



## MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT COBRAM  
CIVIC CENTRE, PUNT ROAD COBRAM,  
TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2015**

The meeting commenced at 6:00 pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Marie Martin (Mayor)  
Councillor Kevin Bourke  
Councillor Wendy Buck  
Councillor Gary Cleveland  
Councillor Ed Cox  
Councillor Brian Keenan  
Councillor Peter Mansfield  
Councillor Alex Monk

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mark Henderson	Chief Executive Officer
Leanne Mulcahy	General Manager Corporate
Andrew Close	General Manager Infrastructure

### **1. CALLING TO ORDER - CEO**

### **2. PRAYER**

Almighty God we humbly ask you to guide our deliberations for the welfare and benefit of the Moira Shire and its people whom we serve.

Amen

### **3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

We, the Moira Shire Council, would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet and pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.

### **4. APOLOGIES & REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Councillor Don McPhee was an apology for the Special Meeting of Council.

### **5. DECLARATION OF ANY INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

### **MOTION**

CRS KEVIN BOURKE / ED COX

That standing orders be suspended to consider Budget and Council Plan submissions.

(CARRIED)

Budget and Council Plan submissions were considered.

**MOTION**

CRS ED COX / GARY CLEVELAND

That standing orders be resumed.

(CARRIED)

**6. OFFICER REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION**

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**7. CLOSE OF MEETING**

Meeting closed at 7:24 PM



**MARK HENDERSON  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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## MOIRA SHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSED BUDGET 2015/16 - SUBMISSIONS

### 1. Executive Summary

The process of advertising the Proposed Budget and the consideration of submissions from interested persons is carried out in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 (LGA), section 223. On 27 April 2015, Council resolved to place the Proposed Budget 2015/16 on public exhibition seeking comments on its content. At the close of business on 29 May 2015, Council has received 16 written submissions with 11 requests to be heard. This compares with 183 submissions (including 161 letters of support for Scott Reserve designs) received in the 2014/15 process.

As in prior years, those submitters who have requested to be heard have been invited to attend the meeting of Council and to speak in support of their submissions. No questions will be permitted.

It is suggested that Council refer its evaluation of each submission to the next ordinary meeting of Council, to be held on 22 June 2015.

### 2. Background and Options

On 28 April 2015, Council publicly advertised its proposed budget and invited submissions to be lodged by 5pm on 29 May 2015.

#### Budget submissions received for the Budget 2015-2016

<i>Submitters who requested to be heard</i>		
Doc ref	Name	Submission
1	Vic Donht	Upgrade of car park at Nathalia swimming pool
2	Vic Donht	Upgrade Harcourt Street, Nathalia
3	Pauline Thomson	Walking/cycling track – Hogans Road, Yarrawonga
4	Michael Beeching – Lake Rowan Community	Urban Dust suppression programme
5	Kerry-Anne Rappell	Town Clock in Nathalia
6	John Hay	Budget analysis (Administration costs, underspend on Roads etc.,)
7	Phillip Ross – Strathmerton Community Coordinators	Memorial Plantation
8	Laurie Kennedy – Wungnu Recreation Reserves Committee of Management	Recreation Reserve Drainage
9	Laurie Kennedy – Wungnu Advancement Group	Wungnu to Numurkah Bicycle waking track.
10	Laurie Kennedy - Wungnu Advancement Group	Modernising of Toilet block
12	Phillippa Schapper, Karen Baker and Olive Sage - The GRAIN Store, Nathalia	Seeking Grants for Art activities
Other Submissions		
	Name	Submission
11	Doug Wilson – President, Yarrawonga Lions Club	Wayside stop at Bathumi
13	Lindsay Saunders	Lighting at Botts Road - Murray Valley Highway intersection
14	Xavier Leslie	Tree removals – Lott Street, Yarrawonga

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15	Scott Olson	Budget analysis
16	Kevin Taylor - Yarroweyah Community Coordinators	Yarroweyah Town Drainage Plan.

**3. Financial Implications**

Any financial implications are determined through Council's consideration of the budget submissions.

**4. Risk Management**

The Proposed Budget 2015/16 was prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act.

**5. Internal and External Consultation**

**External:**

This Special Meeting of Council is the result of the public advertisement of the Proposed Budget 2015/16 on 28 April 2015.

**Internal:**

Corporate Management Team  
Management Team

**6. Regional Context**

N/A

**7. Council Plan Strategy**

Strategy 4.4 Financial Management states "Ensure Council plans and resources, records and budget systems are maintained and managed sustainably".

**8. Legislative / Policy Implications**

Local Government Act 1989, sections 127, 129 and 223.  
Budget and Financial Reporting Policy

**9. Environmental Impact**

The Proposed Budget 2015/16 has no Environment Sustainability implications.

**10. Conflict of Interest Considerations**

There are no officer conflict of interest issues to consider within this report.

**11. Conclusion**

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It is suggested that the result of Council's consideration of the budget submissions be referred to the Council meeting of 22 June 2015 for evaluation as part of the consideration to adopt the budget 2015/16.

#### Attachments

- 1 01 - Submission - Nathalia & District Development Co-op - (NADDCO) - Upgrade of Car Park at Nathalia Swimming Pool.pdf
- 2 02 - Upgrade of Harcourt Street, Nathalia
- 3 03 - Walking-Cycling track, Hogan's Road, Yarrawonga
- 4 04 - Urban Dust Suppression Programme, Lake Rowan Community
- 5 05 - Town Clock, Nathalia
- 6 06 - John Hay, Budget Analysis
- 7 07 - Memorial Plantation, Strathmerton
- 8 08 - Recreation Reserve Drainage, Wungnu
- 9 09 - Wungnu to Numurkah Bicycle Walking Track
- 10 10 - Modernising of Toilet Block, Wungnu
- 11 11 - Wayside Stop at Bathumi
- 12 12 - Arts Grant, The GRAIN Store, Nathalia
- 13 13 - Street lighting, Botts Road-Murray valley highway intersection
- 14 14 - Tree Removal, Lott Street
- 15 15 - Scott Olson, Budget analysis
- 16 16 - Yarraweyah Town Drainage Plan

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the submissions and refer them to the Council Meeting of 22 June 2015 as part of Council's consideration and decision to adopt the 2015/16 Budget.

#### MOTION

CRS ED COX / GARY CLEVELAND

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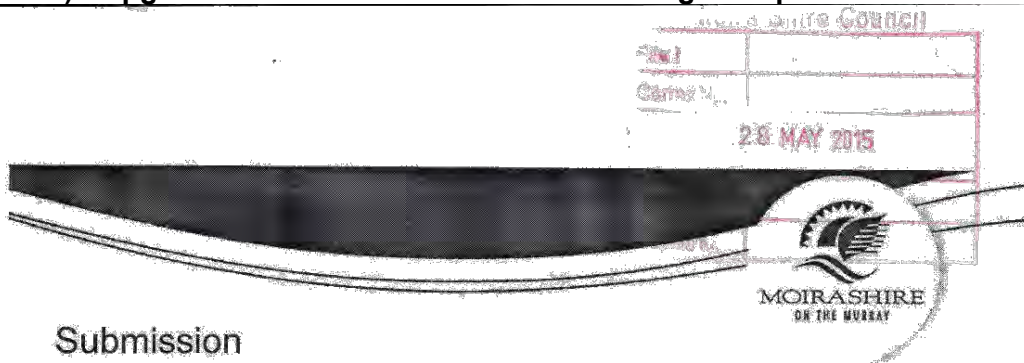
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**ATTACHMENT No [1] - 01 - Submission - Nathalia & District Development Co-op - (NADDCO) - Upgrade of Car Park at Nathalia Swimming Pool.pdf**



### Submission

#### Moira Shire Council's Proposed 2015/16 Budget

A submission simply means you provide Council with a written document that outlines your feedback on the proposed budget. You can attach further documentation and you also have the opportunity to speak to your submission at our Special Council Meeting.

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- be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Moira Shire Council;
- be submitted
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  - by email to [webmaster@moira.vic.gov.au](mailto:webmaster@moira.vic.gov.au);
- provide details that ensure we can contact you in response to your submission;
- indicate whether you, or someone you appoint, would like to speak to your submission at our Special Meeting of Council at **6pm Tuesday 9 June 2015**. The meeting is open to the public.

Council is required to consider all submissions received and make submissions available for public inspection for a period of twelve months.

If you indicate you want to speak to your submission, we will contact you before 9 June to confirm your presentation time.


Date:	26/5/2015		
Name:	Nathalia and District Development Co-Op		
Address:	<div></div>		
Town:	<div></div>		
Phone No.	<div></div>	Mobile No.	<div></div>
Email address:	<div></div>		
Do you (or your nominee) wish to speak in support of your submission at the Special Council Meeting 9 June 2015?			
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*Submission: (Please attach additional pages or documents if required)*

We NADDCO would like to have included in the budget 2015/2016 , an upgrade of area which is the car park of the Nathalia swimming pool. This space is currently untidy with the dead and dying trees with concrete at the base of the trees strangling them. It is a much needed upgrade for the area because of the new Men's Shed erection which is adjacent to the car park, and could make this area be utilized much more effectively.

**Check list:**  
Have you attached additional information? ☐  
Did you tick 'Yes' if you want to present to Council? ☐  
Have you included all your contact details? ☐

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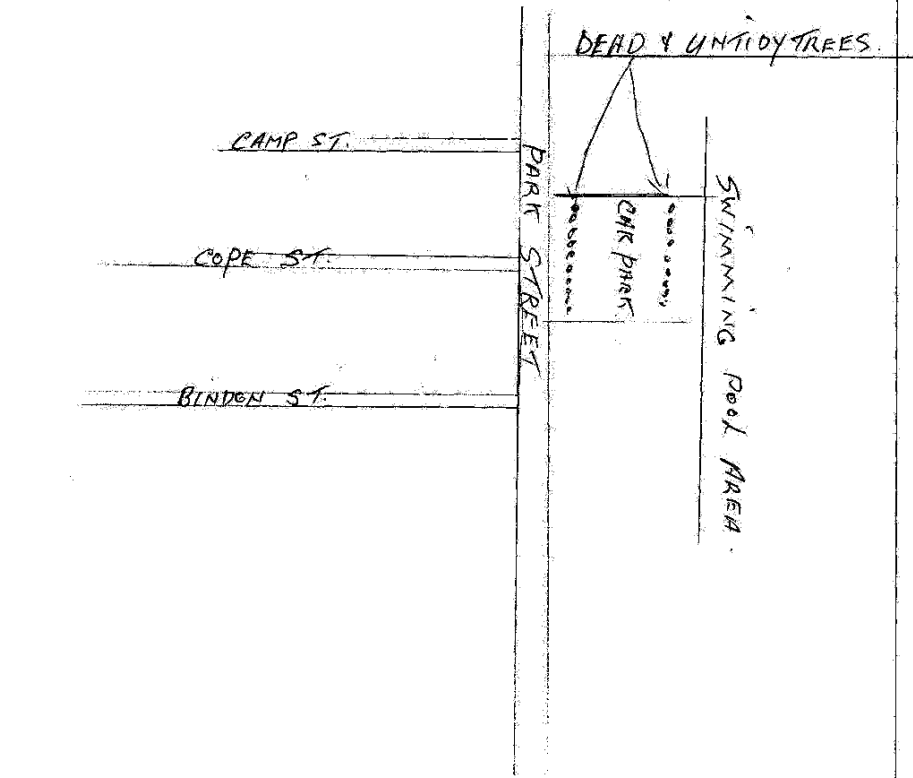
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**ATTACHMENT No [2] - 02 - Upgrade of Harcourt Street, Nathalia**



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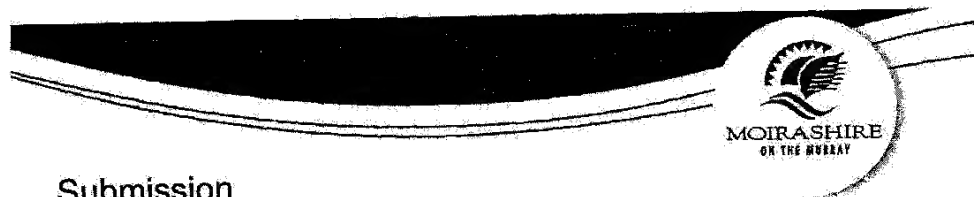
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Name:	Nathalia and District Development Co-Op (NADDCO)		
Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Town:	<input type="text"/>		
Phone No.	<input type="text"/>	Vic Dohnt	Mobile No. <input type="text"/>
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**Submission**

**Moir Shire Council's Proposed 2015/16 Budget**

*Submission: (Please attach additional pages or documents if required)*

We NADDCO would like to have included in the budget 2015/2016, an upgrade of area in Harcourt Street Nathalia.  
This space is at present untidy with no garden and broken kirbing on one side.  
It could be used for a garden and much needed car parking, especially for the CFA when an emergency arises.  
It would also be a much more pleasant on drive to the Nathalia Hospital.

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Have you included all your contact details?

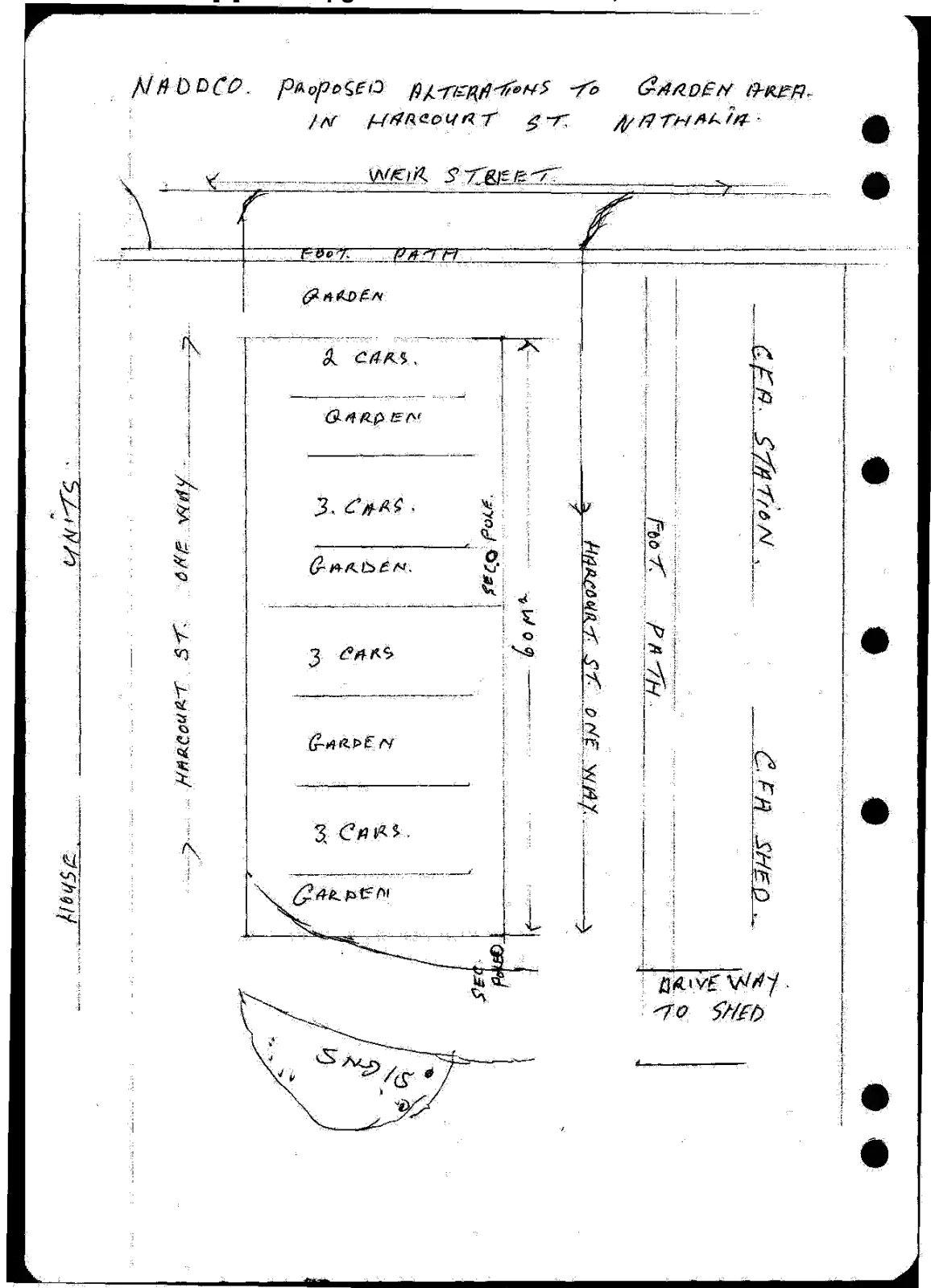
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**ATTACHMENT No [3] - 03 - Walking-Cycling track, Hogan's Road, Yarrawonga**

**From:** cms@seamlesscms.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 May 2015 5:08 PM  
**To:** RecordsWebmaster  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget - Online Submissions Submitted

First Name: Sandy  
Last Name: Judd  
Address 1:  
Address 2:  
Town:  
State:  
Post Code:  
Contact Ph No.  
Mobile Ph No.  
email address:

[sandy.carracher@bigpond.com.au](mailto:sandy.carracher@bigpond.com.au)

Submission:

Following submission in June 2014 by our group, Council allocated \$15,000 to be used for investigation into the development of a walk/cycle track proposed to run the length of Hogans Road from the Murray Valley Highway to the Boat Ramp in the 2014/2015 financial year. Despite written request to shire in February 2015 requesting a progress update of how these funds have been used, we were told this was confidential and have received no further information. We have since been advised these funds have not been used. The proposed budget for 2015/2016 indicates funds have been allocated for construction of a temporary path from the Murray Valley Highway to Rosemary Court. This is a distance of approximately 0.5km of a road that is 1.5kms in length. It is the view of the action group, that whilst any progress is welcome, it does not mitigate the significant road safety concerns, expressed previously. We therefore make our submission that the council should include in the 2015/2016 budget sufficient funds to construct a track which runs the full length from the Murray Valley Highway to the boat ramp. This will ensure that vehicular traffic and pedestrians/cyclists will be separated and therefore reduces the risk of accident and serious injury. Sandy Judd Jenny Loughnan Bron Nagle On behalf of the Hogans Road Walk/Cycle track group 26-May-2015

Please upload your attachment if required. No file attached

Do you wish to present your submission at a Special Council Meeting Yes

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**ATTACHMENT No [4] - 04 - Urban Dust Suppression Programme, Lake Rowan Community**

Mark Henderson  
CEO  
Moira Shire Council  
PO Box 578  
Cobram VIC 3644

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Dear Mark

**2015/16 Draft Budget Submission**

Lake Rowan Community is pleased to see that \$185,000 has been allocated to the Urban Dust Suppression Program – Provision of urban dust suppression seal, of which Lake Rowan has been identified to benefit from this project. The project will focus on:

Holmes Rd, Lake Rowan (Lake Rowan Rd to Benalla-Yarrawonga Rd)

Holmes Rd, Lake Rowan (Benalla-Yarrawonga Rd to Savage St)

Savage St, Lake Rowan (Holmes Rd to Christian Rd)

The Lake Rowan community has been waiting a long time for this project.

Community members recently met with Council officers from the Operations department to plan for the project. Discussions on the works to be undertaken on the project were endorsed by the Officers and the community members present at the meeting.

The current issues associated with the above roads not being sealed include:

- The roads are bus routes and stops for school buses
- There is concern around safety of cars at the road junctions
- Lake Rowan does not have town water therefore, with the road dust, property rain water is contaminated
- Dust on properties requires properties to have windows closed and hung laundry to be dirty, and
- The B double grain trucks and farm equipment use the roads – this causes extreme dust to properties

This issue has been in Lake Rowan's Community Action Agenda (Plan) for many years; it has also previously been identified on Council's draft budgets, but not yet successful.

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**ATTACHMENT No [4] - 04 - Urban Dust Suppression Programme, Lake Rowan Community**

This sealing program in Lake Rowan will:

- Reduce dust to properties, therefore, improving the quality of life all residents
- Improve road safety for all
- Reduce road surface noise

With this the members of the Lake Rowan Progress Association Planning Committee representing the whole Lake Rowan community would like the opportunity to be heard at the Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday 9 June 2015, 6pm, Cobram.

We look forward to this project starting in the 15/16 financial year.

For more information regarding this or to organise the budget hearing time please contact Michael Beeching on 5765 3283 or John Alley on 5765 3295.

Yours sincerely,

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
HELENA BEECHING		Helena Beeching
MICHAEL BEECHING		M. Beeching
JODIE LOVEL		Jodie Lovel
ROSS LOVEL		Ross Lovel
CAROLYN ADDISON		C. Addison
ANDREW CURRIE		A. Currie
PAUL ADDISON		Paul Addison
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DAVID RUSSELL		D. Russell
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WARREN LEADINGHAM		W. Leadingham



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**ATTACHMENT No [4] - 04 - Urban Dust Suppression Programme, Lake Rowan  
Community**

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
CAROLE SIMPSON		C Simpson
JIM SIMPSON		J Simpson
Greg Holmes		G Holmes
Georgia Holmes		G Holmes
Ruthie Burton		R Burton
Tanya Cannon		T Cannon
Bill Finley		B Finley
Peter Russell		P Russell
Liz Russell		L Russell
MICHAEL MURPHY		M Murphy
WENDY LOWES		W Lowes
EDWIN NADEN		E Naden
TANIA MONTGOMERY		T Montgomery
CAROLYN SCOBLE		C Scoble
Jane Griffin		J Griffin
MIKE GRIFFIN		M Griffin
ROSIE IRVINE		R Irvine
IAN IRVINE		I Irvine
HEATHER LEARY		H Leary
JOHN LEARY		J Leary
KIRSTEN LEARY		K Leary
JOHNNY LEARY		J Leary
Tamara Osborne		T Osborne

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**ATTACHMENT No [4] - 04 - Urban Dust Suppression Programme, Lake Rowan Community**

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**ATTACHMENT No [5] - 05 - Town Clock, Nathtalia**



**Submission**

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Date:	15-5-15		
Name:	Kerry-anne RAPPELL		
Address:	<div></div>		
Town:	<div></div>		
Phone No.		Mobile No.	<div></div>
Email address:	<div></div>		
Do you (or your nominee) wish to speak in support of your submission at the Special Council Meeting 9 June 2015?			
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**ATTACHMENT No [5] - 05 - Town Clock, Nathalia**



**Submission**

**Moirashire Council's Proposed 2015/16 Budget**

Submission: (Please attach additional pages or documents if required)

The Nathalia Welfare Group has established a sub-committee to progress the establishment of a town clock in Nathalia - to be funded by \$8000 already held by our group, further fundraising and possibly grant money.

We held a meeting on Thursday the 14th of May 2015 with a large number of people in attendance who are determined to achieve this project.

\*Could Council please consider including this important project for the Nathalia Community as an externally funded line item in the 2015/16 Capital Works Budget?

**Check list:**

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**ATTACHMENT No [6] - 06 - John Hay, Budget Analysis**

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Date:	23-5-2015
Name:	JOHN HAY
Address:	
Town:	
Phone No.	
Mobile No.	
Email address:	
Do you (or your nominee) wish to speak in support of your submission at the Special Council Meeting 9 June 2015?	
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*Administration costs are far too high, it seems there are too many employed at the executive level.  
To me the Shire is involved in too many special programs and they have to get back to the basics so rate payers are getting value for money.*

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The Shire has to learn to tighten its belt.*

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**ATTACHMENT No [7] - 07 - Memorial Plantation, Strathmerton**

Moira Shire 2015 – 2016 Budget Submission by the Strathmerton Community Coordinators

The Strathmerton Community Coordinator group wishes to honour the memory of a great Australian Sir Murray Bouchier by establishing a memorial plantation dedicated to his memory on the North side of the Murray Valley Highway from Kenny Street to Macguire Street and Butt Street to the highway exit. We want to do this to recognize the ongoing connection of Sir Murray and the Bouchier family to the Strathmerton district with the family farm "Woodland Park" still held by family members, and to also honour this important historical figure and provide a substantial streetscape improvement for Strathmerton.

At this stage we intend to install four laser cut images of Sir Murray Bouchier representing four stages of his life as a farmer, soldier, politician and advocate for ex-servicemen, farmers and their families together with four podium style signs detailing his life's work. The images and signs will bookend two plantations of probably *Pyrus Calleryana* Chanticleer although all this will depend on community support and feedback.

The Strathmerton Coordinators as they are a non-incorporated advisory group cannot fundraise for this project but have community partners such as Lions to join with them to help progress this important project. The Strathmerton Community Coordinators intend to apply for a Victorian Veterans Council Anzac Centenary Grant supporting the establishment of new memorials using Lions to auspice the grant and to also support some community fundraising. I am here tonight to bring this to your attention and to ask for your consideration in supporting this important project for Strathmerton. Council was approached to include this in its 2015/16 Budget at no net cost to Council but this has not occurred, we ask that Council reconsider this decision and include this project as an externally funded item in the Budget.

Below is a biography of Sir Murray Bouchier detailing his outstanding service to his country.

Sir Murray William James Bouchier (1881-1937), grazier, soldier and politician, was born on 4 April 1881 at Pootilla, Bungaree, Victoria, eldest son of Edward Bouchier, Geelong-born farmer, and his wife Francis (Fanny), née Cope. In 1878 Edward and his three brothers had taken up four adjoining selections on the Murray River near Tocumwal. Within a few years their properties had expanded considerably: Edward's, near Strathmerton was called Woodland Park; the other three were known collectively as Boomagong. After a private education in Melbourne, Murray returned to Woodland Park. From 1909 until the outbreak of World War I he commanded a troop of light horse at Numurkah, attending annual camps and courses.

Bouchier's military service was distinguished. He enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force in August 1914 and sailed as a lieutenant in the 4th Light Horse Regiment, serving seven months on Gallipoli. After the Sinai campaign in 1916-17, during which he was promoted lieutenant-colonel commanding his regiment, he made the crucial final assault on Beersheba. On 31 October 1917 he led his men, many of them from his own district, at full gallop over two miles into Turkish entrenchments and on for a further two miles (3.2 km) into Beersheba to capture vital wells before the Turks could destroy them. Lacking sabres, the regiment used bayonets held in their hands as shock weapons. For this exploit he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and earned the sobriquet 'Bouchier of Beersheba'. Eleven months later, after fighting north through Palestine, he commanded a joint force of the 4th and 12th Light Horse regiments (Bouchier Force) in the final advance on Damascus; on entering the city the 4th captured 12,000 Turks and set about relieving their sufferings.

Bouchier was three times mentioned in dispatches. He was appointed C.M.G. in June 1919 and his A.I.F. appointment ended in October. In 1921 he was promoted colonel, commanding the 5th Cavalry Brigade, and in 1931 brigadier, in charge of the 2nd Cavalry Division. He returned to Strathmerton but later farmed a property at Katandra, which he named Kuneitra. On 16 June 1921 at Holy Trinity Church, Kew, he married Minona Francis, daughter of Sir Frank Madden.

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In 1920 Bouchier entered the Legislative Assembly as the Victorian Farmers' Union member for Goulburn Valley; he had to contest the 1921 election but between 1924 and 1935 he was unopposed as Country Party member. The plight of returned soldiers had been his active concern; fittingly, his maiden speech was an attack on the (Sir) Harry Lawson government's neglect of ex-servicemen and the subject remained a constant theme. He was fiercely loyal to his electorate and its particular rural interests. He allied himself with the conservative John Allan against (Sir) Albert Dunstan's breakaway group of 1926, the Country Progressive Party. Bouchier would not tolerate the notion of an alliance with Labour, which Dunstan favoured. He opposed the unemployed workers' insurance bill of 1928 on the conflicting grounds that there would always be the 'unemployable' in the community and that lack of work was a temporary problem: he considered the money would be better spent on national undertakings, such as irrigation schemes. Similarly in 1931, he opposed the unemployment relief bill, because it discriminated against the unemployed in country areas. He was typical of the aggressive parochialism of his party.

Bouchier was minister of agriculture and of markets in the Allan government in 1924-27 and deputy leader of the party in 1927-30. When the party and the breakaway group amalgamated to form the United Country Party in 1930 he was obliged to stand down for Dunstan. Bouchier was not one of those approved by Sir Stanley Argyle to join his United Australia Party-Country Party coalition from May 1932. Next year, when Allan had to resign after a revolt by three members, Bouchier won the leadership ballot which followed. He was a principled and predictable man, who never lacked a solid bloc of supporters, but he was an uninspired leader, and he seemed almost destined to lose in the end to the more resourceful Dunstan. His March 1935 election campaign was unimpressive; he concentrated almost entirely on rural matters in the general context of sound finance, a balanced budget, and no additional taxation. Although the party improved its position, his supporters grew impatient. On 14 March, at a meeting over which Bouchier presided, his leadership was challenged: Dunstan won by 13 votes to 11. In the Country Party government formed with Labour support on 2 April, Bouchier was named chief secretary and minister of labour and deputy premier.

In January 1936 his appointment as agent-general in London

Thank you for your consideration of this important project for Strathmerton.

Yours Faithfully


  
Philip Ross Soden

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**ATTACHMENT No [8] - 08 - Recreation Reserve Drainage, Wungnu**



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Date: 29-05-15	
Name: Wungnu Rec Reserve C.O.M. (L. Kennedy)	
Address: [Redacted]	
Town: [Redacted]	
Phone No. [Redacted]	Mobile No. [Redacted]
Email address: [Redacted]	
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**WUNGHNU RECREATION RESERVE  
COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

PRESIDENT  
Simon Dixon  
Wunghnu



SECRETARY  
Laurie Kennedy  
P.O. Box 25  
Wunghnu 3635  
03 58621048  
29/05/2015

CEO Moira Shire Council  
Mr Mark Henderson  
Moira Shire Councillors

A submission for Moira Shire Council's Proposed Budget 2015/16

Dear Sir

The Wunghnu Rec Reserve Section 86 Committee of Management would be greatly pleased if the Drainage of the Rec Reserve scheme was to happen before the next major flood.

In the time since the last flood, we were lead to believe that this work would be carried out, but to no avail.

During the last flood we had what was affectingly known as Lake Wunghnu, during this time user groups Goulburn Valley vintage Tractor and Farm Machinery club inc was unable to conduct their annual Vintage tractor pull as the water had not drained.

A part of the problem is that the marked easement drain on the original town map, this has been filled in by a resident who's land the easement went through,

On the original town plan shows this easement was in place to drain the swamp area on the opposite side of the rec reserve ,

To further compound the problem a culvert under the GV highway is above ground level and has an upward sloop further restricting the flow of water.

Wunghnu over the years has had regular floods and according to locals the last was one of the worst.

We appeal to Council to consider our plight and remedy the situation.


Yours Faithfully  
Laurie Kennedy

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Date: 29-05-15	
Name: Wungnu Advancement Group Inc (L. Kennedy)	
Address: [Redacted]	
Town: [Redacted]	
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CEO Moira Shire Council

Mr Mark Henderson

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**ATTACHMENT No [10] - 10 - Modernising of Toilet Block, Wungnu**



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Name: Wungnu Advancement Group Inc (Liam Kennedy)	
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**ATTACHMENT No [11] - 11 - Wayside Stop at Bathumi**



**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 27 May 2015 10:38 AM  
**To:** RecordsWebmaster  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Budget 2015/16

CEO Moira Shire

In last years budget Moira allocated \$50,000 toward the planned wayside stop at Bathumi. This project is still being developed and the Council contribution is still needed as seed funding to enable other grants to be obtained.

Could you please Council commitment to this very worthwhile project is maintained.

Doug Wilson  
President  
Yarrawonga Lions Club

Sent from my iPad

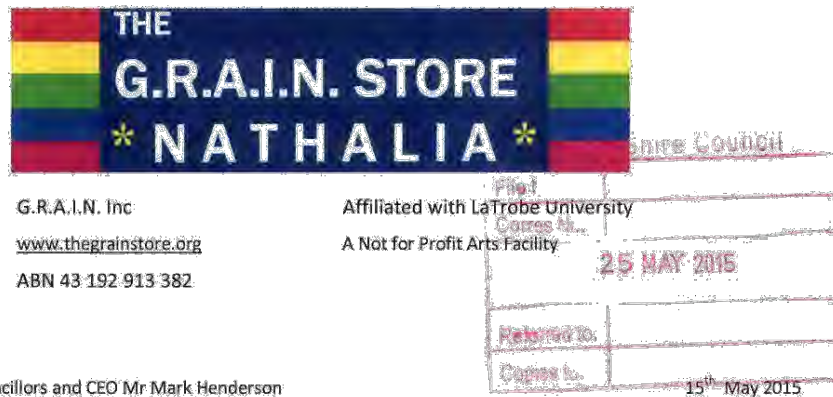


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**ATTACHMENT No [12] - 12 - Arts Grant, The GRAIN Store, Nathalia**



ATT: Moira Shire Councillors and CEO Mr Mark Henderson

The Board of The G.R.A.I.N. Store acknowledges the support the Moira Shire Council has provided to our organisation. We would like to sincerely thank you for your support for the 2014/2015 financial year. Please be advised that the board is now applying for continued Moira Shire Council support for the 2015-2016 financial year.

**CONTEXT**

Ours is a success story. As a registered Not for Profit community facility, with an immensely successful four year track record of serving the people of Moira Shire in the areas of arts & education, with a special commitment to environment, reconciliation and rural health, The G.R.A.I.N. Store has also positively contributed to the economic life of Western Moira and hence the Shire itself. The G.R.A.I.N. Store in the last two years has provided part time employment for two young artists, giving them the opportunity to develop their art careers and providing them with vital contact with internationally recognised artists and a mentoring program which gives them vital curating skills which they can use in their future art careers. In a community the size of Nathalia this is a significant contribution providing employment opportunities which would otherwise not exist locally. Our exhibitions and workshops have drawn participants not only from across the Shire but from neighbouring shires and wider afield, including overseas visitors, bringing vital funds to the local community and providing many artists with the chance to have their work more widely recognised. The G.R.A.I.N. Store has continued to assist Moira Shire to be seen as a leading and energetic area in rural arts – with participation in G.R.A.I.N. Store programmes by significant contributors to the arts locally and nationally, continued recognition by RAV and attendance at its functions by senior administrators from Regional Arts Australia and Regional Arts Victoria, ABC National radio and television identities & the Chair of the Sidney Myer Fund. The success of the G.R.A.I.N. Store projects has been reflected in our links with major arts and education institutions such as the Victorian College of the Arts, La Trobe University and the Museum of Australian Democracy in Canberra, letters of support from former Minister of the Arts Hon Heidi Victoria and coverage in local, regional and Victoria wide print and electronic media outlets. These are not, by any measure, small achievements. Continued success now requires continued funding by the Shire.

**LOCAL CONTEXT**

The G.R.A.I.N. Store over the last four years has been a vibrant arts hub in the centre of Blake Street, something which is most important in a small community where local businesses often struggle to survive. It has provided education, entertainment, a venue for events, support across the community for individuals, community groups and businesses.

For four years we have actively engaged not only our local community but also engaged artists, performers, teachers and audiences from across the Shire & other regions. We are proudly based in one of the Shire's smallest and certainly its most active arts community, activity which led to the creation of The G.R.A.I.N. Store – which we are proud to say is the only *fully dedicated* professionally operated arts facility in the Shire – a facility that has *national recognition* for its *innovative programmes*.

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**ATTACHMENT No [12] - 12 - Arts Grant, The GRAIN Store, Nathalia**

**FUNDING**

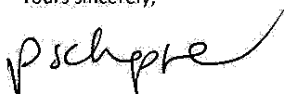
Moira Shire recognised our worth as an arts facility by providing us with \$20,000 funding in the 2014/15 financial year and we would like to acknowledge and thank Council for this support, which has assisted us in our program allowing for additional performers and exhibitions and the incorporation of a masterclass workshop and print exhibition. Please refer to our acquittal for more details.

We are committed to working towards viable future funding for our organisation and its programs. This year already we have applied for funding to Australia Post, and we are preparing funding submissions for Regional Arts Victoria (August Round) and Australia Council for the Arts as well as applying to the Sir Andrew and Lady Fairley Foundation and other philanthropic organisations for support. Many such grants require evidence of local government support (often on a dollar for dollar basis) and we hope we can show that Moira Shire is willing to give that support. Furthermore without evidence of continued local government support, our ability to raise funds from state or federal agencies also becomes virtually impossible.

This letter is to request that council allocate within their budget for ongoing substantive support for The G.R.A.I.N. Store. Recognised as one of rural Victoria's most successful and lauded facilities, we want to make The G.R.A.I.N. Store a flagship for the Moira Shire as a dedicated professional arts facility in this culturally rich and thriving region of Victoria.

The attached catalogue is from our most successful 2015 exhibition "*Nathalia & District: A celebration of our contribution to Australia (& world) culture*" and is a reflection of the dedication and commitment of our organisation to provide professional quality art events within the Shire. Now is the opportunity for the Council to acknowledge the value of these programmes and make a commitment to the future of this facility and all that it brings to the Shire and its residents.

Yours sincerely,



Philippa Schapper  
Chairperson



Karen Baker  
Treasurer



Olive Sage  
Secretary

On behalf of the Board of G.R.A.I.N. Inc.

**Enclosures:**

Current - April, May, June – Programmes pages.  
G.R.A.I.N. Store First Exhibition 2015 catalogue

The G.R.A.I.N. Store – 24 Blake Street, Nathalia, Victoria, Australia, 3638

Hours are Thursday, Friday, Saturday (11:00 – 4:00)

Website: [www.thegrainstore.org](http://www.thegrainstore.org)

Email: [info@thegrainstore.org](mailto:info@thegrainstore.org)

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**ATTACHMENT No [13] - 13 - Street lighting, Botts Road-Murray valley highway intersection**

[www.moiravic.gov.au](http://www.moiravic.gov.au)



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 12 May 2015 7:16 PM  
**To:** RecordsWebmaster  
**Subject:** Submission

The Submission Department,

I wrote to you 31/7/14 in regard to my concerns of the dangerous intersection at Botts Road and Murray Valley Hwy. I read last weeks Chronicle to say there was a planned upgrade with a turning lane at this intersection for traffic turning off the highway into Botts Rd. That is promising news if this is to proceed in the 2015/16 financial year budget. It did not mention if this will include appropriate lighting at the intersection?, as this is of major concern to the safety of all motorists whether proceeding straight ahead along the Murray Valley Hwy or turning into Botts Road. I work in Wangaratta and come home turning at this intersection each evening around 6.00 pm, this time can be quite busy, dark and very dangerous to turn off the highway.

[REDACTED]  
Lindsay Saunders

[REDACTED]

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**ATTACHMENT No [14] - 14 - Tree Removal, Lott Street**



**Submission**

**Moirashire Council's Proposed 2015/16 Budget**

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- be submitted
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  - by email to [webmaster@moirashire.vic.gov.au](mailto:webmaster@moirashire.vic.gov.au);
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- indicate whether you, or someone you appoint, would like to speak to your submission at our Special Meeting of Council at **6pm Tuesday 9 June 2015**. The meeting is open to the public.

Council is required to consider all submissions received and make submissions available for public inspection for a period of twelve months.

If you indicate you want to speak to your submission, we will contact you before 9 June to confirm your presentation time.

Date: 14/05/15	
Name: XAVIER LESLIE	
Address: [Redacted]	
Town: [Redacted]	
Phone No. [Redacted]	Mobile No. [Redacted]
Email address: [Redacted]	
Do you (or your nominee) wish to speak in support of your submission at the Special Council Meeting 9 June 2015?	
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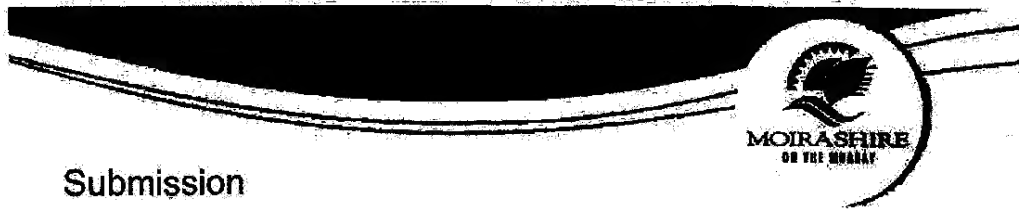
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**Submission**

**Moir Shire Council's Proposed 2015/16 Budget**

**Submission:** (Please attach additional pages or documents if required)

Following on from the petition presented to Council's meeting of the 23 March 2015 and a public meeting held at Yarrawonga's Community hall on Tuesday the 12 May 2015 regarding the removal of trees from Lott Street Yarrawonga I would like to make the following budget submission.

That Council resolve to place a sufficient amount in the 2015/16 budget to cover the cost of removal and replacement of the mostly "messy" and "destructive" Spotted gum trees in Lott Street, Yarrawonga. Many thanks.

Xavier Leslie.

**Check list:**

Have you attached additional information?  
Did you tick 'Yes' if you want to present to Council?  
Have you included all your contact details?

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**ATTACHMENT No [15] - 15 - Scott Olson, Budget analysis**



**From:** cms@seamlesscms.com  
**Sent:** Friday, 29 May 2015 12:47 PM  
**To:** RecordsWebmaster  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget - Online Submissions Submitted

First Name: Scott  
Last Name: Olson  
Address 1:  
Address 2:  
Town:  
State:  
Post Code:  
Contact Ph No.  
Mobile Ph No.  
email address:



Submission:

How can Council claim this year's proposed budget is anything other than a raw deal? Capital works is down compared to last year's budgeted amount by 6.2% (no you cannot claim the \$1.5M carryover twice - it is like claiming the same business expense twice over two financial years, it is illegal), added to this, you are running down our cash balance by \$1M, increasing employee benefits by 7.6%, all in exchange for a 4% increase in our rates. Is this budget a raw deal for ratepayers? It certainly looks that way! Then coupled to this budget, we have an \$8.1M spending shortfall discrepancy in capital works over the past 3 years once actual spend is compared against budget, again misleading behaviour on Council's part. As a ratepayer, I'm definitely looking forward to next year's rate capping by the state government. Maybe over time this Council will be forced to live within its means for a change. One can live in hope. However faint that may be in this Council.

Please upload your attachment if required. No file attached  
Do you wish to present your submission at a Special Council Meeting? No




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**ATTACHMENT No [16] - 16 - Yarroweyah Town Drainage Plan**


<b>Submission</b> <b>Moir Shire Council's Proposed 2015/16 Budget</b>
<b>Submission:</b> <i>(Please attach additional pages or documents if required)</i>
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YARROWEYAH COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATORS.



25<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the Moira Shire Council Proposed 2015/16 Budget. The above committee would like the following submission considered for inclusion in your 2015/16 budget.

**THE YARROWEYAH TOWN DRAINAGE PLAN.**

Over the past years we have tried to have the drainage problem at Yarroweyah rectified without any progress being made. Recently we made some ground when a survey was undertaken by the Shire with a plan to drain the excess water after heavy rains to a drainage pond on the west side of Yarroweyah. This was to be completed in two stages.

A meeting was ask for by the Committee with Graham Henderson (Manager, Construction and Assets) and Brett Hay to discuss the way the Shire was going to complete this work with the view of changing the stages around.. At this Meeting we were informed that a Title search had been conducted re: easement but found that the easement from the highway was never formally created. An easement will need to be formally created and is expected the cost to be at an upper limit of \$10,000 allowing for a licensed surveyor, preparing a new title plan showing the easement, lodgement of the revised title plan at the Titles Office, any legal fees and any compensation to the affected landowner that the easement will be created on their land. There would also need to be an additional survey done along Kenny road.

We as a committee feel that the drainage problem in Yarroweyah has been overlooked for too long. The problem of water lying around the area between Gooley Street and Kenny road along the highway and in front of Yarroweyah Engineering old factory is not improving and will not improve until the Shire does something about the drainage.

We as residents of Yarroweyah pay rates the same as residents in the major towns in the Shire and feel that some of these rates should be used to pay for projects like the Yarroweyah Town Drainage Plan. We feel that the Yarroweyah Town Drainage Plan should be included in the Moira Shire Council Proposed 2015/16 Budget.

Yours sincerely

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Kevin B Taylor.

Secretary.

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## 2013/14 TO 2016/17 COUNCIL PLAN REVIEW

### 1. Executive Summary

Following extensive promotion, Council received 2 submissions in response to its draft 2013-17 Council Plan.

The submissions are attached to this report for consideration by Council prior to adopting the final 2013-17 Council Plan.

One submitter will speak to their submission at the special Council Meeting on Tuesday 9 June.

A further (third) submission was received however we have since confirmed with the proponent that the submission was intended to provide feedback on the Council's Draft Budget. This submission is attached but will be considered as part of the Council's Draft Budget discussions.

### 2. Background and Options

In accordance with the motion passed at the 27 April Council Meeting, Council sought community feedback on the draft 2013-2017 Council Plan. Community consultation on the Council Plan is required to follow Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 which mandates a minimum 28 day feedback period. This feedback period began Wednesday 29 May and concluded 4 pm Friday 29 June.

The community were made aware of their opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Council Plan through a combination of

- weekly advertising;
- print, radio and TV media coverage;
- copies on display at Council Service Centres and agencies;
- website materials, and
- briefings provided by Council officers at regular community meetings.

Council provided print and online templates and tools to make the submission process as simple as possible.

The feedback period concluded at 4 pm Friday 29 May 2015 and Council received two submissions, compared with no (zero) submissions last year.

It is recommended that Council consider the submissions (attached) and the feedback provided at the special Council Meeting in finalising the 2013-2017 Council Plan.

### 3. Financial Implications

The Council Plan determines Council's strategic priorities with the annual budget confirming the financial implications for the business.

### 4. Risk Management

Under the Section 223 process, Council is obliged to consider all submissions received in response to the draft Council Plan prior to adopting the final Plan.

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## 2013/14 TO 2016/17 COUNCIL PLAN REVIEW (cont'd)

### 5. Internal and External Consultation

This report reflects the results of Council's internal and external consultation process.

### 6. Regional Context

None

### 7. Council Plan Strategy

None

### 8. Legislative / Policy Implications

The requirement for the Council Plan inclusive of Strategic Resource Plan (SRP) is detailed under Sections 125 and 126 of the Local Government Act 1989 (as amended). Section 125(7) of the Local Government Act requires Council review the plan at least once in a financial plan.

Section 125(9) identified the need for consultation and section 223 prescribed this process which was undertaken throughout May 2015.

### 9. Environmental Impact

None.

### 10. Conflict of Interest Considerations

None.

### 11. Conclusion

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### Attachments

- 1 Draft Council Plan 2013-2017 – John Hay – Submission
- 2 Draft Council Plan 2013-2017 – Dr Julie Gross McAdam – Response
- 3 Draft Council Plan 2013-2017 – ( Moira Arts & Culture Inc ) Kerrie Murrell – Response ( Submission )

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**RECOMMENDATION**

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**MOTION**

CRS ED COX / KEVIN BOURKE

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**ATTACHMENT No [1] - Draft Council Plan 2013-2017 – John Hay – Submission**

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Date:	28-5-2015		
Name:	JOHN HAY		
Address:			
Town:			
Phone No.		Mobile No.	
Email address:			
Do you (or your nominee) wish to speak in support of your submission at the Special Council Meeting 9 June 2015?			
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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ATTACHMENT No [1] - Draft Council Plan 2013-2017 – John Hay – Submission

Submission

Moira Shire Council's 2013-2017 Draft Council Plan

Submission: (Please attach additional pages or documents if required)

Administration costs are far too high, it seems there are too many employed at the executive level.  
To me the Shire is involved in too many feel good programs and they have to get back to the basics so rate payers are getting value for money.

Roads are not getting enough of the Budget spent on them, being the Shire's single biggest asset 6 million dollars is nowhere near enough to be spent on them. Council complains they haven't had the Government road funding cut, when they did have extra Government road they did not use it as an extra.  
High use gravel roads need to be sealed. Council say they can't afford to seal new roads, really they can't afford not to.

If the Shire want to get involved in something it should be getting involved in the crazy Murray Darling Basin plan. It is having a huge impact on the irrigation farming sector with water availability and prices being unsustainable.

Lastly I do not believe in a rate rise above CPI.  
The Shire has to learn to tighten its belt.

Check list:

Have you attached additional information?  
Did you tick 'Yes' if you want to present to Council?  
Have you included all your contact details?

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Response to the Moira Shire Draft Council Plan 2013-2017.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute my opinion of the proposed Draft Council Plan 2013-2017, Partnership, Growth and Liveability. I have read the document very carefully. I believe that there are important health and wellbeing issues that relate to partnerships, growth and so-called "liveability" that need to be fully considered for incorporation into the Council Plan.

**What is "liveability?"**

Firstly, there is no definition of so-called "liveability" in the draft document. Secondly, there no explanation of what the Shire intends so-called "liveability" to mean or encompass. Thirdly, although your strategic goal is to provide "a better mix of services and programs" (page 8), the well established and fully documented role that the arts and culture can play in strengthening and maintaining the emotional health and wellbeing of the community (Cohen, G. 2006; Hanna, G & Perlstein, S. 2008; Mental Health Foundation, UK. 2011; National Endowment for the Arts, USA. 2013; Schmid, T. 2005; VicHealth. 2002), would not appear to have been considered in the draft plan.

**The Moira Art and Culture Inc.**

The Moira Shire should be congratulated for recently establishing Moira Arts and Culture Inc. (MAC Inc.). Since its inception MAC Inc. has already established a track record of providing well-attended programs and activities that "connect communities". Future MAC Inc. arts and cultural

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projects could and should be designed to “encourage healthy and active communities”.

**The health and wellbeing needs of Moira Shire residents**

The health and wellbeing of individuals living in Moira Shire is a priority and the creative arts are a rich untapped resource. The Moira Shire owes ratepayers a responsibility to maximize all available arts research knowledge and arts funding opportunities to help it achieve its stated goals and strategic performance indicators. The MAC Inc. infrastructure is set up to assist the Shire in its application for significant state and federal health and the arts funding grants.

**A commitment to health and inclusive and connected communities**

The Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) state that they have a “commitment to the health” of Moira Shire, and that “health services are an important sector” (page 2). But, the omission of the important role that the creative arts can play in healthcare service provision means that the Draft Council Plan misses out on golden opportunities to inexpensively “support inclusive and connected communities”.

As a gerontologist, and a dementia-specific program designer, with a long track record of delivering professional services to aged care in Australia and overseas, I propose to make one or two statements. I request that the Mayor and CEO consider the following statements when formulating the final and future policy documents.

2016 marks the year that first of the baby boomer generation, born between 1946 and 1960, turns seventy. 2016 is also the year when an Access Economics report prepared for Alzheimer’s Australia (2005) predicts that dementia will become the biggest disability burden in Australia’s history. Moira Council figures (page 2) indicate that the baby boomer generation and

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their parent's generation, at 21.6%, already make up almost a quarter of the Moira Shire population. In the introduction the Shire claims that this ageing cohort is "relatively small", and "slower growing". In fact, the Alzheimer's Australia (2005) research report mentioned above indicates that the health care needs of the retired baby boomer generation will not be small, nor will it be slow growing in any Shire in Victoria, over the next decade.

**Moira Shire and the healthcare impact of the baby boomers**

The baby boomer generation will live longer than any other generation in history. As a result, they will require and consume more health resources. In an attempt to contain these healthcare costs, in the near future, almost all regional, state and national funding will be related to quality of life and community health and wellbeing. And, almost all funding grants will be linked in some way to the quality of life of residents living in "dementia friendly" communities. The importance of forward planning to address this very real and looming health care crisis is imperative. Planning for the delivery of a "smarter" health service to a rapidly increasing number of ageing Moira Shire residents and those living with dementia and other disabilities is already a top priority. Consideration of "dementia friendly" communities, should at the very least, be acknowledged in your current draft plan and linked to future arts programming.

**Addressing the health and wellbeing needs of a "dispersed" population**

In addition, health care service delivery costs will not necessarily be dependant on the age of existing infrastructure or how dispersed the population may be. Whether Moira Shire's health service delivery model will be "more expensive" than any other Council, is both relative and dependent on a number of unknown factors that cannot be accurately predicted at this time. International studies, conducted in the USA and the UK (mentioned above) have shown that best practice service delivery is inextricably linked,

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not only to the foundation of solid partnerships, but also to the establishment of progressive arts programming.

I have read the Moira Shire *2010-2013 Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing* document. This document makes no mention of the beneficial and positive public health and wellbeing outcomes that are the result of participatory involvement in the arts. Nor does it acknowledge the role those arts programs can play in developing and growing community connectedness.

I advocate for the development and implementation of well-designed intergenerational arts and cultural programming. The adoption of such a strategy will prove to be both a practical and cost effective way to address the future health and wellbeing needs of young and old Moira residents alike.

Yours sincerely

**Dr. Julie Gross McAdam**

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**Response to the Moira Shire Draft Council Plan 2013 -2017**

Moira Arts and Culture Inc Board felt a response to the Draft Council Plan document was necessary as there is a distinct lack of identification throughout the entire document to the role which culture and cultural tourism play in the livability, competitiveness, and health and wellbeing of a community. As a major arts and culture advocacy board for arts and cultural development across Moira communities it was felt it was our duty to bring this anomaly to the attention of the Council.

We would like to present our response to the Council at an appointed time.

Before reading the response it is important to define the word "Culture", and for this response the following definition was used.

**Definition of Culture:**

Without delving too deeply into the mass of scholarly literature that has developed around this word, two inter-related definitions stand out. They are:

1. The social production and transmission of identities, meanings, knowledge, beliefs, values, aspirations, memories, purposes, attitudes and understanding;
2. The 'way of life' of a particular set of humans: customs, faiths and conventions; codes of manners, dress, cuisine, language, arts, science, technology; religion and rituals; norms and regulations of behaviour; traditions and institutions.

So, culture is both the **medium and the message** – the inherent values and the means and the results of social expression. Culture enfolds every aspect of human intercourse: the family, the education, legal, political and transport systems, the mass media, work practices, welfare programs, leisure pursuits, religion, the built environment.

**Summary: A society's values are the basis upon which all else is built. These values and the ways they are expressed are a society's culture..( Hawk, J 2001)**

**MAC Inc. Response**

Liveability is a broad concept which includes a combination of a social, cultural, economic and environmental attributes of a place. (The four pillars of community sustainability). These attributes determine the attractiveness and health and wellbeing of a place for both residents and investors.



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Cultural attributes include the quantity, quality and diversity of the arts and cultural infrastructure, activities and services on offer. Accordingly they are the key elements of the attraction of a city or region as a place in which to "work, live and invest".

Access to and participation in cultural life is a fundamental right of individuals in all communities, and governments have a duty to create conditions for the full exercise of this right in accordance with Article 27 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Hawks, J. 2001)

To further emphasise the above Moira Shire has experienced 3 natural disasters since 2012, namely Floods, Fires and a Tornado. Coupled with the effects of 10 years of drought, and subsequent changing of the agricultural landscape with the Irrigation Modernisation Project, high unemployment, higher than state average of cancer incidents, the highest obesity rate in the state and an aging population, leaves many in our communities vulnerable. They are experiencing the associated issues of social isolation, marginalisation, depression, and dementia.

Two major studies, one from VicHealth (2002), the other by Dr Gene Cohen (2006) in America, provide well-documented evidence to suggest that creativity discovered through art as therapy can significantly assist individuals to form new relationships and, in turn, can exponentially boost individual wellbeing through community involvement. It makes future community cohesion and reconnection a real and achievable possibility.

There is increased competition, nationally and internationally, between cities and between regions to attract new residents and new businesses. Arts and culture can create a competitive economic advantage when linked with tourism and cultural tourism specifically by :

- creating or maintaining a unique and distinctive image for a city or region and
- Increasing the drawing power of a city or region to attract the so called "creative class" for a city or region.

Recent Victorian Government research indicates that up to two million Melbournians would consider a move to regional Victoria for lifestyle reasons where arts and culture are an important part of the community. Moira Shire needs to optimise this opportunity and to improve the liveability of Moira Shire residents. This is lacking in the current Council Draft Plan.

Arts and culture contribute directly to the "sense of place" which attracts both residents and business. There is a merging between the attributes of a city or region that are seen by individuals as offering them a better quality of life, or liveability, and those attributes that are seen by investors or businesses as offering them competitive advantage, that is contributing to the city or regions competitiveness.(Deloitte.2007)

There is an abundance of research and an increasing body of evidence, both quantitative and qualitative on the positive contribution of arts and culture to a city's or regions liveability and health and wellbeing. Hence it adds to its competitive advantage. In particular, in regional centres, the presence of a diversified lifestyle and cultural choices is a key driver of high economic performance.

There is further evidence that regional cities in Victoria are also investing in cultural infrastructure and activities to create vibrant and diverse local cultural offerings attractive to

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new residents. Arts Victoria the Victorian Government arts development agency is currently pursuing policy initiatives in support of the contributions of arts and culture to liveability, health and wellbeing and competitiveness.

**Synopsis.**

This submission recommends that Moira Shire Council includes the following into the draft council plan 2016 – 17.

1. Include a cultural dimension integrated with social, economic and environmental elements of conceptual definition of liveability, health and wellbeing.
2. Incorporate into any measure of liveability all four of the elements ( social, economic, environmental and cultural) and the way in which these elements are related.
3. Note the evidence of the clear link between the contribution of arts and culture to liveability in particular to: health and wellbeing strategically positioning Moira as a centre for innovation and as a cultural tourism destination; and creating / maintain Moira communities as attractive to new residents, families and businesses.
4. Note the contribution of arts and culture to high quality regional liveability health and wellbeing and economic development.

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