



Reference: AF15/37 SM

29 June 2015

## MEMBERS

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Railway Lands Development and Management Committee will meet in the following Meeting Room on the day, date and time as follows:

**Railway Lands Development and Management Committee**  
(Conference Room - Level 1):

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 at 12 Noon (*lunch will be provided*)

An agenda for the meeting is enclosed herewith.

**Mark MCSHANE**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RAILWAY LANDS DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 at 12 Noon

AGENDA

1. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - Railway Lands - Update on Progress of Development Works - Ref. AF13/439
2. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - Committees - Railway Lands Development and Management Committee - Labyrinth - Ref. AF13/439
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5. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - Railway Lands Redevelopment Project - Selection of Artist for Major Art Commission - AF11/2475
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## RAILWAY LANDS DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held in the Conference Room, Level One of Civic Centre,  
10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier, on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 at 12 Noon

### AGENDA

PRESENT: Cr C Greco (Presiding Member)  
Crs F Morello, S Perryman, S Meziniec and M Lovett

APOLOGIES: moved the apology received from  
be accepted.

seconded

COUNCIL OFFICERS: Director - Operational Services, Daryl Sexton  
Engineering Manager, Daryl Morgan  
Manager - Regulatory Services, Michael Silvy  
Administration Officer - Operational Services, Sarah Moretti  
Administration Officer - Operational Services, Elisa Solly

COUNCIL MEMBERS  
AS OBSERVERS:

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.**

MINUTES: moved the minutes of the previous meeting held on  
Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

seconded

QUESTIONS: (a) With Notice - nil submitted.  
(b) Without Notice -

### **1. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - Railway Lands - Update on Progress of Development Works - Ref. AF13/439**

*Goal:* *Building Communities*

*Strategic Objective:* (i) *Strive for an increase in services and facilities to ensure the community has equitable access and that the identified needs of the community are met*  
(ii) *The identified needs of the community are met, through implementing Long Term Asset Management Plans and Infrastructure Plans*

The Director - Operational Services reported:

(a) The following update on the progress of works is provided below:

<b>TASK / ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TIMEFRAME</b>
Approval to accept Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure's offer	Completed
Advertisement for Demolition and Remediation	Completed

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Consider tenders for Demolition and Remediation and award contracts	Completed
Site demolition	Completed
Site remediation works	Completed
Construction of WSUD ponds and creek	Completed
Construct rail easement shared path	Completed
Irrigation bore and irrigation system	Completed
Rejuvenation of soil and planting of turf	Completed
Paths, sandpit, concrete plinths and mulch for nature play area	Completed
Refurbishment of railway heritage items including telegraph poles, fencing and construction of foot bridges by Rotary	In Progress
Reconstruct/extend platform and provide access ramps, stairs and balustrading	Completed
Artistic Balustrade panels	In Progress
Tree Planting	Completed
Construct Sunken Amphitheatre	Completed
Resurfacing existing platform	In Progress
Fencing to pond area	Completed
Supply & Install Solar Path and Plaza Lights	Completed
Supply & Install feature lighting	Completed
Install footpath pavers	In Progress, 65% complete
Install Plaza pavers and street furniture	Pavers 100% Furniture 50%
Signal Box redevelopment as public toilets	In Progress, 50% complete
Major Art Commission concept design and selection of final pieces	Funding Approved

moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received and contents noted.

seconded

Railway Lands Development and Management Committee Agenda for 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 Cont'd...

**2. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - Committees - Railway Lands Development and Management Committee - Labyrinth - Ref. AF13/439**

*Goal:* *Building Communities*

*Strategic Objective:* (i) *Strive for an increase in services and facilities to ensure the community has equitable access and that the identified needs of the community are met*

The Manager - Regulatory Services reported:

- (a) Council Officers have investigated the design and construction of a labyrinth and have produced a concept (previously provided) that fits within the confines of the partially constructed amphitheatre in the Railway Lands;
- (b) the preferred option is to apply a labyrinth 'pattern' to finished pavers or a concrete base;
- (c) the approximate cost of the pattern and application of the applied surface is \$50,000 and this is specialised work that only few contractors in SA can do;
- (d) it has been determined that a labyrinth 'applied pattern' cannot be successfully applied to the concrete pavers specified for the base of the amphitheatre because the applied material will 'bleed' too much into the shotblast surface of the pavers;
- (e) In order for the pattern to be successful a new concrete slab would need to be poured (approximately \$30,000) or new 'smooth' pavers purchased for the base of the amphitheatre (\$15,000) which is not the preferred option from an urban design point of view;

moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received;
- (b) To be determined at the meeting.

seconded

**3. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - Railway Lands Redevelopment Project - Official Opening - Ref. AF13/439**

*Goal:* *Building Communities*

*Strategic Objective:* (i) *Strive for an increase in services and facilities to ensure the community has equitable access and that the identified needs of the community are met*

The Director - Operational Services reported:

- (a) The Railway Lands Redevelopment Project is nearing completion and the works are anticipated to be completed by November 2015;
- (b) it is requested this Committee consider an official opening date for the site (a possible date being Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015);
- (c) Council will need to give adequate advance notice to allow politicians and invited guests to make appropriate arrangements to attend the opening.

moved it be recommended:

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- (a) The report be received;
- (b) the official opening date for the Railway Lands Redevelopment Project be scheduled for Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

seconded

**4. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - Railway Lands - Rail Trail Project - Letter to Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure - Ref. AF15/343**

*Goal:* Building Communities

*Strategic Objective:* (i) Strive for an increase in services and facilities to ensure the community has equitable access and that the identified needs of the community are met

The Director - Operational Services reported:

- (a) Council is aware that approaches have been made to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) seeking "access" to the east-west rail corridor through Mount Gambier for the purpose of constructing a shared bicycle path;
- (b) attached to this agenda is a copy of correspondence from Council to DPTI (dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015);
- (c) Council is currently preparing technical documentation for further submission to DPTI which will allow these discussions to continue.

moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received;
- (b) Council note the ongoing discussions between Council and DPTI in relation to access to the unused east-west rail corridor within the City.

seconded

**5. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - Railway Lands Redevelopment Project - Selection of Artist for Major Art Commission - AF11/2475**

*Goal:* Building Communities

*Strategic Objective:* (i) Strive for an increase in services and facilities to ensure the community has equitable access and that the identified needs of the community are met

The Manager - Regulatory Services reported:

- (a) On the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Council resolved that "*the Manager - Regulatory Services be authorised to submit a funding application to Arts SA for a further contribution (towards an additional art piece) of \$100,000*";
- (b) in accordance with the requirements of the Arts SA funding program, an application was made for the preferred piece that met the requirements of the following criteria:
  - the artist's selection process will result in high-quality, innovative, original work with high artistic merit,
  - the project is likely to result in a work that enhances the public experience of contemporary art,
  - the project implementation budget is committed,
  - the timeline supports the development of high quality work,
  - the stakeholder/community engagement process supports the development of high quality work,

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- the site, locality and anticipated scale of the work/s is appropriate,
  - the project is perceived as viable;
- (c) the other requirement of the application was Council must provide at least 30% (cash or in kind) of the project implementation budget and provide evidence in the application of the financial commitment to the project – therefore the funding application was made for \$100,000 of a total project cost of \$150,000 which includes the supply and install of the art piece (\$100,000) AND additional works (\$50,000) not included (ground surface treatments, feature lighting and footings etc.);
- (d) the funding application was made for the 'Tracks' piece (by Exhibition Studios) as the preferred option and as voted by the public in the recent community consultation process. 'End of the Line' (by Greg Johns and recommended by the Project Advisory Committee) was not suitable for the funding application as it was not perceived to be 'new' work;
- (e) Arts SA major arts funding is highly competitive and only one project is awarded per year. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June Council was advised its submission was successful. It is the first and only successful submission awarded to a regional project since the funding program was established in 2007;
- (f) It is now recommended the 'Arts' portion of the budget for the Railway Lands project be confirmed and the following is a breakdown of how that may occur:

DPTI 'Open Space' Funding Allocation:	\$280,000
Art SA Funding Allocation:	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL ARTS BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$380,000</b>
Major Art Piece:	\$150,000
Second Art Piece (as determined by Council):	\$100,000
Artistic Balustrade (move to Arts Budget):	\$60,000*
Site specific art projects (wood sculptures, murals etc.):	\$70,000
<b>TOTAL ARTS EXPENDITURE:</b>	<b>\$380,000</b>

\*This figure can be used to offset (credit) the current project deficit of approximately \$130,000 as previously reported.

moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received;
- (b) the Manager - Regulatory Services be authorised to engage Exhibition Studios to design, supply and install the Major Art piece 'Tracks' to a budget of \$100,000 (plus GST) and in accordance with their project submission;
- (c) Council negotiate with the artist team responsible for 'Signalling Change' and proceed with this piece as the second significant artwork on the site as per the approved Master Plan and in accordance with the above budget breakdown;
- (d) the project budget as described in (f) be adopted and Council Officers authorised to complete the 'Arts' component of the Railway Lands project in accordance with the breakdown and within the allocated budget allowance.

seconded

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### **6. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - Railway Lands - Site Signage - Ref. AF13/439**

*Goal: Building Communities*

*Strategic Objective: (i) Strive for an increase in services and facilities to ensure the community has equitable access and that the identified needs of the community are met*

The Manager - Regulatory Services reported:

- (a) a feature entrance wall at the entrance of the site from Wehl Street South forms part of the approved Master Plan. This feature wall is planned to have lettering on it 'naming' the site - an image will be presented at the meeting of the wall and sign;
- (b) some Members may not be aware that a double sided display, public launch and initial community feedback process was initiated on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011 for the proposed Railway Lands concept plan. The initial consultation period was to conclude 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012, however this was later extended to the 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012;

The community were advised of the concept through the media and provided the opportunity to provide feedback via the following mediums:

- Email via [city@mountgambier.sa.gov.au](mailto:city@mountgambier.sa.gov.au)
- 'Have your Say' at [www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au](http://www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au)
- Follow Twitter #railwaylands
- Feedback from Civic Centre Courtyard display
- Written submissions
- Text to 0407 794 188

The consultation feedback sheets also canvassed the community for name suggestions of the site. The responses received clearly highlighted a preference for Rail or Railway to be used;

- 47 responses included suggestions for naming the site
- 22 (47%) of the responses want a reference to Rail or Railway in the name of the site

- (c) Council officers recommend the site be named 'Mount Gambier Railway Lands'.

moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received;
- (b) Council proceed with the feature entrance wall as part of the project and install site signage with the lettering 'Mount Gambier Railway Lands' as indicated in the concept image.

seconded

### **7. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - Railway Lands - Budget Adjustment - Ref. AF13/439**

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Cr Greco comments:

- (a) The current Railway Lands Development Budget has a budget allocation of \$280,000 for “Artworks”. The purpose of this report is to examine if some of this funding could be removed from the Artworks component of the budget and transferred to another project/s?;
- (b) one option is to consider the artistic balustrade (valued at \$60,000) as “Art” and fund this from the Artwork budget, thus “freeing up \$60,000 which can be used for other project/s;”
- (c) the Committee is requested to consider the budget transfer noted in (a) and (b) above and allocate the \$60,000 to the future upgrade of the Former Railway Station building.

moved it be recommended:

- (a) The report be received;
- (b) Council reallocate the \$60,000 currently within the works budget of the Railway Redevelopment for the platform feature balustrade to the Artistic component of this budget, and reallocate the \$60,000 to a new budget line - “Former Railway Station building upgrade” (with the details of the upgrade to be determined at a future time).

seconded

**MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

The meeting closed at    p.m.  
AF15/37

29 June 2015  
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Reference: AF13/439 MMCS:LD

19<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

Mr Paul Sallis  
 Manager, Property Management Services  
 Asset Management  
 Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure  
 Level 2  
 211 Victoria Square  
 ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Paul

Thank you for our discussions on 14<sup>th</sup> May with Mike Wilde to progress the matter of Council leasing the discussed rail corridor through Mount Gambier City. As noted during the meeting, the State Government Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure and the City of Mount Gambier are keen to develop a mutually beneficial outcome that provides rail corridor access to the Community.

In summary, the Council seeks a Lease over the rail corridor for an extended period to construct a cycle / walking path for the Community. The Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Stephen Mullighan met with the local State Member Troy Bell, Mayor Andrew Lee and myself in December 2014 where there was strong agreement of the value of the corridor proposal. For the Council and the Community it "ticks all the boxes" in providing for active recreation and safe cycle route connecting to on road bike lanes while improving the aesthetics of the unused corridor.

Council is close to completing the major railway station land redevelopment at a cost of \$4.3 million. This results in a large public space providing both active and passive recreational opportunities. Extending the project along the east west corridor is an obvious next step, further enhancing the use of the current rail site.

Our engineering concept is to "cap" the current rail line with fill and then cover with bitumen to provide a safe, consistent and high quality trail. We believe this is the most efficient and cost effective approach. We will develop and provide to you more detailed construction plans so this matter can be progressed.

I note your email of the 14<sup>th</sup> May providing your consideration of the contamination issue and that the option of "capping" the line has "in principle" agreement from your in-house staff. I appreciate your fast response on this matter.

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City of Mount Gambier

Again thank you for your support and I look forward to working with you to reach a positive outcome for DPTI and the City of Mount Gambier.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark McSHANE', with a long, sweeping underline.

**Mark McSHANE**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

cc: Mr Mike Wilde – Manager Rail Policy and Investment, DPTI  
Mr Daryl Sexton – Director Operational Services  
Mr Troy Bell MP - Member for Mount Gambier  
Mayor Andrew Lee – City of Mount Gambier



Operational Services Report No. 8/2012 Cont'd...

KEY ISSUES

Once the feedback was consolidated and reviewed there were 6 key issues that featured throughout:

- More shady trees and less palms
- More seating/tables
- More parking
- Extend the bike/walking path
- BBQ's
- Disability/Elderly access

SUGGESTED SITE NAMES

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CONCLUSION

The Railway Lands concept plan has been shaped by the outcome of previous community consultations dating back to 2007. The consistent response received from the community during this consultation has been very positive and has highlighted the predominant community focus is on useable, equitable access to quality green space within the CBD.

This current evidence validates Council's interpretation of previous community feedback which has shaped the current Railway Lands concept plan.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) Operational Services Report No. 8/2012 be received and noted.



**Barbara LINDEN**  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER

sighted:



**Mark MCSHANE**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

7 March 2012  
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# MOUNT GAMBIER RAILWAY LANDS FEEDBACK SHEET SUMMARY

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DATE	NAME	DO YOU LIKE CONCEPT			SUGGESTED NAME FOR SITE	COMMENTS	FEEDBACK SHEET RECEIVED VIA	
		Yes	No	Maybe			Mail	Other (Please Specify)
26/11/2011	Chris	✓				Valuable vision and consistent with civic precinct - bike track fantastic and space is socially inclusive and cost free environment		Web
26/11/2011	Donna	✓				Fantastic concept - just what Mount Gambier needs - interactive green space		Web
29/11/2011	Barry & Shirley Maney	✓			Railway Central	See (Att.1) - Bus Depot/Tourist Information Centre and many more ideas	✓	
30/11/2011	Les Brown		✓			Cutting itself off from ever having Rail service to district again - short sighted proposal		Web
30/11/2011	Vanessa	✓				Great - somewhere safe and pleasant in CBD		Web
02/12/2011	Yvonne Douglas	✓				Great	✓	
02/12/2011	Y White			✓		No Parking	✓	
02/12/2011	S Serle			✓	Appropriate Aboriginal Name	Over designed - more natives / botanic gardens	✓	
02/12/2011	Bob Richardson	✓				Fantastic	✓	
02/12/2011	Leanne Dunn	✓			Central Park/Central Gardens/ The Track	Great - worried re maintenance water feature - bike path great	✓	
02/12/2011	Grayham Billing				Blue Bird Rail	No shops - restore old rail station	✓	
02/12/2011	Suzie Mitchell	✓				Refer (Att.2)	✓	
04/12/2011	Norma & Bruce Edwards					Not too many paver and not Palm Trees - not tropics - shade trees like Vansittart Park		Email
05/12/2011	Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce	✓				Bus Terminal should be relocated to Railway Lands	✓	
06/12/2011	Karen Hall	✓			Use word Railway somehow	Make sure lots of seating - not just bench seats - some with back support for elderly	✓	
06/12/2011	Glenda Grigg	✓			Lake City Domain	Love it - don't change anything	✓	

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		Yes	No	Maybe			Mail	Other (Please Specify)
07/12/2011	Marianne Tucker	✓			Blue Lake City Central Blue Lake City Parklands Blue Lake City Precinct	Use "Blue Lake City" it encompasses who and where and tourist aspect	✓	
08/12/2011	Peter	✓			Eco Park	Fantastic - make it Eco friendly		Suggestion Box
08/12/2011	Edward Newport			✓	Greenline Park	Thank you		Suggestion Box
08/12/2011	Lynette Norres			✓		No as bad as expected - water concerns children - heritage aware		Suggestion Box
08/12/2011	Berry Wright	✓			Railway Garden			Suggestion Box
08/12/2011	Peter Brown	✓				Native trees instead - no skate park - short term parking for caravans		Suggestion Box
08/12/2011	Kerry		✓			Will water feature be looked after		Suggestion Box
08/12/2011	Rebecca Peucker	✓				Brilliant idea - re-energise City		Suggestion Box
08/12/2011	B Heard	✓				Make sure well maintained		Suggestion Box
08/12/2011	Carlene Little	✓			Railway Centre			Suggestion Box
09/12/2011	Kerry		✓		Homeless City	Will end up unsupervised - vandalism etc.		Suggestion Box
09/12/2011	Lynette Norres		✓			Too structured - no shady trees or shrubs - seating issues, structures like farm sheds etc. - see attached		Suggestion Box
09/12/2011	Trevor McGaw	✓			Mount Gambier Railway Lands	Excellent - Proactive foresight and vision		Suggestion Box
09/12/2011	Anonymous	✓				Not before time		Suggestion Box
09/12/2011	Joyce Rabone	✓			The Walkway, The Boulevard or The Parkland	Brilliant - will there be area for protection from inclement weather/sun wind etc. - glad no shops		Suggestion Box
09/12/2011	Ian Foster	✓			Railway Park, The Rail Way, Rail Way Green			Suggestion Box
09/12/2011	Nel Jans	✓			A name with the word CONNECT in it.	Instead of palms why not natives		Suggestion Box
09/12/2011	Heather Hursell	✓				Why no additional parking spaces - think need them		Suggestion Box
09/12/2011	Anonymous			✓	Perryman's Folly	Not palms - need more shelter from south winds		Suggestion Box

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		Yes	No	Maybe			Mail	Other (Please Specify)
09/12/2011	Anonymous		✓			Should incorporate Bus Terminal - central to town		Suggestion Box
09/12/2011	Liz Ferguson	✓			The Green, The Green Heart or something Aboriginal	Looks great - very exciting. Walking Labyrinth (reflective walking space)		Suggestion Box
09/12/2011	John Elmes	✓			Railway Park	Refer (Att.3)		Suggestion Box
09/12/2011	Lorraine Foster	✓			Perryman Park, Greg Muller Walk, Watson Walk, Rail Way, Bay-Wehl Boulevard, Railway Place	Ensure sufficient seating with back support		Suggestion Box
13/12/2011	Romlea Irvine	✓				Wonderful		Suggestion Box
13/12/2011	Kirby Shearing	✓			Native Dialect - "Boandik Meeting Place"			Suggestion Box
13/12/2011	Peter Bayley	✓			Railway Gardens	Great concept		Suggestion Box
13/12/2011	Lynne Herriot	✓			Bluebird Park	Fantastic - ability to expand wetland ponds		Suggestion Box
13/12/2011	Merv Heemskerk			✓		Need carparking		Suggestion Box
13/12/2011	Andrew	✓				Playground		Suggestion Box
13/12/2011	Aiden Mullan	✓			Big Banga	Skatepark		Suggestion Box
15/12/2011	Ruth O'Nions	✓				Perhaps maze in green area of either Railway or Hospital site	✓	
16/12/2011	Dave Turner	✓			Central Station or Gambier Central	Great to also have parking area for day visiting caravans		Suggestion Box
16/12/2011	S Serle		✓		Aboriginal Name	Unnatural complex - far to big an area for Council to deal with successfully. Simple re-greening		Suggestion Box
16/12/2011	Angela Hopes	✓		✓	?	Need place to sit and have coffee and have area for young children to "play safe" - small play area fenced off.		Suggestion Box
16/12/2011	G Henningsen				Railway Yard	Should be plenty of carparks		Suggestion Box
16/12/2011	Sean Irvine	✓						Suggestion Box
20/12/2011	Heather Jones		✓			Bus Depot and also taxi rank		Suggestion Box



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		Yes	No	Maybe			Mail	Other (Please Specify)
20/12/2011	Jonathon Wilson		✓			Lacks detail and carparking. No reason for tourists to go there etc.		Suggestion Box
20/12/2011	Brian Page	✓			Railway Central or Rails End	Vibrant - looks fantastic providing parkland close to retail - not sure on access to Margaret Street /swimming pool etc. refer attached		Suggestion Box
20/12/2011	Lucy Farsberg	✓				Mural would be nice visual addition		Suggestion Box
20/12/2011	Melva Yoannidis	✓				Sell paving stones to public to be engraved with their names		Suggestion Box
28/12/2011	Kellsie	✓				That's not just logic. That's really sensible.		Web
03/01/2012	Dani McKinnon	✓			Trains of Mount Gambier	Looks great, really hope there is more grassed areas than paving		Suggestion Box
03/01/2012	Auson Daw					I hope a large area for tourist buses and BBQ's is included. This is an excellent project.		Suggestion Box
03/01/2012	Richard Benyon		✓			The community would be better served by a good indoor swimming pool and hydrotherapy facility. Who is going to pay? I would prefer my rates to go to a proper 25m public pool. Every Victorian town similar size to Mount Gambier has one.		Suggestion Box
05/01/2012	Sue Weslake	✓			Railway Park – "Rail Park"	We lived in Brisbane in the 80's and 90's and saw the redevelopment of the old Expo site. The design of your redevelopment is excellent – tasteful, lots of green space, water and space for multi use eg. concerts, markets. The Farmers Market in Brisbane is outstanding. Look forward to seeing this happen. We will be		Suggestion Box

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		Yes	No	Maybe			Mail	Other (Please Specify)
						here soon!		
09/01/2012	M.C. Arthurson				Railway Park – Community Park	Evergreen trees – NOT palms. More undercover areas for use in winter. Skate park, playground, bus terminal (more central), comfortable seats for seniors & people with disabilities. Museum in older buildings near by, railway museum (Tailem Bend, Kalangadoo).		Suggestion Box
09/01/2012	Lock Family	✓				Would also be good to have another pool in the city somewhere part of the site? Soil would have to be checked (quality & content) (Poison tested). Contamination report.		Suggestion Box
09/01/2012	Anonymous	✓				Need more car parks at the sight. Please get this started. Mount Gambier needs walk and bike tracks.		Suggestion Box
09/01/2012	Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce	✓				We see the provision of such a space as integral to the future prosperity of Mount Gambier and in particular, the city centre. However, the success of such a space would rely on it being used by the public and it also having a sense of purpose. To this end, the Board has always felt that the present bus terminal located at the Lady Nelson Information Centre is not the right position for such a facility and that it should be more centrally located for the convenience of travellers. We believe also, that the Lady Nelson Information Centre should be located more centrally and could think of no better place than	✓	

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						the railway land. When once observes the location of these facilities in many great cities in Australia and indeed throughout the world, they do seem to be in the centre of a city.		
10/01/2012	Dale Barrett			✓	Rail Park	Bring in some colour either in vegetation or another way. Grasses come in all colours. Make sure either the public or the artists are raised in the sound shell. Where are the tables? Elderly people cannot sit on the grass or balance food on their laps. Lots of seating/bins/lighting is needed in this large area. Palm trees offer little shade. Large shade/windbreak trees are needed (maples/silver birch/elm – slow grower) and think of colour.	Fax	
18/01/2012	Raylene Milligan	✓			Central City Parklands	It is a wonderful <u>CENTRAL</u> area open to many advantages. One hopes it will develop to the benefit of locals and tourists alike.		Suggestion Box
18/01/2012	Marianne Johnston			✓		There seems to be alot of “learning areas”. How about a bit more “to do”? Say – boats on the lake/swimming even - teenage cafe/internet - bike path through to the East - Public cafe Don't we already have enough “sitting areas and parks”?		Suggestion Box
18/01/2012	J Norman		✓			Bus terminal. Listen to your voters.		Suggestion Box
18/01/2012	Bonnie Williams Bald	✓			Don't know, sorry. Maybe something foreign and exotic!	Yes. I think the plans look magnificent. But I have a suggestion, please put		Suggestion Box

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						magnolia & Japanese pear trees into the design! Thank you.		
18/01/2012	Blake Lindner		✓			Make it into something teenagers can use.		Suggestion Box
18/01/2012	Anonymous		✓			Bus Terminal		Suggestion box
18/01/2012	Daniela			✓	Railway Park	Outdoor area could include some exercise stations with explanations. Need to provide for coffee shops and covered outdoor eating areas. Need incentive for community to walk through this area. Mount Gambier lacks covered outdoor areas. Could have a cycling track separate from walking tracks.		Suggestion Box
19/01/2012	Joanne Janeway			✓		I would like to see more areas incorporated that youths can use.		Suggestion Box
19/01/2012	John Deer	✓			Something with the theme of water and gathering	A transit place for buses of all aspects, ie. local, through traffic between states which is near to backpackers and accommodation, food and a place to rest for a while. A good place to gather where the sense of goodness flows. A spiritual place. Thanks.		Suggestion Box
19/01/2012	Riley Janeway			✓		Maybe you could put a skate park or something like that for younger people to do at the site.		Suggestion Box
25/01/2012	Lisa Coote		✓			The railway land should be preserved as it originally was		Suggestion Box
25/01/2012	Jen Cruise	✓			Railway Tourism Parkland	Needs to be a place for tourism to bring in money for town.		Suggestion Box
25/01/2012	N Chalinor	✓			Railway Lands is fine and brings a sense of history	I think attention needs to be paid to the public art that it is not too garish or		Suggestion Box

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						modern if it is permanent as it will date easily and detract from the aesthetics. The back of the Margaret Street building are also a problem as they will still be in view and would currently not complement the re-development.		
31/1/2012	Charlie Miller					Just a wonderful conception		Suggestion Box
31/1/2012	Lisa Whitehead	✓				I love the concept. I think its a great use of the space. However I still strongly believe that a new bus shelter should be incorporated into the space to allow for central access. Too many times you see visitors hauling luggage down the highway with no clue where they are going. If not, at least provide a free shuttle bus service for the 2 bus services we have.		Suggestion Box
31/1/2012	S L Mustey	✓				Add an enclosed swimming centre. A must for Mt Gambier		Suggestion Box
3/2/2012	Robyn Mengler		✓			My family has been here for over 100yrs. Please don't spoil it. Keep it simple. Plenty of green Australian trees and shrubs. No more stupid sculpture. Get local artist to design some things. Country town not big city. Please not like what happened in front of Council.		Suggestion Box
13/2/2012	Adam Voorham	✓			Rail Park (Rail Parklands) Centro Park (Centro Parklands)	I would like to see a mall adjacent to Bay road (Town Hall Area) to attract more people to the centre, including outdoor/alfresco eating area		Suggestion Box

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13/2/2012	Stan Kazmarek	✓				The concept looks great. Look forward to its fruition. Enjoyed the early Railyards photos.		Suggestion Box
13/2/2012	Sue Crafter			✓	Railways Garden Park	Yes-Carparks on Railway Tce have been removed, maybe removed part of the lawn facing the road. Place/allow car/caravan/buses to park – the site of old railway already allows this now.		Suggestion Box
13/2/2012	Anonymous					I hope I can have a BBQ somewhere		Suggestion Box
13/2/2012	Patsy Sporer	✓			Peace Park/Parkways	Please Please make wheelchair friendly all areas and buildings. Love it! Love it!		Suggestion Box
17/02/2012	M Potter	✓				Please just do it. Has been too long having the ugly view for our tourists		Suggestion box
17/02/2012	Chris Harris	✓			Centre Point	Like the current concept but think Council should make it commercially viable. An income generating project.		Suggestion Box
21/02/2012	Naomi Brick	✓				Like the concept but would be disappointed if Council doesn't improve the rest of the rail line. Need a bike/walk path from Bunnings to Blue Lake Sports Park to revitalise city & get people out. Path needs rest stops, maybe some undercover areas. Think the area needs a cafe for it to be used properly		Web
22/02/2012	Lucinda Johnson	✓			Railway Precinct	Yes – Please consider closing Railway Tce between Centro Shopping Centre and the tiered carpark. Make it for pedestrians only as this can be quite dangerous for people crossing the road with trolleys etc.		Suggestion Box

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22/02/2012	Margaret Berryman			✓	Station Park	Train service instead of park. Already have gardens. On Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb there was no one else at Cave Gardens. Perhaps useage could be considered. Could an eco housing display like the one at Locchiel Park, Adel be incorporated into the design – make it more interesting. Please do not demolish the old railway building!		Suggestion Box
23/2/2012	Lea Crosby	✓				Incorporate some old railway tracks (& sleepers) as part of the sculptural landscape to remind people of the rail cultural heritage		Suggestion Box
23/2/2012	Paul Gazzard		✓			Too expensive when there are many other issues in Mt G to address e.g. indoor swimming pool. Maybe a 'staged' lower cost approach can be assessed?		Suggestion Box
29/02/2012	Judy Shephard	✓				Extra area for cars to park? Bus terminal is ideal. I use the bus and there is little shelter at Lady Nelson. Railway site is close for cover, snacks, coffee etc . Community buildings look like match boxes-how about some style & simplicity! Good to see some shade trees, Why not down the centre instead of palms? Like to see History Group relocated there. Old rail carriage for takeaway, coffee, snack etc. Good for all age groups Thanks		Suggestion Box

Web updated as at 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

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**RE: Mount Gambier Railway Lands Proposal**

Dear Sir,

Firstly, we commend the City Council for bringing together the current development plan for our Railway Lands, it's by far the best plans presented so far and has the potential to deliver a very exciting public space for everyone to enjoy.

Our comments are as follows;

**Bus Depot**, whilst we understand Council has already announced that the Bus Depot will be built at 'The Lady Nelson Centre', we strongly believe Council should urgently reconsider this decision and incorporate the Bus Depot in the 'Railway Lands' development for two reasons; 1 – because it's much more central and convenient for passengers and 2 – because the only way the Railway Lands development will be successful is if we can consistently attract people into this space (the Bus Depot will help enormously). Further, we have spoken to many members of the community about this subject and we haven't found anyone who agrees with the Council's decision. The Bus Depot location needs to be in the best location for the passengers and the community, not what best suits the Bus Companies! Further, Council has not convincingly articulated their reasons for building the Bus Depot at the 'Lady Nelson Centre' instead of the 'Railway Lands'

**Tourist Information Centre** - We firmly believe that it's time to consider relocating the 'Lady Nelson' Tourist Information Centre into the 'Railway Lands' development. We have travelled extensively throughout Australia and by far the majority of Tourist Information Centres are found in the heart of most Cities or Towns. Again, this would create a hive of activity in the 'Railway Lands' and it is also much closer to our amazing crater lakes, which is Mount Gambier's main drawcard.



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**Linear Pathways** – Whilst we are aware that Council does not yet have access to the Railway Lands to the East & West of Bay Road and Wehl Street, it would be helpful to include these Pathways as potential options for the future, as this will certainly add a lot of value to the current plan. It would be exciting to think that we could eventually have Pedestrian & Cycle pathways to Hasting Cunningham reserve to the West and as far as the Racecourse to the East.

**Palm Trees** – We don't believe Palm Trees are suited to Mount Gambier's climate or location.

**Link to Margaret Street** – We understand Council owns or has an option to purchase one of the Margaret Street properties and we believe this link is extremely important to the success of the 'Railway Lands' development (again to consistently attract more people to this public space). So, is it possible to show the location of this link on the current plan as a future option?

**Our suggested name for this site** – 'Railway Central'

**Funding** – Whilst we fully support the extensive investment Council has made in infrastructure in recent years; commercial reality must always apply and we hope that Council will carefully manage the considerable finances required to complete and service these huge commitments going forward. In this regard we would like to see an open infrastructure finance plan made available to the Ratepayers which could include any State and/or Federal Government grants; along with any possible assets that Council may be able to sell to help fund these priority projects. We respectfully suggest the "Lady Nelson" site should be considered for potential sale and the HMS Lady Nelson replica retired (the ratepayers should not be asked to fund hundreds of thousands of restoration costs for the HMS Lady Nelson). If the community want's all these new projects, then we may have to give something up!

We trust our comments will be accepted in the constructive manner they are intended.

Yours Sincerely

*per, Barry*  
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# Have Your Say

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Do you like the Railway Lands Concept? (circle) YES NO MAYBE

Can you suggest a name for the site? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any additional comments? There is still very little for  
residents age 12 — 18. The 'green' concept is great but apart from  
sitting there is nothing else to do. I would like to see things such as  
1) skate park, 2) \* enclosed basketball court / 3) basketball backboards  
\* 4) a hospitality booth that community groups can hire/book for  
either fundraising purposes or promotional purposes 5) BBQs  
6) more seating (with backs) 7) a newspaper/magazine stand,

I do not agree with fitness structures as these do not get used.  
The educational area/hands on area is artificial and bland.

I think the fountain is too long — would prefer either a circular  
fountain or several smaller ones, as it seems to block PTO

I love the bike/walking track and the perimeter trees, but not the interior trees.

The cultural / market complex looks good but there needs to be seating.

We have plenty of great spaces already for families with small children (U10) but very little for children above that.

①\* this booth would have simple catering facilities, roller door serving space and could be used by schools on excursions, community groups (sausage sizzle, like those that occur at Harvey Norman, Bunnings)

②\* This space keeps kids contained, balls don't interfere with others, could be used also for soccer, or kids hitting tennis balls. Kids will be active, visible and entertained. This space could also be used by business' for charity challenges. Kids will happily shoot baskets and play 2 v 2 bball while parents have coffee or picnic.

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Do you like the Railway Lands Concept? (circle) **YES** NO MAYBE

Can you suggest a name for the site? \_\_\_\_\_

Railway Park

Do you have any additional comments? \_\_\_\_\_

Retain (recycle?) station buildings

Establish a dedicated quiet garden area

Establish easement for right of way to Margaret St.,

Auditorium (shade sails?) and facing bank for audience

North-South & East-West pedestrian paths

Separate cycle tracks from pedestrian areas

Shade trees but no lollipop palms (this is not a tropical paradise and pretence looks ridiculous.)

Shaded seating for our changeable weather

Small to medium shade trees (human scale)