

I hereby give notice that a People and Place Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: Monday, 1 June 2020
Time: 5.30 p.m.
Location: Virtual meeting
Council Chamber
10 Watson Terrace
Mount Gambier

AGENDA

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People and Place Committee Meeting

1 June 2020



Andrew Meddle
Chief Executive Officer

28 May 2020

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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.

2 APOLOGY(IES)

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the People and Place Committee meeting held on 3 February 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE



5 REPORTS

5.1 DRIFT CHALLENGE AUSTRALIA - KING OF THE HILL NATIONAL DRIFT EVENT 2020 - VALLEY LAKE - 5/11/2020 TO 09/11/2020 – REPORT NO. AR20/18470

Committee:	People and Place Committee
Meeting Date:	1 June 2020
Report No.:	AR20/18470
CM9 Reference:	AF19/413
Author:	Denise Richardson, Team Leader Community and Events
Authoriser:	Judy Nagy, General Manager City Growth
Summary:	This report requests approval for the closure of the Valley Lake precinct and limited in-kind support for the National Drift event proposed from Friday, 6 November to Sunday, 7 November 2020.
Community Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People Goal 2: Our Location Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and Heritage

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That People and Place Committee Report No. AR20/18470 titled 'Drift Challenge Australia - King of the Hill National Drift Event 2020 - Valley lake - 5/11/2020 to 09/11/2020' as presented on 01 June 2020 be noted.
2. That Council approve the closure of the Valley Lake precinct from Thursday, 5 November 2020 to Monday, 9 November 2020 inclusive to allow for the event to be held.
3. That Council provide in-kind support up to the value of \$2,000 to assist with closure of the Valley Lake precinct, track sweeping, waste management, grandstands and crowd control fencing.
4. That approval is conditional upon:
 - (a) Valley Lakes precinct not being closed due to a fire ban;
 - (b) an appropriate Risk, Safety and Traffic Management plan;
 - (c) receipt of a Certificate of Currency for Public Liability insurance at least two months prior to the event;
 - (d) all approvals received from relevant authorities; and
 - (e) submission of a plan to the Council demonstrating compliance with any applicable COVID 19 social distancing rules and government Directions that may be relevant at the time of the submission.



BACKGROUND

Following the success of previous events held in September 2016, March 2017, February 2018 and October 2019, Drift Challenge Australia (DCA) have again requested the support of the Council for a National Drift event in 2020.

DCA has run up to 30 events Australia wide with a high number of attendance bringing spectators from Australia wide. The Valley Lake provides a unique location and is highly regarded by DCA and their competitors with the 2019 event receiving ABC TV National cover for the event.

A popular Drift driver from USA attended with a huge following on YouTube and social media which also gave significant international coverage for the event.

DISCUSSION

DCA have proposed the event be held from Friday, 6 November 2020 to Sunday, 8 November 2020 which will require a full closure of the Valley Lake precinct.

To ensure safety of the public whilst setting up and dismantling event infrastructure it is recommended the Valley lake precinct also be closed on Thursday, 5 November 2020 and Monday, 9 November 2020.

Additionally, DCA are seeking in-kind support up to the value of \$2,000 to assist with closure of the Valley Lake precinct, rubbish bins, bollards, bunting, witches hats, seating, signage and crowd control fencing.

DCA have submitted their Risk, Safety and Traffic Management Plans and will provide a Certificate of Currency for public liability upon approval of the event from Council.

As resolved by Council in November 2015, in the event that an extreme or catastrophic fire ban is declared the Valley Lake precinct will be closed and no events held. DCA are aware that should there be such a fire ban in place that the event will not progress.

CONCLUSION

That Council provide support to Drift challenge Australia for the 2020 King of the Hill drift event at the Valley Lake from Friday, 6 November 2020 to Sunday, 8 November 2020, and Council approve the closure of the Valley Lake precinct from 0700 Thursday, 5 November 2020 and until 1800 Monday, 9 November 2020.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



5.2 STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2024 FEEDBACK – REPORT NO. AR20/27935

Committee:	People and Place Committee
Meeting Date:	1 June 2020
Report No.:	AR20/27935
CM9 Reference:	AF19/413
Author:	Heidi Gajic, Community Development and Engagement Officer
Authoriser:	Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer
Summary:	A report providing Council with feedback on the public consultation for the Strategic Plan 2020-2024 and suggesting changes in light of this feedback to enable endorsement.
Community Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People Goal 2: Our Location Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and Heritage

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That People and Place Committee Report No. AR20/27935 titled 'Strategic Plan 2020-2024 Feedback' as presented on 01 June 2020 be noted.
2. That Council make the changes identified in the '*Proposed Changes*' part of this report.
3. That subject to these changes being implemented, the Strategic Plan 2020-2024 be endorsed.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make minor textual changes to correct typos and errors of fact and to update the Mayoral Message if required in consultation with the Mayor.



BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting on 18 February 2020, Council endorsed the draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan for the purposes of public consultation in accordance with Council Policy P195 Community Consultation and Engagement.

DISCUSSION

CONSULTATION

The Strategic Plan 2020-2024 was on public consultation from Monday 24 February 2020, until Sunday 3 May 2020.

The public consultation process involved notices and articles in the Border Watch newspaper, radio interviews, the weekly affairs column of the Border Watch, promotion on the City of Mount Gambier Facebook page, a static display in the Civic Centre courtyard and a consultation page on the 'Have Your Say Mount Gambier' website. Copies of the Community Plan were also available to download from 'Have Your Say Mount Gambier' and hardcopies at from Customer Service at the Civic Centre. Members were also encouraged to seek feedback from the communities within which they were involved.

At the conclusion of the advertised public consultation period, Council received a total 26 submissions, three from the same person, including one anonymous representation. The summary can be found as **Attachment 1**. The representations received were distributed to Elected Members on 22nd May 2020. They have subsequently been made available on the Council's website.

Engagement statistics via the "Have Your Say Mount Gambier" consultation page were as follows:

- 292 Visits
- 3 Submissions
- 202 Downloads of the Draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan
- 15 Downloads of the Draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan Feedback form
- 16 views of the Draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan FAQ's.

FEEDBACK

The feedback centred on a few issues, which can be summarised as:

- Climate Emergency;
- Rail and cycle trails;
- Chamber of Commerce role; and
- Tourism.

These are dealt with in detail in **Attachment 2**, together with a proposed response to the representation.

Council are reminded that the number of responses is not as important as their content. A well-made point by one respondent deserves the same consideration as an alternate issue receiving multiple similar responses.

At the Council meeting on 21st April 2020, Council resolved not to undertake a public hearing into any activity undertaken in accordance with its Public Consultation Policy. As such, no public hearing is required or has been convened for either the Strategic Plan or the Annual Business Plan and Budget. Representors have been advised of Council's decision.



PROPOSED CHANGES

The following are the proposed changes to the draft Strategic Plan 2020-2024:

Statement of Commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities

Remove existing text and replace with:

“The City of Mount Gambier acknowledges the Boandik Peoples as the traditional custodians of the land and water our city sits upon today.

We respect and recognise the deep feelings of attachment and the spiritual relationship our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have with the land and water.

Reconciliation is an important factor in developing an inclusive city where people lead fulfilling lives. Working together with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, the City of Mount Gambier has the following vision for reconciliation:

- **A society free of racism and prejudice** where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples feel a strong sense of belonging and are able to participate fully in the life of our community.
- **A city which supports expressions of cultural identity**, where cultural practices, traditional sites and significant places are acknowledged, celebrated and preserved.
- **A community characterised by social justice** which advocates for enriching the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.”

Amendment to 2.2.2

“... cohesive infrastructure planning including regional rail trails [Partnership].”

Amendment to text associated with Goal 3 with an additional sentence at the end of the first paragraph stating:

“The Council will work in partnership with representative groups including the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Mount Gambier.”

Amendment to 4.1.2:

“Protecting biodiversity for future generations and the creation of wildlife corridors through the Council’s own works or in new private development [Advocate and Owner / Custodian].”

CONCLUSION

Council endorsed the Strategic Plan for the purposes of public consultation, following a series of workshops and committee consideration. The public consultation has yielded a number of responses and some clear areas for consideration. Council were happy with the Strategic Plan at the time of going out to public consultation and despite the impact of COVID-19, the Strategic Plan remains flexible and relevant.

The Annual Business Plan and Budget process which has proceeded in tandem intended to put the flesh on the bones of the first year in terms of implementation. Council will be able to see the clear links between the Strategic Plan and the Annual Business Plan and Budget in a number of key and capital projects. As such, the Strategic Plan is commended to Council for endorsement.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Strategic Plan Representations [↓](#)
2. City of Mount Gambier - Draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan - Public Consultation [↓](#)



STRATEGIC PLAN REPRESENTATIONS

RESPONDENT	MAIN AREA OF INTEREST	MOUNT GAMBIER BASED?
1. Sandra Young	Climate emergency	No
2. Brett Mashado	Climate emergency	Unknown
3. Gilda Mashado	Climate emergency	Yes
4. Cate Cooper	Climate emergency	Unknown
5. Merry Dickens	Climate emergency	Unknown
6. Elizabeth Deme	Climate emergency	No
7. Sue Westgarth	Climate emergency	Possible
8. Sharon Holmes (1)	Climate emergency	Yes
9. Marcia Hobbs	Climate emergency	Unknown
10. Heather Heggie	Climate emergency	No
11. Trudy-Anne Doyle	Climate emergency	Unknown
12. Evan and Marga Steele	Climate emergency	Yes
13. Catherine Pye	Climate emergency	No
14. Graham Holmes	Climate change	No
15. Ian Smith	Various	Yes
16. Limestone Coast Rail Trails	Rail trails	Unknown
17. Bernie Warternberg	Various	Yes
18. Chamber of Commerce	Chamber of Commerce role	Yes
19. Sharon Holmes (2)	Various	Yes
20. Sharon Holmes (3)	Bike trails	Yes
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21. Angus Ralton	Climate emergency	Unknown
22. Bradley Tremelling	Climate emergency	Unknown
23. Jasper Lee	Climate emergency	No
24. Corinne Ang	Climate emergency	Unknown
25. Stacey Tremelling	Climate emergency	Unknown
26. Anonymous	Rail trail and walking	Unknown



**CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER - DRAFT 2020-2024 STRATEGIC PLAN - PUBLIC CONSULTATION
Representations Summary**

N ^o .	Name	Response Summary	Comments	Recommendations
1.	Sandra Young	<p>"We want to be leaders in tackling climate change, so the City of Mount Gambier Draft Strategic Plan 2020-2024 needs amending to :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immediately declare a climate emergency 2. Hold a people's assembly in the City of Mount Gambier within three months 3. Work with other Limestone Coast Councils and community to hold a citizens' assembly on climate change within six months 4. Resolve that council decision-making will be guided by the resolutions of the Citizens' Assembly on climate change." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council considered a deputation and other material supplied regarding a Climate Emergency and has not resolved to accept this. • Council has not resolved a position with regards to Citizens' Assemblies, which would seem to duplicate or be at variance to the role of local government. Such a decision should be at a State level and is not a matter for local government. 	No change.
2.	Brett Mashado	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
3.	Gilda Mashado	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
4.	Cate Cooper	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
5.	Merry Dickens	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
6.	Elizabeth Deme	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
7.	Sue Westgarth	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
8.	Sharon Holmes (1)	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
9.	Marcia Hobbs	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
10.	Heather Heggie	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
11.	Trudy-Anne Doyle	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
12.	Evan and Marga Steele	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
13.	Catherine Pye	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
14.	Graham Holmes	"There does not seem to be enough emphasis on the effects of climate change."	Noted, although the title of Goal 4, the introduction to	No change.



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			Goal 4 and 4.3.3 both clearly reference this in a plan focused on all of the Council's activities.	
15.	Ian Smith	Goal 1.5: 'University courses need to have demand'. 'What are students leaving Mt Gambier to study elsewhere?' Proposes a virtual university in the old rail station or similar abandoned building.	Students are studying courses not on offer in Mount Gambier and to experience life in another, city. The future use of the former railway station has yet to be resolved by Council.	No change
		Goal 2.1, 4.3 & 4.4: Develop a Walking and Cycling Plan in conjunction with Bicycle Institute SA and Walking SA.	Council is progressing a draft Walking and Cycling Plan for the city.	No change.
		Goal 2.1: What does "finish the rail trail" look like. Does it incorporate Austroads sustainable safety principles for the road crossings? 'It should'	The crossings for the rail trail have been implemented in accordance with Austroad Standards.	No change.
		Goal 2.2: A good goal would be for one business of >200 employees that is not currently operating here to relocate their head office to Mt Gambier.	This element relates to regional collaboration and, as such, is not a parochial. However, 3.1.6 addresses this element.	No change.
		Goal 2.3 & 2.5: Encourages increased inner-city living – reduction in vehicles and activation of city. Activate buildings along the rail lands to attract after hours patrons and tourists and adopt Austroads sustainable safety principles, more line marking on the roads so that driving is intuitive to the point of being urban, plus a reduction in speed limit to a maximum of 40 km/h within the CBD and immediate surrounds. Turn off the clock chime between 9pm and 6am. Close roads on Sunday mornings and encourage people to ride and walk	The works proposed in the CBD address the activation concern, which is shared. Council have resolved to keep the clock chime. Road closures are problematic in that some of the key roads requiring pedestrianisation are under the control of DPTI.	No change.
		Goal 3.1 & 3.3: Beautifying town entrances is not needed. 'Plant a boulevard of trees with some lights if you must'.	The beautification of entrances is something that	No change.



N ^o	Name	Response Summary	Comments	Recommendations
		References importance of education, health care, bold ideas, walking and cycling transportation modes and true high-speed internet as an attractor.	provides a gateway and a sense of arrival. Places that have done this well achieve the above. Currently the City could do better.	
		Goal 3.2: 'The city planning code should not be for the developers to exploit and should focus more on community spaces rather than individual large blocks'. 'Encourage community designed developments that actively encourage shared use, walking and cycling over cars and individualistic isolation'. 'Explore community heating and community energy projects'. 'I do not support boundary creep'. Encourages consideration of 'on-demand type of service akin to a public UBER bus'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Planning and Design Code is a state-wide set of planning principles, the details of which are not open to discussion with DPTI. • The principles encourage accessibility rather than mobility. • The Council has written to the Minister seeking further details on the Uber style bus trials being undertaken and has sought further information on becoming a trial site. 	No change.
		Goal 3.5: Proposes a target on the reduction of per-capita waste to landfill and exploring creative ways of achieving this.	The Council has committed to this recently with the provision of a hard waste trial and an extension of the FOGO service at no cost.	No change.
		Goal 4.1: 'A great move would be to create a native animal sanctuary in a ring around the town'.	Not sure about the practicalities of this. Reducing island effects and creating wildlife corridors are concepts which can be explored further.	Suggest an amendment to 4.1.2 to: <i>"Protecting biodiversity for future generations and the creation of wildlife corridors through the Council's own works or in new private development."</i>



N ^o	Name	Response Summary	Comments	Recommendations
16.	Limestone Coast Rail Trails	Supportive of the Rail Trail extensions	Noted	No change.
		Proposes a priority be placed on the completion of Rail Trails from the Gambier West junction (just West of White Ave) to Avey Rd then to Tolner Rd.	These works will be completed in the 2020/21 financial year, subject to the Annual Business Plan and Budget being approved.	No change.
		Goal 2.1.3: Proposes that this should include integration with a Mount Gambier to Port MacDonnell trail and the inclusion of 2-3 representatives from the Limestone Coast Rail Trails Steering Committee in this development.	Accepted that more could be done to drive this from a regional perspective.	Suggest an amendment to 2.2.2 to: "... cohesive infrastructure planning including regional rail trails [Partnership]."
17.	Bernie Wartenberg	Goal 2 – Our Location: When will the City be confirmed as an RV Friendly Town?	Application being prepared currently, following a recent Council decision.	No change.
		Identifies the challenge in making comment on this plan as a whole without access to the Long Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Plan and the Development Plan.	All documents are available for consideration either electronically or in person from the Council offices.	No change.
		Goal 2.1: There are 5 sub-sections under 2.1 that relate to differing areas of issues and concerns that fall under the category of 2.1, however, the Summation Box on the bottom only refers to 2.1.3. What is being done for the other subsections.	The box at the bottom provides an example. The detail sits within Annual Business Plans and budgets as informed (and vice versa) by the Implementation Plan. PLEC work, rail trail works, a Crater Lakes Masterplan, for example, all form part of works proposed for 2020/21.	No change.
		Goal 2.1.3: "What still needs to be finished with the rail trail? At what cost? Will it really take two years to complete? What further linkages? How many? At what cost? Why wait another two years? Does Council not have the plans already for these cross links?"	The rail trail will be completed in the 2020/21 financial year, subject to the Annual Business Plan and Budget being approved. The cross links will form part of	No change.



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			future works identified in the draft Walking and Cycling Plan.	
		Goal 2.3: Questions Councils understanding of its role in tourism and its objectives and success measures for masterplans of its tourism sites.	Council's role in tourism currently is as a landowner. Council are keen to reconsider this and to assess its future role.	No change.
		Goal 2.3: Queries no mention of investment in Engelbrecht cave in the next ten years and lack of funds for a major redevelopment of both Engelbrecht Cave and Umpherston Sinkhole.	As the Strategic Plan is a four year plan, it is not possible to see what is planned beyond 2024. Investment in the Engelbrecht and Umpherston sites will be dependent on the discussions on the Council's future role in tourism.	No change.
		Goal 2.4: "What six events are envisaged and in which months will they be held?"	Unknown at this time given the impact of COVID-19. However, pre that a number of regional or national events were planned for the city.	No change.
		Goal 2.5 : Convert the 'Main Corner' Pedestrian crossing to be similar to that in Adelaide at the corner of Rundle Mall/Rundle Street and Pulteney Street.	A change to the configuration of the crossing in this area which is not under the control of Council.	No change.
		Goal 3 – Our Diverse Economy: "When will this City be a RV Friendly Town?" Proposes Frew Park as a site for free overnight camping.	Application being prepared currently, following a recent Council decision.	No change.
		Goal 3.1: "This should be fast tracked and achieved in the shortest possible time."	The priority attached to each item is a matter for Council through the Annual Business Plan and Budget setting process. It currently	No change.



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			sits in 2022/23 in the Implementation Plan.	
		Goal 3.1.1: Demonstrates support for this goal and believes the focus extended to include visitor information bays.	Noted	No change.
		Goal 3.1.3: "Who exactly are the community leaders that are engaged in addressing what current barriers there are in shaping the future?"	These are the people representing community groups, key industries and government agencies active in the city.	No change.
		Goal 3.4: proposes a review of this section to align with the climate created by COVID-19. Suggests attraction and retention of a range of specialist or boutique stores.	This section can be implemented now as per pre-COVID-19 as it was written with flexibility. The niche business element is specifically mentioned in 3.1.4.	No change
		Goal 3.4.4: Identifies shortcomings with the Destination Maps and Civic Guides located in various spots in the city.	Such matters are noted, although this item is predominantly to do with the VIC and on-line output.	No change.
		Goal 3.5 - Recycling: Proposes an extension of Red and Yellow topped bin housings to all locations that require bins.	This work was grant funded and the supplier no longer provides these facilities. An alternative supplier is being sought to enable replacement and an increase in these facilities.	No change.
		Goal 4.4: Encourages investment in fitness/exercise equipment alongside the rail trail. Discourages further investment in ("anything that does nothing") referencing public artwork.	Fitness equipment is expensive and has been shown to have little public benefit and to be discriminatory as studies have found significant underuse by women. However, Council have	No change.



N ^o	Name	Response Summary	Comments	Recommendations
			considered this as part of their COVID-19 response and it may be installed in future along the rail trail.	
		Goal 4.5: "At what cost?????". Proposes a complete review of tree planting.	Cost dependant on future decisions of Council through the Annual Business Plan and Budget. Tree planting and planning is not part of this element, which related to public art.	No change.
18.	Chamber of Commerce	<p>The Mount Gambier Chamber believes it can play a role in the implementation of this plan, in particular the following goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 1.2 - Community growth • Goal 1.5 - Becoming an 'earning and learning' community • Goal 2.1.1 - Infrastructure development and managing our current assets • Goals 2.5.1, 2.5.3 & 2.5.4 - Focusing on activation, revitalisation and place making in our CBD • Goals 3.1.3 & 3.1.6 - Identify gateways and support for our businesses • Goal 3.4 - Tourism is contributing to a diverse economy and creating opportunity 	Noted, particularly in light of a recent briefing with Council.	No change in light of the additional text proposed.
		The Chamber of Commerce be referenced within the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan.	Noted.	Additional sentence at the end of the first paragraph for Goal 3 stating: <i>"The Council will work in partnership with representative groups including the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Mount Gambier."</i>



N ^o .	Name	Response Summary	Comments	Recommendations
		The Chamber of Commerce be resourced to act on the above goals.	The resourcing of the Chamber is a matter for the members of the Chamber of Commerce through their subscriptions and not for Council. No direct investment in the Chamber is proposed, but rather investment in the CBD.	No change.
19.	Sharon Holmes (2)	Goal 3.4: Does Council already have something specific in mind?	If this question is with regards to the hero attraction, then no.	No change.
		Support for the focus on developing bike and walking trails	Noted	No change.
		Proposes a bike trail between Mount Gambier and Port Mac Donnell	Noted and supported with an amendment.	Suggest an amendment to 2.2.2 to: " <i>... cohesive infrastructure planning including regional rail trails [Partnership]."</i>
20.	Sharon Holmes (3)	Proposes the establishment of an Active Transport Working Group to review the Strategic Bicycle Plan adopted by Council in 2007, considering this plan alongside Council's current bicycle and active transport plans.	Noted.	Given the regional element of trails engagement, work is proposed on this at a regional, rather than a city, level. No change.
21.	Angus Ralton	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
22.	Bradley Tremelling	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
23.	Jasper Lee	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
24.	Corinne Ang	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
25.	Stacey Tremelling	As per 1	As per 1	As per 1
26.	Anonymous	Proposes the development of a children's Railway Park and an All Abilities play space (refer to recent Portland development).	Council has allocated \$150,000 towards a new playspace, courtesy of a donation from OSHC in this area.	The All Abilities element will be included as part of the community design process. No change to the Strategic Plan.



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		Proposes a walking track from Railway Park to include appropriate exercise motifs and water bottle top up facilities (refer to recent Halls Gap development).	Noted.	The provision of water fountains and bottle refill stations will be included in the new playspace works, close to the trail. No change to the Strategic Plan.



5.3 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET FEEDBACK – REPORT NO. AR20/32772

Committee:	People and Place Committee
Meeting Date:	1 June 2020
Report No.:	AR20/32772
CM9 Reference:	AF19/413
Author:	Ben Kilsby, Community Development & Engagement Officer
Authoriser:	Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer
Summary:	A report providing Council with feedback on the public consultation for the Annual Business Plan and Budget and suggesting changes in light of this feedback.
Community Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People Goal 2: Our Location Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and Heritage

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That People and Place Committee Report No. AR20/32772 titled 'Annual Business Plan and Budget Feedback' as presented on 01 June 2020 be noted.
2. That Council make the changes identified in the '*Proposed Changes*' part of this report.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make minor textual changes to correct typos and errors of fact and to update the Mayoral Message if required in consultation with the Mayor.



BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting on 21 April 2020, Council endorsed the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2020-2021 for the purposes of public consultation in accordance with Council Policy P195 Community Consultation and Engagement.

DISCUSSION

CONSULTATION

The Annual Business Plan and Budget was on public consultation from Monday 27 April 2020, until Monday 18 May 2020.

The public consultation process involved notices and articles in the Border Watch newspaper, radio interviews, promotion on the City of Mount Gambier Facebook page and a consultation page on the 'Have Your Say Mount Gambier' website. Copies of the Annual Business Plan and Budget were also available to download from 'Have Your Say Mount Gambier' and hardcopies at from Customer Service at the Civic Centre. Members were also encouraged to seek feedback from the communities within which they were involved.

Please be advised that no submissions were received via Have Your Say Mount Gambier in relation to the 2020/2021 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget. This is despite:

- 96 visits to the project page
- 40 downloads of the Draft Annual Business Plan
- 16 downloads of the Budget Snapshot
- 19 downloads of supporting fact sheets

Council has received two written submissions through alternative channels.

FEEDBACK

The Council received two formal submissions, which were provided to Elected Members on 22nd May 2020. They have subsequently been made available on the Council's website and are from:

- Bernie Wartenberg
- Wet Noses Animal Rescue

These are dealt with in detail in **Attachment 1**, together with a proposed response to the representation.

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At the Council meeting on 21st April 2020, Council resolved not to undertake a public hearing into any activity undertaken in accordance with its Public Consultation Policy. As such, no public hearing is required or has been convened for either the Strategic Plan or the Annual Business Plan and Budget. Representors have been advised of Council's decision.

In light of feedback from representors and from Council, the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget will be presented to Council later this month, to enable the rate to be struck and a budget finalised for the 2020/2021 municipal year, along the with the other necessary resolutions to give effect to this.



CHANGES PROPOSED

No changes are proposed as a result of the submission received. However, there is a suggestion from the Administration that consideration of three composite budget lines be changed. A review has been undertaken because of the current impact of COVID-19. These are:

CATERING EXPENSES (0035) - due to the likelihood of less travel as a result of COVID-19 and the current Gatherings Direction, the budget is proposed to be reduced by 25% to reflect no travel or catering for gatherings in the first quarter.

TRAVEL (0064) – due to the likelihood of less travel as a result of COVID-19, the budget is proposed to be reduced by 25% to reflect no travel in the first quarter. This is a calculated gamble as future travel during 2020/2021 may significantly increase depending on Rex's approach to pricing going forward and the accessibility of community fares.

SEMINAR / TRAINING EXPENSES (0074) – during COVID-19 a lot of training, including mandatory training, has been on hold and there will be a period of catching up in 2020/2021. This training will need to be provided remotely but, in some cases, can only be provided face to face. For the latter the strong preference will be for the trainer / assessor to come to our workplace, stay in Mount Gambier and put funds into our community. As this budget line includes not only the training course, but also accommodation and meals whilst on a course, it is proposed to reduce this budget by 25% to reflect no training related accommodation in the first six months.

These three lines represent a saving of \$6,225, \$14,150 and \$28,845, totalling **\$49,220**. They will be further reviewed at each quarterly review in light of the Directions and restrictions in place at that time.

CONCLUSION

Council endorsed the Annual Business Plan and Budget for the purposes of public consultation, following a series of workshops and committee consideration. The public consultation has yielded few responses. Council were happy with the Annual Business Plan and Budget during the heightened impact of COVID-19. The clear intent was set to set parameters and then manage the budget through a series of timely Budget Reviews.

The Strategic Plan process which has proceeded in tandem with the Annual Business Plan and Budget so that our community could see the links between them, particularly with regard to the first year in terms of implementation. Council can see the clear links between the Strategic Plan and the Annual Business Plan and Budget in a number of key and capital projects. As such, a resolution of Council on this report closes the feedback loop and enables it to proceed to a resolution later this month to adopt a budget for 2020/2021.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 Annual Business Plan and Budget [↓](#)



CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER - DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET 2020/2021 - PUBLIC CONSULTATION
Representations Summary

N ^o .	Name	Response Summary	Comments	Recommendations
1.	Bernie Wartenberg	1.1 Identifies the challenge in making comment on this plan as a whole without access to the Long Term Financial Plan, Asset Management Plan and the Development Plan.	All documents are available for consideration either electronically or in person from the Council offices, as required by law.	No change.
		1.2 More detail is required in the budget in the capital section by summary to enable an understanding of the detail.	For key elements of the budget, factsheets were provided so that the community could see the detail of works proposed.	No change.
		1.3 Discrepancy between the Asset Management Plan figure for public toilets and the allocation in the ABP&B.	There will be \$200k carried forward from 2019/2020 into 2020/2021 for use on new / refurbished public toilets.	No change.
		1.4 Closure of Public Toilets – 13 or 14 possibly closed – no handwash or hand drying facilities, in contravention of the SA Health Act.	The statement is incorrect and the Council is not in breach of a legislative requirement. However, works are underway to improve facilities and the toilets referenced are being reopened with the required facilities.	No change.
		1.5 Public toilets to be brought up to standard over the next three years.	This would be subject to a future resolution of Council, which would be contrary to the relevant asset management plan and would require significant expenditure at variance with the Council's Long-Term Financial Plan.	No change.
		1.6 Why is there investment in the former Railway Station and where does it appear in the ABP&B?	Council resolved to complete the external works on the Railway Station building and this work is in the 2019/2020 budget	No change.
		1.7 Vansittart Park Grandstand – what is this money for and it should be spent on the toilets.	Council resolved to repair the existing grandstand at Vansittart Park and this work has been completed in 2019/2020 financial year	No change.
		1.8 Asset Management Plan interventions in the Lakes Area (lookouts), Conservation Park and Umpherston Sinkhole shelters	Upgrade of the Lakes Area (lookouts) is in the 2020/2021 Asset Management Plan and ABP&B. Work in the Conservation park is being done in 2019/2020 as part of the Covid 19 stimulus. For Umpherston see below.	No change.



N ^o .	Name	Response Summary	Comments	Recommendations
		1.9 The level of investment at Umpherston and Engelbrecht over ten years is not sufficient given their honeypot nature and the quality of existing facilities.	The ABP&P is a single year plan and the budget put forward reflects the Council's current investment plan. However, significant investment in the Engelbrecht and Umpherston sites will be dependent on the discussions on the Council's future role in tourism.	No change.
		1.10 Miscellaneous extra information sought on the capital program with comments as to the detail.	7570 – replacement of two existing bus shelters 7620 – resurfacing of Hoo Hoo lookout and Percy Street carparks and construction of new overflow carpark for the reuse market 7630 – Café upgrade, Café and Library furniture replacement, Robotics equipment 7640 – City Hall storage upgrade, Wehl Street theatre window replacement, Main Corner wall and roof repairs, Cave garden sound and light show upgrade, Replacement of hearing loop in dress circle, Riddoch art gallery crate loader, Riddoch art gallery people counters, Annual purchase of Christmas decorations. 7660 – Visitor information centre North wall repairs, Tourism signage. 7665 – Installation of 250 additional street trees. 7680 – Maxwell Street reserve shade shelter, Install new playground equipment, New playground at the Railway Lands, Cave garden power outlets and security lighting, Hay Drive retaining wall repairs, New Valley Lake public amenities, Lakes area lookout upgrades, Valley Lake water quality control devices, Dog park solar lighting, Air-conditioning replacements, Restoration of Krupp field cannon (Vansittart Park).	No change.



N ^o .	Name	Response Summary	Comments	Recommendations
			7460 – GPS vehicle tracking devices, ACTUS hardware and software, Records system hardware and software, Annual IT hardware replacement, Server provision contract, Network hardware replacement, Risk register/legislative compliance software.	
		1.11 Waste bin program and provision of new bins.	This work was grant funded and the supplier no longer provides these facilities. An alternative supplier is being sought to enable replacement and an increase in these facilities.	No change.
		1.12 Change in funding for Community Services.	Item 6101 reflects a part year figure for 2019 that was not in the original budget for that year, the current figure refers to a full year allocation. Item 6129 used to include a General Manager salary, which is now included in an alternate budget line.	No change.
		1.13 Public toilet cleaning.	Council is working with the toilet cleaning contractors to ensure adequate cleaning of the public toilets.	No change.
		1.14 Cost of cultural activities.	The cost referred to has been considered by Council to be an investment. Investment is cultural activities and quality of life activities often has no financial benefit and is a key role of Councils who do not operate in a wholly commercial space. If Council only spent its funds on items where there was a financial return, the city would not be a place where people wanted to live and it would not meet the quadruple bottom line of sustainability. The statement referring to a loss is also incorrect, as this would mean that the figures referred to were in excess of the budget allocation.	No change
		1.15 Cost of running the Riddoch Art Gallery and Main Corner Complex.	The cost referred to has been considered by Council to be an investment. Investment is cultural activities and quality of life activities often has no financial benefit and is a key role of Councils who do not operate in a wholly commercial space. If Council only spent its funds on items where there	No change.



N ^o	Name	Response Summary	Comments	Recommendations
			was a financial return, the city would not be a place where people wanted to live and it would not meet the quadruple bottom line of sustainability. The statement referring to a loss is also incorrect, as the this would mean that he figures referred to were in excess of the budget allocation.	
		1.16 Seeking that the City of Mount Gambier become an RV Friendly Town.	Application being prepared currently, following a recent Council decision.	No change.
		1.17 Standard of the Visitor Information Centre and associated facilities and the cost of running this.	The ABP&P is a single year plan and the budget put forward reflects the Council's current investment plan. However, significant investment in the Visitor Information Centre will be dependent on the discussions on the Council's future role in tourism.	No change.
		1.18 Cost of City Infrastructure staff and whether this is related to AWU membership.	Cost increase as a result of a change in the way overheads are allocated. Some employees are AWU members, although not sure of the relevance of this.	No change.
2.	Wet Noses	Proposes the inclusion of \$7,500 towards their recent costs associated with animal welfare during the COVID-19 pandemic.	Should Council be agreeable, a \$7,500 donation could be made in the current year to avoid a minor change to the 2020/2021 budget.	To grant \$7,500 to Wet Noses from the 2019/2020 budget, from composite code 64, which relates to travel expenses which is underspent as a result of COVID-19.



5.4 REPLACEMENT OF COUNCIL STREET LIGHTING WITH LED LUMINAIRES – REPORT NO. AR20/32710

Committee:	People and Place Committee
Meeting Date:	1 June 2020
Report No.:	AR20/32710
CM9 Reference:	AF19/413
Author:	Nick Serle, General Manager City Infrastructure
Authoriser:	Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer
Summary:	This report recommends the replacement of 2,351 high intensity discharge (HID) street lights with LED luminaires
Community Plan Reference:	Goal 1: Our People Goal 2: Our Location Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy Goal 4: Our Climate, Natural Resources, Arts, Culture and Heritage

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That People and Place Committee Report No. AR20/32710 titled 'Replacement of Council Street lighting with LED luminaires' as presented on 01 June 2020 be noted.
2. Council members consider the replacement of 2,351 HID street lights with smart ready LED luminaires at a total cost of approximately \$1M at a future workshop.



BACKGROUND

Council received a report on 18 April 2017 recommending Council enter into a long term contract with SA Power Networks (SAPN) for the replacement of 2,351 high intensity discharge (HID) street lights with LED luminaires. Council did not support the recommendation due to the requirement to enter into a long term contract with SAPN and concurrent work being undertaken by the LGA with the intention of allowing Council's to maintain street lights mounted on SAPN infrastructure in our own right at a significantly reduced cost as compared to SAPN.

The LGA drive to allow third party access to maintain equipment mounted on SAPN infrastructure has now been completed with the outcome being that third party access is not allowed. However, the provision of street lighting operation and maintenance (tariff charges) will be a service regulated by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) from 1 July 2020.

The regulation by the AER from 1 July 2020 of the charges allowed by SAPN for the provision of street lighting operation and maintenance presents the opportunity for Council to consider the replacement of the 2,351 HID street lights with LED luminaires without the need to commit to a long term contract with SAPN.

Crs Amoroso and Jenner, together with the General Manager – City Infrastructure, have represented the Council on this statewide initiative.

DISCUSSION

The cost to Council of providing 2,351 street lights on the roads classified as “P” lighting areas (this does not cover major roads the majority of which are managed by DPTI) is shown in the table below.

Year	Tariff Costs	Energy Costs	Total
	<i>SA Power Networks</i>	<i>Origin Energy (now Infigen Energy)</i>	
2019/2020	\$207,366.05	\$202,201.98	\$409,568.03
2018/2019	\$242,741.30	\$240,988.74	\$483,730.04
2017/2018	\$218,508.80	\$267,038.68	\$485,547.48

Council now has the opportunity to replace some or all 2,351 fluorescent street lights with smart LED luminaires at a total cost of \$1M and receive the benefit of reducing the annual cost to operate and maintain the street lights by \$200k per annum (made up of \$160k per annum reduced energy charges and \$40k per annum reduced tariff charges). This represents an approximate five year payback for the project at current rates / prices.

The replacement of the street lights with smart LED luminaires will result in the following benefits in addition to the annual cost savings detailed above:

- LEDs are more Energy efficient. An 80W Mercury Vapour luminaire is rated at 95.8W. The standard 14W Street-LED is rated at only 17W. Council's energy consumption and carbon footprint would therefore be considerably reduced;
- LEDs have a longer expected life than high intensity discharge (HID) lamps. This means that the incidence of reported Street Lights Out should reduce. This will reduce operating costs;
- LEDs have a lower lumen depreciation than HID lamps. This means that approaching the end of life a LED output is higher than that of a HID lamp;
- Disposal and/or recycling or refurbishment of LED luminaires will be more efficient than disposal of lamps containing higher levels of mercury;
- LED luminaires are smart ready. That is, they can facilitate control systems such as remote reporting (of parameters such as temperature, noise and air quality), control and dimming, should it be required;



- A variety of existing luminaire and lamp combinations can be replaced with one LED type, with white light, which is the preferred option for P category (minor road) installations; and
- Some HID light sources (e.g. Low-Pressure Sodium lamps and Mercury Vapour lamps) are no longer available. This requires the replacement of whole luminaires with an alternative replacement. LEDs meet this need.

If approved by Council, Council Officers would procure the required number of smart ready LED luminaires in accordance with Council's procurement policies and would contract SAPN to install the luminaires on their infrastructure.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council members consider the replacement of 2,351 HID street lights with smart ready LED luminaires at a total cost of \$1M at a future workshop.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



5.5 REQUEST FOR DISCRETIONARY RATE REBATE FOR 71 SUTTONTOWN ROAD, MOUNT GAMBIER - MT GAMBIER ADRA OP SHOP – REPORT NO. AR20/31518

Committee: People and Place Committee
Meeting Date: 1 June 2020
Report No.: AR20/31518
CM9 Reference: AF19/413
Author: Jo Scheidl, Senior Rates Officer
Authoriser: Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer
Summary: A report seeking a decision by Council on whether to grant a discretionary rate rebate for Mt Gambier ADRA Op Shop
Community Plan Reference: Goal 1: Our People
Goal 3: Our Diverse Economy

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That People and Place Committee Report No. AR20/31518 titled 'Request for Discretionary Rate Rebate for 71 Suttontown Road, Mount Gambier - Mt Gambier ADRA Op Shop' as presented on 01 June 2020 be noted.
2. That Council consider a discretionary rate rebate for Assessment Number 5591 commencing from 1 July 2020 of 50% over a 2 year period.



BACKGROUND

The property situated at 71 Suttontown Road, Mount Gambier is located on Seventh Day Adventist Church grounds and has been recently leased to subsidiary "Mt Gambier ADRA Op Shop".

The "Adventist Development and Relief Agency" is an international humanitarian agency operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Op Shop has been established to support the local ADRA's mission through generating revenue to enable local church members to connect with communities and lead local community projects.

Key points noted from OS Operations Manual are 10% of all sales sent to ADRA Australia, 5% of all sales is sent to ADRA SA for Program Expenses with the remaining 85% profit to be used for local ADRA projects as decided by the Local Management Committee.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with the Local Government Act Section 166(1)(j) a Council may grant a rebate of rates or service charges "*where the land is being used by an organisation which, in the opinion of the Council, provides a benefit or service to the local community*".

Council must take into account:

- The nature and extent of council services provided in respect of the land for which the rebate is sought in comparison to similar services provided elsewhere in its area;
- The community need that is being met by activities carried out on the land for which the rebate is sought;
- The extent to which activities carried out on the land for which the rebate is sought provides assistance or relief to disadvantaged persons; and
- Any other matters considered relevant by the Council.

A rebate of less than 100% would ensure that a contribution is made toward Council services, and Section 166(2) provides council the opportunity to rebate rates or charges under subsection 166(1) may be granted on such conditions as council considers fit.

Typically, most discretionary rebates are authorised at 50%.

Based upon current year figures, the rates payable would be \$2,617.75 which would be reduced to \$1308.87 on the basis of a 50% rebate.

CONCLUSION

Given the consistent approach taken by Council, a 50% discretionary rebate on the expected rates would appear to be a prudent way to forward.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



5.6 COMMERCIAL RATE RELIEF – REPORT NO. AR20/32802

Meeting: People and Place Committee
CM9 Reference: AF19/413
Author: Jo Scheidl, Senior Rates Officer
Authoriser: Andrew Meddle, Chief Executive Officer

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. That People and Place Committee Report No. AR20/32802 titled 'Commercial Rate Relief' as presented on 01 June 2020 be noted.
2. That Council confirm that Commercial Rate Relief to Mount Gambier Central Shopping Centre be provided on an individual application on a case by case basis, rather than as a whole.
3. That Council consider Mount Gambier Central's current application to comprise their office and vacant shops only.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer advise the applicant of the Council's decision in writing.



BACKGROUND

Council has agreed to provide to waiver or refund equivalent to one quarter of the rates and NRM Levy for 2019/2020 financial year in accordance with Council Report AR20/28591– *COVID-19 RATE RELIEF* and subsequent Resolution 2020/184.

To enable Council to consider an application it must have a land use code of “Commercial” as described on the rates notice and provide evidence for each assessment that the business is one or more of the following:

- “1. Are a business specified in the Emergency Management (Non-Essential Business and Other Activities No. 4) COVID-19 direction 2020 3(1) (attached); or
2. Have applied and been approved for Federal Government JobKeeper payments; or
3. Are able to demonstrate a 30% or greater loss of trade for one month or more as a result of COVID-19.”

As a result of the resolution, the following case is presented to Council for determination as it although it meets the policy, it is not believed that Council intended to set up an *en bloc* waiver for a large number of properties, which are performing dissimilarly. The application relates to the Mount Gambier Central Shopping Centre, the holding company of which are in receipt of the JobKeeper payment.

DISCUSSION

Chapter 10 of the Local Government Act 1999 prescribes Council’s powers to raise rates. The basis of rating as described in s148 of the Act states the council decisions “*must be made fairly and in accordance with principles and practices that apply on a uniform basis across the area of the council*”.

To date all Commercial Rate Relief applications received by Council have been assessed on an individual tenancy basis.

Mount Gambier Central Shopping Complex Centre Management have now contacted Council requesting they be assessed as a whole entity providing evidence Mt Gambier Central Trust are in receipt of JobKeeper.

Centre Management have advised:

- they pay the rates on behalf of each tenant and therefore request rate relief be considered as an entire entity and any rate relief they receive will be passed onto tenants; and
- they are an essential service as they provide access to chemist and supermarket, and
- all vacant shops should be provided with relief as Mt Gambier Central Trust are in receipt of JobKeeper.

Mount Gambier Central Shopping complex currently have 46 assessments, the fourth instalment for 2019/2020 financial year totalling \$49,998.00. These individual assessments are for a variety of occupants some of whom have suffered hardship, some of whom have not and some of whom will have traded better than normal during the COVID-19. The clear intent of Council’s decision was to help businesses facing hardship and not to provide a rate rebate to businesses trading at, near or above normal levels. A request from the applicant and a list of the current assessments can be found as **Attachment 1**.

Based on information supplied by Office of Valuer-General 1st July, 2019 Mount Gambier Shopping complex has six vacant shops with fourth instalment for 2019/2020 financial year totalling \$4,017.00.



CONCLUSION

Council should be fair and consistent in its approach to assessing Commercial Rate Relief Applications, against its intent when making the relief available. As such, Council should follow an individual application route where an examination of the circumstances appertaining to an individual business can be considered. Council would be ill advised to try and pick businesses from the list of assessments without the necessary information to ensure such a business clearly met the Council's criteria. Council should not make a decision *en bloc* when relating to the individual circumstances of each assessment.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Mount Gambier Central request and list of the current assessments [↓](#)



From: [Jane Read](#)
To: [Joanne Scheidl](#)
Subject: FW: Commercial Rate Relief - Southern Cross Equity Group trading as Mount Gambier Central - response
Date: Tuesday, 26 May 2020 2:56:23 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)
[MT Gambier Jobkeeper Enrollment Form.pdf](#)
[Mount Gambier Central - Southern Cross Equity Group City of Mount Gambier Council Rates.pdf](#)

Hi Jo

Thank you for your phone call this morning.

I have spoken to our accountant and we ask that our rates. We pay the rates on behalf of each tenant and therefore ask that our request for rate relief is considered as an entire entity and any rate relief we receive will be passed onto our tenants.

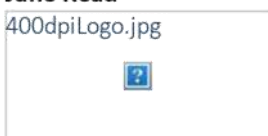
Please advise if you need any further information from me.

Thank you

Jane

Jane Read

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From: Jane Read

Sent: Friday, 22 May 2020 10:46 AM

To: 'Joanne Scheidl'

Subject: RE: Commercial Rate Relief - Southern Cross Equity Group trading as Mount Gambier Central - response

Hello Jo

I hope you are well.

Following up on our request for commercial rate relief.

1. We are an essential service as we provide access to chemist and supermarket.
2. We have applied to the JobKeeper and I have attached a copy of our enrolment form.
3. We are eligible for JobKeeper and can demonstrated 30% or greater loss of trade for one month or more as a result of COVID-19.

Do you require any further information from us for you to consider commercial rate relief?

Thank you

Jane

Jane Read





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Sent: Friday, 15 May 2020 9:27 AM
To: 'jread@sxam.com.au' <jread@sxam.com.au>
Cc: 'ykelidis@sxam.com.au' <ykelidis@sxam.com.au>; Andrew Meddle <AMeddle@mountgambier.sa.gov.au>; Melina Kavathas <MKavathas@mountgambier.sa.gov.au>
Subject: Commercial Rate Relief - Southern Cross Equity Group trading as Mount Gambier Central - response

Dear Jane,

Thank you for your email.

To enable Council to consider your application/s you must have a land use code of "Commercial" as described on your rates notice and provide evidence for each assessment that you either:

1. Are a business specified in the Emergency Management (Non-Essential Business and Other Activities No. 4) COVID-19 direction 2020 3(1) (attached); or
2. Have applied and been approved for Federal Government JobKeeper payments; or
3. Are able to demonstrate a 30% or greater loss of trade for one month or more as a result of COVID-19.

Hoping this is of assistance.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the writer.

regards

Jo Scheidl

Senior Rates Officer

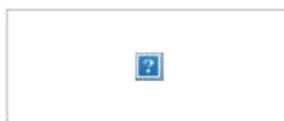
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From: Jane Read [<mailto:jread@sxam.com.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 14 May 2020 5:02 PM
To: City Emails <City@mountgambier.sa.gov.au>
Cc: Yiannis Kelidis <ykelidis@sxam.com.au>
Subject: Commercial Rate Relief - Southern Cross Equity Group trading as Mount Gambier Central



To whom it may concern

COVID-19 is having a huge impact on everyone and Southern Cross Equity Group trading as Mount Gambier Central is not immune.

Mount Gambier Central has had over 50% of stores close due to COVID-19, whilst some are starting to reopen they are all seeking financial assistance through rent reduction.

Furthermore, many tenants have been granted rent deferrals which has further impacted our short term cash position. As a result, our centre's ability to pay all expenses (including rates and taxes) is under enormous pressure.

We therefore seek assistance from the City of Mount Gambier in the form of commercial rate relief for the 4th quarter of 2019/2020.

Mount Gambier Central is an essential service as we provide access to essential services such as supermarket and pharmacy; we have registered for JobKeeper and we have experienced well over 30% in losses as a result of COVID-19.

I have attached a summary of our council rates that we are seeking assistance for.

Please advise if you require any supporting documentation for our request.

I look forward to receiving your assistance.

Kindest regards

Jane

Jane Read

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Southern Cross Equity Group
PO Box 3373
Rundle Mall
Adelaide SA 5000

2019/2020 Council Rates - 4th Quarter

Customer Number	Property Location		Instalment Amount
	21 Helen St, Mt Gambier		
122523	AT002	\$	302.00
149849	FC001	\$	641.00
99143	FC002	\$	819.00
99150	FC003	\$	690.00
99168	FC004	\$	614.00
99176	FC005	\$	567.00
146928	FC006	\$	494.00
138388	KIOO1	\$	667.00
99002	MJ001	\$	6,575.00
99192	MJ002	\$	2,062.00
98988	MM001	\$	4,311.00
148502	MM002	\$	1,558.00
99010	MM003	\$	1,304.00
148494	SP001	\$	532.00
98970	SP002	\$	771.00
125526	SP003	\$	562.00
98954	SP004	\$	720.00
98939	SP006 & SP005	\$	2,122.00
98921	SP007	\$	787.00
98913	SP008	\$	524.00
98905	SP009	\$	582.00
98897	SP010	\$	629.00
98863	SP011	\$	425.00
98855	SP012	\$	790.00
98848	SP013	\$	788.00
98822	SP014	\$	773.00
98889	SP015	\$	523.00
98818	SP016	\$	666.00
99051	SP021	\$	666.00
99044	SP022	\$	561.00
99036	SP023	\$	600.00
99028	SP024	\$	893.00
99069	SP025	\$	518.00
125534	SP026	\$	748.00
99085	SP027	\$	1,010.00
99093	SP028	\$	783.00
99101	SP029	\$	918.00
99119	SP030	\$	1,033.00
99127	SP031	\$	360.00
99135	SP032	\$	1,701.00
	Total		\$ 41,589.00
99473	UNIT 1, 18 Helen St, Mt Gambier	\$	613.00
99481	UNIT 2, 18 Helen St, Mt Gambier	\$	613.00
99499	UNIT 3, 18 Helen St, Mt Gambier	\$	944.00
138214	18 Helen St, Mt Gambier	\$	1,738.00
	Total		\$ 3,908.00
138222	17 Helen St, Mt Gambier	\$	3,508.00
	Total		\$ 3,508.00
97675	28 Gray St, Mt Gambier	\$	993.00
	Total		\$ 993.00
	TOTAL		\$ 49,998.00



6 URGENT MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

7 MEETING CLOSE



**MINUTES OF CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER
PEOPLE AND PLACE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, 10 WATSON TERRACE, MOUNT
GAMBIER
ON MONDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 5.30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Lynette Martin (OAM), Cr Frank Morello, Cr Max Bruins, Cr Ben Hood,
Cr Paul Jenner, Cr Sonya Meziniec, Cr Steven Perryman

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Chief Executive Officer	- Mr A Meddle
	General Manager Community Wellbeing	- Ms B Cernovskis
	General Manager City Infrastructure	- Mr N Serle
	Manager Executive Administration	- Mr M McCarthy
	Executive Administration Officer	- Mrs E Solly

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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.

2 APOLOGY(IES)

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner
Seconded: Mayor Lynette Martin

Moved the apologies from Cr Kate Amoroso and Cr Christian Greco be received.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frank Morello
Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

That the minutes of the People and Place Committee meeting held on 2 December 2019 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

CARRIED

4 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil



5 REPORTS

5.1 YERKALAPATA - A RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frank Morello
Seconded: Mayor Lynette Martin

1. That People and Place Committee Report No. AR20/3865 titled 'Yerkalapata - A Reconciliation Action Plan for the City of Mount Gambier' as presented on 03 February 2020 be noted.
2. That Council endorse the Yerkalapata - Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2020-2022 for the City of Mount Gambier.
3. That, in collaboration with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, there be a public launch of the Yerkalapata - Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2020-2022.

CARRIED

5.2 FIRST DRAFT OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2024

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frank Morello
Seconded: Cr Paul Jenner

1. That People and Place Committee Report No. AR20/5444 titled 'First Draft of the Strategic Plan 2020-2024' as presented on 03 February 2020 be noted.
2. That the People and Place Committee note the report and that a final draft for public consultation will be presented to Council.

CARRIED

Pursuant to Section 75A of the Local Government Act 1999, Cr Frank Morello disclosed a perceived conflict of interest in Item 5.3:

"I was a member of the selection panel".

Cr Frank Morello informed the meeting of the manner in which they *intend to deal with the perceived conflict of interest in Item 5.3 as follows:*

- "There is no material, or otherwise, benefit to me or my direct family, so I plan to take part in discussion and vote"

In accordance with Section 75A of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Frank Morello remained in the Chamber for Item 5.3.

Pursuant to Section 75A of the Local Government Act 1999, Cr Max Bruins disclosed an actual conflict of interest in Item 5.3:

"The photographer Kate Hill is well known to me and my parents are one of the photographic subjects for the exhibition".

Cr Max Bruins informed the meeting of the manner in which they intend to deal with the *actual conflict of interest in Item 5.3 as follows:*



- "I propose to participate in the meeting in relation to the matter"

In accordance with Section 75A of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Max Bruins remained in the Chamber for Item 5.3.

5.3 CREATIVE ARTS FUND 2019/2020 APPLICATIONS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frank Morello

Seconded: Cr Steven Perryman

1. That People and Place Committee Report No. AR19/67241 titled 'Creative Arts Fund 2019/2020 Applications' as presented on 03 February 2020 be noted.
2. That \$25,000 be endorsed for distribution for the 2019/2020 Creative Arts Fund as follows:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Shine in the South East	Justin Clarke	\$ 8,800	\$ 8,800
The Locals	Kate Hill	\$ 6,345	\$ 6,200
City Band Hall Mural	Mount Gambier City Band	\$ 13,000	\$ 10,000
		\$ 58,145	\$ 25,000

3. That all applicants be notified accordingly, advising that the provision and acquittal of these grant funds will always be subject to:
 - all necessary land holder and development approvals being obtained; and
 - all works being completed in accordance with all relevant legislative and compliance standards.
4. To thank the panel for its work in making its recommendations.
5. That the funds not be released for the project Shine in the South East until a final concept design is received and endorsed by Council at its meeting on 17 March 2020.

CARRIED

Having participated in the meeting in relation to the matter Cr Frank Morello voted in favour of Item 5.3.

Having participated in the meeting in relation to the matter Cr Max Bruins voted in favour of Item 5.3.



5.4 STATE GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS ON CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND THE HI-TECH SECTOR

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frank Morello

Seconded: Cr Ben Hood

1. That People and Place Committee Report No. AR20/3819 titled 'State Government Consultations on Creative Industries and the Hi-Tech Sector' as presented on 03 February 2020 be noted.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer respond to the consultation in line with the final paragraphs of the Creative Industries Consultation and Hi-Tech Sector Consultation sections of this report.

CARRIED

Pursuant to Section 75A of the Local Government Act 1999, Cr Paul Jenner disclosed a perceived conflict of interest in Item 5.5.

Cr Paul Jenner informed the meeting of the manner in which they *intend to deal with the perceived conflict of interest in Item 5.5 as follows:*

- "I propose to participate in the meeting in relation to the matter"

In accordance with Section 75A of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Jenner remained in the Chamber for Item 5.5.

5.5 PLANNING AND DESIGN CODE UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frank Morello

Seconded: Cr Ben Hood

1. That People and Place Committee Report No. AR20/3815 titled 'Planning and Design Code Update' as presented on 03 February 2020 be noted.
2. That Council note that the Council Administration will supply a technical response to the consultation on the Planning and Design Code addressing perceived inconsistencies and errors in the drafting of the Planning and Design Code for the City of Mount Gambier.

CARRIED

Having participated in the meeting in relation to the matter Cr Paul Jenner voted in favour of Item 5.5.

Pursuant to Section 74 of the Local Government Act 1999, Cr Paul Jenner disclosed a material conflict of interest in Item 5.6:

"Council Assessment Panel member".

In accordance with Section 74 of the Local Government Act 1999 Cr Paul Jenner did not participate in the meeting for Item 5.6.

Cr Paul Jenner vacated the Chamber at 6.18 p.m.



5.6 COUNCIL ASSESSMENT PANEL - MEETING PROCEDURES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frank Morello
Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

1. That People and Place Committee Report No. AR20/3785 titled 'Council Assessment Panel - Meeting Procedures' as presented on 03 February 2020 be noted.
2. That Council endorse the City of Mount Gambier Council Assessment Panel Meeting Procedures, as attached this report.
3. That the Council Assessment Panel consider the Meeting Procedures and recently updated Terms of Reference.
4. That following endorsement by the Council Assessment Panel, the meeting procedures are made public on the relevant Council Assessment Panel part of the Council's website, alongside the Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

Cr Paul Jenner resumed the meeting at 6.22 p.m.

5.7 THE USE OF VARIABLE MESSAGE DISPLAY UNITS FOR TEMPORARY ADVERTISING SIGNAGE ASSOCIATED WITH EVENTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frank Morello
Seconded: Cr Paul Jenner

1. That People and Place Committee Report No. AR20/1840 titled 'The use of variable message display units for temporary advertising signage associated with events' as presented on 03 February 2020 be noted.
2. Council support the placement of the Visual Message Display Units at the following locations:
 - I. Frew Park; Penola Road Frontage
 - II. The Visitor Centre, Jubilee Highway West;
 - III. The Information Bay, Jubilee Highway West (Millicent Road);
 - IV. Crater Lakes Round about, Bay Road;
 - V. The Information Bay, Jubilee Highway East (Adjacent Blue Lake Sports Park);
 - VI. The Rail Lands, Bay Road frontage;
 - VII. The Information Bay, Penola Road (adjacent Kalganyi Caravan Park); and
 - VIII. The Civic Centre carpark (adjacent Sturt Street)
3. Council endorse Development Applications being prepared and submitted for Variable Message Display Units at the locations as identified in (2) as above subject to the following requirements:
 - I. The advertising display of the Variable Message Display Unit does not exceed 4.6 square metres.



- II. No landscaping shall be damaged during the placement and removal of the Variable Display Message Unit.
 - III. The Variable Message Display Unit shall be located on the subject site no longer than seven days before an event and must be removed within one day after the event to which it is associated.
 - IV. Any damage to Council's infrastructure, such as the kerb and/or footpaths, during the placement and removal of the Variable Message Display Unit shall be made good to the satisfaction of Council.
4. A leaflet be prepared which can be provided to the community identifying where the Variable Message Display Units can be located upon the determination of the Development Applications, and a draft to be supplied to Council for endorsement.

CARRIED

5.8 REQUEST FROM REIDY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE BUS ZONE ON O'HALLORAN TERRACE AND INSTALL A NO PARKING ZONE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frank Morello

Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

1. That People and Place Committee Report No. AR20/3880 titled 'Request from Reidy Park Primary School to reduce the size of the Bus Zone on O'Halloran Terrace and install a No Parking Zone' as presented on 03 February 2020 be noted.
2. The Traffic impact statement attached to the People and Place Committee Report No. be endorsed by Council.
3. That City of Mount Gambier, pursuant to Ministerial delegation resolves the following:

Amend Prohibited Area

BUS ZONE

2.1.075

O'HALLORAN TERRACE (NORTHERN HALF)- From 208.0 metres east of the T-intersection with Wehl Street South to 283.3 metres east of the said intersection. To apply between 8.00am and 9.30am / 2.30pm and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Prohibited Area

NO PARKING

1.2.073

O'HALLORAN TERRACE (NORTHERN HALF)- From 144.4 metres east of the T-intersection with Wehl Street South to 205.0 metres east of the said intersection. To apply between 8.00am and 9.30am / 2.30pm and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday

To be effective on the installation of appropriate signage

CARRIED



5.9 POPULATION HEALTH PROFILE FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frank Morello
Seconded: Mayor Lynette Martin

1. That People and Place Committee Report No. AR20/3906 titled 'Population Health Profile for the City of Mount Gambier' as presented on 03 February 2020 be noted.
2. That Council note the provision of this report and endorse it being placed on the Council's website.

CARRIED

6 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

7 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 6.36 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the People and Place Committee held on

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PRESIDING MEMBER

