

Reference: AF11/877 MJT  
Enquiries to: Mr Grant Humphries

## **MAYOR MEMBERS**

NOTICE is given that the Mayor, Andrew Lee has called a Special Meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier on the following date and time:

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 - Council Chamber – Civic Centre (commencing at 6.00 p.m.)

For the purpose of:

1. Consideration of public submissions received as a result of the draft 2016/2017 Business Plan and Budget consultation process;
2. Consideration of the draft 2016/2017 Business Plan and Budget.

An agenda for the meeting to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 at 6.00 p.m. is attached.



**Mark McSHANE**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

19<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER

Special Meeting of Council to be held Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 at 6.00 p.m.

AGENDA

PRESENT

Mayor Andrew Lee, Cr Christian Greco, Cr Mark Lovett, Cr Josh Lynagh, Cr Sonya Mezinac, Cr Frank Morello, Cr Des Mutton, Cr Steve Perryman, Cr Hanna Persello, Cr Penny Richardson, Cr Ian Von Stanke

APOLOGIES:

moved that the apology(ies) from  
be received.

seconded

**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.**

**1. DRAFT 2016/2017 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET PROGRAM - Ref. AF15/461**

The Director - Corporate Services report that the following Business Plan and Budget program has been endorsed by Council;

<b>Date (2016)</b>	<b>Description</b>
March	Member's Budget Workshops/Briefing(s) Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March - Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Draft Business Plan and Budget released for public comment.
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Public submissions on draft Business Plan and Budget close.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	First Special (public) Meeting to hear any public submissions and to discuss the draft Business Plan and Budget.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Second Special (public) Meeting to be held to discuss/finalise the draft Business Plan and Budget (if required).
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Special Council meeting to be held to finalise and endorse draft Business Plan and Budget (if required).
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Last date for finalisation/distribution of first quarterly rate notice and distribution of summary Annual Business Plan.
9 <sup>th</sup> September	First quarterly rate installment final payment date.

moved the report be received.

seconded

**2. DRAFT 2016/2017 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET OVERVIEW - Ref. AF15/461**

The Director - Corporate Services reported:

- (a) The draft 2016/2017 Business Plan and Budget issued for public consultation provides for the following estimates of income and expenditure:

	<b>\$ 000's</b>
Required Rates	18,764,000
Operating Revenue	7,158,000
Less Operating Expenditure	<u>26,001,000</u>
Operating Surplus / (-Deficit)	(79,000)
Plus Non-Operating Revenue	7,623,000
Less Non-Operating Expenditure	680,000
Less Capital Expenditure	7,361,000
Capital Revenue	439,000
Budget Cash Surplus / (-Deficit) as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	(58)

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Increase in gross rate revenue of 4.5% (including growth) would be required.

moved that the report be received.

seconded

**3. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 39/2016 - Draft 2016/2017 Business Plan and Budget- Community Consultation Outcomes - Ref. AF16/84**

The Director Corporate Services reported;

- (a) Council's Community Consultation on the Draft 2016/2017 Business Plan and Budget concluded on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2016;
- (b) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 39/2016 (attached) provides full detail on the community consultation outcomes for Members review;
- (c) An opportunity is always provided to any person(s) who may wish to address Council in support of any lodged submission.

moved:

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 39/2016 be received;
- (b) Council publicly acknowledge and thank all persons who provided commentary on the Draft 2016/2017 Business Plan and Budget.

seconded

**4. SUSPENSION OF MEETING PROCEDURES (if required)**

The Meeting Procedures were suspended at        p.m.

Reason for Suspension:

The Meeting Procedures were resumed at        p.m.

**5. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT 2016/17 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET - Ref. AF15/461**

The Director - Corporate Services reported:

- (a) any formal resolutions to adjust the Draft 2016/2017 Budget be considered; or
- (b) any formal resolutions be held over for consideration as a subsequent meeting.

moved the report be received.

seconded

Agenda for Special Meeting of Council, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 cont'd...

**6. NEXT SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL - to consider draft 2016/2017 Business Plan and Budget - Ref. AF11/877**

The Director - Corporate Services reported:

(a) Council's Business Plan and Budget Program provides for the following future Budget meetings (if required):

- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2016
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

moved the report be received.

seconded

Meeting closed at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

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## CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT NO. 39/2016

**SUBJECT: DRAFT 2016/2017 BUSINESS PLAN & BUDGET – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTCOMES**

**REF: AF16/84**

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*Goal: Governance*

*Strategic Objective: Fully integrate long term asset and financial plans with the annual business plan and annual budget.*

### Introduction

As part of Council's Draft 2016/2017 Business Plan and Budget Program, consultation on the Plan occurred over the period of 5<sup>th</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

### Community Engagement Strategy

Documentation developed to accompany the Draft 2016/2017 Business Plan and Budget to make it easier and more convenient for individuals to source information and share informed views on the forthcoming Business Plan and Budget included:

- Draft 2016/2017 Business Plan and Budget Summary
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Budget Summary For Every \$100 The City of Mount Gambier Spends
- Updated Feedback Form

Community consultation commenced on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 and copies of the Draft 2016/2017 Business Plan and Budget along with accompanying documentation were made available from the Council Offices, Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier and also on the 'Have Your Say' Facility on the Council website.

The community were advised of the Draft 2016/2017 Business Plan & Budget consultation via the following mediums and encouraged to participate:

- Media Release/s
- Advertisements placed in the Border Watch
- Radio Interviews
- Courtyard Display
- Website Homepage Banner Promotion

The community were provided the opportunity and encouraged to forward any submissions or questions on the Draft 2016/2017 Business Plan and Budget consultation via the following mediums:

- Email
- Written submissions
- Feedback Sheet from Courtyard Display
- 'Have your Say'
- Text to 0407 794 188

### Consultation Activity Summary

The following table summarises the level of community interest in becoming informed of the contents of proposed Business Plan and Budget and how many actively participated by submitting formal feedback.

Corporate and Community Services Report No. 39/2016 cont'd...

Participation measure

Have Your Say - Site Visits	128
Have Your Say - Document Downloads	121

Formal Submissions

- 'Have Your Say' (website) - 7 submissions
- Written (Council / Post / Courtyard) - 11 submissions

In addition to the formal Budget submissions Council also received feedback relating to items referred to in the Budget. Given that the content of this feedback (some of which were outside the consultation period) these have been included as Budget submissions as 'additional feedback'.

- Additional feedback - 5 submissions

Details of all submissions are provided as attachments to this Report and it is clear that there are two (2) issues in particular that have emerged as common themes, i.e;

- Support for increased funding in the economic, tourism areas to promote employment growth; and
- Skatepark construction / location - mixed response - some for / some against.

There were no requests to make a formal presentation to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) Corporate and Community Services Report No. 39/2016 be received;
- (b) Council publicly acknowledge and thank all those who provided commentary on the Draft 2016/2017 Business Plan and Budget.



**Grant HUMPHRIES**  
DIRECTOR - CORPORATE SERVICES

Sighted:



**Mark McSHANE**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

6<sup>th</sup> May, 2016  
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## Public Consultation: 2016/2017 Draft Business Plan and Budget

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### Summary of feedback from Have Your Say Mount Gambier:

1. **Period of consultation:** 5 April 2016 – 29 April 2016

2. **Documents provided:**

- Draft business plan and budget
- Frequently asked questions
- Budget summary for every \$100 spent

3. **Participation options provided:**

- Online submission tool
- Downloadable feedback form
- 'Question and Answer' tool

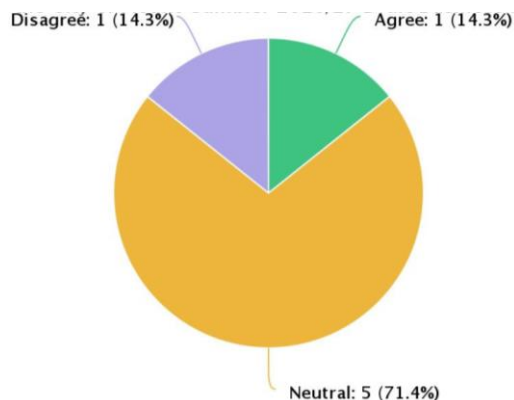
4. **Engagement:**

Total visits to page	128
Documents downloaded	121
Completed submissions	7
Use of Q and A tool	0

5. **Responses:**

5.1 Requests to present submission: Nil

5.2 Do you support the City of Mount Gambier 2016/17 Draft Business Plan and Budget?



5.3 Individual text responses: (AR16/16707) *See attached*

Address	Contact number	Email Address	Do you support the City of Mount Gambier 2016/17 Draft Business Plan and Budget?	Please provide any further comments you have regarding Council's 2016/17 Draft Business Plan and Budget.	Please indicate if you would like to attend a Special Meeting of Council to present your submission.
Wallace Street	433746108	jploenges@hotmail.com	Neutral	Firstly I would like to note that I am happy to pay increased rates year on year as I can see the benefits that have been made to the city. Hopefully one year soon we could have a no increase year once costs major works are completed around the city. Just a one off to show to help out families. I would like to say that the raillands which my family use almost daily for walks as we live close by are fantastic. But recent news of wanting to have a skate park there are very concerning to me. I believe a better location and a proper cost analysis should be done. I think the look and feel is just right, please dont go rushing into anything just to please a section of the community. The current open space is fine the way it is. Plus I have seen at some of the community events that this gets used for Car displays. I more than likely not use the walking path if a skate park is located there. Lastely I am very supportive of the Pick Ave to White Ave rail walking/running path being completed. I can really see the benefit of this.	No, I do not want to present my submission.
1 Elder St Mount Gambier	417081101	tonymaxine@internode.on.net	Neutral	Fully agree with the spending on footpaths. Some around this city are quite frankly dangerous to walk on, especially if you are not 100% fit.	No, I do not want to present my submission.
16 Elm Avenue Mount Gambier	488120122	nay_11@yahoo.com.au	Neutral	I'm disappointed that the link to get to the rail lands precinct, ie the bike path isn't being funded. I think this is much more important than building the third skate park in town. I'm absolutely happy for a skate park to go in, but as noted, there already are two and there are no dedicated bike paths. I think you have your priorities wrong	No, I do not want to present my submission.
PO Box 477 Mount Gambier	887232469	info@limestonecoasttouristpark.com.au	Neutral	Please help with funding for Tourism Mount Gambier, to help further development of tourism for the Mount Gambier region	No, I do not want to present my submission.
30 Racketts Road, Pelican Point 5291	447271401	alleychook@bigpond.com	Neutral	Council should do all it can to support tourism in our area, for jobs and to attract the tourist dollar. We have so much to offer and we should be showing off what the Grant council has to offer through every tourism avenue. As a proud member of the Limestone Coast and what we have to offer council should be supporting Tourism Mount Gambier through funding and encouragement. I am so exciting as to what this will mean for our area.	No, I do not want to present my submission.
59 jubilee highway west mount gambier	438831993	johnston60@dodo.com.au	Disagree	I believe it is about time that council pulled in the belt. Sure we need improvements (eg railway land etc) but surely it does not have to be done right now. How about slow and steady. Lets stop spending rate payers money on things like this, and maybe leaving our rates as they are for just a bit. I for one am disgusted in the amount of money spent on sculptures which the money could be used in more necessary cases. The money used on that "railway track circle" could have been used to put in a proper toilet facility. The facilities there are surely more important. Council please reign back in the spending. Have a look, if you run your homes like this you would be bankrupt, or broke at the least. But I guess my sole view will not make one ounce of difference.	No, I do not want to present my submission.
20537 Riddoch Highway	401715306	info@villamont.com.au	Agree	Employment and jobs growth is a priority, Council funding of Tourism Mount Gambier and working in partnership with industry to grow the tourism economy is a key area of the budget.	No, I do not want to present my submission.



## Public Consultation: 2016/2017 Draft Business Plan and Budget

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### Summary of feedback from written submissions:

#### 1. Engagement:

Written Response via post	1
Response provided via email	9
Response provided via courtyard feedback box	1

#### 2. Responses:

2.1 Requests to present submission: **Nil**

2.2 Do you support the City of Mount Gambier 2016/17 Draft Business Plan and Budget?

<b>Agree</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>No answer</b>	<b>1</b>

2.3 Written responses: *See attached*

**2016/2017 DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET  
FEEDBACK SHEET SUMMARY**

DATE	NAME	SUPPORT BP&B  AGREE/ NEUTRAL/ DISAGREE	COMMENTS	PRESENT SUBMISSION	FEEDBACK SHEET RECEIVED VIA					
					Mail	Text	Email	Courtyard	Online	Quick Poll
27/4/16	Chamber of Commerce – Lynette Martin	Agree	Chamber of Commerce congratulates Council’s proposal to allocated funds to economic development and tourism. Chamber of Commerce home funding will be made available to the Tourism Mount Gambier sub-committee		✓					
29/04/16	Macs Hotel	Agree	Employment and jobs growth is a priority, Council funding of Tourism Mount Gambier and working in partnership with industry to grow the tourism economy is a key area of the budget. I encourage council to fund Tourism Mount Gambier’s strategic plan. Grant funding to Tourism Mount Gambier will help achieve growth of the tourism economy and is supported. Council should work in partnership with the tourism industry to grow our local economy				✓			
29/04/16	Tim Creeper – Bush Haven Cottages	Agree	I support the submission of tourism Mt Gambier. This funding is greatly beaded for the whole district.				✓			
29/4/16	Allison & Barry Beaumont – Limestone Coast Tourist Park	Agree	Employment and jobs growth is a priority, Council funding of Tourism Mount Gambier and working in partnership with industry to grow the tourism economy is a key area of the budget. I encourage council to fund Tourism Mount Gambier’s strategic plan. Grant funding to Tourism Mount Gambier will help achieve growth of the tourism economy and is supported. Council should work in partnership with the tourism industry to grow our local economy				✓			
29/4/16	June Kain – Amble In Cottage	Disagree	Whilst I support Council’s support for Tourism Mount Gambier I believe it is premature at this stage. Tourism Mount Gambier needs to be more inclusive of all sectors if tourism, not just accommodation and the group needs to establish their membership base before expecting support from Council. I may have missed something, but as a tourism operator haven’t received information on how to become a member of Tourism Mount Gambier. Now that Tourism Mount Gambier is under the Chamber of Commerce banner, I feel that the food industry in particular will feel disenfranchised from tourism as some are members of the Chamber				✓			

			so wont wish to pay another membership to Tourism Mount Gambier. Just my thoughts.							
29/4/16	Josh Pettman – Arkana Motor Inn	Agree	Employment and jobs growth is a priority, Council funding of Tourism Mount Gambier and working in partnership with industry to grow the tourism economy is a key area of the budget. I encourage council to fund Tourism Mount Gambier’s strategic plan. Grant funding to Tourism Mount Gambier will help achieve growth of the tourism economy and is supported. Council should work in partnership with the tourism industry to grow our local economy.				✓			
29/4/16	Elly & Peter Hood – Pine Country Caravan Park	Agree	Employment and jobs growth is a priority, Council funding of Tourism Mount Gambier and working in partnership with industry to grow the tourism economy is a key area of the budget. I encourage council to fund Tourism Mount Gambier’s strategic plan. Grant funding to Tourism Mount Gambier will help achieve growth of the tourism economy and is supported. Council should work in partnership with the tourism industry to grow our local economy.				✓			
29/4/16	Sandra Parsons – Apartments on Tolmie	Agree	As an owner and rate payer of 4 properties used exclusively to provide tourism accommodation since 2002, I strongly request Mount Gambier City Council supports the request for funding to support Tourism. We employ locals and support local businesses and the guests who travel to stay in Mount Gambier all contribute to our local economy.				✓			
29/4/16	Frank Templeton – Clarendon Chalets	Agree	Employment and jobs growth is a priority, Council funding of Tourism Mount Gambier and working in partnership with industry to grow the tourism economy is a key area of the budget. I encourage council to fund Tourism Mount Gambier’s strategic plan. Grant funding to Tourism Mount Gambier will help achieve growth of the tourism economy and is supported. Council should work in partnership with the tourism industry to grow our local economy.				✓			
29/4/16	Guy Matthews	Agree	I support Tourism Mount Gambier's request for funding				✓			
5/5/16	Anonymous		We refer to the recent publicity re: a skate park at the Railway Lands. We wish to register our objection to a skate park at this location. The Railway Lands is an open area space ideal for families and community events. The noise and bad language generated by this activity is totally unsuitable for this area. There are other central areas that are individually more suited to a skate park that wont have an impact on other people like it would at the Rail Lands.					✓		

## Additional feedback relating to budget:

Additional written feedback has been received relating to items outlined in the budget. These documents may have either:

1. not clearly stated that they were providing a 'budget submission'; or
2. received outside the published consultation time period.

This feedback includes:

<b>RM Reference</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date received</b>
AR16/10612	Comments - Skate Park at the Railway Lands - Alecia Sheedy	23/03/2016
AR16/11103	Comments - Skate Park at the Railway Lands - Tony Nearmy	28/03/2016
AR16/15264	Concerns - Wehl Street Theatre - Centrestage Community Theatre	26/04/2016
AR16/16069	Feedback on Draft Budget - 2016/2017 - Jubilee Motor Inn - Tourism Mount Gambier	30/04/2016
AR16/16714	Feedback – Skate Park – Draft Budget 2016/2017 – L J McDonnell	05/05/2016

Copies of this feedback are attached for your consideration.

**From:** [Alecia Sheedy](#)  
**To:** [City Emails](#)  
**Subject:** Skate park at the rail lands  
**Date:** Wednesday, 23 March 2016 9:17:09 AM

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Hello,

I support the budget funding for a skate park at the rail lands.

Thank you,

Alecia Sheedy  
0473 498 057

Sent from [Outlook Mobile](#)

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**From:** [Tony](#)  
**To:** [City Emails](#)  
**Subject:** Skate park at the rail lands  
**Date:** Monday, 28 March 2016 8:50:55 PM

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To whom it may concern

I am writing to the council to express my objection to the proposed skate park at the Rail lands . I understand the appeal of having a facility for the youth at the rail lands but to quote one of our councilers it not a "No Brainer" , I believe it should be looked at very carefully. Look at what is there now who is using it and how . My personal interest is in historical machinery and one of my great pleasures is to model steam engines and I spent a wonderful Sunday morning with my miniture traction engine running around the paths and in that couple of hours I meet and spoke to a lot of different people doing there own thing walking ,biking or just enjoying where they where that morning , the council have created a wonderful family space a blank canvas that can be transformed to cater for many different events . I understand a skate park would not take up a huge amount of the area but , I believe it would take from the area and should be incorporated with a 'youth area'. If a third skate park is warented may I propose the rail corridor between Wehl st and Bertha st

Regards

Tony Nearmy



## **THE WEHL STREET THEATRE**

**7 Wehl Street South  
Mount Gambier SA 5290**

Managed by.

Centrestage Community Theatre Inc.  
PO Box 2093 Mount Gambier SA 5290  
Phone: 0437715910 ABN: 72545843672

### **His Worship the Mayor, Andrew Lee**

It was with disappointment that although it has been acknowledged the seats need attention that, the parcel of money allocation, if approved was not kept and built on in future budgets to acquire these necessary items-- or is the strategy to allocate the full amount for the upgrade in the future.

**OH&S weighs heavily in this case and our concerns have not been at a quick cash grab, this has been our committees concern for some years doing what we can to keep what we have and the safety of patrons.**

The other request made by this committee to council, was to have some type of cover between both buildings, so that musicians, competitors and volunteers do not get wet and cold when moving between both buildings --East Wing is always used as a dressing room come warm up and practise area for events like the Limestone Coast other groups and the Mt. Gambier Eisteddfod. An overlay of a structure between the buildings was proposed by council and accepted by this group.

Costing by council engineering was to be at that time \$75,000 approx. correspondence informed us that this could not be accommodated in that budget-- this was some years ago.

There has been no further mention of it anywhere. The covering was similar in construction to the bus terminal type.

The priority are the seats for patron comfort and safety. When other funds become available the long term aim is to cover the open area between both buildings as there is a need for access to the dressing rooms in bad weather.

Gaining access through the auditorium is not an option particularly during performances.

The committee acknowledges the important work that was carried out last year to re-roof and remove asbestos based material from the Eastern building. It has transformed the look and the safety of it.

1. We spent \$7000 about 3 years ago, in what the committee thought we could afford to refurbish --what we term the East Wing--southern section. This put new tiling, complete painting of that part and plumbing work badly needed at the main washroom.
2. A campaign was embarked upon 10 years ago to raise money for a new C6 Yamaha Piano. After 5 years we were in a position with councils help and with great assistance from Dale Cleves himself, to order that piano which was installed in September 2010. We have purchased additionally, a protective cover for it.
3. When the old piano was sold, that money plus extra, allowed us to install an Air Conditioning unit capable of heating and cooling that larger area in the East Wing, as many groups use that room for

rehearsals, classes and meetings. The cost of that unit ran into some thousands but I cannot remember the exact amount.

The electric strip ceiling heaters as original equipment, most not working and highly inefficient have been removed.

4. In the main building the stage floor was addressed and covered similarly with Masonite as is the SRHT – this cost after tenders called was over \$5000 dollars and this was completed making productions much better with good surfaces to use.

The stage is painted usually once a year and this cost is around \$160 plus in materials—we paint it ourselves.

The only lighting in the theatre for a long time belonged to Theatre Group as did the lighting board and dimmer units. We are thankful for the use of their equipment for all of that time.

In 2010 two councillors did see a production in the theatre and were impressed enough to recommend upgrades to the lighting system—**this meant that the building now owns its own system of lighting control** and we have built upon that as much as budget allows.

5. A set of 6 lights costs around \$2600 including brackets.

I am aware that we have purchased at least 3 groups of this type of lighting.

For the future we want to embark upon professional LED technology (which has been around for a while) so that we can electronically alter colours without having to have a set lighting and colour medium for each colour.

A good unit costs around \$2200-\$2600 per each to buy---4 would be a great start-- 6 would be ideal-- this releases the existing lighting on the bars to be used for additional stage lighting and /or specials. The other bonus is that these Fresnel lamps consume 177 watts of power compared to 500-650watts each for traditional types. We are trying to accommodate this in our budget as we can afford it.

6. In 2013 a proposal was put to upgrade the sound system significantly to allow better performance and flexibility—this was in addition to previous work and equipment-- making active-- equipment that had failed in the past-- after Landmark pictures were using it and before the Oat-mill Cinema was built.

For the 2013 proposal \$3000 approx. was spent on a new mixing desk, mounting accessories and microphone lines. Further work was done to increase this with another 6 mic lines at around \$500—all work was done by our own people qualified to carry out these improvements thus extending our ability to spread the money further.

Fold back speakers and an amplifier have been gifted to the theatre from existing groups to assist in sound enforcement building on what the committee has spent already.

**In all of this we are volunteers in management and the original charter was to encourage and foster smaller genres in the arts—that is our main purpose, we do not own the building and therefore cannot be responsible for major work. At the original direction of council we were not there to compete directly**



**with our regional theatre, we are there to offer a place, a home, for smaller groups who having a successful production may be able to offer it in the full size theatre.**

Many smaller groups that raise attention for mental health and other targeted needs have been assisted where possible.

This committee has supplied when we can, technical help and been there, during the running at no cost to the group involved. These are things that cannot be counted as purely profit based, but for the good of community wellbeing.

As to a levy on tickets this would very difficult to manage and personally, I feel a poorly thought out idea.

Are we going to do this to all skate boarders?—I believe this is an obscene amount of money (\$700,000) for such a facility—recognising that this probably is needed.

The other amount of money I would question is the enormous amount of money for such a symbolic statement, **that these are the rail lands**-- the one that the public preferred out of the 3 options but I am sure would have vetoed it, had they been aware of the full cost.

If, however this is a state government grant then **both local and state are not recognising essential expense**. Surely a simpler sign in the short term would have been suffice.

**This money \$150,000, would cover what was needed to take a recognisable need and fix the seating problem.**

**While our endeavours will be to maintenance the seats as best we can, this group cannot take responsibility for an incident that may happen.** The problem has been identified and the seats are probably close to 40 years old.

It seems that we detect an air of some bias toward the theatre, In that we have not been transparent --it has all been there for council to read.

This latest proposal to have a tariff on seats sold-- with other sentiments murmured by other councillors in agreement, is not practical as no formal ticketing exists and would be a heavy expense on those smaller groups having to comply.

As with the Reidy Park Centre we invite councillors—as they change—to look at what we have achieved or have enhanced in the buildings and the community generally.

They rarely do attend, but could see where any grants are going and are being properly spent for the benefit of the community.

This committee and those that preceded it have always put in, gradually making our monetary position stronger to institute more improvements—it is important that we are not recognised for just sitting on our hands, and asking for handouts.

The theatre was never intended for professional companies or state funded art groups to take control—we have seen some of these in action and seen their track record in looking after property (Main Street was such an example)

So many other aspects in Mt. Gambier are extremely well looked after (eg Sport). Not all our community stops at sport, they have wider interests and for the health of the community it is important that these be addressed.

Apart from School based programs our youth does not always get the opportunity to appear on stage and experience the self esteem that comes with taking this important step.

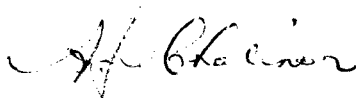
A solid foundation for better understanding of our community through this experience shows them, what it takes to contribute and helps in reducing misdemeanours and the social consequences that flow from it.

In summary, we wish to make it known that as an amateur's committee we are keen to support council in the continued upgrade of your facility, we do not need unfounded criticism.

We look forward to working with you in a constructive and co-operative manner.

For and on behalf of Centrestage Community Theatre.

Chair,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.J. Chalinor', written in a cursive style.

A.J.(Tony) Chalinor.

**From:** [Jubilee Motor Inn](#)  
**To:** [City Emails](#)  
**Subject:** Budget Submission - I support Tourism Mount Gambier's request for funding  
**Date:** Saturday, 30 April 2016 9:41:23 AM

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Employment and jobs growth is a priority, Council funding of Tourism Mount Gambier and working in partnership with industry to grow the tourism economy is a key area of the budget.

I encourage council to fund Tourism Mount Gambier's strategic plan.

Grant funding to Tourism Mount Gambier will help achieve growth of the tourism economy and is supported.

Council should work in partnership with the tourism industry to grow our local economy".

Personally, I worked in Gold Coast Surfers Paradise in a gift shop for years and I experienced the changes from small commercial town to a major tourism city centre in Gold Coast whereas Mount Gambier shares the same size of Surfers Paradise. Whether or not Mount

Gambier will become another major Tourism Town depends on what you have invested today. Other cities or towns in Victoria are working toward this approach. Since Gold Coast is developing well in tourism last couple years, Sunshine Coast is copying the same direction

and actively promoting their natural resources and investment. Now, it is our turn.

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Mr. Mark McShane  
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Dear Sir,

I write to express my opposition to the suggested location for the establishment of a new skate park to be built on the Rail Land in our City. I have also expressed my opposition to the proposed location in a letter to the Border Watch recently. Since my letter was printed I have had a flood of phone calls and comments from people in our community expressing support for my opinion and who also consider the Rail Land is not the appropriate site for a new skate park.

The many thousands of people who have attended the numerous functions, events and gatherings that have been held since the Rail Land has been opened have enjoyed the open space, comfort, safety and surroundings of the area and I believe that consideration should be given to an alternate location.

With numbers of up to 6,000 people currently attending such events who knows what events might be held in our City in the future that could attract even much larger crowds who should also be able to enjoy the open space in comfort. When more seating and shade is provided it will be even more appealing for families and the elderly to enjoy on a daily basis.

I am in no way suggesting that a new skate park should not be built but I believe the proposed location is not appropriate. There are other Council owned properties that should be considered which could include Hastings Cunningham Reserve, the land between O'Halloran Terrace and Margaret Street and a prime location could be the old jail land in Wehl Street which is very rarely used.

I ask Council not to approve the establishment of a new skate park on the Rail Land until all other options are properly considered.

Would you please provide a copy of my letter to the Mayor and all Councillors for their consideration.

Yours truly,

L.J.McDonnell

