiple studios available to rent. This could be achieved by building a strip shop style series of studios in mud brick opposite the park on Wattle Glen Kangaroo Ground road.</p> <p>There is also a rough mud-track that breaks off Murray drive and follows the creek around to Valley road. It would be great to see this upgraded to a boardwalk pathway with signage connected to the Park and wetlands. Half way along is a beautiful natural amphitheatre that could be used for small productions or running small outdoor classes. This would be a short circuit walk that could come back around along the main road. Something very manageable for families with young kids and it is just a stunning little secret</p>

	path. Also a bridge from the park to the wetlands. An upgrade to the modern interactive beautiful wooden playgrounds would be fantastic!!
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8.	Can we please have better access to the Wattle Glen - Diamond Creek trail? It is VERY hard to get to for most Wattle Glen residents.
9.	I can't believe how many days we lose power for, still. Thanks for listening
10.	
11.	A sense of community is lacking in Wattle Glen. Something like the Wattle Glen festival would be great if it was actually held in Wattle Glen..... perhaps an annual Christmas Carols or summer moonlight cinemas at the oval, or Saturday/Sunday Farmers markets. This would create a sense of belonging for people in the area, especially since so many people have felt so isolated during COVID and at a time when so many people are craving friendship. Maybe even a 'family day' or Wattle Glen fair or fireworks?
12.	Private land is just that. I am sick of people having rights over property they do not pay land tax, mortgages, damages and maintenance costs. Trespassers and dumping of rubbish on private property is not just an eyesore but affects the land and water quality in the area
13.	Purchase the hill next to Old Hurstbridge Road and opposite the station to protect the Green Wedge. To protect the kangaroos and birds which bring so much joy to the residents.
14.	This project is a big opportunity for Council to include suggestions that show a proactive approach to protecting and enhancing biodiversity for all of Wattle Glen 3096. Increasing the amount of public land is but one example. Because of Climate Change Council should be past just giving lip-service to the ongoing protection and enhancement of our natural environment.
15.	The extension of the Diamond Creek Trail from Diamond Creek to Wattle Glen has opened the local area to many more cyclists and walkers. It is a great pity there was not signage provided as part of this project to inform trail users of the possibility to travelling though to connect to the general store and Peppers Paddock, including availability of toilet facilities.
16.	I have lived in Wattle Glen for 46 years. I was attracted to it by the rural atmosphere, trees etc and the open spaces. Although there has been some suburban development over the years, much of this character has remained. I would hate it to be lost through over development. I would especially hate to see that 14 ha site on the hill opposite the station covered with houses.
17.	The condition of the main roads is poor with pot holes constantly being repaired.
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20.	I would be happy to be contacted further regarding the danger getting to the trail from main road wattle glen

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22.	It definitely needs a revamp so anything you do would be amazing!
23.	<p>Horse riding has a long history in the area and remains popular around Wattle Glen and surrounds with many horses kept locally.</p> <p>Being aware and providing for the safety needs of horse riders with off-road trail provision to keep riders away from traffic wherever possible.</p> <p>The need to provide safe, highly visible crossings over main roads for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders to link trails.</p>
24.	
25.	no
26.	<p>Would love to see a way to get from Kamarooka Drive to the walking track without having to go to Wilson Road or into Diamond Creek to join it. Need a crossing of the railway line also for children going to either Diamond Creek East Primary School and Diamond Valley Secondary College. This would make the walking track between Diamond Creek and Wattle Glen more accessible. Instead of exiting out of the railway station where it is now it would be great if the carpark was extended so you could exit at the roundabout, that would be much safer in my opinion.</p>
27.	The scout hut is mostly unused – could it be repurposed to something useful for the community??
28.	<p>I really love living where I live in Valley Road, but outside of that I wouldn't say there is much to feel connected to in Wattle Glen as a whole. As a town, it lacks cohesion, feels scattered and lacks definition. It doesn't have a strong sense of community - I guess because there is no community hub. It feels more like a place that people pass through rather than a place where people live. The haphazard layout of Wattle Glen totally discourages pedestrians. Pathways are in places poorly defined, are and not interconnected, and in places non-existent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is no pathway on the south side of KG Road east of Reynolds Road. Those residents can either dash across the road to get to the path and on to the station etc - or they can drive. So they drive. - the pathway that exists on KG road feels a little ill defined - interrupted by two carparks. - The Wilsons Road recreation reserve is one of the major utilities in Wattle Glen - but few locals seem to use it - or even know it is there! A few people drive to it to run their dogs around. There is no proper pathway that leads you to it from the train station area - The north side of Peppers Paddock near the old Hurstbridge Rd is beautiful thanks to the Friends Group and Council officers - but is totally hidden away, with no obvious access. Visitors to the park don't even know it is there. So weird. <p>Away from the main roads, Wattle Glen is beautiful, but for folk travelling between Hurstbridge and DC, it's an eyesore along the way. The area surrounding the substation between the Station and Wilsons Rd is really embarrassing.</p>

	<p>The Watery Gully Ck reserve is minimally attended to by Melb Water. It's choked with weeds. Could be such an amazing feature. The volunteer run Committee of Management folded years ago, overwhelmed by unrealistic demands of State Govt bureaucracy. If the council were prepared to take on the management, volunteers could be found to help maintain pockets of reserve east of Peppers. I'd be very happy for example to arrange volunteers from Valley Road to help clean up and maintain the weed-choked section surrounding the Valley Road creek crossing, if grants for weed eradication and reveg were made available, and if I wasn't made responsible for OHS, insurance, charging licensing fees and all the other nonsense that the Department tried to foist upon us</p>
29.	<p>Suggest that Council carry out a survey of Council owned land, road reserve areas and VicTrack land to establish the need for:</p> <p>1) removal of litter & dumped rubbish</p> <p>2) removal/treatment of invasive weeds including: Blackberry Boneseed bushes (<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>) Osteospermum groundcover plants</p> <p>Boneseed plants are growing on steep, rocky cliffs & embankments along Main Hurstbridge Rd. They are currently flowering (yellow) so are quite conspicuous. If not treated they will probably spread further.</p> <p>These invasive plants should be replaced with local native species to provide further habitat for native birds.</p> <p>Raise public awareness of the species of invasive weeds which can easily spread to bushland areas.</p>
30.	<p>Planting out of more Wattle species to make Wattle Glen more "Wattle" Involve other like minded groups.</p>
31.	<p>Do what I've suggested and make a real difference to the health and well being of us wattle glen residents.</p>
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33.	<p>Thanks for the opportunity to comment.</p>
34.	<p>Thank you for the walking track. It's a treasure for all of Nillumbik not just Diamond Creek and Wattle Glen. It will be great when it is finished up to Hurstbridge.</p>
35.	<p>Here at Courts N Hoops we can present to you a half court/full basketball court to go into open space area. We don't only just supply and install the court and hooping facilities, but we can activists these facilities immediately with our partnership with the Champions League - CLB3X3 junior run and social event programs. You will see great community interaction and integration and that's such a positive to help bring more of the community to use Wattle Glen Public Realm again.</p>

36.	<p>I want to reiterate that you must see Wattle Glen as being different to your arbitrary boundaries. It is not a square!</p> <p>Now that the Shire has built the fantastic walking/cycling path to Diamond Creek and (soon) Hurstbridge serious consideration needs be to given to linking this to the heart of Wattle Glen through the bike/walking path strategy mentioned above.</p> <p>I have lived in Wattle Glen since the early 1970s and the best thing is that it is very similar to what it was like when we moved in. However, there are certain amenities that we lack because we have a small voting population. These include things like an integrated concrete bike/walking path. Being sealed/concrete rather than simply muddy or stone is very important. We also need the shire to facilitate the improvement of the General Store so that it can become a beautiful cafe/venue that we are all proud of. Refusing planning permission for a deck on the western side was ludicrous.</p> <p>Can I ask why you only allow one option for some of your questions (eg. Q12 one may live AND work).</p>
37.	Nillumbik Council Should work more closely with bodies like victrack and vicroads to protect the green wedge . Eg vicroads removed old growth roadside trees and Nillumbik council doesnt even know about it .
38.	The current vibe of Wattle Glen is exactly what I bought here for several years ago. It pains me to see Diamond Creek developing as much as it is, to see the landscape bulldozed to pack in more houses - already that new development area is starting to look like an extension of Mernda - so generic, so lifeless. We must preserve that which makes Wattle Glen a unique, bespoke suburb of Nillumbik. Wide open spaces, beautiful trees and scenery, minor quality of life improvements, tracks to connect with nature.
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41.	<p>It's good to see certain things have been improved, e.g. public transport, walking trail etc. One more thing that I'm not happy about living here over the last 12 years, the power supply always out at least every fortnight. Really bad for all appliances, even though now is getting better but still needs a major improvement. Council rate is quite high given what we got in return i.e. only 'one' free hard rubbish collection per year, no free green waste collection but we have to drive all the way to drop it ourselves. My partner live in Brighton East with a similar council rates, he has 'free and unlimited' hard rubbish and green waste collections each year plus 'free parking' along the beaches.</p>
42.	<p>The safety and enjoyment capacity of the heart of Wattle Glen depends on managing the uncontrolled speed of the traffic. People including me and my three grandchildren would stop to use the public spaces in a more relaxed way if it felt safer.</p> <p>I would be hugely grateful if Council considered entering a joint venture with PTV and Vicroads to bring this about.</p>
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45.	Wattle Glen is a beautiful town with a wonderful community
46.	<p>We LOVE living here and we have two little boys (5 and 6) that we are more than happy to raise here, it's lovely. We are, however, very very concerned about the intersection at the front of our house and I really don't want to have to attend an accident - either car or pedestrian - but I am certain one day I will. In fact, I already have (but there were no serious injuries thankfully) and awaiting one where the casualties are more and the damage is greater.</p> <p>I would suggest something to remove the confusion around giving way (a roundabout, lights) by people turning right from diamond creek, and people turning left out of mannish road - I would also suggest a refuge of some sort (or lights) to help families cross the main road safely to go to the bike track.</p> <p>We are happy to chat to you about this - we obviously drive in the area, I run in the area, we ride bikes with our children, scooters, dog walking - all of it. This intersection is the absolute WORST.</p>
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48.	Please make a safe crossing to the train :(I am not exaggerating when I say I am afraid one of my children will be hit by a car – the only way to cross at busy times is to duck and weave in front of traffic and given where the train station is this affects almost everyone who uses the train.
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53.	Wattle Glen is unique in that it has retained its rural, community feel that other neighbouring suburbs have lost. We are very lucky to live here and want our public spaces to be welcoming to people from both within and outside the neighbourhood.
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56.	<p>It would be great if Council could acquire the land currently for sale opposite the railway station and turn it into a nature reserve.</p> <p>It would also be good if the area under the transmission wires could be used for a community garden project, to link WG and DC people and include the Kamarooka side in WG more.</p>
57.	<p>We chose to move into the area with the highest rates due to the environmental focus and low density.</p> <p>We are happy to continue paying high rates if it ensures the small community feel + focus on environment, outdoor spaces, value on bush remains.</p> <p>With the DC trail now and Peppers Paddock looking so good, perhaps wattle glen can become a 'day trip destination' and the tourism can help to justify the investment in open spaces and environment. Its accessible, safe, has lovely residents on the whole and so close to melbourne. Its important for the wider community that Wattle Glen maintains and enhances these values as we are one of the closest remaining country feel townships to Melbourne where people stuck in concrete jungles can readily and quickly come to breathe some fresh air.</p>

58.	I've purchased 20 acres of land in wattle glen almost 10% of its private land. I and my family love this area unfortunately it's roads and streets are very dangerous and unsafe to live in! My dream to see this amazing wattle glen to be a better place liveable area in terms of its streets, roads, path walks, shops, leisure centre, survey, food, and very important and main two points power lights and Yarra valley water. Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to join this survey.
59.	I would like to see a shopping centre, grocery stores leisure centre, I would like to see this area fully developed with electricity and lights throughout the roads, and a good place to add these would be behind the wattle glen station closer to the sports reserve

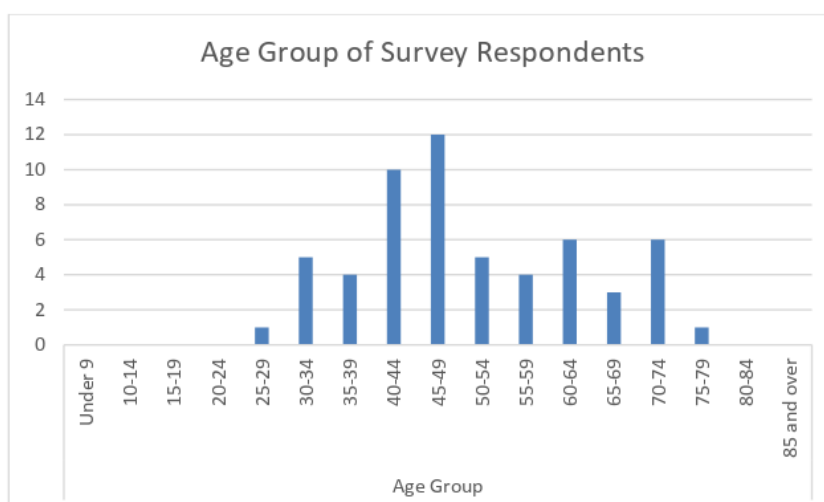
Relationship to Nillumbik

	Response
Live	55
Work	1
Play	0
Other	3 (1 each for land owner of over 30 years, child attends local school and visits the area due to family)

Gender

	Response
Male	21
Female	35
Other identity	0

Age Group of Survey Respondents



PCC.031/21 Response to the first round of public consultation for the Wattle Glen Public Realm Framework Project
Attachment 2. Survey responses by question - First engagement for the Wattle Glen PRF - redacted

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 18 July 2021 8:06 PM
To: Strategic Planning
Subject: Roundabout

Hi we are a Wattle Glen resident for over twenty Years. Living at Mannish Rd turning of Main Hurstbridge Rd has become a Danger Spot with the speed Limit at Main Hurstbridge Rd is 70 km . It is also the intersection on to Wilson Rd has become very busy since the opening of the new Bike and track to Diamond Creek . Also the Exit from the Wattle Glen Train station could be incorporated.We would like to propose a Roundabout at Mannish —Wilson Rd intersection and speed Limit lowered starting from Kangaroo Ground Rd —Wattle Glen Rd Roundabout. As it has become a real Danger spot to turn off or out of Mannish and Wilson Rd , we would like to see some Action taken. Thanks. And Kind regards [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 22 September 2021 6:33 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Link to access Council's Wattle Glen community workshop for Saturday 11 September
Attachments: image004.jpg

Hi Paul

Do you know who I would email requesting gates that close on peppers paddock all the way around it? My toddler is a runner and it is so dangerous with the open exit.

Thanks
[REDACTED]

On Mon, 13 Sep. 2021, 8:58 am Paul Fyffe, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

I'm glad you enjoyed the workshop. We received great input from the group.

You might not have seen that the next steps of the project are:

- The current round of consultation closes on 27 September. Apart from attending one of the two workshops, this includes the opportunity to complete a survey or provide a written submission through Council's Participate Nillumbik website ([Wattle Glen Public Realm Framework Project | Participate Nillumbik](#))
- The results of the consultation will be reported to a meeting of Council, which is currently scheduled to occur in November
- We will release a first draft of the plan for consultation, which is scheduled to occur in March 2022
- There will be a further round of the consultation on the plan later next year.

So, there will be significant opportunity for you to provide input into the draft plan.

We will keep you informed of key points in the project, such as to advise you of consultation prior to it commencing.

Regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Senior Strategic Planner
Strategic Planning

[REDACTED]
03 9433 3218



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, 11 September 2021 5:22 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Link to access Council's Wattle Glen community workshop for Saturday 11 September

Hi there,

Thanks so much for the meeting today it was so great to meet you all and hear about the project.

Apologies I had to leave abruptly.

Looking forward to seeing the outcome.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

On Fri, Sep 10, 2021 at 3:48 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

Good afternoon

This email is to remind you that you are registered to attend the **Wattle Glen Community 'Online' Workshop #1** and also, to provide you with the link to access the meeting.

DATE: Saturday, 11 September 2021

TIME: 2.00pm-3.30pm (Melbourne)

EVENT DETAILS: The event has been organised with Teams. Please click the below link to join the session.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

We look forward to you joining us for this workshop!

(Please note, if you wish to connect to the meeting via a mobile or iPad, you may need to download the Microsoft Teams app. The prompt to download the app. should appear when you try to link with your device.)

If you have any questions prior to the event please contact myself, Paul Fyfe (contact details below).

Regards



[Redacted contact details]


03 9433 3218



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Stay safe, look after yourselves and your loved ones during this time.



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 19 September 2021 8:56 AM
To: Strategic Planning
Subject: Website enquiry

I wish to inform the planners in the Nillumbik Council of a particularly dangerous incident involving the planning of road changes happening in the Wattle Glen area.



My husband walking was very nearly knocked down by a cyclist coming off the bike lane which ends suddenly at this roundabout.

From what I can see there's not a lot that can be done about this dangerous part of the road.

I have noted that it's almost impossible for motorists travelling at 70 then 80 on Heidelberg-Kinglake Road, to maintain the regulation length from cyclists using the bike path. Speedsters use this road like it's part of a race circuit.

Regards

[REDACTED]
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Sent from my iPad



Department of Transport

Metro Operations
12 Clarke Street
Sunshine Victoria 3020

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Nillumbik Shire Council
PO BOX 476
GREENSBOROUGH VIC 3088

Sent via email to: strategic.planning@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: ENGAGEMENT ON THE WATTLE GLEN PUBLIC REALM FRAMEWORK PROJECT

Thank you for your letter dated 6 July 2021 inviting the Department of Transport (DoT) to participate in Nillumbik Shire's Wattle Glen Public Realm Framework Project.

The Department of Transport generally supports the objectives of the project and provides the following comments for Council's consideration:

1. DoT welcomes this engagement with Council to improve active transport connections and accessibility between Wattle Glen Station and surrounds by connecting gaps in the network. DoT's Strategic Cycling Corridors (SCC) were reviewed and updated in late 2020 with intent of supporting commuter trips and linking key destinations for all ages and abilities and can be used to assist Council's planning. Further information can be found on the following link: <https://transport.vic.gov.au/getting-around/walking-and-cycling/strategic-cycling-corridors>
2. Within the area of interest to the Wattle Glen Public Realm Framework is a significant landholding held by VicTrack – denoted by the blue outline in **Attachment 1**. A major part of this land (green shading) is leased to Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM) under conditions set out in the Franchise Agreement. These conditions include requirements to maintain the land. Should Council have interests relating to this land, the respective Public Transport Victoria (PTV) Franchise Manager can provide detailed advice.
3. The land shown with pink shading in **Attachment 1** is leased by VicTrack, presumably to the owner/occupier of the adjoining house and the only access to that house appears to be via the VicTrack land. VicTrack will be able to provide details of these leases, including expiry.

Please advise if you require contact details for the PTV Franchise Manager or VicTrack property group.

DoT looks forward to further engagement with Nillumbik Shire Council to assist with any transport related matter within the framework.



Should you have any further queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED]

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Strategic Transport Planner
Transport Network Planning Integration
Department of Transport

18/08/2021

Attachment 1 – VicTrack Land

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Submission for Wattle Glen Public Realm Project from the Friends of Watery Gully


The Friends of Watery Gully in Wattle Glen is a volunteer group who have worked for 27 years with Council Environment Services Officers to rehabilitate and revegetate Council owned Peppers Paddock and nearby road reserves. Five of our members attended the two Council Public Realm workshops and while the Friends of Watery Gully support the ideas proposed in the Wattle Glen Residents' Association submission to the Public Realm Project, the workshops raised some different issues that the Friends of Watery Gully would like to address.

1. It appeared that most, if not all, of the community attendees agreed that the natural environment was the main drawcard for living in Wattle Glen and for visitors (tourists) to Wattle Glen. However, despite this support for the environment, one suggestion was for using the footpath known as Old Hurstbridge Road for railway station car parking. The Friends of Watery Gully vehemently oppose this suggestion as no doubt significant environmentally destructive works would be required to facilitate parking to today's standards and thereby undoing many years of careful vegetation rehabilitation in that area. Furthermore, parking cars *inside* one of Wattle Glen's natural assets and reducing the area of the reserve is counter to everything the Green Wedge Shire should stand for. Another concern is polluted runoff from the car park entering the adjacent wetlands which were constructed by the Friends of Watery Gully following a successful, large budget, grant application to Melbourne Water made by the Friends. The same wetlands that one workshop attendee raved about frog calls from the wetlands as being a feature of Wattle Glen.
2. The Friends of Watery Gully fully support the purchase by Council of the vacant private land for sale adjacent to the northern boundary of Peppers Paddock as mentioned in the Wattle Glen Residents' Association submission. It was pleasing that this suggestion for purchasing the land gained momentum by residents through the workshops and through subsequent resident discussions. As well as all the arguments and enthusiasm put up by the Wattle Glen Residents' Association and other individual residents at the workshops variously there were also suggestions for a dog park and for a skate park in Wattle Glen, and this land would be ideal for either or both functions as it has plenty of room – approximately 37 acres. The Friends would also be more than happy to extend their vegetation rehabilitation and establishment activities into this area if Council deemed this appropriate.
3. Whilst many workshop attendees mentioned the excessive speed of vehicles on Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd in front of the railway station, a different suggestion was for a 40km/h limit along Kangaroo Ground Rd from the roundabout to Valley Rd. Given this stretch of road has so many cars stopping and leaving from Peppers Paddock playground, the public toilets and the General Store, not to mention the school crossing, such a speed restriction could be a real safety improvement particularly as the road then narrows as it passes the parking areas of the Tennis Club and the CFA.
4. While at the workshop one person was calling for wider roads along Wilson Rd, the Friends of Watery Gully advocate for the retention of as much vegetation as possible in Wattle Glen and would like to suggest improving the safety of Wilson Rd through the use of traffic calming measures.
5. The Friends of Watery Gully appreciates that when protecting the natural environment there may be a cost. One resident at the workshops was very supportive of the natural environment, but then asked for more lighting of a night around Wattle Glen. Night lighting has a severe impact on wildlife. Therefore we implore Council to put minimising negative impact on the natural environment at the forefront of their decision-making regarding proposals from the Public Realm

Project, particularly as all residents at the workshops were clear about the importance of Wattle Glen's natural environment.

6. The same principle must be applied to the proposed footbridge across the Watery Gully Creek at Peppers Paddock which is planned to connect the playground and other facilities to the wetlands area. However, some discussion at the workshops saw this footbridge as a commuter short cut to the railway station, presumably with a need to make it a wide concrete path with lights at night. Our preference for the footbridge would be for it to be as unobtrusive as possible.

Thank you for considering our submission.


Convenor
Friends of Watery Gully

Wattle Glen Public Realm Framework Project Submission

One of the key aims of this project is to plan for improved connections and accessibility, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists, between key destinations.

The following is my input from experience into a better and safer way of moving through the intersection of Heidelberg – Kinglake Road (referred to as Main Road throughout) and Mannish/Wilson Roads.

CURRENT SITUATION

This is the only unprotected cross road between Heidelberg and Kinglake and traffic growth has been steady over 40 years, until recent years. In the last few years, there has been a huge increase in traffic using the route Broadgully Road, Wilson Road, Main Road and Kangaroo Ground Road as a short cut to the eastern suburbs.

The speed limit is currently 70kph from Diamond Creek until just past Wattle Glen when it rises to 80 kph.

As a result, there is no safe place to cross the road, and difficulty for turning traffic from Wilson and Mannish Roads into the speeding busy Main Road.

FATALITIES

Over the past 35 years, there have been 4 fatalities, as follows:

(Other than the first case, dates could be error, but the deaths occurred as described)

1. A car exiting right from Wilson Road was hit by a bus travelling north on Main Road on a weekday preschool time in 1997 (approx). The car driver died later in hospital.
2. A car exiting the current railway carpark was hit by a car travelling south on the Main Road. The driver of the car hit, a young woman died at the scene. This occurred on a clear Saturday morning late 80s
3. Unsure of when, but possibly 90s or 00s, 2 cars were racing south from Hurstbridge and one chose to enter the Kangaroo Ground roundabout on the incorrect side and ran head on into a north bound car. The speeding driver died.
4. Earlier, possibly the late 80s, a two car collision half way between Kamarooka Drive and the Kangaroo roundabout resulted in a fatality.

All of these deaths could have been prevented with a roundabout and/or a lower speed limit.

Near misses with pedestrians are frequent, due to speed, weather, and cars concentrating on turning, particularly for peak hour train travelers in the dark and wet of winter.

SOLUTION

The solution to the current situation is three fold:

1. A small roundabout similar in size to the Main Road/Parker Road intersection in Hurstbridge. (Note: a larger roundabout would require extensive height build up and drainage works on the western side of Main Road).
2. A traffic island in the centre of Main Road to provide a refuge for pedestrians and cyclists. (Note that this could be combined with the roundabout)
3. Reduced speed to 50kph between this roundabout and the Kangaroo Road roundabout.

Finally, thank you for taking time to consider the above am happy to discuss it further with Project Team members, Councillors and Council staff on site or by phone.

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WATTLE GLEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.

(Incorporation No. A OO 26090 Z))

ESTABLISHED 9th February 1968

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9/8/2021

Submission for the Wattle Glen Public Realm Framework Project

- A. **Erect a footbridge on Peppers Paddock to cross Watery Gully Creek** thus joining both sections of Peppers Paddock to make it a picnic area with a bush experience.

The Wattle Glen Residents Association first suggested this footbridge in 2018 as part of State Government Pick-My-Project grant to build a pedestrian bridge over Watery Gully Creek on the Council owned reserve Peppers Paddock in Wattle Glen. Although we gained lots of community support the Wattle Glen population is not as big as North Eltham who had the winning project.

Given Council officers had been involved in preparing the costings for our proposed footbridge we then asked Council to consider funding – perhaps using grant money. Following councillors discussions the CFO told us “The forward plan of the capital works proposed projects will include the Footbridge for Councillors to consider for the 2020-2021 budget.” We assume it is still being considered.

We see this footbridge as making Peppers Paddock a fantastic tourist destination situated as it is beside Council’s Green Wedge Regional Trail, just near where this trail will meet the extension of the soon to be completed Diamond Creek Regional Trail. This project will be a wonderful opportunity for parents visiting the plastic playground and barbecue shelter to walk with their children across the footbridge to the wetlands that the Friends of Watery Gully have been years revegetating on the northern side of Peppers Paddock.



Photo Taken from shelter paid for mostly by WGRA

We do not want this footbridge dominating the fantastic bush areas of Peppers Paddock and thus defeating its purpose, so minimal intrusion is asked for with only Donnybrook stone casual paths needed and Friends of Watery Gully will offer volunteers for any necessary vegetation repairs.

B. Council purchase of rural land bounded by Clarke Ave and Mannish Road.

1. The public acquisition of this rural land for community use presents a fortuitous and unique opportunity.

Especially since COVID many people (young and old) -have been using the informal tracks on this rural land as loops for personal exercise, bike riding, dog walking, cubby house building, yabbing, etc. This vacant land is **now advertised for sale** and perhaps if our Council is sincere about enhancing our Green Wedge, then officers and councillors should consider Council buying this land for public open space. (Similar to how Council took responsibility for the Temple Ridge Reserve in Hurstbridge when that land was no longer needed by the Hurstbridge Water Trust.)

This Wattle Glen land has high strategic values; and presents great potential benefits - socially, environmentally, economic - far greater than its limited residential development potential - to strengthen the local environment, social cohesion, and people's mental and physical health and well being; to improve Nillumbik's trails offering and tourism appeal; to provide local business opportunities and local employment (especially for young, indigenous and disadvantaged people).

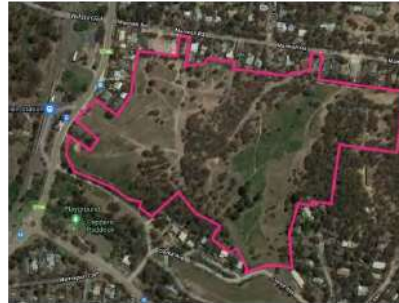


2. Nillumbik's greatest economic advantage lies in our natural environment and scenic terrain - together with an extensive, varied and interconnecting recreational trails network (catering for many users - visitors, walkers, mountain bikes and BMX, horse riding, all ages and abilities) can help unlock Nillumbik's eco-tourism potential, and thus providing the necessary niche, unique backdrop and critical 'point of difference' to become **Victoria's/Australia's leading shire for recreational trails**. However, such ambition is not possible without critical investment to build the necessary 'eco-tourism attractions/destination' infrastructure.

3. Obviously, such investment will have enormous 'post Covid recovery' benefits, and help restore people's mental and physical well being.

As well as being an opportunity to enhance the indigenous vegetation and biodiversity values, retaining this land as public open space will help Wattle Glen's treed character, and also provide off-road trails to connect the northern residential area of Wattle Glen to the school, shop, CFA, Tennis Club, other trails such as Nillumbik's Green Wedge Regional Trail that converge in Wattle Glen, etc.

The trails on this land could be low key construction suitable for walking, BMX/bikes and horses. This area could also become an informal destination for users of the nearby Diamond Creek Regional Trail as mentioned elsewhere in this submission.



Land for sale, now known as [REDACTED]

14.16 ha

'Residential Land'

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

C. Construction of two small roundabouts

We acknowledge these roundabouts would need to be a VicRoads decisions, but expect Council to have a lot of influence in working with VicRoads on these safety needs for Wattle Glen.

1. A small roundabout on the intersection of Heidelberg–Kinglake Rd, with Mannish Rd and Wilsons Rd is seen to be urgently needed. This roundabout would be good for safety, slowing traffic for those using the railway station. Mannish Rd residents are also finding increased traffic is making this corner dangerous to use and there is also a need for the proposed roundabout to have islands so pedestrians can more safely cross Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd.

A roundabout at this location would also provide a safer way for pedestrian to cross Heidelberg Kinglake Rd which they must do to get to the Wattle Glen Railway Station.

Also, a new need has appeared as walkers and cyclist wishing to access the newly opened Diamond Creek Regional Trail in Wilson Rd, need a safe way to cross over Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd.

As one Wattle Glen resident wrote to WGRA:

"I'm particularly keen on your proposing the roundabout at the Mannish Rd and Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd intersection.

The intersection has become increasingly trafficked due to more cars using Wilson Rd as a shortcut (a very dangerous narrow and winding road which should have limited access/reduced speed limit anyway). Also the many pedestrians and bike riders using the new Diamond Creek to Wattle Glen trail are crossing the road at this point.

Personally, as I live on Mannish Rd, exiting Mannish Rd by car or on foot/bike has become very dangerous given the 70km speed limit at the intersection."



2. A small roundabout (similar to the three in Hurstbridge on the main road) at the corner of Kangaroo Ground Rd and Neerim Rise/Valley Rd needs consideration. As well as providing easier entry and egress and for Valley Rd, Neerim Rise and as a turning point for the unsafe Bateson Rd exit, a small roundabout would also slow traffic entering the residential area of Wattle Glen and at the same time, help define our residential township.



(This roundabout may also dissuade so many trucks using this entry to Wattle Glen as a rat run to the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.)

D. Diamond Creek Regional Trail

As the Diamond Creek Regional Trail crosses Scrubby Creek, its location changes from Diamond Creek to Wattle Glen and at this location it also crosses the Urban Growth Boundary going into Nillumbik's Green Wedge. That is, entry for Wattle Glen the "Gateway to the Green Wedge". This location would be a good opportunity for the Green Wedge Shire to have signs to reinforce

the importance of the Green Wedge. This could be a sign that also recognises the original inhabitants of Diamond Valley as well as Wattle Glen being the gateway with details of why the Green Wedge is important.

Information about the local flora and fauna could also be a feature as well as any heritage sites being mentioned – sites such as the former Diamond Creek Racecourse, the mine site near the Wattle Glen entrance, early white landowners eg The Ellis Model farm.

However we do not want this introduction to the Green Wedge to be weed infested so lots of so part of our submission is for Council planting of indigenous grasses and mid storey plants as well as trees along the new trail.



The Diamond Creek Regional Trail about to leave Wattle Glen going to Hurstbridge

- E. **Build a sealed footpath joining the Diamond Creek Regional Trail to Peppers Paddock, the General Store, the Green Wedge Trail and to the proposed informal trails on the rural land between Mannish Rd and Clarke Ave.**

As the Diamond Creek Regional Trail has now reached Wilson Rd in Wattle Glen, there is a need for a connecting sealed footpath that would be great for pedestrians, cyclists and wheelchairs accessing the Regional Trail. Where the regional trail crosses Wilson Rd there is already a daily line up of parked cars in the potholes of the reserve in Wilson Rd and this parking may be reduced if there is an easier way of getting to the trail.



A sealed continuous pedestrian/cycle path between the Diamond Creek Regional Trail and Wattle Glen township is sorely needed. The good news is that there is already a sealed path on

the bridge crossing the Diamond Creek and along Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd so all that is needed is when crossing the railway line and 100 metres along Wilson Rd.

The aforementioned roundabout at the corner of Mannish Rd and Heidelberg - Kinglake Rd could be part of this linking path.

F. Explore the possibility of establishing community gardens and other uses for the land adjacent to Ellis cottage.

This land is the defining "open Space" between the townships of Diamond Creek and Wattle Glen. Unfortunately it did not get on Council's Indicative map for this project however, in spite of the overhead power lines, it is effectively community open space.

Given its original purpose as part of the Ellis Model Farm and given the heritage listed Ellis Cottage abuts this land, it may be a great location for a community garden if enough people are interested.



Ellis Cottage



The section near Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd could also be an off leash fenced dog park instead of people continuously letting their dogs run on the Wattle Glen oval that is also used for soccer and cricket teams and training.

G. Funding for a "Wattle Glen public place based officer"

to manage all the public resources Wattle Glen now has such as the Diamond Creek Regional Trail, Peppers Paddock, Wattle Glen Memorial Park with its sporting clubs, the WG/DC buffer area, CFA and Tennis Club which are situated in the Watery Gully Reserve.

This idea was sparked from reflecting on underfunding of Council’s Environment Works Team. The argument is that if you keep adding all this shiny new stuff (oval upgrade, club rooms, Diamond Creek Regional Trail, etc), you need the staff to manage the investment.

H. One more piece of asphalt for Green Wedge Trail.

The Green Wedge Trail along the side of Kangaroo Ground Rd is asphalted from the General Store to the CFA station and was constructed by Council. However, this trail is used to the end of the residential area in Valley Rd by pedestrian and bikes going to the Railway Station, the General Store and kids to school.

We caution about over build but see a black asphalt path would appear visually as the best alternative and would encourage more people to travel by train to work, school, etc instead of having to cope with what is depicted below as the current path.



[Redacted text block]

WATTLE GLEN PUBLIC REALM PROJECT - SUBMISSION BY [REDACTED] [Due Date 27Sep21]

1. Council seeks an integrated approach to this Wattle Glen Public Realm [PR] Project, which aims to enhance public places, to identify linkages, and to better reflect community aspirations and preferred character.
2. This submission takes a strategic approach. With an integrated approach, and to get 'best bang for buck', the development of this Wattle Glen Public Realm [PR] Project is best undertaken in the context of priority 'clean water and environmental repair' needs.

As it contains new and big ideas, I wish to arrange further conversation with relevant officers to better explain them than what is possible in this submission.

**CELEBRATING OUR INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENT &
PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELL BEING**

3. This submission is structured as follows:
 - I. **A POSSIBLE WATTLE GLEN VISION FOR THE FUTURE**
 - II. **WATTLE GLEN IS INSTRUMENTAL IN NILLUMBIK BECOMING THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS MECCA FOR METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE
IMPROVE WALKABILITY, LOCAL TRAILS NETWORK & CONNECTIVITY**
 - III. **EMBRACING AND INTEGRATING OUR ECOLOGICAL RESPONSIBILITY**
 - A. **PRIORITISE ENVIRONMENTAL & WATERWAY REPAIR - IN AN EFFICIENT WAY**
 - B. **PROMOTE & PLAN EXCELLENT STORMWATER TREATMENT AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INTEGRATION**
 - IV. **PUBLIC ACQUISITION OF RURAL LAND FOR COMMUNITY USE**
 - V. **SPECIFIC ACTIONS**
 - VI. **CONCLUSION**

I. A POSSIBLE WATTLE GLEN VISION FOR THE FUTURE

4. There exists a very strong community aspiration that values and wishes to enhance our indigenous environmental, landscape and vista values and Wattle Glen's "Gateway To The Green Wedge" role.
5. In this 'PR Project' context, a vision for Wattle Glen could be:
 - Wattle Glen boosts an enriching range of recreational experiences - for all ages and abilities, that celebrates our indigenous environment and landscape values, including aboriginal heritage and way of relating to country.
 - Wattle Glen has become an environmental exemplar and a public demonstration site for:
 - Creative Green Infrastructure.

- Efficient environmental repair and management practices.
- Environmentally sensitive and sustainable bushfire risk management techniques.
- An enriching and integrated trails network - for all ages and abilities.
- Meaningful job creation.
- Best household management of waste and recyclables.

II. WATTLE GLEN IS INSTRUMENTAL IN NILLUMBIK BECOMING THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS' MECCA FOR METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE

IMPROVE WALKABILITY, LOCAL TRAILS NETWORK & CONNECTIVITY

6. Recreational trails promote social cohesion, good mental and physical health and well being, enriched experiences - for all ages and abilities, and planned properly, can help strengthen the local environment.
7. Wattle Glen boosts strong building blocks to offer a stand-out and diverse range of recreational experiences in an indigenous environment. Via an integrated design approach, there exists huge potential to strengthen a unique Green Wedge township identity, and to locally develop an enriching and integrated trails network that promotes health & well being, biodiversity and environmental integrity, and Wattle Glen's natural bushland township character. Such a vision naturally fits Council's eco-tourism objective for Nillumbik.
 - Various important trails converge in Wattle Glen: the Diamond Creek-Hurstbridge part of the Diamond Creek Regional Trail, Green Wedge Regional Trail, horse trails at the top of Pretty Hill Lane to Kangaroo Ground, a network of residential footpaths, on-road bike lanes to Hurstbridge, Peppers Paddock tracks; but important integrational elements are missing.
 - With our good train connections and scenic landscapes, Nillumbik can potentially become the recreational trails' mecca for metro Melbourne or even Victoria.
 - Can generate local business opportunities and local employment (especially for young, indigenous and disadvantaged people).

III. EMBRACING AND INTEGRATING OUR ECOLOGICAL RESPONSIBILITY

8. However, it needs to be recognised that:
 - i. Despite being a conservation shire, our local trails are grossly infested with weeds, much of our natural environment is degraded, and our waterways are in a deplorable state.
 - ii. On a dry continent and facing global warming and biodiversity extinction crises, our waterways and indigenous ecosystems are critical and of the highest and strategic importance.
 - iii. Indigenous vegetation is the backbone of country, and essential to the integrity of environmental (eco) systems, the Green Wedge, and habitat for indigenous wildlife.

- iv. We have an ecological responsibility.
- v. The way we currently undertake environmental repair is inefficient and wasteful.
- vi. In tandem with proper environmental maintenance, the bushfire threat can effectively be reduced, and opportunities exist to develop expertise in environmentally sensitive and sustainable bushfire risk management techniques.

A. PRIORITISE ENVIRONMENTAL & WATERWAY REPAIR - IN AN EFFICIENT WAY

- 9. If we are serious about turning around the continuing environmental decline, and about passing on a healthy and sustainable environment to future generations - and time and again Council consultation confirms this is a strong Nillumbik community wish - then we need:
 - To prioritise the protection and reinvigoration of ecosystems (biodiversity, soil and waterway health), and commit to serious and sustained environmental repair.
 - To recognise the need for effective works programming (crucially needing vigilant follow-up and workers' 'ownership' of rehabilitation sites), for manpower/labour, and for research and data collection.
 - Council to be visionary, to act as a leader, and to undertake active lobbying for recurrent funding for efficient and effective environmental repair, and for a lasting and meaningful jobs' creation scheme.
 - Council to auspice environmental repair training, employment and efficient works programming and oversight.
 - Refer "Specific Action A. Along Watery Gully Creek & Reserve" for a priority site.

B. PROMOTE AND PLAN EXCELLENT STORMWATER TREATMENT AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INTEGRATION

- i. An objective 'to maximise clean water and indigenous biodiversity throughout the township' naturally lends itself to 'excellent stormwater treatment (SWT) and green infrastructure (GI)' integration.
- ii. GI is a natural (and creative) filtering system to clean polluted water before it enters the waterways, and to optimise biological functioningⁱ and community health and wellbeing outcomes.

<https://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/what-green-infrastructure> outlines GI design elements such as "Rain Gardens", "Bio-swales", "Green Streets and Alleys", "Green Parking", "Permeable Pavements".

- iii. All civil engineering repair and infrastructure upgrades should be considered through a GI lens.
10. Excellent SWT and GI offer a smart and natural integration mechanism, via:
- Identifying and planning 'Green Infrastructure' opportunities to integrate storm water and other community facilities and infrastructure (eg. recreational trails,

residential streets & foot paths, roads & reserves, drains, public car-parking, wetlands) throughout the township (urban and rural areas).

- Enhancing walkability (including along residential streets) and the trails network experience in our indigenous environment.

11. Wattle Glen could become an environmental exemplar and a demonstration site of Green Infrastructure and good and integrated design.

In Wattle Glen, prominent road reserves of the two main roads running closely parallel two waterways, offer such fantastic public demonstration sites (including the central Peppers Paddock community space with its developing wetland feature).

Eg. GI integration could span:

- Along the south side of WG-KG Rd, from the roundabout to Reynolds Road (or Lorimer Road).
- Along the west side of HB-KL Rd, from the roundabout to Wilsons Road (including Railway Station and proposed new public car park).
- Along the southern approach into Wattle Glen. (Liaise with the State Government's Level Crossing Removal Project, which plans extensive planting in that area).
- Along the Watery Gully Creek [WGC] (from the barrel drain passing underneath HB-KL Rd - Valley Rd - Watery Gully Rd - Lorimer Road), including the proposed public land acquisition.

IV. PUBLIC ACQUISITION OF RURAL LAND FOR COMMUNITY USE

12. Strategic planning is about anticipating and foresight; and Council should be proactive. The public acquisition for community useⁱⁱ of 'rural land bounded by Clarke Ave and Mannish and Main Roads' currently up for sale, presents a unique and fortuitous opportunity to expand and integrate environmental and community assets, to do something amazing, and to add fantastic value for the local Wattle Glen community, environment, visitors and eco-tourism.

Especially since the Covid lockdowns, there's been a marked increase in the popularity of trails - so too have many local people (young and old) been using the informal tracks on this rural land as loops for personal exercise, bike riding, dog walking, yabbing, cubby house building, etc.

13. This Land:

- Located on Melbourne's Urban Growth Boundary, has high strategic value and potential - socially, environmentally, economically - far greater than its limited residential development potential.
- Is centrally located in Wattle Glen, close to the railway station, the Diamond Creek Trail and other local trails, Peppers Paddock and General Store.

- Is abutted by 54 residential properties; and hopefully residents will be interested in taking part in its environmental rehabilitation.
- Supports a significant diversity of flora and fauna species and high water catchment values.
- Has close strategic linkages to the Watery Gully Creek and bio-link to its south (and indirectly to the Diamond Creek bio-link to its west), and the larger Green Wedge to its north and east; and to various local facilities.
- Offers unique terrain and landscape; expansive views, including to the city; two old dams; a variety of recreational and unique experiences - for many different users [all ages, children, walkers, bikers, horse riders, the local and larger Nillumbik community and visitors (including longer-stay visitors)].
- Presents fantastic opportunities:
 - to build an important community asset, social infra structure and human capital;
 - to strengthen social cohesion, and people's mental and physical health and well being;
 - to enhance and diversify the local recreational offering and facilities; Nillumbik's trails offering and eco-tourism appeal and local business opportunities;
 - to improve local connections to railway station, Sporting Complex, Peppers Paddock, General Store, school, CFA, Tennis Club, other trails converging in Wattle Glen;
 - to re-enforce the Green Wedge system at a very strategic location;
 - to strengthen local ecosystems and wildlife habitat and linkages; and the local neighbourhood and township characters;
 - to provide meaningful and long term local employment (especially for young, indigenous and disadvantaged people); and
 - to contribute to a sustainable future for our children and their children's children.
- Will help put Wattle Glen *and* larger Nillumbik on the map.

14. These trails could be low key construction suitable for walking, BMX bikes and horses. This area could also become an informal destination for users of the nearby Diamond Creek Regional Trail.

Eg. the land could also accommodate a local Dog Park, skate park; a giant slide onto Peppers Paddock; exercise equipment.



V. SPECIFIC ACTIONS

A. Along Watery Gully Creek (WGC) & Reserve - all along the waterway, the walking tracks and the WG-KG Rd embankments:

1. [especially along WG-KG Road's north side embankment, from Clarke Ave to Tennis Club; and from Valley Rd to Watery Gully Rd and to Lorimer Rd], address **gross weed infestations and a serious safety issues** (trail hazards; non-indigenous bushfire biomass). A 'serious environmental repair' commitment is required.
2. Identify **excellent stormwater treatment-GI opportunities**.
3. Make safe & improve **unsealed tracks**.
4. Between CFA and Valley Rd (in WGC Reserve), seal **footpath**.

B. Along WG-KG Rd:

5. [GI demonstration site]. Along south side WG-KG Rd road verge, between roundabout and Reynolds Rd, demonstrate and plan '**excellent' SWT & GI (rain garden) integration** - (on PP side, connecting with the stormwater outlets into WGC at Clark Ave and near roundabout), including shade tree planting.

6. Rationalise **bus stops**? Investigate removal of school bus shelters along WG-KG Rd (south of Peppers Paddock) and integrate them with the new shelters along HB-KL Rd (east of the Railway Station)? Thus enabling more parking for eg. trucks accessing the General Store.

Maybe wait till the Mannish-Wilsons Rds' roundabout has been built?

7. Rationalise **signage**; eg, delete those no longer relevant, and combine two or three signs onto a single pole.
8. Install **signage** making local traffic aware of local wildlife (ducks, echidna, wombats) crossings and their linkages/corridors; Eg. Often ducks forage on Peppers Paddock and at the roundabout at the HB-KL - WG-KG Roads' intersection, and at Clarke Ave - WG-KG Rd intersection.
9. Assess desirability (including community consultation) of a **roundabout** at 'WG-KG - Valley Roads & Neerim Rise' intersection - assuming VicRoads is not going to go crazy with chopping down trees in the area, and ensures improved indigenous revegetation - to help define the township, slow down traffic coming down hills, and improve safety and biodiversity link protection.

10. Build **on-road bike lanes** to Kangaroo Ground.

C. Along west side of HB-KL/Main Road:

11. Along southern entry into WG, west side of roundabout, to Wilson Road cnr, and promoting the '**indigenous environment**' experience, undertake **extensive planting**, including rehabilitation of the **two gullies** on either side Railway Station, and improve walkability & **trails' connectivity** (to eg. DC Trail) - all integrated with '**excellent**' SW & GI (eg. from southern MW SW pit).

- LXP & new carpark projects are relevant here.

A lot of vegetation clearing has occurred along the train-line duplication between Diamond Creek and Wattle Glen, and also along the Main Road and its approach into WG from the south (DC).

The Level Crossing Removal Project will plant over 1000 trees and 7000 plants in the rail corridor and road reserve between DC & WG.

12. West of WG roundabout [GI demonstration site], place a **sculpture**ⁱⁱⁱ - to help define township identity and southern approach into the township.
13. Extend the **on-road bike lanes** along HB-KL Road existing to Hurstbridge back to the Diamond Creek township.
14. Rationalise **signage**; eg, delete those no longer relevant, and combine two or 3 signs onto a single pole.
15. Install **signage** making local traffic aware of **local wildlife** (eg. ducks, echidna, wombats) crossings and their linkages/corridors; Eg. echidnas, wombats? across HB-KL Rd, between Old Hurstbridge Rd and Railway Station.

16. **Residential walking circuit:** Up steps from Main Rd to Sunnyside Cr, then connecting to Edwards St onto Kamarooka Dve, and back to Reynolds Rd, onto the Main Road footpath.

D. At corner of Wilson-Main Rd:

17. On and around railway land at the SW corner of Wilson-Main Rd, connect **trails**, and integrate walking tracks, **railway car-parking**, **natural gully**, and **excellent storm water treatment & GI**.
18. Assess desirability (including community consultation) of a **roundabout** - to help define the township, slow down traffic coming down hills, and improve safety and biodiversity link protection.

E. At Wilson Road end of DC Trail:

19. Address haphazard **car-parking** - incorporate it with Soccer/Sporting Complex car-park, and make a connecting **footpath** to the Trail and onto the HB-KL Rd.
20. Re-instate Wilson Road **picnic facilities**, and investigate installing a **bike rack**.

F. At Peppers Paddock:

21. Across Watery Gully Creek build a **footbridge**.
22. Near picnic tables and seating, plant **strategic shade trees** (especially against midday & afternoon sun).
23. Along Old HB Road, improve maintenance and west entrance, and investigate integration of **bike trail connections (including to public land acquisition)**.
24. At HB-KL Rd entrance into Old Hurstbridge Road, install **"No Parking" signs**.
25. At Clarke Ave entrance of Old Hurstbridge Road, install a **functional locking mechanism** on the gate.
26. Assess a site for a **household waste & recycling sorting station?**
- Possible action: Improve and optimise local household waste and recycling management.
 - Identify throughout the township locations for household waste collection and recycling sorting stations (as is done in many other countries).

G. Along Lower Clarke Ave:

27. Rehabilitate road verge and 'tree & grass islands' with **indigenous vegetation**, demonstrate **excellent SWT & GI** integration, promote habitat for **local ducks and King Parrots** that often frequent in this area.

VI. CONCLUSION

15. An integrated approach to addressing our problems and opportunities is smart. Affirming and prioritising clean water and indigenous vegetation and wildlife (biodiversity) is essential in all our planning and what we do.

16. Subsequently Council having collected various ideas from the community and crystalised concepts, **a detailed and next stage 'design and planning project' for Wattle Glen is necessary.**

ⁱ of water catchments and local biodiversity, including the strengthening of wildlife habitat and corridors.

ⁱⁱ Similar to Council buying Lot 1 in Hurstbridge (\$2.5M); and Temple Ridge Reserve in Hurstbridge when that was no longer needed by the Hurstbridge Water Trust; and the Labor Government buying 4.5 ha site 'Bell St, Eltham - Fabbro's Farm' site in 2010 (\$700K) [DVL8Feb12].

The initial offering price of the land acquisition should be based on no prospect for residential development, and the cost of environmental repair and of rectifying the wilful environmental vandalism and neglect over many years.

ⁱⁱⁱ An archway or gateway - celebrating our indigenous environment and aboriginal heritage / "Wattle Glen: A Gateway To The Green Wedge"?



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Dear Rosa,

SUBMISSION TO PROPOSED STRATEGY

Proposal: Wattle Glen Public Realm Framework Project
Location: Wattle Glen

Thank you for providing the CFA with the opportunity to comment on Wattle Glen Public Realm Framework Project. Apologies for the delay in response.

Bushfire Hazard

- The Wattle Glen area contained within the broader Shire of Nillumbik can experience significant bushfire events from time to time. When they occur, there is the potential to expose the community to all aspects of bushfire attack – Radiant Heat, Direct flame contact and significant ember attack.

Bushfire Mitigation Measures

- While such events are inevitable, the acknowledgement of such risk and appropriately researched and implemented action to reduce the *Likely and consequence* of such emergency events is critical at all levels of decision making. Accordingly, CFA recommend that the threat of bushfire risk be taken into consideration at all times during examination of future planning for this project.
- CFA are always willing to provide expertise in support of such future planning.

If you wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact the Manager Community Safety on 8746 1400 .

Yours sincerely,



CFA Fire Prevention and Preparedness

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS – FIRST ROUND OF ENGAGEMENT WATTLE GLEN PUBLIC REALM FRAMEWORK PROJECT

No.	Submitter* and Key Points Drawn (*The names of private individuals are not shown in accordance with Council's privacy protocols)	Officer Comment
1	<p>Private Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments that they are a long term resident of Wattle Glen. • Advises that the intersection of Mannish Road and Heidelberg-Kinglake Road has become a danger sport with the speed limit on the main road being 70km per hour. • Also comments that the intersection between Heidelberg-Kinglake Road and Wilson Road has become very busy since the extension of the Diamond Creek Trail to Wattle Glen. • Further, states that the exit from the Wattle Glen train station could be "incorporated". • Proposes a roundabout at the intersection of Mannish, Wilson and Heidelberg-Kinglake Roads and a lowering of the speed limit starting at the intersection of Heidelberg-Kinglake and Kangaroo Ground-Wattle Glen Roads. • Closes by stating that it has become really dangerous to turn off, or out of, either Mannish Road or Wilson Roads and action needs to be taken. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heidelberg-Kinglake Road is a State Government arterial road, which means Council can only advocate for improvements. Development and endorsement of a PRF is expected to assist advocacy by Council.
2	<p>Private Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be fencing/gates all way around Peppers Paddock as without this there is a danger that toddlers will run out of the park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This matter has been recorded as a submission to the Wattle Glen PRF Project. However, the matter has also has been directed to the relevant unit in Council for consideration for more immediate action.
3	<p>Private individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advises that the traffic conditions for pedestrians is very dangerous at the intersection of Heidelberg-Kinglake and Kangaroo Ground Roads. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both roads are arterial roads and Council would need to advocate to the

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refers to a situation where the submitter's husband was nearly knocked down by a cyclist coming off the bike lane which ends suddenly at this intersection. Also mentions that there is significant scope for an accident between cyclists using the cycling lane on this section of road and motorists. Further, comments that the speed of motorists is a key issue in respect to this. 	State Government for improvement.
4	<p>Department of Transport (DoT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> States that DoT welcomes this engagement with Council to improve active transport connections and accessibility between Wattle Glen Station and surrounds by connecting gaps in the network. Advises that DoT's Strategic Cycling Corridors (SCC) are intended to support commuter trips and linking key destinations for all ages and abilities and can be used to assist Council's planning. States that within the focus area of Council's Wattle Glen project there is a significant landholding held by VicTrack and a major portion of this land is leased to Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM). Should Council have interests relating to this land, Public Transport Victoria should be contacted to provide detailed advice. Advises that certain land on the west side of the railway line is leased by VicTrack, presumably to the owner/occupier of the adjoining house and the only access to that house appears to be via the VicTrack land. VicTrack will be able to provide details of these leases. Comments that DoT looks forward to further engagement with Nillumbik Shire Council to assist with any transport related matters within the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A map provided with the submission identifies this land which is leased to MTM as primarily comprising station land on the east side of the railway line.
5	<p>Friends of Watery Gully</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments that the Friends of Watery Gully in Wattle Glen is a volunteer group who have worked for 27 years with Council's Environment Services Officers to rehabilitate and revegetate Council owned Peppers Paddock and nearby road reserves. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes that one suggestion made from an attendee at one of the Wattle Glen PRF Project's recent community workshops was to use the Old Hurstbridge Road for railway station car parking. Comments that the Friends of Watery Gully strongly oppose this suggestion due to anticipated environmental impacts (e.g. impacts on vegetation and impacts from run-off), the reduction in the area of reserve that this would create and because the proposal's conflict with the Shire's Green Wedge ethos. • Recommends Council purchase vacant private land which is for sale adjacent to the northern boundary of Peppers Paddock. • States this land would be ideal for certain ideas for enhancements which have been raised by the community, such as requests for a dog park and skate park in Wattle Glen. • Comments that if Council were to purchase this land, the Friends of Watery Gully would be happy to extend environmental works into this area if Council deemed this appropriate. • States that there appears to be significant merit, particularly in terms of safety benefits, by reducing the speed limit on Heidelberg-Kinglake Road in front of the railway station to 40km per hour. • Comments that safety improvements to Wilson Road should not be made at the cost of vegetation and therefore, improvements should be pursued by traffic calming measures, rather than widening the road. • Implores Council to put minimising negative impact on the natural environment at the forefront of their decision-making regarding proposals for the public realm. Comments that this request is consistent with a strong concern for the environment that was evident from the community workshops held for the project. • Explains that the principle of putting the natural environment at the forefront of decision making should be applied to considering any proposal for night time lighting (as night time lighting has a severe impact on wildlife) and also to any proposal for a footbridge across the Watery Gully Creek at Peppers Paddock. States that the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The land referred to is understood to be 36 Mannish Road in Wattle Glen, which is a large property that is predominantly Green Wedge land. It is not currently within the scope of the Wattle Glen PRF project to consider purchasing any appreciable area of land.
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	<p>preference of the Friends of Water Gully for any such footbridge would be for it to be as unobtrusive as possible.</p>	
6	<p>Private individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advises that the submitter has drawn on their experience to recommend a better and safer way of moving through the intersection of Heidelberg – Kinglake Road (referred to as Main Road throughout the submission) and Mannish/Wilson Roads. • Advises that there is no safe place to cross at this point in the road network and it is difficult for traffic turning from Wilson and Mannish Roads into the main road. • Details that over the past 35 years there have been four fatalities at and in the approach to this point of the road network. • Further, comments that near misses are frequent, highlighting the danger. • States that the solution to the current situation is three fold, as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A small roundabout similar in size to the Main Road/Parker Road intersection in Hurstbridge. (Comments that a larger roundabout would require extensive height build up and drainage works on the western side of Main Road). 2. A traffic island in the centre of Main Road to provide a refuge for pedestrians and cyclists. (Comments that this could be combined with the roundabout). 3. Reduced speed to 50kph between this roundabout and the Kangaroo Road roundabout. 	
7	<p>Wattle Glen Residents' Association Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends Council's Wattle Glen project pursue a number of actions, particularly: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Erect a footbridge on Peppers Paddock to cross Watery Gully Creek thus joining both sections of Peppers Paddock to make it a picnic area with a bush experience. b) Council purchase 36 Mannish Road, stating this land has high strategic value to the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This idea of a footbridge has previously been given some consideration by Council and is being investigated further by the Wattle Glen PRF Project.

	<p>community (e.g. it should be used to provide local walking trails) and the local environment.</p> <p>c) Construction of two small roundabouts, one on the intersection of Heidelberg-Kinglake, Mannish and Wilson Roads and one at the corner of Kangaroo Ground – Wattle Glen Road and Neerim Rise/Valley Road.</p> <p>(the submission highlights the safety benefits for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians from these suggested roundabouts)</p> <p>d) Signage on the Diamond Creek Trail as it enters Wattle Glen to identify to users that they are entering Wattle Glen and the Green Wedge and to provide them with some local information (e.g. local flora and fauna and history).</p> <p>e) Build a sealed footpath joining the Diamond Creek Regional Trail to Peppers Paddock, the General Store, the Green Wedge Trail and to informal trails that could be provided on the rural land (i.e. 36 Mannish Road) between Mannish Rd and Clarke Ave.</p> <p>f) Explore the possibility of establishing community gardens and other uses for the land adjacent to Ellis cottage.</p> <p>g) Funding for a "Wattle Glen public place based officer" to manage all the public resources in Wattle Glen such as the Diamond Creek Regional Trail, Peppers Paddock, Wattle Glen Memorial Park with its sporting clubs, the Wattle Glen/Diamond Creek buffer area, CFA and Tennis Club which are situated in the Watery Gully Reserve.</p> <p>h) In a sensitive manner asphalt some additional length of the Green Wedge Trail, noting that the trail is used to the end of the residential area in Valley Road as a route by pedestrian and cyclists to get to the railway station, the general store and the local school.</p>	
8	<p>Private individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a broad strategic response to the consultation and the aims of the project. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents a possible Wattle Glen vision for the future which points to and emphasises such matters as Wattle Glen as a Gateway to the Green Wedge, the indigenous environment, landscape values, aboriginal culture, creative green infrastructure, environmental management, environmentally sensitive bushfire management, an enriching, inclusive and integrated trails network, meaningful job creation and best household management of waste and recyclables. • States that Wattle Glen is instrumental in Nillumbik becoming the recreational trails destination for metropolitan Melbourne, noting the significant attributes that Wattle Glen has (e.g. existing trails and bushland character), but important elements still need to be provided. • States that it needs to be recognised that the environment needs to be better cared for and that Council should be a visionary and act as a leader to this end. • Comments that there also needs to be a focus on green infrastructure, such as rain gardens and permeable pavements. • States that Wattle Glen could become an environmental exemplar and a demonstration site of green infrastructure and good and integrated design. • States that there are a number of sites within the focus area for Council Wattle Glen PRF Project where green infrastructure could and should be exemplified. • Comments that Council should acquire 36 Mannish Road, which is currently up for sale, as the land is highly strategically located and presents fantastic opportunities. For example, opportunities to enhance and diversify the local recreational offering and facilities to strengthen local ecosystems and wildlife habitat and linkages. • Recommends a series of specific actions in and adjacent to the focus area of the project, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To recommend weed, trail and stormwater management improvements in vicinity of the Watery Gully Creek. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ West of the Wattle Glen roundabout, place a sculpture to help define township identity and southern approach into the township. ● States that an integrated approach to addressing our problems and opportunities is smart. Affirming and prioritising clean water and indigenous vegetation and wildlife (biodiversity) is essential in all our planning and what we do. 	
9	<p>Country Fire Authority (CFA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Wattle Glen area contained within the broader Shire of Nillumbik can experience significant bushfire events from time to time. ● The CFA recommends that the threat of bushfire risk be taken into consideration at all times during examination of future planning for the Wattle Glen PRF Project. 	

PCC.031/21 Response to the first round of public consultation for the Wattle Glen Public Realm Framework Project
Attachment 5. Summary of submissions - First engagement for the Wattle Glen PRF - redacted

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Community Engagement Report – Project Understanding Phase



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Executive summary

Introduction

Two online community consultation sessions were hosted in September 2021 to inform Nillumbik Shire Council's (Council) Wattle Glen Public Realm Framework (PRF) Project. These will inform the Draft Public Realm Framework, which will be put to the community for further consultation in March 2022. A revised Public Realm Framework is anticipated to be released in July 2022.

The PRF Project aims to identify connections between key destinations in need of improved accessibility, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. Enhancements to public spaces also aim to better reflect and promote the preferred character of Wattle Glen.

Methodology

A total of 22 members of the community joined the 90-minute workshops held on Saturday 11 September and Thursday 16 September to share their thoughts on four key themes determined for the purposes of the workshop: *Township identity and character*, *Accessibility and transport*, *Environment and heritage*, and *Open spaces*.



Key Community Sentiments

- **Connection with nature** – participants were keen to share what they valued about Wattle Glen: its abundance of outdoor spaces, local flora and fauna, its relaxed, secluded existence. They were proud of the place they live in, and many hoped to better share the valued features of the township with visitors, while also maintaining some seclusion.
- **Safety** – participants also provided valuable insight into areas that required investment, with many feeling unsafe when travelling around local areas. Issues included busy roads, poorly maintained or non-existent walking and cycling paths, insufficient lighting at night, and difficulty accessing destinations.
- **Awareness of local cultural heritage** – feedback also addressed a lack of awareness of the heritage of Wattle Glen among locals and visitors alike. Many said appropriate signage and education could contribute to sharing the area's rich history, preserving it for future generations.
- **Preservation of the natural environment** – a recurring theme throughout the sentiments expressed was the natural environment of Wattle Glen, and the multitude of benefits it brings to residents: participants agreed that vegetation, particularly indigenous, should be protected, maintained, and even increased, and the success of the township measured in the wildlife that thrives in it.
- **Connectivity** – enhancing the character and connectivity of the township, and providing areas for recreation and social engagement, open spaces were found to be invaluable.

The outcomes of the workshops, presented in this report, will assist Council in developing the PRF to improve and enhance the liveability of Wattle Glen.

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1. Purpose of Engagement

To better reflect and promote the preferred character of Wattle Glen through enhancements to public spaces, community views were gathered on accessibility, connectivity, sense of place, inclusivity, community interaction, and public safety.

The workshops also set out to identify connections between key destinations in need of improved accessibility, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists.

The key community sentiments will inform the Draft Public Realm Framework.

1.1 Workshop structure and attendance

Two online workshops were held in September 2021 to engage with the Wattle Glen community to understand what people value about the area, and to gather their aspirations for the future.

Participants

The workshops were promoted by Council on Participate Nillumbik and throughout the Shire, inviting stakeholders such as property owners and tenants, Wattle Glen Residents Association, local business owners, Wattle Glen Primary School, community and sporting organisations, Country Fire Authority, and relevant State Government authorities.

Held on Saturday 11 September 2021 and Thursday 16 September 2021, the two 90-minute community workshops were attended by 13 and 9 members of the community respectively. Local residents were strongly represented in these groups. Two members of Council's strategic planning team were present and supported by a team of three from GHD (two facilitators and one tech support).

Location

The session took place on the virtual online platform Microsoft Teams. Engagement for the PRF Project had initially set out to host in-person workshops at Wattle Glen Primary School, however restrictions on group gatherings in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic prevented in-person engagement.

Format

The workshops commenced by providing context and background for the PRF Project: its scope and purpose were outlined, as well as the outcomes Council hoped to achieve with the session.

Participants then joined a Breakout Room (7 and 6 participants in the first workshop, 4 and 5 in the second), each with one moderator and one Council officer. Four themes had been set for the purpose of discussion at the workshops:

- Township identity and character
- Accessibility and transport
- Environment and heritage
- Open spaces

These themes were explored through a series of questions, and notes were taken to record answers in each Breakout Room. Following the small group discussions, participants returned to the main workshop room, where final comments were shared. GHD and Council provided an overview of further opportunities for community engagement, next steps, and closed the session.

This report presents a summary of the discussions that took place in the workshops. The complete list of themes, guide questions and community feedback can be found at the end of the report (see Attachment 1).

2. Key sentiments

2.1 Township identity and character

"A nature hub for locals"

"A lot of people don't know where Wattle Glen is – do we want it too well known?"

"The best of both worlds with the convenience of major activity centres nearby"



Invitingly secluded

Wattle Glen is largely perceived by its community as 'laid back', 'relaxed', 'secretive and hidden'. While the anonymity of the township is valued by most, some felt Wattle Glen has a weak definition of place. Others point out they would also like to 'give people a reason to visit'. As such, participants stressed they would like Wattle Glen to largely remain fundamentally unchanged and protected, particularly from development.

Importantly, the discussion explored whether participants perceived Wattle Glen to be part of, or separate from, Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge. Most participants said it felt separate, and that it offers the 'best of both worlds': basic needs are met within Wattle Glen while the proximity to Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge is convenient to seek out additional services.

Participants explained that while they enjoyed that Wattle Glen is largely hidden, they would welcome some greater acknowledgement of its existence, as geographical features and a lack of signage create poor visibility and awareness of Wattle Glen, and even visitors often drive past unaware of its existence. Signage could be installed, though this should be sensitive and match the 'tucked away' character of the township.

Participants stated that the urban break between Wattle Glen and Diamond Creek should be maintained, with surrounding paddocks and the electricity easement contributing significantly to this.

These insights all point to participants wanting to intrinsically retain the secluded sense of place, while sensitively raising awareness of the township.

Sense of community

Opinions were divided on the sense of community within the township, with some participants noting it is lacking and should become more inviting, particularly for young families.

It was felt it needed something to act as a community centre, with a gateway to the new trail and township which would make it more friendly. Pepper's Paddock, considered to be the 'heart of the community' along with the General Store (which, one participant noted, could have a better interface with Pepper's Paddock), does this to some extent but more is needed.

Participants believed events and festivals would provide opportunities to gather and celebrate the community and one participant suggested promoting local artists' works in the natural spaces, while another suggested building a community garden underneath the transmission line. It was noted that the local school has also applied for a grant to build a community garden.

Connection with nature

The strong character, and key feature for many who live in Wattle Glen, is its natural environment and abundance thereof. Local outdoor spaces provide key areas to connect with friends and family and participate in recreational activities.

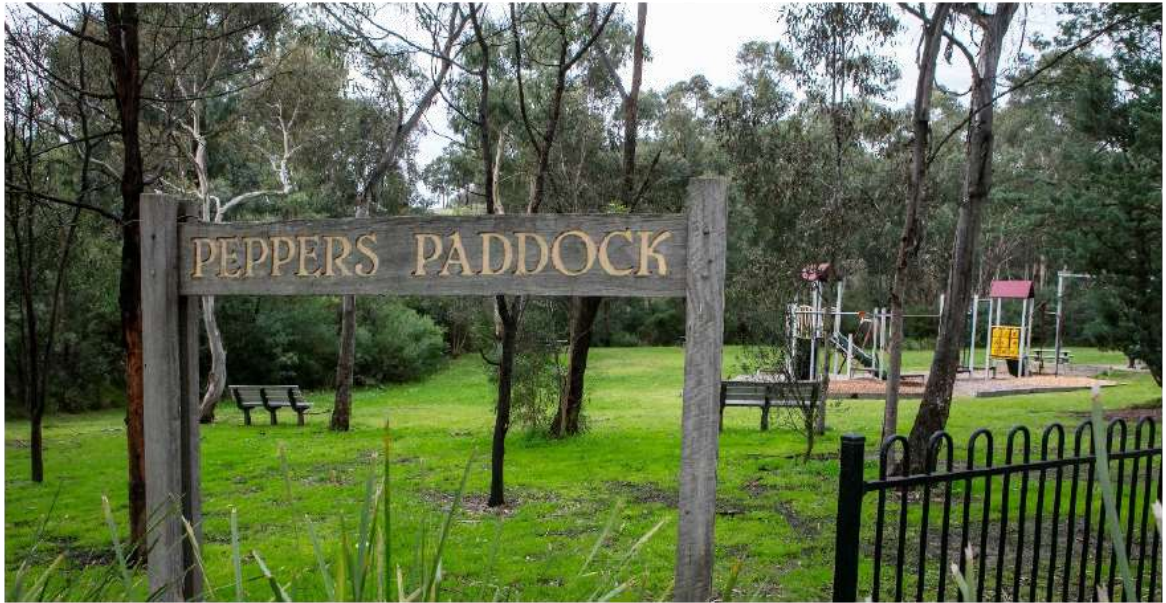
There is a strong desire within the community to live, work and play connected to the outdoors. Notably, a significant number of concerns raised in the discussions on the theme of township identity and character revolved around Wattle Glen's natural features.

It became evident that the proximity to and abundance of natural spaces in Wattle Glen were a key reason participants value their 'nature hub'. Suggestions for the enhancement of its character largely revolved around improving access to natural spaces, maintaining these, and protecting their existence.

One participant suggested a network of trails that enable pedestrians to connect with Wattle Glen's abundant natural spaces and appreciate their beauty.

Participants were also acutely aware of the risk climate change poses to their community, highlighting that clean water should be prioritised, and 'exemplary environmental protection and good design' should be demonstrated.

Participants were also aware that other people perceive Wattle Glen as a beautiful place, and that its 'strong natural habitat' is a 'part of the character' – the community is 'proud' and should 'promote' its environment.



2.2 Accessibility and transport

"Not a friendly town for foot traffic, too dangerous, so people defer to cars"

"Pedestrian crossings are inconveniently placed"

"Need for pedestrian crossings to improve safety and encourage active transport at all times of the day"



Connected network

Some participants said that the sense of a connected network was lacking in Wattle Glen. It is currently seen as very segmented with little cohesion and the main roads dividing the township.

Participants suggested a network connecting key destinations within Wattle Glen, such as the Reserve and the soccer club. It was also noted that the poor connection between the neighbourhoods of Sunnyside and Warrington Crescents seem to make them 'separate mini communities', and that a more connected and integrated walking network would encourage people to walk around Wattle Glen.

Kamarooka Drive was seen as being more connected to Diamond Creek than Wattle Glen due to issues with the connectivity of the local footpath network. The primary school reported missing out on student enrolments because of this.

The lack of conveniently placed pedestrian crossings was also noted, as well as the lack of signage around Wattle Glen, which complicates the journey for those less familiar with the area.

Road and rail access

Participants would like to look at ways to slow traffic down, which they felt had become much busier going into the pandemic. The main roads, Main Hurstbridge Road and Kangaroo Ground-Wattle Glen Road, were reported to have become an informal link to the Western Ring Road and East Link, using it as a commuter run. These busy roads don't offer safe crossing points.

Participants say there needs to be a safer route from the Wattle Glen train station to Mannish Road and bus stations. There is also currently no link between the bike path and the train station. Some pointed to the isolation of the train station and the need for a pedestrian rail crossing. Participants also discussed the paths connecting the Diamond Creek Trail and Pepper's Paddock, noting their inadequacy.

To increase connectivity across Heidelberg-Kinglake Road, various suggestions were made: some participants pointed to the roundabout, others closer to the intersection with Mannish Road and Wilsons Road (as part of broader improvement to increase the safety of traffic entering the main road from Mannish Road and Wilsons Road).

Cycling, Pedestrian and Horse-Riding Access

Workshop participants were keen promoters of the need for better 'active' transport infrastructure, advocating for the upgrade of paths for pedestrians, cyclists and horseback riders, and supporting signage. Most noted that destinations outside of Wattle Glen were usually accessed by car, while walking and cycling to destinations was preferred within the township. As such, the large number of people active in the outdoors is reliant on the township's supporting infrastructure.

However, Wattle Glen was not currently seen as friendly to pedestrians, cyclists or horseback riders. The local path network was perceived to be separating the community based on either side of the local school, and there was a strong desire for new and safe crossings (for mixed use).

There was also comment on several areas which currently have no footpaths, making it difficult to walk near the road and which get very muddy following wet weather. There was support voiced for the construction of pedestrian bridge over Watery Gully Creek that would connect the north and south sides of Pepper's Paddock. Comment was made that construction of such a bridge would need to be sensitive in design and strongly consider environmental impacts of construction.

Participants also support infrastructure upgrades for recreational purposes, with some proposing a network of paths to explore the township's natural spaces more easily. Suggestions included improving facilities and infrastructure at the Wattle Glen end point of the Diamond Creek. For example, by improving parking facilities and linkages for pedestrians and cyclists to other locations. One participant also referred to the difficulty of accessing the Diamond Creek Trail from the Green Wedge Trail on horseback.

Safety

Safety proved to be a key concern for participants. With paths 'very close to fast moving traffic' or non-existent, some noted they did not feel safe going for a walk with a pram, others were not comfortable letting their children walk to the primary school or would like to have more viable walking access to the nearest high school.

Foot and bike paths are not always clear or visible, with poor lighting at night contributing to hesitancy to walk or cycle. One participant stressed that they sometimes have to 'run the gauntlet' when walking or cycling. Kamarooka Drive, for example, is poorly lit, and the lack of footpath means pedestrians walk on the road or in the mud.



Figure 2 Wattle Glen Roundabout

2.3 Environment and heritage

"Live local, plant local – incorporate this more in public spaces"

"Strengthening the fabric of the community by getting young members involved in outdoor, nature-based activities that focus on biodiversity"

"[We would like to see] Not lots of crowds, but something that brings the community together"



Participants showed strong support for the enhancement and protection of Wattle Glen's natural and cultural heritage, including indigenous heritage.

Preservation of the natural environment

Retaining the Green Wedge was seen as critical, not just for Wattle Glen and Nillumbik Shire, but for its contribution to the sustainability of all of Melbourne.

The biodiversity and natural spaces around the township were seen as invaluable to the community, with many underlining again the need for infrastructure upgrades and signage that would enable and facilitate meaningful and safe experiences in the outdoors.

'Live local, plant local' was a sentiment reflected by many participants, who supported the integration of indigenous vegetation into trails. It was recommended that Council acquire 36 Mannish Road (32 hectares of land currently for sale) to provide trails, protect the character of the township and the local environment.

Weed management, acknowledged to be a key factor in retaining indigenous flora, was perceived to be poor and insufficiently resourced. Some voluntary groups had been undertaking this, such as the Friends of Pepper's Paddock, but there has been less opportunity for this since the COVID-19 lockdowns.

The local waterways were regarded as being in a poor state through neglect and little maintenance. Prioritising clean water and management of storm water was seen as a key priority.

Awareness of local cultural heritage

A lack of awareness of Wattle Glen's history was pointed to by some participants, and the need for residents and visitors alike to be given the opportunity to learn and better understand it. Here, too, signage proved to be a contributing barrier. Heritage signage, as well as signage pointing to recreational nature-based areas, were thought to provide an opportunity to raise awareness and share the rich heritage of the area.

Participants pointed to the area's gold-digging past, its gullies, mixed farming history, 99-year-old school, mud brick buildings, and more destinations that could be showcased.



Figure 3 Wattle Glen General Store

Participants also hope to see more educational activities held in the outdoors, particularly allowing children to learn about their local environment. Participants expressed a desire to reinstate old picnic ground facilities and provide upgrades to Wilson Road, which again demonstrates participants are eager to benefit from easy access to its abundant natural environment while ensuring it is maintained and preserved.

2.4 Open spaces

"Limiting development to retain open spaces, shared trails"

"Educational spaces for young people to grow and connect"

"Keeping the rural hamlet feel with vistas of farmland. Open space and shared trails are the key to enjoying our natural environment."



Conservation

The question in relation to open spaces in Wattle Glen was met with resounding support for their preservation and enhancement. Participants were strongly against development that puts at risk the size and health of existing natural areas, and advocated for even more green spaces to 'pause and enjoy' (noting the possibility of Council purchasing the land for sale at 36 Mannish Road). They are seen as a place for young people to grow and connect, and could provide opportunity to share local history and heritage.

Again, participants note poor connectivity between some key (e.g. in vicinity of Kamarooka Drive for pedestrians) as well as as well as poor signage (on Valley Road, for example). This further underlined safety concerns previously voiced, with participants stating they would like to access and spend time in these natural spaces without having to be concerned about their safety.

Participants also said they would like Council to measure the success of its natural areas by the wildlife that thrives in it, and suggested promoting these areas as part of the local ecotourism strategy.

Recreation options

Wattle Glen is rich in potential destinations that could benefit from upgrades – examples included Pepper's Paddock (more interactive play equipment), disused roads to become walking trails, and the wetlands. The new wetlands area is a great place to travel to and sit, and while Watery Gully Creek is also nice, it doesn't go far enough.

Seeking 'more and greener' opportunities for outdoor recreation, participants underlined the central and beneficial role it plays in the lives of the local community.

One participant described Pepper's Paddock as the 'worst park', stating that the park should be revitalised. Notably, dominant structures should be avoided, and any upgrades and improvements should be sensitive and not intrude on the charm and character of the place.

The local tennis club was seen as a good feature. More facilities for older children were suggested such as a skate park (the closest one is located in Diamond Creek which children cannot go to on their own) and the scout hall could be more utilised. Issues regarding the leases of the tennis club and scout hall were believed to be preventing much enhancement of these facilities.

Safe, shared off-road trail connections would also promote and support healthy and active lifestyles.



3. Conclusion

The Wattle Glen community cares deeply about its cultural and natural environment and showed a strong sense of pride in the area they live in, a number of whom had lived in the area for many years.

Insight was provided into aspects valued, and ideas for their enhancement and improvement. Feedback was constructive, creative and passionate.

The Wattle Glen community feels a strong sense of connection with its natural environment. Participants value its abundance of outdoor spaces, the township's secluded existence, and hope to protect and enhance the environments and spaces that create the unique character and atmosphere in Wattle Glen.

The natural spaces the township offers its residents and visitors provide areas for recreation, relaxation, and connectivity with friends, family and the broader community.

Preservation of nature was a key message throughout all themes: participants want to see the success of the township measured in the wildlife that thrives in it, and the health and abundance of the flora, particularly indigenous.

Key improvements were noted in relation to access and transport infrastructure: the need for more and better walking and cycling trails is clear, with the community focused on active lifestyles in which nature plays a central role.

With a self-confessed lack of knowledge around the local cultural heritage, participants also expressed they would like to see a more educated community that is better able to share its history with future generations.

Found to be invaluable, participants advocated for the upgrade, improvement and enhancement of open spaces in Wattle Glen, with the aim of creating a strong and connected community.

Attachment 1

Workshop questions and combined breakout room notes

Theme 1: Township and character

What type of place do you imagine Wattle Glen being in the future?

- Natural, indigenous environment, biodiversity potential, truly amazing
- Character stronger
- Entrance to township has lots of potential to identify indigenous environment
- Climate change – prioritise clean water, storm water
- Watery gully, local environment is degraded, water way in bad state, really needs priority, has been neglected. Little maintenance
- Reserve relates to local trails, primary connection from major points. Lots of weeds
- Demonstrate exemplary environmental protection, good design
- Roundabout to Reynolds Rd, and Wilsons Rd, lots of opportunity to integrate strategic planting and green infrastructure
- Level Crossing Removal Project, train line duplication, Govt doing major planting exercise. Phips crescent, Wilson Rd, need to tap into that
- Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge poor cousin, no pathway from bridge to station, no pathway from school to Reynolds Rd
- No lighting focus, quite difficult walking from train station. Trip hazards
- A place to breathe with locals and visitors appreciating it for what it is
- A nature hub for locals that provides natural spaces
- An environment at risk – we value the natural environment and its wildlife
- A nature hub for locals and visitors, valued by all
- A place to breathe and connect with nature
- An environment at risk - great need to protect the biodiversity of WG
- Hope to keep it the way it is now
- Safer, more interactive while keeping it rural
- Even greener! More opportunities for outdoor recreation
- Missing a 'showpiece'
- More inviting to young families, roads hard to cross, unsafe, footpaths not enough, affordability
- Wilson Rd, came from Greenvale, too dangerous, couldn't park car near land, road too narrow
- Diamond Creek trail, no place to park car so can use trail
- Identify and character continues, rural nature, trees, safe roads but not too urbanized, keeps us cool
- Green Wedge shire contributes to all of Melbourne
- Habitat and wildlife corridors, need to keep it safe
- Look at ways to slow traffic down. Much busier going into pandemic. Informal link to western ring rd and east link. Using it as commuter run
- Strong natural habitat as part of character, other people think beautiful place, strong identifying feature, be proud and promote
- Very segmented at the moment, not a lot of cohesion. Main roads divide the township, not safe crossings, particularly around station. Peppers paddock does that a little bit



How would you be describing to someone the way it looks, feels, and interacts as a community?

- Love the area, gum trees would like to keep that feel
- Rural feel, not over developed
- Don't want to develop buildings
- Pressure for pedestrian crossing, beautify carpark area
- See it as rural hamlet (not a town). Town has infrastructure
- Rural, peaceful is what is so attractive
- Creek side trail, connectivity
- People don't know Wattle Glen is start of green wedge trail, really important to link that to Diamond Creek trail
- Improve signage, bringing together the big infrastructure projects
- A lot of people don't know where it is. Do we want it too well known?
- Can't tell where you are at end of trail
- Visibility from station an issue
- More signage at roundabout
- Main Hurstbridge Rd, up from Station. Old Hurstbridge Rd has boulders. Trees got taken out. Electricity sub-station an eye sore, could have been overflow carpark
- Negotiating main road
- We value that it's laid back, secretive and hidden - anonymous
- Lacks vibe and sense of community – drive-by only
- Convenient – best of both worlds (no signage to compromise the secrecy), a sanctuary between major activity centres
- Cyclical and work- and/or age-dependent: Wattle Glen can seem like your whole world before it dissipates
- Laid back, secretive, hidden and anonymous
- Lacking vibe and a sense of community - a drive-by destination only
- Convenient - the best of both worlds with the convenience of MACs nearby
- Centre of Nillumbik
- A popular destination for all kinds of visitors
- Artworks in landscape
- More pedestrians, connections in path, explore on foot, but not concreting but trails
- Protect for people who live there but inevitable will get more people. Won't stay as refuge
- Creating more spaces for habitat and wildlife so retain that sense of refuge
- Families having connection to nature
- Bike path well used
- Hasn't got same sense of connection, need something to act as community centre, and gateway to new trail and township, 80 acres. Would make it more friendly
- Give people a reason to visit

Theme 2: Accessibility and transport

How do you imagine you would be moving in/around Wattle Glen in the future?

- Council could buy strategic pieces of land
- Good connections
- Kids yabbing and riding bikes
- Sculpture on roundabout
- Walking within WG, driving to major activity centres/destinations outside of WG
- Active transport within, driving around Wattle Glen
- Separate shared trails – safer paths for pedestrians and cyclists
- After rain can't walk to private school because too much mud, up to Valley Rd. More car reliant in that weather
- More walkable and cyclable
- Would like kids to walk to high school, but too busy roads
- Remove train crossing, upgrade and pathways from train to creek



Are there any barriers to ease of access within and around Wattle Glen?

- Issues with lighting, Camarooka Drive, not footpaths so walking on road or mud
- Link up to people
- Risk people could get hurt
- Elis cottage, should be promoting
- Public acquisition of land, Clark Ave, could contribute to community
- Need serious investment
- Insufficient footpaths to improve ease of access – running the gauntlet at times
- Need for pedestrian crossings to improve safety and encourage active transport at all times of the day
- Feeling unsafe walking with a pram
- Quality
- The number and quality of footpaths in WG - pedestrians don't feel safe
- Roads connecting WG to other destinations are busy and present a challenge for locals
- Lack of signage around WG
- Dangerous connections/paths/trails/roads
- Unclear foot /cycle paths
- Improve/install lighting to create safer footpaths
- Not friendly town for foot traffic, too dangerous, so people to defer to cars
- No pathway between bike path and train station
- Not comfortable to let kids go on bike path on their own
- People running between train and bus
- Not a strong enough punctuation
- Have to drive if want to do a walk with children e.g. Smiths Gully
- Strong support for pedestrian access to Peppers Paddock from the north – would involve the construction of a pedestrian bridge over Watery Gully Creek which would need to be sensitive in design and consider environmental impacts

Are there any key connections like roads, pathways, public transport etc. that need to be retained or improved?

- Feeling unsafe at night due to poor lighting
- Lowering speed limits through WG
- Pedestrian infrastructure, walking trail, crossings (esp schools) (e.g., to Temple Ridge)
- Roundabout or slower traffic to enable residents to join traffic when exiting WG
- Need for improvement of walking paths, roundabouts, lighting
- End of Diamond Creek trail – accessible shared path
- Improved access between key destinations within WG
- Slowing down traffic
- Avoid dangerous intersection – anxiety on certain roads
- Crossings inconveniently placed
- Community garden underneath transmission line. School as put in for a grant to have community garden at school
- Reserve, soccer club, trail, all linked
- Maybe a second crossing
- Safer from train station to Mannes Rd
- Connect bike path with township

Theme 3: Environment and heritage

What do you imagine the role the environment and sustainability will play in the Wattle Glen of the future?

- Indigenous environment and biodiversity fundamental – culture and flora
- Enhance local history, Elis cottage, fruit growing, information signage place strategically
- Top of Diamond Creek trail, combining parking with sporting club
- Reinstating old picnic ground facilities
- Top end of Wilson Rd, only have to walk a short way
- Link indigenous vegetation, integrate in trails
- Creating nature-friendly connections (e.g., walking paths) that don't put at risk the health of the environment and promote/support active transport (safe, shared, off-road trail connections for all)
- Live local, plant local – incorporate this more in public spaces
- Maintaining and managing invasive species
- Strengthening the fabric of the community by getting young members of the community involved in outdoor activities, nature-based activities, focus on biodiversity
- Connecting through walking
- Increasing bird and frog life
- More space for nature experiences rather than structured experiences. 80 acres would connect with that



How would you like to be describing the heritage of Wattle Glen in the future?

- Main entrances integrated
- Wattle Glen event, wattle festival to celebrate
- #wattle up, wattle glen, Jane Goodall Institute
- Not lots of crowds, but something that brings community together
- See more wattles. Used to have that

- Rich nature-based and biodiverse heritage
- More heritage signage within the township, picnic areas
- More information on WG's history to share with locals and visitors
- Raise awareness through signage
- Signs of gold digging
- Some heritage signage that show history
- Areas have heritage value

Are there any important heritage and environment functions and values you'd like to retain or reinforce?

- Patton Hill, connection to reserve in Hurstbridge and Wattle Glen, walking trail
- Wilson Rd plans?
- Focus on making Wilson Rd safe, traffic too fast, issues with people coming back from station at night
- Issue using Wilson Rd as short cut. Need footpath, only on road at the moment.
- Footpath stops at old age home
- Dumped cars still there
- Gullies, mixed farming, keeping of grazing animals orchard – retaining and sharing this heritage with residents and visitors
- Lack of awareness around local heritage
- Gullies, orchards, mixed farming - retaining and sharing this heritage with residents and visitors
- Retaining indigenous species to preserve the local character
- Creating a network of paths that connects key points/areas within WG, and enables the community to connect with the environment
- School turns 100 next year – Oct 6th
- Environment for wildlife, support species
- Weed management to retain indigenous flora
- Been huge amount of clearing, weed management poor, not enough resource commitment. Watsonia everywhere, bone seed
- Friends of Peppers Paddock – one of few community activities
- Pandemic impacting maintenance

Theme 4: Open spaces

What do you imagine the role open spaces will play in the Wattle Glen of the future?

- Safe connectivity
- Not concerned re safety
- Very important for visitors, could be part of eco-tourism that Council is trying to promote
- Recreation
- Limiting development to retain open spaces, shared trails
- Places for children to learn and experience nature/local heritage
- Infrastructure blending into nature (e.g. bridges going over, rather than destroying nature)
- Yarding for horse riders near the general store to be able to stop and safely enjoy the public open space and environment
- Carpark would be much better suited to be closer to Wilson Rd, as long as there is safety and development to Wilson Rd



- More places to pause and enjoy - public seating, picnic tables
- Places for children to learn and experience the natural and cultural heritage
- Infrastructure that blends into nature
- Why are more car parks needed, if there are already car parks at train station?
- Connecting with nature
- Teaching and sharing WG's historic past
- Educational place for young people to grow/connect
- Use Peppers Paddock when children younger
- New wet lands area is great place to travel to and sit
- Watery gully creek also nice, but doesn't go far
- Would be good to walk into 80 acres area
- Pathway through Smith's Gully more connected to Wattle Glen
- Clear signage that went from Valley Rd.
- Main roads are a natural barrier, but good if could join the two key open space/trails area
- Camarooka Drive more connected to Diamond Creek, could this be connected more to Wattle Glen. Miss out on student enrolments because of this. - looks different, more built up, but other side more trees, acreage

Are there any important open space functions and values you'd like to retain or reinforce?

- Lovely gum trees
- Peppers paddock, lots of parties
- Can't access the north side very well
- Old Hurstbridge Rd not a road, just a walking track, so don't want parked cars. Just boulders at the moment. Needs upgrading
- Like to see walking trail rather than run down road
- Swamp is natural area, could be very nice
- Measuring the success of our open spaces by the wildlife that thrives (e.g., presence of frogs)
- Enhancing and improving accessibility to ensure they are easier to get to and visitors are made aware of these spaces (e.g., through signs) – they seem to be hidden away
- Reinforcing/creating more public seating & picnic tables
- Repurposing disused roads as footpaths/walking trails
- Footpath to Valley Road, if not further
- Improving accessibility and awareness of open spaces (e.g. through signage)
- Repurposing disused roads as footpaths/walking trails
- Creating more public seating & picnic tables
- Peppers Paddock – upgrade! More beautiful and interactive, better play equipment
- Great wetlands
- PP is the heart of Wattle Glen – key to maintaining the atmosphere and character of WG
- Less plastic, more natural building products/equipment
- Keeping it subtle, not overdone
- Showcase mudbrick buildings in the area
- Appreciating local art in the Shire
- Tennis club a good feature
- Children would like a skate park, because can't go to Diamond Creek on their own
- Tram park, lots of people going there
- Peppers Paddock hasn't been upgraded

- Scout hall under utilized
- Way department of Sustainability manage the scout hall, tennis club, issues re leases etc.

Additional feedback provided individually by certain participants:

- Car parking at the Wattle Glen end of the Diamond Creek Trail is insufficient and it becomes a jumble of cars parked everywhere. The participant was indicating the area becomes congested in terms of people being able to move through and use the public spaces there. (NB: This situation may decrease in magnitude soon when the trail is extended to Hurstbridge and it becomes the new end point of the trail)
- There is nothing at the WG end of the Diamond Creek Trail that WG shop and park are nearby
- Peppers Paddock and the general store are the “heart” of Wattle Glen and should be a focus point for the project
- Pepper’s Paddock has a lot of potential. The area at the back (north side) of the park is not utilised and more could be made of this space for the community
- The public toilets in Peppers Paddock need to be better maintained
- The school is hidden away from the rest of the township – the participant appeared to be indicating its presence and location in the township should be more pronounced
- It would be potentially good to have some clearer indication for traffic moving along Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd that they are travelling through Wattle Glen and that this indication reflect WG’s preferred character. However, there is also a nice aspect of WG not being clearly known and being somewhat of a secret. I took from the participant’s comments that any proposal for H-K Rd, or other key entrance points, to better indicate the presence and preferred character of WG needs to be subtle.
- “The neighbourhoods of Sunnyside Cres and Warrington seem to be like separate mini communities because they are poorly connected. I would like to propose that the council creates a pedestrian walkway between Sunnyside and Warrington using the west side of the primary school. Perhaps the council could do this via easement agreement or negotiate to purchase that strip of land from the school. As it is, it is an unofficial path that people on the Sunnyside Cres side often use to go to the Station. Also when people go for walks they tend to go where they can do circuits. If there was a new proper walkway put in there, people on both sides would be able to ‘go around the block’ so to speak going back and forth between Sunnyside and Warrington.”
- There is no clear pedestrian connection between Warrington Crescent and Sunnyside Crescent, as the school and residential properties are located between these two streets. This lack of a link has the following impacts:
 - People either do a walking loop (for leisure) south of the school or one north of the school depending on where they live, which restricts community interaction and choice of walks
 - The lack of link also significantly prevents a direct pedestrian line from residences south of the school to Peppers Paddock and the train station
- There is the opportunity to walk an informal track that exists within the western edge of the school, but not when the school is in operation
- There is also the opportunity to take steps at the west end of Sunnyside and travel north along Main-Hurstbridge to the train station and Peppers Paddock, but:
 - The steps are very steep
 - The pedestrian environment along M-H Rd is very poor. The path is very close to fast moving traffic and there is no shade from the elements (see the street view at the end of this email)
 - For many, that route is not direct – as you have to head the wrong way before being able to head the correct way
- There is a link around the east side of the school on Reynolds Road, but this path is not very direct for many residents
- The participant recommends a formal public link be created where the informal link currently exists (i.e. within the western edge of the school).

Teams chat comments:

- Very difficult for horse riders, pedestrians and cyclists trying to get from the Green Wedge Trail to the Diamond Creek Trail
- Awkward for kids walking to school as well
- Difficult crossing main road to station and to Wilson Road for the walking trail.
- Apologies I have enormous difficulties with Teams and I've not been able to be seen or heard. I've now lost everything except chats. So to pop my 2 cents worth in: I can understand fighting developers but sadly that is pricing families out of the area. Perhaps there can be some compromise. Secondly there is a need for improvements to safety around the school - speed reduction measures on Reynolds Rd and a footpath from the crossing up Warrington to the school. Thanks, the participant
- Where would the car parks go? Why are more car parks needed, if there are already car parks at train station?
- Carpark would be much better suited to be closer to Wilson Rd, as long as there is safety and development to Wilson Rd
- Thanks to the team for the opportunity to contribute today.
- Thank you for this opportunity to be a part of these developments for our community
- With the busy roads, very dangerous for pedestrians and horse riders, so safe, off-road trails critical
- Orchards, mixed farming and keeping of grazing animals - the latter still important today. Importance of safe, shared, off-road trail connections for pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists. All major road crossings must be for mixed use
- Keeping the rural hamlet feel with vistas of farmland. Open space and shared trails are the key to enjoying our natural environment.
- More places to pause and enjoy - public seating, picnic tables. Yarding for horse riders near the general store to be able to stop and safely enjoy the public open space and environment
- became much busier at the roundabout when people started using this route as an informal Western Ring road/Eastlink connection
- Thanks guys, very much appreciate this opportunity
- Thank you. :-)
- Open spaces that provide places for people and habitat – yes
- Is it possible to slow the KG/WG road to 40kph past Peppers Paddock? General Store?
- Is Council buying that land a possibility?
- Another opportunity for connection could be a community garden in the area under the transmission lines between WG and DC
- I'm the (new) crossing supervisor, so I spend a lot of time observing the traffic and the speed it approaches and exits the roundabout, so reducing the speed of that part of the road to 40 would be useful.
- Last time lockdown restrictions ended, PP was VERY popular with large family groups meeting up for picnics.
- The Scout Hall is definitely under utilised. I don't know what goes on at the Sports ground... it seems very disconnected from the rest of WG.



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PCC.031/21 Response to the first round of public consultation for the Wattle Glen Public Realm Framework Project
Attachment 6. Consultant report on the community workshops - First engagement for the Wattle Glen PRF Project

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Nillumbik
The Green Wedge Shire

Acknowledgement of Country

Nillumbik Shire Council respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Owners of the Country on which Nillumbik is located, and we value the significance of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people's history as essential to the unique character of the shire. We pay tribute to all First Nations People living in Nillumbik, give respect to Elders past, present and future, and extend that respect to all First Nations People.

We respect the enduring strength of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and acknowledge the ongoing impacts of past trauma and injustices from European invasion, massacres and genocide committed against First Nations People. We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people hold a deep and ongoing connection to this place. We value the distinctive place of our First Nations people in both Nillumbik's and Australia's identity; from their cultural heritage and care of the land and waterways, to their ongoing contributions in many fields including academia, agriculture, art, economics, law, sport and politics.



Image description: Djirri Djirri Aboriginal Women's Dance Group performing at the launch of Nillumbik Shire Council's Arts and Cultural Plan at Eltham Library in 2018

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Our Youth Council

Nillumbik's Youth Council is a formal advisory committee of Council that consists of 15 young people aged 15-25 years old who live, work, study or play within Nillumbik. The Youth Council is responsible for the co-development and review of the Youth Strategy and annual implementation plan, which will also set out the priorities and actions for the Youth Council to lead with the support of Council across their two-year term.



Youth Council Members 2021-22:

Back left to right: Cavan Cartwright, Katie O'Brien, Imogen Jaques, Jack Linehan, Joseph Bowman, Bailey Cumming, and Maverick Knight

Front left to right: Brianne Keogh, Fieke van der Kamp, Indiana Sandwell, Kirra Imbriano, Orianna Edmonds, Maali Kerta-Rice, Taj Andreetta, and Lachlan Wadsworth.

2021 Youth Council Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Youth Mayor: Fieke van der Kamp

Youth Deputy Mayor: Jack Linehan

Introduction

This strategy sets out a four-year strategic commitment to how Council will support and respond to the needs of young people aged 12-25 years of age who live, work, study, volunteer or play in the Nillumbik Shire.

In the development of this strategy, the Nillumbik Youth Council have played a lead role in engaging and consulting with the young people in Nillumbik to gain a diverse perspective on matters impacting their lives within community. This process has ensured young people have a stronger voice and sense of importance in community.

The establishment of the Youth Council has also enhanced young people's understanding of Council and the Nillumbik community. The Youth Council have been provided opportunities to learn about the functions and role of Council and the local demographics and needs. Using this knowledge, they have been supported to co-design the development of Nillumbik's first youth led, youth strategy and implementation plan.

Nillumbik Shire Council's Youth Strategy 2022-26 provides an integrated approach to ensuring that we continue to value and incorporate young people into Council by providing meaningful opportunities for young people, valuing their contributions and empowering them to help shape our community. This strategy has been informed by extensive community consultation with almost 900 young people and key internal and external stakeholders and sets out the strategic priorities and focus areas for Council's next four years' of planning and delivery.

Vision

Young people in Nillumbik feel heard, empowered and equipped to thrive in a community where they are healthy, safe and welcomed.

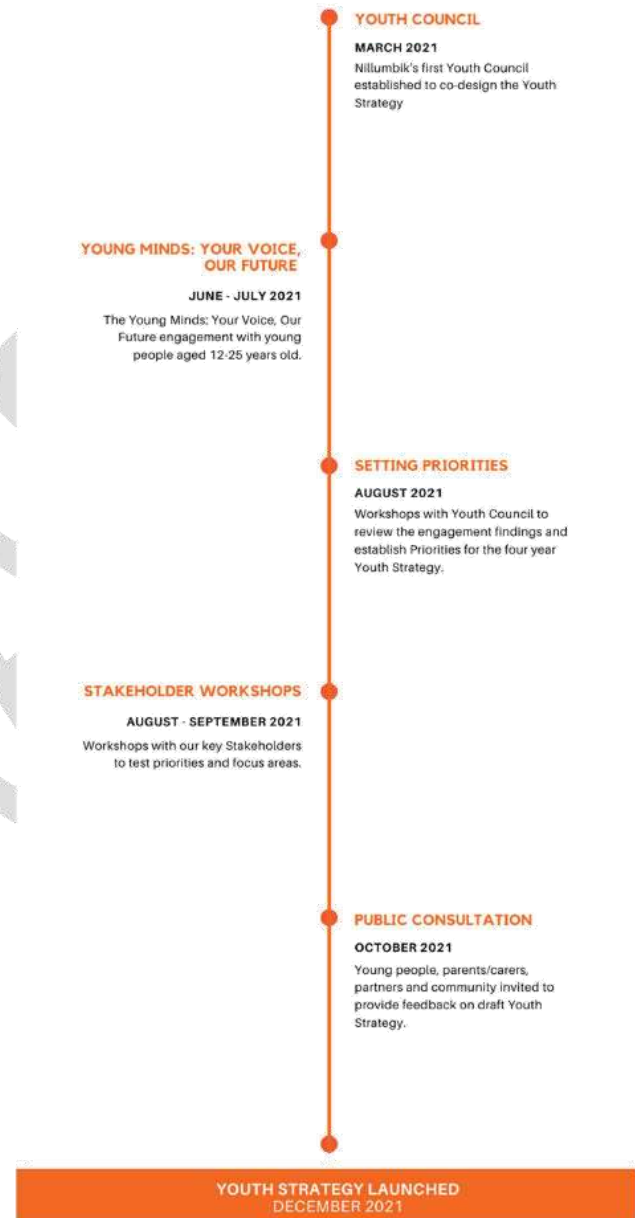


Development of the Youth Strategy

In December 2020, Council endorsed the establishment of the Nillumbik Youth Council, to act as an Advisory Committee of Council. A key role of the Youth Council was to lead the co-development and delivery of a four-year youth strategy and annual implementation plan.

The *Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future* youth engagement program was developed by the Youth Council, aimed at engaging young people of Nillumbik through a range of activities supported by a youth survey. Up to 900 young people between 12 – 25 years of age, who live, work, study or play in Nillumbik participated in the engagement which ran from 14 June to 20 July 2021.

The draft Youth Strategy 2022-2026 has been informed by the research and feedback gathered through the *Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future* engagement program, along with a series of stakeholder workshops with staff and external organisations. The broader community are also invited to provide feedback on the draft Youth Strategy via a public consultation period. Following the consideration of the submissions received, the youth strategy will then be presented for adoption at the Council meeting in December 2021.



Our Young People

Demographics

In 2016, there were **12,000** young people aged 12 - 25 years old living in Nillumbik. This equates to **20%** of the overall population (*Source: 2016 Census*).

This number is expected to remain consistent over the next 20 years with a forecast of 12,735 by 2036 (*Source: Forecast.id*).

The following table provides a breakdown of 12 - 25 year old by township across Nillumbik Shire:

Nillumbik Rural East	221	Kangaroo Ground	250
Nillumbik Rural North West	234	North Warrandyte	579
Diamond Creek	2,459	Panton Hill	228
Doreen	84	Plenty	563
Eltham	3,302	Research	540
Eltham North	957	St Andrews	243
Greensborough	895	Wattle Glen	433
Hurstbridge	653	Yarrambat	372

Diversity

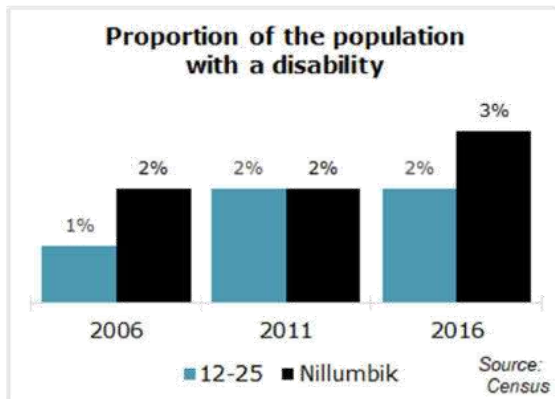
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

According to the 2016 Census, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 0.4% of the overall population in Nillumbik (236 people).

Of the 644 survey respondents who completed the *Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future* youth survey, **1.59%** (10 young people) identified as First Nations people.

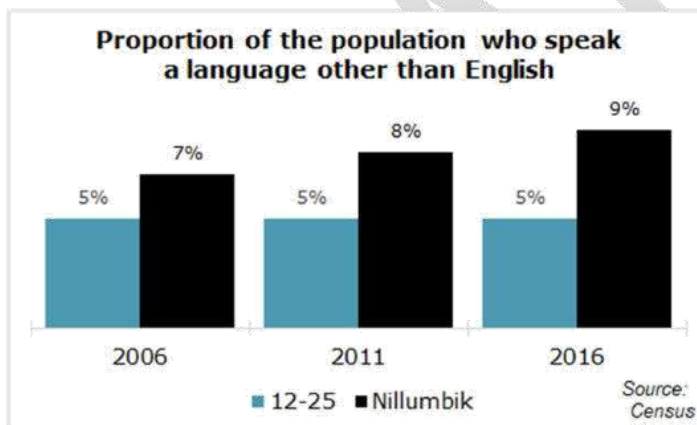
People with a Disability

Of the 644 survey respondents who completed the *Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future* youth survey, **5.6%** identified as having a disability. This is slightly higher than what was recorded in the 2016 Census:



Culturally and Linguistically Diverse

8.4% young people completing the *Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future* youth survey spoke a language other than English, which is again slightly higher than what was recorded in the 2016 Census:



Common languages spoken at home included Italian and Dutch.

LGBTQIA+

Out of 644 young people who completed our *Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future* Youth Survey 2021, almost **1 in 4** (22%) identified as LGBTQIA+.

Employment and Education

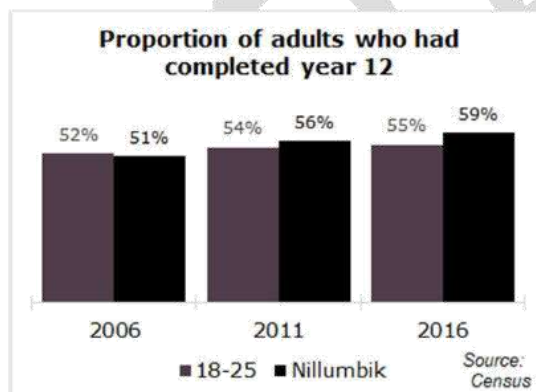
Unemployment

In 2016, **11.5%** of Nillumbik Shire's labour force aged 15 to 24 years were classed as unemployed compared to 15.9% in Greater Melbourne.

While Nillumbik Shire had a lower rate of unemployment in the 15 to 24 year age group, it is important to note that this varied across the Municipality. Proportions ranged from a low of 2.0% in Wattle Glen to a high of 13.1% in Eltham - East. The five areas with the highest unemployment rates were: Eltham - East (13.1%); Eltham - Edendale (12.3%); North Warrandyte (12.0%); Eltham (11.9%); and Eltham - Central (11.6%).

Of survey respondents aged 15-25 completing the *Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future* youth survey, **44%** told us they were unemployed. This is higher than what was recorded in the 2016 census, which may reflect the disproportionate impact COVID-19 has had on youth unemployment or reflect the higher proportion of respondents to the survey who were aged 15-18 years old compared to 19-25. More importantly, **38%** of respondents who were employed told us they were unsatisfied with the hours they work each week.

Education



Disengagement

In 2016, **5.4%** of 15 to 24 year olds in Nillumbik Shire were disengaged from employment and education, compared to 7.5% in Greater Melbourne.

- **6.5%** of males were disengaged
- **4.1%** of females were disengaged

COVID-19 and young people

Since COVID-19 emerged as a major health threat in early 2020, the Coronavirus pandemic has affected young people across several life domains, many of which are interrelated. While some of the effects of COVID-19 on young people are emerging, it is highlighted by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare that the full impact is complex and not yet fully understood. It should be noted that the effect of COVID-19 on young people is dynamic as outcomes change quickly when conditions change, for example social connectedness and the easing of, or introducing of, restrictions. Many of the effects of COVID-19 on young people will be connected and could take some time to become apparent.

While COVID-19 affects everyone in a different way, the social and economic impact on young people have been substantial; young people have experienced high rates of psychological distress, loneliness, educational disruption, unemployment, housing stress and domestic violence.

The possible longer-term outcomes of COVID-19 for young people may include:

- Adverse effects from temporary disruption to education
- Potential consequences of unemployment on their long-term employment prospects and finances
- Limited access to secure housing
- Decline in mental health

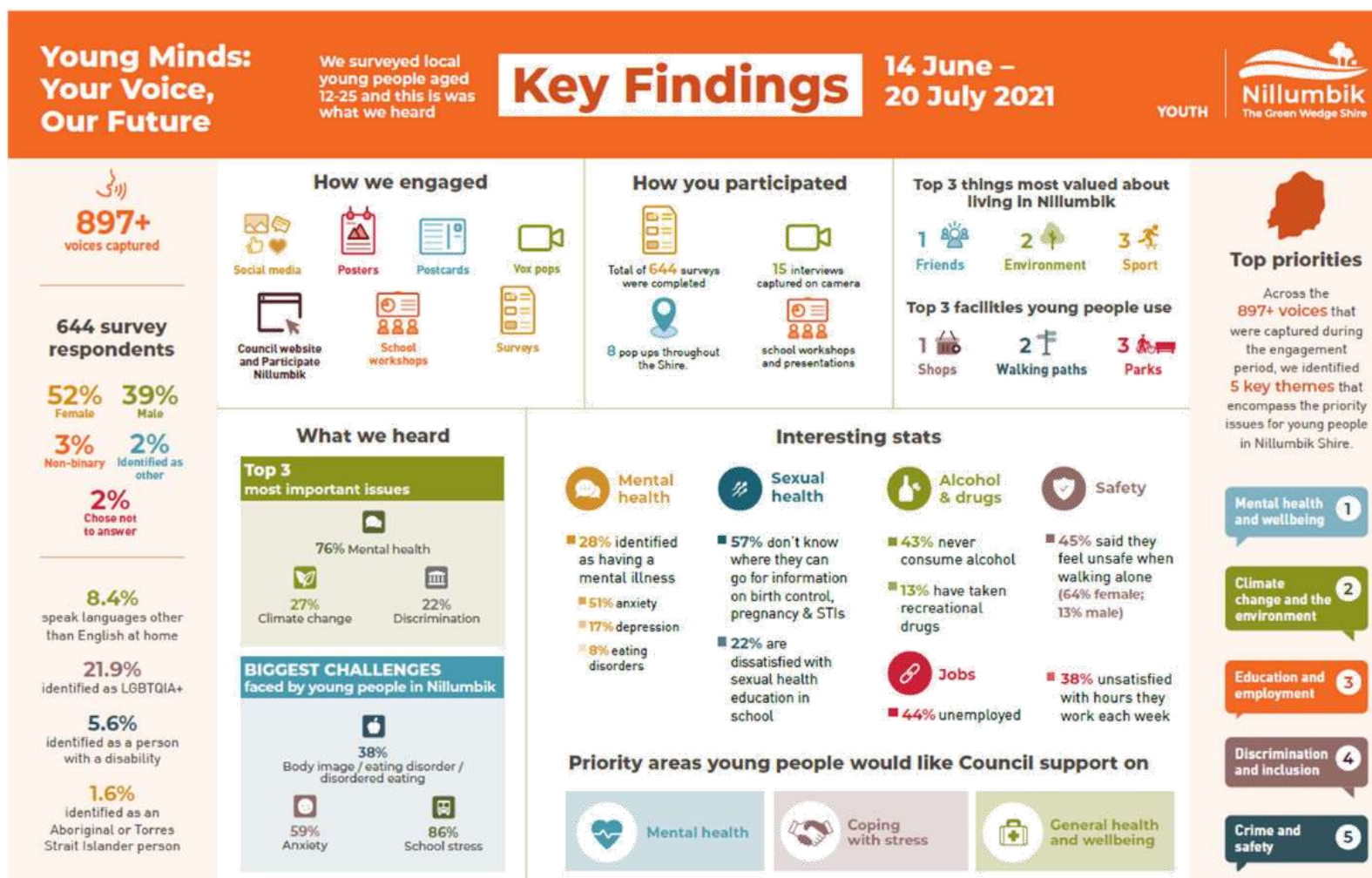
Of respondents aged 15-25 completing the *Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future* youth survey, **27%** identified COVID-19 as factor impacting their ability to work or study.

Further to this, of the survey respondents that answered a question on the biggest challenges they have personally faced as a young person in Nillumbik, **35.7%** told us loneliness/social isolation was one of their biggest challenges.

Over **20%** of survey respondents also listed COVID-19 as one the 3 most important issues for young people in Nillumbik today, with **6%** of respondents having ranking COVID-19 as the top issue. The issue of COVID-19 was selected by more survey respondents than school and education, crime and safety, and physical health.

What Our Young People Told Us

Below is a snapshot of the key things we heard from the 2021 *Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future* engagement program. For a full copy of the report please visit <https://www.nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au/>.



Council's Role

- ✓ **Engage:** We will directly engage and listen to our young people and community
- ✓ **Empower:** We will facilitate opportunities for young people to lead the way
- ✓ **Advocate:** We will advocate on behalf of the needs of young people
- ✓ **Partner:** We will connect and collaborate with young people and key stakeholders
- ✓ **Provide:** We will deliver youth-focused programs, services, spaces and grants

Strategic Alignment

The Local Government Act 2020 promotes an integrated approach to strategic planning and reporting. Integrated strategic planning and reporting seeks to ensure strong alignment between key strategic documents and policies that direct and influence initiatives, activities and projects undertaken by Council.

The following symbols will be used throughout each priority to indicate the direct alignment to strategies included within the Nillumbik's Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25 and Council Plan 2021-25.

Symbols

♥ Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25
© Council Plan 2021-25

More broadly, the Youth Strategy plays a role in supporting Council to achieving objectives under each of the four themes for a Community Vision - Nillumbik 2040 which are *Our People, Our Place, Our Future and Our Council*.

Priorities

Nillumbik Youth Council, young people and stakeholders have identified five key priorities which will set the strategic direction over the next four years 2022-2026. This includes:

1. **Healthy and Well**
2. **Empowered and Engaged**
3. **Access to Safe Spaces and Places**
4. **Equipped and Employed**
5. **Welcomed and Connected**

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Priority 1: Healthy and Well

Objective: Young people have good physical and mental health, and are empowered to take action on their own education.



Focus Area 1.1: Mental Wellbeing

- Enhance opportunities for young people to have access to local, affordable, and inclusive mental health services
- Deliver early intervention and primary prevention initiatives to promote positive mental health and wellbeing ♥
- Work with and support partners to provide targeted programs and initiatives that aim to address the mental health disparities amongst young people who identify as LGBTQIA+, living with a disability, First Nations or Culturally and Linguistically diverse

Focus Area 1.2: Physical Health

- Connect young people with physical activity opportunities through community settings including Living & Learning centres, leisure centres, recreational trails and sports clubs ♥

- Promote healthy food choices in young people through improved access to nutritious foods, policy and education ♥
- Deliver a range of accessible, inclusive, unstructured recreational opportunities
- Remove barriers for participation in sport and active recreation for young people who identify as female, non-binary, LGBTQIA+, living with a disability, First Nations, or Culturally and Linguistically diverse ♥

Focus Area 1.3: Sexual Health

- Advocate for Nillumbik secondary schools to provide inclusive sexual health education that empowers young people to make positive choices
- Deliver programs and initiatives that promote healthy and respectful relationships amongst young people
- Increase awareness and access to information on where to go to access support on Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STIs), pregnancy and birth control

Focus Area 1.4: Alcohol and Other Drugs, Tobacco and Gambling

- Advocate for young people in Nillumbik to have access to youth alcohol and drug support and homelessness and crisis support services
- Work with and support our partners to reduce and minimise gambling harm ♥
- Investigate alcohol and other drug harm in the community to better understand impact on young people and design and deliver initiatives to respond to the issues ♥
- Work with and support sporting clubs to challenge unhealthy alcohol cultures and create safe spaces for young people ♥

"The biggest issue for young people is mental health, even though it is more present now than it was 20 years ago, it's still being over looked and some people aren't speaking out as much and that's a big issue for people our age." 16 year old, Eltham

"There was only really heterosexual sex education at school and it doesn't include conversations on consent or what a respectful relationship looks like" 15 year old, Eltham North

Priority 2: Empowered and Engaged

Objective: Young people feel as if they have many ways to get involved, have their say, and make a positive change.



Focus Area 2.1: Climate Action

- Provide opportunities to amplify young people's voice in addressing the climate emergency
- Provide young people the skills and tools to take action on addressing the climate emergency
- Address impact of climate change on young people's mental health by increasing education and awareness on climate issues and fostering dialogue between Council and young people on climate action

Focus Area 2.2: Youth Leadership and Participation

- Continue developing the profile and influence of the Nillumbik Youth Council
- Actively consult, engage and consider young people in Council's decision-making
- Provide training and development to support leadership skills and increase confidence in young people

- Support opportunities for young people to engage, co-design, plan and lead community activities, programs and events

Focus Area 2.3: LGBTQIA+ Advocacy

- Empower LGBTQIA+ young people and provide opportunities to advocate for their rights
- Promote positive gender and sexual diversity through advocacy, awareness and celebration initiatives

Focus Area 2.4: Gender Equity

- In partnership with local organisations, businesses, sporting clubs and community members, raise awareness of gender equity and respectful relationships with young people ♥
- Increase the promotion of gender equitable and non-violence messages through communications and social marketing ♥
- Raise awareness of family violence support services available for young people and support referral pathways

Focus Area 2.5: Environment and Sustainability

- Work with our community, Traditional Owners, partners and government agencies to promote sustainability and the environment to young people ©
- Promote Nillumbik's natural environment as a place for young people to explore
- Provide volunteering opportunities and other programs that enable young people to learn about and get involved with the environment and sustainability

"Nillumbik need to pay attention to this generation and enable them in as many ways as they can to be a generation of people who are willing to change the world for the better, and to better themselves" 18 year old Hurstbridge

"Talk to young people in the area and find out what they want" 21 year old, Eltham

"more support groups focused on the LGBTQ+ community and events surrounding climate change" 12 year old, Bundoora

"Our leaders are not doing enough to stop climate change and its effects and that is going to be the biggest hurdle for our generation" 18 year old, Research

Priority 3: Access to Safe Spaces and Places

Objective: Young people live in an inclusive community in which everyone feels safe and included to live, work, study, volunteer or play across Nillumbik.



Focus Area 3.1: Youth Friendly Community Spaces

- Explore opportunities for a Youth Hub in Nillumbik that can provide a range of services, supports and programs for young people
- Ensure young people have access to safe, inclusive and welcoming youth friendly community spaces
- Provide opportunities for youth-led placemaking across Nillumbik

Focus Area 3.2: Safer Communities

- Provide safe and welcoming environments for young people by improving public places and spaces young people access such as skate parks, parks and walking paths

- Partner with organisations to deliver programs to young people that increase awareness and perceptions of safety
- Provide support and resources for parents to assist young people to be safe and respectful in all settings

Focus Area 3.3: Inclusive Spaces and Places

- Provide training and information around access and inclusion to Council staff and youth workers in the community

Focus Area 3.4: Bullying

- Adopt a shire-wide approach to anti-bullying in both school and community settings and support young people to respond to bullying behaviour
- Work with the local community and schools to promote the inclusion of young people who identify as LGBTQIA+, living with a disability, First Nations and culturally and linguistically diverse.

"Places teens can go to get support or just a place away from home to have a break"
13 year old, Eltham

"Making communities come together and unite, treat everyone fairly and equally, love, no discrimination and racism, being there for each other" **14 year old, Hurstbridge**

"Many youth don't have a much money so focusing on spaces that feels both safe, welcoming and accessible for teenagers through active public space" **24 year old, Plenty**

Priority 4: Equipped and Employed

Objective: Young people have access to and are able to maintain meaningful employment and education.



Focus Area 4.1: Employment and Education Pathways

- Help young people recover from the impacts of COVID-19 by providing opportunities for young people to gain volunteering, work experience, internships and employment through Council and other local industries
- Partner with schools and organisations to provide career pathway advice and access to information about employment opportunities
- Provide a range of vocational learning opportunities to connect young people to meaningful pathways to employment

Focus Area 4.2: Job Ready

- Partner with our stakeholders to deliver a range of events and programs that aim to enhance young people's job readiness, employability and life skills
- Connect young people to available services that provide individual support with training and employment.

Focus Area 4.3: Financial Wellbeing

- Ensure young people in Nillumbik have access to information and resources to support them to feel financially well
- Provide paid opportunities for young people at Council in areas such as consultation, music, arts, photography/videography, and delivery of events/programs
- Deliver initiatives that enhance young people's education and skills to support financial wellbeing

"a cafe that lets youth volunteer their time for work experience to help with future jobs." **14 year old, Eltham North**

"It would be awesome to have information on university, info on full time jobs, understanding things like super and other money matters" **16 year old, Eltham**



Priority 5: Welcomed and Connected

Objective: Young people have access to a range of programs and opportunities that enhance social inclusion and connection.



Focus Area 5.1: Creative Community

- Work with young people to plan and deliver youth focused arts and culture-based programs and events
- Deliver a range of arts and culture programs with a focus on art, dance, music and theatre

Focus Area 5.2: Access and Inclusion

- Ensure all youth programs and services are accessible and inclusive ©
- Protect Aboriginal cultural heritage, and through building trust, education and celebration, respect for all First Nations people ©
- Young people have access to support programs to receive their driving license, who may not otherwise have access to driving practice

Focus Area 5.3: Social Connection

- Provide a regular program of youth activities through Nillumbik Youth that encourage young people to learn new skills, try new things and get to know new people
- Provide other opportunities for social connection through arts, wellbeing and leadership programs at Living and Learning Centres, Neighbourhood Houses and other community spaces ♥

"More events run by young people in collaboration with the community of young people eg. BMX training, live music, small scale festivals/carnivals, picnics in the park." 22 year old, Eltham North

"I would like to see more live music festivals and things to go to get connected with the community and support the community." 14 year old, Eltham

"Live music, youth festival, workshops over the holidays - performing arts and art. Role playing games like Dungeons & Dragons 13 year old, Hurstbridge



Implementation and Evaluation

Every 12 months, an annual implementation plan will be prepared, which will provide the detail of how Council (with support of the Youth Council and other partners) will implement the strategic objectives in this youth strategy and how we measure progress. An evaluation on the current year annual implementation plan will also be completed prior to a new annual implementation plan being prepared.

Annual implementation plans will include:

- ✓ Actions related to each strategic objective in the strategy
- ✓ Timeframe each action will be delivered
- ✓ Who is responsible within Council to deliver the action
- ✓ Partners involved in delivering the action

Annual Reviews

Annual reviews will be conducted each year in December.

They will evaluate the progress made within each of the priority areas. A traffic light rating system will be used to identify action within the annual implementation plan that are **complete**, **on track** or **delayed**.

Case studies from key initiatives will also be included in each annual review.

The reports will also monitor trends, identify opportunities for improvements and inform the development of the next annual implementation plan to ensure actions remain relevant for continued investment by Council over the life of the strategy.

Council will share an annual summary report of the review with key stakeholders including Councillors, Council officers, service providers, community and young people.

Youth Council

As a formal advisory committee of Council, the Nillumbik Youth Council is responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of this strategy within their two-year term and will support the annual review process.

Acknowledgements of Contributions

We would like to thank and acknowledge the following contributors from Nillumbik who supported the development of this Youth Strategy:

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SUBMISSION SUMMARY

Submission No.	Summary of submission	Officer response
1.	Was well worded and comprehensive	No change recommended. Submitter in full support of the draft Youth Strategy.
2.	<p>1. p13 Focus Area 1.2 Physical Health Physical activity, healthy food, recreation and sport are all mentioned but physical health is much more than this. Hygiene and disease prevention is missing from the list (eg. skin health, urinary health, oral hygiene, sleep, basic education of anatomy of the body).</p> <p>2. p14 Focus Area Sexual Health 'empowers young people to make INFORMED or EDUCATED choices' could be less judgemental than 'positive choices'.</p> <p>3. The words Sexually Transmitted Diseases are used but the abbreviation in brackets does not match (STI's)</p>	<p>The following changes are recommended based on the three suggestions made by the submitted:</p> <p>1. No change recommended. Hygiene and disease prevention such as skin health, urinary health, oral hygiene, sleep, basic education of anatomy of the body fall outside the scope of Council delivery and would be delivered in other school and community health settings. Physical activity and healthy eating (as listed under Physical health, pg.13) support chronic disease prevention and fall within the scope of Council delivery.</p> <p>2. Recommend slight wording change (pg. 14) from '<i>empowers young people to make positive choices</i>' to '<i>empowers young people to make informed choices</i>'.</p> <p>3. Recommend to change wording from '<i>Sexually Transmitted Diseases</i>' to '<i>Sexually Transmitted Infections</i>' (pg. 14)</p>
3.	The survey didn't seem to include anything around intergenerational relationships and how these can benefit both younger and older persons.	Following consultation with Youth Council on this, Officers are recommending no changes to the draft Youth Strategy and recommend intergenerational opportunities be considered as part of the development of annual implementation plans.

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	<p>Promoting connections between generations has so many positive outcomes, it would be good to see some visibility of this in the Youth Strategy.</p> <p>Note, I live and work in Nillumbik but the system only allowed one tick box to be selected</p>	
4.	No response	No changes to Strategy recommended.
5.	A sexual health centre would be great, or an LGBTQ centre.	<p>No changes to Strategy recommended.</p> <p>There is no evidence to suggest a need over the next four years for a sexual health centre or LGBTIQ centre, however there is an opportunity to co-locate relevant services through the development of a Youth Hub in Nillumbik.</p> <p>Victorian Pride Centre, located in St Kilda, is the first purpose-built centre for Australia's LGBTIQ+ communities and is home to practical and supportive services for visitors from across Australia, and beyond. This information is promoted on Nillumbik Youth's website via the 'Need help' services directory.</p>
6. Headspace Greensborough	<p>I am the Service Manager for headspace Greensborough and headspace Plenty Valley which is led by Mind Australia. In our 5+ years of operation in the north east region of Melbourne we have supported almost 5,000 young people and their families and carers, addressing their needs and concerns relating to anxiety, depression, family discord, school related stress or bullying, problematic substance use, sexual orientation, gender identity and more.</p> <p>Our centre whole heartedly supports the Draft Youth Strategy developed by the Nillumbik Council Youth Development team and would like to acknowledge the value in the consultation that has occurred with young people throughout the community. The voices of young people have</p>	<p>No changes to Strategy recommended.</p> <p>Submitter in full support of the draft Youth Strategy.</p> <p>Council encouraged to consider increased funding opportunities to support youth programs, outreach and support services and a Youth hub as part of development of annual implementation plans.</p>

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	<p>been heard and it is so valuable to have their voices heard throughout this strategy.</p> <p>COVID19 and the disruption to the lives of us all has been significant and has greatly impacted upon the Youth of our community. In the coming years our Youth need to be supported to restore their hope as they begin to re-engage in covid-normal life. The strategies documented in this strategy will greatly support young people in this process.</p> <p>Our centre would like to advocate specifically for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased funding for the Youth Development team - so that youth led projects and consultation can continue 2. Provision of Youth outreach and individual short to medium term support for young people in Nillumbik - to support young people to overcome the challenges they may face 3. Investment into a Youth Hub for Nillumbik - so that young people have a safe space they can reach out to for additional support and connection <p>These 3 focus points will ensure that as a community we can support the young people residing in Nillumbik.</p> <p>headspace Greensborough and Plenty Valley look forward to the final outcomes of this Youth Strategy and the ability to collaborate and work together with council to support young people.</p>	
7.	<p>I feel this is an under resourced and major area of need for the future of the community.</p> <p>To respond the council need to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase EFT funding for the Youth Development team 2. Need for Youth outreach and individual short to medium term support for young people in Nillumbik 3. Investment into a Youth Hub for Nillumbik 	<p>No changes to Strategy recommended. Submitter in full support of the draft Youth Strategy.</p> <p>Council encouraged to consider increased funding opportunities to support youth programs, outreach and support services and a Youth hub as part of development of annual implementation plans.</p>

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8.	no it looks good	No changes to Strategy recommended. Submitter in full support of the draft Youth Strategy.
9.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Solid structure and clear message. Are you planning to develop a strategy on a page with key concepts like vision, purpose/role, priorities and values/beliefs? This can act as an executive summary and be a good way to provide a strategy snapshot to people who won't read the full strategy.... noting that many people don't read full strategies (which is hard for me to write as a strategist!) Should it be Youth Council has rather than Youth Council have? Normally entities are singular rather than plural e.g. Spark has, Council has. Love the infographic on page 11! Healthy and well – “empowered to take action on their own education” took me by surprise here. What's the thinking with including the part about education in the objective statement? Is this about health and wellbeing education or education in general? If the former, might be worth making that clear. Alternatively, it might be cleaner and clearer to keep education in equipped and employed. Empowered and engaged – brilliant, really like this one and great quotes in this section. Access to safe spaces and places – wondering if the objective statement overlaps a bit with welcomed and connected. Is it worth noting in the objective statement that it is about safe, inclusive and relevant spaces and places for young people? I also wonder if the focus area about bullying might fit more logically/naturally under welcomed and connected. Will this strategy help guide Council in what it does and doesn't do? This is a key way that we define good strategy at Spark – it really helps with decision-making, both when to say yes and when to 	<p>In response to the recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No change required Recommend one page summary be provided to Council alongside Youth Strategy in December for endorsement to support Youth Strategy to include vision, purpose/role, priorities and focus areas. Recommend updating wording to include 'Youth Council has' rather than 'Youth Council have' where appropriate. No change required Recommend slight wording change (pg. 13) from '<i>empowered to take action on their own education</i>' to '<i>empowered to take action on their own health and wellbeing</i>' No change required Recommend wording change (pg. 17) from '<i>Young people live in an inclusive community in which everyone feels safe and included to live, work, study, volunteer or play across Nillumbik</i>' to '<i>Young people have access to safe, inclusive and relevant spaces and places</i>' No changes recommended. The introduction (pg. 5) states that '<i>This strategy sets out a four-year strategic</i>

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	say no. We know from our previous work with local government teams that there is a real risk of Council being all things to all people – strategy can be a good way to counter this.	<i>commitment to how Council will support and respond to the needs of young people aged 12-25 years of age who live, work, study, volunteer or play in the Nillumbik Shire.'</i>
10. Berry Street	<p>As a youth specific homelessness support provider to young people in Nillumbik, and more broadly the northern region, Berry Street's Transitional Youth Support Service strongly endorse the five key priorities identified in the Draft Youth Strategy.</p> <p>In particular we endorse priority 1. Healthy and Well as a key area for young people who are at risk of homelessness due to family breakdown as a result of family violence or family conflict. There are few options for young people in crisis in Nillumbik and additional support to access drug and alcohol and homelessness services in a location accessible within their community is critical in terms of early intervention. Most young people who require emergency homelessness supports must travel to an Access Point located in Preston or the CBD to receive assessment and allocation for a crisis bed. This has been further exacerbated by the impact of COVID.</p> <p>Although Nillumbik is not broadly viewed as a lower socio economic area, not all support needs are as a result of low income or disadvantage. Mental health, drug and alcohol, family conflict, isolation, health issues and the risk of homelessness all impact on the wellbeing of young people.</p> <p>The Draft Youth Strategy seeks to highlight these support needs.</p>	No changes to Strategy recommended. Submitter in full support of the draft Youth Strategy.
11.	Yes, my strategy is to develop wattle glen and especially Wilson road huge lands need to be subdivided in to smaller lots, streets to narrow, path ways needed, lights need to be put on roads, some of the green wedge areas need to be developed to prevent a bush fire risk also improving every facility in the area will benefit the community.	No changes to Strategy recommended. Submission not relevant to the purpose and objectives outlined in the Youth Strategy 2022-2026.

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12. healthAbility	<p>Submitter is supportive of draft Youth Strategy, particularly areas of:</p> <p>1.1 Mental Wellbeing – enhancing opportunities for young people to have access to mental health services, delivery of early intervention and primary intervention initiatives and working with partners to provide targeted programs</p> <p>3.1 Youth Friendly Community Spaces – explore opportunities for a Youth Hub in Nillumbik</p> <p>5.1 Creative Community – work with young people to plan and deliver youth focused arts and culture-based programs</p> <p>5.3 Social Connection – provide a regular program of youth activities through Nillumbik Youth Services</p> <p>Submitter advocating for further investment from Council in the Youth Strategy through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing EFT funding for the Youth Development team to support community program development and management Increased youth outreach and short-medium support for young people in Nillumbik Investment into a Youth Hub for Nillumbik – HealthAbility is very enthusiastic about partnering with the council to develop and co-manage a Youth Hub in Nillumbik. <p>Full submission included below (Appendix 1)</p>	<p>No changes to Strategy recommended. Submitter in full support of the draft Youth Strategy.</p> <p>Council encouraged to consider increased funding opportunities to support youth programs, outreach and support services and a Youth hub as part of development of annual implementation plans.</p>
13. Banyule Nillumbik Local Learning Employment Network	<p>Banyule Nillumbik Local Learning and Employment Network (BNLLEN) is a strategic partnership broker organisation (NFP) that works across the following key stakeholder areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary Schools (19 schools across the region), Community Service Agencies, Further Education/Training Providers and 	<p>No changes to Strategy recommended. Submitter in full support of the draft Youth Strategy.</p> <p>Council encouraged to consider increased funding opportunities to support the delivery of more youth programs, outreach and support services and a Youth hub as part of development of annual implementation plans.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business/Industry. <p>We broker local school-community-industry partnerships to improve secondary school students, post school outcomes into further education, training and employment.</p> <p>Some of our programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structured Workplace Learning - brokering industry work placements for students resulting in stronger vocational outcomes. - Real Industry Job Interview Program – providing students the opportunity to develop job search skills and experience a mock interview. This program prepares young people for future employment by building their employability, and work-readiness skills including job search, resume and cover letter writing as well as interviewing skills. - Working Community Program - provides personal and professional development activities and engagement with local community organisations to support student led projects, the program is mapped to learning in VCAL. - Banyule L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program – a program that helps eligible young people accrue the mandatory 120 hours of supervised driving experience required for a probationary licence. The TAC L2P Program Banyule is funded by the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) and Department of Transport (DoT). The program is supported by the Victorian Government and delivered by the Banyule Nillumbik Local Learning and Employment Network (BNLLEN) on behalf of Banyule City Council. <p>Feedback on the Draft Youth Strategy 2022 – 2026</p> <p>The four-year strategy and commitment to support and respond to the needs of young people (aged 12 – 25 years) who live, work or play in the LGA is a positive step in the right direction. The integrated approach that council has undertaken to incorporate and include young people's feedback alongside the work of the newly formed Youth Council is a</p>	

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	<p>testament to the dedicated approach that council has adopted to be inclusive of local youth.</p> <p>The 5 key priority areas are all relevant and of equal importance and complement one another when the planning and implementation for each one is undertaken simultaneously and done with the appropriate resourcing and planning.</p> <p>For BNLEN, our main clients are local secondary school communities (professional practitioners and students or young people) of which there are 6 in Nillumbik. We also work with local businesses and community organisations to facilitate school-community-industry partnerships to improve post-school outcomes for young people. Nillumbik Shire Council is considered one of our largest, closest and valued partners in the region, which includes working closely with the Youth, Community & Place team and the Economic Development and Tourism Team.</p> <p>Our feedback will relate mostly to Priority 4. Equipped and Employed, however I will also discuss items that may align to many of the other priority areas too.</p> <p>Council to Lead by Example on the Employment of Youth: As one of the largest employers in the region, Council has a pivotal and crucial role to perform as one of the biggest employers to lead by example on the employment of local youth.</p> <p>Some councils across Victoria have developed procurement policies / processes to achieve (a percentage of) employment outcomes for local people, to meet key priorities and to secure a future workforce reflective of the council's residents. These have been established in many different ways, however some include internal council planning and commitment for a percentage of employees to reflect specific cohorts (such as 10% youth, 10% people with disability etc.).</p> <p>One example is Darebin City Council, who 5 years ago made a commitment to support and employ a percentage of their annual workforce to be reflective of local youth. Another example of this is Banyule City Council's Inclusive Employment Program, which commits</p>	

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	<p>to recruiting and supporting 24 residents each year from specific cohorts (including youth, people with a disability, ATSI and CALD/newly arrived migrants) to undertake a 6-month internship with Council. Banyule City Council reports that in 90% of these supported internship placements lead to secure employment within council or a local employer.</p> <p>Further to leading in the employment of youth space, this process could be supported by working alongside organisations like ours who specialise in supporting (over 100) employers across the Banyule and Nillumbik region to formally take on student placements and providing the guidance and support necessary to make the experience positive for all parties involved. Working in partnership often means meeting similar objectives in collaboration and sharing the load. Work placement opportunities provide employers with the prospect to trial (potential) future employee's whilst providing much needed and important experiences for local young people.</p> <p>Partnership Approach to improving outcomes for young people:</p> <p>As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have identified through work with local schools that the impacts on young people and their experience of school, work and social life domains have had an impact and been detrimental to young people's health and wellbeing. This includes mental health, successfully achieving milestone moments, abilities to learn and thrive with peers and to gain meaningful work experience / placement to help pivot their ability to participate in economic life once the COVID restrictions ease.</p> <p>We strongly recommend that the youth strategy imbeds some staff resourcing required to develop, support and maintain partnerships across the LGA that share mutual values and aligned strategies to support young people to be the best they can be in a post COVID-19 world. At minimum, I would suggest that 1+ Full Time EFT would be a good start.</p> <p>Need for Youth outreach and individual short to medium term support for young people in Nillumbik:</p>	

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	<p>Due to the distance and travel challenges that young people face in the Nillumbik Shire, having an outreach service that young people can access which is place based is important. This can be short – medium or long term supports, however the distances and isolation in some parts of the shire pose a challenge for young people to gain equal access to services which is not fair or equal to that of their peers. This further imbeds the disadvantages and inequities for some of our already vulnerable young people and can lead to further isolation and impacts to wellbeing.</p> <p>Development of a Youth Hub for Nillumbik:</p> <p>One of many ways to respond to the need for all the items mentioned above, including outreach to youth, is for services to be made available in a safe place where young people can feel welcome, included and safe. This could include the development of a local Youth Hub.</p> <p>A place-based youth hub could serve as a one stop shop for young people which could include services such as the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safe youth space for young people to hang out • A creative studio spaces • Mental health, Drug and Alcohol Service, Emergency Support, and relief (housing, food, domestic violence). • Education and employment and career transition support services. • A safe place for LGBTQI young people and others. • GP and other medial/allied services as well as many more. <p>Adequate Resourcing within the Youth and Community Team</p> <p>In order to meet the demands of the items mentioned about, it is crucial for the shire to increase their reach, scope and offerings to local youth and this needs to be done with the consideration of additional staff resourcing at a minimum of an additional 2+ EFT resourcing.</p>	

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14. Youth projects	<p>Submitter is supportive of the draft Youth Strategy and the commitment demonstrated through the Strategy to support and respond to the needs of young people who live, work, study, volunteer or play in the Shire of Nillumbik.</p> <p>Submitter supports the 5 Strategic Priority Areas within the Strategy, and were especially pleased to see that Healthy and Well, Empowered and Engaged, and Equipped and Employed feature as 3 of the 5 priority areas.</p> <p>Submitter highlights the following points for Council to consider as part of the endorsement of the Youth Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people have bore the brunt of COVID-19, being the first to lose jobs, education, social connection and crucial rights of passage that were disrupted or lost all together. The disproportionate impact was widely recognised, with historic investment at Federal and State levels into the need to invest more into youth mental health. However, despite these efforts, there is clear evidence of a need to further invest locally in order to improve the health, wellbeing and safety of young people • Having access to local youth specialist services is a key area of need in Nillumbik with currently no direct service providers locally based. Only adhoc or services that are based outside of the municipality in neighboring LGAs. • Data collected from local services including Youth Substance Abuse Service (YSAS), Greensborough Headspace and Navigator indicates that rates of referrals to these services of Nillumbik youth are not as high as the data presented in the 2021 Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future survey suggests they should be with youth voicing major challenges with mental health (anxiety 58%), loneliness (35%), and school stress (86%). Demonstrating young people are not aware of these services (or how to access them) or are unable to access them due to lack of transport with all of these services being predominately based outside the Nillumbik area. 	<p>No changes to Strategy recommended. Submitter in full support of the draft Youth Strategy.</p> <p>Council encouraged to consider proposal for YHOP as a pilot to provide short to medium term support and outreach to young people in Nillumbik to help address the key issues identified through the Young Minds: Your Voice our Future survey and priorities identified in the 2022-2026 Youth Strategy.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future school and training disengagement rates are also an area of high concern given the challenges of COVID and remote learning over the past 18 months. Coupled with the anxiety that isolation from local connections due to the pandemic has had. Many young people will struggle to make the transition back into the community and specifically vocational pathways and know that there will be many needing support in order to re-engage. • Of the 900 young people who completed the 2021 Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future Survey, 44% stated that they were unemployed, and 38% unsatisfied with the hours of work they were getting every week, totalling 82% of total responses (738) who have identified unemployment or underemployment as a significant issue. <p>Given their extensive history assertively engaging and effectively supporting vulnerable young people within some of the most disadvantaged regions of Melbourne (Hume, Moreland, Melton), Youth Projects suggest that a proactive and early intervention approach is the only way to breaking the cycle of poverty and changing the trajectory of a young person's life for the better. YHOP is a program which assertively engages and targets young people who are at the very start of disengagement. Capturing them early, wrapping supports around them and providing the link to longer term support and the stability that is needed.</p> <p>YHOP was first funded by Hume City Council since July 2018 to deliver flexible and tailored case management support for disengaged young people using an assertive engagement model - YHOP goes to the young person. Since 2018 YHOP has engaged close to 500 young people aged 12 to 25 years who would have otherwise fallen through the cracks. Hume continue to fund YHOP until 2024. The program has since successfully expanded YHOP into the Moreland LGA in 2020, providing a quick service respond to the high numbers of disengaged youth due to COVID impacts (mental health, social isolation, family violence, school/training/job disengagement).</p>	

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	<p>Youth projects welcome the opportunity to speak to Council further on the ways in which we can work in partnership and collaboration through delivery of a program such as YHOP to better engage and support the youth in Nillumbik aligned to needs voiced by young people in the 2021 Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future Survey, and captured in the Key Priority Areas of the Nillumbik Draft Youth Strategy 2022-2026.</p> <p>Full submission included below (Appendix 2).</p>	
15. Friends of Nillumbik	<p>Submitter is supportive of the draft Youth Strategy and the five key priority areas used to group areas of focus in the Strategy. In particular, the submitter makes the following key points as part of their feedback on the Youth Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition that Council has rightly placed 'Healthy and Well' as priority 1 • Pleased to see Climate Action as the top focus area for Priority 2 - 'Empowered and Engaged' • Support the continued development of the Youth Council and encourage Council to look at the example set by other municipalities to improve youth engagement such as a Youth summit • Supports the exploration of a Youth Hub in Nillumbik as a space integrating a range of services and community uses and encourage Council to visit the City of Whittlesea youth services hub located at Westfield Plenty Valley to see such a space in action. • Acknowledges that employment and work experience opportunities in our local community are important, and supports focus areas within the 'Equipped and Employed' section. Council should continue to develop close links with local training providers, businesses, traders' groups, and organisations to identify opportunities. • Supports the recognition of the need for local arts and cultural programs in the 'Welcomed and Connected' section, including those focused on engaging young people in the Shire. 	<p>No changes to Strategy recommended. Submitter in full support of the draft Youth Strategy.</p> <p>Council encouraged to consider exploration of a Youth Hub and Youth Summit as part of the annual implementation plan.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition that the proposed plan for implementing the Draft Youth Strategy is a suitable process to ensure Council maintains its commitment to the priority areas and delivers them in a timely manner. <p>Full submission included below (Appendix 3).</p>	
16. Women's Health in the North	<p>My name is Tilly Mahoney, and I am the Coordinator, Sexual and Reproductive Health at Women's Health In the North.</p> <p>I've read through the strategy and I am excited to see the inclusion of specific actions for promoting sexual health and respectful relationships! Young people are the best! I would love to hear more about the work in this area and see whether there is anything WHIN could do to support these efforts.</p> <p>I would also like to let you know that WHIN is in the process of developing the next iteration of our sexual and reproductive health strategy 'A Strategy for Going South In the North 2022-2026'. As part of this process we will be eager to highlight a wide range of voices in consultations. It would be wonderful if we could engage with some of the young people on council on these priorities. We aren't quite at the consultation stage, but just a heads up that I hope to be in contact soon for some valuable input!</p> <p>In relation to the Draft Youth Strategy, I do have a couple of suggestions for the Sexual Health actions to use the most up-to-date language.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The most accurate language for STIs is 'sexually transmissible infections'. Birth control is better referred to as 'contraception'. 	<p>Recommend updating reference to 'Sexually Transmitted Diseases' to 'Sexually Transmissible Infections' and updating reference to 'birth control' to 'contraception' (pg., 14).</p>

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21 October 2021

Nillumbik Shire Council
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To Whom it May Concern,

Support for Nillumbik Youth Strategy 2022-2026

This letter is to express support for the Nillumbik Shire Council's Youth Strategy 2022-2026. HealthAbility is a community health service which offers a wide range of services and programs in Nillumbik. These include Youth Services, Mental Health, NDIS, My Aged Care, Dental Services and more.

HealthAbility has a long history of working in the community to address the needs of young people. This has included a long relationship and partnership with the Youth and Community Services team at Nillumbik Shire Council. My role as School Focused Youth Service Coordinator involves coordinating interventions in schools to prevent disengagement (in Banyule & Nillumbik).

I wholeheartedly support the Youth Strategy, particularly in the focus areas of;

- 1.1 Mental Wellbeing – enhancing opportunities for young people to have access to mental health services, delivery of early intervention and primary intervention initiatives and working with partners to provide targeted programs
- 3.1 Youth Friendly Community Spaces – explore opportunities for a Youth Hub in Nillumbik
- 5.1 Creative Community – work with young people to plan and deliver youth focused arts and culture-based programs
- 5.3 Social Connection – provide a regular program of youth activities through Nillumbik Youth Services

I strongly believe Nillumbik Shire Council should further invest in the Youth Strategy through:

1. Increased EFT funding for the Youth Development team to support community program development and management
2. Increased youth outreach and short-medium support for young people in Nillumbik
3. Investment into a Youth Hub for Nillumbik – HealthAbility is very enthusiastic about partnering with the council to develop and co-manage a Youth Hub in Nillumbik.

Given the recent events of the COVID pandemic, there is more need than ever for support for young people, particularly in the areas of mental health and social connection. I request the council consider strengthening the Youth team's ability to provide this support to the community.

Yours Sincerely
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Youth Projects Submission

Nillumbik Shire Council Draft Youth Strategy 2022-2026 Community Feedback

Youth Projects Ltd is an independent, not-for-profit community organisation providing front line health care, mental health and AOD counselling, outreach, employment and training services to people experiencing disadvantage, unemployment, homelessness and alcohol and other drug issues. We deliver high impact support through wrap-around and holistic service models, supporting over 1500 young people each year. We don't just believe in early intervention, we live it. We've been supporting the most vulnerable young people since 1984, breaking the cycle of poverty early.

Our DNA and very purpose is entrenched in responding to emerging needs. We first launched our outreach service in the North West in the 80's. First on the street educating young people, providing assertive engagement on health and wellbeing. We've rapidly responded to the manufacturing downturn, GFC and now on-the-ground service responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our schools-based programs, mobile outreach, membership of community-based youth forums and locational expertise helps us to monitor community trends, responding to the needs of young people with multiple risk factors.

Youth Projects is pleased to read Nillumbik Shire Council's Draft Youth Strategy 2022-2026 and the commitment demonstrated through the Strategy to support and respond to the needs of young people who live, work, study, volunteer or play in the Shire of Nillumbik. We would like to congratulate Council on acknowledging and prioritising the needs of young people.

Supporting the 5 Strategic Priority Areas within the Strategy, we were especially pleased to see that *Healthy and Well, Empowered and Engaged, and Equipped and Employed* feature as 3 of the 5 priority areas:

- Young people have borne the brunt of COVID-19, being the first to lose jobs, education, social connection and crucial rights of passage that were disrupted or lost all together. The disproportionate impact was widely recognised, with historic investment at Federal and State levels into the need to invest more into youth mental health. However, despite these efforts, there is clear evidence of a need to further invest locally in order to improve the health, wellbeing and safety of young people
- We are aware of the challenges faced by Nillumbik youth due to our operations as a direct service provider in the area delivering Youth-At-Risk Disability Employment Services and through our involvement on key local networks including the Banyule and Nillumbik Youth Services Executive Network and the Greensborough Headspace Consortium. Having access to local youth specialist services is a key area of need in Nillumbik with currently no direct service providers locally based. Only adhoc or services that are based outside of the municipality in neighboring LGAs.
- Based on our collections of Nillumbik youth specific data from key local service organisations, Youth Substance Abuse Service (YSAS), Greensborough Headspace and Navigator, the rates of referrals to these services of Nillumbik youth are not as high as what the 2021 *Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future Survey* suggests they should be with youth voicing major challenges with mental health (anxiety 58%), loneliness (35%), and school stress (86%). This tells us that either young people are not aware of the services to access or have the inability to access due to lack of transport and these services being predominantly based outside of the Nillumbik area.
- Future school and training disengagement rates are also an area of high concern given the challenges of COVID and remote learning over the past 18 months. Coupled with the anxiety that isolation from local connections due to the pandemic has had. We know that many young people will struggle to make the transition back into the community and specifically vocational pathways and know that there will be many needing support in order to reengage.
- What is significantly concerning is that from the 900 young people who completed the 2021 *Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future Survey*, 44% stated that they were unemployed, and 38% unsatisfied with the hours of work they were getting every week. That's 82% of total responses (738) who have identified unemployment or underemployment as a significant issue.



Being a specialist youth employment service and delivering and adapting our effective early intervention models over our 37 year history, a key indicator of youth engagement is the pathway to a job. Unemployment is very often the end result for a disadvantaged young person. Who actually needed help, support and a set of positive interventions well before they reached unemployment and in turn the official unemployment rate.

Given our extensive history assertively engaging and effectively supporting vulnerable young people within some of the most disadvantaged regions of Melbourne (Hume, Moreland, Melton), we know from firsthand experience that a proactive and early intervention approach is the only way to breaking the cycle of poverty. Changing the trajectory of a young person's life for the better.

Within the Hume and Moreland LGAs Youth Projects has been delivering a program which does early intervention at the core. Assertively engaging and targeting young people who are at the very start of disengagement. Capturing them early, wrapping supports around them and providing the link to more longer term support and the stability that is needed. The program is called 'YHOP'

What is YHOP?

YHOP started as the 'Youth in Hume Outreach Program'. Funded by Hume City Council since July 2018 to deliver flexible and tailored case management support for disengaged young people using an assertive engagement model - YHOP goes to the young person. Since 2018 YHOP has engaged close to 500 young people aged 12 to 25 years who would have otherwise fallen through the cracks. Hume continue to fund YHOP until 2024.

We successfully expanded YHOP into the Moreland LGA in 2020, providing a quick service respond to the high numbers of disengaged youth due to COVID impacts (mental health, social isolation, family violence, school/training/job disengagement). Initially funded through a range of private donors and our own internal Youth Projects contribution, Moreland City Council agreed to extend our initial 6 month pilot for a further 6 months, and funded YHOP Moreland until July 2021. Acknowledging the need for local youth to have a YHOP service response in place.

YHOP is a one-of-a-kind service that provides what no other service do:

- Minimum eligibility - no red tape - YHOP is there for any disengaged young person
- Crisis response, early intervention, intensive support for up to 6 months - to address barriers to engagement
- Flexible, responsive outreach – we go to where a young person is, take them to services and stand by their side
- Mentoring, support and a positive advocate - to navigate and access the services they need
- Individualised approach, holistic support -100% youth-led
- High rates of community reengagement post YHOP (school, services, training, jobs)
- Post-referral-support - to ensure young people remain engaged, and if not, reengage back with them

Hume YHOP has achieved significant impact for vulnerable young people:

- Over 900 supported referrals to specialised services (including mental health, housing),
- 35% increase in wellbeing and happiness, as reported by YHOP participants (youth who access YHOP)

Direct outcomes for young people assertively engaged with YHOP include:

- 35% engaged back into education/training pathways,
- 33% housing situation stabilised,
- 45% reporting improvements to mental health,
- 25% engaged into a job,
- 70% reporting more positive and enhanced social/community engagement.

See the following quotes to demonstrate the direct impact YHOP has had on vulnerable disengaged young people within Hume and Moreland:



Things like domestic violence, my family breaking down and sleeping at different people's houses made by mental health bad. I didn't go back to school for like ages until I met my YHOP Coach. He helped me get my confidence back and talk to my old friends. I'm so excited that he helped me start at a new school. Never give up" – 2019 YHOP Participant, aged 13 years.

"My son actually went back to school because of this program" Parent of a YHOP Participant 2020

"It has given me the confidence to be independent, know that I can work, to know that I am good enough to get through the tough times at home" 2020 YHOP Participant, aged 20 years

We welcome the opportunity to speak to Council further on the ways in which we can work in partnership and collaboration to better engage and support the youth in Nillumbik aligned to needs voiced by young people in the 2021 Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future Survey, and captured in the Key Priority Areas of the Nillumbik Draft Youth Strategy 2022-2026.

A copy of this submission has also been emailed to Nillumbik Council Officer: Katie Camilleri Coordinator Youth, Community & Place Community Services

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Appendix 3 – Submission 15



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Submission: Draft Youth Strategy 2022-2026

Friends of Nillumbik is a not for profit, non-political community group backed by about 1,000 local residents. We care about the environment and the character of Nillumbik's urban and rural areas and are committed to protecting Nillumbik's Green Wedge and its other environmental assets.

We are grateful to Council for the opportunity to make a submission on the Draft Youth Strategy 2022-2026. We applaud Council's commitment to engage meaningfully with young people in our Shire, and in doing so giving them the opportunity to have their say on the many issues that face young people today.

We also take this opportunity to congratulate the inaugural Nillumbik Youth Council for the work they have done to bring this document together. We are sure that this is just the beginning of the contribution these young leaders will make in our community.

Friends of Nillumbik supports the five key priority areas used to group areas of focus in the Strategy. In particular we acknowledge the results of Council's consultation that informed the development of the Youth Strategy, and that the top three issues raised by survey participants were mental health, climate change, and discrimination, with mental health featuring particularly strongly. The priority areas that young people would like Council support on – mental health, coping with stress, and general health and wellbeing – reinforces the fact that mental health is the biggest concern for young people in Nillumbik.

Recognising this, Council has rightly placed the 'Healthy and Well' priority area at the beginning of the Priorities section of the Strategy. We support the focus areas in this section. We agree that young people should be "empowered to take action on their own education" but remind Council that many young people (let alone the general population of the Shire) often struggle to identify where and who they can contact for local support and information. Council must do all it can to be an active and visible presence throughout the community, to ensure that when young people do want to engage, they are aware of their options and feel comfortable in reaching out.

Concern about the climate emergency also featured in the survey results, and FoN is pleased that this is recognised prominently at the beginning of the 'Empowered and Engaged' section. We believe that there is a great opportunity to demonstrate to young people the

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difference they can make to their local community in enhancing and protecting our local environment. We agree that local volunteering opportunities should be provided and promoted as a way to educate young people about the environment and sustainability, with a focus on the biodiversity found in our Shire and the importance of protecting and enhancing the Nillumbik Green Wedge.

We support the continued development of the Youth Council and encourage Council to look at the example set by other municipalities to improve youth engagement. The Youth Summit model in Banyule enables a greater number of young people to engage directly with Council staff, Councillors, and others in the local community to discuss a range of issues. We are sure there are many young people interested in participating in local decision-making who may not necessarily have been interested in the long-term commitment of the Youth Council. Council should be flexible in providing a range of opportunities to reach the broadest possible cross-section of young people in the Shire.

Regarding 'Access to Safe Spaces and Places', FoN supports the exploration of a Youth Hub in Nillumbik as a space integrating a range of services and community uses. We encourage Council to visit the City of Whittlesea youth services hub located at Westfield Plenty Valley to see such a space in action.

Employment and work experience opportunities in our local community are important, and FoN agrees with the focus areas within the 'Equipped and Employed' section. Council should continue to develop close links with local training providers, businesses, traders' groups, and organisations to identify opportunities. As one example, Council should again look to the example set by Banyule Council, through their initiation of social enterprise cafes in their municipality, with a focus on providing work and training to local young people.

FoN also supports the recognition of the need for local arts and cultural programs in the 'Welcomed and Connected' section, including those focused on engaging young people in the Shire. In a similar vein to efforts to encourage employment opportunities, Council should do all it can to provide young people who are musicians, artists and performers the opportunity to showcase their skills and become involved in local activities.

The proposed plan for implementing the Draft Youth Strategy is a suitable process to ensure Council maintains its commitment to the priority areas and delivers them in a timely manner. FoN supports the development of annual implementation plans, and annual reviews conducted at the end of each calendar year.

Friends of Nillumbik again thanks Council for the opportunity to make a submission on the Draft Youth Strategy, and we look forward to seeing the Strategy delivered over the coming years.

Greg Johnson – President
Friends of Nillumbik
October 2021

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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park

Draft Management Plan



For public exhibition

27 August 2021



Nillumbik Shire Council respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Owners of the Country on which Nillumbik is located, and we value the significance of the Wurundjeri people's history as essential to the unique character of the shire. We pay tribute to all First Nations People living in Nillumbik, give respect to Elders past, present and future, and extend that respect to all First Nations People.

We respect the enduring strength of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and acknowledge the ongoing impacts of past trauma and injustices from European invasion, massacres and genocide committed against First Nations People. We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people hold a deep and ongoing connection to this place. We value the distinctive place of our First Nations People in both Nillumbik and Australia's identity; from their cultural heritage and care of the land and waterways, to their ongoing contributions in many fields including academia, agriculture, art, economics, law, sport and politics.

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1.Introduction

1.1 Nature and purpose of the management plan

This management plan has been prepared to enable Nillumbik Shire Council to maintain and enhance the existing essential character and function of the memorial park.

The management plan identifies and outlines a range of capital expenditure improvement works that would rectify, restore and enhance the existing conditions that are essential to the parks existing character and function, and operational expenditure improvement work in the form of an appropriate standard of annual landscape maintenance for the park. Cost estimates and priorities for implementation are provided for each of the capital and operational expenditure works.

It is not a design plan, in the sense it does not project a concept for how the park should be, or propose to alter the existing essential character and function of the park. Nor is it a maintenance plan, as it does not describe routine activities for maintenance of park assets.

This management plan is also not the instrument with which to directly make improvements to the park itself, as it represents a plan or roadmap for how to go about making those improvements.

All of the capital expenditure improvement works identified in the management plan require a project vehicle to deliver the design, documentation, approvals and construction phases of work necessary to realise the improvements as part of the implementation of the management plan. Adoption of the standard of annual landscape maintenance identified in the management plan will be factored in Council's operational expenditure and programming.

The management plan and its component capital and operational expenditure improvement works will be implemented within the context of a governance system that is being developed for the park with key park stakeholders as part of a separate Governance Project.

1.2 Structure and application of the management plan

The management plan is structured according to the following sections of the report.

- Capital expenditure improvements (Section 2)
- Operational expenditure improvements (Section 3)
- Costs (Section 2)
- Governance (Section 5)
- Implementation (Section 6)

1.2.1 Section 2: Capital expenditure improvements

A summary list of capital works is provided together with a photo of the corresponding existing area of, or existing feature/ element in, the park. Each of the capital works is fully described in documents that, due to their size and detail, are provided as an Appendix, including:

- Plan of Works (**Appendix A**) and
- Schedule of Works (**Appendix B**).

Plan of Works

The *Plan of Works* illustrates the location in the park of each capital works item and identifies each item by a drawing code. The drawing code is cross-referenced to the *Schedule of Works*.

Schedule of Works

The *Schedule of Works* defines each of the capital works items indicated on the *Plan of Works* to enable an understanding of the capital works for implementation. Each capital works item is cross-referenced to the *Plan of Works* by the drawing code. The schedule provides information for each capital works item in the areas listed below.

- Work category
- Park Feature/ Element
- Management intent
- Scope of work
- Critical implementation requirements
- Critical construction sequencing
- Associated work in the management plan
- Known site constraints
- Existing heritage significance level
- Particular stakeholder interests
- Priority (High, Medium Low)
- Council lead responsibility for implementation

1.2.1.1 Heritage significance adopted in the management plan

The management plan adopts the *Revised Citation H049 Memorial Park, Kangaroo Ground - Final Draft (12 October 2020) (Appendix C)* as the basis for assessing heritage significance of park elements and features and describing the capital expenditure works in the management plan. The draft revised citation has been prepared to replace the existing citation that is out of date. The draft revised citation will be separately considered early 2022 for future amendment of the heritage overlay in the planning scheme, as part of Council's broader heritage review process.

1.2.2 Section 3: Operational expenditure improvement

An annual landscape maintenance standard for the park is defined in the *Schedule of Works*. The schedule provides information on the annual maintenance standard in the areas listed below.

- Work category
- Park Feature/ Element
- Management intent
- Scope of work
- Budgetary allowance
- Priority (High, Medium, Low)
- Council lead responsibility for delivery

1.2.3 Section 4: Costs

1.2.3.1 Capital expenditure improvements

A summary of the project costs for each capital works item is provided. A full cost plan for the works is provided in **Appendix D**.

1.2.3.2 Operational expenditure improvements

The operational landscape maintenance annual budget is nominated in the *Schedule of Works*.

1.2.4 Section 5: Governance

1.2.4.1 Governance system

The management plan outlines the separate Governance Plan Project that will create a system of governance for the care of the park including the implementation of the management plan.

1.2.4.2 Governance projects

The Governance Plan project will also outline governance projects for those capital expenditure improvements highlighted in the management plan that are contingent on governance matters to be addressed to enable their implementation, as well as additional governance projects to address governance matters concerning the park which are unrelated to capital expenditure improvements.

1.2.5 Section 6: Implementation

The management plan outlines the responsibilities for the delivery of the capital and operational expenditure improvements outlined in the management plan that will be delivered within the governance system that is to be established for the overall care of the park and the implementation of the management plan.

The management plan also identifies implementation priorities and critical delivery requirements and critical construction sequencing for capital and operational expenditure improvements identified in the *Schedule of Works*, where applicable.

2. Capital expenditure improvements

The following items comprise the capital expenditure improvements in the management plan. Each item is identified and named according to the code (where applicable) and feature/ element name in the *Plan of Works* (**Appendix A**) and *Schedule of Works* (**Appendix B**), and a photograph of the corresponding existing area of, or existing feature/ element in, the park is provided.

Refer to the *Plan of Works* and *Schedule of Works* for the location and description of the work, respectively.

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform (P)



Pathway connection to western area of the park



Pathway to Moor-rul viewing platform



Western park area with, (L-R), Moor-rul viewing platform, open grassed hillside and Moor-rul grasslands

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower (Shire of Eltham War Memorial)



War memorial tower foyer



Fire-spotter's cabin on top of the tower

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation



Stone caretaker's cottage hoarded off due to state of disrepair

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting (TP)



Heritage listed perimeter cypress trees are in a state of decline

Cypress Tree Removal (TR)



A few cypress trees in the middle of the park do not have heritage significance and reduce light to, and visibility through, the park

Stone Edge Reinstatement around Tower Base (SE)



Formalised stone retaining wall and rosemary hedge were not features of the early park



Late 1920's photograph of the war memorial tower set on a grassy hill with only stone edging subtly implying a space around the tower
(Andrew Ross Museum Photo)

Memorial Walk (MW)



The Memorial Walk is intended to make use of, and reference, the existing park access road should an alternative park access road be provided in the future

Memorial Gardens (MG)



The Memorial Gardens will be arranged throughout the lawn area around the back and sides of the war memorial tower



The Memorial Gardens will help screen the visual impact of existing park infrastructure



The Memorial Gardens will integrate and enable interpretation of important memorials, such as the Lone Pine Tree, as well as early palm plantings of heritage significance

Park Sign (PS 01)



The park is without a sign identifying the name of the park

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial (IS 01)



Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower (Shire of Eltham War Memorial)

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage (IS 02)



Stone caretaker's cottage (constructed c1927) within the park indicates the importance of the park to the Shire, indicating the park had to be cared for with an on-site caretaker

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens (IS 03)



The Memorial Gardens will be arranged throughout the lawn area around the back and sides of the war memorial tower

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk (IS 04)



The Memorial Walk is intended to make use of, and reference, the existing park access road should an alternative park access road be provided in the future

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold (IS 05)



Location of the threshold to the western park area



Ingredients of the western park area, (L-R):
Moor-rul viewing platform, open grassed hillside and Moor-rul grasslands

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands (IS 06)



Moor-rul grasslands

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform (IS 07)



Moor-rul viewing platform

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence (IS 08)



Caretaker's residence (constructed 1951) within the park indicates the importance of the park to the Shire, indicating the park had to be cared for with an on-site caretaker

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Foyer Cabinets (DM 01)



Display cabinets are located within the war memorial tower foyer

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets (DM 02)



Built-in display cabinets of the Moor-rul viewing platform are currently not used for interpretative display

Bench Seating



A range of bench seat types exist within the park in various states of condition



A range of bench seat types exist within the park in various states of condition

Picnic Tables



A range of picnic table types exist within the park in various states of condition

3. Operational expenditure improvement

The standard of annual landscape maintenance is the only operational expenditure works included in the Management Plan. It is itemised by park feature/ element in the *Schedule of Works* (**Appendix 2**) as Park Landscape Maintenance.

An increase in the current standard of maintenance of the park, from Council's 'Amenity' standard, to Council's 'Priority Sites' standard, is defined, to keep the park in a condition that honours the park's heritage significance and is fit for year round visitation and important memorial services.

4. Costs

2.1 Capital expenditure improvements

Costing for all capital works items are provided in the Cost Plan (**Appendix D**).

The Cost Plan provides a breakdown of each of the works and qualifies the cost estimate with notes and exclusions.

The estimate amounts are **total project costs** relating to design, documentation, approvals and construction, and are inclusive of preliminaries, design contingency, escalation, construction contingency, professional fees, insurances and authority fees and charges where applicable, as outlined in the Cost Plan.

The costs exclude any governance processes and work associated with the capital expenditure improvements (indicated in the management plan) that will be outlined in the separate Governance Plan, as well as operational expenditure costs.

A summary of the total project costs per capital works item is provided in Table 1, below.

Table 1: Summary of the total project costs per capital works item

Plan/ Schedule of Works Code	Item: Park Feature/ Element	Project cost
P	Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform	\$47,497
N/A	Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower	\$48,500
N/A	Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation	\$101,500
TP	Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting	\$233,960
TR	Cypress Tree Removal	\$20,000
SE	Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base	\$55,750
MW	Memorial Walk	\$220,315
MG	Memorial Gardens	\$341,346
PS 01	Park Sign	\$17,000
IS 01	Interpretative Sign – War Memorial	\$13,500
IS 02	Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage	\$8,500
IS 03	Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens	\$8,500
IS 04	Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk	\$8,500
IS 05	Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold	\$8,500
IS 06	Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands	\$8,500
IS 07	Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform	\$8,500
IS 08	Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence	\$8,500
DM 01	Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets	\$8,500
DM 02	Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets	\$31,000
N/A	Bench Seating	\$28,000
N/A	Picnic Tables	\$49,000
	TOTAL	\$1,275,350

2.2 Operational expenditure improvements

The estimated budget for annual park landscape maintenance is provided in the *Schedule of Works*.

The estimated budget is to provide an improved standard of park maintenance (from the existing 'Amenity' standard to a 'Priority sites' standard).

The estimated budget is \$47,000 p.a., rounded. This represents an increase of \$30,840 p.a. over Council's current park landscape maintenance budget of \$16,160 p.a.

5. Governance

5.1 Governance system

The implementation of the management plan will be undertaken within the context of a governance system for the park that is being developed by Council with park stakeholders through the Governance Plan project.

The governance system to be developed through the Governance Plan Project, will:

- identify what type of governance model is appropriate;
- outline a Capability that can be established within Council to enable implementation of the governance model with defined Council roles and responsibilities and resources of Council;
- define the status, role and agency of stakeholders, and
- define an agreed set of place values upon which all park decisions (including decisions required in the implementation of the management plan and delivery of the park improvements) are based.

Park identity and meaning

The creation of an agreed set of place values concerning the identity and meaning of the park will be a critical governance aspect of the Governance Plan that is required to be undertaken before any implementation of the management plan can occur.

There first needs to be an agreement on what the broader park stands for, what aspects of the park should be represented and interpreted and how this material should look and feel, before particular specific components of the park are interpreted through, for example, the Interpretative Signage and Interpretive Display Material capital expenditure improvements of the management plan which are components of the overall park.

Park stakeholders

Park stakeholders who have been identified to participate in the Governance Project based on their interest, involvement and operation in the park are listed below.

- Andrew Ross Museum
- CFA
- Eltham District Historical Society
- Friends of Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Inc.
- Friends of Moor-rul Grasslands
- Kangaroo Ground Cemetery Trust
- Montmorency-Eltham RSL Sub Branch
- Nillumbik Reconciliation Group
- Victorian Police
- Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
- Yarra Plenty Heritage Group
- Yarra Plenty Regional Library

5.2 Governance projects

The Governance Plan Project will also identify a number of governance projects (scope, tasks, timeframes, budgets) for issues that require resolution through the governance system that is to be established as part of the Governance Plan. Such issues fall into two governance categories: those that are associated with the capital expenditure improvements outlined in the management plan, and those that fall outside the management plan because they do not concern capital works.

5.2.1 Governance projects to support capital expenditure improvements

There are some capital works items that cannot be installed until governance aspects associated with the specific park feature/ element are resolved. For example, the Interpretative Signage and Interpretative Display Material capital expenditure improvements, mentioned above, cannot be installed until their interpretative content is agreed, requiring their own governance process to enable their installation.

These governance aspects associated with capital works items will be separately addressed in the implementation of the Governance Plan in advance or as part of the delivery of the respective capital expenditure works. The capital works with a governance component are highlighted in the *Schedule of Works*, and are summarised in the Table 2, below.

Table 2: Summary of capital works items with a governance component

Plan/ Schedule of Works Code	Item: Park Feature/ Element
N/A	Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation
MW	Memorial Walk
MG	Memorial Gardens
PS 01	Park Sign
IS 01	Interpretative Sign – War Memorial
IS 02	Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage
IS 03	Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens
IS 04	Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk
IS 05	Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold
IS 06	Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands
IS 07	Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform
IS 08	Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence
DM 01	Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets
DM 02	Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets
N/A	Bench Seating

5.2.2 Governance projects outside of the management plan

The governance plan will also address other identified important governance issues unrelated to the management plan and its capital expenditure improvements, such as protocols for hosting memorial services. These capital expenditure improvements

do not appear in the *Schedule of Works* as they fall outside the management plan, and include:

- park naming;
- hosting of memorial services;
- hosting and conduct of tours;
- educational promotion and knowledge integration;
- memorialisation – what, who, location, content, policy/ approvals;
- additional park infrastructure needs for interpretation e.g., equipment, storage, IT, and
- opening and closing times (if restricted).

6. Implementation

Implementation of the management plan will be undertaken as part of the system of governance to be developed through the separate Governance Plan Project.

As part of the implementation of the management plan, the delivery of specific capital and operational expenditure improvements will be the responsibility of the Council Officer who is responsible for the specific park feature/ element.

Council's lead Officer responsible for the delivery of the capital and operational works is nominated in the *Schedule of Works*, and has the duty to coordinate the delivery of the capital and operational expenditure improvement works within the governance arrangements to be developed for the park, to ensure any governance matters associated with the works are addressed and the appropriate levels of community and stakeholder engagement are adopted. These responsibilities and lines of communication will be outlined in the governance system that will be developed in the Governance Plan project.

6.1 Capital expenditure improvements delivery

Each of the capital works items can be delivered as a single project or in combination. There may be benefits in combining items as one project, such as in economies of scale, minimisation of impacts on the park, achieving improved integration of work, and completing larger areas of the park at the one time, for example.

Critical delivery requirements and critical construction sequencing for capital works items are identified in the *Schedule of Works*, where applicable.

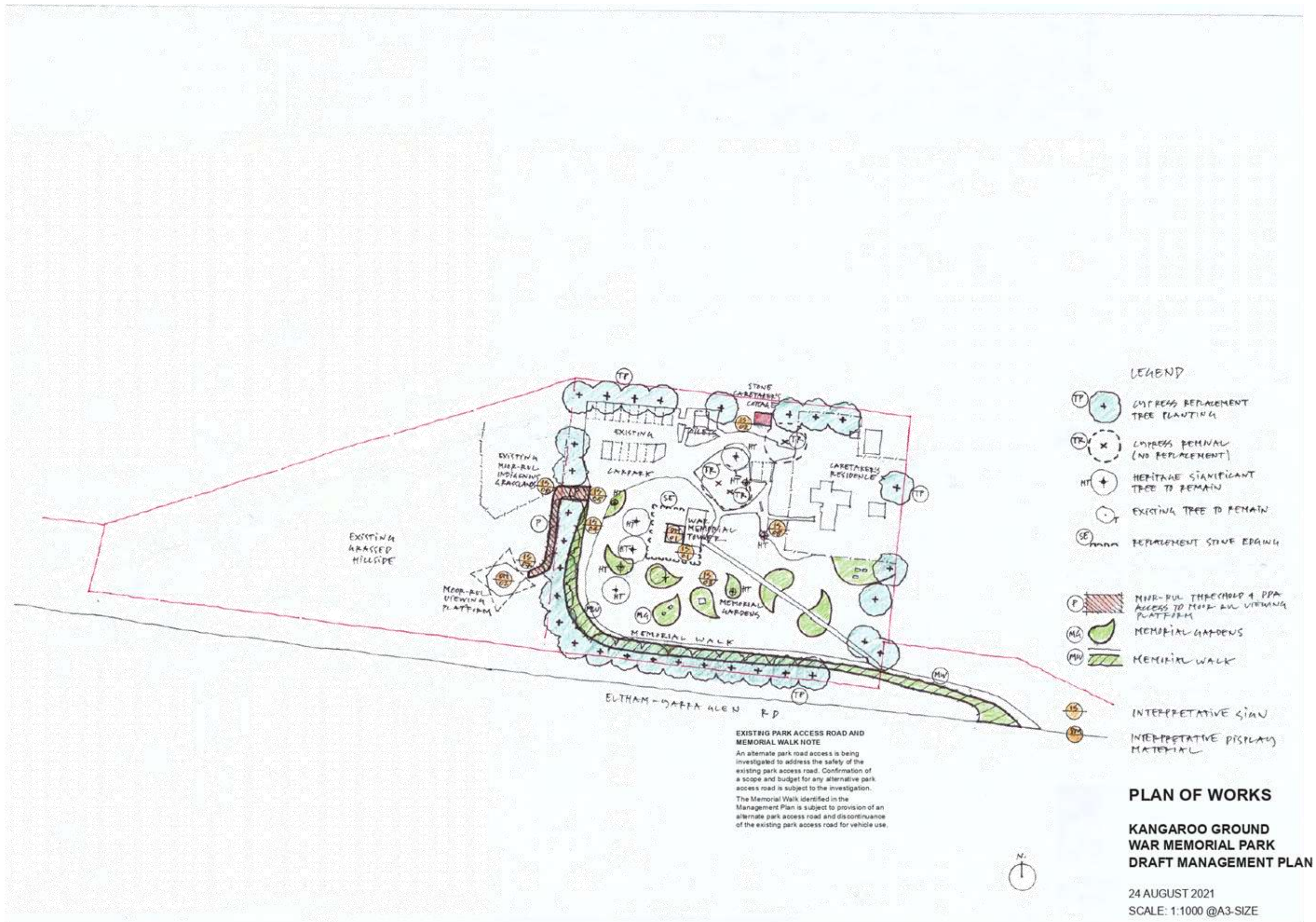
An implementation priority is assigned to each of the capital works items identified in the *Schedule of Works* in consideration of each of the item's level of importance, heritage value, condition and level of safety risk. A priority is defined in terms of implementation timeframes, either as High (1-3 years), Medium (3-5 years) or Low (5-7 years).

6.2 Operational expenditure improvement delivery

Adoption of the standard of annual landscape maintenance identified in the *Schedule of Works* will be factored in Council's operational expenditure and programming. An implementation priority is also assigned and is defined in terms of adoption timeframe for the standard, either as High (1-3 years), Medium (3-5 years) or Low (5-7 years).

Appendix A. Plan of Works

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Appendix B. Schedule of Works

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Schedule of Works

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Dwg Code	Work Category	Item: Park Feature/Element	Management Intent	Scope of work	Critical implementation requirements	Critical construction sequencing	Associated work in Management Plan	Known site constraints	Heritage notes	Particular Stakeholder Interests	Priority HIGH: 1-3 yrs MEDIUM: 3-5 yrs LOW: 5-7 yrs	Budgetary allowance	NSC Delivery Responsibility Lead
P	INFRASTRUCTURE	MOOR-RUL THRESHOLD AND DDA ACCESS TO MOOR-RUL VIEWING PLATFORM	<p>Interpretative pavement threshold at edge of original memorial park and DDA-compliant path to Moor-rul Viewing Platform, that serves as visible access and connection to the western hillside of park (including Moor-rul Grasslands, grassed hillside and Moor-rul Viewing Platform).</p> <p>To include INTERPRETATIVE SIGN - WESTERN PARK THRESHOLD and BENCH SEATING.</p> <p>Provide gap in CYPRESS TREE REPLACEMENT TREE PLANTING at threshold to enable improved view connections through to western parkland.</p>	<p>Regrading and new asphaltic concrete pavement, min. 1500mm wide (wider where meets carpark to create threshold) to achieve max. longitudinal gradient of 1:20 and avoid ramp classification and requirements (handrails, kick rails).</p>	<p>Heritage review</p>	<p>To be planned or constructed prior to CYPRESS TREE REPLACEMENT TREE PLANTING to ensure replacement tree planting locations and finished levels are unaffected by path finished levels.</p>	<p>INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE</p> <p>BENCH SEATING</p> <p>CYPRESS TREE REPLACEMENT TREE PLANTING</p>	<p>Grades are challenging with location of Moor-rul Viewing Platform down the hillside.</p>		<p>Wilmink Reconciliation Group.</p>	<p>LOW, but linked with CYPRESS TREE REPLACEMENT TREE PLANTING that has HIGH priority.</p>	<p>Refer Cost Plan</p>	<p>Manager, Infrastructure</p>
N/A	BUILDING	KANGAROO GROUND WAR MEMORIAL TOWER (SHIRE OF ELTHAM WAR MEMORIAL)	<p>Removal of any redundant infrastructures within tower foyer to remove visual and physical clutter and impact on tower arrival.</p> <p>Reducing visual prominence of Fire Spotter's Cabin.</p>	<p>Review of plant infrastructure in tower foyer with CFA. Removal of any redundant infrastructure and make good.</p> <p>Painting of Fire Spotter's Cabin in dark, neutral (e.g., charcoal) colour to reduce its visual impact and have no identifiable colour association.</p>	<p>All work subject to a memorial park or war memorial conservation plan.</p> <p>Planning permit for works</p>		<p>INTERPRETATIVE DISPLAY MATERIAL (Tower Foyer)</p>	<p>High level of heritage significance</p>	<p>CFA Eltham District Historical Society</p>	<p>Appearance of Fire Spotter's Cabin and plant within tower foyer impacts on heritage significance of the war memorial and its interpretation.</p>	<p>Refer Cost Plan</p>	<p>Manager, Properties and Facilities Maintenance</p>	
N/A	BUILDING	STONE CARETAKER'S COTTAGE RENNOVATION	<p>Conservation of cottage including adaptation for public use as well as interpretation.</p>	<p>Scope to be determined by determination of cottage user function. Renovation to restore structural integrity and material disrepair.</p>	<p>All work subject to a memorial park or stone caretaker's cottage conservation plan that includes consultation with identified stakeholders as well as community, to be developed through separate GOVERNANCE project.</p> <p>Planning permit for works</p>		<p>GOVERNANCE</p> <p>INTERPRETATIVE SIGNAGE</p>	<p>High level of heritage significance</p>	<p>Montmorency-Eltham RSL sub-branch, especially as caretaker occupants of the cottage were returned soldiers. Eltham District Historical Society</p>	<p>HIGH</p> <p>Cottage is in disrepair with risk of loss of heritage asset significance.</p> <p>Cottage is closed off to public due to safety risk, and absence of rectification action potentially affects perception of NSCs interest and care of the cottage and park.</p>	<p>Refer Cost Plan</p>	<p>Manager, Properties and Facilities Maintenance</p>	
TP	LANDSCAPE - TREES	CYPRESS TREE REPLACEMENT TREE PLANTING	<p>Tree planting to replace aged and dying cypress trees to maintain heritage significance of cypress trees (refer Draft Revised Heritage Citation).</p> <p>Replacement tree species to fulfil original design intent and heritage criteria, including: - locations to north, south and western boundaries of original memorial park, predominantly; - continuous, windbreak form; - tree type to be evergreen to symbolise death, and - tree type able to be managed to maintain long-distance panoramic views from top of tower (lookout) over trees.</p> <p>Tree spacing to be appropriate to species selected, and to maintain good windbreak form, without crowding, rather than replacing existing locations like for like.</p> <p>Gap in western windbreak planting to enable Western Park Area Threshold, specifically view connection to western parkland from original rectangular park - see WESTERN PARK AREA THRESHOLD AND DDA ACCESS TO MOOR-RUL VIEWING PLATFORM.</p>	<p>Tree planting to locations identified indicatively on Plan of Works. Note: not all existing trees that are to be removed are to be replaced and locations are not like for like.</p> <p>Additional detailed survey of floor level of tower lookout required to determine average eye height of person standing at top of tower on lookout, to enable determination of max height of tree to be maintained in consideration of tree replacement selection.</p> <p>All cypress trees that are to be replaced are to be replaced at the same time, to enable progressive and even growth of trees and development of overall perimeter enclosure effect.</p> <p>Area beneath and around tree planting to be weeded, aerated, fertilised and mulched prior to time of planting.</p> <p>24-months tree establishment and maintenance.</p>	<p>Cypress tree replacement subject to a memorial park or tree replacement conservation plan that includes consultation with identified stakeholders as well as community.</p> <p>Heritage review</p> <p>Planning permit for tree removal</p>	<p>To be planted after the planning or construction of NEW PARK ROAD and WESTERN PARK AREA THRESHOLD AND DDA ACCESS TO MOOR-RUL VIEWING PLATFORM to ensure replacement tree planting locations and finished levels are not affected by road alignment and road and path finished levels.</p>	<p>Subject to alternative park access road investigation</p> <p>TREE REMOVAL</p> <p>WESTERN PARK AREA THRESHOLD AND DDA ACCESS TO MOOR-RUL VIEWING PLATFORM</p> <p>CYPRESS TREE REMOVAL</p>	<p>High level of heritage significance</p>	<p>Known public safety and loss of heritage risks associated with ageing trees in decline with average life expectancy less than 10 years.</p>	<p>Refer Cost Plan</p>	<p>Manager, Infrastructure</p>		
TR	LANDSCAPE - TREES	CYPRESS TREE REMOVAL	<p>Removal (and no replacement) of existing cypress trees that are not located to boundaries of original rectangular park, to enable increased natural light levels and better view connections within park.</p>	<p>Removal of cypress trees indicated on Plan of Works, including grubbing out stump and roots and making good ground.</p>	<p>Removal of cypress trees to be part the memorial park or tree replacement conservation plan that includes consultation with identified stakeholders as well as community - see CYPRESS TREE REPLACEMENT TREE PLANTING.</p> <p>Planning approval for tree removal.</p>		<p>CYPRESS TREE REPLACEMENT</p>	<p>High level of heritage significance</p>		<p>Known public safety and loss of heritage risks associated with ageing trees in decline with average life expectancy less than 10 years.</p>	<p>Refer Cost Plan</p>	<p>Manager, Infrastructure</p>	
SE	LANDSCAPE - EDGING	STONE EDGE REINSTATEMENT AROUND TOWER BASE	<p>To reinforce the tower as a tower on a grassy hill, and reinstate the square-shaped grassed area implied at the tower base by informal stone edging, opening up views and access to the tower.</p>	<p>Removal of formalised stone retaining wall and rosemary hedge.</p> <p>Installation of local stone edging in rectangular layout to original form and location, to subtly imply grassed area at tower base.</p> <p>Grassing of disturbed/ demolished areas.</p> <p>Grass area around tower to be irrigated with automatic irrigation- refer Memorial Gardens.</p>	<p>Heritage review</p>		<p>MEMORIAL GARDENS (Automatic irrigation to include grass area around tower)</p>	<p>Existing stone retaining wall and rosemary have no heritage significance.</p> <p>Refer Revised Citation H049 Memorial Park, Kangaroo Ground - Final Draft (12 October 2020) for description and photographs of original tower base, including local stone edging and implied grassed rectangular area at tower base.</p>		<p>The works will enhance the heritage value of the tower and visitation experience, but are not time critical in context of the current park use and its interpretation.</p>	<p>Refer Cost Plan</p>	<p>Manager, Infrastructure</p>	

Dwg Code	Work Category	Item: Park Feature/Element	Management Intent	Scope of work	Critical implementation requirements	Critical construction sequencing	Associated work in Management Plan	Known site constraints	Heritage notes	Particular Stakeholder Interests	Priority HIGH: 1-3 yrs MEDIUM: 3-5 yrs LOW: 5-7 yrs	Budgetary allowance	NSC Delivery Responsibility Lead
MW	LANDSCAPE - GARDEN	MEMORIAL WALK	Discontinuance of existing park access road, and conversion of existing road to a reduced width pedestrian pathway and new gardens memorialising original park road and providing opportunity for future memorialisation within the garden as determined through GOVERNANCE , and providing seasonal display at special memorial times of year.	Removal of 2m wide asphaltic concrete to southern side of existing park access road. Creation of new mulched garden in location of removed road. Automatic irrigation to garden. Plant selection to comprise low groundcovers to enable extensive views through all areas of the memorial walk. Plant selection to provide seasonal display at following times: - ANZAC Day, and - Remembrance Day. Memorialisation as determined through separate GOVERNANCE project.	Subject to investigation into alternative park access road and discontinuance of existing park access road. Determination of curatorial approach to any memorialisation within Memorial Walk gardens is subject to GOVERNANCE project. Heritage review	Constructed with or after construction of any alternate park access road, not before.	MEMORIAL GARDENS GOVERNANCE		Existing park access road alignment is consistent with early park.		MEDIUM The works would ideally be part of, or commence soon after, any alternate park access road.	Refer Cost Plan	Manager, Infrastructure
MG	LANDSCAPE - GARDEN	MEMORIAL GARDENS	New display gardens that incorporate existing heritage significance (trees and memorials around tower area and which provide opportunity for future memorialisation within the gardens as determined through GOVERNANCE , and providing seasonal display at special memorial times of year.	New mulched gardens. Renovation of grass areas throughout. Automatic irrigation to gardens. Automatic irrigation to renovated grass areas. Gardens not to be located in grassed area in front of tower entrance that is used for service congregation and assembly. Plant selection to comprise low groundcovers to enable extensive views through all areas of the memorial gardens. Plant selection to provide seasonal display at following times: - ANZAC Day, and - Remembrance Day. Memorialisation as determined through separate GOVERNANCE project.	Determination of curatorial approach to any memorialisation within the Memorial Gardens is subject to GOVERNANCE project. Heritage review		MEMORIAL WALK STONE EDGE REINSTATEMENT AROUND TOWER BASE (Automatic irrigation to grass area around tower base) GOVERNANCE				LOW	Refer Cost Plan	Manager, Infrastructure
PS 01	SIGNAGE	PARK SIGN	Clear identification of memorial park/ park name, in Hillumbik Shire Council (HSC) identity on HSC-type park sign at park access road entry.	Quantity: 1	Memorial park name determination to be undertaken through GOVERNANCE project and subject to naming process outlined by Geographic Names Victoria. Location to be determined on completion of alternate park access road investigation. Heritage review		Subject to outcome of alternate park access road investigation GOVERNANCE				HIGH The park is without a name and the issue is contentious among community groups.	Refer Cost Plan	Manager, Infrastructure
IS 01	SIGNAGE	INTERPRETATIVE SIGN - WAR MEMORIAL	Clear, sensitively designed signage that is integrated with rest of park signage and display material and identifies the war memorial and provides interpretation of its heritage.	Quantity: 1	War memorial name confirmation to be undertaken through GOVERNANCE project and any renaming of the war memorial from 'Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower' (registered with Geographic Names Victoria) is subject to naming process outlined by Geographic Names Victoria. Determination of curatorial approach to all interpretative signage and display material, through GOVERNANCE project. Heritage review		GOVERNANCE All other INTERPRETATIVE SIGNS and DISPLAY MATERIAL				With related work	Refer Cost Plan	Manager, Infrastructure
IS 02	SIGNAGE	INTERPRETATIVE SIGN - STONE CARETAKER'S COTTAGE	Clear, sensitively designed signage that is integrated with rest of park signage and display material and identifies the cottage and its function, and provides interpretation of its heritage.	Quantity: 1	Determination of STONE CARETAKER'S COTTAGE RENNOVATION function, use, and curatorial approach to all interpretative signage and display material through GOVERNANCE project. Heritage review		GOVERNANCE STONE CARETAKER'S COTTAGE RENNOVATION All other INTERPRETATIVE SIGNS and DISPLAY MATERIAL				With related work	Refer Cost Plan	Manager, Infrastructure
IS 03	SIGNAGE	INTERPRETATIVE SIGN - MEMORIAL GARDENS	Clear, sensitively designed signage that is integrated with rest of park signage and display material and identifies the Memorial Gardens and provides interpretation of its cultural value.	Quantity: 1	Determination of curatorial approach to all interpretative signage and display material, through GOVERNANCE project. Heritage review		GOVERNANCE All other INTERPRETATIVE SIGNS and DISPLAY MATERIAL				With related work	Refer Cost Plan	Manager, Infrastructure
IS 04	SIGNAGE	INTERPRETATIVE SIGN - MEMORIAL WALK	Clear, sensitively designed signage that is integrated with rest of park signage and display material and identifies the Memorial Walk and provides interpretation of its cultural value and heritage, namely the alignment of the former park road.	Quantity: 1	Determination of curatorial approach to all interpretative signage and display material, through GOVERNANCE project. Heritage review		GOVERNANCE All other INTERPRETATIVE SIGNS and DISPLAY MATERIAL				With related work	Refer Cost Plan	Manager, Infrastructure
IS 05	SIGNAGE	INTERPRETATIVE SIGN - MOOR-RUL THRESHOLD	Clear, sensitively designed signage that is integrated with rest of park signage and display material and identifies connection to the western hillside acquired in 1973, and access to Moor-rul Grasslands, hillside picnic area and Moor-rul Viewing Platform.	Quantity: 1	Determination of curatorial approach to all interpretative signage and display material, through GOVERNANCE project. Heritage review		GOVERNANCE All other INTERPRETATIVE SIGNS and DISPLAY MATERIAL MOOR-RUL THRESHOLD AND DDA ACCESS TO MOOR-RUL VIEWING PLATFORM				With related work	Refer Cost Plan	Manager, Infrastructure
IS 06	SIGNAGE	INTERPRETATIVE SIGN - MOOR-RUL GRASSLANDS	Clear, sensitively designed signage that is integrated with rest of park signage and display material and identifies the grasslands project and provides interpretation of its natural and cultural origins and systems and its management.	Quantity: 1	Determination of curatorial approach to all interpretative signage and display material, through GOVERNANCE project. Heritage review		GOVERNANCE All other INTERPRETATIVE SIGNS and DISPLAY MATERIAL				With related work	Refer Cost Plan	Manager, Infrastructure

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IS 07	SIGNAGE	INTERPRETATIVE SIGN - MOOR-RUL VIEWING PLATFORM	Clear, sensitively designed signage that is integrated with rest of park signage and display material and identifies the viewing platform and provides interpretation of its heritage.	Quantity: 1	Determination of curatorial approach to all interpretative signage and display material, through GOVERNANCE project. Heritage review		GOVERNANCE All other INTERPRETATIVE SIGNS and DISPLAY MATERIAL				HIGH The Moor-rul Viewing Platform appears cut-off from and alien to the original rectangular park.	Refer Cost Plan	Manager, Infrastructure
IS 08	SIGNAGE	INTERPRETATIVE SIGN - CARETAKERS'S RESIDENCE	Clear, sensitively designed signage that is integrated with rest of park signage and display material and identifies the residence and provides interpretation of its heritage.	Quantity: 1	Determination of curatorial approach to all interpretative signage and display material, through GOVERNANCE project. Heritage review		GOVERNANCE All other INTERPRETATIVE SIGNS and DISPLAY MATERIAL				HIGH	Refer Cost Plan	Manager, Infrastructure
DM 01	DISPLAY MATERIAL	INTERPRETATIVE DISPLAY MATERIAL - WAR MEMORIAL FOYER CABINETS	Clear, sensitively designed display material that is integrated with rest of park signage and display material and provides interpretation of lower heritage.	To existing display cabinet	Determination of curatorial approach to all interpretative signage and display material, through GOVERNANCE project. Heritage review		GOVERNANCE All other INTERPRETATIVE SIGNS and DISPLAY MATERIAL				HIGH Existing display panels present information not adequately curated and in poor condition, and appears to be neglected, potentially affecting perception of NHC's interest and care of the lower and park.	Refer Cost Plan	Manager, Community Partnerships
DM 02	DISPLAY MATERIAL	INTERPRETATIVE DISPLAY MATERIAL - MOOR-RUL VIEWING PLATFORM CABINETS	Clear, sensitively designed display material that is integrated with rest of park signage and display material. Interpretation subject(s) to be determined through GOVERNANCE project.	To existing display cabinets	Determination of curatorial approach to all interpretative signage and display material, through GOVERNANCE project. Heritage review		GOVERNANCE All other INTERPRETATIVE SIGNS and DISPLAY MATERIAL				HIGH Existing display panels are empty and appear to be neglected, potentially affecting perception of NHC's interest and care of the park.	Refer Cost Plan	Manager, Community Partnerships
N/A	FURNITURE	BENCH SEATING	One type of timber bench seating throughout park that replaces a variety of ageing seats and establishes one furniture identity in the memorial park that can be maintained. Maintenance of existing seat donor or memorialisation recognition (plaques)	Approved NHC park furniture and installation details, with adequate provision of DDA accessible furniture within park. Bench seat memorialisation and sponsor recognition as determined through separate GOVERNANCE project. Quantity: 7	Determination of curatorial approach to memorialisation and sponsor recognition , through GOVERNANCE project, prior to furniture replacement. Heritage review		GOVERNANCE PICNIC TABLES		Memorialisation Recognition of sponsor		MEDIUM	Refer Cost Plan	Manager, Infrastructure
N/A	FURNITURE	PICNIC TABLES	One type of timber picnic table throughout park that replaces a variety of ageing tables and establishes one furniture identity in the memorial park. Maintenance of existing seat donor or memorialisation recognition (plaques)	Approved NHC park furniture and installation details, with adequate provision of DDA accessible furniture within park. Quantity: 2	Heritage review		BENCH SEATING				MEDIUM	Refer Cost Plan	Manager, Infrastructure
N/A	MAINTENANCE (OPEX)	PARK LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE	High standard of maintenance, fit for a park of significant heritage value, that keeps the memorial park in good condition for visitation all through the year.	Upgrade to Nillumbik Shire Council 'Priority Sites' maintenance standard classification from 'Amenity' standard.							HIGH Existing 'Amenity standard' maintenance fails to keep memorial park in condition that honours heritage significance and is fit for year-round visitation and important memorial services and events.	\$47,000 p.a.	Manager, Infrastructure

Appendix C. Draft revised citation

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**Revised Citation HO49 Memorial Park, 385 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road, Kangaroo Ground
Final Draft (12 October 2020)**



Aerial view of the current Park showing the area of significance in red (the eastern section of land containing the entry is not in Council ownership)

Summary History of the Memorial Park

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The land prior to establishment of the Memorial Park

The area now known as Kangaroo Ground is part of the lands of the Wurundjeri. There is evidence that the landscape of Kangaroo Ground may have been managed by the Wurundjeri with fire to create productive open ground for animals and plants, which also favoured hunting. There is unfortunately little written evidence of other aspects of Wurundjeri occupation of Kangaroo Ground.

Dispossession of the Wurundjeri from their lands by pastoralists began in the mid-1830s. Interpolating from the wider history of dispossession in Victoria, it is likely the Wurundjeri were driven from their lands by a number of strategies and impacts. Squatters actively destroyed Aboriginal people's means of livelihood including their houses, encampments and fish traps. Stock trampled and destroyed Aboriginal food plants and waterholes, and game was driven away. Aboriginal people starved and resorted to killing the squatters' stock, which resulted in violent reprisals. The influx of European population in the gold-rushes only accelerated this process, and the 1850s saw a steady decline in the Aboriginal population in the area.

The Kangaroo Ground run, in which the summit later known as Garden Hill was located, was held by James Donald Bruce from 1840, and by Brown and Draper from 1844-49. Brown and Draper had a fenced-off cultivation area on the ridge 600m to the north of the summit. This part of the Parish of Nillumbik was surveyed in the late 1840s, and at the Crown land sales that followed soon after Allotment 4 Section 2, on which the summit of Garden Hill was located, was purchased by investor George Kirk. Kirk's land was leased by Scottish immigrants Jane and Alexander Thomson and family. Allotment 3 Section 2, just to the east of the summit of Garden Hill, was purchased by Andrew Harkness in 1848.

The open woodland of Kangaroo Ground around Garden Hill was progressively cleared and cultivated. The southern half of Allotment 4, which had been acquired by the Thomsons, was purchased by James and Jane (Stevenson) Mess in 1891. The summit of Garden Hill soon gained a wide reputation as a lookout and picnic area with expansive views in all directions. The Eltham-Yarra Glen Road followed the surveyed government road reserve on the south side Allotments 4 and 3, passing conveniently close to the summit. By the 1880s the Garden Hill summit had become a well-known feature on tours of the district.

Establishing the Memorial Park

After James Mess died in 1901 the property known as 'Garden Hill' was farmed by his sons. Towards the end of World War 1 Eltham Shire councillors began to consider creation of a memorial park with a monument at Garden Hill. Two acres at the southeast corner of Allotment 4 was purchased from the Mess

brothers in 1919 and the land was ploughed and cleared of rocks. Planting of ornamental trees including rows of Cypressess on the four boundaries began in 1920. A small block of land to the east was donated by Frances (Harkness) White to create an entrance road, which was soon marked by a timber archway and gate. The Shire of Eltham Memorial Park was opened in September 1921.

In 1922 a delegation of members of the Panton Hill Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia attended an Eltham Shire Council meeting and suggested that a memorial to fallen soldiers from the district should be built in the park, taking the form of a cairn of local stone crowned with a monument. The Council allocated £250 to the project, a War Memorial Committee was appointed, and fundraising events followed. The Anzac Day memorial service held in the Memorial Park in 1923 was attended by 1000, starting with a procession of school children and a band from the Shire Hall (then in Kangaroo Ground) to Garden Hill.

A rounded cairn of field stone with a flagstaff above was in place by 1924. That year the Eltham Shire Memorial League was formed to plan and raise funds for a more substantial memorial. A design competition was held with entries invited from Melbourne monumental masons and technical schools, but the resulting proposals were considered too polished, when a more rustic effect was desired. A competition entry design for a 70ft lookout tower in local stone by the shire engineer was chosen.

Local resident Basil Hall recalled in 1963 that at a gathering at his house, presumably soon after the competition, artist Harold Herbert had sketched up a design inspired by watch towers built on the Scottish-English border from the 1450s and ca1600. Architect Percy Meldrum then volunteered to produce architectural drawings. By early 1925 the League had approved Meldrum's drawings for a 50ft tower, and this was reduced to 40ft because of cost constraints. The Shire arranged for sandstone to be brought to the tower site from a quarry on the nearby farm of Dr Ethel and Professor William Osborne. Builder Mr Rousell used cast-concrete quoins and dressings with the local stone as rubble veneer in between. The main structure of the tower was in reinforced concrete.

1500 people attended the opening of the tower on Armistice Day 1926. School children from Eltham, Panton Hill, Hurstbridge, Kangaroo Ground, Research, and Queenstown formed a guard of honour for the Governor General and Lady Stonehaven as they approached the tower and unveiled the temporary honour board painted on the panels on either side of the doorway. A pair of captured German field guns were arranged on either side of the tower in ca1929 but were mysteriously taken away during World War II.

Interwar and World War 2 history of the Memorial Park

With the rise of motor travel, the lookout tower became a very popular stopping point on day tours from Melbourne. A series of returned-soldier caretakers were employed to look after the site, with a one-room caretaker's cottage built in ca1927 from the same local rubble stone as the tower. In September 1930 a "handsome" bronze tablet costing over £100 and bearing the names of the fallen was erected on the tower above arch of the doorway. Returned soldier and ex prize-fighter William 'Tiny' Carroll was the most conspicuous of the early caretakers, living at the tower from c1934 to ca1938 and providing vivid interpretation for visitors.

Four cast iron direction plates were fitted to the lookout balustrades in 1931. The timber doors in the entrance were replaced with wrought iron gates in ca1936. The inside of the tower was painted white in ca1938 in an effort to improve the lighting of the stairs. The park and tower were considered somewhat neglected by 1939, and extensions to the caretaker's cottage to allow a married couple were considered. When the tower was rededicated by the Governor Sir Dallas Brooks in 1951, with new plaques for the names of the fallen in World War II, a new fibro house had been built for the caretakers. The house continues to be leased out to people who agree to take on caretaker duties as part of their residential lease arrangement.

Post World War 2 history of the Memorial Park

The potential of the tower for fire spotting was first canvassed in 1939, but the first spotter started in 1948. In 1966 the need for the addition of a spotter's cabin to the top of the tower was pushed by the Forestry Commission and opposed by the local Returned Services League branches. University of Melbourne architecture professor Brian Lewis and the aging Percy Meldrum advised that a suitable design

would not compromise the tower, and a prefabricated cabin was finally erected by crane in 1974. The Shire of Eltham purchased another block of land to the west in 1973, with the intention of providing better road access to the park.

Another rededication ceremony was held in 2001, with plaques installed to honour the fallen from the Korea, Borneo, Malaya and Vietnam conflicts. In 2008 the Moor-rul viewing platform, which functioned as a lookout for those unable to climb the stairs in the tower, was built on the upper part of the land acquired in 1973. The platform also accommodated interpretation panels. A new fire spotting cabin, this time raised above the original lookout level, was installed in 2010, as well as a new steel spiral staircase inside the tower.

Description

The site

The Memorial Park site consists of the original two acre rectangular park at the top of a hill and a piece of land containing the driveway entry at the south east corner, as well as the triangular piece of land to the west of the park and sloping down toward the Kangaroo Ground township, acquired in 1973.

The original area of the Memorial Park is defined by perimeter plantings of Cypress trees on the north, east and south boundaries, dating back to the 1920s. It is thought these trees were planted as a boundary demarcation but also had a memorial association in that they were evergreens. It is acknowledged that these trees are in poor health and will require replacement within 10 years. Planting of replacement trees that retain the landmark contribution, boundary demarcation and evergreen memorial association would be considered acceptable in retaining the significance of this historical boundary planting.

The War Memorial Tower (opened in 1926) is located at the highest point of the hill with a diagonal pedestrian path leading from the driveway entry to the tower entrance. A small stone clad former caretaker's cottage, built c1927, sits on the northern boundary and the 1951 caretaker's house is located in the north eastern corner and is fenced off from the park with a residential yard around the house.

The driveway is accessed from Eltham-Yarra Glen Road at the south east corner and follows the southern boundary, curving around the south west corner and along the eastern boundary of the original rectangular park to the asphalt car park.



Entrance driveway along southern boundary of the original rectangular park



North west corner car park of the original rectangular park



View towards 2010 toilet building on north boundary of the original rectangular park



View west towards Moor-rul viewing platform

At the top of the later acquired triangular parcel of grassland is the Moor-rul viewing platform, a roofed, steel and timber structure constructed in 2008.

There is a scatter of other memorials on the site including cairns, seats, interpretation panels and a "Lone Pine" planted in 2005.

Seats and tables were added to the site in 2004 and a toilet building located adjacent to the car park on the central north side of the site was constructed in 2005 and replaced the earlier 1969 toilet block.

Other tree species on the site include five Chusan Palms (*Trachycarpus fortunei*), which were planted in 2001 most likely as replacements of the original (7) Cabbage Palms, a Cedar (*Cedrus deodara*) between the tower and the cottage and two early Sugar Gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) and a Manna Gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis*) to the west of the tower likely to have been planted in the 1920s.

War Memorial Tower



The tower has a square plan and tapers slightly towards the top. The tower has a concrete plinth and has cast-concrete quoins and dressings with local sandstone, quarried from a nearby site, as rubble veneer in between. The main structure of the tower is reinforced concrete. A rendered string-course runs around the tower below the springing line of the arch. Reinforced concrete ring beams are located at the levels of the landings inside the tower. The internal walls still show the lines of formwork for the reinforced concrete structure.

The tower is 16 metres high with an arched entry facing east and a large bronze tablet above the doorway listing 79 names of men from the Shire who died in World War One and 28 from World War Two. Two

bronze plaques with wreaths for the Korea, Borneo Malaya and Vietnam conflicts were installed in the panels on either side of the doorway of the tower in 2001. Because of the 2009 bushfires, the current fire spotting cabin at the top of the tower was installed in 2010 and replaced the previous 1974 fire spotter's cabin, which was a prefabricated structure hoisted onto the top of the tower and that involved the removal of the original stone structure around the rooftop exit door. The old ladders inside the tower were replaced in 2010 with a steel spiral staircase.

A square-shaped area of earth/ grass immediately around the tower base was originally implied and differentiated from the rest of the park by rubble edging (visible in photographs of the tower in the 1930s). The square-shaped area around the tower base was formalised in 1994 by leveling the area and defining it with a low stone retaining wall (replacing the original rubble edging), and the entry to the tower paved. Rosemary planting has been added along the top of the stone retaining wall.

c.1927 Caretakers Cottage



The single room caretaker's cottage is also randomly course rubble sandstone stone facing over cast concrete walls. The rubble sandstone was most likely left over from construction of the tower. It has a simple gable roof clad in terracotta Marseille tiles. It has a single door and window on the front (south) elevation and a chimney on the west end.

1951 Caretaker's Residence



The 1951 caretaker's residence has a t-shaped plan and is constructed of rendered brick walls with intersecting gable roofs clad in corrugated iron and timber framed openings. The residence has four rooms and separate yard bounded by a timber-paling fence.

Comparative Analysis

Other surviving World War 1 Memorials in Nillumbik Shire are as follows:

- The Eltham Avenue of Honour. An avenue of London Plane trees planted in Main Road Eltham by volunteers in 1917.
- An Avenue of Honour was planted at Hurstbridge in August 1918.
- An Avenue of Honour was planted at Panton Hill.
- In Hurstbridge a Memorial Park was created in 1923 on ten acres of land adjacent to the railway, which was purchased from Sharp's orchards. Volunteers built sports ovals and a picnic area.

- The Christmas Hills Memorial Park was planted with Oaks and Kurrajongs and equipped with garden seats.
- Yarrambat's War Memorial Park is located in Yan Yean Road.
- The Eltham World War 1 Memorial (HO249) was a granite obelisk that was erected in a prominent position at the corner of Main Road and Bridge Street in 1919. It was moved to the front of the Eltham RSL building in the 1950s, and to a new Main Road site in 2012.
- The citizens of Diamond Creek erected a red-granite column in Collins Street Diamond Creek in 1921. In 1996 this memorial was relocated to Main Street and re-dedicated to cover the loss of all lives in conflicts since the Great War.
- The residents of Panton Hill chose to erect a Soldiers Memorial Cross (HO96) in the yard of St Matthews Church of England opposite the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, which was dedicated in 1926.
- A granite tablet memorial was unveiled in the Christmas Hills Memorial Park in 1921.
- The Diamond Creek Memorial Hall was opened in 1918.

Although there were other impressive parks and memorials constructed in the Shire following World War 1, the Memorial Park and War Memorial Tower has more significance to the whole Shire due to its establishment and construction as a whole of Shire memorial honouring all of those in the Shire who served and died in the wars rather than just from an individual town or locality within the Shire. In addition, the construction of the War Memorial Tower at the summit of the park as a memorial to those who died was seen as the highlight of the Shire's inter-war memorial building activity. A Shire holiday was declared for the opening of the tower on Armistice Day 1926. It is also distinctive as an all-encompassing memorial site with a park and monument rather than just one of these.

The War Memorial Tower, constructed in 1926, is one of only six War Memorial Towers constructed in Victoria to memorialise World War 1. The Kangaroo Ground Memorial is unusual in its location in a rural rather than town setting and its rustic styling compared to the more formal other examples. Apart from the water tower at Portland, which had the lookout function added at a much later date (1996), the Kangaroo Tower is the only other lookout tower of these examples. The other five memorial towers are shown below:



Ringwood War Memorial Clock tower 1928



Bright War Memorial Clock Tower 1929



Woodend War Memorial Clock Tower 1927



Mildura war memorial clock tower 1921



Portland War Memorial Lookout Tower – the 1930s water tower was converted to a memorial lookout at 50th anniversary of end of WW 2 - 1996

Analysis of Significance

The Heritage Council of Victoria has adopted a set of criteria to be used when assessing cultural heritage significance. The criteria have been nationally endorsed by the Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand.

Criterion A:

Importance to the course, or pattern, of Nillumbik Shire's cultural history.

The Memorial Park is historically significant for its role in civic commemoration of all those who enlisted in the wars, from the former Shire of Eltham. The park, established in 1921 following World War One, as the 'Shire of Eltham Memorial Park', intended to serve the whole Shire rather than an individual town or locality. In addition, the construction of the War Memorial Tower at the summit of the park as a memorial to those who died was the highlight of the Shire's inter-war memorial building activity. A Shire holiday was declared for the opening of the tower on Armistice Day 1926.

The Memorial Park and War Memorial Tower are of historical significance for demonstrating the promotion of the idea that the war effort of the young nation proved its right to be on the world stage. The visiting governors and bishops were the symbolic carriers of this knowledge. This nationalistic role was linked in speeches to the view from the lookout of the successfully settled land.

The Memorial Park is of historical significance as a site that has been used as a tourist and picnic destination since at least the 1860s, long before the establishment of the Memorial Park and when the popular summit lookout was known as Garden Hill. This role of the site as a tourist and picnic destination that is further enhanced by the presence of a lookout tower, continues to the present day.

The Memorial Park is of historical significance for its association with the repatriation scheme for returned soldiers who were employed to establish and maintain the grounds as well as employed as caretakers, first living in the Caretaker's Cottage constructed c1927 and later in the larger residence constructed in 1951. The Caretaker's residences also indicate the importance of the park to the Shire indicating that it had to be cared for and demonstrating those early methods of care with an on-site caretaker.

The Memorial Park is of historical significance for its role in the fire history of the area with the use of the tower for fire spotting since 1939 to the present day.

Criterion B:

Possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of Nillumbik Shire's cultural history.

The War Memorial Tower is of significance as a rare form of a World War One memorial, which more commonly took the form of a stone obelisk located in the centre of a town. There are only five other known War Memorial Lookout Towers in the State. The War Memorial Tower is also unusual for its rustic architectural expression using local rubble stone and minimal ornamentation, which was purposefully chosen for the tower, to reflect the largely rural character of the Shire and to set it apart from the more polished urban manifestations of memorialisation.

Criterion C:

Potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Nillumbik Shire's cultural history.

None identified.

Criterion D:

Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places and objects.

None identified.

Criterion E:

Importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics.

The Memorial Park is of aesthetic significance for its setting on a prominent hill with landmark evergreen plantings (Cypress trees) to the north, south and west boundaries of the original park, other specimen plantings and stone tower at the highest point offering magnificent views of the district. The views to the west of the site through the 1973 purchase of the triangular piece of land, contributes to this setting.

The War Memorial Tower and c.1927 Caretaker's Cottage are of aesthetic significance for their rustic styling and use of random rubble stone quarried locally, reflecting the largely rural character of the former Shire of Eltham.

The fire spotter's cabin on the top of this tower installed originally in 1974 and replaced with the current cabin in 2010 detrimentally impacts on this aesthetic significance.

Criterion F:

Importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.

None identified.

Criterion G:

Strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons. This includes the significance of a place to Indigenous peoples as part of their continuing and developing cultural traditions.

None identified.

Criterion H:

Special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Nillumbik's history.

The Memorial Park is of social significance as a commemorative focus for the Nillumbik community to remember those who fought in the Wars. The primary role of a memorial was to enable commemoration of the enlisted and fallen. In the early years there was great immediacy with the presence of the parents of the fallen at the services.

The Memorial Park is of social significance for its representation of community strength demonstrated by the involvement of locals in its establishment through community committees and leagues, fund raising efforts and continuing community involvement in its care and how it has evolved. This is also demonstrated in the ongoing need to honour, memorialise and tell stories at the site, including the need to acknowledge the previously unacknowledged traditional owners of the land, which saw the construction of the Moor-rul viewing platform in 2008.

The Moor-rul viewing platform also extends the educative role the site has played in teaching children and other visitors, initially about the young nation and ideas of loyalty and duty but also providing stories of the developing nation and its changing values over time.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance

What is significant?

The Memorial Park at 385 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road, Kangaroo Ground including, the original rectangular park, triangular parcel of land acquired in 1973, eastern parcel of land containing the driveway entry, the 1926 War Memorial Tower, c.1927 Caretaker's Cottage, 1951 Caretaker's Residence, diagonal path to the tower, Cypress trees to the north, west and south boundaries of the original rectangular park, Cedar (*Cedrus deodara*) between the tower and the cottage and two early Sugar Gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) and Manna Gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis*) to the west of the tower.

How is it significant?

The Memorial Park at 385 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road, Kangaroo Ground is historically, aesthetically and socially significant to Nillumbik Shire.

Why is it significant?

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Recommended Heritage Overlay Revisions

It is recommended that the proposed revised Statement of Significance be adopted to accompany the listing of this place in the Nillumbik Shire Heritage Overlay, replacing the existing Statement of Significance.

The following revised Heritage Overlay Schedule entries are recommended for the place:

Name – Memorial Park, 385 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road, Kangaroo Ground

External Paint Controls – No

Internal Alteration Controls – No

Tree Controls – Cypress trees to the north, west and south boundaries of the original park, Cedar (*Cedrus deodara*) between the tower and the cottage, two early Sugar Gums (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) and a Manna Gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis*) west of the tower.

Fences & Outbuildings – War Memorial Tower, Stone Caretakers Cottage

Prohibited Uses May Be Permitted – Yes

The recommended revised (increased) extent for the HO49 Heritage Overlay listing is provided below:



Appendix D. Cost Plan

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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Management Plan Nilumbik Shire Council Draft Management Plan Cost Plan 01

2nd August, 2021

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PROJECT SUMMARY



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No.	Item Description	Proj Cost %	Quantity	Rate	Total
1	NOTES AND EXCLUSIONS	0.00			0
2	PATHWAY TO VIEWING PLATFORM	3.73	110	431.63	47,479
3	TOWER WORKS	3.81	31	1,564.52	48,500
4	CARETAKERS COTTAGE	7.96	20	5,075.00	101,500
5	TREE REPLACEMENT WORKS	18.35	30	7,798.67	233,960
6	TREE REMOVAL WORKS (INTERNAL TREES)	1.57	3	6,666.67	20,000
7	STONE EDGING AT TOWER BASE	4.38	162	344.14	55,750
8	MEMORIAL WALK	17.28	1,934	113.92	220,315
9	MEMORIAL GARDENS	26.77	3,521	96.95	341,346
10	SIGNAGE - PARK	1.34	1	17,000.00	17,000
11	SIGNAGE - WAR MEMORIAL	1.06	1	13,500.00	13,500
12	SIGNAGE - CARETAKERS COTTAGE	0.67	1	8,500.00	8,500
13	SIGNAGE - MEMORIAL GARDENS	0.67	1	8,500.00	8,500
14	SIGNAGE - MEMORIAL WALK	0.67	1	8,500.00	8,500
15	SIGNAGE - WESTERN PARK THRESHOLD	0.67	1	8,500.00	8,500
16	SIGNAGE - MOOR-RUL GRASSLANDS	0.67	1	8,500.00	8,500
17	SIGNAGE - MOOR-RUL VIEWING PLATFORM	0.67	1	8,500.00	8,500
18	SIGNAGE - CARETAKERS RESIDENCE	0.67	1	8,500.00	8,500
19	SIGNAGE - WAR MEMORIAL CABINET	0.67	1	8,500.00	8,500
20	SIGNAGE - MOOR-RUL VIEWING PLATFORM CABINETS	2.44	16	1,937.50	31,000
21	BENCH SEATING	2.20	6	4,666.67	28,000
22	PICNIC TABLES	3.85	6	8,166.67	49,000
	ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST (EXCLUDING ALL ACCESS ROAD OPTIONS)		5,778	220.73	1,275,350
	GFA: 0.00 m2		100		1,275,350

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NOTES AND EXCLUSIONS					
NOTES					
Generally					
1	Assumes a competitive tender process to four or more appropriately sized and interested contractors under an industry standard lump sum contract tendered within 12 months		note		
2	This cost plan includes services allowances by Wilde and Woollard. Wilde and Woollard are not specialised in services design and estimating thus we recommend all figures are confirmed by a specialist services consultant		note		
This cost plan has been based on the following documentation:-					
Architectural					
3	KGWMP Management Plan - Plan of Works (P1) - For Draft 01 Costing and Schedule of Works received 23rd April, 2021.		note		
4	Emails from NSC received between 28th April and 3rd May, 2021		note		
5	Emails from NSC received 14th May, 2021		note		
Reports					
6	FG Dixon Group Condition Inspection Report dated 3rd June, 2019				
Structural					
7	Nothing provided		note		
Mechanical					
8	Nothing provided		note		
Electrical					
9	Nothing provided		note		
Hydraulic					
10	Nothing provided		note		
Civil					
11	CivilTest soil investigation and pavement design report No. 1171043 received 20th August 2020		note		
Fire					
12	Nothing provided		note		
Landscaping					
13	Refer Architectural		note		

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
NOTES AND EXCLUSIONS					(Continued)
NOTES					(Continued)
NOTES TOTAL					0
EXCLUSIONS					
EXCLUSIONS					
The following has been excluded from this cost plan:-					
14	Access road options		note		
15	The cost plan is based on current known construction cost data and excludes any effects that COVID-19 (Coronavirus) will have on the construction tender market including availability of imported materials.		note		
16	Adverse market conditions including saturation of work in market place and non competitive sub-contractor prices		note		
17	Authorities Fees and Charges, unless scheduled. Allowances for Authorities Fees and Charges (over and above the allowances included for scheduled items, would need to be made, if value of project works is over \$1 million and scheduled allowances for Authorities and Charges are inadequate		note		
18	Our estimate is based on competitive quantitative tender criteria only. Allowances or factors for higher priced tenders being selected on qualitative criteria has not been allowed		note		
19	Removal and replacement of hazardous materials including asbestos and contaminated soil		note		
20	Excavation, removal and replacement of rock, building rubble, inground structures etc. - other than those noted		note		
21	Excavation, removal and replacement of soft spots		note		
22	Upgrading or diversion of existing services other than allowances for lowering existing services as noted		note		
23	Site infrastructure works beyond the site boundary not indicated		note		
24	Work to the war memorial		note		
25	Full removal of existing access road		note		
26	Irrigation to park areas not identified in the cost plan		note		
27	Cost escalation beyond 12 months		note		
28	Out of hours work		note		
29	On-going park maintenance costs beyond 12 month establishment periods for new works		note		
30	Goods and services tax (GST)		note		
EXCLUSIONS TOTAL					0
NOTES AND EXCLUSIONS TOTAL					0

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
PATHWAY TO VIEWING PLATFORM					
XP	32 SITE PREPARATION				
	SITE DEMOLITION				
31	Demolition of existing pavements, etc	1	item	5,000.00	5,000
	SITE PREPARATION				
32	Allow for site clearing of all rubbish and vegetation where new works to occur	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	EARTHWORKS				
	Pavements				
33	300 Deep excavation to pavement areas	134	m2	15.00	2,010
34	Trim, grade and compact	134	m2	5.00	670
	32 SITE PREPARATION TOTAL				8,680
XR	33 ROADS, FOOTPATHS AND PAVED AREAS				
	ASPHALT PAVEMENTS				
35	Asphalt pavement including 150 deep cement stabilised existing subgrade, 100 deep Class 2 crushed rock, 140 deep Class 2 crushed rock, primer and 60 deep asphalt	134	m2	120.00	16,079
36	Allow for steel edging to asphalt pavement	92	m	35.00	3,220
37	Pram crossing	1	no	2,500.00	2,500
	33 ROADS, FOOTPATHS AND PAVED AREAS TOTAL				21,799
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
38	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		3,000.00	3,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				3,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
39	Allow for design contingency	1		4,000.00	4,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				4,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
40	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	2,000.00	2,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
41	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	2,000.00	2,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
42	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	5,000.00	5,000

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
PATHWAY TO VIEWING PLATFORM					(Continued)
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				(Continued)
INSURANCES					
43	Allow for insurances (Provisional Sum)	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES					
44	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL					10,000
PATHWAY TO VIEWING PLATFORM TOTAL					47,479

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
TOWER WORKS					
AR	31 ALTERATIONS AND RENOVATIONS				
	REMOVAL OF EXISTING EQUIPMENT				
45	Allow for removal of existing equipment in Tower foyer including making good (Provisional Sum)	1	item	10,000.00	10,000
	PAINTING OF FIRE SPOTTERS CABIN				
46	Allow for painting of Fire Spotters Cabin including access via boom lift (Provisional Sum)	1	item	20,000.00	20,000
	31 ALTERATIONS AND RENOVATIONS TOTAL				30,000
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
47	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1	item	3,000.00	3,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				3,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
48	Allow for design contingency	1	item	4,000.00	4,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				4,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
49	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	2,000.00	2,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
50	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	2,000.00	2,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
51	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	5,000.00	5,000
	INSURANCES				
52	Allow for insurances (Provisional Sum)	1	item	2,500.00	2,500
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
53	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL				11,500
	TOWER WORKS TOTAL				48,500

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
CARETAKERS COTTAGE					
AR	31 ALTERATIONS AND RENOVATIONS				
	RESTORATION OF CARETAKERS COTTAGE				
54	Allow for restoration works to existing Caretakers Cottage (within existing footprint only) including temporary propping, removal and reinstatement of roof, replacement of damaged timber structural elements to roof, ceiling and floor, replacement of door, repair of cracking stone walls, removal of vegetation growing over walls, repairs to roof tiles, drainage works to redirect water from door, etc	1	item	60,000.00	60,000
	31 ALTERATIONS AND RENOVATIONS TOTAL				60,000
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
55	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1	item	6,000.00	6,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				6,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
56	Allow for design contingency	1	item	7,000.00	7,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				7,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
57	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	3,000.00	3,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
58	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	4,000.00	4,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
59	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	9,000.00	9,000
	INSURANCES				
60	Allow for insurances (Provisional Sum)	1	item	2,500.00	2,500
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
61	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item	10,000.00	10,000
	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL				28,500
	CARETAKERS COTTAGE TOTAL				101,500

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
TREE REPLACEMENT WORKS					
XP	32 SITE PREPARATION				
	TREE REMOVAL				
62	Allow for removal of existing trees/shrubs including grubbing out roots and removing from site	53	no	2,500.00	132,500
	32 SITE PREPARATION TOTAL				132,500
XL	36 LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENTS				
	MULCHED AREA				
63	75 deep mulch below new trees	996	m2	10.00	9,960
	TREES				
64	Evergreen tree (40L)	30	no	150.00	4,500
	MAINTENANCE				
65	Allow for maintenance to trees (2 years)	1	item	7,000.00	7,000
	36 LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENTS TOTAL				21,460
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
66	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		14,000.00	14,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				14,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
67	Allow for design contingency	1		17,000.00	17,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				17,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
68	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	6,000.00	6,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
69	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	10,000.00	10,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
70	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	23,000.00	23,000
	INSURANCES				
71	Allow for insurances (Provisional Sum)	1	item	5,000.00	5,000
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
72	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item	5,000.00	5,000
	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL				49,000

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TREE REPLACEMENT WORKS					(Continued)
TREE REPLACEMENT WORKS TOTAL					233,960

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
TREE REMOVAL WORKS (INTERNAL TREES)					
XP	32 SITE PREPARATION				
	TREE REMOVAL				
73	Allow for removal of existing trees/shrubs including grubbing out roots and removing from site	3	no	2,500.00	7,500
	32 SITE PREPARATION TOTAL				7,500
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
74	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		1,000.00	1,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				1,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
75	Allow for design contingency	1		1,000.00	1,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				1,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
76	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
77	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
78	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	2,000.00	2,000
	INSURANCES				
79	Allow for insurances (Provisional Sum)	1	item	1,500.00	1,500
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
80	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item	5,000.00	5,000
	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL				10,500
	TREE REMOVAL WORKS (INTERNAL TREES) TOTAL				20,000

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
STONE EDGING AT TOWER BASE					
XP	32 SITE PREPARATION				
	SITE PREPARATION				
81	Demolition of existing garden beds and Rosemary hedge	97	m2	10.00	970
	32 SITE PREPARATION TOTAL				970
XN	34 BOUNDARY WALLS, FENCING AND GATES				
	REINSTATE ROCK PLINTH				
82	Allow to remove existing and reinstate new rock edging to war memorial	49	m	650.00	31,850
	34 BOUNDARY WALLS, FENCING AND GATES TOTAL				31,850
XL	36 LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENTS				
	GRASSED AREAS				
83	Make good to existing lawn including aeration, fertiliser and top dressing as required	162	m2	15.00	2,430
	36 LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENTS TOTAL				2,430
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
84	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		4,000.00	4,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				4,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
85	Allow for design contingency	1		4,000.00	4,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				4,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
86	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	2,000.00	2,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
87	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	3,000.00	3,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
88	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	6,000.00	6,000
	INSURANCES				
89	Allow for insurances (Provisional Sum)	1	item	1,500.00	1,500
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
90	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
	STONE EDGING AT TOWER BASE				(Continued)
YY 46	OTHER PROJECT COSTS				(Continued)
	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL				12,500
	STONE EDGING AT TOWER BASE TOTAL				55,750

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
MEMORIAL WALK					
XP	32 SITE PREPARATION				
	SITE DEMOLITION				
91	Demolition of part-existing access road including saw cutting	1,464	m2	30.00	43,920
	SITE PREPARATION				
92	Allow for site clearing of all rubbish and vegetation where new works to occur	470	m2	1.00	470
	EARTHWORKS				
	Landscaped Area (Excluding Grasslands and Existing Lawn Areas)				
93	Excavation to landscape area including decompaction	470	m2	4.00	1,880
94	Trim and grade	470	m2	1.50	705
	32 SITE PREPARATION TOTAL				46,975
XL	36 LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENTS				
	GARDEN BEDS				
95	Garden bed including cultivation, soil conditioner, fertiliser, 300 deep topsoil, 75 deep mulch and ground cover planting at 4 x 140 diameter pots/m2 and edging	470	m2	122.00	57,340
96	Establishment and maintenance - 12 months	1	item	11,500.00	11,500
	IRRIGATION				
97	Allow for irrigation to garden beds	1	item	10,000.00	10,000
	SUNDRIES				
98	Allow for new memorial plaques including concrete plinths (Provisional Sum)	1	item	24,000.00	24,000
	36 LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENTS TOTAL				102,840
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
99	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		14,000.00	14,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				14,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
100	Allow for design contingency	1		17,000.00	17,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				17,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
101	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	6,000.00	6,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
MEMORIAL WALK					(Continued)
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
102	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	10,000.00	10,000
PROFESSIONAL FEES					(Continued)
103	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	22,000.00	22,000
INSURANCES					
104	Allow for insurances (Provisional Sum)	1	item	1,500.00	1,500
AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES					
105	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL					39,500
MEMORIAL WALK TOTAL					220,315

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
MEMORIAL GARDENS					
XP	32 SITE PREPARATION				
	SITE PREPARATION				
106	Allow for site clearing of all rubbish and vegetation where new works to occur	3,521	m2	1.00	3,521
	EARTHWORKS				
	Landscaped Area (Excluding Grasslands and Existing Lawn Areas)				
107	Excavation to landscape area	3,521	m2	2.00	7,042
108	Trim and grade	3,521	m2	1.50	5,282
	32 SITE PREPARATION TOTAL				15,845
XL	36 LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENTS				
	GRASSED AREAS				
109	Make good to existing lawn including aeration, fertiliser and top dressing as required	2,521	m2	5.00	12,605
	GARDEN BEDS				
110	Garden bed including cultivation, soil conditioner, fertiliser, 300 deep topsoil, 75 deep mulch and ground cover planting at 4 x 140 diameter pots/m2 and edging	1,000	m2	122.00	122,000
111	Extra over garden bed with shrub planting for additional buffer planting	141	m2	56.00	7,896
112	Establishment and maintenance - 12 months	1	item	11,500.00	11,500
	IRRIGATION				
113	Allow for irrigation to garden beds and grass renovation area	1	item	40,000.00	40,000
	SUNDRIES				
114	Allow for new memorial plaques including concrete plinths (Provisional Sum)	1	item	24,000.00	24,000
	36 LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENTS TOTAL				218,001
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
115	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		22,000.00	22,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				22,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
116	Allow for design contingency	1		26,000.00	26,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				26,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
MEMORIAL GARDENS					(Continued)
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
					(Continued)
117	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	9,000.00	9,000
CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY					
118	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	15,000.00	15,000
PROFESSIONAL FEES					
119	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	34,000.00	34,000
INSURANCES					
120	Allow for insurances (Provisional Sum)	1	item	1,500.00	1,500
AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES					
121	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL					59,500
MEMORIAL GARDENS TOTAL					341,346

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
SIGNAGE - PARK					
YY	46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS				
	SIGNAGE				
122	Allow for Park sign (Provisional Sum)	1	item	10,000.00	10,000
	46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS TOTAL				10,000
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
123	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		1,000.00	1,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				1,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
124	Allow for design contingency	1		2,000.00	2,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				2,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
125	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
126	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
127	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	2,000.00	2,000
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
128	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL				4,000
	SIGNAGE - PARK TOTAL				17,000

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
SIGNAGE - WAR MEMORIAL					
YY	46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS				
	SIGNAGE				
129	Allow for War Memorial sign (Provisional Sum)	1	item	7,500.00	7,500
	46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS TOTAL				7,500
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
130	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		1,000.00	1,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				1,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
131	Allow for design contingency	1		1,000.00	1,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				1,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
132	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
133	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
134	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	2,000.00	2,000
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
135	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL				4,000
	SIGNAGE - WAR MEMORIAL TOTAL				13,500

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
SIGNAGE - CARETAKERS COTTAGE					
YY	46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS				
	SIGNAGE				
136	Allow for Caretakers Cottage sign (Provisional Sum)	1	item	3,500.00	3,500
	46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS TOTAL				3,500
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
137	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		1,000.00	1,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				1,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
138	Allow for design contingency	1		1,000.00	1,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				1,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
139	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
140	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
141	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
142	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL				3,000
	SIGNAGE - CARETAKERS COTTAGE TOTAL				8,500

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
SIGNAGE - MEMORIAL GARDENS					
YY	46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS				
	SIGNAGE				
143	Allow for Memorial Gardens sign (Provisional Sum)	1	item	3,500.00	3,500
	46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS TOTAL				3,500
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
144	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		1,000.00	1,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				1,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
145	Allow for design contingency	1		1,000.00	1,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				1,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
146	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
147	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
148	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
149	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL				3,000
	SIGNAGE - MEMORIAL GARDENS TOTAL				8,500

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
SIGNAGE - MEMORIAL WALK					
YY	<u>46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS</u>				
	SIGNAGE				
150	Allow for Memorial Walk sign (Provisional Sum)	1	item	3,500.00	3,500
	<u>46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS TOTAL</u>				3,500
PR	<u>00 PRELIMINARIES</u>				
	PRELIMINARIES				
151	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		1,000.00	1,000
	<u>00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL</u>				1,000
YY	<u>46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY</u>				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
152	Allow for design contingency	1		1,000.00	1,000
	<u>46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL</u>				1,000
YY	<u>46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS</u>				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
153	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
154	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
155	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
156	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
	<u>46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL</u>				3,000
	SIGNAGE - MEMORIAL WALK TOTAL				8,500

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
SIGNAGE - WESTERN PARK THRESHOLD					
YY	<u>46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS</u>				
	SIGNAGE				
157	Allow for Western Park Threshold sign (Provisional Sum)	1	item	3,500.00	3,500
	<u>46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS TOTAL</u>				3,500
PR	<u>00 PRELIMINARIES</u>				
	PRELIMINARIES				
158	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		1,000.00	1,000
	<u>00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL</u>				1,000
YY	<u>46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY</u>				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
159	Allow for design contingency	1		1,000.00	1,000
	<u>46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL</u>				1,000
YY	<u>46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS</u>				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
160	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
161	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
162	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
163	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
	<u>46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL</u>				3,000
	SIGNAGE - WESTERN PARK THRESHOLD TOTAL				8,500

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
SIGNAGE - MOOR-RUL GRASSLANDS					
YY	<u>46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS</u>				
	SIGNAGE				
164	Allow for Moor-Rul Grasslands sign (Provisional Sum)	1	item	3,500.00	3,500
	<u>46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS TOTAL</u>				3,500
PR	<u>00 PRELIMINARIES</u>				
	PRELIMINARIES				
165	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		1,000.00	1,000
	<u>00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL</u>				1,000
YY	<u>46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY</u>				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
166	Allow for design contingency	1		1,000.00	1,000
	<u>46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL</u>				1,000
YY	<u>46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS</u>				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
167	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
168	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
169	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
170	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
	<u>46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL</u>				3,000
	SIGNAGE - MOOR-RUL GRASSLANDS TOTAL				8,500

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
SIGNAGE - MOOR-RUL VIEWING PLATFORM					
YY	46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS				
	SIGNAGE				
171	Allow for Moor-Rul Viewing Platform sign (Provisional Sum)	1	item	3,500.00	3,500
	46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS TOTAL				3,500
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
172	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		1,000.00	1,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				1,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
173	Allow for design contingency	1		1,000.00	1,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				1,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
174	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
175	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
176	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
177	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL				3,000
	SIGNAGE - MOOR-RUL VIEWING PLATFORM TOTAL				8,500

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
SIGNAGE - CARETAKERS RESIDENCE					
YY	46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS				
	SIGNAGE				
178	Allow for Caretakers Residence sign (Provisional Sum)	1	item	3,500.00	3,500
	46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS TOTAL				3,500
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
179	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		1,000.00	1,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				1,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
180	Allow for design contingency	1		1,000.00	1,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				1,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
181	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
182	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
183	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
184	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL				3,000
	SIGNAGE - CARETAKERS RESIDENCE TOTAL				8,500

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
SIGNAGE - WAR MEMORIAL CABINET					
YY	<u>46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS</u>				
	SIGNAGE				
185	Allow for War Memorial Cabinet sign (Provisional Sum)	1	item	3,500.00	3,500
	<u>46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS TOTAL</u>				3,500
PR	<u>00 PRELIMINARIES</u>				
	PRELIMINARIES				
186	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		1,000.00	1,000
	<u>00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL</u>				1,000
YY	<u>46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY</u>				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
187	Allow for design contingency	1		1,000.00	1,000
	<u>46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL</u>				1,000
YY	<u>46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS</u>				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
188	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
189	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
190	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
191	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
	<u>46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL</u>				3,000
	SIGNAGE - WAR MEMORIAL CABINET TOTAL				8,500

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
SIGNAGE - MOOR-RUL VIEWING PLATFORM CABINETS					
YY	46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS				
	SIGNAGE				
192	Allow for Moor-Rul Viewing Platform signage in Cabinets (Provisional Sum)	1	item	20,000.00	20,000
	46 SPECIAL PROVISIONS TOTAL				20,000
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
193	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		2,000.00	2,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				2,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
194	Allow for design contingency	1		3,000.00	3,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				3,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
195	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
196	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	2,000.00	2,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
197	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	3,000.00	3,000
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
198	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL				6,000
	SIGNAGE - MOOR-RUL VIEWING PLATFORM CABINETS TOTAL				31,000

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No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
BENCH SEATING					
XP	32 SITE PREPARATION				
	SITE DEMOLITION				
199	Allow for demolition of miscellaneous hardscape items, picnic tables, etc	1	item	2,500.00	2,500
	32 SITE PREPARATION TOTAL				2,500
XL	36 LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENTS				
	SUNDRIES				
200	Allow for bench seating (Provisional Sum)	1	item	15,000.00	15,000
	36 LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENTS TOTAL				15,000
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
201	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		2,000.00	2,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				2,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
202	Allow for design contingency	1		2,000.00	2,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				2,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
203	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	1,000.00	1,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
204	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	2,000.00	2,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
205	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	3,000.00	3,000
	INSURANCES				
206	Allow for insurances (Provisional Sum)	1	item	500.00	500
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
207	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL				6,500
	BENCH SEATING TOTAL				28,000

DETAILED COST PLAN



Project: KANGAROO GROUND WAR MEMORIAL PARK
Cost Plan: DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN COST PLAN 01

No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
PICNIC TABLES					
XP	32 SITE PREPARATION				
	SITE DEMOLITION				
208	Allow for demolition of miscellaneous hardscape items, picnic tables, etc	1	item	2,500.00	2,500
	32 SITE PREPARATION TOTAL				2,500
XL	36 LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENTS				
	SUNDRIES				
209	Allow for picnic tables (Provisional Sum)	1	item	30,000.00	30,000
	36 LANDSCAPING AND IMPROVEMENTS TOTAL				30,000
PR	00 PRELIMINARIES				
	PRELIMINARIES				
210	Allow for builder's preliminaries	1		3,000.00	3,000
	00 PRELIMINARIES TOTAL				3,000
YY	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
	DESIGN CONTINGENCY				
211	Allow for design contingency	1		4,000.00	4,000
	46 DESIGN CONTINGENCY TOTAL				4,000
YY	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS				
	ESCALATION TO TENDER				
212	Allow for cost escalation to Tender (allow 12 months @ 3% p.a)	1	item	2,000.00	2,000
	CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				
213	Allow for construction contingency @ 5.0%	1	item	2,000.00	2,000
	PROFESSIONAL FEES				
214	Allow for Professional Fees @ 12%	1	item	5,000.00	5,000
	INSURANCES				
215	Allow for insurances (Provisional Sum)	1	item	500.00	500
	AUTHORITIES FEES AND CHARGES				
216	Allow for authorities fees and charges, permits, planting offset payments, etc (Provisional Sum)	1	item		Excluded
	46 OTHER PROJECT COSTS TOTAL				9,500
	PICNIC TABLES TOTAL				49,000

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021 10:45:16 PM

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Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No
Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Unsure
Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - Unsure
Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Unsure
Cypress Tree Removal - Unsure
Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Unsure
Memorial Walk - Unsure
Memorial Gardens - Unsure
Park Sign - Unsure
Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Unsure
Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Unsure
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Unsure
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Unsure
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No
Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Unsure
Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Unsure
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No
Bench Seating - Yes
Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

We DO NOT support any works, signage or other, which may detract from the reason this (historic)
War Memorial Tower, & surrounding site was established.

Lest We Forget.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

None at this time; We believe that this historic War Memorial, & cottage, must be maintained properly & be clearly designated as a 'War Memorial Site'.

Lest We Forget.

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

We believe the 'caretakers cottage' is part of this War Memorial Site and must be maintained along with the War Memorial Tower in a condition that befits the sacrifice made by Australian Service Men & Women, at least since Federation in 1901.

Lest We Forget.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Unsure

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

Yes

If yes which group?

Nillumbik Ratepayers Asn inc.

What is your relationship to Nillumbik?

Nillumbik Ratepayers Asn, is an active community group supporting the residents of Nillumbik for over 20 years

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Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021 10:42:13 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - No

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - No

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

I like it as it is.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

Widen entrance of road.

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

This is a huge waste of rate payer money.

Times are tough , if it ain't broke don't waste money.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

Reasons if not supported?

Read above comments

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

Sounds like a political box ticking exercise.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - No

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - No

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

This is a very significant site within the shire for a range of reasons, and ongoing maintenance and appropriate upgrade/improvement/restoration is essential to ensure its condition. Putting aside the very high cost of some items listed, most appear to have genuine merit.

However, given the costs already imposed on all levels of Government because of the ongoing Covid pandemic, items that are not essential to ensure public safety should be deferred for reconsideration and prioritisation at a later date.

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Major capital expenditure projects should be deferred, other than where essential for public safety given the cost of the ongoing Covid pandemic.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No
Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - No
Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No
Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No
Cypress Tree Removal - No
Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No
Memorial Walk - No
Memorial Gardens - No
Park Sign - No
Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No
Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No
Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No
Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No
Bench Seating - No
Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

This whole proposal is nonsensical for what is a local asset used by local people and students. The site is tired and would benefit from renewal, but the "plan" provided is an expensive overindulgence presented in a way that is childlike and difficult to interpret . Put a new floor in the shed. Pop a new sign out the front. Refresh the benches and

picnic tables. Renew the toilets (why was this not mentioned at all on the plan?). Replace the trees if the old cypress are at end of life. Leave gathering spaces at the war memorial for ceremonies. Renew the cottage if it is going to continue to have a caretaker in it. Where is the security camera in the plan? I have never seen a \$7000 tree before and this plan has lots of them. Why? This plan looks like it will ruin the site. That would be very disappointing.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

Reasons if not supported?

Landscaping review is overkill. If the site remains in situ, but renewed, it requires weeding and mowing ...not clear why this would cost \$47k per year. The whole plan is very unclear in the financial acquittal and value for money space.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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No

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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - No
Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No
Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No
Cypress Tree Removal - No
Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No
Memorial Walk - No
Memorial Gardens - No
Park Sign - No
Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No
Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No
Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No
Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No
Bench Seating - Yes
Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Proposed expenditure does not provide value for money

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

Reasons if not supported?

Proposed expenditure does not provide value for money.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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No

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Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021 9:52:12 PM

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Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - No

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

First Name

■

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

What is your relationship to Nillumbik?

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021 9:45:13 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - No

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - Yes

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

The costs appear excessive. I would appreciate transparency in the tender process.

Most corporations require a three quote tender process. Where are those quotations that were rejected? The final deliverable for the cost charged does not differ significantly from what is already there. I do not support this proposal.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

The war memorial is an asset to the shire as it is. The introduced trees are at such a height that they block the view from the tower. Council should consider trimming the height of the current trees to allow a clear view across the valley towards the city and to Kinglake.

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

The cost is excessive and should not be supported.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

Reasons if not supported?

Unless it is to trim the introduced trees that block the view from the tower.

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

Keep costs to a minimum.

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

The proposed costs are excessive.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021 9:28:12 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Yes
Cypress Tree Removal - Unsure
Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes
Memorial Walk - No
Memorial Gardens - No
Park Sign - Unsure
Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No
Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No
Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No
Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Unsure
Bench Seating - Yes
Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

I am an occasional but semi-regular visitor (pre-Covid) to the Tower. I support works that maintain the integrity of the Tower and surrounds as were applicable at original opening. I do not favour any of the 'interpretative signage' if only for the cost per item. I understand the stated benefit of some interpretative signage, but the costs are simply excessive as proposed. I would leave the matter of pathways to the west until such time

as some wealthy benefactor comes along to provide for the total cost of new access ways and car park.

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

There are many 'daily-use' infrastructure items across the shire that would benefit from some of these funds and that provide greater user-benefit than what is proposed

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Unsure

Reasons if not supported?

Some good portion of the increase seems predicated on the central plan being adopted. We should be managing and spending in a manner that suits the frugality required of this present time!

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes
Memorial Walk - Yes
Memorial Gardens - Yes
Park Sign - Yes
Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes
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Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Yes
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Yes
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Unsure
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Unsure
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Unsure
Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes
Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes
Bench Seating - Yes
Picnic Tables - Yes

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name



Email

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - No

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - No

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

THE COSTS SET OUT ON PAGE 30 OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN ARE LUDICROUS. THERE SHOULD BE A SCOPE OF WORKS PREPARED AND THE WHOLE JOB BE PUT OUT TO TENDER. THE QUANTITY SURVEYORS HAVE BEEN LET LOOSE IT SEEMS AND MUCH OF THE COSTING HAS THEIR EXORBITANT

FEES BUILT IN.

<https://www.wildeandwoollard.com/> quantity surveyors.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

NO

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

OVER THE TOP AND A RECKLESS WASTE OF RATE PAYERS MONEY.

HOW MUCH HAS COUNCIL SPENT ALREADY ON THIS PROPOSAL ?

HAVE ALL RATEPAYERS IN NILLUMBIK RECEIVED THIS DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN ?

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Unsure

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

NO

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

THE SITE SHOULD NOT BE RADICALLY CHANGED AND IT MUST REMAIN PRINCIPALLY AS A MEMORIAL SITE FOR AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED AND OR DIED IN WAR. THE SITE SHOULD NOT BE REPURPOSED TO SUIT OTHER AGENDAS.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Unsure

Cypress Tree Removal - Unsure

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

I am fully supportive of some works being done to enhance the Park but the costs outlined by Wilde & Woollard are exorbitant with "other project costs" in some cases double the cost of the actual item/works - eg the signs actually cost \$3500 but \$5000 extra for additional fees! I didn't have time to read the whole 84 pages to see where the

I would have thought the Council would have the capacity to organise such projects themselves and engage local contractors to do the works.

If the Council has so much ratepayers money to spend on this project I'm sure they could achieve a similar result for half the price without destroying adequate access roads, pathways, display cabinets and rock walls etc, leaving over \$500,000 to spend on other worthy projects within the Shire.

Unsure

Waste of ratepayers money. Has a survey actually been done as to the number of people who actually use the park to justify such a huge expenditure?

No

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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - No
Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No
Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No
Cypress Tree Removal - Unsure
Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No
Memorial Walk - Yes
Memorial Gardens - Yes
Park Sign - Unsure
Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No
Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No
Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No
Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Unsure
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Unsure
Bench Seating - Yes
Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

This is a ridiculous amount of money to spend on fixing something that does not need fixing. It should be a quiet place of peaceful reflection, not a tourist attraction with picnic tables which will only create litter problems.

I would like to know whether the proposed works were put to tender, and if not why?
Too much risk of under the table deals and back handers if not. All council works over \$100,000 should go to tender.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

No.

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

See above. There needs to be a transparent tender process for such expensive works.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Unsure

Reasons if not supported?

I have never had an issue with the standard, but some improvement is probably justified.

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

It seems a very large amount to fix something that really doesn't need much work.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

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Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

I always take overseas visitors there and have never felt it needed changing or improving, admittedly I have not been there since Covid hit but I'd be very surprised if it had fallen into such disrepair that it needs money thrown at it

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

How about the council pull their horns in and save the our rates money for projects of real concern or need

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Unsure

First Name

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Email

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Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

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Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

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Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

I don't know who your getting to quote on these works but I suggest you keep looking.
Costs are excessive.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance

proposed for the park?

No

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

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Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

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Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

This is a disgrace, a ridiculous amount of money allocated to this project. Somebody is ripping us rate payers.

Scrap the idea it's not needed. Why would we want to reduce the standing area for Anzac service.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

No

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Over priced.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Unsure

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

It's not broken and doesn't need \$1.2M spending on it.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Unsure

Cypress Tree Removal - Unsure

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Unsure

Memorial Walk - Unsure

Memorial Gardens - Unsure

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Unsure

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Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Unsure

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Unsure

Bench Seating - Unsure

Picnic Tables - Unsure

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Principal 'unsure' ratings are due to what seems to be exorbitant costings; \$8,500 for each interpretive sign seems excessive; almost a quarter of a million dollars for cypress trees program, likewise.

The existing seating and tables were funded by public subscription and I fail to see the

justification for up-grading all of them.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

Planned removal of the fire spotter's cabin; state of art drone technology obviates the need for a manned facility. in today's environment. Removal of the existing resident caretaker's house should be prioritised; this building requires extensive and expensive remedial works and the days of needing a resident caretaker are gone.

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Regarding the entry from the Eltham-Yarra Glen Rd, council ought to pressure VicRoads, using local MPs as support, to have the speed limit reduced to 60 kmh. Council should facilitate liaison between VicRoads and Yarra Valley Water for funding support to develop a new road access.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

I fail to see the justification for replacing the existing seating and tables; these were funded by community groups and individuals and represent their 'skin in the game' in caring about their War Memorial Tower & Park.

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

It strikes me that the officers are running their own agenda on this and that any stakeholder input is merely tokenistic. I'm not sure that councillors have been actively engaged by officers in ensuring the widest possible community input.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

Yes

If yes which group?

Andrew Ross Museum Inc.

What is your relationship to Nillumbik?

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Memorial Walk - No

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Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

No problem with some of the issues BUT I do not agree with the expenditures outlined.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

No

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Totally outrageous! Someone on the take!

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Unsure

Reasons if not supported?

Like the rest the amount of money!

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

No

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

Where is the money coming from! Us the rate payers!!

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Yes

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Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Yes

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Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

As per Response Document forwarded under separate cover

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

As per Response Document forwarded under separate cover

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

As per Response Document forwarded under separate cover

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

As per Response Document forwarded under separate cover

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

As per Response Document forwarded under separate cover

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

Yes

If yes which group?

Friends of Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Inc.

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Friends of Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Inc.

Response to the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan - Nillumbik Shire Council

24 September 2021

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[Redacted]
[Redacted]

1. Introduction

The Memorial Park is a place of remembrance and reflection. Care should be taken to ensure this primary function is not replaced with purely recreational usage.

We support the overall scope of the proposed management plan, although have some reservations regarding the anticipated cost and scope of some items. Specific comments are outlined below.

We fully appreciate that the value of the Park and Tower is now receiving the proper recognition as an historical and sacred landmark within the Shire of Nillumbik.

This response is submitted on behalf of the Friends of Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Inc.

2 Capital Expenditure

2.1 Moor-rul Threshold and DDDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform

We support the capital expenditure proposal.

2.2 Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower

We support the capital expenditure proposal. We suggest the fire cabin columns only be painted to reduce the visual impact. The cabin is powder coated and does not need painting

2.3 Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation

We support the capital expenditure proposal.

2.4 Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting

We support the capital expenditure proposal.

Whilst fully acknowledging the heritage value of the cypress trees, we understand they have come to the end of their lives and are now a safety issue.

Cut correctly, examples of how the timber from the cypress trees could be used include:

- Preserving the timber for future projects on site
- Putting the timber up for sale, initially to families of WWI Enlistees, then to the community
- Use in future Shire projects

Suggestions for replacement planting: Eucalyptus Hilltop form of manna gum

2.5 Cypress Tree Removal

We support the capital expenditure proposal.

2.6 Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base

We support the capital expenditure proposal.

We support the replanting of rosemary plants at the base at the tower (*Rosmarinus horizontalis*.) Rosemary is highly significant for ANZAC Day

2.7 Memorial Walk

We support the capital expenditure proposal, noting the following:

We believe the original Memorial Walk should be maintained in its current form.

We are concerned with the estimated project cost for this work.

We support the addition of a new path, with a less steep slope along the south western side of the Tower through the new gardens

2.8 Memorial Gardens

We support the capital expenditure proposal.

However, we note that care should be taken to ensure the proposed Memorial Gardens are in keeping with the rural nature of the Park and not overly formalised.

We are concerned with the estimated project cost for this work

Seasonal displays should include: ANZAC Day – Rosemary and Remembrance Day -Poppies

2.9 Park Sign

We support the capital expenditure proposal, although would question the cost estimate.

We further request that the damaged tourism sign on corner of Eltham Yarra Glen Road and the Main Road be repaired.

2.10 Interpretative Signs – various

We support the capital expenditure proposal, although would question the cost estimate

2.11 Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets

Whilst acknowledging that future display material will be determined through the Park Governance project, we would request that the original display material which was in place when the viewing platform was built be re-instated in the panels.

The original panels included details ranging from pre-history to modern day usage of the area around the Memorial Park. The information panels are currently empty, which is a lost opportunity that could be rectified for minimal cost in the short term. There is also a need to restore the dedication plaque at the viewing platform.

We understand the original templates are held by the Shire and could be re-printed with minimal cost. Re-instating the original panels would enhance the viewing platform in the short term whilst discussions are underway for new interpretative material.

2.12 Bench Seating

We support the capital expenditure proposal.

The timbers from the original stairs/ladders from the Memorial Tower were preserved when the new spiral staircase was installed. We wish to suggest that this timber could be utilized to construct new benches/seating in the Park. This would assist with the aim of establishing one furniture identity in the Park.

Adding interpretative plaques to the benches would have the added benefit of preserving the heritage of the original stairs. Existing memorialisation of benches should also be maintained.

We agree with the proposal for replacement of only 7 benches in the Park

We request that no benches be placed in front of the forecourt

2.13 Picnic Tables

We agree there should be no additional picnic tables. The Park is a Memorial, not a picnic area and as such should be a place of reflection.

3 Operation Expenditure

3.1 Annual Park Landscape Maintenance

We fully support the Upgrade to Nillumbik Shire Council 'Priority Sites' maintenance standard classification from 'Amenity' standard'.

4 Additional Comments for Consideration

We wish to put forward suggestions for future consideration in the management of the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park

Please see the appendix below: "Proposed Program of Works - Stage 1" of program of works which has been prepared by the Friends of Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Inc.

4.1 Proposal for a safer road entrance to the Park

Whilst recognising that any future road entrance is still subject to discussion we wish to put forward the proposed new road entrance as per the Proposed Program of Works for consideration. This could be a more cost effective solution than some other proposals put forward. We would be happy to further discuss this proposal with Council engineering staff

4.2 Suggested displays for OCC

The funding and placement of 3 additional Plaques to recognise:

- The Nurses from the Shire who served
Local Service in the Boer War

- The 11 indigenous soldiers from the Shire who served in WWI
Recognition of all WWI Enlistees (1,000 names already compiled)

4.3 Flood lights

We ask that the existing flood lights at the base of the Tower be repaired and maintained. The timing switches need to be re-instated. The flood lights were installed to illuminate the Tower from dusk till 10 pm or midnight.

5. Summary

We support the proposed management plan in principle, with reservations as to the scope and cost of some items, as outlined above.

It is imperative that the Park is maintained as a Memorial. The sanctity of the site, plus it's heritage value to the Shire must be foremost in all future works.

[Redacted signature]

President & Treasurer
Friends of Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Inc.

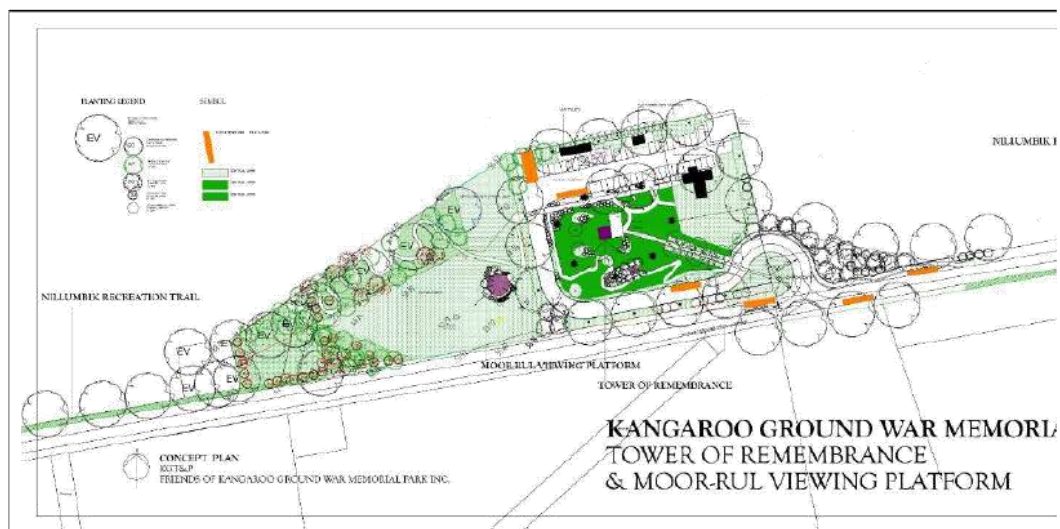
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21 September 2021

Appendix to Management Plan Response - September 2021

Friends of Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Inc. Proposed Program of Works – Stage 1

Legend:		
KGWMP	Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park.	2 acres at summit.
RG	Reconciliation Grassland.	Triangular shaped land on west.
Rec Trail	Nillumbik Recreational Trail.	Along Eltham – Yarra Glen Road.
QS	Quantity Surveyor	



Program of Works – Stage One			
KGWMP	Year.	Estimated (Months)	Cost Estimate
Public Consultation	1	2	?
Council Approval Process	1	1	?
Archaeological Survey of sub-soil for possible bora ground, silcrete	1	2	Refer to Latrobe University.

rocks and artefacts to all lawn area at summit and all of RG. By Latrobe University			
Old Caretakers Cottage (OCC) Reconstruction (as per 2014 Docs) <i>-Collect rainwater in wetland to north of OCC.</i>	1	3-4	Refer to QS.
<i>Note: New Path reqd. in front of OCC is below carpark level opposite. Surface water diversion required.</i>	1	1	Refer to NSC Maintenance Dept
OCC 4 No Displays (on 3mth rotation)	1	1 st display 2 (preparation) & 1 (installation)	\$3000 x 4 = \$12,000. Creating books, a/v and posters.
Road Entry and Road Negotiate additional area	1	1	Negotiate with Vic Roads and Water Authority Refer to QS
Geology Report and Engineering Design	1	2	"
Construction Work and Lighting	1	6	"
Lighting	1	2	
<i>Note:</i> <i>Large water main in lower section of road.</i>	1	1	
<i>Some fill used around Tower Base for new lawn and planting beds.</i>	1	2	Refer to QS
<i>Arches</i> <i>- main gate "welcome signage"</i> <i>- entry from carparking to "tower precinct"</i> <i>X 2.</i> <i>- threshold KGMP and RG "entry to RG".</i>			
Paving and Landscape <i>Note: All planting to be local native - with a theme around tower eg Vic Christmas Bush, Butterflies and Bursaria spinosa. Exceptions would be seasonal Purple Poppies (for War Animals) and Red Poppies and Rosmarinus horizontalis.</i>	1	6	Refer to QS Planting by Volunteers

Carpark, Toilets & drains New design New Sewer and Treatment Works	1	6	Refer to QS
Remove existing Trees N, S, E, W Note: Investigate reuse of timber, sale of trees for removal	1	6	Refer to QS
Purchase Hill Top Manna Gum for Around KGWMP, along RG and along Rec Trail Plant New Major Trees in Kangaroo/ Rabbit Proof Tree Guards , water for 1 year.	1	6	How many? Cost each? Calculate by AW
Demolish Existing House and Carport <i>What is to be done to Septic Tank?</i>	1	2	Refer to QS
RECONCILIATION GRASSLANDS (RG)			
Moor-rul Viewing Platform	1	1	Refer to QS
<i>Paint rusting Roof Projections</i>	1	1	Refer to QS
Replace Path to MVP <i>Note: Investigate bluestone rock outcrops near mvp path - led shaded lights with minimal glare to night sky.</i>	1	0.5	16 No x \$100 = \$1600 (Office Works)
Reprint and Install Original MVP Interpretive Panels			

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Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

What an absolute excessive waste of our money during a pandemic, this does not need to be done.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

NO

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

NO

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

Reasons if not supported?

An absolute waste of money are you seriously going to spend our money on this, leave it alone.

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

NO

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

None leave it alone.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - No

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - No

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Where is the money for this? At this time, and with limited resources this should not be a priority

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance

proposed for the park?

No

Reasons if not supported?

Fire mitigation only at this stage.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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No

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To: Strategic Planning
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021 3:55:12 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

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Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Yes

Cypress Tree Removal - No

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

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Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

A platform that extends out further to get the vity view.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

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No

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Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021 3:41:11 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - Yes

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

Improve safety of park access from main road as a priority.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021 3:39:12 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - No

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - No

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Please don't spend money.

It's a pandemic.

The council should be ashamed of a rate rise on the people during this trouble times and then wasting it!!!

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

None. Do not spend money

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Yes. Stop wasting it

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

Reasons if not supported?

Stop wasting money

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

Stop wasting money

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

Stop wasting money

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021 3:37:11 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - No

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - No

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

It's a Pandemic.

Stop spending money on items that aren't required.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

None.. we don't need an upgrade

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Why would it cost so much?

There are so many people who do trades in this council area.

And stop spending money.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

Reasons if not supported?

Don't need to spend money

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

Do not spend money

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021 2:59:15 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Unsure

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Unsure

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - Yes

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - Yes

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Unsure

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Unsure

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

It seems it will no longer be a memorial park and fire tower, too much pandering to people demanding theme park entertainment. If the memorial walk is built then the current park access will be forced to be changed, as to where is not at all clear, given the cost of at least 2 consultative parties the draft therefore is in complete. Can only

imagine any future access to the park will be put across the viewing platform area will defeat the purpose of any view from viewing platform and will only lead to catering to bus loads of thrill seekers.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

Some kind of inobtrusive security, vandalism, arson attack[ask KG CFA] surveillance without any horrible night lighting, across the sites.

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

The costings beggar belief. With the incumbent CEO claiming the Shire has no spare money it is no wonder.

Who decided that this amount of proposed funding [rate payers supplied] is either viable or sustainable to the functioning of the Shire?

Can understand that some works regarding tree issues are relevant, however not the entire over developed scheme.

This current executive section of the Council is way too top heavy and are given to much access to rate payer coffers.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

Reasons if not supported?

Too much money is going to be poured into this memorial site if this proposed draft goes ahead.

The Shire is being over grown entirely by Noxious weeds.

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

It's a money pit.

Stop blanket spending un-necessarily and stop using expensive external consultative bodies.

Nillumbik's 6 Executives +CEO need to stop thinking they own the Shire.

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

Keep it simple and not expensive to maintain.

Fire tower and memorial services are all that are truly relevant.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - Yes

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - No

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

I think the price of signage is way too high

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

I think 1.2 million on this is very high and not really the right time when so many people are struggling. Give 1.2 million to help struggling families or reduce our rates

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021 1:52:11 PM

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Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No
Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - No
Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No
Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No
Cypress Tree Removal - No
Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No
Memorial Walk - No
Memorial Gardens - No
Park Sign - No
Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No
Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No
Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No
Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No
Bench Seating - Yes
Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Absolute joke how much is being spent on these mostly irrelevant projects. Someone is receiving a kick back or helping out a friends business. Put the jobs up for tender or face prosecution because the figures are an absolute rort.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

No

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

No

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Unsure

Reasons if not supported?

Unsure

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

No

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

No

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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No

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Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021 12:58:11 PM

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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - No

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Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

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Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

This is a completely unreasonable estimation of expenses & being in the building g industry is a complete joke & rort if rate payers money & that's not commenting on the exclusions documented. The prices per signage & picnic tables is a joke. The estimate works for the care takers cottages are grossly under estimated.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

Do NOT touch what is not broken but put in place more funding to care properly for the existing.

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

It is a complete joke in terms of dollar value & someone is taking the council for idiots.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

Let it alone. There are far more urgent matters in this shite during a pandemic for a council with supposedly NO MoNEY!

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

Scrap it & the joke surveyors who quoted it.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021 10:55:11 AM

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Cypress Tree Removal - Yes

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Unsure

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

██████

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Because it is not needed and quotes seem ridiculously high

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021 9:46:13 AM

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Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No
Bench Seating - No
Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

How dare this council even consider such an outrageous waste of money. The proposed budget is a complete and utter disgrace. The prices are exorbitant. The process does not even address the future access and parking. This is a complete sham. Drop it. Go back to the drawing board and get someone sensible to put together at least

some plausible costs and pathways.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

Reasons if not supported?

Until such time that a plausible proposal for the future of the tower and park is prepared and released for consultation the ongoing maintenance costs should not even be considered. It is very worthwhile to properly and adequately provide real time maintenance works at the tower, but operational expenditure proposal is stained by the disgraceful capital expenditure proposal.

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

Put this farcical document in the bin. Start again. There must be someone within council that has their head in the real world. How dare this council propose to spend in excess of \$1.2million of our rates on a plan that does not even address the core issues at the tower. Virtually every item cost is grossly inflated and overpriced.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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From: no-reply@harvestdp.com
To: [Strategic Planning](#)
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Friday, 24 September 2021 7:29:13 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan through your Participate Nillumbik website.

Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - Yes

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Yes

Cypress Tree Removal - Yes

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

██████

Email

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Live in Montmorency. Visit regularly.

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From: no-reply@harvestdp.com
To: Strategic Planning
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Thursday, 23 September 2021 8:23:11 AM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan through your Participate Nillumbik website.

Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No
Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - No
Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - Yes
Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No
Cypress Tree Removal - No
Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No
Memorial Walk - No
Memorial Gardens - No
Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No
Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No
Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No
Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No
Bench Seating - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

This is a very special site, held dear by returned servicemen and woman. It is a sacred memorial site and Minimal interference is best. The sites maintenance is important but not to 'change' it. I disagree with vast amounts of money being spent to change signage. Signage should be barely noticeable - not intrusive.
It is a shrine and should be in the hands of RSL

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

No

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

You spend way too much on works in general.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

Reasons if not supported?

The park and gardens are lovely as are. Death of trees is a shame but part of the history. When dead they should be removed if a hazard.

First Name

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Email

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No

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To: [Strategic Planning](#)
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Tuesday, 21 September 2021 6:58:12 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Way too high

Only needs signage. Good parking. Maintenance upkeep.

Rest is a waste of money

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

On going garden maintenance

First Name

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No

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Tuesday, 21 September 2021 8:35:11 AM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - Yes

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Yes

Cypress Tree Removal - Unsure

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

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No

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To: [Strategic Planning](#)
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Tuesday, 21 September 2021 7:26:12 AM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes
Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No
Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Yes
Cypress Tree Removal - No
Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes
Memorial Walk - No
Memorial Gardens - No
Park Sign - No
Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No
Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No
Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No
Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No
Bench Seating - Yes
Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

A path to the viewing area already exists
Interpretative signs? What is the benefit of those?
Renovate a cottage that no one can enter? No.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

No1, better toilet facilities, improved parking and access

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Residents wait 6 to 8 weeks for a response to a dangerous tree or safety issue in a public space, and are then told 'we don't have the budget'

Then proposals like this 1.25 million dollar splurge come along. You are out of touch

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

Reasons if not supported?

An increase in landscape maintenance is not required

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

You should have called for submissions from residents of Kangaroo Ground and involved the community before you thought of interpretive signage. Not clever

First Name

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No

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To: Strategic Planning
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Monday, 20 September 2021 10:36:14 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - Yes

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - Unsure

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

I have not supported some items, as they are listed on the premise that a new road to enter the site is forthcoming. Until this work is successful or not, seems irrelevant.

I am not a fan of interpretative signage, can we not interpret things ourselves, if we are told what they are.

Support DDA compliance, but without something to see in Moor-rul viewing platform, it is more about everyone being able to see the view.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

Without a new road, and potentially a new entrance, then why aren't we improving the existing entrance. A dry stone wall and parking bay, where suggested some time ago. The current entrance is a disgrace with crumbling hillside running on to the tarmac. Why are we talking about a Memorial Walk and Gardens when again they depend on this new invisible road way.

The existing car park is overcrowded and not user friendly on busy occasions, particularly for those with mobility issues. People park all along the main road on Memorial Days. Why can't we open bottom gate and let those with 4 wheel drives park on grass below Moor-rul platform.

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

The restoration of caretakers cottage is number one priority. Just get on and do that. Do not plant out site. Keep risk of fire down for those working up in that tower during bush fire season.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

If the existing site, as it is, was better maintained and gardens tended, grass cut and cape weed sprayed. This would be enough.

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

Just get the basics right, so the locals and visitors can

- 1) find the place
- 2) Park their cars
- 3) Sit and have a picnic

First Name

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Email

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No

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Monday, 20 September 2021 4:22:10 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Cypress Tree Removal - Yes

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No

Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

The existing stone retaining wall with rosemary enhances the tower and should be retained. After all, the tower has commemorative plaques relating to a number of wars, not just WW1. The rosemary also has similar significance to that of the lone pine in relation to Gallipoli. The current plants could be trimmed or replaced with a prostrate

variety if their height is an issue.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

The park access road should be given high priority as the current entrance is dangerous.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

The caretaker's residence should be visually closed off or improved and integrated into the park, as it is currently an eyesore.

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Email

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To: Strategic Planning
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Monday, 20 September 2021 3:17:13 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes
Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - Yes
Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Yes
Cypress Tree Removal - Yes
Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No
Memorial Walk - Yes
Memorial Gardens - Yes
Park Sign - Yes
Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes
Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Yes
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Unsure
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Unsure
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Unsure
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Unsure
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Unsure
Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes
Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes
Bench Seating - Yes
Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Removing the stone edge is unnecessary and a waste of money better spent elsewhere in the reserve. The edge serves a purpose as a bed for the Rosemary which as described in the sign has a Gallipoli significance.

The reserve recognises the efforts of service men and women over a century. We don't need to be precious about how the hill looked in the 1920's

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

I note in the material that additional land was purchased with the intention of providing better road access to the park. That should be completed when funds are available. It should have a very high priority.

I would also approve the second caretakers cottage being restored and integrated into the park. In the mean time the yard around the cottage should be reduced, cleaned up and beautified.

What is the purpose of the high security gates and yard at the northern end of the second caretakers cottage? It's something you normally only see at a gaol.

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

See above

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

See above re road access and the second caretakers cottage.

First Name

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Email

[REDACTED]

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To: [Strategic Planning](#)
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Monday, 20 September 2021 9:24:11 AM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

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Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Yes

Cypress Tree Removal - Yes

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

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To: Strategic Planning
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Sunday, 19 September 2021 6:00:13 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - No

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - No

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Way too expensive on already existing infrastructure.

Need to get more quotes on the work.

Sharpen there pencil.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

Reasons if not supported?

Way to expensive

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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To: Strategic Planning
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Sunday, 19 September 2021 1:41:11 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

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Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Yes

Cypress Tree Removal - Yes

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Unsure

Memorial Gardens - Unsure

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Memorial walk seems to replace the existing road. But where is the road entrance to be placed? Opposed to a road up the hill through the Moor-rul Grasslands as proposed in Master Plan 2020.

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Seems a to of signage. Perhaps some information could appear together with another.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Friday, 17 September 2021 10:45:11 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - Yes

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Yes

Cypress Tree Removal - No

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No

Memorial Walk - Unsure

Memorial Gardens - Unsure

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

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Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Yes

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Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Unsure

Picnic Tables - Unsure

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Consider the significance of 1951 , caretakers cottage as dedicated by Sir Dallas brooks to the souls lost in ww1 & 2 and do not remove the stone & Rosemary garden section of this era.

The tower speaks to its purpose in remembrance, please leave open space enough for community gatherings.

Leave the internal cypress trees, they provide cover and shade on our sunny days.

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Signage seems expensive.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Unsure

Reasons if not supported?

Not sure until more information is available.

First Name

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Email

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No

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
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Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

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Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

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Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

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Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

All "interpretive signs" info can be displayed in the unused cabinets at the lookout.

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Far to expensive.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Unsure

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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No

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Friday, 17 September 2021 7:48:10 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

Reds better entry and exit from the main road please

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

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Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - Yes

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Yes

Cypress Tree Removal - Yes

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Unsure

Memorial Gardens - Unsure

Park Sign - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Unsure

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - No

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

██████

Email

[REDACTED]

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Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Unsure

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Some of this work is long overdue. Please be mindful of "big sign saturation" across the site. It is already busy with various signs and plaques which have no synergy in look and feel with each other and detract from the "naturalness" of the park. These are also fairly big ticket items in the budget.

We do not need new memorial plaques in garden beds (pages 68 & 70). Nor do we need signage for caretaker's residence. Include this information in display material in the tower foyer cabinets.

No need for multiple signs around Moor-rul. Include all related info in the cabinets displays. Can these panels be re-configured to have less impact so that the view can be better appreciated when standing on the platform?

What will be the purpose of the caretaker's cottage once renovated?

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Also, we do NOT need another sign acknowledging indigenous soldiers from Corranderk Healesville which I understand is being proposed by a community group. This area was not part of the Shire of Eltham in WW1 which led to the park and memorial being established.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

Thank you.

First Name

Email

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Friday, 17 September 2021 2:17:11 PM

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Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No

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Cypress Tree Removal - No

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Unsure

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Why rip up what is historically significant to all and reinvent a working plan.

Can i apply to live in the caretaker cottage?

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

Don't kill a live historical tree. You won't let anyone else cut a live tree on their land so why can you.

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Stop wasting my rates. Do some fire fuel reduction if you want to do something useful.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

Reasons if not supported?

Leave it alone. Its historical but it will not be after you renew it for no value. Where is the value for money?

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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No

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Cypress Tree Removal - Yes

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

Clear monitoring of effects of the management plan, i.e. visitation numbers, social impact, community sentiment.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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No

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Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - Yes

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

Widening the entrance Rd to allow parking and passing as it can get quite tight.

First Name

██████

Email

[REDACTED]

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No

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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Unsure

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - Yes

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - No

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Unsure

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Unsure

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Unsure

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Not enough information given in what these items will be.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

No please. Leave it alone. It is perfect and solemn AS IT IS and should not be improved to the level of a tourist attraction..

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Stop wasting money improving things that don't need improvement and put more into our roads and roadside vegetation works for safety and weed eradication. As it is landcare groups are getting grants and doing their own roadside weed spraying because council can't afford it. Just last week a tree fell from a verge in the Dandenong and killed 2 people, what if there's another black Saturday?

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Unsure

Reasons if not supported?

It only needs mowing and some gardening. How much is currently spent? How much are you proposing to increase it by?

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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No

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Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No
Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No
Cypress Tree Removal - No
Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No
Memorial Walk - No
Memorial Gardens - No
Park Sign - No
Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No
Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No
Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No
Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No
Bench Seating - Yes
Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Ridiculous pointless expenditure of ratepayers money. The existing structures and surrounds is fine just as it is. Leave it as it is and use the money for more important purposes, eg road maintenance in Panton Hill & St Andrews areas, roadside maintenance incl vegetation removal, fuel load reduction in reserves and improving

aesthetics and facilities in Panton Hill and St Andrews townships.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

No

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Do not spend ratepayers mobey on changibg this park and structures that are fine just as they are. Blatant misuse of ratepayers money.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

Reasons if not supported?

Waste of money needed elsewhere

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

Waste of ratepayers money. Do not proceed.

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

It is beautiful as it is. Do not waste mobey playing around with it. Mayve a couple of pucnic tables would be nice but as minimal cost and nothing other than that.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - No

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - No

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Hugely exorbitant expenditure, surely there are other proposals that could be explored for less than half the total cost.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance

proposed for the park?

No

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - No

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - No

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - No

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No

Memorial Walk - No

Memorial Gardens - No

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Absolute WASTE of rate payers money. You gave got to be joking with these prices for signs and basic landscaping. What a joke. Insulting when people are struggling to pay their own rates during these difficult times.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Unsure

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

Too expensive

Email

[REDACTED]

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Date: Thursday, 16 September 2021 10:57:12 PM

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Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - Yes

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - Yes

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Unsure

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Sounds like potential for way too much signage, I think it should be kept to a minimum.

The cypress can be replaced with native vegetation allocasuarina for example if something similar is required.

Part of the charm is the grassy picnic hill, picnic tables are unnecessary.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

A low indigenous planting screening from the busy road would be an improvement.

First Name

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Email

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Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Unsure

Cypress Tree Removal - Unsure

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Unsure

Park Sign - Unsure

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Please utilise the moor-ul platform display cabinets for what they were intended for.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

Acknowledge the historians who have given locals the knowledge and history of the

area

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Unsure

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Why fix what's not broken at a ridiculous cost to the community

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

Um NO

Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Way to much

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

No

Reasons if not supported?

Can't afford it

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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To: [Strategic Planning](#)
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Thursday, 16 September 2021 5:25:11 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - Yes

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Yes

Cypress Tree Removal - No

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

Maybe you can offset some of these expenses by awarding a mobile coffee van or

mobile business to trade onsite on weekends and high season to attract more tourists

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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To: [Strategic Planning](#)
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Thursday, 16 September 2021 9:41:11 AM

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Memorial Walk - Yes

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Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Unsure

Picnic Tables - No

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

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To: Strategic Planning
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Sunday, 12 September 2021 4:22:12 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

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Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Yes

Cypress Tree Removal - Yes

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

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Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

██████

Email

[REDACTED]

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No

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Sunday, 12 September 2021 10:27:11 AM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Yes

Cypress Tree Removal - No

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Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Itc would be good to try and Save the old cypress trees

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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No

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To: [Strategic Planning](#)
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Saturday, 11 September 2021 7:04:12 PM

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Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - Yes

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Understand the significance of the cypress pines.

But if any need to be removed, I would much rather see native species be planted.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance

proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

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Email

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No

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To: [Strategic Planning](#)
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Friday, 10 September 2021 5:10:12 PM

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Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - Yes

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Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

The Cypress trees (as they need to be removed) should be turned into sculptures (we have a local chain saw artist living on the Main Eltham Research Road- Lee Conkie). These sculptures could reflect the history of the area including both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous. If a road is to run up the hill for safety reasons) these could line the roadside. Only if the grasslands are not lost /used for the road.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance

proposed for the park?

Unsure

First Name

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Email

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Thursday, 9 September 2021 6:29:11 PM

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

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Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - No

Cypress Tree Removal - No

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - Yes

Memorial Walk - Unsure

Memorial Gardens - Unsure

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - No

Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - No

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - No

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - No

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - No

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Signs, benches and picnic tables will be graffiti and become derelict. Save our money and spend on something that won't be vandalised

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

Footpath / bike trail from Kangaroo church and cafe to tower. Would be fantastic to be able to walk/ride from Eltham and Wattle Glen to KG tower and on to watsons creek

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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No

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Thursday, 9 September 2021 5:14:13 PM

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Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

██████

Email

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Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Thursday, 9 September 2021 8:10:12 AM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Unsure

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

Safer entry/ exit road

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

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Email

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To: [Strategic Planning](#)
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Saturday, 4 September 2021 4:46:12 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - Yes

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Yes

Cypress Tree Removal - Yes

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Memorial Walk - No

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Park Sign - Yes

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

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Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - No

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Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Unsure

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Funding saved by the not supported items should be redirected to the additional works, below.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

A memorial to commemorate the valiant efforts of traditional owners in trying to defend their land, their culture and their means of sustenance against the European expansion of pastoral settlement. Their heroism is no less deserving than that of the soldiers and sailors who fought overseas.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

Whatever is necessary to create an asset that is cared for - unlike the current state of affairs.

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

Access is a problem that is not insurmountable with improved road and entrance design, which would be less expensive than a completely new entrance.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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No

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From: no-reply@harvestdp.com
To: [Strategic Planning](#)
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Friday, 3 September 2021 10:31:15 AM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - No

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation - Yes

Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Yes

Cypress Tree Removal - Yes

Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base - No

Memorial Walk - Yes

Memorial Gardens - Yes

Park Sign - No

Interpretative Sign – War Memorial - Yes

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Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens - Yes

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Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - No

Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

For those items marked as not supported, the existing facility would appear to be adequate and I question the need for renewal.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

Bike hoops/rack for cyclists to park bikes. Shaded area to be provided until cypress trees mature and provide shade.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

Can the current parking area be enhanced to accommodate more vehicles?

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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No

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To: [Strategic Planning](#)
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Wednesday, 1 September 2021 10:11:12 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

There has been a submission of the form Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan through your Participate Nillumbik website.

Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

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Memorial Walk - Yes

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Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

Remove the caretakers residence and merge supervision and maintenance into Council operations.

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

The fire spotters cabin on top is visually obscene. It should be integrated into the tower form and built of same stone.

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

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To: [Strategic Planning](#)
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Wednesday, 1 September 2021 6:25:14 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Unsure

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower - Yes

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Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting - Unsure

Cypress Tree Removal - Yes

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Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Unsure

Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

A lot of money, especially for a picnic table

Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

A tap

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

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To: [Strategic Planning](#)
Subject: Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission
Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021 11:18:12 PM

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan Form Submission

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Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform - Yes

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Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence - No

Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets - Yes

Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets - Yes

Bench Seating - Yes

Picnic Tables - Yes

Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?

Yes

Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

Happy to see this landmark improved; however I'd like to point out the only thing that's really, really killed my enjoyment of it so far is the caretaker himself! I tried taking the kids to this tower *on three separate occasions* during supposedly open hours, with the promise of going up it, only to discover it locked each time. The final time, I got chatting to a kind gentlemen at the viewing platform who said the caretaker usually returned around that time; so I waited beside his cottage, thinking I'd politely ask if he could unlock the tower - as it was supposed to be. Sure enough, the caretaker did return, but jumped out of his car on a phone call, studiously ignoring my hand wave, strode straight indoors and closed the door. I gave it a few moments and knocked, several times, then again 10 minutes later. Ignored. I returned to the viewing platform and relayed this to my new friend, who said "I meant to warn you he's got a reputation as being a bit arrogant". Sounds like you have the wrong person in the job. Support caretaker facility improvements only if it's a new caretaker.

First Name

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Are you responding as someone from an organisation, community group?

No

What is your relationship to Nillumbik?

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Results and summary of submissions to the Draft Management Plan Exhibition

Community response

Exhibition period:

Mon 30 Aug – Sun 26 Sept 2021, inclusive

No. of Submissions:

71 Questionnaire submissions (incl. one appended submission)

Stakeholders who submitted:

Friends of Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Inc. (with submission)
Andrew Ross Museum

Other organisations:

Nillumbik Ratepayers Assn inc.

Results and summary of submission responses to questionnaire

(incorporating one appended submission)

Results relating to the 'Yes/ No' Questions 1 and 5 of the Questionnaire are actual submission responses; feedback for the balance of open-ended questions is a *summary* of submission responses; for actual/ original submission responses see separate document.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

1. Do you support the below-listed capital expenditure works items?

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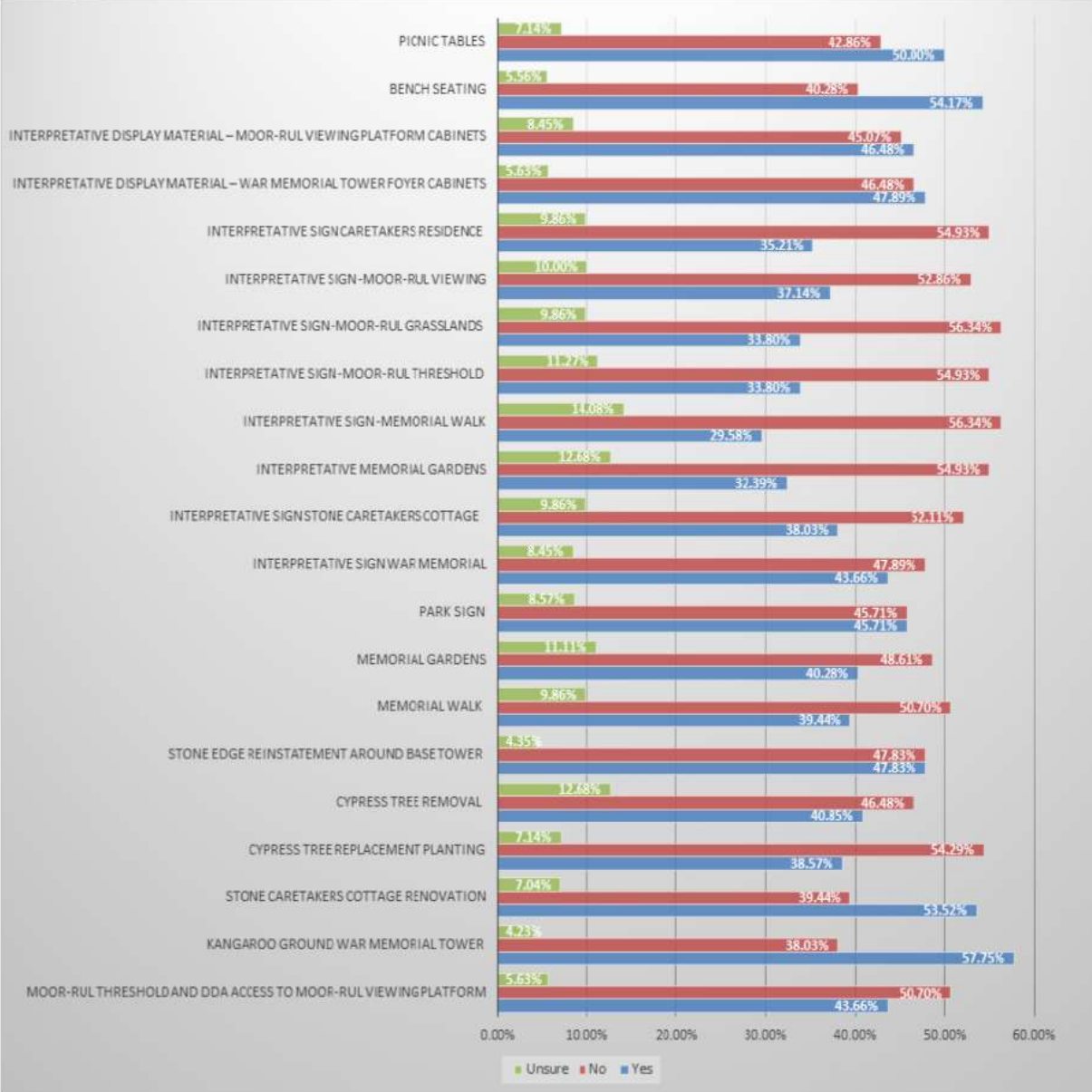


Table 1. Breakdown of support (excluding Unsure respondents)

SUPPORTED by >50% respondents *excluding respondents who were Unsure
Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower
Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation
Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets
Bench Seating
Picnic Tables
UNSUPPORTED by >50% respondents *excluding respondents who were Unsure
Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform
Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting
Cypress Tree Removal
Memorial Walk
Memorial Gardens
Interpretative Sign – War Memorial
Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform
Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence
EQUALLY Supported/ Unsupported by 100% respondents *excluding respondents who were Unsure
Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base
Park Sign

Table 2. Breakdown of support (allocating Unsure respondents to Unsupportive respondents)

Blue text highlights changes from Table 1.

SUPPORTED by >50% respondents
*allocating Unsure respondents in Unsupportive respondents
Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower
Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation
Bench Seating
UNSUPPORTED by >50% respondents *including Unsure respondents
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Park Sign
Picnic Tables

Table

	Yes	No	Unsure
Moor-rul Threshold and DDA Access to Moor-rul Viewing Platform	43.66%	50.70%	5.63%
Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower	57.75%	38.03%	4.23%
Stone Caretaker's Cottage Renovation	53.52%	39.44%	7.04%
Cypress Tree Replacement Tree Planting	38.57%	54.29%	7.14%
Cypress Tree Removal	40.85%	46.48%	12.68%
Stone Edge Reinstatement Around Tower Base	47.83%	47.83%	4.35%
Memorial Walk	39.44%	50.70%	9.86%
Memorial Gardens	40.28%	48.61%	11.11%
Park Sign	45.71%	45.71%	8.57%
Interpretative Sign – War Memorial	43.66%	47.89%	8.45%
Interpretative Sign – Stone Caretaker's Cottage	38.03%	52.11%	9.86%
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Gardens	32.39%	54.93%	12.68%
Interpretative Sign – Memorial Walk	29.58%	56.34%	14.08%
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Threshold	33.80%	54.93%	11.27%
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Grasslands	33.80%	56.34%	9.86%
Interpretative Sign – Moor-rul Viewing Platform	37.14%	52.86%	10.00%

	Yes	No	Unsure
Interpretative Sign – Caretaker's Residence	35.21%	54.93%	9.86%
Interpretative Display Material – War Memorial Tower Foyer Cabinets	47.89%	46.48%	5.63%
Interpretative Display Material – Moor-rul Viewing Platform Cabinets	46.48%	45.07%	8.45%
Bench Seating	54.17%	40.28%	5.56%
Picnic Tables	50.00%	42.86%	7.14%

2. Reasons if not supported, or any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered?

2.1 Reasons if not supported

Pandemic and rates rise (One respondent recognised that matters of public safety are an exemption and should be addressed)
Too expensive
Not value for money
Other priorities in park (fire fuel reduction) and Shire
Like it how it is
Existing facilities are adequate
Will alter heritage (war memorial, fire lookout), community contribution (seats, tables), memorialisation (rosemary hedge significance to Lone Pine/ Gallipoli)
Management Plan incomplete/ unsubstantiated without addressing park road access and parking. Opposed to any road through Moor-rul Grasslands.
Cypress tree removal (internal) will remove cover and shade
Too much signage which will detract from the 'naturalness' of the park. Consolidate signage. Interpretative material can be consolidated in Moor-rul Viewing Platform and Tower Foyer Display Cabinets. Signs will be graffitied.
No need for additional memorials in garden beds - provide information in Display Cabinets.
Caretaker's residence has negative visual impact, and park maintenance and supervision should be provided by Council operations.
Stone wall enhances the tower. The park recognises service people over a century therefore irrelevant how the tower looked originally

2.1.1 Additional, misread responses

<i>Responses</i>	<i>Review</i>
Picnic tables and bench seats will make the park a tourist attraction losing its value as quiet place of reflection	Picnic tables and bench seats are replacing existing, i.e., no additional.
Bench seats and picnic tables will be graffitied, generate litter problems	Picnic tables and bench seats are replacing existing, i.e., no additional.
Standing area for ANZAC Day reduced	Area traditionally used is left open. (FOKGWMPPI to confirm.)
Support caretaker facility improvements only if there is a new caretaker (not present one).	Improvements are proposed to the stone cottage not to the residence.
Assumed cost estimates were a quotation not an estimate, and expected transparent tender process.	Costs are an estimate for project budgeting purposes, not quotations for works
Why renovate a cottage no one can enter?	Plan states that the Governance project will determine a use before renovation.
Path to viewing platform already exists.	Plan highlights the path to viewing platform does not comply with accessibility standards

2.2 Any other aspect of the identified works items to be considered

Structurally integrate fire-spotters cabin with tower in same stone
Suggest the fire cabin columns only be painted to reduce the visual impact. The cabin is powder coated and does not need painting
Use of felled Cypress tree timber (in park, sale to families of WWI enlistees and community and for other Shire projects)
Sculptures from cypress trees reflecting indigenous and non-indigenous history, aligning entry road, by Lee Conkie (local)
Timber from original stairs in tower could be used for benches, with interpretative plaques to preserve history of tower staircases.
Memorial Gardens to be in keeping with rural character of park, and include rosemary (ANZAC Day), and poppies (Remembrance Day)
Suggestions for cypress replacement planting: Eucalyptus Hilltop form of manna gum

3. Are there any additional works items you think should be included?

Improved road access and parking - safety, functionality, more car parking
Improved toilet facilities
Caretaker's Residence to be visually closed off or renovated and integrated into park. Clean up yard in meantime.
Caretaker's Residence to be removed as a priority. Need for a caretaker is obsolete and building requires extensive and expensive remedial works to maintain.
Planned removal of Fire spotter's cabin - technology obviates need for manned facility.
Rosemary planting at tower base for ANZAC Day
Shade provision until cypress tree replacements mature
Bike hoops
Tap
Security, vandalism, arson attack surveillance/ camera
Extended platform to appreciate city views
Reconfigure Moor-rul viewing platform display panels to better appreciate view from within platform
New path along south western side of tower around proposed Memorial Gardens
Original Moor-rul Viewing Platform display posters reinstated.
Existing bench seats and picnic table plaques to be maintained.
Path for pedestrians and cyclists from Wattle Glen to KG Church to park and on to Watsons Creek
Memorial to honour indigenous who fought to save their land
Acknowledge historians who have given community knowledge and history of area
Repair of damaged Tourism sign on corner of Eltham-Yarra Glen Rd and Kangaroo Ground-St Andrews Rd

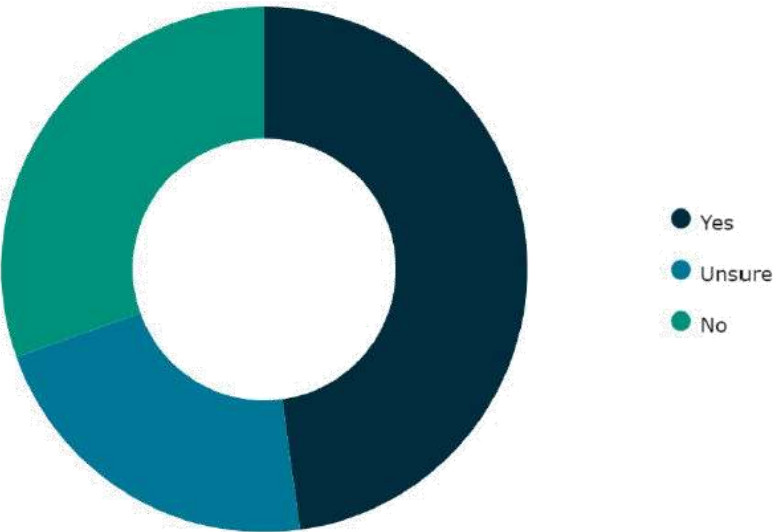
Three plaques for Stone Caretaker's Cottage
Moor-rul viewing platform dedication plaque restoration
Repairs to existing uplights around tower

4. Any additional comments on Capital Expenditure?

Existing carpark overcrowded and not user-friendly on busy occasions, particularly for mobility.
Why not improving existing entrance? Proposal existed some time ago. Current entrance a disgrace with crumbling hillside running onto roadway.
Western park purchased for alternate road access should be used for that purpose as a priority once funds available.
Council should facilitate liaison between VicRoads and Yarra Valley Water for funding support to develop a new road access, and pressure VicRoads, using local MPs as support, to have the speed limit reduced to 60 km/h.
Opposed to any new road through Moor-rul grasslands.
Council would have the capacity to organise such projects themselves and engage local contractors to do the works.
Any sign acknowledging indigenous soldiers from Corranderk Healesville (understood being proposed by a community group) not supported. The area was not part of the Shire of Eltham in WW1 which led to the park and memorial being established.
Cottage renovation is no.1 priority.
Do not plant out site and increase risk of fire for fire spotters' in cabin.

OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE

5. Do you support the increase in the standard of annual landscape maintenance proposed for the park?



Answer choices	Percent
Yes	47.83%
Unsure	21.74%
No	30.43%
Total	100.00%

6. Reasons if not supported?

Cannot be considered when capital expenditure works not supported
Cannot be assessed as scope of works for increase not provided
Too expensive/ too much money being allocated to this park
Waste of money/ no value for money/ money needed elsewhere in Shire
Cannot afford it
Not required/ no need to spend money/ like it how it is
Pandemic requires frugal approach/ more important priorities in Shire. Shire overgrown with noxious weeds
Increase to support fire mitigation only
Increase to support trimming of trees that block tower views only
Like it as is.

7. Any additional comments on Operational Expenditure?

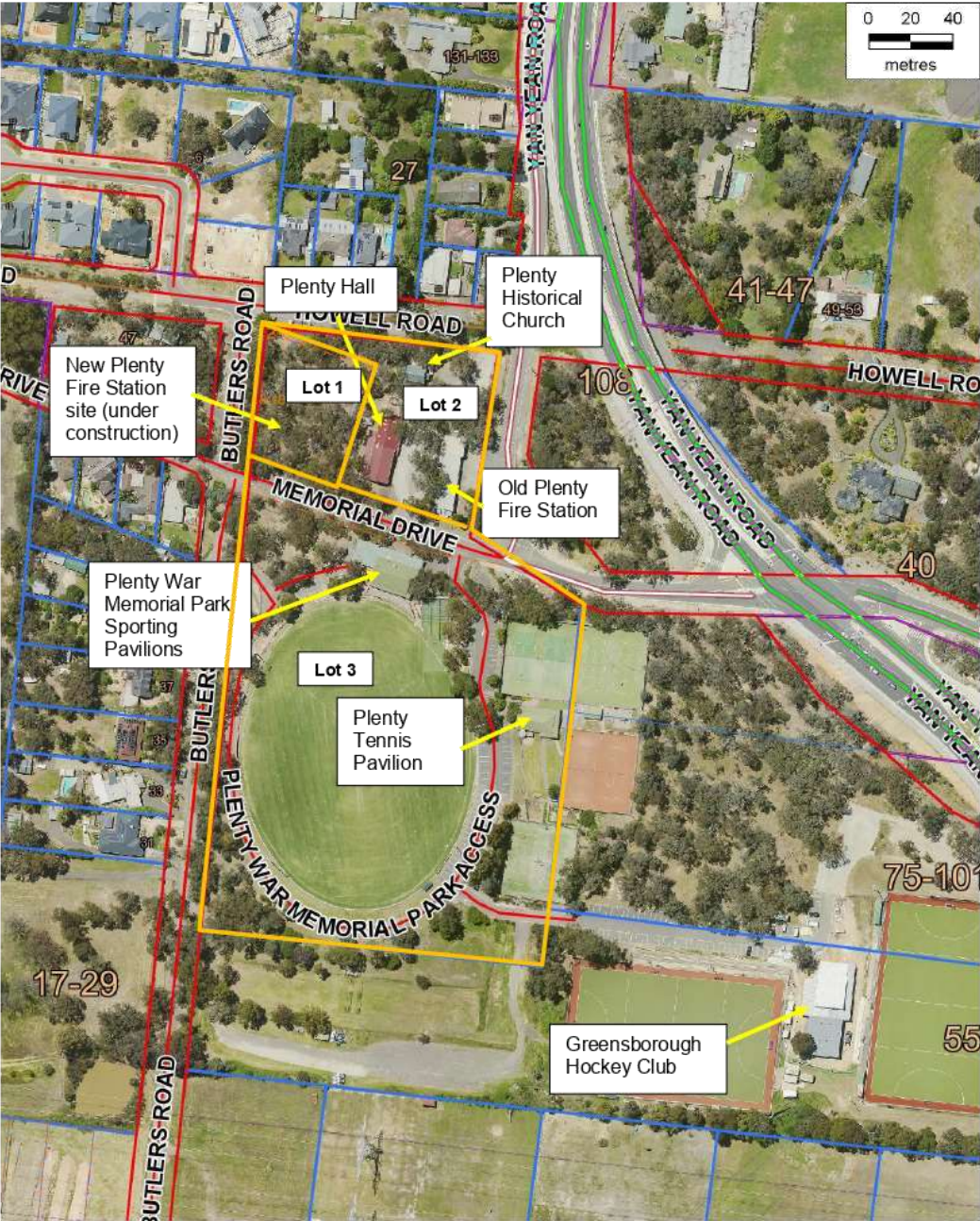
Allocate more funds only to care for the existing (do not fix what is not broken)
Fire mitigation only
Whatever is necessary to maintain an asset that is cared for.
Suggestion for mobile coffee van or mobile business to trade onsite on weekends and high season to attract more tourists and offset costs
Appears a very large amount to fix something that really doesn't need much work/ keep costs to a minimum.
Trim existing trees that block views to city and Kinglake

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON MANAGEMENT PLAN

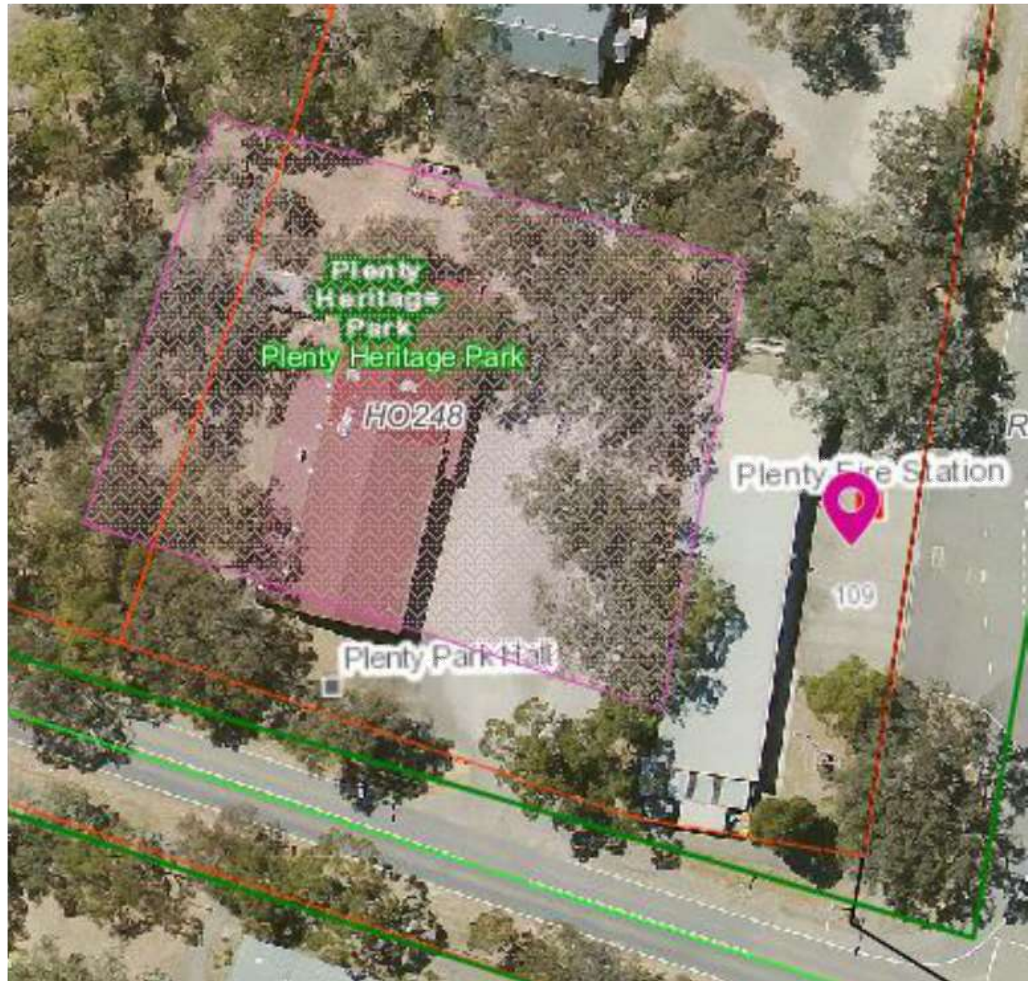
8. Any additional comments on the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Draft Management Plan that need consideration?

Has a survey been done of number of people who use the park to justify expenditure?
Just get the basics right, so the locals and visitors can 1) find the place 2) Park their cars 3) Sit and have a picnic
A low indigenous planting screening from the busy road
Clear monitoring of effects of the management plan, i.e. visitation numbers, social impact, community sentiment.
Appears Officers running own agenda without councillor engagement for widest community input.

Aerial Plan of Land – 109-115 Yan Yean Road, Plenty



The property is zone Public Park and Recreation Zone and is affected by the Bushfire Management Overlay, Heritage Overlay – No 248 (the details of the Heritage significance is detailed below).

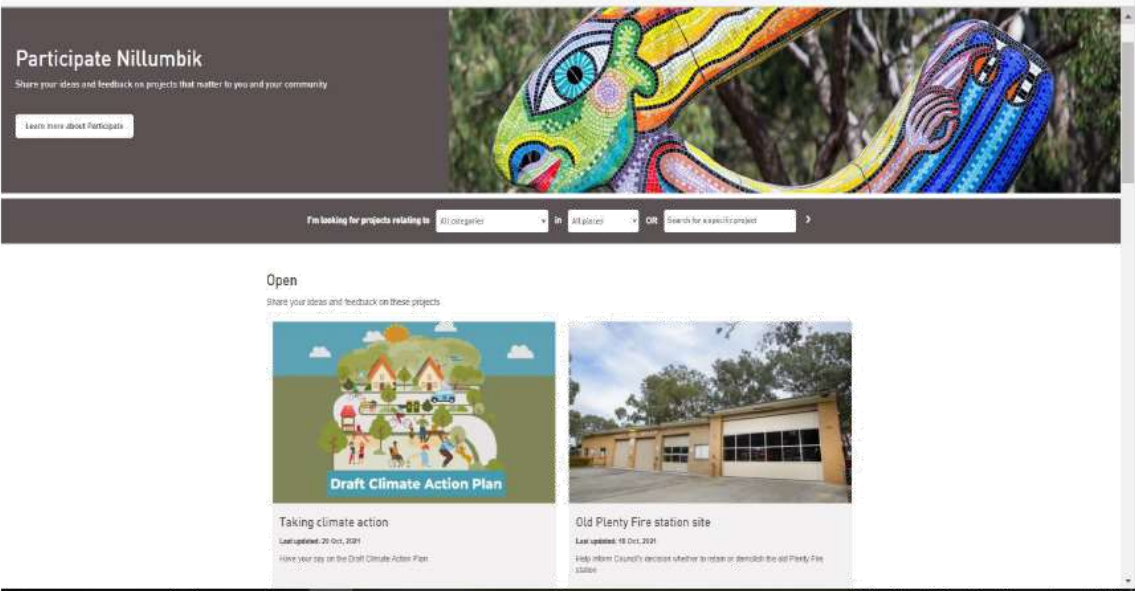


Community Engagement – Future use of the Old Plenty Fire Station site

Signs located around Plenty



Participate Nillumbik - website



Letter and survey mailed to Plenty residents

Future use of the old Plenty Fire Station

Dear Resident,

The Plenty Fire Brigade will soon be moving to its new fire station, a short distance from its current site at 109-115 Yan Yean Rd, Plenty, which is owned by Nillumbik Shire Council.

The old Plenty Fire Station site is leased by Council to the CFA. Once the CFA relocates operations to their new building, the site will become vacant.

Council now needs to make a decision about the future use of the site – retain and repurpose the building for community use, or require the CFA to demolish the building and rehabilitate the site.

Council has a contractual obligation to inform the CFA of its decision by mid December 2021 – when construction of the new Plenty Fire Station is anticipated to be complete.

To help us make this decision, we are asking the community to share its ideas for the future use of the site.

More detail on the old Plenty Fire Station can be found on Council's Participate Nillumbik website, participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/plenty-fire-station

If you would like to speak to a Council officer about the project, please call **9433 3111** during business hours.



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If you would like to have your say, please complete this short survey and return to Council in the enclosed reply-paid envelope by Tuesday 26 October 2021.

Alternatively, you can complete the survey online at our Participate Nillumbik website. Go to participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/plenty-fire-station or scan the QR code



Before completing, please read through the privacy collection notice at the end of the questionnaire.

Name*	
Address*	
Email*	Telephone*

Age *(Please tick)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Under 15	<input type="checkbox"/> 16-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 25-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 80+
<input type="checkbox"/> 35-49	<input type="checkbox"/> 50-64	<input type="checkbox"/> 65-79	

Gender *(Please tick)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer to self-describe
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Should the old Plenty Fire Station building be retained or demolished once the Country Fire Authority (CFA) vacates the site? *(Please tick)*

<input type="checkbox"/> 1: Retain building	<input type="checkbox"/> 2: Demolish building:
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Please specify your reasons for this.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

* Required

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Future use of the Old Plenty Fire Station site – Overview of Participate Nillumbik Submissions

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	Retain	Demolish			
19383	1		It would save tax payer and rate payer money to utilise an existing building for CFA work.	It would be an ideally situated home for the CFA to relocate District 14 HQ East	
19382	1		CFA D14 HQ East Home	This building could be used to enhance the current online CFA D14 HQ East training which is available to all Victorian CFA volunteers. In light of the kangaroo ground ICC moving to sunshine, a new home would allow the enhanced fire resilience to become a reality.	
19381	1		Could be used by the local headquarters CFA brigade to help run local operations in the case of a major fire or other emergency.	As above	
19380	1		Provide a facility to home HQ East Brigade and train / support members for other duties such as Radio Operators, Staging Area support etc	See above	
19379	1		It would save ratepayer and taxpayer money	Allow CFA D14 HQ East to make it their new home	
19378	1		It would save ratepayer and taxpayer money Our brigade has a lot of dedicated members are all based in Nillumbik and we need a base to operate our brigade from	Allow CFA D14 HQ East to make it their new home	

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19377		1	With the new build and relocation of the new CFA there is no longer a need for a building that requires significant work and cost to ensure it meets building and safety standards. Furthermore, the old CFA building is not considered or classed as historical, unlike the nearby historical hall and church/chapel.		The demolition of the old CFA would open up the area with views of the historical hall and church/chapel. There is currently limited safe outdoor community public gathering areas in Plenty and creating this open space will have many benefits. New vegetation including local indigenous plants along with planter boxes and verge gardens will help create a community feel. Seating in the form of benches around a quadrangle to allow people to gather including a small interactive nature playground area for children. The cast iron bell should remain on the original site commemorating the original CFA site.
19376	1		<p>The existing building is of sound structure, and should be repurposed to reduce waste in both the demolition and resulting rebuild process. It has historical significance to the surrounding community, with members of the Plenty CFA, their families and local residents having memories that connect them to the community that have been establish over the past 50 years.</p> <p>The council should seek to reduce its impact on the environment, retain the existing building and convert it into a use that provides local residents with a sense of community, honouring the building's history.</p>	<p>As a Nillumbik resident since 1985, I have been looking for suitable sites within the area to setup a community and family friendly micro brewery. The existing buildings are of sufficient size and can readily be repurposed into a small brewery and outlet, building on the sense of community established by the local cricket club, tennis club, and recently renovated cafe next door. Surrounded by non-residential properties, the business could be established so that it creates a local hub without impacting on nearby residents, providing a sense of community that the residents of Plenty currently need to travel into Diamond Creek, South Morang or Greensborough to experience.</p> <p>In addition to the above, a commercial venture at the premises would contribute additional revenue for the council.</p> <p>Should the council be open to a fully costed</p>	

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				proposal, I would be pleased to make both a formal written and verbal submission.	
19375		1	There has been constant development and removal of trees for the last 8 years surrounding us in the original area of Plenty with the demolition of the old Plenty School with the pine forest, Yan Yean Rd upgrade and now the Plenty CFA with their enormous building. We didn't move to this Green Wedge to be surrounded by constant construction. Re-planting some trees would help recover some of the loss of trees and hopefully build some new habitats for flora and fauna. In addition, the building is old, needs sewage works done (along with the rest of the housing in close proximity) and requires a lot of development to make it usable.		To plant trees to replace all of the ones that have been removed and perhaps build a small playground or even place some exercise equipment. The replanting of trees / bushland would make a nice and attractive foreground for the Plenty Hall and Plenty Church. My wife and myself don't want something that is going to attract a lot more people to Memorial Drive and the area which in turn creates more noise and potential trouble makers. It is already very busy with cars flying down the road to the gorge and now fire trucks on our doorstep.
19374		1	It has no historical value, waste of space to be there without anyone in it.		skate park
19373	1		Demolition and rehabilitation would be extremely expensive, at a time when there are numerous calls on the public purse.	CFA District 14 Headquarters East Fire Brigade provides a significant service to the community in supporting CFA operations over a wide area, including Plenty. The Old Plenty Fire Station would provide them with an excellent "home" and greatly enhance their important work.	
19372	1		To demolish is going to cost money, why not repurpose it for use by another group or groups.	It would save ratepayer and taxpayer money, as the building is being by a local group for a continuing purpose. A group such as CFA District 14 Headquarters Brigade East would be perfect group - supporting the Nillumbik shire.	

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19371	1		It would save money on demolition and rehabilitation.	This would be an excellent station for CFA D14HQE brigade, which would allow them to keep all their assets in the one location.	
19370	1		It would save ratepayer and taxpayer money	Allow CFA D14 HQ East to make it their new home	
19368	1		In our uploaded submission	In our uploaded submission	
19367	1		But repurpose into a brewery or pub or something to bring lifestyle social options to the area.	Beer garden. Lawn bowls Bar	
19366		1	A lovely, naturally treed parcel was removed to build the new fire station. I feel this lost asset should be regenerated on the old fire station site.		As above, please just return it to a natural environment. I feel this will help create a nice natural setting for the remaining hall and old church.
19363		1	Building has absolutely no architectural, historic or aesthetic appeal. Residents of Plenty have been profoundly affected by the decision to sell off a substantial portion of publicly owned and enjoyed remnant bush land, a decision at odds with Council's promotion of itself as the green wedge shire, and with the CFA being seen as the preserver and protector of life, property and the environment. Cost of bringing building up to standard as regards access, safety and hygiene is excessive. Grant money of \$100,000 would be better spent providing hardship relief for families and/or businesses adversely affected by the Covid19 pandemic. As the principal beneficiary of Council's largess in granting permission for a secure industrial		Carefully and sensitively planned earthworks, planting indigenous plants, trees, installation of native bird nesting boxes, and provision of seating for passive recreation, etc. This would create an area of some beauty to offset and compliment the old church and the Plenty hall, both of which are buildings of intrinsic value to the community.

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			complex and making available the land in the heart of a once peaceful residential area, the CFA should be compelled to reinstate the existing site. It was the understanding of many, including the one resident who spoke in favour of the decision to move the CFA to the new site, that the CFA would rehabilitate the existing site at CFA expense.		
19362	1		Plenty Fire Brigade has been a significant part of Plenty for decades and should remain for historical value.	Community centre for children/teenagers: Every week you could run different activities for children and teenagers who live in the Nillumbik. Creating a safe and fun environment for children and teenagers to stay active and social within their community. Classes should also prioritise their physical and mental health. Classes could include: -Different activities that help the Plenty community eg. working bee -Dance lessons -Art classes -Meditation classes -Teach kids how to have a healthy relationship with food and exercise and over body image issues. Especially the effects of social media. -Mental health counselor and more.	
19361	1		There is very little infrastructure in Plenty why would we demolish what is there?	Local community centre	
19360		1	Can't be used for retail or hospitality so give back space to locals & compensate for all the trees cut down in that area.		Turn it into a park with lots of trees, grass areas & plants. Plenty of seating too! Great spot to relax & catch up with family & friends and please make a dog park for the fur babies !

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19358		1	Better use of the site for outdoor purposes		An area for kids to play and for people to be able to meet and enjoy a coffee/snack from the new plentiful cafe.
19357		1	A beautifully treed park has been demolished to make way for the new CFA fire Station. Many trees have also been removed due to the widening of Yan Yean Road. The existing building is not architecturally pleasing to the eye and contains asbestos. There are many indoor facilities close by (Cricket/football club room, Hockey clubroom, Tennis clubroom, Historical Society, Memorial Hall) so another indoor venue is not needed. Council funds should not be wasted in the repurposing and the ongoing maintenance of this old building.		A treed picnic area, possibly with a playground and modern public toilet facilities, would be my preference. With the new café, the Historical Society and the Memorial Hall all in the vicinity of the site in question I would like to see a park with seating and picnic tables so that these other buildings can be used in conjunction with outdoor leisure. Please replant trees as there have been so many removed for the new CFA building and for the Yan Yean Rd upgrade.
19354		1	Too costly to reinstate & will give no purpose to community - better to make area more attractive for locals to meet & connect		Open space for families with plenty of trees, plants & seating and please give us a local dog park.
19353	1		Good space that can be well utilised	Community centre drop in centre for all ages	
19352		1	Would prefer parklands		Parkland / dog park
19351		1	This is not a commercial area.		A designated park / playground / seating / meeting space for families.
19346		1	This building is likely to include asbestos and would therefore best be removed. In addition, as the new CFA station has taken over a reserve of bushland, I think it appropriate to offset that with planting of new bushland to replace it		The new CFA station has taken over a reserve of bushland, I think it appropriate to offset that with planting of new bushland to replace it
19345		1	Make more park area and playground for kids		As above

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19341		1			
19339		1	The building is not of historical value or aesthetically pleasing on the eye. In fact, it currently creates a screen for the historical Plenty Hall and Church. Hand the site back to the community.		I would like to see the open public space that was taken by the new fire station returned to the community. Create the historical centre for the Plenty community, with the War Memorial Gates, the Hall, the Church and the Old Fire Bell.
19337		1	1. No sensible and viable use seems to have been proposed for the old Fire Station building. 2. The costs of refurbishing and maintaining the old building would be unwanted and unjustifiable expenses for the shire. 3. The site now occupied by the old building would be better used as a public park; to provide some offset for the considerable recent losses of public park and native vegetation for the upgrade of Yan Yean Road, the relocation of the old church and for the new CFA Fire Station.		Public parkland, with native vegetation.
19336		1	Keep the original Firestation bell or erect a plaque to state what once was there. Due to our current living situation and a world pandemic a universal recreation/ park/ picnic space for all ages groups would suit the local community.		Recreation park & picnic area/ possible walking track for exercise. Playground/ picnic table & seats with benches/ sheltered area in addition potential basketball court Etc and a walking track for daily exercise will see the local community use the space daily. Nicely landscaped with natives plants
19335		1	I believe CFA have great ideas on what should be done to this site.		We support CFA's proposal.

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19334	1		It's a classic building that adds to the character of the suburb	It would be great to see this brought to life as a social space for locals. There are limited opportunities for this suburb to have its own personality with everyone having to drive to neighbouring suburbs. There is the opportunity to build something special here. A restaurant with amazing play spaces for kids would transform this part of plenty and service the neighbouring community	
19331		1	More parkland and a upgraded playground needed. The new cafe is overflowing the area, which is great, but no where for people to sit and mingle. Outdoor areas are the new way with COVID. This location is the hub of Plenty and we don't need a council building here. Put some money into Plenty like the other Nillumbik Council suburbs that get large amounts of money for upgrades. Make Plenty beautiful again.		Park and playground for the cafe to use and Plenty to have a decent playground. Plenty does not have one decent playground, like other suburbs.
19330	1			Bar restaurant	
19329			Can't decide what's best eh Council ? After giving over valued parkland with historical connection to the CFA despite opposition from many quarters I s'pose you don't want the responsibility of making another lousy decision . Good luck . I have no preference .		
19328	1		Like the former church structure, the current Plenty fire station (building) is part of the local history and should be retained.	Retain and repurposed as community building or lease/arrangement to local enterprises-businesses to then benefit the community long term.	

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19327	1		Has potential for public use such as artist residency, youth hub, or industrial style events space.	A dedicated creative space with studios. Potential for music studio similar to Banyule's Jet Studios. Pop up events in driveway. Youth hub for local Freeza groups.	
19326	1		Pilates /yoga studio/community Arts Bar		
19325		1	The building doesn't offer much and would need funds spent on it that could be better used		Park, playground with native plantings to offset the loss at the new station site
19324	1		If you demolish it it ruins the land and ruins the atmosphere around this place. Many memories have been made here and those times, where the fire brigade helped the people in the community in times of need, we need to honour that and if you tear it down it implies that all this hard work and effort people put in is going to waste. The building holds history and that history is what we need to keep, but also the building fits in with the environment and we as a community want it to stay because of the history, the memories, the hard work and it the building itself is what i like and it suits the surroundings well.	Use the building as a function hire place where people can host parties and other functions. You could rent it out to people for example for dance lesson if someone needed a sport to dance. You could host a different range of community activities there to help engage the community.	
19323	1			Turn it into a food truck site similar to Welcome to Thornbury	

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19322	1		It should be retained and re opened for the community to socialize over food. It would be amazing space to create restaurants/ cafes/ bars. With plenty of outdoor dinning and areas for kids to play.	Restaurants/ bars/ cafes a place where the community can come together, socialize and enjoy. Outdoor entertainment for families to enjoy and come together with other families building a strong community culture.	
19321		1	In open will designed area we can enjoy the scenery and have some activities		Playground, tennis courts for public, under cover table tennis tables
19320	1		A perfectly good building being demolished to end up in land fill is an absolute waste of resources.	Repurpose it for community use such as Hayden's Helping Hands and other organisations that benefit the community and need the space.	
19319	1		It could be opened for community use	It would make a great place for the local community to hire out as a gym/palates or yoga/wellness studio and craft hub, people using it would possibly help to support the new cafe too.	
19318		1	Building isn't needed , would prefer parkland.		There are heaps of children and young families in the plenty area would be good to have parklands so that young kids can play and not be restricted to the Oval.
19317		1	Would prefer a park for families		Park and picnic area
19316		1	It would be great to have some more nature in the area, and perhaps some more play areas.		As above
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19314		1	It would be great to have some more nature in the area, and perhaps some more play areas.		As above
19313		1	A nice little nature park and play area would be nice and would compliment the new Cafe and young families well.		As above
19312		1	I think if it remains, it will just be vandalised and not provide much use.		A nature park with play equipment for kids would be fantastic. It would also tie in well with the new cafe that has just opened
19311	1		There is a demand/shortage for local community groups to find suitable sites.	All local community groups to use/rent out space at site. Hayden Helping hands is looking for a local site and this would be ideal.	
19294	1		Lease existing building and use income for community projects	Lease existing building and use income for community projects. Depending on zoning it would have a number of uses from a gym, shop or workshop	
19291		1	With the demolition of all the trees for the new fire station, council need to replace the greenery lost with a Park area.		A Park area with benches and barbecues is much needed in the area, especially for the Sports Center spectators to relax before and after the events and a safe area for kids.

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19286	1		There are organisations providing community services that are in need of the use of a facility like this, so demolition would not be in the best interest of the community.	<p>Provide the facility to Hayden's helping hands to establish a permanent food pantry so that they can continue to</p> <p>(a) provide foods and essential items to those in our community and to some of Melbourne's most vulnerable and</p> <p>(b) provide a safe environment for their youth volunteers to work from.</p> <p>Hayden's helping hands have helped my family with food and essential items during lockdown and when we were financial finding it hard to make ends meet.</p> <p>They will greatly benefit from having a permanent place to continue doing their awesome service to the community.</p>	
19285	1		It brings history and character to the community.	community information centre	

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19283		1	Demolish building but keep Fire Bell in the area. Keeping Fire Station building will not benefit community as a whole- we need open space area that the community can enjoy and re-connect - especially after the division caused by the concrete barriers installed as part of the Yan Yean Road duplication. Too many trees were unnecessarily lost to the Yan Yean Road duplication so we need those trees put back in the area. With the opening of the Plentiful Cafe (old Plenty General Store) on Tues 19/10/21, its amazing to see how many locals, families & dogs were out and the area was lively & exciting to see. Please convert this area back to a natural setting for families to enjoy & so locals to feel part of a community again - the locals really need this.		Lots of open natural space with plenty trees, gardens and bench seats and some artistic sculptures (like totems on Yan Yean Road) would be wonderful. By removing the Fire Station, the beautiful heritage buildings of the Plenty Hall & Old Church would make a beautiful backdrop to this area. It would be great if the council could incorporate an off-leash dog park in that area or nearby Plenty Park area which would bring more families together.
19273	1		Retain and maintain for use by community groups like U3A etc.	Any community group like U3A, Hayden's Helping Hands for example.	
19271	1		There are organisations providing community services that are in need of the use a facility like this, so demolition would not be in the best interests of the community. Hayden's helping hands is a classic example of them such organisations who provide a service to some of Melbourne's most vulnerable and marginalised people.	Provide the facility to Haydens Helping Hands to establish a permanent food pantry and volunteer base so that they can continue to (a) provide food and essential items to those in our community and to some of Melbournes most vulnerable and (b) provide a safe environment for there youth volunteers to work from.	

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19268	1		It is still useful	To use for community services such as Hayden's Helping Hands.	
19267	1		Still a usable space. Not a great site for development on a busy road. Can be used as is	Use for volunteer groups to provide services to local area. Use as a training space.	
19266	1		It can be used as a valuable community resource. Cheaper to use than rebuild.	Food bank, community resource, Local teaching venue there are so many needy charities could use this size space.	
19265	1		This space would be exceptionally helpful to Hayden's Helping Hands for their amazing work for the homeless. This is a very important community voluntary program where many are committed to making a difference. It would allow the many volunteers to be able to work much easier and allow preparation for their outreach services. Their work requires sorting, packing, labelling and getting special support packages for specific requests of urgent aid.	As per above	

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19262	1		There are many community groups that can use it as a base of operations. They do amazing work and could use the facility.	Give it to Hayden's Helping Hands as a place to do their necessary work. Food hampers, storage for their charitable work.	
19261	1		Community is best served by retaining the building- costly but cheaper and quicker than building new	Food pantry idea seems obvious - we just had a pandemic	
19260	1		There are organisations providing community services that are in need of the use a facility like this, so demolition would not be in the best interests of the community	Provide the facility to Haydens Helping Hands to establish a permanent food pantry and volunteer base so that they can continue to (a) provide food and essential items to those in our community and to some of Melbourne's most vulnerable and (b) provide a safe environment for their youth volunteers to work from	
19259	1		I believe it is a waste to demolish it when it is a perfectly good building for others to use - for example, for a charity to use the space. I am a local teacher and think it's important to teach kids if it's broken you can fix it not get a new item. Just like this building keep it don't demolish it- that is a waste of resources and sick of our community doing this to perfectly good buildings.	To be reused for something good like a charity.	

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19258		1	Empty building with no occupants will be such a waste of space		Actually I dont mind either to retain or demolish. If we want to retain it: maybe we can use this building for weekly local market community? if we want to demolish it: can we build better and bigger playground? I found that the playgrounds around the area are pretty old and run down. We need something more better, more variety, and also new.
19254	1		plenty of community groups doing great work in our community that need space	Offer it to local community groups, such as Haydens Helping hands to provide ongoing community support	
19253	1		Why demolish something that is already there? In these times, especially in these times, the building could be repurposed for so many things. Are there not community groups out there doing great work looking for space for example.	It could become a real hub for community groups providing much needed services. It's a decent space so part of it could be converted to a coffee shop for example run by a group such as rotary. Organisations like Hayden's Helping Hands, for example, are looking for a space from which to continue their great work. BE CREATIVE, NOT WASTEFUL.	

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19250	1		<p>There are organisations providing community services that are in need of the use a facility like this, so demolition would not be in the best interests of the community. Additionally, demolishing a structure that is still usable is a waste of resources.</p> <p>Qu 2 - Provide the facility to Haydens Helping Hands to establish a permanent food pantry and volunteer base so that they can continue to (a) provide food and essential items to those in our community and to some of Melbournes most vulnerable and (b) provide a safe environment for there youth volunteers to work from</p>	Provide the facility to Haydens Helping Hands to establish a permanent food pantry and volunteer base so that they can continue to (a) provide food and essential items to those in our community and to some of Melbournes most vulnerable and (b) provide a safe environment for there youth volunteers to work from.	
19249	1		<p>For Hayden's helping hand There are people in our community who need our help.</p>	To provide a community service for people who are vulnerable. Food pantry etc.	
19248	1		<p>There are organisations providing community services that are in need of the use a facility like this, so demolition would not be in the best interests of the community</p>	Provide the facility to Haydens Helping Hands to establish a permanent food pantry and volunteer base so that they can continue to (a) provide food and essential items to those in our community and to some of Melbournes most vulnerable and (b) provide a safe environment for there youth volunteers to work from	

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19244	1		Building like this are expensive to build and it could be used by a community group	This building would ge ideal for Hayden's helping hands community group	
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19240	1		There are many many organisations providing community services that are in dire need of the use a facility or space just like this, so demolition would not be in the best interests of the community.	There is one notable charity that is desperately in need of a space so providing the facility to Haydens Helping Hands would enable the charity to establish a permanent food pantry and volunteer base so that they can continue to (a) provide food and essential items to those in our community and to some of Melbournes most vulnerable and (b) provide a safe environment for there youth volunteers to work from	
19239	1		Site could be very useful for volunteer organisation such as Hayden's Helping Hands	Site can be used for storage and sorting of supplies for rough sleepers and those less fortunate within the community, along with also providing services in Melb CBD	

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19235	1		A great location for community groups to use.	Hayden's Helping Hands have been looking for a facility like this for some time. It's safe and easily accessible for those that need it. They are a great organisation who give so much to those in need, it would be great if they have access to a facility like this which would make their jobs easier.	
19234		1	Its an eye sore to the public on prime land that can be put to better use		An interesting hub of therapists and shop keepers like what is at Rivets a great blend if locals doing business for locals No more child care centres please!
19233	1		Because there are a number of different community based supports that would benefit from the availability of dwelling like this!	Handlings helping hand Community youth group Community house Hall hire	
19232	1		The premises are functional and could be repurposed for a multitude of community based activities or groups to co-locate at minimal cost.	Parts could be used as a warehouse/distribution centre for charity organisations (eg Hayden's Helping Hands) to receive, store, distribute donations to those within the community and beyond that are in most need. These organisations have given so much to the community that this is a way of giving back and sharing the load. Additionally, the space allows for more volunteers to co-locate within physical distancing guidelines to ensure the smooth operation of the organisations.	

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19230	1		As storage and community space for Hayden's helping hands.	Groups like Hayden's helping hands need community storage/facilities.	
19229	1		There are organisations providing community services that are in need of the use a facility like this, so demolition would not be in the best interests of the community.	Provide the facility to Haydens Helping Hands to establish a permanent food pantry and volunteer base so that they can continue to (a) provide food and essential items to those in our community and to some of Melbournes most vulnerable and (b) provide a safe environment for there youth volunteers to work from	
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19226	1		Can't bear to see perfectly good buidlings demolished when there are groups desperate for the use of them to provide community services.	Allow Hayden's Helping Hands to use it for foid parceling and resource allocation for members of our community experiencing homelessness.	
19225	1		There are organisations providing community services that are in need of the use a facility like this, so demolition would not be in the best interests of the community.	Provide the facility to Haydens Helping Hands to establish a permanent food pantry and volunteer base so that they can continue to (a) provide food and essential items to those in our community and to some of Melbournes most vulnerable and (b) provide a safe environment for there youth volunteers to work from	
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19223	1		HHH is a fantastic, wonderful, caring, dedicated community group that just keeps on giving and giving to those in need. They have grown so much they need a place to call home and base themselves .		
19222	1		There are plenty of community groups which could benefit from the space	Community groups such as Hayden's helping hands could give even more back to the community if they had access to this building	
19221	1		What a waste it would be to demolish this space that could serve our community it's and those trying to make a difference - especially grassroots organizations.	Please help community organizations like Hayden's Helping Hands have a space they can use to serve our community and the greater Melbourne community.	
19220	1		There are organisations providing community services that are in need of the use a facility like this, so demolition would not be in the best interests of the community	Provide the facility to Haydens Helping Hands to establish a permanent food pantry and volunteer base so that they can continue to (a) provide food and essential items to those in our community and to some of Melbournes most vulnerable and (b) provide a safe environment for there youth volunteers to work from	

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19218	1		Lots of community groups could make use of such a space.	Permanent food pantry and store for Haydens Helping Hands	
19217	1		It is a building of quality that could be utilised for an important purpose. Also part of important local history.	Best idea would be use it for small charities to use as storage and a distribution of goods space so they can continue the wonderful work they do. Or a community meeting place where people in need can access / be referred to services they need	
19216	1		I think it would be great for Community Groups.	There is a group called Hayden's Helping Hands and they help people who need food clothing etc and if it was possible they would make great use of these premises. Other groups could join in as well. Groups that give back to the community.	
19215		1	The cost to rehabilitate the building is too great. The construction of the new station divided the community. If the area was cleared it would be a great opportunity for the community and cfa members to work together to redevelop the area and recover some open space for the community		As above

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19214	1		There are organisations providing community services that are in need of the use a facility like this, so demolition would not be in the best interests of the community	Provide the facility to Haydens Helping Hands to establish a permanent food pantry and volunteer base so that they can continue to (a) provide food and essential items to those in our community and to some of Melbournes most vulnerable and (b) provide a safe environment for there youth volunteers to work from	
19211	1		because its an old building	make it in to a mechanic	
19208		1	Its an old building that would cost too much to refurbish and renovate it to make it fit whatever its new purpose will be. blocks the view of the hall and the new church.		return to parkland, put a nice playground in it and landscape it with natural fauna and trees to help replace the trees that were cut down for the new station
19207		1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plenty lost an area of green space to the development of the new fire station. It therefore makes sense that the old station be demolished and the site rehabilitated to make up for the green space lost. - The building is building is an eyesore and will require a significant amount of work and money to bring it up to 'code'. -- The area already has several buildings (including the Plenty Hall, Tennis Club and Cricket Club) in the immediate vaccinity that are under utilised. - Removal of the building would also 'open' up the Plenty Hall and beautify the area. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Area to be returned to parklands / native gardens for local families and visitors to to enjoy. Possibly including a rotunda, benches and a BBQ area.
19194		1	The building itself is not attractive nor useful.		Convert to public space
19193	1		projectivity.barry@outlook.com		

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19192		1	The cost of bringing this building up to current standard is too high for the end result. Demolishing this building will open up the area and enhance the view to the hall and church. This will alleviate some feelings in the area regarding the parkland lost to the new fire station even though that land was not being used by the public. I believe that it would be difficult to find a management committee to administer the building for public use should it be retained. PS. This is the opinion of someone who has been physically involved in the two extensions.		I believe that the fire bell should be retained where it is with the time capsule buried underneath. This can be incorporated into new parkland with some seating and a BBQ for public use. Consultation should be sought from the Historical Society and the Hall Committee. I don't believe that any children play equipment needs to be installed in this location as there is existing equipment near the oval already.
19191		1	The area needs more parkland, and children's facility's		Return the land to Parklands, it would compliment the area
19190		1	See attached submission on behalf of Plenty Historical Society		
19186		1	There was a park but it was used to build the new fire station. I believe a Park for park and try and bring back Plenty to its beautiful green Environment. The area is screaming for some where to have a kids recreation area and a space for all locals to sit which would be a great asset. It was agreed but not in writing from the previous council to return a park.		
19185		1	Doesn't serve a purpose as it has been replaced with the new building.		A public basketball court and or skatepark to complement the other sporting facilities. Provide a safe environment for kids and adults to play and socialise. The new cafe will also benefit and be more sustainable.
19184	1		Building to be retained and converted for community groups.	To be used by groups, Lions, Rotary, Scouts and other community groups in the Shire of Nillumbik!	

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19183		1	Monstrous fire station going in		Communtinty garden area. Veggie patches etc
19181		1			skate park
19179	1		It seems a waste of an otherwise useful resource, which I believe to still be in relatively good condition, to simply demolish and turn into more open space. There is plenty of open space in this area and a distinct lack of amenities for those in North Greensborough and Plenty.	The site sits in an area with plenty of bush and walking areas as well as the large Plenty oval and the surrounding area down to the hockey fields. With the establishment of a new cafe just along the road from the CFA site, I envisage the CFA site being used for either a small wine bar or restaurant and if this does not take up the whole building converting part of that for community use - meeting rooms , access for mother's groups, child care etc. etc. There is excellent access and plenty of parking could be provided in front of the building or the oval parking used.	
19177	1		It would take just as much effort to rehabilitate the land as it would to put the building to reuse. Instead of continually building on more existing green space, let's reuse what is already available.	Commercial opportunity 1 - this would be ideally positioned for a cafe/restaurant/bar where the staff could be students from local campuses and produce sources locally. Commercial opportunity 2 - this could be turned into a local brew house. Easier to walk to for local residents rather than drive to other pubs further away. Men's & Women's Shed - this property could be transformed by local men and women into a local Shed. Transformed by local for locals. Community & Education centre - worth looking at setting up a centre for local people that need assistance where a wide variety of resources and programs.	

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19176	1		This is a Plenty icon. It wouldn't be right to demolish it.	I believe it should be turned into a Bar or Restaurant. Keeping some of the original character of the building and interior. I would love to be a part of its remodel.	
19175	1		Have you seen the old Rosanna Fire Station on lower plenty road? Its now used as a neighbourhood house with child care	neighbourhood house	
19173	1		The building is a useable space for the community, with a lot of area around the building who can could be turned back into garden area with seating. I also feel that a public park area would be a good plan if the building was to be demolished. If it was to be demolished I would like to see the fauna reinstated and lots of seating areas for locals who walk, especially with the new cafe about to open at the old plenty general store.	Art gallery, resturant, community craft space or a combination of all	
19165		1	Building is specialised for its current use and would not be useful for any other purpose without significant works/cost. Building is not attractive and the aesthetic of the area would be improved if it was gone.		Turn it into public open space with landscaping, seating and playground items.
19160		1	It's blocking the view of the heritage buildings.		A park. Maybe some kids play equipment for the girl guides to play on.
19159	1		For locals to use	Re-purpose the building for a community project/hub/library etc.	

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19157		1	<p>There have been 1000's of trees fallen over the last 5 years due to development in this area including Yan Yean Road upgrade and the new Plenty Fire Station and these trees should be replaced. I live very close to these areas, within 100m and it is not the reason why I bought in Plenty. It certainly doesn't seem to be the green wedge anymore.</p> <p>In addition, some suggestions that have been posted on social media such as a table tennis building would attract the wrong type of people to congregate with potential alcohol and drug use. It would also increase the noise and traffic.</p> <p>When the CFA was having community consultations prior to them building the new one they did give indications that it would be returned to parkland if that's what the majority of the community wanted.</p>		I would like to see the Plenty Fire Brigade demolished and returned to open space and parkland with native trees planted to replace the fallen trees and for use by the community.
19156		1	<p>1. Maintaining costs would be expensive 2. Issues finding someone to lease building as facilities would not be suitable for many 3. Don't want to see it sold off and the building used for commercial/trade 4. Housing blocks are small in the surrounding estates, so families need more open spaces.</p>		Need a decent playground/picnic area for local/surrounding areas and would be ideally situated as near the oval also, we all know how busy/congested the playground area in Diamond Creek & Eltham get. This way we also would be maintaining another area for the Green Wedge and give families a local meeting place
19155		1	I believe the area needs more open space for kids to play and meet in the area.		A park and or kids bmx/scooter track would be amazing
19151		1	The new cfa demolished a lovely part of the area. So I'd rather see the old site transformed with trees		See above

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19149		1	Building is not attractive or have any obvious reuse potential		Park
19148		1	No reason to keep building which is has no historical or amenity value.		Return to parkland
19147		1	No historic value and mot an attractive building		Return to park land - many trees were lost as a result of new CFA and hence I would think council have an obligation to try and replace what they can
19146		1	For a park		Park
19145		1	should be restored to a park and recreational facility, as it was originally zoned for park use.		Replant trees and revegetate within the area with native flora. wooden log play area for kids. sheltered seating (similar to the footy oval) and BBQ area. SAVE THE BELL maybe make it a feature in kids play area. Adult Gym equipment, similar to St Helena and diamond creek.
19144		1	It would be nice to have a green area in keeping with the local landscape. Plus, parking and access can be challenging in that area.		A family friendly area with a new playground and other facilities to encourage physical activity
19143	1		It can be used for community purposes. Men's shed. School groups. Community groups. Mini market. Lions or Rotary clubs. Scouts. Don't demolish a perfectly good usable building.	As above.	

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19142		1	It is an ugly building		Make into an activity park ie. like at Diamond Creek Trail; gym equipment, stations for exercise or make into a closed area dog park. If the area is big enough then maybe consider both incorporated.
19141		1	The past decade has seen many changes to the Plenty area which have had a significant and not always beneficial impact on the residents. Some of these changes have been very disruptive in construction, the major ones being the construction of Yan Yean Road, and now the building of the new fire station, which is on Parkland. Both of these projects have required the acquisition of land and a significant loss of natural vegetation. Demolition of the old fire station and restitution of the land it occupies and return the area into parkland, would be beneficial to the Plenty community and provide, in some respects, a small return of some passive space which would be welcome.		I believe that by returning the land to passive use, and the development of a community park, with paths, seating and garden would be an excellent use of the area. It would also form a welcome frontage to the the Plenty Community Hall and the Plenty Historic Church, now that the space to be occupied by the new fire station is no longer available. I would welcome the opportunity of discussing, and expanding on the proposal in greater length as appropriate.
19140		1	Ugly building - not in keeping with the quality/style of housing in the area. Costs to maintain/upgrade are unsustainable.		Children's playground or skate park.
19139	1		This station was part of old plenty and should be used at some other place.	Moved to local school as a outdoor setting or lunch room shelter.	
19138		1	To return the area to parkland which was demolished for the new building. Far too many trees have been cut down in the last few years in this area.		Make into a park with seating for the community. A new coffee shop and takeaway is just next door plus the old church could be incorporated into the area.
19137	1		Very important part of local history	Restaurant/cafe	

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19136	1		Well recognised landmark since the early 70's	Shire managed community education facility	
19119		1	To make space for other services to the community		Park for families - community space for children to play/outdoor exercise space. There is currently no suitable park in Plenty for children. The current park is small with limited space and outdated equipment. With an increasing number of families moving to the area, a modern park space for families would be well used.
19118		1	Please demolish and return the land to the grassed area and return the vista of the Plenty hall and old church..both buildings are a deliberate to see and with the old plenty post office store will Be a great spot to just sit or stand and take in a bit of yester year and admire the work put in to lift and please a country area in what is suburbia. Ex cpt Jason caine.		Grassed area with a Rotunda, plaques noteing history of The Hall, Fire station,Church, School and Post office store.

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19117		1			<p>If the building is not retained we need somewhere for our kids. A skate park area that is suitable to all ages.</p> <p>As a resident in Plenty, we have really noticed the lack community activities for our children, especially during lockdown.</p> <p>Hurstbridge, Eltham, Greensborough and Diamond Creek have skate parks. These are not easily accessible to children in our area.</p> <p>A half court basketball area could also be there - something for all ages.</p> <p>This could be a really nice area suitable for all ages with trees and parks surrounding it. It fits perfectly alongside the sporting facilities across the road.</p> <p>It would be a great opportunity for the community to make it a really special place.</p> <p>I know there will be people who oppose this as there are always negative points of view.</p> <p>As a Registered Nurse and a Mum, there is nothing more important than the mental health of people, especially children. This is a great way to get our kids outside, encourage them to be active and promote positive relationships.</p> <p>If you don't put it here please find somewhere to put one!</p>
19114		1	The site is zoned public park and recreational, so this should be respected and returned to parkland and recreation usage.		<p>It should be complimentary to the existing infrastructure and environment, we don't need Las Vegas in Plenty. Make it simple, how about a few park benches a couple of BBQs, its not a huge area don't over think it.</p>
19113	1		Sold for private use (Restaurant) gain rates money back	Restaurant	

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19112		1	No need for additional halls/community centres in area.		BMX track for children and/or more parkland.
19111	1		We think the building should be retained for community use.	Any clubs that would like to meet. Craft Dancing classes Over 50 activities Schooling (Computer classes for older ratepayers) Meetings	
19109	1		Would be good to turn a florist and local art shop. Would be nice to replace the heritage church shop that was on Yan Yean Rd.	Florist artisan craft store selling local artists works.	
19108		1	As the building audit has outlined the existing fire station would need extensive work and money to keep the building. This money could be better spent for something the whole community could use.		Plenty if fast becoming an area for young families, I think the area could be better used as a bigger playground for children and families in the area.
19107		1	The building is of no particular architectural significance & is likely to be difficult to repurpose.		Open space: a small park with a children's playground as there aren't many playgrounds with a good range of play equipment in that area
19106	1		Building is part of the history of the area - could turn it into an historic building and repurpose it into a restaurant (like the Ringwood fire station) or a men's shed	Restaurant Cafe Men's shed	

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19103		1	I think give the people back the bush land that was unfortunately taken from the new build fire station site. This was suggested at the time plans were shown for the new fire station that the old space would be replanted on.		As above. Bush land which was taken by the move should be returned. That area has a vast array of native animals who's home was taken.
19099		1	The building is outdated and unappealing in appearance		The area would benefit from a bar/restaurant/entertainment venue. An indoor / outdoor place for breakfast, lunch and dinner that could turn into an entertainment venue from afternoon into the night, this would cater for both older residence and the growing younger adult population in the area. Relaxing meeting place during the day, live music in the afternoon and night Could possibly keep part of the building, the large bay / garage doors for an indoor / outdoor area.
19098		1	Not modern		Bar and restaurant and entertainment indoor/outdoor
19097		1	Looks too old and dated		Bar and entertainment venue. Indoor and outdoor.
19096		1	Old and dated		Bar and entertainment venue.
19095		1	It's dated and not appealing to the eye		Bar/restaurant/entertainment indoor/outdoor venue. The are a lot of young and older adults who would love a safe venue like this to catch up with friends. There is not a lot like this in the area. It would also bring employment of locals in the area also.

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19090		1	Building has no particular redeeming features or historical significance. Would only retain if it can usefully be repurposed.		Purpose designed community space, park, playground or bbq facilities.
19089	1		It's a well known landmark.	Turn it into a cafe/restaurant. Or a medical centre.	
19088		1	It's not fit for purpose for community or retail needs. Would be better to start afresh and build something suitable and in line with the area's natural beauty.		Community garden with a produce store. Proceeds could go to local charities and community organisations. They could sell locally grown mushrooms, eggs, and giveaway home grown lemons etc. (Food swap). If there was space it would be great to have a Pilates or yoga studio or something like that where locals could walk rather than have to drive to do such activities.
19086		1	see below.		I propose that a skateboard park be built on the site. Many young people in the area would make use of it.
19085		1	The land would be of more value to the community as a rehabilitated indigenous nature park. It would also help replace some of the vegetation lost to the Yan Yean road upgrades.		A nilumbik / Plenty "botanical garden" full of plants and trees indigenous to the area of Plenty. It would also be great to see some history of the area, be it colonial or indigenous history. The "park" can be a space where locals come to learn about the native flora before it was cleared for homes, or become a community garden. Revegetation projects are more important than ever in our current global situation.

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19084		1	Due to the building of the new CFA building on the former Plenty Heritage Park, Plenty has now lost an important green space that residents can enjoy and I believe this needs to be replaced for the health and wellbeing of residents and to reinstate homes for the millions of birds, wildlife and invertebrates that have been displaced. Green spaces are vital for the health and wellbeing of the community and evidence is increasingly proving that green spaces have many health benefits for reducing anxiety, depression, stress and positive mental health. Trees and green spaces are important for heat reduction, climate change and are places for relaxation. Unfortunately there was an opportunity to keep the beautiful Plenty Heritage Park and fund a refurbishment but white powerful men got their way again!! Please create a green space for the community, birds and animals to be in tune with the rest of the world crying out for leadership on climate change and to stop destroying our precious environment. Nillumbik Council should be ashamed of what they have done with the Plenty Heritage Park. I am not one of those that signed the petition as many people felt they could not due to the powerful CFA. Show some leadership please.		Create a green space with new trees and shrubs and provide seats and sculptures and water features. Nillumbuk Council needs to compensate the residents for the damage they have caused.
19083		1	Has no heritage value in this site. Looks quite out of place in area with historic Plenty Hall (and translocated Church). Occupies land zoned as park and recreation zone. Renovation and maintenance costs too expensive. Retention and repurposing will create traffic and parking issues.		Regenerate site as open parkland with associated vegetation. Replacement with parkland will replace some area lost to new station.

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19058	1		<p>Historical significance and cost. Plenty has changed a lot over the years, especially with the new Plenty Road. Memorial Park has already been pushed further from Yan Yean Road; with it, its history almost loses significance and meaning.</p> <p>Furthermore, demolishing it would set a standard that we expect to continue demolishing, which is a waste of resources and a waste of what we have already built.</p>	<p>Incorporate it with Plenty Hall, perhaps as an extension of it.</p> <p>Run a local market and art gallery there, to give the local business owners and artists the opportunity to support each other.</p> <p>Create a sense of community, which can also turn into a day out where locals can go to the market (at the repurposed building), play at the oval, and get lunch at the upcoming local general store.</p>	
19051	1		Re purpose	Location for local artists to perform? Jazz weekends maybe, could work well with the oval across the road and new cafe opening soon	
19036		1	I would like it to be converted into parkland in keeping with the area.		Parkland, plants, trees, seats. To create an enjoyable outdoor space for all. Lockdown has shown us how important it is to have these outdoor areas for people to escape to for health and wellbeing. Wild weather of late has also shown us that we need as much greenery ie. trees as possible to offset our poor environmental practices. As much shade as possible as global warming will make the earth too hot.

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19003		1	The cost to upgrade the site The loss of land adjacent to the Plenty Hall for the new CFA		To return the area to parkland as the area next to the Plenty Hall - consisting of open space and numerous trees - was lost to house the new CFA. In addition, there was significant loss of open space and significant tree loss as a result of the Yan Yean Road works.
18997		1	If it were re-zoned to Commercial use the building would be great as a local retail strip (restaurant or take away foods)..Nevertheless the cost of refurbishing the existing infrastructure to todays standards negates the potential usefulness of the building if it were put to any community use.		Communal BBQ park with fitness and work out equipment.
18996		1	To open land removed to build new building.		Open space
18980	1		This is an old building that has been used for a long time. It could be repurposed to be used for local community events and activities.	The building could be used for U3A course activities, play group activities, mothers groups, men's shed activities to name but a few. Whilst the bones are in the building this area could become a community hub.	
18978		1	It is important, environmentally, to replace what was taken for the building of the new premises. However, I don't understand why the CFA is responsible for the cost of demolishing the old building.		Return it to parkland

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18964	1		A lot of history is this station so I think the facade should be kept, but transformed into a venue to keep local spending local.	A local bar/dining/music venue, something the CFA and local community would all support! Stockman wines house wine. Local music, open mic night, etc.	
18963		1	We already have indoor community spaces.		A decent park for children, outdoor exercise equipment and open / undercover spaces for people to meet over a coffee.
18962	1		Retain the building and turn into a restaurant/bar with live music	See above	
18960		1	The building is old, possibly asbestos concerns, doesn't have much heating/cooling, and has ongoing plumbing issues.		I think it would be in the best interests of the community to demolish the building and use the land for a park or garden to compliment the Plenty Church and Hall area.

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18949		1	The funds used for refurbishing the building and facilities could be better spent rather than refurbishing a build that will have limitations on its use, as stated in the communication to residents.		<p>Plenty has very little recreational parkland, excluding specific purpose fields like the oval and hockey field. A small garden with seating will compliment the Plenty General Store and give local residents a better place to gather than the current poor excuse for recreational space that is attached to the oval.</p> <p>When i look at the manicured parks and gardens in our surrounding suburbs, like Etham and Diamond Creek, and look at the lack of this type of space in Plenty, i feel that the council should be looking to create a similar environment that will not only benefit the locals but also the visitors that come to use the various sporting facilities in the immediate area.</p> <p>We should not only be looking at repurposing the CFA but council should be looking at other options to create recreational space in the immediate area, other spaces that can link to this space and create a larger area for public use. There is vacant space immediately opposite as well as around the tennis courts and hockey field that could all be developed, thus creating a much larger area that will enhance and beautify Plenty and draw more people to area.</p>
18941		1			<p>We have lived in Plenty for 40 years and feel this site could be used for parkland and tree planting, as we lost hundreds of trees when Yan Yean road was upgraded. Being close to the new Cafe next door, would be a great place to have coffee, snack and catch up with friends in the area.</p>

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18938	1		Seems plausible to keep it, as an adjunct to the hall and church on the same site, especially as covid is an on going issue, that means there would be an extra venue space possibilities for indoor activities [e.g like Allwood House] or athletics or martial arts or training or social functions.	See above. Or, as back-up space for CFA activities, if the need should arise, in bad fire season or training. Don't know what happened with the 'old' Eltham Fire Station situation, but they seem to be now using the 'old' facilities as well...!	
18924		1	The costs far outweigh the benefits of keeping this building. Our proposal is to create an Open Space for the community, flora and fauna to use and enjoy.		Our proposal is to create an Open Space for the community, flora and fauna to use and enjoy.
18923		1	I think the cost of upgrading the building is high and that it has limited use. Parkland, trees and open space will replace those lost to build the new CFA building and widen Yan Yean Road.		Return the site to open space with the planting of indigenous trees to replace many lost with the widening of Yan Yean Road.
18920	1		To replace the open area lost due to the new CFA building, also to enhance the look of the Historic buildings/area, we already have an existing community hall on the site, cost to upgrade building with Asbestos removal would be a cost the council does not need at the present time.		

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18918	1			As a resident in Plenty for over 10 years, we have seen the place grow and develop and start to offer more for the local residents. The old fire station building is a great part of plenty and its history, the suburb is starting to come alive and grow so rapidly. It would be great to see the building continue to stay in the area and at the current location and be re-used for another purpose, not sure exactly. Possibly a community run cafe would generate more people to the area, especially the recreational areas across the road, where the weekends see many visitors travelling to the area for sporting activities, but nothing to offer in terms of food.	
18917		1	If it cannot be used for a restaurant or bar then turn it into a bigger play area for kids like skate park or adventure playground.		As above
18916	1		this building can be used for other purposes	indoor weekend market kids amusement center shops	
18915		1	I see no benefit of keeping an old building that needs a lot of work anyway		Dog park, there are no off leash areas, even the oval requires your dog to be on a leash and we need somewhere local and safe to exercise our dogs. In particular with on and off lockdowns and constantly not being able to travel far out of our suburb.

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18903	1		The building should be used for many purposes in community it is in an ideal location now on the side road with plenty of parking and a new coffee shop ready to open, let's develop what we have .	Youth development, play centre, art's and craft, local market place, general information and meeting place.	
18901		1	Because if it's demolished then it can be turned into something nice to make up for the parkland that was lost for the new CFA.		A park area with plants, seats, public barbecue, half court basketball ring. I think this would really fit in because of the oval over the road and with the new Cafe next door.
18900		1	The cost of refurbishment is too high and open space has been lost due to the new fire station. Nillumbik should not loose any more open spaces.		Natural park environment maybe a few picnic benches. Plenty hall car park could be swapped so that car park is closer to the road and parkland closer to the Plenty hall.
18895		1	The old Fire Station should be demolished and the land replanted with native trees to replace the Heritage Park taken from the community.		The Plenty area has lost far too many trees with the duplication of the road and the destruction of the Heritage Park and the old Fire Station site should be replanted as a quiet reflective spot for residents who walk around the area. This would also give the Plenty Community Hall a much better outlook. If the area was turned into a children's playground the Hall car park would definitely need to be asphalted.
18885		1	There are too many small building surrounding this area. We have the old church, the cafe, the new fire brigade building and the community hall. There is no need for an extra empty building.		Extra green space and parkland for the community to enjoy.
18884		1	It's an ugly building with no architectural importance.		Join it with the Plenty hall behind it and make it a community green space with outdoor seats for everyone to enjoy the views.

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18866	1		I think the old Plenty Fire Station should stay. Although it may not be worthy of heritage listing, its an Icon to Yan Yean Rd Plenty. I remember as a child the Fire Station being used as a reference or meeting point for friends and families heading North going on picnics or to Yan Yean Reserve.	I propose selling it or leasing it to myself, who with my group of friends would consider turning it into a Mens Shed for the area. We would consider making it a meeting point for everyone who would like to come around and enjoy maybe a coffee, BBQ, a sit down area watch TV/Foxtel sport channel maybe even have a group of friends getting together to play cards. Although I may have described it as a Men shed, Women will also be welcome.	
18865		1	There has been significant depletion of public space and natural vegetation in the Plenty area in recent years given the earlier Yan Yean Road duplication project and now the new CFA building which removed precious, valuable public parkland. Further, the old CFA building is an eyesore. It does not suit or fit with the heritage buildings that surround it and it significantly detracts from the natural beauty of the area		Restoring the old CFA site to parkland and public space not only removes an eyesore, it helps restore some of the lost public space and parkland and is a small gesture that helps reinforce Nillumbik Council commitment to its motto of a Green Wedge Shire

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18857		1	<p>The building has many problems and is currently unsatisfactory as a fire station, hence a new station is being built.</p> <p>A structure of this type does not suit the area, it is not a commercial setting and should not be used as such, the area needs to be made suitable for the needs of the community and the only way to do that is to return the area to park land.</p>		<p>I propose a playground/garden area for the local and passing residents to enjoy, an area that can be utilised by groups that hire the hall or sporting events as a nice space to relax and have a picnic and let the kids have a safe and decent playground of which they don't currently have.</p> <p>This would return a usable park area for all residents to enjoy as the old park land was demolished for the new fire station. The local residents need a decent piece of park land and the old out of date, asbestos ridden building should be demolished to allow the local residents a decent space.</p> <p>There is not point keeping a ratty old worn out building for the sack of a Councillor theming to prove the local residents who is boss. This is the residents area, the council should be serving the people not dictating their personal agendas.</p>

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18855	1		<p>Nillumbik residents are known for their involvement in community life. We have high rates of volunteer, and almost countless community groups covering a wide array of issues and interests. Because of this, gathering spaces for community groups are often hard to find for an affordable price in the Shire.</p> <p>We need more spaces that community groups can hire without having to spend anything more than minimal funds. We need spaces to gather, to plan our work and bring people together.</p> <p>It would be such a waste to lose this building, and with it the opportunity for sorely-needed community spaces, particularly in a part of the Shire that lacks such spaces.</p> <p>I respect the views of those advocating for the demolition of the site, and acknowledge the significant loss of trees and land due to the Yan Yean Road duplication and other works in the area, but I really do believe that retaining this building is the best outcome for the Shire and its people.</p>	<p>As noted above, we simply need spaces for community groups to gather. I would suggest Council undertake the necessary works to bring the building up to modern standards, and then enable whatever suitable spaces within to be hired by community groups. The room that housed the fire engines in particular would I imagine be a great space that many groups would be able to use for many activities.</p> <p>It's not a glamorous idea, but it meets an existing need in our community. There's not many opportunities of this kind that come by, which is why I urge Council to retain this value community asset.</p>	
18848	1		I don't think we are in dire need of more green land. I think the old station could be put to better use as a place that community can gather.	I think the old station could house a farmers market for the community. This would gather the community and support local products.	
18847		1	old clunky building already next to a number of facilities. Hall/old church, tennis club, footy/cricket club.		new kids park given its location with ample parking in the sports area. there are some great kids park desgins coming into Nillumbik and they are adding a lot of value to the community.

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18844		1	Building structure does not look of historical significance or easily repurposed		Sorry I don't have any ideas but plenty of options that would assist community.
18843	1		We have enough open space	Meeting hall	
18842	1		It would be a good site to set up a men's shed	Men's shed and shared art space for makers of all types of art	
18841		1	We need more green spaces in Plenty. We've lost so much of the natural beauty already.		Rather than keeping the existing building for a select few, the site would be much better utilised as a park / picnic area. A nice, inviting, usable green space for ALL local families / residents to sit and enjoy. Would work especially well with the new cafe opening up next to the site.
18822		1	To create a decent playground for the local children. Similar to the high quality playgrounds in Diamond Creek and Eltham etc. With the addition of BBQ's and a rotunda.		To create a decent playground for the local children. Similar to the high quality playgrounds in Diamond Creek and Eltham etc.
18821	1		Surely once Covid settles it could be used for a business or a council service centre.	Retail Mechanic Fast food	
18819		1	You pulled down group of trees to build a new fire station and now you thinking about whether to keep the old CFA? Seriously		Make a park and replant gum trees
18815		1	The new fire station being built has meant losing many native trees and had taken the place of what was a tranquil green space for nature and locals to enjoy. I would like to see the number of trees lost replaced. Thank you		A native green space full of trees, with communal seating and park like space.

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18811	1		It's a landmark in our tiny town	Community use, playgroup, mothers groups, youth group, something that can be used for all ages	
18810		1	The space could be better used with more nature, trees etc		A big new playground for all the local children in the area.
18809		1	Eyesore		Restaurant/ bar
18808		1	I was always of the understanding that the site was to be turned into parkland. That is what was in the CFA proposal that was passed by VCAT so I assume it was also VCATs expectation. The fact that it is now up for debate is crazy. One of the CFA's main grounds for a new site was that this site was full of asbestos and falling down and now suddenly it is habitable. The entrance to our community is a mess it's a miss match if a new road, new CFA and a church relocation. Please give us a beautiful park that you can drive into ours streets and see how beautiful our area is and this will be a great compliment to the new cafe. The council made I assume millions from the sale of this land please put some of this back into the local community and give our kids some of the green space you took away. We do not want a ping pong centre!		As above
18807		1			

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18806		1	The building is not in line or in keeping of the heritage area of the park. The hall and church need sufficient areas of parkland for members of the community to enjoy. The old station has overlay which means the commercial opportunity is significantly reduced. The build is not fit for commercial use anyway due to lack of septic, asbestos and cost for upkeep of building. The girl guides also use the hall and no longer have an outdoor area to use. As a resident that lives directly in this precinct the natural beauty of the local flora and fauna is what attracted us to this area in the first place. If the building was turned into some local council depot with cyclone fencing etc around it that would be an eye sore and extremely disappointing. I VOTE FOR PARKLAND we have lost so many trees with the building of the new station the least we can do it get some parkland back.		The building should be demolished and returned to parkland with the Local Bell that has a time casual kept under it to remain, increase the area with natural gardens and space for community to enjoy with park and BBQ areas etc. The new coffee shop would benefit with outdoor areas due to COVID we need more outdoor areas and seating locations.
18805		1	I believe the site should be demolished to enable parklands to be re-established to replace the parklands destroyed for the new CFA building		Green space or parklands.
18804	1		Still a great community building	Allow more community organisations use it.	
18803		1	There is nothing special about the building and we would be better off rehabilitating the site.		More wildlife area with paths and points of interest.
18802		1	Put in a big play space, with updated park facilities, BBQ area, shelter, toilets		See above.

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18801		1	Basically ugly buildings that were fit for purpose for CFA but for SFA otherwise		Incorporate with the Heritage Park and include accessible public toilets if not easily available nearby. As part of incorporating within the Park provide a walking track around the whole area for the elderly and disabled that include lots of bench seating to give people to take a breather while exercising., This could include exercise facilities suitable for all ages.
18800	1		Split into a few and turn into restaurants / food spot	Restaurants / food outlets and a convenience store of some sort. The area is lacking.	
18799		1	the new station is being built and this was done all on the assumption the old station was going.		park
18798		1	The building is old and it would be very expensive to modify it to be fit for purpose for anything else.		A park/garden/memorial would be a wonderful
18797	1			some sort of arts or business/co-working space	
18796	1		Surely it can be used for something? Personal training studio, table tennis, pool tables. Seems a shame to demolish it.	I'd like to see it hired out for personal trainers to work out of.	

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18795	1		It's a piece of Plenty history, need to make something of it and not just demolish it. It also is the centre of Plenty, would be great to do something with it to acknowledge this and create some kind of town centre or focal point together with the chapel now there and the new coffee shop	Pub or restaurant	
18794	1		The building tells a story!!!	Turn into a cafe/restaurant with seating and to have a function room.	
18793	1		I think at the moment it has no heritage value but in years to come it will. It's an important building in plenty and should be retained	It could be leased out as a restaurant but it would need to close by 10pm given the residential area.	
18792		1	I think there is better use for the land as the building is old		A large family park with bbq area, there are no large parks in the Plenty area and I believe the residents would benefit from this. Something like the new park which has recently been added in diamond creek

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18791	1		Having had to spend a lot of money on extras to satisfy council, I consider \$340,000 to keep a building of this size to be quite a reasonable cost. To demolish and rebuilt would cost a lot more. Even to demolish and turn the land into a park would cost a lot more in my opinion. As there is a lot of open space in the sporting precinct, I don't believe that a park is required. It would only become littered anyway, as people from the adjacent coffee shop would leave their rubbish there after eating/drinking in the park.	It would make a great community space for crafters - the engine bays are a big open space. Why not consider trying to establish a monthly market there? Stallholders who grow local produce could attend. Artists could also use the space for displays. The excess stalls could spill out onto the forecourt. It might bring a bit of vibrancy and community feel to the area. Thinking of St Andrews market that sprawls over a varied space, such a market could extend into the hall and the hall car park (parking for attendees at the sporting precinct).	
18790		1	New Fire Station has been built on parkland therefore the old building should be demolished...		The site should be returned back to parkland with a rotunda and a grassed area around it...
18789		1	It's an old building with no real use Parklands and family picnic areas would make the area more useful		
18788		1	I believe that the land could be used for all of Plenty residence to enjoy		Upgraded children's playground

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18787		1	The old building (I suspect) would have very low energy efficiency and due to its age may end up costing the council more to maintain. Unless there is a clear alternative use for the building I would like to see it demolished and rehabilitated.		Rehabilitated land (native plants etc) and possible public parkland/playground near the sporting facilities over the road, with future option for a new multi use building. A new building would require new funding but if done wisely will overall cost less (financially and environmentally) than maintaining an old building.
18786		1	Knock it down!!!! The building is ugly, not fit for purpose.		The site should be returned back to parkland. With the new fire station moved to the back of the park it's an opportunity to return the front to parkland and have a nice entry to the plenty park with the hall and old church in the background.
18785	1		Need more community facilities in the area	Community hall used for scouts or weekend Market, day programs for old and young generations eg cooking classes, art classes, lego classes, writing classes. Small All Abilities playground to cater for disabilities with picnic and grass area with cafe or restaurant attached.	
18784	1		It could be turned into a community house that provides a great hub for many different community activities, including a space for performing arts.	A community house that could provide a variety of community activities, education and performing arts space. Eg. Plenty Theatre Group	

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18783	1		I think it would be a waste to demolish it	Could be used for a range of community projects. Food shelter, men's shed ect.	
18782	1		This building could be repurposed for the community and retain some of it's history.	I'm not sure of the suitability but, if it were converted into a regional art gallery it could bring visitors to the area.	
18780	1		Historic buildings should be repurposed in our community	Cafe, entertainment venue,community group building	
18779	1		Historical reasons - a section could be kept to promote its history - story - people who have saved lives. Like the old diamond creek station is now the Tin Shed restaurant. It's still looks like a fire house and many still call it the old station It's a great story	Cafe. Restaurant. Gallery. Op shop. Something unique like an animal friendly cafe with encouraging walkers with dogs Young people's drop in centre like the old youth groups?	
18777		1	It is an old building with no specific purpose proposed. The architecture of the building doesn't really fit in with the area.		PARKLAND!! The residents of Plenty have lost so many beautiful trees with the upgrade of Yan Yean Rd and now the new Fire Station it is time for Council to give back a green space that we all can use.

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18776		1	As below		Plenty has minimal public spaces/parks/playgrounds for children to use. The current building is old and the costs associated with bringing it back up to standard I believe would be better spent in removal and turning into a modern style park area with some seating area spread out and a children's playground. For the considerable rates we pay in the area, these sorts of facilities are almost non existent.
18775		1	Retaining the building does not make sense in terms of use or cost - there are SEVERAL neighbouring buildings that already serve as indoor community spaces, and to add another one does not make sense when sites like the hall, church, cricket club room and tennis club room already serve this purpose (and are, in my opinion, under-utilised). The cost of repurposing the old CFA building, as well as the maintenance of the building, is too high and a waste when there are the aforementioned indoor spaces which can be used by the public already.		It should be a park/garden space where people can sit and enjoy nature. Outdoor tables and seating made from natural materials would be great for those who want to consume food purchased at the nearby cafe. A bin is required at this site, for responsible disposal of food packaging.
18774		1	Replace with trees/parkland that has been removed to build the new fire station.		Park with trees and native plants, with seating, where you can enjoy a picnic or something from the new cafe!
18773		1	Do beautify the area of Plenty by remove a redundant and derelict building		Community park land, playground, toilets and BBQ facilities. And replant the trees that were removed to build the new CFA

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18772		1	The old building is not fit to repurpose, partly why the new station was built and would be a eyesore.		Demolish and repurpose as a community park with tables and chairs, play equipment and shade sails. A perfect place to display indigenous art/sculptures and to include it as part of a walking/bike trail. This is an ideal spot off the main road as a rest area for walkers/bike riders and a safe spot for families.
18771		1	Re plant the trees removed to build the new one. Plenty needs to keep its Rural feel.		Nature reserve. Trees trees and more trees.
18770		1	As trees were removed for the new station.		A purpose built family area. Something similar to the Adventure Park in Eltham. Clearly not to the same scale but with the same considerations in place.
18769		1	This area is a heritage precinct of considerable importance including the Plenty Hall, Church & Memorial Gates. The long term strategy must be to enhance this precinct. I believe this is a once in 50 year opportunity to do this. The Old Fire Station building blocks the vista of the heritage buildings from Yan Yean Road and furthermore it is not architecturally in keeping with the heritage buildings. The Old Fire Station must be demolished to open up the vista and shift the focus of attention directly on the heritage buildings. The new CFA station necessitated removal of many trees. The old CFA building should now be demolished & reverted to open space parkland.		The area should be open space with nothing contained therein that impacts the vista from Yan Yean towards the heritage buildings. It should be landscaped with low plantings to maintain open vista and with seating to encourage people to stop and enjoy the ambience of the area. It should contain childrens playground. I believe that it will become a destination for walkers along Yan Yean Road including the old folks at Aurrum, St Thomas and Bupa and should be designed to facilitate & encourage their attendance.

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18768		1	Please consider a beautiful parkland with a cafeteria, bakery something for families to gather and be comfortable! Have activities for teenagers a place where they can gather safely ! Perhaps some basketball courts etc!		If you keep it - make a cafe , restaurant and takeaway options for people of Plenty! I just moved in the area and I have to drive to St Helena, greensborough or south morang to meet friends for a cuppa etc... I would love to meet at the old CFA !
18767		1	It's an opportunity for more green space and tree planting.		It could be a community garden.
18766	1		It's a significant and meaningful building and should be retained, it's adds character and history to the area.	Restaurant Function space Cafe Gastro pub/bar	
18765	1		I think this site would be a great site for a small group of shops. Plenty does not have any shops and it would be great for the area.	A small group of local shops would be great for the locals to go to. The suburb of plenty has nothing. I think this site would be perfect for a small business, Such as a bakery, restaurant , florist ,op shop , clothing , second hand furniture antique store ? Put us on the map!	
18764	1		It's an important part of the areas history	Make it a community hub for things like pottery or sewing or wood craft for animal boxes?...	
18763		1	1970 building that does not fit into area needs a lot of ratepayers money to bring up to rental property and because of planning would not attract large rental.		Parkland for toddlers and families that would blend in with church \ hall\ and gates and playground

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18762		1	Eyesore/believe it is full of asbestosis/perfect spot for parkland		Park
18761		1	The CFA have no use for the site once they move out. To renovate an old structure would be costly and perhaps dangerous.		A community including a first aid facility, café, adult and community education, English language Ed, council outreach office, food bank, assistance for NESB people, cultural groups, basic internet and computer and device / App info and education for those struggling, first aid Ed, emergency response info such as how to behave in a fire situation...
18760	1		We don't have enough infrastructure in Plenty	To make it into a pub or wine bar, as we don't have one in Plenty and no good socialisation outlets here. We want a place to listen to live music and have a good time, which would be a great addition next to the local park and oval too.	
18759	1		It's an icon for the plenty area	Turn into a bar/pub	
18757	1		I like it	Make it a pub	
18755		1	It is an old building which will be hard to utilize into anything decent without throwing heaps money at it as well as upkeep		New play ground and park with bbqs
18751		1	We lost the heritage park to the new cfa and never got promised park at old tip and the church and hall are heritage area and fire station 1970 built does not blend in .		A parkland area to blend in with historical buildings and play area for younger children as sports area is packed when in use and nowhere for toddlers also bbqs and rotunda would be great for community

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18750	1		So much can be done with the building and it's a dwelling that can be created into multi purpose.	As a local I would love to see a cafe there or a bakery. The area is definitely missing it.	
18749		1	So many open spaces have been lost in Plenty due to the road duplication and new CFA construction. We don't need another building for public use. We already have the hall and old church.		A green space, with bbq facilities or just a gazebo with table and chairs would be wonderful. A flat open space on which bocce, boules or petanque could be played.
18748		1	I believe that the amount of money required to refurbish this building is not money well spent. We need a space here for the people of Plenty.		A passive recreation area for families - trees, gardens, seating, picnic tables, bbqs. A bocce rink could be included. A community garden could be established in part of this area. We need a area that will complement the hall and the church. The green area of the Heritage Park that has been destroyed needs to be replaced.
18747		1	The space is becoming overbuilt for the rural nature of the location. Should be seen as an opportunity to open up site lines to the hall and relocated church building		A small park with seating and maybe exercise equipment (eg edward park lake). Natural materials - rock, timber, native veg.
18746	1		If it's a well built structure, retain and refurbish for community use. The closest neighborhood house or shared community space is currently a drive away rather than a walk. The local community lacks a communal shared facility. I also think that the grounds could be rehabilitated with indigenous plants, trees and seating places.	It should be used for community meetings, short courses, for local groups (like mothers groups, clubs land associations shared space). If the grounds were rehabilitated, these could incorporate picnic space and childrens' play equipment. Local schools and artists could be encouraged to contribute artwork.	

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18745		1	I believe the building is full of asbestos. If left standing would be an eyesore. Also would not want to tempt people to lurk around the old building		Park
18744	1		I would love it to be a community space, there is definitely a shortage and within a growth area would be great to have different businesses or facilities running out of it.	I run the local Gymbaroo - kids early learning program. Would definately be interested in using if the space is big enough.	
18743		1	The community of Plenty is a growing community with many new families moving into the area (myself and young family included). The old CFA building is that, old. It is outdated and would as council has identified cost a significant amount to refurbish. There are already buildings in the area (Plenty Hall and the old church) so a third is not required.		I would like to see the area replaced with some of the trees that the new CFA building site needed to see removed. A gazebo would be nice or some picnic tables and possibly a covered area would be nice. Somewhere to enjoy coffee or take out from the cafe that will be opening shortly. The only play ground that our local children have is the very small and outdated set at the Plenty War Memorial Park Sporting Pavilion so it would be nice to see an investment made in our children. They are as they day, our future. Also I would like to see the old fire bell maintained at the current site. An ode to the many years of service that the site served to our wonderful CFA.

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18742		1	It does not fit with the historic nature of the area. The building requires work to meet current building standards. The community has lost parkland to allow the CFA to move (and where the old building now stands) as well as approx 1000 trees recently.		Turn it into a parkland area fitting with the historic Hall and Church. It would great if a playground were included (the entire Plenty area has basically only one small playground requiring parents to travel 20min to Diamond Creek or Eltham to allow their kids to play on a swing). The Historical Society still holds the school bell - place this above the time capsule and build a seating area in that part of the area. Then general seating with native plantings
18741	1		Plenty doesn't have a large amount of infrastructure. It's be nice for it to be converted to something beneficial for the community.	It'd be nice to convert the space to a youth hub or gathering space. Wine cellar for local wines or a wine bar for testing sessions and dinner.	
18740		1	Demolishing this building will enhance the area around the hall and the relocated church. It will open up the view to the hall. It will compensate for the parkland lost to the new fire station. A nice park area can be created around the fireball with time capsule buried underneath. The old building is not in good condition anymore and it would be costly to refurbish. This is the view of someone who has put in work for the extensions of 1979 and 1994		See above

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18739	1		Would be a perfect spot for community hall. I lived in Diamond Creek for 30 yrs and watched the development of the green wedge, Nillimbik was always exceptional in it's ability to retain the best ecological balance of the area.	The area is central to many shires and outdoor facilities. Community minded activities would retain community spirit of the area and retain the indigenous history of the landscape.	
18738		1	The building can only be used for Council use and as the area is "Heritage Park" a Council building would not be consistent with the theme of the area with the Church and Hall overseeing this building. We have lost parkland for the new CFA building and I believe it would be a great way to fix the divide in the community if the Old CFA was removed and a park area was reinstated. The Fire Bell could be part to remind of the old building but if this building is retained it will bring down the area which is essential the centre of Plenty. Please do this for the Plenty community.		Park area, with further consultation regarding the type of park use. The current playground in the football area needs a upgrade and then this park can be more of a mental health reflection park, incorporating signage of the local history and giving the church and hall the setting they deserve.
18737		1	I support the views of Plenty CFA		Revegetate to replace demolition on new cfa site , possibly a better playground than the one currently beside the cricket club
18736	1		Old fire stations have the potential to be converted into unique community spaces with lots of character and functionality.	Without knowing anything about the internal layout of the building, it's not easy to know how it could be used. I imagine, though, that it could be used as a performing arts space and temporary exhibition space, with cafe and hireable spaces.	

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18735		1	Replace the parkland the new fire station used. The Yan Yean Rd duplication and the new fire station have removed too many trees already.		Demolish the old fire station and plant/create a mindfulness/relaxation area.
18734		1	It's full of asbestos. The plumbing is no good and the septic tank stinks in summer. It will (I assume) cost more than it is worth to make this building compliant with regards to energy efficiency and services.		Community garden similar to 'Veg Out' in St Kilda or 'Thrive community Garden' in Diamond Creek. A local community education center, focusing on green sustainability, with the option of using some of the footprint to host a Sunday market. This has the potential raise revenue for Plentiful General Store.
18732	1		Seems a shame and a waste of our rates to demolish and rebuild of the building is sound and can put to good use.		
18731		1	It is as asbestos contaminated building, with no heating or air conditioning, and while it is old it has no inherent beauty: it's a plain brick building. The space could be better utilised.		A park, playground or open space to replace the one taken but the new fire station. This may extend the existing community space with the tennis club and oval, and create a spot for customers of the soon to open Plentiful Store to gather and relax.

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18730	1		A historic building that could be refurbished for use in the local community.	A men's shed that could be used for any age group who are out of work etc and not just retired. There are a lot of out of work men in the area who need to keep busy and have somewhere to go to be with men in the same situation.	
18729	1		Infrastructure is hard to come by. My decision is also subject to 'how many' of local residents want to see the building retained as opposed to demolished.	Internet hub, community hub, Pongo & TTV did present something that I thought would tick several boxes	
18728		1	Great spot for the Community Hospital - much better than the proposed site near the DV library - better access etc and more central for all.		Community hospital.
18727		1	The land provided to plenty cfa for their new building was a park. 100s of trees were lost. As we live in Nillumbik it is only reasonable that the existing site is rehabilitated in return.		Revegetation of the site into a usable parkland.
18726	1		Community use	For a volunteer organisation that needs space to help locals	
18725	1		should be kept for a woman's Shed/men Shed mixed sex Shed would be ideal for all sorts of shed type activities	You should be kept for community shed	

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18724		1	Why keep a specific type of a building if it no longer has any purpose.		You could build - the community Hospital in this location, - or repurpose the space for youth activities: bike tracks, BMX track etc.
18723	1		Please do not waste resources by demolishing what appears to be a very functional space.	Community center, hall, neighborhood house. Training facility. Space for charities to utilise. Indoor recreation, ie cards, darts etc.	
18722	1		Use for shire community meetings	Men's and women's groups like men's shed, omni, etc. A Living and Learning centre. Teenaged hangout place. Coffee and fresh produce shops.	
18721		1	The building is old and the space can be better used.		Play ground or park.
18720		1	So it can be an out door area		A picnic park
18719		1	I feel the the council took land from the community to make the new station so they should give back land to the community. The old building is an eye saw and should be removed and turned into a community space- park, playground. The Plenty historical society has worked tirelessly over the years to preserve plenty by moving the church and the memorial gates, this area should be turned into a nice space for the community to fit in with the historical society's hard work		Park, playground or community space.

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18718	1		<p>Preserve history Recycle a functional building.</p> <p>Assuming that the site is not contaminated. If contamination exists, remediation must be the priority.</p>	<p>Public - hall, library, etc historical building - perhaps local history museum, including CFA Retail space - restaurant, cafe, garage, etc Residential " - I would love that much garage space! Hiking / Mountain bike hub (bike shop, cafe, information) to promote Plenty Gorge as a mtb and walking destination.</p>	
18717		1	The buildings would need extensive work to bring it up to required standard as mainly garages at present.		Sell it and pay off debt
18716	1		I would love to discuss this for moving my business here!!!	I own a Allied health clinic in Diamond Creek and I'm looking to move. I offer a range of services to the community that also want to expand to create a recovery-based rehabilitation centre for the community focusing on general public and sports people	
18715		1	No particular uses for such a building come immediately to mind.		Rehabilitation of the land back into natural bush in keeping with its surrounds. A barbecue area to complement Plenty Hall might also be suitable.
18714	1		Environmental.	It would make a great destination local coop business for local hospo and retailers - cafe/grocer/retail/events space etc	

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18713	1		Surely a use can be found for expensive infrastructure. If this shed was on your own land would you torpedo the value of your property by needlessly demolishing it? I can't believe you are even considering this vandalism. Have you got so much money in your coffers that you can destroy infrastructure? If so, how about a rate reduction?	Have a look at the existing applications from community groups for some accommodation and figure out who might best use the space. Perhaps a Men's Shed?	
18712	1		I think it could be a nice fire safety/ fire station display/museum thing with things for kids and families.	See above.	

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Please specify your reasons for this.

Cost to upgrade and maintain the building on an ongoing basis is not good use of rate payers money.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

A park for the children.

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It is old and ugly. It should be removed to open up the area and promote the other buildings ie Hall and Church.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

Playground.

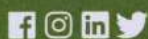
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Please specify your reasons for this.

I think we could re-purpose it to be more useful. Alternatively retaining it as is would probably be a ~~risk~~ risk. Might need to refurbish & utilise space more effectively.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

Suggest we retain and re-purpose to be a 1) playcentre or 2) Organic Fruit & Veg Market.

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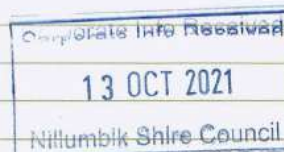
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want space returned to parkland.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

Parkland for community.



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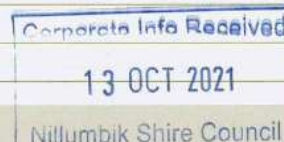
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Please specify your reasons for this.

It is still a useable building and is part of the history of Plenty.



What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

To repurpose building to be used as a Community House to be used for training courses to re-educate the community and community groups to meet.

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1) Could it be refurbished and used as a community hub for groups or community events?

OR

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

2) Would it be possible to demolish the building and use the site for community use, eg: playground/picnic area?

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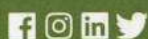
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Please specify your reasons for this.

WE HAVE LOST BUSHLAND DUE TO THE NEW ROAD AND
THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW FIRE STATION

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

RETURN THE LAND TO PARKLAND

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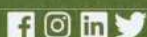
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THIS BUILDING REQUIRES EXPENSIVE MAINTENANCE UPGRADES.
MORE IMPORTANTLY DOES NOT "FIT IN" WITH THE HISTORICAL PLenty
COMMUNITY HALL OR UNITING CHURCH BUILDINGS OF THE 1930'S.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

RETURN THIS SITE TO 'OPEN SPACE' WHICH IN TURN WOULD GIVE FOCUS TO
THE ABOVE MENTIONED BUILDINGS. ERECT A ROTUNDA, SEATING, B.B.Q.
BUT PLANT NATIVE SHRUBS/TREES. PLenty HAS LOST TOO MUCH
VEGETATION & THIS IS MEANT TO BE THE GREEN WEDGE SHIRE??
NOTE: A TIME CAPSULE FROM THE FORMER PLenty SCHOOL IS UNDER THE BENCH

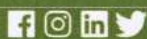
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1: Retain building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2: Demolish building:			
Please specify your reasons for this.			
The area should be returned to public open space, planting of all NATIVE trees with tables/bench seats for the locals to enjoy			
What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?			

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Please specify your reasons for this.

We would like to establish a native garden to enhance the area. The garden will go a long way in replacing the trees that were removed to build the new fire station. Establishing a native garden is both environmentally friendly and will provide a green place for families.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

A native garden with a picnic table. The flora should be indigenous to the area. The garden should try to promote outdoor activities for families in the area. It will also be able to support the "local cafe".

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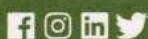
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Please specify your reasons for this.

IT WOULD COST IN EXCESS OF \$300000 TO BRING BUILDING UP TO A MINIMAL CODE. SEWER BLOCKS CONSTANTLY WITH ONLY MINIMAL USE, NEEDS FULL REWIRING, ROOF INSUFFICIENT FALL FOR CORRUGATED IRON, FLOODS IN ENGINE BAYS AFTER RAIN, ASBESTOS BUILDING HAS BEEN CONDEMNED BY CFA. - UGLY TO'S BUILDING

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A NICE LOOKING PLAYGROUND (FENCED) TO ADD TO THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN THE AREA.
NO. CARPARK
REMOVING THE BUILDING WITH ENTRANCE THE HISTORIC ZONE

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Please specify your reasons for this.
It contains asbestos, facilities unsuitable for public use - toilets inadequate, needs considerable work to make it safe / user friendly. Not built to current building specs. The cost to make it safe and hygienic and the ongoing cost to maintain it would be unacceptable to rate payers.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?
Would love to see a playground / meeting place for local families particularly with kids. Currently nothing closer than Diamond Creek or Council offices. Needs to be walking distance. Would look great with Hall and Church visible and the new cafe nearby.

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AN UGLY BUILDING THAT HAS SERVED IT'S PURPOSE AND WOULD BE FAR TOO EXPENSIVE TO RE-PURPOSE.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

EITHER A HIGH QUALITY RESTAURANT FOR THE SITE OR JUST A PARK.

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Please specify your reasons for this.

I believe it is part of the history of the area. Why not put it to better use.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

I have two ideas a local cafe in that area would be great for the locals to walk too. Also as an artist, I always like to find a local studio space which has great light and surrounding beautiful environment of trees and fauna.

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Please specify your reasons for this.

This building could be a mens
shed for the aged Men
and woman in our Community

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

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Demolish building and turn into parkland to compensate for loss of Heratige Park in Memorial drive.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

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Please specify your reasons for this.

Park lands & local areas to gather are missing for Plenty residents. We already have the Plenty Hall & Heritage Church. There is no need for yet another building. Also a number of trees were removed to build new CFA station & I would like to see them replaced.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

Replace some of the trees removed to erect new CFA station. A gazebo or covered/shaded areas would be nice, maybe somewhere to picnic with some food purchased from the new local cafe. I would really like to see a new playground for my children & other Plenty local kids. The park at the cricket ground is old & substandard.

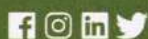
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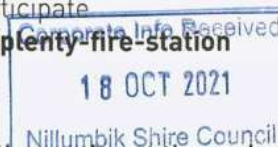
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Please specify your reasons for this.

AS PART OF HERITAGE AS OUR GENERATION KNOWS IT. I HAVE BEEN A LOCAL IN THE AREA ALL OF MY LIFE AND IT HAS A STRONG SIGNIFICANCE IN THE AREA.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

PERHAPS TO BE PUT BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY SUCH AS THE NEW HOME OF SCOUTS/GUIDES OR A RESTAURANT ATTACHED TO ELTHAM COLLEGE

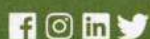
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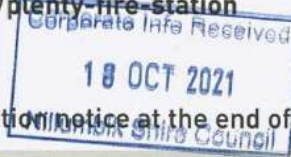
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Please specify your reasons for this.

The new CFA facility has taken up community space and a number of trees were lost. The location of the old CFA could be turned into a playground and public toilets to cater for the community.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

Playground, walking tracks, open space with garden beds.

Not for - hospital, shops, daycare they would serve no purpose in plenty. People live here to not be surrounded by these options.

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Place a Child Care Centre

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

ICA Supermarket or Aldi

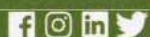
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DEMOLISHING THIS PERFECTLY GOOD BUILDING WOULD BE A COMPLETE WASTE OF MONEY.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

WOULD MAKE A PERFECT RESTAURANT AND WINE BAR THAT THE SUBURB OF PLENTY NEEDS.

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Please specify your reasons for this.

It's an old building and to keep it would be quite costly. The hall is next door for the public to use for a variety of reasons.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

I would love to see the space returned to nature. Have some bench seating for people passing by and some native planting. Just keep it simpler. A plaque stating this site was where the old CFA building stood. would be nice.

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Removal of public space/trees wooded area where new CFA was built. Therefore need to rebalance greenspace. Also community is grieving and need recreational/parks area. Replace the green wedge!

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

① Basketball ring ② skate park ③ BMX track
④ Playground (upgraded from ones at cricket club).

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What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

TURN IT INTO A LARGE CAFE / EATERY
OR RESTURANT

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lost to make repairs & re-purposing

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

That CFA make good the site for use as a park/open space.

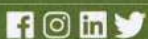
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It is part of the history of the area. The area should be preserved & not modernised. People live here because it has a more rural feel & nature & history are preserved. The building is an icon - we don't want it to go. It is part of "old" Plenty.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

- Community Centre.
- Early childhood centre.
- Cafe

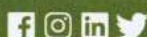
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What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

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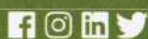
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Please specify your reasons for this.

WE LOST 100'S OF TREES WHEN
YAN YEAN RD WAS UPGRADED
RESIDENTS IN PLENTY DEFINITELY
WANT MORE PARKLAND

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

PARKLAND WITH GRASSED AREAS,
TREES & SHRUBS & SEATING
WITH A LAKE ABOUT TO OPEN NEXT
DOOR IT WOULD BE PERFECT PLACE
FOR A COFFEE OR A MEAL

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Age (Please tick)				
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1: Retain building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2: Demolish building:				
Please specify your reasons for this.				
WE HAVE SUFFICIENT COMMUNITY HUBS I.E. HALL, CHURCH, PAVILION, TENNIS CLUB, HOCKEY CLUB. 1) WE NEED CAR PARKING ESPECIALLY WHEN ALL SPORTS ARE FUNCTIONING. 2) MANY SUPPORTERS HAVE TO PARK ON SIDE ROADS AND NATURE STRIPS. 3) THE ROADS ARE NARROW AND IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT FOR RESIDENTS TO EXIT THEIR DRIVES.				
What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?				



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My reasoning for this request includes:

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I.E. HALL. CHURCH. PAVILION. TENNIS CLUB.
HOCKEY CLUB.

- 1) WE NEED CAR PARKING, ESPECIALLY WHEN ALL SPORTS ARE FUNCTIONING.
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- 3) THE ROADS ARE NARROW AND ~~HE~~ IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT FOR RESIDENTS TO EXIT THEIR DRIVES

Signed:

Address:

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Appears useable so could have new life.
Footprint is too small to offer any sizeable, useable parkland and there is already playground and parkland across the road.
It is positioned to provide a courtyard setting with the hall to west & Church to North so this is convenient amenity.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

Repurpose the building for community use. The space would fit an all ages mens and boys shed to one side and womens and girls or them shed to the other side. Historic pictures etc. can be displayed to promote local area pride and knowledge, suit community speakers for education about health or emergency safety. It should have zebra crossing for safe access to park across the road. Eligibility to access it should be to ALL.



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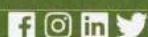
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LIMITED USE AFTER CFA VACATES

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

REVERT TO OPEN SPACE FOR THE USE OF THE COMMUNITY.

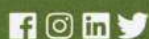
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The current fire station has issues. It contains Asbestos, has gal piping, the septic tank system has issues, the electrical works needs attention.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

The block that the council has received could improve the site for all community use. Eg. It will be an open space that could be linked to the Heritage listed Plenty Hall, Memorial Gates + Church. The Fire Brigade Bell and Plenty Primary School Bell are located on that site. I would like to see them remain for historical purposes. Bench seats with shade protectors and a garden/park land established.

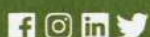
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My reasoning for this request includes:

The current fire station has many building issues.

1. Contains Asbestos.
2. Has Gal Rpyng.
3. Septic tank / storm water issues.
4. Electrical works need attention.

1. The \$100k could be used for improving the site for all the Plenty community.
2. The open space will be close to the Plenty Hall, Memorial gates, the recently relocated Church. We would like the fire bell to remain along with the Time Capsule of the Plenty Primary School.
Bench seats or seating with shade protection and a garden established to produce a peaceful retreat for the residents of Plenty.

Signed:

Address:

Contact Details:

I think an established garden environment would retain a small piece of the Plenty district history. Plenty has changed historically particularly over the last 20 years and I would like my children who went to Plenty Primary to have a small space to reflect in the future. I also think a photo board as displayed at the old Plenty Primary School PTO

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Retain it because of its historical significance

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

Set up a nice restaurant / pub / micro brewery

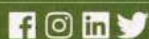
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☒ 1: Retain building ☐ 2: Demolish building:

Please specify your reasons for this.

I would like to buy the building and convert it to office / shops. This would bring people to the area and support the community and Cafe.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

I would keep the heritage of the original building and make it into offices and shops (like hair dresser, craft shops). As a victim of the compulsory land acquisition I believe I should be offered the property to improve local Area.

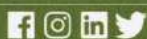
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Please specify your reasons for this.				
<u>Park Land</u>				
What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?				

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Please specify your reasons for this.

It is an ugly building that detracts from the hall and the church. Any use the buildings were put to would be for a limited number of people.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

I would like to see a park created that would compliment the look and use of the hall and church. The residents of Plenty need a meeting place for passive recreation. We need to replace the many trees we have lost.

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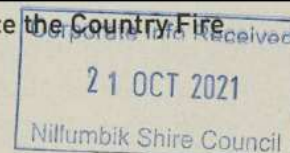
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Please specify your reasons for this.
I would think that there would be a number of community groups that could put it to good use.
What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?
Community group use
Mens shed



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Please specify your reasons for this.

☒ WE HAVE GOOD GARDENS + PARKS AND NOW WITH THE PROTECTED ROAD IN FRONT IT MAKES SENSE TO UTILISE THE BUILDING.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

CHANGE THE FRONT A LITTLE: TURN IT INTO A SUNDAY MARKET DELICATESSEN, MAYBE A RESTAURANT. TAGGS TENNIS FOOTBALL ACROSS THE ROAD ALWAYS PEOPLE, PLENTY NEEDS ITS OWN IDENTITY.

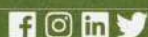
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Should the old Plenty Fire Station building be retained or demolished once the Country Fire Authority (CFA) vacates the site? (Please tick)
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Please specify your reasons for this.
Please make the area with seating arrangements for drinking water & a place where people can meet, rest for walks etc. It will become an "eye save" visually.
What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?
As above a recreational area to sit & enjoy the surrounding area with appropriate seating.

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Should the old Plenty Fire Station building be retained or demolished once the Country Fire Authority (CFA) vacates the site? (Please tick) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1: Retain building <input type="checkbox"/> 2: Demolish building: Please specify your reasons for this. <div>Why Demolish when theres a perfectly good building</div>	
What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building? <div>cafe restaurant Bar</div>	

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Please specify your reasons for this.			
<p>The old Church and Plenty Hall provide facilities for community use which should continue to provide for clubs and organisations within the district. The open space can replace that taken by the new Fire Station.</p>			
What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?			
<p>Area could be replanted with indigenous species lost due to the new Fire Station. Beautification works to improve the streetscape could be incorporated.</p>			

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Please specify your reasons for this.

It would have a multitude of uses.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

Community Youth Hall Volunteer lead
Community Group offerings
- Teaching space
- Cooking, craft, etc. meditation, wellness.

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Please specify your reasons for this.			
To have the area returned to parkland			
What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?			
Parkland - Tables for picnics			

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Please specify your reasons for this.

Please restore the site to a natural surrounding, an opportunity to add a small park with seating and tree planting to provide shade + shelter

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

create a park like aesthetic with a planted garden, trees, seating, perhaps an outdoor "gym" equipment.

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Please specify your reasons for this.			
CREATE OPEN SPACE FOR PARKLANDS / SPORTING GROUNDS COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACE AND / OR PLAYGROUND			
What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?			

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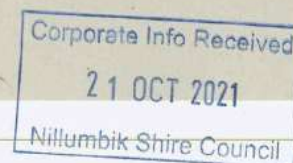
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Please specify your reasons for this.			
Rebuild suitable building.			
What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?			
Women's SHED OR MEN'S SHED			
Could you shared on alternating Days			



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Please specify your reasons for this.

It has character and has some historical significance to the small, quaint suburb of Plenty. Located next to the Memorial Park and sports ground, it can be used to complement these community areas/spaces for all locals to enjoy.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

• Provide community support/activities/events for the local youth & elderly.
• Support for young parents - mother's group etc...

* The Church was saved and moved. How has this building benefitted the community?

It was an expensive undertaking for little gain except ~~as~~ aesthetic purposes. The CFA building can be used for the good of all locals - a hub for people to gather & feel connected.

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Should the old Plenty Fire Station building be retained or demolished once the Country Fire Authority (CFA) vacates the site? (Please tick)

☐ 1: Retain building ☒ 2: Demolish building:

Please specify your reasons for this.

IT IS OUT OF DATE
WITH AREA AND A PARK WOULD BE GREAT

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

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Please specify your reasons for this.

The old building does NOT fit in with the heritage style hall and church surrounding it.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

The site needs to be returned to natural bush / parkland as so much has been removed for housing and the new fire station.
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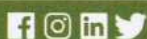
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Please specify your reasons for this.

I understand that the CFA is obligated to bear the cost of demolition and site rehabilitation under the terms of the lease. In this event, Council should encourage removal and make good to the satisfaction of all relevant authorities. At no stage, should ratepayers be expected to meet this expense.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

The land to be used for passive recreation which would complement the intended use of the former church by the Plenty Historical Society. The Society in turn could utilise the land in part by installing static displays and history boards. Seating and picnic tables could be introduced, along with trees and plants indigenous to the Nillumbik region.

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Please specify your reasons for this.

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Not needed
Eyesore

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

An open area for kids, teenagers & adults. There are plenty of young kids playgrounds, but nothing suitable for older kids & adults. My suggestion is an area that has a basketball hoop, walls to play games like downball, be able to hit a ball with a racquet against, or even kick a soccer ball. There is plenty of space to also allow for a kids playground.

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Please specify your reasons for this.

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The building is ugly and detracts from existing memorial gates, community hall & relocated heritage church

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

Replanting with native vegetation.
Environment friendly covered shelter and seating

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Name* [Redacted]
Address* [Redacted]
Email* [Redacted] Telephone* [Redacted]

Age (Please tick)
[Redacted]

Gender (Please tick)
[Redacted]

Should the old Plenty Fire Station building be retained or demolished once the Country Fire Authority (CFA) vacates the site? (Please tick)

☒ 1: Retain building ☐ 2: Demolish building:

Please specify your reasons for this.

we should repurpose anything if demand for the building is apparent.

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

repurpose as a cafe OR restaurant OR shop

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Age (Please tick)

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Gender (Please tick)

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Should the old Plenty Fire Station building be retained or demolished once the Country Fire Authority (CFA) vacates the site? (Please tick)

☐ 1: Retain building ☒ 2: Demolish building:

Please specify your reasons for this.

- No purposeful / functioning use of building
- Not visually appealing in area
- Waste of community space - can be used for other

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

• New playground / park space with picnic tables.
• Gated park, given close to road with lots of passing traffic.

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Name* [Redacted]
Address [Redacted]
Email* [Redacted] Telephone* [Redacted]
Age (Please tick)
[Redacted] Received 2021
Gender (Please tick)
[Redacted]
Should the old Plenty Fire Station building be retained or demolished once the Country Fire Authority (CFA) vacates the site? (Please tick)
☐ 1: Retain building ☒ 2: Demolish building:
Please specify your reasons for this.
The building itself is not aesthetically pleasing and not built from any historical stone or anything that really is of consequence.
What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?
A beautiful open space for the local community to enjoy, especially now we have a lovely café right next door!

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Telephone*	[Redacted]

Age (Please tick)

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Gender (Please tick)

[Redacted]

Should the old Plenty Fire Station building be retained or demolished once the Country Fire Authority (CFA) vacates the site? (Please tick)

☐ 1: Retain building ☒ 2: Demolish building:

Please specify your reasons for this.

Replace the parkland / reserve / trees the new
skate cut down

What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?

Nature reserve

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[Redacted]
Should the old Plenty Fire Station building be retained or demolished once the Country Fire Authority (CFA) vacates the site? (Please tick)
☒ 1: Retain building ☐ 2: Demolish building:
Please specify your reasons for this.
It is a historic building that could be put to use. I don't see the point in demolishing it.
What are your ideas/proposals for the site or use of the building?
Being a sporting precinct it could be used for table tennis or something like that. Or even if it was retained for some cafes or shops. They would get plenty of business with the football, hockey and tennis clubs all walking distance.

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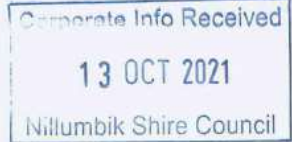
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Submission 1



Submission to the Nillumbik Council

I, [REDACTED]

request the Nillumbik Council agree to the option of demolition of the Old Plenty CFA building and rehabilitation of the site once the Plenty CFA unit have moved into their new location. Further, I request that the site is reverted to open space for the use of the Community.

My reasoning for this request includes:

I live at [REDACTED] which is directly opposite the old CFA. My children used the area which now is the "New" CFA to play. We were sad to see this area go and now hope that they can safely play where the old CFA exists. With many children living on this side of memorial drive (an extremely busy road) it would be fantastic to have an area at which they can safely play in without crossing memorial drive which has No safety measures in place to safely cross the road to access the ^{oval} ~~park~~ / playground.

Signed: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact Details: [REDACTED]



Submission to the Nillumbik Council

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request the Nillumbik Council agree to the option of demolition of the Old Plenty CFA building and rehabilitation of the site once the Plenty CFA unit have moved into their new location. Further, I request that the site is reverted to open space for the use of the Community.

My reasoning for this request includes:

Establishing a native garden to enhance the area.
The garden promotes outdoor activities & a common place for families in the community to meet.
The flora should be indigenous to the area.
The garden will provide a perfect connection to the community hall & the "Old church".
A native garden will also provide support to the local cafe by giving patrons a place to take their coffees & take away food.

Signed: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact Details: [REDACTED]



Hayden's Helping Hands

ACN: 617 841 157 ABN: 21 617 841 157

PO Box 89, Kingsbury 3083

<https://www.haydenshelpinghands.org>

Registered Business Address – 194 Weidlich Rd, Eltham North

Submission 3

To whom it may concern,

We are reaching out in relation to the Old Plenty Valley Fire Station, and the current community engagement that is being undertaken regarding its use once vacated by the CFA early in the New Year. We would value the opportunity to be considered as a tenant for the space.

Hayden's Helping Hands has been operating in the local community over the past 6 years, having been established by then 8-year-old Hayden and 5-year-old Stephanie, providing for the relief and alleviation of poverty, and to enable young people under the age of 18 to volunteer. HHH is fully volunteer run, based on community donations, distributing food and supplies, and improve access to basic human needs. We help local families, homeless and those fleeing domestic violence. In doing so we also avoid many tonnes of items from being sent into landfill every year.

The impact of recent pandemic events has seen an increase in the demand for our assistance and support to the level where we can no longer sustain our operations from a home garage and storage facility. Our charity over the last three months distributed more than \$16,000 worth of relief into local communities, with over a quarter of a million dollars in six years being provided.

Hayden and Stephanie are also passionate about creating awareness and speak at many kindergartens, schools, higher education institutions as well as community events. This has resulted in many schools now adopting homelessness as part of their school's social justice curriculum and schools requesting volunteer days for their students, which has been hard to accommodate with our lack of facilities.

So, quite simply, the use of a facility such as the Old Plenty Valley Fire Station, or part thereof in the order of 70m² to 100m², for even a one year term, would be foundational to our continued support of the local community through the ability to:

- Open a permanent food pantry
- Have a safe space for our volunteers to work in preparing our essential items packs for distribution
- Provide for volunteer group opportunities for local schools and corporate group, which in turn will help us to help more, and build strong community bonds with the youth of Nillumbik and Banyule

Given our strong youth led principles, we would also welcome the opportunity to share the space with other youth-based activities, or providers of essential services, and would commit to maintain and enhance the building in a sustainable way.

If you would like to discuss further, please contact me on [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]

Regards,

[REDACTED]



Arnold Bloch Leibler
Lawyers and Advisers

Submission 4

Submission to the Nillumbik Council

I, [REDACTED]



request the Nillumbik Council agree to the option of demolition of the Old Plenty CFA building and rehabilitation of the site once the Plenty CFA unit have moved into their new location. Further, I request that the site is reverted to open space for the use of the Community.

My reasoning for this request includes:

Between the new road and the new fire station Plenty has nearly been gutted. The road cut us in half and lost us so many trees - then along comes the enormous new fire station which destroyed one of the few remaining areas of tree covered public land and completed the deforestation of the area. Aren't we supposed to be the Green Wedge? Bit of a joke! the lovely old Hall and church desperately need some parkland around them - it is the only solution.

Signed:

Address:

Contact Details:

Submission 5

The Secretary
Planning and Consultation Committee
Nillumbik Shire Council
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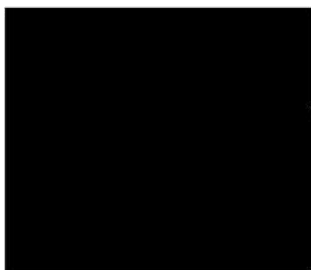


To whom it may concern:

Please find enclosed my submission in relation to the future of the old Plenty Fire Station site.

I would be grateful if this submission could be read on my behalf at the meeting of the Planning and Consultation Committee to be held on 16 November 2021.

Thank you.



PLANNING AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

NILLUMBIK SHIRE COUNCIL

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Greensborough

Victoria 3088

FUTURE OF OLD PLENTY FIRE STATION SITE

I wish to place on notice my interest in the removal of the old CFA station in Plenty and the redevelopment of the site as an open-space parkland with associated facilities.

In support of my position, I wish to make a series of comments and observations.

1. I note that the old station site was leased from the Council, being an area zoned as Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ), an area recognised in the Plenty Park Masterplan (2004 - 6). As such the area has a restricted range of potential usage, a range which would exclude any commercialisation.
2. The new CFA station site is also being constructed in a PPRZ area. During discussion regarding the allocation of the new site there was a strong indication that the old site would be returned to parkland for public benefit, a move which I strongly favoured. This prospect was also raised at Council meetings in 2019.
3. Development of the old station site as parkland will increase local passive open space and enhance the local environment, an environment promoted and defended by local residents in a VCAT hearing against the issue of a permit for the new CFA station. Developing parkland would, to some extent, replace the land now occupied by the new CFA station.
4. The Plenty area has been subject to an extensive vegetation loss in recent times. For example, the redevelopment of the Yan Yean Road, Stage 1, resulted in the recorded loss of well over 3000 trees and, more locally, the development of the new CFA facility will see the removal of nearly 140

more. Additionally, the Plenty community has also lost the proposed park site at the old tip site (to become a solar park) and continuing canopy losses as development continues. Returning the old station site to parkland will obviously offer some redress.

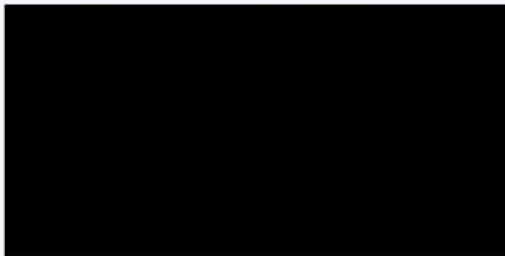
5. The old station site has no place in the heritage area in Plenty. Indeed the amenity and ambience of that area would be considerable enhanced by the removal of the old station and the site's redevelopment as parkland, which would increase the open space near the Plenty Hall.

6. Retention of the old station for repurposing requires an initial expenditure of \$200 000 to bring facilities up to date, and a further expenditure of some \$140 000 in the future. Such costings, once applied to enable the building's future use, would of course be increased substantially by the need for security and maintenance services dependent on the use of the facility and would be unlikely to be recouped. All these costs could be avoided if the area was returned to parkland. Council has noted that \$100 000 is available for work on the old station. This money could well be used for park development after the site has been cleared by the CFA, a process which will not cost Council anything.

7. Finally, the site is quite unsuited to a building facility in continuous use by a varying body of people. Space is restricted and any facility open to a flow of traffic would inevitably cause movement and parking issues and conflict in the heritage area and beyond. Such conflict already occurs when events are concurrently held in the Hall and Church. Additionally, noise, security, maintenance and vandalism would need to be addressed by continuous patrols who would also need to stop drug-related issues depending on what unsupervised use of the old station was allowed.

My request is that the site be returned to open space parkland.

Thank you for your attention.



Submission to the Nillumbik Council



I, [REDACTED]

request the Nillumbik Council agree to the option of demolition of the Old Plenty CFA building and rehabilitation of the site once the Plenty CFA unit have moved into their new location. Further, I request that the site is reverted to open space for the use of the Community.

My reasoning for this request includes:

Demolish the ugly Building
Turn it into Parklands

Signed: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact Details: [REDACTED]

SUBMISSION: PARK FOR A PARK



Aerial Photo of Plenty War Memorial Park highlighting the Heritage area (red) and location of the new CFA building (yellow)



SUMMARY

Construction activities have commenced within the Plenty Heritage Park envelope of the new Plenty CFA building. Following the Blue Lake Ward Meeting (Monday 12 July 2021), where a future potential use of the current Plenty CFA building was presented, high levels of community concern regarding some proposals were raised and there has been strong opinion evidenced on social media and general community communications.

As part of the Local Government Act (2020), it is now a statutory obligation for the Council to have a Community Engagement Plan in place to provide the general Nillumbik community and, specifically in this case, the Plenty community with decisions, strategies and services that affect them. It is considered that any decision relating to the viability and use of the existing CFA building (called Old for this document) requires full and transparent Community Engagement. It was therefore considered inappropriate that an option for ongoing use of the building was presented prior to the Community having the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process on whether the building would be removed or retained. It may well be that no opinion has been advanced by Council to date.

There is great concern being expressed within community groups and amongst community members about the future of the Old CFA building. There is a generally held view that the Old CFA building would be demolished, and the area returned to parkland. This was the general Community understanding from several meetings during 2018/2019 at which the proposed plans for the new CFA complex within the Heritage Park were presented. In fact, the independent Town Planning Evidence Statement specifically identifies that the loss of open space on the western part of the site could, to some extent, be off-set if the Council decides to demolish the existing CFA station".¹

¹ P 15, Town Planning Evidence Statement, Glossop Town Planning Ltd, Application for Review P702/2019



THE OLD CFA BUILDING (1970S BUILD AND NOT IN THE STYLE OF THE HERITAGE BUILDINGS OF PLENTY) IS UNFORTUNATELY, CURRENTLY THE FOCUS OF THE HERITAGE PARK AREA RATHER THAN THE BUILDINGS WHICH DISPLAY THE HISTORY OF THE AREA



REMOVAL OF THE OLD CFA BUILDING WILL HIGHLIGHT THE HERITAGE BUILDINGS OF THE PLENTY TOWNSHIP, WHILST PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE THE OPEN SPACE FOR THE COMMUNITY

BACKGROUND

- Whilst the physical township of Plenty developed in the early 1900s, events were recorded as occurring “on the Plenty” back in the 1830s - 1850s by pastoral settlers. The development of Plenty as a township began with the subdivision of large pastoralist holdings to smaller farming lots in 1913. Development of the township began in 1916, when the Plenty General Store was established, a State School developed in 1922 and a Post-office was opened in 1923. The Methodist Church was built in 1925, followed by the Community Hall in 1931. This group of community buildings was surrounded by a mixture of houses generally described as miner’s cottages and farmer’s structures. The Plenty Hall remains in situ, whilst the Methodist Church was moved in August 2018 to the area next to the Plenty Hall. A miner’s cottage also remains just outside of this area.
- The area which contains the Old CFA building is part of the Plenty War Memorial Park, situated at 109-115a Yan Yean Road – covered by Plenty Park Masterplan (also called the Plenty War Memorial Park Masterplan) which was adopted by Council in 2007 with reviews held in 2016.² The area contains:
 - The Plenty Hall (included in the Heritage Overlay, and listed as having Heritage Value by Nillumbik Council)
 - The Plenty Methodist Church (repositioned to the Plenty War Memorial Park as part of the Yan Yean Road Stage 1 Upgrade). This building is also listed as having Heritage Value³
 - The War Memorial Gates and garden (included in the Heritage Overlay, and listed as having Heritage Value by Nillumbik Council)
 - Various sports and recreational fields
 - The site of the new CFA building. This area was the original free space area of the Plenty Heritage Park
- The purpose of the Plenty War Memorial Park is recognised as a community activity and cultural centre which supports the population of both Plenty, and the wider Nillumbik area.
- The site is affected by the Heritage Overlay and therefore is protected by the local planning scheme. Nillumbik has recognised the importance of the cultural heritage in the Shire and the role the Council plays in the protection of community heritage places since “they help to strengthen personal and

² The name of the Plenty Park was changed to the Plenty War Memorial Park and accepted by Council in 2005. However later Council documents continue to use the name Plenty Park e.g. Plenty Park Implementation Plan dated 2016.

³ Listed as having Nillumbik Council Heritage Value on the site https://vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/search?kw=Plenty&aut_off=1, which links to the Nillumbik Council Web site. Viewed 7-8-21.

community identity; we want to pass them on to future generations, there are spiritual, ethical and legal obligations to do so".⁴

- Council have stated that "A heritage place is ...a specific area or site ...which is valued by people for its natural and/or cultural heritage significance".⁵ It is argued that the Plenty War Memorial Park area meets that description for the people of Plenty. The area was developed in the 1920s and consisted of the Plenty Hall, the Plenty School and the original Plenty Store. The area made up the township of Plenty and was seen as the main meeting area for the community during the last century and continues to be the main community area for the township today.
- The Plenty Park Masterplan (2004-2006) which has been adopted by the Council (2007), even though it is neither incorporated nor referenced in the Nillumbik Planning Scheme, has been reviewed with implementation reviews undertaken in line with the Masterplan (e.g. 2016). This Masterplan acknowledged the importance of the area to the people of Plenty.
- The Town Planning Evidence Summary undertaken as part of the CFA permit application states "The Plenty Park Masterplan (2004-2006) was adopted by Council in February 2007. The Masterplan identifies the review site as within the Plenty Heritage Park. An opportunity was identified to relocate the existing Church and school and potentially establish a heritage precinct around the Plenty Hall.⁶ The Plenty Park Masterplan Implementation review (February 2018) Issue 7.1 stated "that a heritage precinct be formed around the Plenty Hall" with the Masterplan Action "Council to discuss proposal further with Historical Society and investigate costs. Council to allocate funding for works and completed associated works".
 - Since these reports the Church has been relocated to be within the Heritage Park area and thus establishment of the heritage precinct has advanced considerably
 - There is an expectation within the local community that this heritage precinct will continue to evolve. Any activity proposed should be in keeping with maintaining that evolution
 - Clause 15.03 of the Plenty Park Masterplan which covered the Plenty Heritage Park seeks to ensure the conservation of places of heritage significance. Further, the zoning of the site is Public Park and Recreation Zone. Whilst this allows for commercial uses where appropriate, Plenty does not have a commercial zone and it is argued

⁴ P 1, Heritage Strategy Identifying and conserving Nillumbik's cultural heritage, Adopted by Council on 6 September 2011.

⁵ P 8, Heritage Strategy Identifying and conserving Nillumbik's cultural heritage, Adopted by Council on 6 September 2011.

⁶ Clause 28, 54r1, Town Planning Evidence Statement, Glossop Town Planning Ltd, Application for Review P702/2019

that any commercial use of this building is not appropriate for this Heritage site.⁷

- During the CFA relocation period of assessment and during the review of the proposal there were detailed discussions and subsequent agreement to move the location of the CFA building, and the option of the CFA demolishing the existing (old) building and reverting it back to open space was raised to appease Community concerns with the loss of the Heritage Park area and which supported improving the visual impact of the Plenty Hall. The return of the Old CFA site to a cleared condition or parkland was indeed raised on several occasions (e.g., Future Nillumbik Committee Minutes, 12th March 2019, Council Meeting 26/3/2019).
- Clause 63 of the Town Planning Evidence Statement states;
“The loss of open space on the western part of the site could, to some extent be offset if the Council decides to demolish the existing CFA Station (which it will be given by the CFA) or the building could be given over to some form of community use.
 - “the loss... (of land) ...would be keenly felt by nearby residents”
 - There is a community understanding that the offer by the CFA during the community consultations in 2018, to pay for the demolishing of the Old CFA building and development of Open Space is still available to the Council. Thus, there is no cost to the Council for the demolishing of the structure
 - In this regard, a petition on social media opposing retention of the Old CFA building has over 170 signatures and is growing daily. Further, hardcopy petitions targeting those not comfortable with, or having access to social media, have a further 143 signatures resulting in 316 signatures in total obtained during a period where COVID 19 lockdowns have drastically limited the ability to make community visits (copies of both petitions have been delivered to Council).
- The majority of the Plenty Community who attended the various communication meetings at that time have a general expectation that the Council would accept the offer to demolish due to the general conversations which occurred during public meetings. These discussions included:
 - The emphasis that the building is generally considered substandard and not fitting for the area, or aligned with the architectural style of the Hall, Church or War Memorial Gates
 - The ongoing maintenance costs associated with ongoing usage of the building would be high
 - At some time in the future removal of asbestos would be required and this cost would be avoided if Council accepted CFA's offer to demolish the building and revert it to Open Space

⁷ Clauses 31, 44 49, Town Planning Evidence Statement, Glossop Town Planning Ltd, Application for Review P702/2019

- Ongoing support by the Council to achieve the goal of an Heritage Precinct highlighting the vista around the Plenty Hall and now the Plenty Church.
- There was a community meeting 26 April 2021 at Plenty View Golf Park organised by Blue Lake Ward Councillor Richard Stockman attended by approximately 100 persons. Amongst other topics there was considerable discussion of what to do with the Old CFA building. There are no votes at such meetings but the great preponderance of the voices and the clear desire of those present was that the Old CFA building was to be removed and the area revert to open space.

THE PLENTY HALL



REAR OF
THE PLENTY HALL



PLENTY
HISTORIC CHURCH



WAR
MEMORIAL GATES

REASONS TO DEMOLISH

- As described in the Nillumbik Shire Council's Annual Report for 2017-2018, the people of the Shire including the people of Plenty "enjoy a healthy, safe, family-friendly lifestyle within close-knit communities." The Plenty community "values and enhances the Shire's Green Wedge, with its history and diversity, its open spaces, bushland environment and artistic heritage".⁸
- The Plenty area has lost more than 3,000 trees in the last few years as a result of widening along the Yan Yean Road and the development of the "school estate". Further, an additional 138 trees have been lost in the last 6 months due to the development of the new CFA site. Nillumbik has a stated commitment to the Green Wedge, which includes the area of Plenty. Nillumbik have a legal obligation to protect the Green Wedge from development through the management of the area.⁹ The group which has developed this submission and supporting petitions recognise that the requirement to support CFA's presence in the area resulted in the loss of the 138 trees and the Plenty Heritage Park area now under development – but request the Council see the value of replacing that area with additional open park space through the demolition of the Old CFA building and replacing it with a Park, revegetation and associated facilities which would support the communities use of the heritage centre.
- The Park is zoned as Public Park and Recreation Zone. The Council has understood the purpose of this zoning as Public Recreation and Public Space and the area has been developed in accordance with that purpose for the majority of the local population. The Plenty community now look to the Council to further enhance that purpose by demolishing a building which does not support that concept and reverting it and the surrounding area to Open Space which can be used by the community.
- Plenty does not have a commercial zone (and arguably does not need one). It does, however, have an historical community activity centre based around the Plenty Community Hall and Plenty Heritage Church on one section of the Plenty War Memorial Park and sports fields on the other.¹⁰ The loss of the park area for the use of the new CFA building should be replaced by demolition of the Old CFA building thus ensuring that community space is retained. This is particularly important with the current subdivisions and increase in developments within the Plenty area.

⁸ P 8, Nillumbik Shire Council Annual Report 2017-2018.

⁹ Nillumbik Web Site <https://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Council/Planning-for-Nillumbiks-future/Our-Green-Wedge>

¹⁰ P 11, Clause 44, Town Planning Evidence Statement, Glossop Town Planning Ltd, Application for Review P702/2019

- During the CFA Permit community consultations, several documents and meetings addressed the potential that the Old CFA Building could be demolished to offset the loss of open space on the western part of the Plenty Heritage Park for the new CFA building.¹¹ In fact the terminology used in the permit application was that the building would be “relocated”, indicating that only one building would remain.¹²
- Further, the Town Planning Review of the impacts which would be experienced through the development of the new CFA building were based only on the activities associated with the new building. No review was undertaken of the compound effect of retaining both the new building and the old building.
- Returning the Old CFA building area to open space provides a more expansive vista of the Plenty Hall and Plenty Heritage Church with the appropriate open space context. Historically, the Plenty Hall was once the centre of the Plenty Township and the prominent focal point for travellers going along the Yan Yean Road.¹³ With the construction of the Old CFA building this prominence and vista was destroyed. There is now a once in 50 years opportunity to improve the Heritage area and position the Plenty Hall and Church to the original focal point of the Plenty Heritage Park.
- The possibility of relocating the Plenty Heritage Church and the Plenty School was considered and found to be cost prohibitive as part of the Plenty Park Masterplan consultation and development.¹⁴ Since then, the Church was relocated into the area by Major Roads Projects Victoria. As the CFA has offered to pay for the demolition of the Old CFA building and reversion of the site to park, during community consultations in 2018/19, the cost is no longer an issue with meeting this goal.
- The Old CFA building possesses little, if any, architectural highlights and is not aligned with the architectural style of the historic buildings of the immediate area. Indeed, the current profile of the Old CFA building where the water tank, rubbish bins and other unsightly tin shelters and lean-to abuts the main entrance to the Plenty Hall and directly faces the Memorial Gates and Memorial Drive detracts from these historical buildings. Further, access to the Church is via a dirt track which transverses the front and north (opposite) side of the Old CFA building.
- During the CFA petition period the CFA used as a justification that the Old CFA building had high maintenance costs – issues like asbestos may be OK for now but WILL require expensive action at some point in time – as soon as

¹¹ P 15, Clause 61, Town Planning Evidence Statement, Glossop Town Planning Ltd, Application for Review P702/2019

¹² P 14, Clause 63, Town Planning Evidence Statement, Glossop Town Planning Ltd, Application for Review P702/2019

¹³ P 114, Future Nillumbik Committee Minutes (and Agenda) Officers Report, 12th March 2019

¹⁴ P 104, Future Nillumbik Committee Minutes (and Agenda) 12th March 2019

any activity, fit out changes or maintenance of the building disturbs it – for any reason.

- Council will avoid a large and ongoing liability if the building is removed now at CFA expense. Further, whilst many of Council's community infrastructure projects are reliant on achieving significant external funding, the CFA have documented their preparedness to undertake the demolition of the Old CFA building and facilitating the development of the open space, an outcome the members of this group are advocating.
- The people of Plenty expected the Plenty Tip (Waste Dump) area was to be reverted into Parkland after the closure of the Tip (the area was initially playing field for the local communities). Council have now announced that area will be used as a solar farm. Plenty residents consider that area is a further park area that has been lost to the people of Plenty (without any community consultation).
- Demolishing the Old CFA Building and reverting it to park space with appropriate seating, possible playground and other associated facilities which will support increased community use of the area. Some factors promoting development of the area for an open space include:
 - A local café is due to open in the near future providing an area where people can buy coffee and light snacks and go to the neighbouring park to relax and enjoy the ambience
 - Play equipment. Currently there are only 2 playgrounds in the entire Plenty area. Both are small and have limited equipment. Families find the long waits for toddlers to be able to get on a swing and other limited equipment frustrating or they are forced to travel for 20 minutes to Diamond Creek to access play facilities. Recent subdivisions in the township have resulted in increased numbers of families with children increasing the demands for these types of assets
 - Supports people residing in nearby Aged Care facilities Aurrum, BUPA and St Thomas Retirement Village being able to walk to the park as a nice destination and being able to rest before returning home. This aligns with Council's care and assistance to the Shire's Aged population (Positive Ageing Strategy)
 - The upgrade of Yan Yean Road included the development of a high-quality walking path which is now heavily used in comparison to the pre-road upgrade. The removal of the Old CFA building with restoration of the park provides an excellent target destination for users of the path, allowing them to rest and enjoy the heritage precinct before their return journey. Further the proposed open space would support the ambience which planners have developed with the street scape along Yan Yean Road (including seating)

- Plenty community is a changing dynamic. The area had a growth rate of approximately 13% based on the 2016 census (which was higher than both Eltham and Diamond Creek by over 10%). Ongoing development in the area will have only increased this growth rate in the last 5 years. Whilst the area has 33% of its population over 50 years of age, the new housing areas of the area will have increased the number of young (up to 14 years of age) in the area above the 20% reported in the 2016 census. Provision of open space which supported the meeting requirements of the older population whilst also covering the play areas of those children under 14 would provide an asset aligned with benefits for over 50% of the Plenty population
- Further, the location of the open space directly opposite the playing fields used by those aged generally above 14 would provide all other age groups with a nice pathway to the local café area



THE OLD CFA BUILDING WATER TANK, LEAN-TO, SHED AND BIN STORAGE AREAS DIMINISHES THE ENTRANCE VISTA OF THE PLENTY HALL AND IS DIRECTLY ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE WAR MEMORIAL GATES

IF BUILDING IS KEPT ISSUES THAT WILL NEED TO BE RESOLVED

- Some issues were raised during the CFA relocation petition process and were recognized as being legitimate but the overall benefit of the area having robust and modern CFA premises which supported providing firefighting capabilities to the entire area was deemed more important. However, the issues are still valid and will be compounded by retaining the Old CFA building along with the increase of activity associated with the new CFA building. Issues include:
 - Local traffic increase which the existing road and road edges cannot support
 - Lack of parking at peak periods. The sports grounds parking is fully utilized during weekends and during sports events and practise and indeed may spill over into surrounding streets. The Plenty Hall and Church parking is used throughout a normal week by Community Groups whilst both assets are hired out on a regular basis, utilising all spaces available. The Old CFA building has very limited parking capability and it should not be assumed that other assets in the plot have parking available to cover alternative uses for the Old CFA building
 - Parking conflict occurs at present when events are held concurrently with the Plenty Hall and Church. Additional activities held in the Old CFA building will exacerbate this issue
 - Commercial versus recreation conflict
 - What is appropriate for the Plenty community
 - Lack of play equipment for the younger members of the area
 - Census details of the Plenty population indicates requirements for park facilities for the young and elderly. There is a need to ensure the area supports not only the groups from Greensborough, Diamond Creek etc but also Plenty inhabitants
 - Lack of general park areas for people to meet (playing fields do not provide the general park meeting areas)
 - Noise level associated with alternative use of the Old CFA building particularly after hours. The Hall can be hired but has restricted hours and is limited to functions which are not expected to disturb local people. The Hall usage tends to be limited to twice a month thus disturbance to local people is minimal and managed by the Hall committee. Lack of parking is already an issue within this section of the park and the potential noise associated with leaving any activities which may be associated with retaining the Old CFA building is likely to be invasive to the housing situated less than 100m from the area
 - Potential vandalism to the Plenty Hall and Church, War Memorial Gates and garden and the new café, particularly if encouraging commercial

- activities bringing people from outside the area for extended and possibly unsupervised periods
- Increased potential for graffiti, rubbish, and damage to historical buildings. Currently cleaning of both the Church and the Hall and overall maintenance of the War Memorial gardens are undertaken by Community Groups. These Groups are not prepared to cover any ground or building cleaning required if the Old CFA building is approved for alternative usage
 - Some of the ideas being promoted do not meet Land Use regulations for the area
 - Limited hours, requirement for onsite management, limited parking capability for commercial use (cannot take over the parking at the Plenty Hall and Church which would limit the community's ability to access and use the assets already in place), make a viable and economic commercial use of the property unlikely
 - Potential damage to neighbouring homes on Howell Road and old Yan Yean Road, and the sporting facilities in the War Memorial Area

IN SUMMARY – WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED

Considering the strong demand by the Plenty community, on social media, via online and physical petitions and through voicing their choices in local community meetings, Council is requested to adhere to the community preference and arrange for the dismantling of the Old CFA building and revert the area to open space designed to support the Plenty community's general use.

If Council cannot make that decision directly, this group requests Council undertake full, transparent, and open consultation with the Plenty community to determine and understand the community's desires regarding the demolishing / keeping of the building BEFORE undertaking any decision regarding the use of the building. It is viewed that requesting any Expressions of Interests or submissions for the use of this building prior to obtaining and considering the communities desires regarding the ongoing viability of the building is not in line with Council's obligations.

Submitted by



Submission 8

Corporate Info Received

21 OCT 2021

Nillumbik Shire Council

Submission to the Nillumbik Council

[REDACTED]

request the Nillumbik Council agree to the option of demolition of the Old Plenty CFA building and rehabilitation of the site once the Plenty CFA unit have moved into their new location. Further, I request that the site is reverted to open space for the use of the Community.

My reasoning for this request includes:

It is next to the ONLY shop in Plenty and could be used to eat takeaway from the Plenty Store. It would ^{also} be useful to have a seating area and a small covered area for shelter from the rain and in the summer heat.

Signed:

Address:

Contact Details:

Submission 9

Submission to the Nillumbik Council

I, [REDACTED]

request the Nillumbik Council agree to the option of demolition of the Old Plenty CFA building and rehabilitation of the site once the Plenty CFA unit have moved into their new location. Further, I request that the site is reverted to open space for the use of the Community.

My reasoning for this request includes:

THE PLENTY AREA LACKS 'OPEN SPACE' AREAS SIGNIFICANTLY
VEGETATION NEEDS TO BE REINSTATED; SEATING INSTALLED;
A ROTUNDA ERECTED & PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.
WITH THE DEMOLITION OF THE CFA BUILDING, THIS OPEN SPACE
CAN THEN FOCUS TO THE PLENTY COMMUNITY HALL & ALL THE CHURCH.
I ASK THAT COUNCIL GIVES CONSIDERATION TO THE RESIDENTS
OF PLENTY & MAKE THIS AREA A TALKING POINT ATTRACTION.

SOME YEARS BACK COUNCIL WAS APPROACHED TO HAVE
THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL ROOM FROM THE OLD PLENTY SCHOOL
RE-LOCATED INTO THE HALL GROUNDS TO MAKE A HISTORICAL
AREA - THIS REQUEST WAS DENIED. IRONICALLY THE SITE OF
THE PLENTY TP WAS MEANT TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO PARKLAND
ANOTHER DISAPPOINTMENT.

Signed: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact Details: [REDACTED]

Submission 10

Submission to the Nillumbik Council

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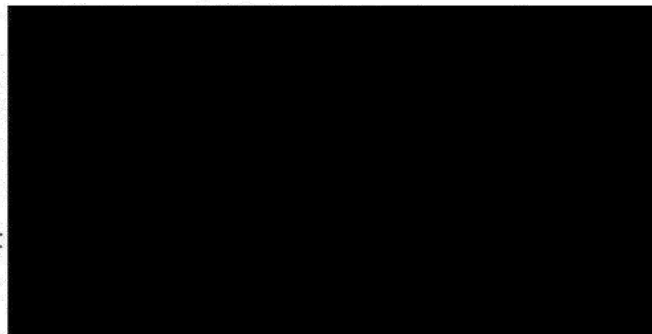
My reasoning for this request includes:

Clean up the site
Plant native trees.
Put up bird boxes.
Install some gradient seats
then residents in the area sit in quite room
and relax
Should not cost a lot
spread wood chips etc
and
= just do it
no great meetings
no voting
just do it

Signed:

Address:

Contact Details:



Submission 11


Submission to the Nillumbik Council


I, 

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My reasoning for this request includes:

A PARK FOR CHILDREN
+ COMMUNITY

Signed: 

Address: 

Contact Details: 

Submission 12


Submission to the Nillumbik Council


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request the Nillumbik Council agree to the option of demolition of the Old Plenty CFA building and rehabilitation of the site once the Plenty CFA unit have moved into their new location. Further, I request that the site is reverted to open space for the use of the Community.

My reasoning for this request includes:

needing a Park.

Signed: 

Address: 

Contact Details: 

Submission 13

Submission to the Nillumbik Council

I, [REDACTED]

request the Nillumbik Council agree to the option of demolition of the Old Plenty CFA building and rehabilitation of the site once the Plenty CFA unit have moved into their new location. Further, I request that the site is reverted to open space for the use of the Community.

My reasoning for this request includes: *TO HAVE A CHILDRENS PARK.*

Signed: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact Details: [REDACTED]

Submission 14

Submission to the Nillumbik Council

I, [REDACTED]

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My reasoning for this request includes:

TO BEAUTIFY THE AREA
WITH HERITAGE AREA

Signed: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact Details: 1

Submission 15

Submission to the Nillumbik Council

I, [REDACTED]

request the Nillumbik Council agree to the option of demolition of the Old Plenty CFA building and rehabilitation of the site once the Plenty CFA unit have moved into their new location. Further, I request that the site is reverted to open space for the use of the Community.

My reasoning for this request includes:

*That this is in the best interest
of our community!*

Signed: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact Details: [REDACTED]

Submission 16

Submission to the Nillumbik Council

I, [REDACTED]

request the Nillumbik Council agree to the option of demolition of the Old Plenty CFA building and rehabilitation of the site once the Plenty CFA unit have moved into their new location. Further, I request that the site is reverted to open space for the use of the Community.

My reasoning for this request includes:

Signed: [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

Contact Details: [REDACTED]

Submission 17

Submission to the Nillumbik Council

I, [REDACTED]

request the Nillumbik Council agree to the option of demolition of the Old Plenty CFA building and rehabilitation of the site once the Plenty CFA unit have moved into their new location. Further, I request that the site is reverted to open space for the use of the Community.

My reasoning for this request includes:

Park

Signed: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact Details: [REDACTED]

Submission 18

Submission to the Nillumbik Council

I, [REDACTED]

request the Nillumbik Council agree to the option of demolition of the Old Plenty CFA building and rehabilitation of the site once the Plenty CFA unit have moved into their new location. Further, I request that the site is reverted to open space for the use of the Community.

My reasoning for this request includes:

TO HAVE PARK FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE

Signed: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact Details: [REDACTED]

Submission to the Nillumbik Council


I, 

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My reasoning for this request includes:

The old station looks like
crap and should be turned into
Park land for people to enjoy -
Tables - BBQ - ect -

Signed: 

Address 

Contact Details: 



Submission 20

District 14 Headquarters Brigade East

Planning and Consultation Committee
Nillumbik Shire Council

26 October 2021

Ref: MG/211001

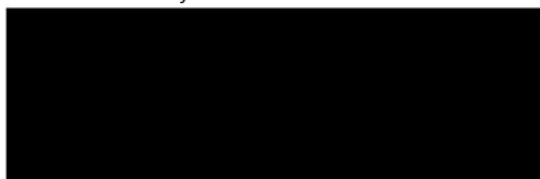
Dear Committee Members,

Subject: Old Plenty Fire Station

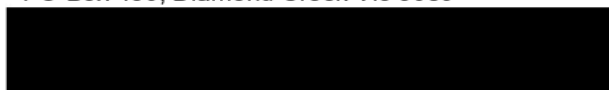
Please find follow our submission for the future use of the old Plenty Fire Station.

We would be happy to discuss our proposal further at a time convenient to you. We will also register to speak at the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting on 16 November

Yours faithfully



CFA District 14 Headquarters Brigade East
PO Box 450, Diamond Creek Vic 3089



A Home for CFA District 14 Headquarters Brigade East

CFA's District 14 Headquarters East Brigade needs a new home.

Our old home the Kangaroo Ground Incident Control Centre has been closed and converted to a new facility for the Nillumbik Group of Brigades. That's good for the district, but it leaves us needing a new home for our vehicles, gear and activities.

Fortunately, the Plenty CFA Brigade will be moving into its new fire station, and the old Plenty Fire Station is slated for demolition or conversion to another use.

CFA District 14 HQ East Brigade can renovate the old Plenty Fire Station for storage of our vehicles and gear, training sessions and use as an expansion space for Incident Control Centres during major bushfires and other incidents.

Moving *D14HQE* to Plenty would also save CFA and the Nillumbik Council hundreds of thousands of dollars in demolition, site rehabilitation costs and other costs, while the Brigade sets about renovating and upgrading the building.

What is a Headquarters (HQ) Brigade and what do they do?

This is a CFA Fire Brigade with everything but the fire truck. Its members are CFA volunteers who fill a wide range of specialist and support roles. Its equipment enables the Brigade to train and support other CFA Brigades.

- We include experienced CFA volunteer firefighters who have retired from the front line, and others who volunteer with specialist professional skills or community experience.
- During major fires, you can find the HQ Brigade's trained, skilled volunteers:
 - In Incident Management Teams (IMTs) that command the fighting of major fires
 - Coordinating field intelligence and weather forecasting
 - Providing logistics so the front line crews have the food, water and equipment they need
 - Operating quick fill pumps to reload tankers in the field
 - Running rehabilitation tents where firefighters fresh from the front line can rest, cool off and have their wellbeing monitored
 - Working in planning and intelligence roles that make sure any preparations are days ahead of the fire's progress
 - Issuing urgent warnings to the public via radio stations, websites and social media
 - Running community information sessions
- Away from major incidents, the HQ Brigade's volunteers work in:
 - The training of CFA volunteers for IMTs and other Brigades
 - Community education and preparation
 - Fundraising and recruiting
 - Equipment maintenance

A Home for CFA District 14 Headquarters Brigade East

Why do we want the old Plenty Fire Station?

- While we are a Brigade without a fire truck, we do need a home base for all of the other vehicles, gear and activities of a regular CFA Brigade, including:
 - A support vehicle (to be purchased once we have somewhere to store it)
 - Specialist equipment trailer with specialist gear for major incidents
 - Training sessions
 - Multi-agency emergency response exercises
 - Brigade meetings
 - Storage of equipment

What will the Brigade do with the Old Plenty Fire Station?

D14HQE plans to renovate the old fire station and add to its facilities, including:

- Building a studio for weekly training webinars for CFA Brigades and other agencies across the state (the Brigade has been running these through COVID-19 at any location we can find)
- Establishing a Digital Classroom (while IMT work is computer-based, there's not a computer lab in the district that can be accessed by volunteers)
- The Facility would be suitable to provide off-site Incident Management support staff for additional IMT members to operate during COVID restrictions
- The Facility would provide a specialist IMT Training facility at a convenient location where regular exercises could be conducted.
- The Building façade could be modernised to change it from an eyesore to a community asset, in a sensitive manner, with:
 - Rendering of the external and internal brickwork
 - Updating/painting building features
 - Replanting of tree and gardens

Given the opportunity, D14HQE would also look to:

- Potentially partner with *Nillumbik Living and Learning* to provide Leadership and Management training to members of emergency services and possibly some contra arrangement for council staff
- Offer accommodation for CFA's District Ground Intelligence Vehicle or other specialist vehicles

A Home for CFA District 14 Headquarters Brigade East

Are there benefits for the Council and the wider CFA, on top of having an active HQ Brigade supporting front line CFA firefighters in the district?

- Closing and demolishing the fire station would cost CFA approximately \$350,000 in meeting its obligations to rehabilitate it as public land – that money can be saved
- The Council taking ownership as a shared community facility would also involve the spending of \$XXX,000 – again, money that can be saved

Handing over the old Plenty Fire Station to CFA's *District 14 Headquarters East Brigade* would maintain it as a community facility, continue the Brigade's support to front line CFA crews, provide a base for online skills training to CFA Brigades across the state, and save both CFA and the Nillumbik community hundreds of thousands of dollars each.



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We acknowledge the traditional landowners, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and their Elders Past and Present

Re: Retain or demolish the old Plenty CFA station

This submission is made on behalf of the Executive and Members of the Plenty Historical Society Inc.

The Plenty Historical Society strongly supports the option to demolish the building and rehabilitate the site. The reasons for this position relate to the context and purpose of the Heritage Park and the impact to the environmental context of the Plenty Historic Church (former Methodist/Uniting church) and the Plenty Community Hall if the old CFA building is retained.

The Heritage Park was intended to provide a community space to commemorate the development of the original village which was on and immediately around this site. In 2004 the Plenty Historical Society argued in the development of the Plenty War Memorial Park Master Plan that the area of the park located on the northern side of Memorial Drive be named the Heritage Park. This section of the park represents part of the original town center of the village of Plenty. The vision was to celebrate the history of Plenty by developing a community educational hub within the park. The Plenty Community Hall was already located here. The Society proposed that the original church building when no longer required by the Uniting Church Australia and the original single room section of the Plenty State School be relocated to the park. Additionally, the site of the original CFA tin shed is at the north east boundary of the park; the original general store and post office was adjacent on the northern side of Howell Road; the War Memorial Gates are adjacent on the southern border across Memorial Drive along with the site of the original Plenty Cricket Club pavilion and the original tennis courts. The Heritage Park would provide a showcase of our history within the original bushland setting.

The Community Hall remains and the original church building has since been relocated to the Heritage Park and restored. The acquisition of the western section of the Heritage Park and development of the new CFA complex has resulted in the loss of a significant number of trees and substantially removed the rural setting that was integral to the heritage value of these buildings. The old CFA building is not consistent with nor complementary to the two existing heritage buildings.

The argument supporting demolition of the building and rehabilitation of the site is to provide an appropriate contextual environment for the remaining heritage buildings of Plenty. Development of vegetated parkland on the eastern section of the Heritage Park will provide a much-needed area for passive recreation and an area where educational signage could be placed to inform all visitors of the development of the township of Plenty and the significance of these central landmarks and buildings. The heritage value of both the historic church and community hall is significantly diminished if the rural context is lost. Parkland not only encourages local community to meet, learn about and enjoy our history but will also enable hall and church users to extend their usage to the outdoor environment which has been a much-appreciated feature of the hall in the past. Retention of the old CFA building negatively impacts the heritage value and environmental context of these two buildings which are the only two public buildings left from the initial 1920's development of the Plenty township. The Plenty Historical Society therefore supports demolition of the old CFA building.

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President, Plenty Historical Society.

The old Plenty fire station should be demolished.

The old fire station is located in the eastern section of the Heritage Park, an area that is part of the original town centre of Plenty. The old station is not the original fire station; it is not in keeping with nor does it compliment the two existing heritage buildings also on this site.

Plenty has suffered a considerable environmental impact from the widening and realignment of Yan Yean Road (loss of approximately 3000 trees; loss of a further 140 trees with sale of the west section of the Heritage Park and construction of the new CFA complex. In addition, the subdivision of the former Plenty State School property resulted in further tree loss including a significant pine plantation.

If Council adopt the option to require the CFA to demolish the old fire station and rehabilitate the site this would in part mitigate the loss of vegetation and passive recreation space. Previously the western section of the Heritage Park has provided a natural bush area which has been used by Plenty Community Hall users such as the Girl Guides and Brownies and social users who make use of the park surroundings. Removal of the old fire station and rehabilitation of the land will continue to provide this valuable adjunct to the Community Hall and now also users of the Historic Church.

Currently the heritage buildings (hall and church) are hidden behind the old fire station and with the loss of the west section of the Heritage Park have little more than a gravel carpark as surround. Removal of the old fire station opens up the eastern vista of both buildings enabling these buildings to be seen from both Yan Yean Road and the service road (old Yan Yean Road). Along with the recently renovated Plentiful store this gives an attractive and interesting introduction to Plenty, highlighting that there is indeed a town here and not just a stretch of 4 lane roadway.

Whilst there are excellent sporting facilities in Plenty there is very little public open space for passive recreation. Provision of lightly treed open space in the Heritage Park associated with community meeting places such as the hall, historic church, War Memorial Gates and remembrance garden and the Plentiful store provide the basis for a pleasant meeting place and community hub which is currently lacking. This is an area that is suitable for all age groups in the community and could be used for many forms of passive recreation.

Issues with retaining the old fire station for community use (particularly as such use will be open to community groups anywhere in the Shire) will bring more traffic into an area of already high traffic volumes (Memorial Drive) and the problems of associated parking. The vehicles from the sporting grounds already overflow onto surrounding streets due to lack of parking and we need to coordinate larger planned events between use of the hall and church along with sporting events to ensure parking availability.

There are some very valid positive reasons for demolishing the old fire station to enhance the character of the existing heritage buildings, provide an attractive and flexible passive recreation space and restoring a section of the Heritage Park with natural vegetation. These are benefits for all members of the Plenty community and our visitors. The benefits far out weigh retention of an old building which has the potential to become poorly maintained and derelict over time.


Plenty resident

Submission 23

Submission to the Nillumbik Council

I, [REDACTED]

request the Nillumbik Council agree to the option of demolition of the Old Plenty CFA building and rehabilitation of the site once the Plenty CFA unit have moved into their new location. Further, I request that the site is reverted to open space for the use of the Community.

My reasoning for this request includes:

A passive recreation area for Plenty residents is needed. The sporting facilities within Plenty Park are well used but the majority of the members of these clubs except maybe the tennis club are not Plenty residents. There is only one picnic table in the park and a small playground that are well used but more would be good. The loss of our Heritage Park and the Yan Yean Rd works have meant the loss of many trees - planting out the old CFA site would go a very small way to replacing some. A park on this site would make the hall and church much more appealing and useable - hopefully increasing the hire rate of the hall. Much has been done in Plenty that does not directly benefit the residents - a small park is something that would be for us.

Signed: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Contact Details: [REDACTED]

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Nillumbik Shire Council

Old Plenty Fire Station Site Consultation Report

November 2021

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Introduction

The Nillumbik Shire Council conducted an open-access survey-based consultation exploring options in relation to the Old Plenty Fire Station. Additional feedback was provided to Council via submissions from the public and some organisations.

The survey was made available on the *Participate Nillumbik* website, and aimed to explore the following:

- Whether the fire station should be retained or demolished.
- Reasons why participants wanted to retain or demolish the fire station.
- Participant's ideas either for the retained building or the site after demolition.
- How respondents became aware of the proposal.
- The participants' suburb of residence and relationship to Nillumbik Shire.

Metropolis Research was commissioned to compile the raw results from both the survey and the other submissions and to prepare this written report. Metropolis Research was not involved in the design of the consultation, the design of the survey form, or the implementation of the consultation.

Metropolis Research makes no warranty as to the degree to which these results reflect the views of the underlying community from which participants are drawn, as the survey was a self-selection, rather than a random sample survey.

Methodology

This project was conducted as a consultation exercise, comprising an open-access online survey available on the *Participate Nillumbik* website, with paper surveys also made available.

The survey was open online at *Participate Nillumbik* from the 29th of September till the 26th of October 2021.

The survey was advertised to the community via:

- Media releases via e-newsletters.
- A series of posts on Council's social media sites.
- Direct contact with key stakeholder groups contacting key stakeholder groups (community groups within Plenty including Greensborough Hockey Club, Plenty Historical Church & Plenty Hall Committee), and Plenty Tennis Club.
- Signs located around Plenty promoting the Participate Nillumbik survey.
- Contacting people who had previously written to Council concerning the site.

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In addition to the online survey, a mail out of 912 hard copy surveys was undertaken to Plenty residents via Australia Postal delivery, and there was an offer to obtain a hard copy of the survey upon request.

It is important to note that the survey was not a random sample survey, rather it was an open-access survey that any individuals could choose to complete.

The survey results, therefore, reflect the views of those in the community who were aware of the project and the consultation, and who were sufficiently engaged to choose to participate by completing the survey.

As a result of this methodology, it cannot be assumed, therefore, that the views expressed in these survey results reflect the views of the entire community living in the surrounding area.

It is also important to note that the results have also not been weighted by suburb population, so that each suburb contributes proportionally to the overall result.

Summary of key findings

The following are the key points and findings from this consultation exercise:

- 53.6% of respondents preferred to demolish, whilst 46.2% preferred to retain the Old Plenty Fire Station building.
- 21 of the 23 written submissions preferred to demolish the building, as did the 314 petitioners.
- The main reasons for wanting to retain the building were for its use as a community space and / or for community groups (35.7%), to avoid cost and waste (22.6%), and for its local heritage and character (21.4%).
- The most common ideas / proposals for the site by respondents who preferred to retain the building were community uses (81%), *including Hayden's Helping Hand (24.9%), a community centre / hub / neighbourhood house (19.5%), or community education / training / information (10.7%)*, hospitality, entertainment, or retail uses (40%), or arts and cultural activities (11%).
- The main reasons for wanting to demolish the building were the perceived need for more open space (50.7%), the cost of refurbishment / maintenance (23.1%), and the age and undesirable character of the building (22.1%).
- The vast majority of respondents who preferred to demolish the building wanted the land used for open space of some form. This includes passive recreation (38.3%), playgrounds / play equipment (26.5%), indigenous planting / revegetation (26.6%), park with facilities for social interaction such as BBQ, picnic, seating, toilets (19.4%), and active open space / sporting (14.8%).

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Survey results

Retain / demolish the old building

Respondents were asked:

“Should the old Plenty Fire Station building be retained or demolished once the Country Fire Authority (CFA) vacates the site?”

There was a total of 365 survey respondents (including both online and hard-copy surveys), with 364 of these respondents providing a response to this question.

Of these 365 respondents, a little more than half (53.6%) preferred that the fire station be demolished once the Country Fire Authority (CFA) vacates the site, whilst a little less than half (46.2%) preferred that the building be retained.

One respondent selected both retain and demolish the building.

Retain / demolish the old Plenty Fire Station building
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(Number and percent of respondents providing a response)

Response	2021	
	Number	Percent
Retain	168	46.2%
Demolish	195	53.5%
Retain / demolish	1	0.3%
Not stated	1	
Total	365	100%

In addition to the survey, a total of 24 written submissions were received by Council in relation to this proposal, as well as one petition (containing 314 signatures).

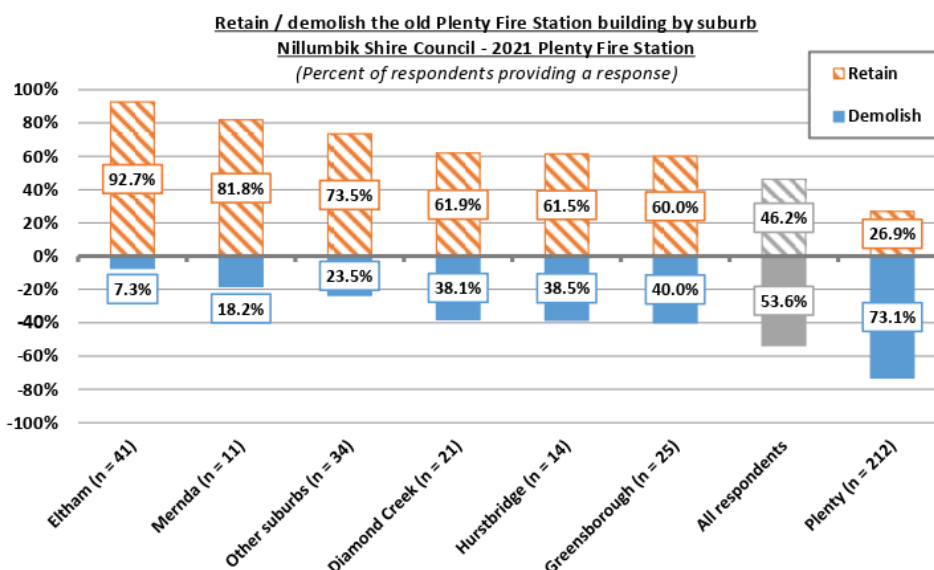
Of the 23 written submissions, 21 preferred that the building be demolished, whilst two preferred that it be retained.

The 314 petitioners were petitioning Council to approve the demolition of the building.

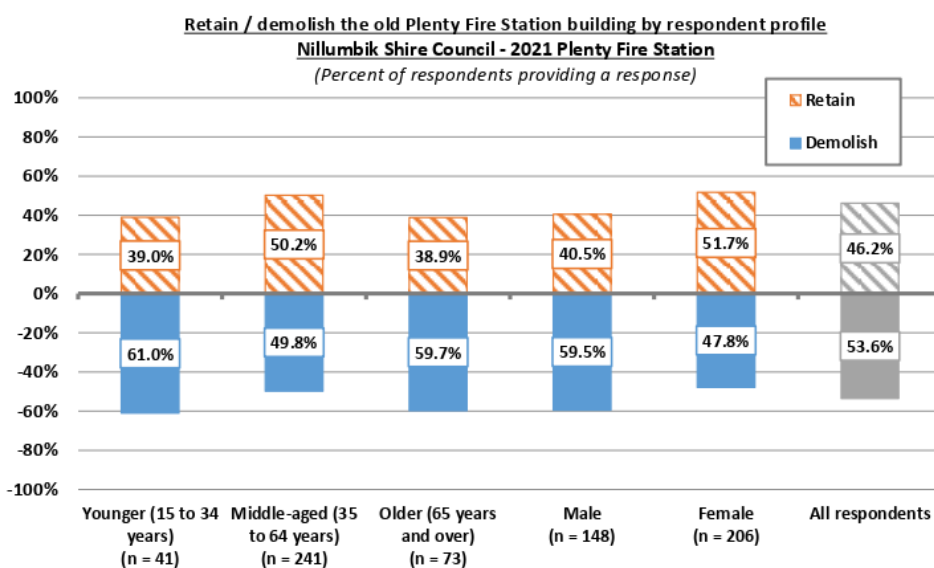
There was some variation in the survey 365 survey results observed by the respondents' suburb of residence, as follows:

- **Eltham and Mernda** – the 52 respondents from these two suburbs were notably more likely than average to prefer that the building be retained.
- **Plenty residents** – the 212 respondents from Plenty were notably more likely than average to prefer that the building be demolished.

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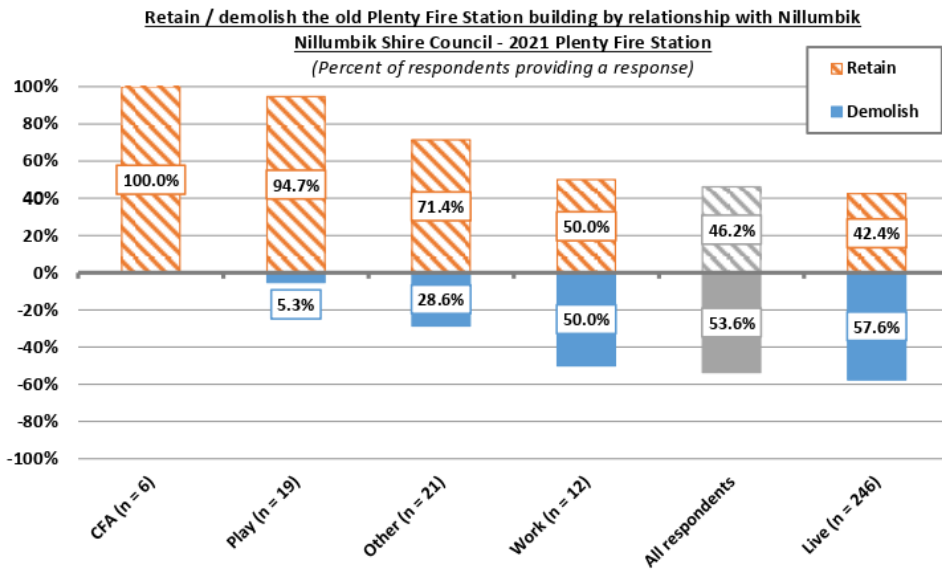
There was some variation in this result observed by respondent profile, with both younger respondents (aged under 35 years) and older respondents (aged 65 years and over) both slightly more likely than middle-aged respondents (aged 35 to 64 years) to prefer that the building be demolished. It is also noted that female respondents were notably more likely than male respondents to prefer that the building be retained.



When examined by the respondents' relationship to Nillumbik Shire, it is noted that the small sample of six respondents from the CFA and the 19 whose relationship to Nillumbik was relaxation (play), were both strongly in favour of retaining the building.

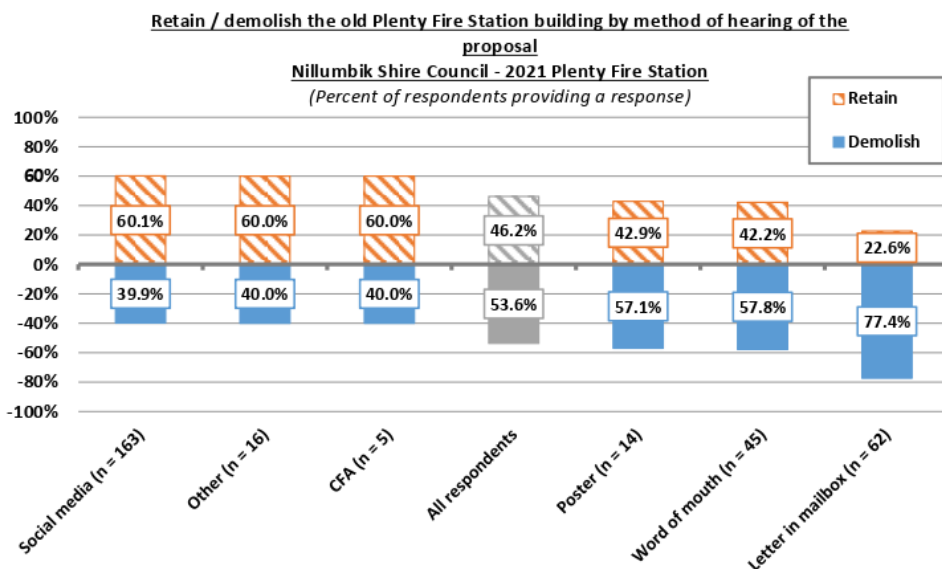
The 246 respondents who reported that they live in Nillumbik Shire were more likely to prefer that the building be demolished rather than retained.

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It is useful to examine the results for the key question of the survey by the method by which respondents became aware of the proposal. This is particularly important for self-selection consultations such as this, where individuals can choose to participate without being invited to participate, such as in a random sample survey. As these respondents choose themselves to participate it is important to know how they became aware of the consultation.

It is noted that the 62 respondents who heard about the proposal via a letter in the mailbox were substantially more likely than other respondents to prefer that the building be demolished.



Reasons for wanting to retain / demolish the old building

Respondents were asked:

“Please specify your reasons for this.”

The 365 survey respondents were asked to specify their reasons for either wanting to retain or demolish the Old Plenty Fire Station.

Reasons for wanting to retain the building

The 168 survey respondents who wanted to retain the Old Plenty Fire Station provided a total of 182 broad reasons for wanting to retain the building.

These reasons have been broadly categorised, as outlined in the following table.

The verbatim comments underpinning these category results are available on request.

The two most common reasons why respondents wanted to retain the Old Plenty Fire Station were focused on three basic reasons:

- ***Use as a community space and / or for community groups (35.7%)*** – this includes those who specifically mentioned use by local community groups (such as Men’s Shed, rotary clubs, Hayden’s Helping Hand, U3A and similar groups), and those who mentioned use as a community building, hub, or neighbourhood house.
- ***Local heritage / character (21.4%)*** – a little more than one-fifth of respondents who wanted to retain the building sited its heritage, its character, or that it is an icon.
- ***Waste / cost (22.6%)*** – a little more than one-fifth of respondents sited the perceived waste of demolishing a functional building or sited the cost to taxpayers of demolition and rebuilding.

There were a range of other reasons listed by respondents who preferred to retain the building, including its use for other purposes such as hospitality or retail, multiple activities, and other reasons.

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Reasons for wanting to retain the old Plenty Fire Station building

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(Number and percent of survey respondents providing a response)

<i>Reason</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
To be used by community groups e.g. men's shed, rotary clubs, U3A	39	23.2%
Part of heritage and character of area / a landmark / icon	36	21.4%
Local community building / hub / neighbourhood house	21	12.5%
Waste to demolish a usable, functional building	17	10.1%
Will save costs / taxpayer money, expensive to rebuild	12	7.1%
Building can be repurposed for multiple activities	10	6.0%
Could be repurposed for restaurant / bar / retail	8	4.8%
To be used by Hayden's Helping Hands	6	3.6%
Sell or lease for commercial / business use	6	3.6%
Other reasons	6	3.6%
Environmental impact	5	3.0%
Adequate green space available / no need for more	4	2.4%
Lack of adequate infrastructure in Plenty	4	2.4%
CFA D14 HQ East Home	3	1.8%
Repurpose for art / studio / events / yoga	3	1.8%
Repurpose for indoor sports / activities	2	1.2%
Total reasons	182	
<i>Total respondents wanting to retain the building</i>	<i>168</i>	

In addition to the 168 survey respondents who preferred to retain the building, two of the 23 written submissions also wanted to retain the building.

The reasons for retaining the building cited by these two submitters were that it could be used by Hayden's Helping Hands (1 submission) and that it should be the CFA D14HQ East Home (1 submission).

Reasons for wanting to demolish the building

The 195 survey respondents who preferred to demolish the Old Plenty Fire Station provided a total of 310 reasons for wanting to demolish, which have been broadly categorised in the following table.

The verbatim comments underpinning these results are available on request.

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There were three broad reasons cited by respondents who wanted to demolish the Old Plenty Fire Station, as follows:

- **Perceived need for more open space (50.7%)** – this includes both 25.6% of respondents who cited the need to replace green open space and trees lost due to the new CFA building and / or the Yan Yean Road upgrade, and 25.1% who referenced a need for more open space, green space, nature, parks, and / or native plantings.
- **Cost of refurbishment / maintenance (23.1%)** – almost one-quarter of respondents who preferred to demolish the building cited the cost of maintaining or refurbishing the existing building.
- **Age and character of the building (22.1%)** – a little more than one-fifth of the respondents who preferred to demolish the building cited the age of the building, or the believed it was unattractive or an eyesore.

Reasons for wanting to demolish the old Plenty Fire Station building

Nillumbik Shire Council - 2021 Old Plenty Fire Station

(Number and percent of respondents providing a response)

<i>Reason</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Need to replace green space / trees lost due to new CFA building / Yan Yean Rd upgrade	50	25.6%
Need more open, green space, nature, park, native plantings	49	25.1%
Cost of refurbishing / maintaining the building is too high	45	23.1%
Building is old / ugly / an eyesore	43	22.1%
No historic / architectural value / does not fit with surroundings	27	13.8%
No purpose / function of building / no sensible proposal	17	8.7%
Need for more playground / children's facilities	14	7.2%
Availability of other buildings in the area, no need for more	13	6.7%
Asbestos building	11	5.6%
Other	10	5.1%
Open space to complement Plenty Hall / Church / Historical Society	9	4.6%
Need for more outdoor / active recreational space	6	3.1%
Firestation bell	3	1.5%
To beautify the area	3	1.5%
CFA to be responsible for demolition and rehabilitation of land	2	1.0%
Need for more parks / open space due to COVID	2	1.0%
Not commercial area / should not be sold off for commercial use	2	1.0%
Open space to complement new café	2	1.0%
Other uses	2	1.0%
Unsuitable to retain due to traffic, parking, noise, vandalism etc.	0	0.0%
Zoned to PPRZ	0	0.0%
Total reasons	310	
<i>Total survey respondents wanting to demolish the building</i>	<i>195</i>	

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In addition to the 195 survey respondents, 21 of the 23 written submissions, as well as the 314 petitioners also wanted to demolish the building.

The 21 written submissions that preferred that the building be demolished provided a total of 43 separately categorised reasons for demolishing the building, as follows:

- The need for more open space, green space, nature, parks, native plantings (13 submissions).
- The need for more playground / children's facilities (5 submissions).
- The need for more open space to complement the Plenty Hall, Church, Historical Society (5 submissions).
- The need to replace green space / trees lost due to the new CFA building and / or the Yan Yean Road upgrade (4 submissions).
- That the building has no historic or architectural value or does not fit with its surroundings (4 submissions).
- Use the open space to complement a new café (2 submissions).
- Unsuitable to retain due to traffic, parking, noise, or vandalism (2 submissions).
- Zone to PPRZ (2 submissions).
- The cost of refurbishing or maintaining the building is too high (1 submission).
- The building is old / ugly / an eyesore (1 submission).
- Asbestos in the building (1 submission).
- To beautify the area (1 submission).
- CFA should be responsible for demolition and rehabilitation of land (1 submission).
- Other (1 submission).

Ideas / proposals for the site or use of the building

Respondents were asked:

“What are your ideas / proposals for the site or use of the building?”

The 168 survey respondents who preferred to retain and the 195 respondents who preferred to demolish the Old Plenty Fire station were asked for their ideas or proposals for the site or use of the building.

These responses have been broadly categorised, with the summary results outlined in the following tables.

Retain the building

The 168 respondents who preferred to retain the Old Plenty Fire Station building outlined a total of 253 separately categorised ideas / proposals for use of the building.

The most common suggestions can best be summarised into three broad uses, as follows:

- **Community uses (81%)** – this includes Hayden’s Helping Hands (24.9%), a community centre / hub / neighbourhood house (19.5%), community education / training / information / U3A (10.7%), community / men’s or women’s shed (8.9%), space for storage for charities and volunteer groups (5.3%), community youth hall / hub (3.6%), scouts / girl guides / rotary clubs, etc (2.4%), meeting hall (2.4%), food bank (1.8%), and other community uses.
- **Hospitality, entertainment, or retail uses (40%)** - includes bar / pub / restaurant / café / entertainment venue (26.0%), Farmer’s market / Sunday market / fresh food (5.3%), lease to local business (4.1%), or retail (4.1%).
- **Arts and cultural activities (11%)** – includes arts and craft gallery / studio (10.1%) or music venue / studio (1.2%).

It is noted that 6.5% of respondents who preferred to retain the Old Plenty Fire Station building wanted it retained for CFA activities.

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Ideas / proposals for the site or use of the building if wanting to retain the building

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(Number and percent of total respondents who wanted to retain building)

Aspect	2021	
	Number	Percent
Bar / pub / restaurant / café / entertainment venue	44	26.0%
Haydens Helping Hands	42	24.9%
Community centre / hub / neighbourhood house	33	19.5%
Community education / training / information / U3A centre	18	10.7%
Art and craft gallery / studio	17	10.1%
Community / men / women's shed	15	8.9%
CFA D14 HQ East Home / CFA activities	11	6.5%
Farmer's market / Sunday market / fresh	9	5.3%
Space for charities / volunteer groups for sorting / storage	9	5.3%
Lease to local business	7	4.1%
Retail	7	4.1%
Community youth hall / hub	6	3.6%
Gym / pilates / yoga / wellness	4	2.4%
Meeting hall / lunch room shelter	4	2.4%
Scouts / girl guide / Lions / Rotary club venue	4	2.4%
Food bank / pantry	3	1.8%
Indoor sports and recreation like darts / table tennis / lawn bowls	3	1.8%
Fire station / history museum	2	1.2%
Medical centre / Allied Health	2	1.2%
Music venue / studio	2	1.2%
Op shops	2	1.2%
Play centre / playground	2	1.2%
Early childhood centre	1	0.6%
Food truck site	1	0.6%
Incorporate with Plenty Hal	1	0.6%
Mountain bike hub	1	0.6%
All other aspects	3	1.8%
Total responses	253	
<i>Respondents identifying at least one aspect</i>	<i>164</i> <i>(97.0%)</i>	

The following table provides a breakdown of the top five uses for the building suggested by respondents who preferred to retain the building by their suburb of residence. Whilst the sample size is quite small for these results, the following variations are still noted:

- **Hayden's Helping Hand** – respondents from Eltham, Greensborough, and "other suburbs" were more likely than average to prefer that the building be used for this purpose.
- **Bar / pub / restaurant / café / entertainment venue** – respondents from Plenty were more likely than average to prefer that the building be use for this purpose.

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- **Art Gallery / studio** – the small sample of respondents from Hurstbridge were more likely than average to prefer that the building be used for this purpose.

Ideas / proposals for the site or use of the building if wanting to retain the building

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(Number and percent of total respondents who supported the proposed site)

Plenty		Eltham	
Bar / pub / restaurant / café / entertain.	49.1%	Haydens Helping Hands	57.9%
Community centre/hub/neighbourhood hse	24.6%	Community education / training / info.	13.2%
Art gallery / studio	17.5%	Bar / pub / restaurant / café / entertai	10.5%
Farmer's market / Sunday market / fresh	12.3%	Community centre/hub/neighbourhood hse	10.5%
Retail	8.8%	Space for charities / volunteer groups	10.5%
All other aspects	59.6%	All other aspects	31.6%
Respondents identifying one aspect	55 (96.5%)	Respondents identifying one aspect	37 (97.4%)

Greensborough		Diamond Creek	
Haydens Helping Hands	46.7%	Bar / pub / restaurant / café / entertai	30.8%
Community centre/hub/neighbourhood hse	26.7%	Community centre/hub/neighbourhood hse	30.8%
Bar / pub / restaurant / café / entertain.	20.0%	Community / men / women's shed	15.4%
Community education / training / info.	20.0%	Haydens Helping Hands	15.4%
Space for charities / volunteer groups	20.0%	Fire station / history museum	15.4%
All other aspects	20.0%	All other aspects	46.2%
Respondents identifying one aspect	15 (100%)	Respondents identifying one aspect	12 (92.3%)

Hurstbridge		Mernda	
Art gallery / studio	37.5%	Community education / training / info.	22.2%
CFA D14 HQ East Home / CFA activities	25.0%	CFA D14 HQ East Home / CFA activities	22.2%
Music venue / studio	12.5%	Bar / pub / restaurant / café / entertain.	11.1%
Community centre/hub/neighbourhood hse	12.5%	Community centre/hub/neighbourhood hse	11.1%
Community / men / women's shed	12.5%	Community / men / women's shed	11.1%
All other aspects	37.5%	All other aspects	22.2%
Respondents identifying one aspect	7 (87.5%)	Respondents identifying one aspect	9 (100%)

Other suburbs		All respondents	
Haydens Helping Hands	42.3%	Bar / pub / restaurant / café / entertain.	26.0%
CFA D14 HQ East Home / CFA activities	23.1%	Haydens Helping Hands	24.9%
Community centre/hub/neighbourhood hse	19.2%	Community centre / hub / neighb'hood hse	19.5%
Community / men / women's shed	11.5%	Community education / training / info.	10.7%
Community education / training / info.	7.7%	Art and craft gallery / studio	10.1%
All other aspects	30.8%	All other aspects	
Respondents identifying one aspect	26 (100%)	Respondents identifying one aspect	164 (97.0%)

Demolish the building

The 195 respondents who preferred to demolish the building provided a total of 324 separately categorised responses in relation to their preferred uses for the site.

Most of the respondents who preferred to demolish the Old Plenty Fire Station building preferred that the site be used for some form of open space, although there was some variation in emphasis by these respondents, as follows:

- **Passive recreation** - a little more than one-third (38.3%) suggested some form of passive recreation, parks, or gardens.
- **Playgrounds / play equipment** - a little more than one-quarter (26.5%) of respondents suggested that playgrounds or play equipment be provided.
- **Indigenous / revegetation** – almost one-quarter (23.5%) focused at least in part on the need for replanting trees and indigenous revegetation of some form, with a further 3.1% preferring that it be used for bushland or wildlife area.
- **Park with facilities** – approximately one-fifth (19.4%) of respondents suggested a park or open space with a range of facilities, including BBQ, picnic, seating, toilet facilities and other facilities that would facilitate social interactions.
- **Active open space** – almost one-sixth (14.8%) of respondents suggested open space that was suitable for more active open space uses (e.g., fitness, walking tracks) as well as some suggestions for more fixed sporting facilities such as basketball courts.

There were a range of other suggestions, including hospitality, entertainment or retail facilities, a community garden, and other suggestions in small numbers.

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Ideas / proposals for the site or use of the building if wanting to demolish the building

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(Number and percent of total respondents who wanted to demolish building)

Aspect	2021	
	Number	Percent
Passive recreation / park / garden	75	38.3%
Playground and play equipment	52	26.5%
Passive recreation / reserve with replanting trees, indigenous revegetation	46	23.5%
Park with picnic / seating / toilet facilities	38	19.4%
Open space with active recreation facilities e.g. basketball / fitness	29	14.8%
Park / open space with historical, memorial, gazebo, rotunda, sculptures	17	8.7%
Bar / restaurant / café / entertainment	11	5.6%
Complement / incorporate with Plenty Hall	11	5.6%
Preserve the bell / time capsule	9	4.6%
Bushland / wildlife area	6	3.1%
Community garden / with produce store	6	3.1%
Dog park	6	3.1%
Community building / hub with multiple services	5	2.6%
Park with walking tracks	3	1.5%
Community hospital	2	1.0%
Botanical garden	1	0.5%
Community / men's / women's shed	1	0.5%
Sell / pay debt	1	0.5%
Yoga / pilates / exercise studio	1	0.5%
All other aspect	4	2.0%
Total responses	324	
<i>Respondents identifying at least one aspect</i>	<i>189</i> <i>(96.4%)</i>	

The following table provides a breakdown of the top five uses for the site suggested by respondents who preferred to demolish the building by their suburb of residence.

It is important to note that most of the respondents who preferred to demolish the Old Plenty Fire Station building who provided a response to this question (151 of 189), were from the suburb of Plenty, with just 32 located in other suburbs.

Just a handful of these respondents suggested bushland / wildlife area, active open space facilities, and a park with facilities for social interaction.

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(Number and percent of total respondents who supported the proposed site)

Plenty		Eltham	
Passive recreation / park / garden	39.4%	Bushland / wildlife area	33.3%
Passive recreation/reserve w replant trees	27.7%	Complement / incorporate with Plenty Hall	33.3%
Playground and play equipment	27.1%	Community hospital	33.3%
Park with picnic / seating / toilet facilities	20.6%		
Open space w active recreation facilities	15.5%		
All other aspects	41.9%		
Respondents identifying one aspect	151 (97.4%)	Respondents identifying one aspect	3 (100%)

Greensborough		Diamond Creek	
Passive recreation / park / garden	40.0%	Open space w active recreation facilities	50.0%
Playground and play equipment	30.0%	Playground and play equipment	37.5%
Park with picnic / seating / toilet facilities	20.0%	Passive recreation / park / garden	37.5%
Community garden / with produce store	20.0%	Passive recreation/reserve w replant trees	12.5%
Bushland / wildlife area	10.0%	Community garden / with produce store	12.5%
All other aspects	50.0%		
Respondents identifying one aspect	10 (100%)	Respondents identifying one aspect	6 (75.0%)

Hurstbridge		Mernda	
Park with picnic / seating / toilet facilities	40.0%	Passive recreation / park / garden	50.0%
Passive recreation / park / garden	40.0%	Commun. building/hub w multiple services	50.0%
Playground and play equipment	20.0%		
Bushland / wildlife area	20.0%		
Bar / restaurant / café / entertainment	20.0%		
Respondents identifying one aspect	5 (100%)	Respondents identifying one aspect	2 (100%)

Other suburbs		All respondents	
Passive recreation / park / garden	22.2%	Passive recreation / park / garden	38.3%
Park / open space / with historical	22.2%	Playground and play equipment	26.5%
Park with picnic / seating / toilet facilities	11.1%	Passive recreation/reserve w replant trees	23.5%
Playground and play equipment	11.1%	Park with picnic / seating / toilet facilities	19.4%
Passive recreation/reserve w replant trees	11.1%	Open space w active recreation facilities	14.8%
All other aspects	33.3%	All other aspects	42.9%
Respondents identifying one aspect	8 (88.9%)	Respondents identifying one aspect	189 (96.4%)

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Respondent Profile

The respondent profile results presented in the following tables are not referenced against the Census results, as they are not randomly drawn.

Age structure

The survey respondents were mostly aged 35 to 64 years of age.

Age structure
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(Number and percent of respondents providing a response)

Age	2021	
	Number	Percent
Under 15 years	8	2.3%
16 - 24 years	15	4.2%
25 - 34 years	18	5.1%
35 - 49 years	119	33.5%
50 - 64 years	122	34.4%
65 - 79 years	65	18.3%
80 years and over	8	2.3%
Not stated	10	
Total	365	100%

Gender

There were slightly more female than male respondents to the survey.

Gender
Nillumbik Shire Council - 2021 Plenty Fire Station
(Number and percent of respondents providing a response)

Gender	2021	
	Number	Percent
Male	148	41.7%
Female	206	58.0%
Prefer to self-describe	1	0.3%
Prefer not to say	10	
Total	365	100%

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Suburb of residence

Consistent with the mailout of the survey to residents in the Plenty suburb, this suburb dominates the suburb of residence results.

It is noted that a small number of respondents were located in suburbs outside the Nillumbik Shire.

Suburb of residence
Nillumbik Shire Council - 2021 Plenty Fire Station
(Number and percent of respondents providing a response)

<i>Suburb</i>	<i>2021</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Plenty	212	59.2%
Eltham	41	11.5%
Greensborough	25	7.0%
Diamond Creek	21	5.9%
Hurstbridge	14	3.9%
Mernda	11	3.1%
Yarrambat	6	1.7%
Craigieburn	4	1.1%
Montmorency	4	1.1%
South Morang	4	1.1%
Panton Hill	2	0.6%
Wattle Glen	2	0.6%
Whittlesea	2	0.6%
Boronia	1	0.3%
Bundoora	1	0.3%
Burwood East	1	0.3%
Croydon	1	0.3%
Heidelberg	1	0.3%
Ivanhoe	1	0.3%
Kangaroo Ground	1	0.3%
Lower Plenty	1	0.3%
Northcote	1	0.3%
Sunbury	1	0.3%
Not stated	7	
Total	365	100%

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Relationship with Nillumbik

Consistent with the suburb of residence results, the overwhelming majority of respondents reported that their relationship to the Nillumbik Shire was that they lived in the Shire.

Relationship with Nillumbik
Nillumbik Shire Council - 2021 Plenty Fire Station
(Number and percent of respondents providing a response)

Response	2021	
	Number	Percent
Live	246	80.9%
Play	19	6.3%
Work	12	3.9%
CFA	6	2.0%
Other	21	6.9%
Not stated	61	
Total	365	100%

Method of hearing of the proposal

It is noted that, despite the mailout to residents in Plenty, the majority of respondents heard about the proposal via social media, with one-fifth receiving the letter in the mailbox.

Method of hearing of the proposal
Nillumbik Shire Council - 2021 Plenty Fire Station
(Number and percent of respondents providing a response)

Method	2021	
	Number	Percent
Social media	163	53.4%
Letter in mailbox	62	20.3%
Word of mouth	45	14.8%
Poster	14	4.6%
CFA	5	1.6%
Other	16	5.2%
Not stated	60	
Total	365	100%