

Mu comments are as follows:

Prosperous Economy (page 4)

There are no Performance Measures for this strategic objective. I see it is only 1.5% of the budget but shouldn't its performance be measured at a budget level and explanation noted in the budget.

There was a lot of enthusiasm for economic opportunities in last year's GWMP survey. An allocation of 1.55% of the budget to this area may be somewhat below community expectations and should be explained or increased.

Domestic Animal Management (page 16)

Question: It is disappointing that the only Service Performance Outcome Measure you have in the budget for animal management is "number of successful animals management prosecutions". A more holistic measure as to how successful the animal management services are would be "number of pets/population impounded". This would encompass a number of measures from the DAMP. It would enforce Councils (and the general public's) objective of keeping pets OUT of the pound as the best policy for domestic animal management. I believe the indicator in this instance would be "satisfaction" and could be measured as part of the DAMP reviews. Concentrating on reducing the number of animals going into the pound is the best cost saving and general outcome for all. I would like to think that any money saved would be invested in re-enforcing this objective with adequate out-reach programs. This suggestion should be added to the budget.

Provision should be made to recompense dog rescue groups who are currently being used to re-home Nillumbik dogs for free. The amount should be determined by assessing how much it would cost Council to perform the same service. As there was only 10 dogs in this category last year it should be containable.

External Consultants (page 44?)

I cannot see where external consultants fees can be found, under Materials and Services – communications, corporate support, other? For example the money spent on consultants for the GWMP survey, the customer satisfaction survey, a new gallery in Nillumbik survey should be detailed.

If this level of money is spent on consultants the decisions made using this data should be transparent and there should be accountability on how the outcomes relates to the survey findings. If this analysis is ever conducted, for transparency reasons I suggest it be included in this budget.

Employee Costs (page 22)

Interesting that employee costs go up while permanent and contract heads fall by around 12 heads. Whether EBA or other the budget should include an explanatory note as done in other places in the budget.

Other expenses (page 45)

The \$262k reduction for community development and \$231k reduction for environmental works. Needs an explanatory note as done in other places in the budget.

Wildlife Policy (page ?)

Please make explicit what the assumption for on-going wildlife euthanasia policy is within the 2019/20 budget. Is the additional cost of OH&S requirements mentioned in the February 2019 Council report included in the budget, this should be explicitly stated as it is due for Council review next month.

Workforce Turnover (page 55)

From the Financial performance indicators in recent Nillumbik budgets.

Nillumbik Workforce turnover:

Number of permanent staff resignations & terminations as a percentage of average number of permanent staff for the financial year 2016-17 was 8.9%

Number of permanent staff resignations & terminations as a percentage of average number of permanent staff for the financial year 2017-18 is 15.2%

Forecast number of permanent staff resignations & terminations as a percentage of average number of permanent staff for the financial year 2018-19 is 13.9%

Given the above figures that show the average staff turnover in the last three years was approx. 13% per annum the budget should explain how council justify their budget 2019-2020 forecast that for each of the following four years when the staff turnover will be only 5% as this is not obvious from the figures provided in the budget.

Underlying Result (page 55)

The 2018-2019 budget showed an estimate for Adjusted underlying result of 0.8% which is now forecast to be worse by at -7.4% (forecast in the current 2019 -2020 budget).

As the forecast was missed by a substantial margin surely the Council budget should show the measures being taken to ensure an improving Adjusted Underlying Result and hence improving sustainability of Councils finances.

Thanks.

# ***WATTLE GLEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC.***

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18/4/2019

## **Submission to have footbridge on Peppers Paddock added to the 2019-2020 Budget**

Late last year we raised the request for Council funding of a footbridge to be constructed over Watery Gully Creek on Peppers Paddock, Wattle Glen with the CEO and Finance Manager. We were told to make a submission to the budget at this time and that, because it may be seen as a new project, it will require the support of Councillors. Our ward councillor, Mayor Egan, is aware of the project via email (sent 4/3/19) and follow-up text (sent 27/3/19). Mayor Egan offered to meet to discuss further, however we are still waiting to be advised of a meeting time.

### **Now the story**

Last year, through the Friends of Watery Gully (a sub-committee of the Wattle Glen Residents' Association) we applied for a State Government Pick-My-Project grant to build a pedestrian bridge over Watery Gully Creek on the Council owned reserve Peppers Paddock in Wattle Glen.

The Friends of Watery Gully have held monthly working bees for 27 years, for indigenous revegetation of this former horse paddock. As part of this community effort, and with the help of some Melbourne Water grants, we have also created a wetland on the north side of the Watery Gully Creek at Peppers Paddock.

The aim of our Pick-My-Project application was to build an accessible pedestrian bridge that would link the playground, picnic shelter and toilets on the south side to our new wetlands on the north side which showcases our local area's flora and fauna.

The costing for our application was nearly \$200,000 and was based on design and cost estimations provided by Nillumbik's Environment and Engineering Officers and included the engineers' liaison with Melbourne Water.

As well as for local residents and for environmental education, we see this footbridge as making Peppers Paddock a fantastic tourist destination situated adjacent to Council's Green Wedge Regional Trail, just near where this trail will meet the extension of the soon to be completed Diamond Creek Regional Trail.

Although our State Government submission was not successful (we lost to the Eltham North Playground and the Nillumbik Trail maintenance in Diamond Creek) we subsequently received a written statement from our State Government MP for possible federal funding as part of this year's election process.

Appreciating Council's preference for no surprises, and to give federal MPs confidence, we ask that funding of our pedestrian bridge be part of Council's 2019-20 budget. Since then we have also approached Kate Thwaites, the ALP candidate for Jagajaga as at the next election. Kate has asked the ALP for our project to be considered as an election item, but if not, and, if she and Labor elected, she will follow up with possible grants as an MP. Admittedly, nothing certain about contributing funding.

Inclusion of this project in the 2019-20 budget, will give federal MPs confidence to help with funding, and will certainly give Wattle Glen residents confidence that our Council is meeting a community need. Perhaps funding can be seen as part of the completed Diamond Creek Regional Trail if that helps its priority for funding?

Wattle Glen tends to be the “forgotten” community between Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge, but we are a vibrant individual community and would like this project to be supported and consider it a win-win-win: for community, Council and Councillors.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Germancheva  
Secretary – Wattle Glen Residents’ Association  
Convenor – Friends of Watery Gully

<b>Project</b>	Shelter (4m x 4m) with picnic table
<b>Location</b>	Near the footbridge at Marngrook Oval, Diamond Creek
<b>Cost</b>	\$20,000 (includes the shelter, concrete slab and building permit costs)

The Diamond Creek Trail is used 7 days a week by organised groups, social groups, residents and visitors to the area. This trail is important for the community as its primary use is exercise, and people who exercise regularly have better mental health and emotional wellbeing, and lower rates of mental illness. This project will improve the Trail by adding a shelter that will provide an inviting space to sit beside the picturesque Diamond Creek, with protection from the sun and rain. It will also support the programs offered by community groups such as Diamond Creek parkrun, Diamond Creek Runners and Pram Walking Groups, providing a sheltered space to meet.

The shelter will be public infrastructure that can be used by local community groups, visitors to the area, and the general public. It will be located in a central part of Diamond Creek, between the two main shopping precincts and close to the Diamond Creek netball courts and Marngrook Oval (please see attached map). While being close to the existing playground, it will offer an alternate space to gather and sit, offering a quieter experience than at the playground. Its proximity to local businesses may also benefit the businesses as people buy takeaway food and coffee to consume under the shelter, or shop after visiting the area as part of a local community group.

With the planned extension of the Diamond Creek Trail to Hurstbridge, the shelter will provide a shaded place to meet or a welcomed place to stop for runners, walkers and cyclists, where they can sit and rest, refill drink bottles, and shop at local businesses before starting or continuing their journey.

The shelter supports Council's Strategic Objective 1: Engaged connected communities (Volunteer Programs) and Strategic Objective 2: Active and creative people (Recreation trails and Recreation and open space planning).

I am driving this project on behalf of Diamond Creek parkrun, who use this area for the start and finish of parkrun every Saturday, all year round. parkrun is only cancelled for the Diamond Creek Town Fair or for safety concerns. In over 5 years, we have only cancelled once due to heavy rain, meaning we have delivered 283 free parkruns to the community.

Diamond Creek parkrun is a community event where participants can run, walk or volunteer, promoting a healthy lifestyle, positive physical and mental health, and improving social connectedness in the community. Since launching in November 2013, Diamond Creek parkrun has seen 5,747 individuals cross the finish line, completing a total of 68,079 parkruns. Participants and volunteers range in age from 4 to 94, along with many under 4s being pushed in prams. There are 55% female and 45% males. A postcode survey showed that parkrun attracts participants from all over Nillumbik - Diamond Creek, Eltham, Research, Hurstbridge, Wattle Glen, Kangaroo Ground, North Warrandyte, Plenty, Yarrambat, Smiths Gully and Panton Hill – as well as many people from neighbouring shires.

As an entirely volunteer run, free, community event, parkrun's weekly volunteer group of between 10-18 people currently uses a marquee and umbrellas as protection from the weather. The marquee is heavy and cumbersome to cart back and forth, as well as being a difficult to put in a car then find a space big enough for it to sit and dry at home when it is wet. Having a shelter will significantly improve the volunteers' experience at Diamond Creek parkrun, and as we rely on volunteers to deliver the event each week, we believe this is important for the sustainability and longevity of parkrun.

As a weekly event that attracts between 250-350 people every Saturday, Diamond Creek parkrun has minimal impact on Council resources, funding and on the local environment. We use the existing Diamond Creek Trail and aim to leave the area in better condition than we find it each week, bringing and removing all our equipment, and binning any rubbish we find in the area.

This project has been discussed with Jon Miller (Manager Assets and Property) and Rosalynd Ponte (Leisure Services Development Officer) from Nillumbik Council. Rosalynd provided the design and estimated total project cost of up to \$20,000, which includes the shelter, concrete slab and building permit. I met on site with Jon who supports the proposed location of the shelter. I have also spoken to Councillor Perkins, Councillor Brooker and Danielle Green MP who are supportive of this project.

Thank you for considering allocating funding for a shelter near the footbridge at Marngrook Oval in Diamond Creek.

Nikki Waterfall  
Diamond Creek Resident  
Co-Event Director, Diamond Creek parkrun



**Shopping Precinct**

**Proposed Shelter Location**

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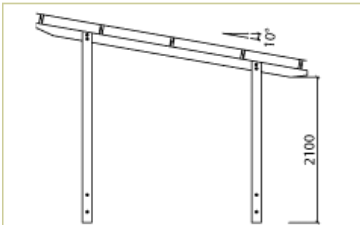


# K302 PENINSULA SHELTER - 4m x 4m

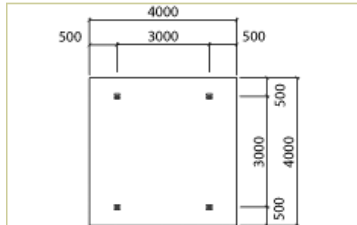


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Elevation



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## Overview

Landmark Peninsula shelters offer contemporary, uncluttered lines in an extensive range of functional sizes. The modular design allows you to combine shelters and create custom solutions. The comprehensive selection of available sizes ensures that a coherent design aesthetic can be maintained throughout a project, suburb or city.

All Landmark shelters are supplied flat-packed and ready for installation, including:

- Precision pre-manufactured components and hardware
- Pre-cut roofing
- Detailed step-by-step installation instructions
- Professional Building Application Drawings
- Engineer Certification
- 10 Year Structural Warranty
- Maintenance guide

## General Specifications

### Engineering

Wind classification N3-W41N standard (C3-W60C cyclone rating available upon request). Conforms to Local Government Building Codes and Australian Standards.

### Timberwork

Premium quality, plantation grown Hoop Pine, LOSP treated & stabilised to H3. Select grade, sustainably harvested Western Queensland Hardwoods, ACQ treated to H3.

### Steelwork

All components are hot-dip galvanised and powder coated to a selected colour. Two pack painting option available.

### Roofing

"XRW" grade, pre-cut Colorbond custom orb steel, available in a range of colours.

### Hardware

Galvanised fixings. Hot-dip galvanised brackets and post supports

### Installation

Cast in-ground to concrete footings. Bolt down option available.

## Features

- Pine framed hardwood front shade screen incorporated in each standard kit
- Shade screen panels to ensure optimum shade throughout the day
- Precision pre-manufactured and supplied ready-to-assemble for simple, fast installation

## Options

- Hot-dip galvanised and powder coated steel posts. Two pack paint upgrade available
- Select-grade hardwood posts
- In-ground (standard) or bolt-down posts available
- Colorbond steel gutters and PVC down pipes
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