

2024/25 Community Budget Submissions

Council Responses

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Samantha Fruend	Hawkins Drive Yarrowonga	Footpath on road be completed	N/A	Construction	Yes	N/A	<p>This project has been included as part of the scope of footpath works that has been put forward for funding for a Pedestrian Enhancement Package. Should Council be successful in its grant application, the footpath program will be delivered over a two year period and deliver 16 years' worth of footpath projects for the municipality.</p> <p>If Council is not successful with its application, Council will maintain its New Footpath Investment Program which will fund \$250,000 in new footpaths per year. Under this program, the Hawkins Drive Yarrowonga footpath works will be considered against another priority footpath projects to ensure the connectivity of Council's pedestrian routes.</p>
Mikayla ballerini	Tweedle park Numurkah	New updates park at tweedle park, right now there is just 2 swings. Park to play on, BBQ's and seating.	N/A	Parks	Yes	N/A	Playground improvement works at Tweedle Park have been included in the draft 2024/25 budget as part of the playground renewal budget.
Fiona Byrnes	Nathalia	Installation of electric car charging stations along the main street of Nathalia.	N/A	Sustainability	No	N/A	<p>Given our distance to Melbourne it is prudent to undertake some strategic work to map how EV charging stations in our Townships would integrate with and value add to other EV infrastructure throughout Victoria. Undertaking this work and exploring grant funding opportunities for EV infrastructure will be Council's focus during the 24/25 financial year and will be performed internally by Council staff, therefore not requiring additional budget allocation.</p> <p>Once the strategic work is undertaken, we will continue to explore grant opportunities from the State and Federal Government.</p>
William (Bill) O'Dwyer	Numurkah	Rezoning of farm land on outskirts of Numurkah for Industrial Land	N/A	Planning	Yes	\$171,000	Council has committed budget and commenced the Numurkah – Strathmerton Growth Corridor Land Use Strategy. This strategy, which will be completed and presented to Council prior to 31 December 2024, and will inform and provide the strategic justification for future attempts to rezone land in Numurkah.
Julie Hall	4986 Murray Valley Highway Strathmerton	Funding to support the Day of the Dead event held at Cactus Country	N/A	Events/Tourism	Yes	\$5,000	Council has budgeted funds to support community events through its Tourism Event Funding program. Being a significant tourist attraction, \$5,000 will support the development of an event management plan to ensure the event is meeting future compliance obligations.
Carol Henderson	Yarrowonga Foreshore from Bank St. Boat Ramp, along River Road to Yacht Club	Solar Lighting along walking track for Community Safety	N/A	Parks	No	N/A	Council is operating in a budget constrained environment with limited financial capacity to support new projects. Without an adopted strategy that recommends pedestrian path lighting along River Road, the project is not recommended for inclusion in the 2024/25 budget.

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Carol Henderson	Former Yarrowonga Primary School Site	Purchase of the former Yarrowonga Primary School by Moira Shire from the Victoria Department of Treasury and Finance for Community Use	\$750,000	Administrators/ ELT	Yes	\$823,000	<p>Moira Shire Council has made it clear to the Surplus Land Division of State Government that Council does want to secure the former Yarrowonga Primary School site for community use in perpetuity. Council continues to work very closely with Alexandra Park Club regarding funding for the capital purchase of the site. Communication with the Surplus Land Division is ongoing with an environmental assessment recently completed for the Valuer General to develop a potential sale price for the site.</p> <p>Council continues to receive strong interest from a number of community groups from the Yarrowonga-Mulwala Community regarding the site. Council has been clear that a strategic long term view needs to be taken with the site in order to maximise the benefit to the community. If Council is able to secure the site, a long term master plan is required. Budget has been allocated for these works to occur during the 2024/25 financial year, subject to the acquisition of the site.</p> <p>It is noted that the condition of the buildings is of concern. Appropriate remediations will need to be considered and notional budget allocations have been factored into Council's long term financial plan.</p>
Patrick Connolly	Kenny Road between Centre Road and Murray Valley Highway, Yarroweyah VIC 3644	To place a drainage pipe under Kenny Road, Yarroweyah draining water from East to West under Kenny Road adjacent to Murray Valley Highway.	N/A	Construction	No	N/A	<p>This initiative has not been identified through Council's asset planning or drainage strategies and is therefore not supported as part of the 2024/25 capital works budget.</p> <p>The initiative has been referred to Council's engineering department for assessment against the local drainage needs.</p>
Mark McNamara	Lions Community Park, Numurkah	Construction of a 2.5 wide all-abilities suspension footbridge, with a clear span of approx. 70 metres, across the Broken Creek	N/A	Construction	No	N/A	<p>Council is operating in a budget constrained environment with limited financial capacity to support additional new projects. There is no identified need for a new bridge at this location and the project is not recommended for funding for 2024/25, nor is it identified within the future capital works program.</p>
Michael Coldham	Yarrowonga Mulwala	YMTB is seeking additional funding from Council to maintain and grow Yarrowonga Mulwala region as a premier tourism destination	\$310,000	Tourism	Yes	\$240,000	<p>YMTB is currently supported by Council, with \$220,000 being contributed for the Yarrowonga Mulwala visitor centre and two major events being the Rod Run and EC Griffith Cup. Council is committed to continuing its support for YMTB and has therefore allocated \$240,000 in the 2024/25 budget. Council is currently operating in a budget constrained environment, with limited financial capacity to support any further increases to its contributions. YMTB will have the opportunity to apply for further funding to support the attraction of additional events in Yarrowonga Mulwala through Council's Tourism Sponsorship Funding Stream.</p>
Megan Gemmill	Kennedy park / Thompsons Beach	Play ground and a splash park in line with the Yarrowonga facilities	N/A	Parks	No	N/A	<p>The new Kennedy Park Thompsons Beach playground is currently under way and is expected to be delivered during the 2023/24 financial year.</p> <p>Council is currently operating in a budget constrained environment, with limited financial capacity to support further new projects. Therefore a splash park for Cobram is currently not budgeted nor in Council's pipeline of future capital works.</p>
Tony Tranter	Cobram (and surrounding towns)	Funding of the CBBT Tourism Focussed Events Program	\$80,000	Tourism	Yes	\$60,000	<p>CBBT is currently supported by Council through Local Tourism Association funding of \$15,000 and \$60,000 for events. Council is committed to continuing its support for CBBT and has therefore allocated \$80,000 in total for the 2024/25 budget to support CBBT's operations. Council is currently operating in a budget constrained environment, with limited financial capacity to support further increases to its contributions. CBBT will have the opportunity for further funding to support the attraction of events in Cobram and Barooga through Council's Tourism Sponsorship Funding Stream.</p>

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Tony Fazzolari	Thompsons Beach	To bring back the Peaches n Cream Festival	\$355,000	Events/Tourism	No	N/A	This submission is not proposed for inclusion in Council's 2024/25 draft budget as the event is not currently guaranteed to proceed. However this event will be considered through a Tourism Sponsorship Funding Stream if and when it meets certain criteria, including receiving approvals from relevant external departments. Council will continue to work with the event organisers to support the development of the event.
Ross Mulquiney	Jc Lowe Yarrawonga	Create an all ability access and usage for the jc Lowe area and landscape the entrance and make it safe.	\$250,000	Recreation	No	N/A	The JC Lowe Master Plan is currently in draft and will soon be ready for public consultation. This Master Plan will strategically inform all future works at reserve, including matters such as all abilities, safe access and parking facilities. \$15,000 has been provided for in the 2024/25 Draft Budget for the design/ investigation of access road lighting improvements, which Council has identified as priority works for the reserve. Further priority works at the reserve will be informed by the Master Plan and once assessed by Council, these priority works will form part of a future budget cycle.