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I hereby give notice that a Special Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, 14 June 2022

Time: 5.30 p.m.

Location: Council Chamber

Civic Centre

10 Watson Terrace

Mount Gambier

AGENDA

Special Council Meeting 14 June 2022

Sarah Philpott
Chief Executive Officer
10 June 2022

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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 APOLOGIES

That the apology(ies) from Cr Kate Amoroso and Cr Christian Greco be received.

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 COUNCIL REPORTS

4.1 2022/23 DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FEEDBACK 2022/2023 - REPORT NO. AR22/35076

Committee: Council

Meeting Date: 14 June 2022
Report No.: AR22/35076
CM9 Reference: AF21/496

Author: Julie Scoggins, Manager Financial Services

Authoriser: Darren Barber, General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services

Summary: A report providing Council with feedback on the public

consultation for the 2022/2023 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Strategic 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

Goal 5: Our Commitment

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council Report No. AR22/35076 titled '2022/23 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget Community Consultation Feedback 2022/2023' as presented on 14 June 2022 be noted.
- 2. That Council notes the written submissions received on the 2022/2023 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget.
- 3. That Council thanks the organisations for their verbal submissions as presented at the Special Council meeting on 14 June 2022 and notes:

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4. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make minor textual changes to the 2022/2023 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget to correct typos and errors of fact and to update the Mayoral Message if required in consultation with the Mayor.

TYPE OF REPORT

Corporate

BACKGROUND

- 1. **Legislation** Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires Council to have an Annual Business Plan and Budget. The Plan is Council's statement of its intended programs and outcomes for the year and the required contents of the document are laid out in Section 123 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.
- 2. **Strategic Management Plans** Council's Annual Business Plan and Budget was formulated within the guiding principles detailed in its suite of Strategic Management Plans, including the City of Mount Gambier Strategic Plan 2020-2024, Asset Management Plans and Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP). The Asset Management Plans, LTFP and Annual Business Plan and Budget were reviewed at the same time to ensure alignment and are intended to be reviewed together annually in future years.
- 3. **Public Consultation** at the Council meeting on 17 May 2022, Council endorsed the draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2022/2023 for the purposes of public consultation in accordance with Council Policy P195 Community Consultation and Engagement and section 123 (4) of the Local Government Act.
- 4. Notification during the consultation period was provided through the following avenues:
 - Media Release was released on 20 May to all local channels and outlets.
 - **Social Media** 2 posts were placed on Facebook on 23 May and 1 June 2022 and Instagram stories were also posted on those days.
 - Articles were published in SE Voice on 31 May and the Border Watch 27 May.
 - Have Your Say Website the City of Mount Gambier Council's Have Your Say website
 provided links to the full 2022-2023 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget document,
 Council Rates fact sheet, and the submission form;
 - Council's Main Offices the full 2022/23 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget document was located at Council's Customer Service Centre and library; and
 - **Public Notice** an advertisement was placed in the Lifestyle 1 newspaper on Tuesday 24 May 2022.
- 5. **Special Council Meeting** a special council meeting has been arranged pursuant with Section 123(4) (a) & (b) of the Act on 14 June 2022 to enable the public to make submissions and ask questions regarding the 2022/23 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget.

PROPOSAL

- 1. **Primary method of consultation** the online Have Your Say City of Mount Gambier site was used as the primary method of consultation by Council to provide ease of access to the community and engagement statistics to be analysed by Council staff.
- 2. Have Your Say consultation statistics the site provided the opportunity for the community to consult on the following documents: Draft Annual Business and Budget, Draft Long Term Financial Plan, and Draft Asset Management Plans. The statistics show that the community engaged in the followed way compared to the Draft Annual Business Plan statistics from the previous year:
 - **Total Visits** 115 up from 53 visits for 2021/22.
 - Aware Participants 92 people (up from 44 for 2021/22) were deemed to be 'aware' i.e.
 they went on the website and looked at the page but did not download a document or access
 tools.

- **Informed Participants** 54 people (up from 35 in 2021/22) were deemed to be 'informed' i.e. they had downloaded/viewed the Annual Business Plan document.
- Engaged Participants 1 person (down from 5 in 2020/21) submitted online via the submission form.
- Written Submissions The public consultation process generated 4 formal written submissions (Attachment 1) on the Draft Annual Business Plan:

Number of Submissions	Email/ Letter	Have Your Say	Total
Individuals		1	1
Organisations:			
In House Hospice Care	1		1
Pioneers	1		1
Blue Lake Golf Club	1		1
Total Organisations	3	0	3
Total	3	1	4

- 3. **Verbal Submissions** The three organisations that have provided written submissions have also requested to present their submissions at the Special Council meeting on Tuesday 14 June 2022, with ten minutes assigned for each group in the following order:
 - In House Hospice Care;
 - Pioneers; and
 - Blue Lake Golf Club.
- 4. **Audit and Risk Committee** At the Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 6 June 2022, the Committee reviewed the Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget and the below recommendation will be presented for Council resolution at the ordinary Council meeting on 21 June 2022.
 - 2. That the Audit and Risk Committee feedback on Council's Draft 2022/2023 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget and/or the associated processes and risks, as follows:
 - Note commending the format and structure of the Annual Business Plan and budget
 - Noting the impact of CPI which will require monitoring throughout the financial year and will be monitored over the next Financial Year in preparation of the next Annual Business plan budget and Long Term Financial Plan
 - Note there will be value throughout the course of the next Financial Year to undertake a review of rating sustainability including benchmarking
 - The deficit position and the net financial liabilities ratio are above target but taken account of in the Long Term Financial Plan

be incorporated with the public consultation feedback to be presented to the Special Council meeting to be held on the 28 June 2022 for consideration of the adoption of the Draft 2022/2023 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act Section 123 (4) and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022/2023 is aligned with the City of Mount Gambier Strategic Plan 2020-2024.

COUNCIL POLICY

R105 Draft Rating Policy 2022/2023

R130 Rates General Matters

R155 Rate Rebate Policy

P195 Community Consultation and Engagement

B300 Budget Framework Policy

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VALUE FOR MONEY

Nil

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

The community consultation timelines and approach was aligned with that defined in the Local Government Act and Council's Policy P195 Community Consultation and Engagement Policy defines community consultation as being "part of community engagement and means a planned process by which the Council formally invites its constituents and stakeholders to comment about matters upon which Elected members are to deliberate."

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Nil

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Following a series of workshops and committee consideration, Council endorsed the 2022/2023 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget for the purposes of public consultation and received four submissions from the community.

The four formal submissions are attached to this report for Elected Member review.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Written Submission In Home Hospice Care Inc U
- 2. Written Submission Pioneers Basketball Club J
- 3. Written Submission Blue Lake Golf Club &
- 4. Written Submission Jason Have Your Say J



1 James Street, Mount Gambier. SA. 5290 Telephone: (08) 8725 7448 ABN: 24 784 093 363 www.inhomehospicecare.org.au

Dear Mayor Martin and Councillors

4th April 2022

Re: In Home Hospice Care request for assistance and support

"Compassionate communities are a core part of public health approaches to palliative care, end of life care, and bereavement" and are described as "naturally occurring networks of support in neighbourhoods and communities." (A Kellehear; Implementation of Compassionate Communities).

Mount Gambier In Home Hospice Care Inc (IHHCare) is working towards creating a strong compassionate community program that aims to fill gaps in existing local palliative care services and become an integral part of home-based hospice care for our region by providing an end of life service that operates as part of the broader public health approach.

Established in 2021 through a State Government Palliative Care grant and based on the successful Warrnambool & Districts Community Hospice (WDCH), IHHCare can provide residents of Mount Gambier and close surrounding districts who are approaching end of life, the option of personalised, compassionate care in the comfort of their home.

National statistics state that 70% of the Australians would prefer to die at home but only 15% manage to do so; locally the figure is around 20%. However, in Warrnambool, WDCH has in the past 10 years increased their number of referred patients wishing to die at home from below 15% to 50%.

What IHHCare can provide:

- Trained staff and volunteers who offer emotional and practical assistance to reduce the burden on those who are dying, making life easier for their family and carers by supporting them to continue to care for their loved one in their home environment.
- A service that is free of charge, with equal access of care to people of all ages to enable patients to' live well' with care that is often as simple as a chat and a cup of tea, doing some shopping, or taking them to appointments.
- Support that is non-medical and complements nursing & other in-home services, with volunteers usually providing 3-4 hours of care per week and expanding up to 24/7 when resources allow.
- The opportunity to increase our volunteer cohort to support inpatients at Mount Gambier Hospital and local aged care facilities. There are sadly, people in healthcare facilities who have no one to sit with them during the final stage of life – our volunteers can provide some comfort in these situations.
- A community and in-house grief, loss and bereavement service made possible by a recent Masonic Charities grant.
- > Free assistance to clients with planning of Advanced Care Directives and with arranging Wills.

In Home Hospice Care Incorporated

Need for community support

In Home Hospice Care Inc is a charitable organisation governed by a Board of Directors, with a parttime Hospice Manager and a Volunteer Administrator/Coordinator.

Since the Grant funding was expended (November 2021), IHHCare has been dependent upon sourcing community donations whilst continuing to advocate to the Government for recurrent funding. Although a substantial donation from a local business late last year will enable our services to carry on through until July 2022, it has been disappointing that there has been no assurance of ongoing Government funding, particularly when the outgoing Minister for Health & Wellbeing, Hon Stephen Wade, acknowledged our program as "being a success."

IHHCare is not alone in need, as around the country we find community-based hospices who have been operating for many years reliant on community funds supported by grants.

We would greatly appreciate Council's consideration of the following:

- advocating on our behalf to the State Government about our valuable community service and the need for ongoing funding;
- providing financial assistance towards our organisation to help ensure that we can continue to provide this highly-valued compassionate service to our community members as they approach the final stage of life.

With the demand for our service growing, all monies received fund the management of client referrals; the recruitment, training and supervision of volunteers, and supportive programs.

For more information: Contact Sandi Elliott, (IHHCare Manager) on 8725 7448 or email: manager@ihhcare.org.au

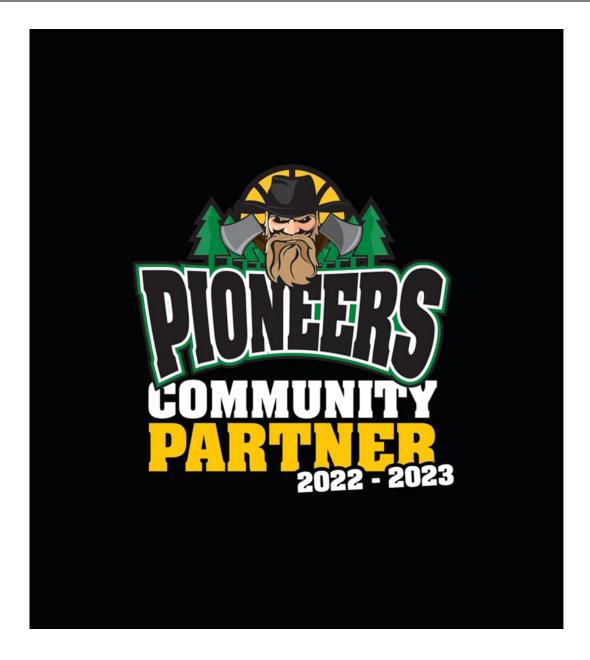
Kindly note that In Home Hospice Care is a registered Public Benevolent Institution through the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission (ACNC) and all donations to our organisation are fully tax deductible.

Yours sincerely

Maureen Klintberg Chairperson

"We cannot change the outcome, but we can affect the journey"

In Home Hospice Care Incorporated





MOUNT GAMBIER PIONEERS COMMUNITY PARTNER PROPOSAL









OUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR COMMUNITY CLUB.

VISION.

Building a legacy of excellence through community, professionalism, leadership and passion!

MISSION.

Setting the standard in a National Basketball competition, with a commitment to outstanding performance, in everything we do.

HOW

- An inclusive family environment
- A dynamic entertainment experience
- Leadership within the community, promoting participation, collaboration and education
- Best practice in governance, risk management and sustainability
- Ongoing player development and growth
- Providing local pathways for development and growth for aspirational young basketball men and women









HISTORY THE LEGACY.

The Pioneers made their debut in the SEABL in 1988, but only made the playoffs in one out of their first nine seasons. The Pioneers finished the 1997 season as conference runners-up before missing the playoffs again in 1998. They finished as conference runners-up again in 2000.

The Pioneers took out the SEABL South Conference Championship in 2003 before going all the way and winning through to the ABA National Final, where they defeated the Ballarat Miners 127-113 to claim their first ever National Championship. After eight straight seasons of missing the playoffs between 2005 and 2012, the Pioneers won four straight SEABL South Conference titles between 2013 and 2016, all under [current] Head Coach, Richard Hill. They also won back-to-back SEABL National Championships in 2014 and 2015. In 2017, the Pioneers won their fifth straight SEABL conference title, this time winning the East Conference. They went on to clinch the SEABL National Championship, thus winning their third national title in four years.

Following the 2018 season, Basketball Australia disbanded the SEABL. leaving the Pioneers in limbo for 2019. In December 2018, after much deliberation, the Pioneers were accepted into the South Australian Premier League. With the SEABL being Australia's elite semi-professional competition, the Pioneers were forced to accept many concessions in order to enter the Premier League, part of the acceptance was fielding a women's team. The Pioneers Men reached the Premier League Grand Final in 2019, whilst the Pioneers Women's team fell short by 2 points in a nail-biting Preliminary final to finish the season in third position in what was an amazing debut season, coached by current Head Women's Coach, Matt Sutton.

In October 2019, the Pioneers were finally granted entry into NBL1 for the 2020 season.









NBLI NATIONAL COMPETITION.

ABOUT NBLI.

NBL1 is a semi-professional basketball league in Australia, in 2022, consisting of 5 conferences - South, North, Central, East & West with both men's and women's competitions. Each conference is run by their respective state governing body, with the league including 72 clubs from Queensland (15), Victoria (14), Western Australia (14), South Australia (11), Tasmania (3) and New South Wales (15).

The league replaced the South-East Australian Basketball League (SEABL), Australia's pre-eminent semi-professional basketball league between 1981 and 2018. The Pioneers compete in the Elite South Conference which includes 14 Victorian Clubs, 3 Tasmanian Clubs, 1 New South Wales Club and the Mount Gambier Pioneers.









NATION WIDE PROMOTION.

+ REACH

LOCATION.

Equidistant between Melbourne and Adelaide, Mount Gambier is the major business and industrial centre serving the South East of South Australia and Western Victoria.

A broad economic base and supporting infrastructure accounts for a higher population destiny than is usually associated with the rural sector secures Mount Gambier's future as the centre of commerce and industry in the South East and Western Victoria regions.

MEDIA.

During all media coverage, club functions, City of Mount Gambier will be promoted as a Community Partner.

Media coverage includes; Television, Print, Radio, Electronic & Social Media in all regions below

- Limestone Coast & Mount Gambier
- Riverland South Australia / Victoria
- Melbourne
- Hobart, Launceston & Regional Tasmania
- Regional Victoria incl. Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo, Gippsland regions
- Southern NSW
- Sydney / Canberra / ACT









NATION WIDE PROMOTION.

+ REACH

CLUB SOCIAL MEDIA.

The Pioneers Basketball Club are consistently growing a energetic social media presence with a focus on Facebook and Instagram. Player and community focused content is a priority, with sponsor shout outs and spotlights also a part of the strategy.

NBLI SOCIAL MEDIA.

The NBL1 social channels share and promote club level news on a national level and gain even greater reach. The stats from the 2021 season are exciting and show a demand for news on all things NBL1 and basketball in Australia.













NATION WIDE

PROMOTION + REACH

CLUB WEBSITE.

Hosted by the official NBL1 HQ site, lives the Pioneers Basketball Club website. Gaining consistent national traffic during the season as the home of all live stream games, player stats and club information with quick access to sponsor information too. We're proud to showcase this asset and direct traffic from our social channels as a home base for all things Pioneers Basketball Club and to support our social media

www.mtgambierpioneers.com.au

NBLI HQ WEBSITE.

The NBL1 website showcases an impressive stage of content and live streaming access for all games, in all conferences nationwide. The 2021 stats are in and the numbers are striking.

[www.nbl1.com.au]









COMMUNITY SUPPORT + CONTRIBUTION

CHARITY + FOUNDATIONS.

- Stand Like Stone Foundation
- Local Breast Cancer Awareness Group Fundraising & Promotion
- Lifeline Fundraising & Awareness
- NAIDOC week with Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation Awareness Program
- School Education Development Program in conjunction with Basketball Mt Gambier

ACTION.

- Community Events & Game Night Features
- Community Basketball Clinics [Mount Gambier, Naracoorte, Lucindale, Kingston, Millicent, Portland]
- Participation, Education, Healthy Lifestyle, Respect & Honesty
- Making Good Choices, Enjoyment & Achievement
- Business Network Functions

WITH A FOCUS ON.

- Participation
- Education
- Local Environment
- Healthy Lifestyle
- Respect & Honesty
- Making Good Choices
- Enjoyment & Achievement

PIONEERS PARTNERSHIP MANAGER.

Tom Kosch I

Pioneers Basketball Club President

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e. tom@pioneersbasketball.com.au



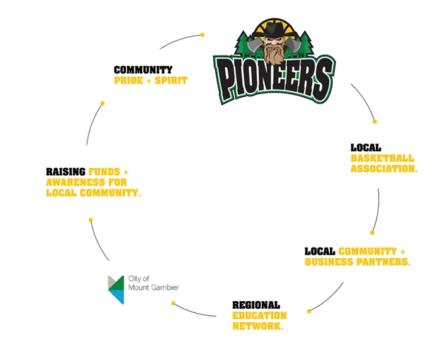








Whether it's coaching basketball, helping kid's with special needs or teaching our youth the importance of a good education, living a healthy lifestyle and treating people with Respect, the Mount Gambier Pioneers have a strong message and are working to make our community better.











VALUES + STRATEGIES

SUPPORT.

Support filters throughout all successful organisations. In order for our sport to achieve great results we must support the ideas and plans that are set in place.

LEADERSHIP.

Leaders not only say, they do.
Leadership is important for any
collective group who have common
goal. It is also vital for a leader to set
a good example and be willing to
display control, respect, dignity and
professionalism, plus encourage others
to demonstrate the same qualities.

COMMUNITY.

A community encompasses many families. It is import for us to be a focal point of professionalism and success in the community. While maintaining that focus we also must be accessible, well presented and visible to those who are not in our immediate family group. We must give back to the community, not just take. We don't want to be a team from the community, we want to be known as a team for the community.

COMMITMENT.

Commitment to the common goal or purpose is what all clubs and teams need to succeed. Hard working, committed people don't want the recognition, they do it for the common goal. Putting your own wants and needs aside, giving up your time and you life to a cause, is commitment.









VALUES + STRATEGIES.

STRATEGIC GOALS.

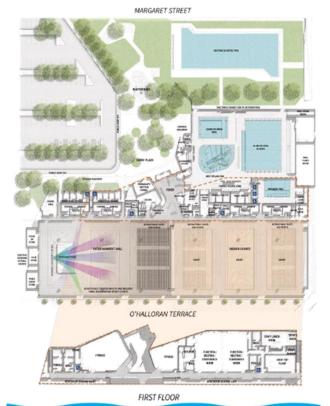
These goals provide a long-term framework for the development of the sport.

- To strengthen the quality of basketball at community and elite levels (the sport of basketball)
- To improve basketball's positioning as an attractive option in a competitive sport, entertainment and leisure market (the marketing of basketball)
- To invest in the people and infrastructure necessary to deliver a high quality program representing this region
- To improve the management and operation of the Pioneers Basketball Club & Basketball Mount Gambier.
- To provide local junior players with the opportunities and pathway to play basketball at a higher level and create a culture that embraces pride and passion.

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE.

The Pioneers Basketball Club & Basketball Mount Gambier have a clear view about the results it wants to achieve. To reach towards our strategic goals, we have set ourselves the following Key Objectives:

- Provide leadership, vision, professional management and direction to it's constituents and the basketball sporting community in its entirety.
- Develop partnerships and programs to assist in increasing the involvement and development of players, coaches, officials and administrators.
- Successfully manage our Basketball programs.
- Maintenance of effective governance and management to ensure that Basketball Mount Gambier and the Pioneers Basketball Club remain sustainable organisations.
- Develop and manage business opportunities within the sport that will enhance services provided to our constituents.
- Provide sound financial management thus ensuring we operate within budget and achieve both short term and long-term financial targets.
- Market, attract resources and promote the sport and ourselves as a progressive, innovative and dependable sports organisation to its constituents including members, other key stakeholders, the media, local government, the corporate sector and the public.
- Develop a program, assist local associations and create opportunities for local junior development within the region for players for the sports future.









WULANDA RECREATION & CONVENTION CENTRE.

AN EXCITING NEW STAGE.

The Pioneers Basketball Club are excited to announce the upcoming opportunity to take a new stage at the Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre in 2022 following its completion. The City of Mount Gambier have invested in providing a state of the art hub for our community which is currently underway and due to be unveiled in 2022.

The new hub will be home to the Pioneers Basketball Club and will provide an exceptional arena and a whole new game night experience for sponsors, members, fans, and players. With the increased seating capacity, and the all new facilities will come a heightened level of professionalism to match our teams' performance.

Almost 35 years of history has been embedded in the Ice House's hardwood and walls, and the club are excited to play out our final games on Court 1 in 2022 before transitioning to the new hub and our future home.





INVESTMENT SUMMARY

GAME NIGHT EXPERIENCE.

Watching the game is one thing, but hearing from the coaching staff prior to Tip-Off whilst enjoying refreshments in the Pioneers Championship Lounge will take game night experience to a whole new level. Whether it be our Championship Club Courtside Seats or Corporate Box Partnerships, you'll not only view the game from a Premium Courtside Location, you will enjoy mid game refreshments and have access to meet and greet players and coaches at our after-match function.

INCLUSIONS.

- Exclusive entry into the "Ice House" with Access to the Pioneers Championship Lounge one hour before Tip-Off.
- Access to Men's and Women's Pre game function and enjoy refreshments prior to and during the matches
- School visits throughout the region including Mt Gambier, Penola, Naracoorte, Millicent, Lucindale, Kingston
- Use of Pioneers players for TWO promotional exercises during the season. (To be approved by Pioneers Basketball Club)
- Half page Advert in the Home Game Program.
- Link and Acknowledgment on Pioneers website.
- Promotion throughout Pioneers Social Media.
- Access for giveaways/promotions at home games (to be approved by club).

TICKETS FOR 4 ADULTS TO OFFICIAL CLUB FUNCTIONS.

- Pioneers Season Launch
- Pioneers Fundraising Auction
- 35th Anniversary Celebration Event
- Pioneers MVP Dinner "Serle-Scott Medal"

CORPORATE SEATS, STADIUM SIGNAGE, UNIFORMS, CLOTHING & ADVERTISING.

- 8 SEAT CORPORATE BOX IN PRIME POSITION FOR ALL PIONEERS MEN'S & WOMEN'S HOME GAMES (Including Finals)
- WOMEN'S HOME PLAYING STRIP Main Advertising on front and back of playing top (to be agreed between Pioneers Board and Sponsor)
- WOMEN'S AWAY PLAYING STRIP Main Advertising on front and back of playing top (to be agreed between Pioneers Board and Sponsor)
- WARM UP TOPS / CLUB TRACKSUITS Joint Main Advertising in conjunction with Pioneers logo on clothing (to be agreed between Pioneers Board and Sponsor)
- CLUB SHIRTS / JACKETS Joint Main Advertising in conjunction with Pioneers logo on clothing (to be agreed between Pioneers Board and Sponsor)
- MEN'S UNIFORMS Advertising on front of Home and Away Playing Uniforms ®KEY ADVERTISING ON NBL-ONE Pioneers Women's Game Promotions
- KEY SIGNAGE FRONT OF CORPORATE BOX



ADDITIONAL BENEFITS.

- TELEVISION MEDIA BENEFITS including game-night live streaming advertising
- RADIO MEDIA BENEFITS STAR-FM / MMM Limestone Coast / 5SE
- PRINT MEDIA BENEFITS The Border Watch / Penola Pennant / SE Times
- ELECTRONIC / SOCIAL MEDIA BENEFITS
- WEBSITE ADVERTISING & LINKS
- FACEBOOK / TWITTER & INSTAGRAM ADVERTISING/PROMOTIONS
- PROMOTION OF SPONSOR through school newsletters

MOVE TO WULANDA

During the 2022 Season, the Pioneers Basketball Club will transition to Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre. The Pioneers Basketball Club are working closely with the City of Mount Gambier and sponsorship following the transition will be indicative of the finalisation of agreements. We look forward to providing you with information regarding your sponsorship at the new Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre.





Blue Lake Golf Club Incorporated PO Box 2671 Mount Gambier SA 5290

17th November 2021

Ms. Sarah Philpott Chief Executive Officer City of Mount Gambier Watson Terrace MOUNT GAMBIER SA 5290

Dear Sarah,

Requests for Consideration for Council 2022/2023 Financial Year Budget for the Blue Lake Public Golf Course

Introduction

The Blue Lake Golf Club (BLGC) is currently in its third year as the sub leasee of the Public Golf Links on Grant Avenue. As previously advised to Council, the current capacity of the existing venue infrastructure has been outgrown, particularly given the increase in membership and community use of the venue which has been renamed as the "family Club". The club, given it is only in its infancy as tenant, has identified a number of areas at the venue which are either overwhelmed, due to patronage, or in serious dilapidation. This realisation has become even more apparent with the recent financial grant from the federal government for the construction of an 18 hole international quality mini golf course, which is to be themed to showcase what the city of Mount Gambier, and surrounding areas has to offer.

Given the above the Blue Lake Golf Club is seeking support from Council through the annual Council budgetary process. Set out in the remainder of this request are the details of our request:

Request 1 - To repair/reseal current carpark

The existing carpark pavement surface, due to both its current age, and increased usage, has now failed in a number of areas to the point whereby severe cracking and dislodgement of the pavement surface is currently taking place. Although the carpark had been showing signs of wear prior to the BLGC taking over the lease, the exponential growth in membership and community patronage at the venue has acerated the process of pavement failure.

As described in the introduction; the club, which is still in its infancy as the course tenant, currently does not have sufficient resources, within the club, to undertake this major work of carpark repair and resealing. The club, whilst making modest profits since taking over the lease, has finite resources available for such an extensive task, with those resources available being applied to completing the community driving range; which it is envisaged, that over time will enable to the club to become self-funded and self-reliant; and therefore; be in a position whereby works such as this can be budgeted into the club's program.

Given the carparks current condition we are requesting Council budgetary support to enable the BLGC to undertake the repair and resealing of the carpark through contracting out the work; or alternatively the work be listed as a Council project in the 2022/2023 financial year.



The club has gone out to one of our sponsors, Gambier Earth Movers, and they have provided a quote for the repair/resealing of the carpark, which is enclosed as Enclosure 1 to this request.

Request 2 - Extending the Current Carpark

As alluded to in the introduction, the BLGC has completely outgrown the capacity of its carpark and is seeking Council assistance through the Council's 2022/2023 budgetary process to undertake, and fund, a much needed extension to our current carpark.

The current car park, which was constructed circa 2000 was designed, and built, to have 89 car parks, which at the time of construction was designed for a potential membership of approx. 120 members and patrons. Up until 2019, when the club membership was at 172 the carpark had reached its capacity. Indeed, since this time the membership has increased exponentially which has now led to a number of the members using either the nature strip on Grant Avenue, at the front of the club, or the grassed area to the east of the buggy shed (This area is where the mini golf course is to be constructed), to park their vehicles and trailers.

The BLGC currently has over 350 members, and in addition to this the venue is now also the home to four other local community groups such as disc golf, legends of the lake etc. The club continues to actively seek out other small community groups, and encourage them to make the "family club" their home

In addition to the above, the club has recently been granted a federal government grant to assist in the construction of an 18 hole, international quality mini golf (putt putt) course; which will be themed to showcase what the city of Mount Gambier, and surrounding areas has to offer. The construction of this course, which is to occur over the next 2 years, will place the current carpark under extreme stress due to the expected demand for car spaces for mini golf course patrons. It is envisaged that a minimum of up to 20 current carpark spaces will be required to be cordoned off to support this course; thus, reducing the overall carpark capacity even more.

Up until the date of this letter the BLGC has tried to manage the existing capacity, however the continuity of use and events held at the family club, clearly show that the carpark needs to have a minimum capacity of over 350 car spaces to support the venue.

It is realised that this is a major capital works project, and to this end has sought some form of guidance from Tonkin Engineers on how best to tackle this dilemma. Initial advice from Tonkin is that a carpark extension will present a series of problems including, but not limited to:

- Any expansion will obviously incur the possibility of increasing the size of the current leased parcel of land
- If constructed in obvious location, which is to the west of the current carpark, then the extension will be inside the Heritage Crater Lakes Area; and therefore, additional criteria may apply.
- 3. If constructed to the west, then what implications are there for access and egress.

Given issues such as that above Tonkin were reluctant to provide any type of quote, or indeed estimate, towards the proposal and any subsequent price proposal would be subject to a clear definition of the project.

Given the above, we therefore request Council support through the 2022/2023 budgetary process to increase the capacity of the carpark by a minimum of 261 car spaces.

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Conclusion

In conclusion the BLGC, whilst solvent, does not have the financial capability necessary to support either of the two requests as identified above, and is seeking Council consideration and support through the 2022/2023 Council budget to remedy these issues.

Should there be any further clarifications required regarding our requests please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours Faithfully,

Stephen Smith Secretary

Blue Lake Golf Club Incorporated

Enclosure:

1. Quotation from Gambier Earth Movers for Repair/Resealing Carpark



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Blue Lake Golf Club Incorporated PO Box 2671 Mount Gambier SA 5290

6th June 2022

Mr Darren Barber General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Service City of Mount Gambier Watson Terrace MOUNT GAMBIER SA 5290

Dear Darren,

Requests for Consideration for Council 2022/2023 Financial Year Budget for the Blue Lake Public Golf Course

Reference:

Council letter dated 26th May 2022, and titled 2022/2023 Draft Annual Business Plan and

Budget Submission

The Blue Lake Golf Club (BLGC) acknowledge receipt of the Reference, within which we are advised that our request for consideration and support via the 2022/2023 City of Mount Gambier budget was not included in the endorsed Draft Annual Business Plan.

In accordance with the Reference, the BLGC wish to have our letter dated 17th November 2021 submitted as a written statement, for final consideration at the special Council meeting to be held on the 14th June 2022. As set out in our letter our request for support includes for:

- · Repair / resealing of the existing carpark to the administration building, and
- Expanding the existing carpark to provide for an additional 261 car spaces.

Given the timeframe since the initial request we also request that the below "current" additional information regarding the operations of the lease be included with the letter of request on the 14th June 2022.

The Blue Lake Golf Club have, since taking over the lease in 2019 of the golf course and administration building, sought to make this venue a Mount Gambier Community based venture; by encouraging the general public (including community groups) to utilise the Administration building and the Public Golf Course; with the new Driving Range and soon to be completed Mini Putt Putt course. In addition to the use by the general community an extension to the car park would certainly assist in the long term goal of crater lakes area linkages through provision of walking tracks and pathways; and providing choice to visitors and tourists alike, with regards to where they start and finish their crater lakes journey.

The BLGC are also in the process of laying the concrete slab for a further 20 cart extension at the current Golf Cart Storage area, for members to use. Currently the waiting list for spaces is much higher than the capacity of the extension which is being built and, consequently already undersized.



The BLGC currently has a membership of over 420 and is continuing to rise. This represents a nearly 250 % increase since takeover of the lease just 3 years ago.

Examples of the current use of the Administration building are:

- Funeral Wakes which are regularly held following services at Carinya Gardens Cemetery;
- The Disc Golf Association; which is played in the Valley Lake area, then use the administration venue for meetings and after game refreshments,
- The Deer Hunters club hold monthly meetings at the venue,
- Local charity organisations are using the administration building to hold their meetings
- The general public are encouraged to, and do, use the facilities for wedding receptions birthday celebrations, local conferences, corporate events, local charity events, just to name a few.

It is because of the popularity, and increased demand placed on the administration Centre, and including the Public Golf course use; that we are seeking to resurface the Public Car Park (which at this point in time is failing, and is in urgent need for repair/remediation due to both age and excessive use).

This increased patronage has also led to serious issues of safety, whereby patrons are forced to park adjacent to Grant Avenue (on the nature strip both sides of the road). As Council would be aware Grant Avenue is an 80 kph speed area, and with the steady, and consistent increase in both patronage and club membership, there is a real risk to all patron's safety. This safety risk will only be amplified once the 18 hole putt putt course is opened, as it is expected that at various times throughout the year over 200 people per day will participate in this activity. Our request for an extension to the public carpark is due to its capacity being exceeded over 3 years ago, and the consistent increase in patronage by the general public exacerbating the safety risks, and placing additional stress on the existing public car park surface.

The BLGC Board believe that they are continuing, and building on the valuable community infrastructure work carried out by the QEPT, pre-lease, in managing this community asset for both the City of Mount Gambier Council, and the local and broader community.

The management of this public facility does not come without its challenges; whether it be machinery replacement, pump and irrigation maintenance and replacement, general upkeep of the community asset, or indeed infrastructure building to support changing attitudes within the community. In the last 3 years, and in order to preserve the asset, and maintain relevancy, the following large costs have been incurred:

•	Initial purchase of 2 nd hand course ute	\$ 6,000.00
•	Replace 2 x rough cutter mowers	\$ 30,000.00
•	Purchase large spray unit	\$ 15,000.00
•	Replace fairway mower	\$ 25,000.00
•	Replace course utility vehicle	\$ 17,000.00
•	Replace water pumps and extend bore	\$ 30,500.00
•	Replace mechanical systems to admin centre	\$ 12,000.00
•	Replace rough cutter motor	\$ 7,000.00
•	Repairs/replacement of irrigation system	\$ 31,670.00
•	Extension of the existing buggy shed	\$ 75,000.00
•	Purchase large course trailer with winch	\$ 2,300.00
•	Replace underground water main to machinery shed	\$ 3,950.00
•	Diseased course tree removal	\$ 12,000.00
•	Repair/redevelopment of practice putting green	\$ 19,650.00
•	Financial commitment to Putt Putt Course	\$ 50,000.00

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•	Driving range	\$ 79,000.00
•	Septic tank system pumps	\$ 5,000.00
•	Car park entrance and carpark in general repairs	\$ 3,000.00
•	Sub Total	\$424,070.00

Note: The above costs do not include the everyday costs associated with the presentation and maintenance of the public golf course; and also, do not include other course machinery replacement issues which exist.

During our first 3 years of leasing, we have been progressing towards the path to self-sustainability, and have managed to bring a profit to the BLGC for each of these three years, which in turn has been reinvested back into the venue. An example of this is that we have now completed the Driving Range, including security which is monitored at the Administration Centre, with the cost of the Driving Range of approximately \$130,000; some of which was offset with the assistance of several Council grants; with the Club raising the balance.

The Driving Range has been equipped with an all -terrain vehicle (ATV), which is used in conjunction with a ball "picker up" machine, a golf ball dispensing machine (8,000 ball capacity), and is manned by a volunteer working group who maintain the facility. The range is fitted with digitally locked gates, with access through the administration centre where patrons can purchase a token for the dispensing machine, and a code for access through the gate.

The major user of the driving Range is by the general public, plus, and including golfers from the Mount Gambier Golf Club.

The City Council Granted the BLGC a 5 year lease in 2021/22 which enabled us to employ an apprentice Greenkeeper who has just commenced his 2nd year of training. This has helped our Qualified Greenkeeper in his duties, and assists our many volunteers working on the course. The Car Park Sealing and seeking to expand the car park is needed because of the extra use by the general public and we seek Councils help to do this. The BLGC are willing to offer clearing of any trees which were burnt in the recent fires and general clean up in readiness for the extension to the carpark should approval be given from the government department concerned; if this would help keep costs down. We do note that this is perfect timing as the fire is very recent and it would be a good time to do a clean-up of that area.

The Blue Lake Golf Club wish to appeal to the city council to reconsider the request regarding the resealing and extension of a much needed car park by including the resealing in 22/23 Budget and commence work on the extension if granted in June 23/24 and again to complete in 24/25.

Please Consider.

Regards

Peter Sealey President. BLGC 0419 800 631 mobile

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 From:
 Have Your Say Mount Gambier

 To:
 Have Your Say; City Emails

 Subject:
 city@mountgambier.sa.gov.au

 Date:
 Tuesday, 7 June 2022 4:10:57 PM

Anonymous User just submitted the survey 'Your Submission' with the responses below.

Name

Jason

Address

Contact number

Email

Please select the plans that you would like to provide feedback on (select all that apply):

Draft 2022-2023 Annual Business Plan and Budget

Do you support the City of Mount Gambier proposed Draft 2022-2023 Annual Business Plan and Budget?

Yes

Please provide any further comments you have regarding the proposed Draft 2022-2023 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

I commend Council on the Draft 2022-2023 Annual Business Plan and Budget. I also commend Council on the vision and leadership shown to commit to, and deliver, the Wulanda complex. Council's proposed investment in formal and passive recreational assets is also welcomed. I encourage Council to increase expenditure on the broader CBD of Mount Gambier as a key means to grow the economy and tourism and retail and hospitality offer to locals. I would like to see expenditure in the CBD to deliver on Council's CBD Guiding Principles 2022 document. Specifically Commercial Street east between Compton Street and Anthony Street and Commercial Street west between Elizabeth Street and Wehl Street is greatly in need of quality streetscaping similar to the streetscaping completed in the central portion of Commercial Street many years ago. The two ends of Commercial Street in need of streetscaping are looking tired and rather tahn being pedestrian and shopper friendly are dominated by motor vehicles. These important CBD street sections are in much need of an upgrade. An upgrade would help address

vacancies, attract economic development and tourism and increase community pride. Council is also encouraged to undertake a detailed design project in the CBD in the vicinity of the former Coles Supermarket. This area is underutilised and greatly in need of public and private sector investment.

Would you like to present your submission at the Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 14 June 2022?

No

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