

No.	Submission Method	Your comments on the Draft 2021/22 Budget	Theme	Division	Management Response
1	Stonnington Connect	<p>Proposed Budget Feedback : Good afternoon, I would like to provide the following feedback as a voluntary committee representative of the Prahran Football Club, which incorporates the Prahran Junior FC &amp; Prahran Senior FC &amp; Prahran Football Netball Club. In total, we have approximately 40 teams, made up of 750 players representing our Club each week, a very large percentage of them being Stonnington residents. In short, my feedback regarding the proposed Budget is that we are extremely concerned that the budget funding for the Toorak Park redevelopment has been pushed back 2 years and ask that Council do everything possible to bring this forward to the original proposed dates. Toorak Park, including the Charles Lux pavilion, is a community facility that is used 7 days a week in the winter season. The oval itself needs urgent upgrading to be able to manage the heavy community use. In addition, the pavilion is very very tired/outdated &amp; also needs to be urgently updated in order to be a modern contemporary facility to meet the needs of the large local community that uses it.</p> <p>Thanks &amp; regards Prahran Football Club</p>	Capital - Recreation	Community and Wellbeing	Propose to be brought forward in the budget to align with the timing requirements of \$3 million state government funding recently announced for Charles Lux Pavilion. Report drafted for 28 June Council meeting.
2	Stonnington Connect	<p>Funding previously allocated for East Malvern Tennis Club and since moved to 2023/2024 should be brought back into the budget for 2021/22. East Malvern tennis club should be a jewel in the crown of Stonnington facilities with massive participation, yet it is being left to languish while other nearby councils and Stonnington take pride in developing smaller tennis clubs.</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club provides tennis recreation to Stonnington residents at a greater number than any other council tennis club, and accounts for more than 50% of all the community tennis in Stonnington. Apart from elite private clubs, such as Kooyong and Royal South Yarra, there is no tennis club in Stonnington that compares in size, management, participation and opportunity for people of all ages and genders to stay fit and healthy playing tennis as a sport. Yet it receives virtually no funding. The clubhouse is extremely old. Stonnington council have neglected the club for decades and prioritised smaller clubs with negligible participation rates (eg Glendearg - 2 courts, no lights, 20 members, beautiful clubhouse), Malvern/Armidale (full court renovation, virtually no community participation) and Chadstone TC (proposed millions to be spent).</p> <p>The club has about 1000 members/coaching clients, ranging in age from 2 to 92. Over 2000 people visit and participate there each month, despite its dilapidation. Our members visit other clubs in Stonnington, Boroondara and other councils, and notice the difference. East Malvern Tennis club has been ignored for too long.</p> <p>Our members watch nearby facilities being renovated and re-built while we rot in an old asbestos, possum ridden, falling down club house on courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no car park provided by Stonnington (reliant on Boroondara, Vic Roads and the train station).</p> <p>The club has patiently waited through multiple audits and policy reviews and yet still nothing has happened. Some other reasons for wanting the timeline brought back to this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple audits by the Council over the years have shown OH&amp;S issues,</li> <li>• The bluestone at the front of the courts is a safety issue for everyone,</li> <li>• The Clubhouse is full of asbestos, possums and non-compliant wiring,</li> <li>• The building itself has structural integrity issues.</li> </ul> <p>We have been asking Council to take action for the last decade. In this time significant budgets have been allocated to Football, Cricket and Dog Walkers. In our 130-year history we have had one contribution from Council, in 2016, for our new lights on Courts 1-6.</p> <p>I invite you to visit the East Malvern tennis Club. You will readily see how badly run down the facilities are.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
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4	Stonnington Connect	Stonnington should be cutting rates at with it's next budget not increasing rates. The last year has been like no other and there is simply no justification to increase rates and continue on with wasting our money on virtue signalling rubbish like a \$65k electric vehicle (a Tesla no less). If this is Stonnington's budget surplus in the COVID year; there are certainly funds available for rate cuts in an ordinary year. This is the case even without Stonnington achieving much needed efficiencies in service delivery. Go back over your budget and find other ways to move forward instead of increasing rates. Just costs!! Every single department should be methodically analysed over the next 12-18 months to identify year on year reductions in these costs - if that means people in upper management need to be made redundant than so be it.	Rates	Chief Executive Office	<p>This year's proposed budget has been incredibly challenging to create. We face existing and future financial losses caused by COVID, and are required to balance this with the delivery of our critical services and financial wellbeing of our businesses, residents and ratepayers.</p> <p>Council continues to work to achieve efficiencies and find savings which is reflected in this year's budget and will be the subject of continual review. We will continue to focus on identifying further savings and efficiencies across our programs and services, as well as operational and staffing costs. We are taking into account factors such as community impact, legal and contractual obligations, and safety and risk issues, as well as prioritising activities that will stimulate the local economy (including a significant capital works program over the next 4 years including over \$80m in 2021-22 alone) and is aimed at promoting the recovery and well-being of our community.</p> <p>The State Governments rate cap has continued to create financial pressure, with Council's total revenue from rates capped at a 1.5 per cent increase for the 2021-22 financial year. The cap includes changes in valuation and property growth, which mean that councils do not receive any windfall gains from these movements in the new financial year. Council initiated a waiver in 2020-21 for the 2 per cent rate cap for that year in recognition of the impact of COVID on the community. The ability to sustain these waivers into the future in an fiscal environment where the pact of COVID on Council's revenue (estimated at \$13m over the next four years) is and will continue to be significant while also meet the demand for community services, increases in inflation/contract costs, addressing climate change and the level of asset investment required to meet the communities needs would not be achievable. The State Government's rate cap poses financial challenges for Council as costs often increase at a higher rate than the cap and the additional costs of meeting our obligations of the community recovery effort. Despite the financial challenge this poses, Council is determined to ensure public value and that services are delivered safely and effectively while working within current and future caps.</p> <p>As part of the development of the 2021-22 Budget, a number of rate modelling scenarios were presented to Councillors. A number of these models included the impact of rate cuts. This highlighted the compounding and detrimental impacts rate cuts have on Council's ability to fund the operating and capital works programs both now and into the future. Foregoing a rate rise in 2021-22 or making rate cuts results in anywhere between \$21 million to \$135 million in lost rates revenue over 10 years. Absorbing these types of reductions would mean that Council would have to re-consider significant new facilities or any major upgrades over the next 10 years including the proposed multipurpose indoor sports facility including netball and basketball, upgrades to our heritage Prahran Town Hall, upgrades to Prahran Aquatics and intended investments in the Chapel Street Precinct.</p> <p>Council recognises these are very challenging times for us all as the outcomes and changes resulting from the COVID pandemic continue to develop. To meet these challenges for those experiencing difficulties in our community, Council is continuing to provide support and relief to ratepayers through a range of measures including extended deferment options, payment plans and interest waivers to individuals, eligible businesses and landlords. In addition, Council continues to provide further support to community organisations and traders via various grants and other targeted programs.</p>
5	Stonnington Connect	<p>Dear councillors</p> <p>I object to the proposed increase in rates. I am the owner of 2 business; both of which suffered greatly due to coronavirus. As easy as it would be just to increase our prices I am sure the result would be the loss of clientele. We do not have the option to "immediately vote with our feet" when it comes to council. Therefore I suggest council adopts the policy we adopted. That is to find cost savings and adopt efficiencies where possible. Slugging the consumer (or ratepayer) only leads to discontent and it is NOT a good look during a pandemic. Most of us are doing it tough. I would hope this does not go ahead.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
6	Stonnington Connect	Rates should not be increased, especially as many households have lost employment income over the past year.	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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7	Stonnington Connect	<p>How on earth did you spend \$10 million on covid protection measures in Stonnington? Drawing circles on parklands was a total waste of ratepayers money. Copious signage reminding us to socially distance whilst in the wide open parks was also unnecessary. I request that you publish a breakdown of the costs of these covid-safe measures.</p> <p>Roads, footpaths, bridges and drainage works (\$17.5 million) - To save unnecessary expenditure on maintenance of footpaths, Council should reconsider the types of street trees it plants, and give better consideration to the siting of those trees. For example, the natives street trees planted along Malvern Road have lifted more footpaths than not. Many are planted on very narrow nature strips that are higher than the footpath, so it is inevitable the footpaths will lift and crack. More logic in street tree planting please.</p> <p>Strategic property acquisitions to increase open space within our community (\$10.0 million) - Stonnington already has parklands and green spaces the envy of other councils, why is it necessary to increase the already abundant open spaces which, except at the height of the pandemic, are under utilised. There are many green spaces not visited by anyone all day. It would be better to provide more attractions within the open spaces we have - such as somewhere for children to play ball games - tennis walls, netball rings, soccer or football goals, such as the areas provided by Boroondara Council near Dorothy Laver Reserve.</p>	Capital - Footpaths Capital - Recreation	Infrastructure and Environment	<p>Council's investment in COVID Response involves a number of initiatives including: financial support and mentoring for businesses and residents, fee waivers, and rental relief, our outdoor dining program, mental health programs, assisting sporting clubs and local community groups, alongside a diverse range of free experiences to encourage the community to connect. This breakdown was provided to Council as part of the March QTR 21 Reporting.</p> <p>Feedback noted on the impact of tree roots on Infrastructure. Many of Councils significant tree canopy was planted many decades ago and are a well appreciated council asset. Unfortunately these cause issues to council infrastructure and assets. With all new tree planting Council has a specific program which selects the appropriate tree species for the location with a view of minimising future impact on Infrastructure. Structural soils are also used on specific plantings to minimise impact and provide improved growing conditions.</p> <p>Council has the second lowest amount of open space per capita of any municipality in Victoria and as such has developed an open space strategy to help maintain the open space ratio. Due to a continuously growing population council's strategy looks to purchase properties and create open space in strategic locations. This helps to maintain open space at reasonable levels which is a measure of a cities livability. We also look for opportunities to develop the open space as it aligns with Council's active Stonnington policy developing and renewing playgrounds and maintaining the community open space to high levels.</p>
8	Stonnington Connect	<p>Recreational, sporting and Community Bodies should be harnessed with 'a user pays system'. Members of these individual organizations should be Stonnington residents: the Baseball Facility in Kooyong Park is being I am told ninety percent funded by Stonnington Residents and 90%, I am advised, yes ninety per cent of players live outside the City!</p> <p>The Toorak Malvern Hockey Club play in Hawthorn. They were supported by two Councils who had vision. Malvern Council as it was then financially assisted with their move and that is fine, but they pay their way.</p> <p>In today's world hand outs are gone. The Clubs can get bank loans for all upgrades, new buildings and facilities they require, and if their patrons sponsors or supporters can not afford the money then Council, for a fee, can be guarantor.</p> <p>Ground rents are far too low, rubbish collections club house costs, ground and general maintenance must be increased. Council must wake up, we are not living in a free world</p>	Fees and Charges	Chief Executive Office	<p>Council is seeking to develop a best value program in the 2021/22 year which will seek to drive greater efficiency and effectiveness across the organisation over the short and longer-term through a series of Service Reviews. The program will initially focus on service areas of high value-cost-risk and which are expected to produce significant financial/operational benefit from the implementation of change recommendations. These reviews will incorporate fees and charges.</p>
9	Stonnington Connect	<p>Unbelievable irresponsible council. Like giving to a homeless person then asking for the money back. People are still struggling trying to cope with the effects from covid and this proposal is wrong in so many ways. Make your council more efficient and even 5% efficiency will save you \$10 million. I strongly oppose this draft and the proposed increase.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p>
10	Stonnington Connect	<p>A 5% increase on our rates during a Pandemic is not fair- we as a community have all had our challenges over the past 15 months and whilst the Council have done a terrific job during this time to keep up all of their services it does not warrant a rate rise. Many of us have been without work or income for a long time and a rate increase is unacceptable especially considering we already pay very high rates in Stonnington comparatively to other councils.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p>
11	Stonnington Connect	<p>Funding previously allocated for East Malvern Tennis Club and since removed should be brought back into the budget. East Malvern tennis club should be a jewel in the crown of Stonnington facilities with massive participation, yet it is being left to rot while other nearby councils take pride in developing smaller tennis clubs.</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club provides tennis recreation to Stonnington residents at a greater number than any other council tennis club, and accounts for more than 50% of all the community tennis in Stonnington. Apart from elite private clubs such as Kooyong and Royal South Yarra there is no tennis club in Stonnington that compares in size, management, participation and opportunity for people of all ages and genders to stay fit and healthy playing tennis as a sport. Yet it receives virtually no funding. The clubhouse is extremely old. Stonnington council have neglected the club for decades and prioritised smaller clubs with negligible participation rates (eg Glendeargh (2 courts, no lights, 20 members, beautiful clubhouse), Malvern/Armidale (full court renovation, virtually no community participation) and Chadstone TC (proposed millions to be spent).</p> <p>The club has about 700 members. 2000 people visit and participate there each week. Our members visit other clubs in Stonnington and Boroondara and elsewhere and notice the difference. East Malvern Tennis club has been ignored for too long.</p> <p>Our members watch nearby facilities being renovated and re-built while we rot in an old asbestos, falling down clubhouse on courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no car park provided by Stonnington (reliant on Boroondara, Vic Roads and the train station).</p> <p>The club has patiently waited for multiple audits and policy reviews and yet nothing has happened. When funding was finally budgeted, it has been cruelly taken away.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	<p>Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.</p>
12	Stonnington Connect	<p>As the council is already aware from audits, East Malvern tennis Club Clubhouse is in desperate need of replacement, along with significant work around the Courts. Stonnington council have already identified these issues.</p> <p>Stonnington Tennis Asset Management Plan (SportENG, Sep 2018)</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club requires a 'major' level of remediation works to achieve a 'fit for purpose' standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•None of the courts dimensions are compliant</li> <li>•Facility is not DDA compliant</li> <li>•Significant signs of court surface deterioration on courts 7-10.</li> <li>•New sports lighting (courts 7 – 10)</li> <li>•New drainage (poor for courts 7 – 10)</li> <li>•New irrigation</li> <li>•Removal of a number of trees to the north</li> <li>•New fencing</li> <li>•Pavement works</li> <li>•Terraced seating</li> </ul> <p>Stonnington Council have budgeted to do the work, along with Court improvements. Prior to the last Council elections, the work was due to have started by now. The new Council has re-prioritised its budget and we have been moved to 2023/24.</p> <p>Every month 2,000 people come through our gates, ranging from 3 to 93 years old.</p> <p>Some other reasons for wanting the timeline brought back to this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Multiple audits by the Council over the years have shown OH&amp;S issues,</li> <li>•The bluestone at the front of the courts is a safety issue for everyone,</li> <li>•The Clubhouse is full of asbestos, possums and non compliant wiring,</li> <li>•The building itself has structural integrity issues.</li> </ul> <p>Our committee have been asking Council to take action for the last decade. In this time significant budgets have been allocated to other less significant tennis clubs, Football, Cricket and Dog Walkers. In our 130 year history we have had one contribution from Council, for our new lights on Courts 1-6.</p> <p>Put the money back where it was in the budget please.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	<p>Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.</p>

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14	Stonnington Connect	<p>I am very pleased to see more spending on the arts. This makes Stonnington a liveable place and brings good business back. Also a lot of residents are employed by the arts and this sports them alas. Chapel off Chapel attracts quality talent to our area.</p> <p>I was also pleased to see more spending on parks. It's a disgrace to be listed so low down on green space compared to others.</p> <p>LGBTIQ+ represents a significant part of ethnic population and needs support.</p> <p>Finally we need to reduce crime and make Stonnington a safe place for residents and visitors.</p>	Arts	Community and Wellbeing	Positive feedback noted.
15	Stonnington Connect	<p>we think it is terrible that you are considering raising rates by 5% this year given the shocking year we have all had with more to come I am sure. We think you need to find better ways of raising funds. Find a sponsor for Chapel off Chapel and save \$1m, hold more community events that people can contribute too. They are lots of ways to think of new ways of doing things. We are a community who will sponsor the upgrades of sporting facilities. Find sponsors for climate change within our community. When are we getting our food waste collection small bins - I am sure we can find someone to sponsor that! Putting rates up is a shocking idea - you are supposed to supporting the Stonnington community but this is the reverse!</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
16	Stonnington Connect	<p>I would like to request Stonnington Council consider a fairer and more equitable distribution of arts funding right across Stonnington. I own the Firehouse Theatre, a non-profit community theatre that was established in 2019. We have 15 years experience running a profitable business, and I am stunned to see that Chapel Off Chapel receives approximately \$1.5m in funding each year, and even with revenue from hirers, is still making a loss of \$1m per year.</p> <p>Non-profit community arts establishments such as ours do not receive any funding from Stonnington, yet we are in a position to be contributing strongly to the local arts community by partnering with all the local festivals, as well as providing a venue for local schools and other community groups to use at a fraction of the cost that Chapel Off Chapel charges.</p> <p>We use a scalable method of delivery where we bring in technical and front-of-house staff for each event, which means our hire costs are HALF of Chapel Off Chapel and we can still provide a balanced budget at the end of the year.</p> <p>We are in need of infrastructure support to finish our theatre (as 2020 was an incredibly hard time as private business owners with two businesses) but it galling to see money that is provided to only ONE major arts area in a very busy part of Stonnington. You need to be spreading funding across a number of arts facilities. In ONE square kilometre, we have two theatres (Firehouse Theatre and Malvern Theatre), one art gallery (Duldig) and two dance schools (Academy of Dance and Jazz Centre). All these facilities can use support to increase support to the local community.</p> <p>As I said, we need equity in arts support ACROSS Stonnington, and I would very much like to speak at the committee meeting to discuss how this will provide benefits DIRECTLY to artists (as opposed to paying huge overheads like staffing where the money doesn't reach artists).</p>	Arts	Community and Wellbeing	<p>The City of Stonnington offers a multilayered approach to support and investment in our creative community through the annual Arts and Cultural Grants, subsidised rental of a number of building assets, a range of community activations showcased across municipalities and the premier performing arts venue Chapel Off Chapel. Arts &amp; Culture Grants are available to incorporated not-for-profit organisations and auspiced individuals. Council does not provide infrastructure support for buildings it does not own.</p> <p>Chapel Off Chapel is Council run and a significant portion of costs are attributed to its heritage building and associated depreciation. Chapel Off Chapel plays an important economic role by attracting tourism, supporting the creative sector and generating revenue for surrounding businesses. Council strives for improvements and efficiencies in its creative investment while maintaining high quality activation, excellent service and specialist facilities that build Stonnington's reputation as a creative city.</p>
17	Stonnington Connect	<p>The proposed reintroduction of the 2% rate increase is completely inappropriate and distressing. Residents like myself who are not in the public service sector have had virtually no pay increase over the past year. To see a 6.05% in Total Employee Costs on Pg. 32 is both unacceptable and insulting considering the strain family budgets are under. The Council has to look at focussing on core council deliverables and recoup costs from wasteful programs and expenditures and shelve the 2% increase.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
18	Stonnington Connect	<p>Our family along with the local tennis community are extremely disappointed that Stonnington Council has chosen to delay funding for an urgently needed upgrade to the East Malvern Tennis Club. It doesn't take much to notice that this facility has become very run-down and in many areas is now considered unsafe (eg asbestos in the clubhouse, very dangerous steps down to the courts, possum issues etc). Tennis is a fantastic sport for people of all ages and genders and council should be supporting its largest community club (no other tennis club in Stonnington attracts over 2000 participants a week). Following a much needed renovation, EMTC could be a fantastic drawcard for Council bringing people into the area rather than becoming a unsafe community eyesore.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
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22	Stonnington Connect	<p>Funding previously allocated for East Malvern Tennis Club and since moved to 2023/2024 should be brought back into the budget for 2021/22. East Malvern tennis club should be a jewel in the crown of Stonnington facilities with massive participation, yet it is being left to languish while other nearby councils and Stonnington take pride in developing smaller tennis clubs.</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club provides tennis recreation to Stonnington residents at a greater number than any other council tennis club, and accounts for more than 50% of all the community tennis in Stonnington. Apart from elite private clubs, such as Kooyong and Royal South Yarra, there is no tennis club in Stonnington that compares in size, management, participation and opportunity for people of all ages and genders to stay fit and healthy playing tennis as a sport. Yet it receives virtually no funding. The clubhouse is extremely old. Stonnington council have neglected the club for decades and prioritised smaller clubs with negligible participation rates (eg Glendearg - 2 courts, no lights, 20 members, beautiful clubhouse), Malvern/Armidale (full court renovation, virtually no community participation) and Chadstone TC (proposed millions to be spent).</p> <p>The club has about 1000 members/coaching clients, ranging in age from 2 to 92. Over 2000 people visit and participate there each month, despite its dilapidation. Our members visit other clubs in Stonnington, Boroondara and other councils, and notice the difference. East Malvern Tennis club has been ignored for too long.</p> <p>Our members watch nearby facilities being renovated and re-built while we rot in an old asbestos, possum ridden, falling down club house on courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no car park provided by Stonnington (reliant on Boroondara, Vic Roads and the train station).</p> <p>The club has patiently waited through multiple audits and policy reviews and yet still nothing has happened.</p> <p>Some other reasons for wanting the timeline brought back to this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple audits by the Council over the years have shown OH&amp;S issues,</li> <li>• The bluestone at the front of the courts is a safety issue for everyone,</li> <li>• The Clubhouse is full of asbestos, possums and non-compliant wiring,</li> <li>• The building itself has structural integrity issues.</li> </ul> <p>We have been asking Council to take action for the last decade. In this time significant budgets have been allocated to Football, Cricket and Dog Walkers. In our 130-year history we have had one contribution from Council, in 2016, for our new lights on Courts 1-6.</p> <p>I personally have been playing midweek ladies tennis for over 16 years at East Malvern and am often embarrassed by the state of our courts and clubroom compared to other clubs in our division, most clubs have had upgrades during my 16 years of playing. Our courts are often unplayable after the rain which causes us to have more washouts than we should.</p> <p>I invite you to visit the East Malvern tennis Club. You will readily see how badly run down the facilities are.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
23	Stonnington Connect	<p>The East Malvern Tennis Club (EMTC) is a club that services all age groups, genders and ethnicities. Unfortunately it does not cater to those with physical disabilities, but it could and should. The location is perfect, the courts reasonable, the lighting mostly first class but the clubhouse is appalling. It is literally falling down, dilapidated and an embarrassment when hosting visitors from other clubs or just guests. It need urgent work and should be considered as essential within the 2021/22 budget.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
24	Stonnington Connect	<p>In this climate you cant be serious about a 5% rate hike. There is not one single justification.</p> <p>You should be looking to reduce costs. Every other business is doing the same, a clear review of priorities and ensuring every dollar spent is returning. When I look at the budget I am sad. The spending is not efficient and is clearly ego and personal agenda driven. Communication spend is out of touch and growing for no actual delivery. That is criminal wasting money. The insane amount of money spent on Prahran square I hope was worth it but spending even more money on it is outrageous. Financial management is the primary concern I have for this council as I have ZERO faith in where the money goes.</p> <p>Perhaps the government needs to step in as they have with other councils who mismanage funds and sack the lot and start over!</p> <p>You should be ashamed of yourself.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
25	Stonnington Connect	<p>I am very frustrated by Stonnington's New council. A proposed 3.3% rate hike and now a previously approved project at Kooyong tennis club has been deferred until 2023/24 due to a change in budgetary priorities.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
26	Stonnington Connect	<p>As a family and members of the East Malvern Tennis Club we have just been advised of the low priority of which the repairs to the club have taken. The clubrooms urgently require an update, along with the courts in general. What a fabulous opportunity for the community to have access to a facility like this, but it really does need an update.</p> <p>We do hope this is considered for the 21/22 budget.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
27	Stonnington Connect	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing regarding East Malvern Tennis Club and councils decision to postpone works on upgrading the facilities. I would strongly encourage council to rethink this decision. I am a member of the club as are my husband and children. My children have been having lessons at the club for 8 years and the facilities are in dire need of upgrade. The courts have extremely poor drainage and flood easily. This is not helpful during weekend competition when there are many teams playing with already not enough courts to go around. The clubhouse needs to be upgraded and the concrete/stone seating at the back of the courts is very dangerous, particularly for young children. For the amount of people that use these facilities on a weekly basis I believe it is imperative that the courts and facilities be upgraded as at the moment they are certain aspects that are unsafe and others that function poorly. Kind regards,</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
28	Stonnington Connect	<p>Please assist with the urgent works required at the Malvern East Tennis Courts</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.

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29	Stonnington Connect	<p>I have been a Stonnington resident for 90% of my life, and an East Malvern Tennis Club (EMTC) member for over 30 years. It is with incredible frustration and sadness that I have learned once again the club appears to have been dismissed by council in the draft 2020/21 budget. Not for a moment am I suggesting managing a council budget is an easy task. However, the ease of dismissal and community humiliation suffered as a result leaves me with a feeling of total helplessness and despair.</p> <p>Funding previously allocated for East Malvern Tennis Club and since moved to 2023/2024 should be brought back into the budget for 2021/22. East Malvern tennis club should be a jewel in the crown of Stonnington facilities with massive participation, yet it is being left to languish while other nearby councils and Stonnington take pride in developing smaller tennis clubs.</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club provides tennis recreation to Stonnington residents at a greater number than any other council tennis club, and accounts for more than 50% of all the community tennis in Stonnington. Apart from elite private clubs, such as Kooyong and Royal South Yarra, there is no tennis club in Stonnington that compares in size, management, participation and opportunity for people of all ages and genders to stay fit and healthy playing tennis as a sport. Yet it receives virtually no funding. The clubhouse is extremely old. Stonnington council have neglected the club for decades and prioritised smaller clubs with negligible participation rates (eg Glendearg - 2 courts, no lights, 20 members, beautiful clubhouse), Malvern/Armadale (full court renovation, virtually no community participation) and Chadstone TC (proposed millions to be spent).</p> <p>The club has about 1000 members/coaching clients, ranging in age from 2 to 92. Over 2000 people visit and participate there each month, despite its dilapidation. Our members visit other clubs in Stonnington, Boroondara and other councils, and notice the difference. East Malvern Tennis club has been ignored for too long.</p> <p>Our members watch nearby facilities being renovated and re-built while we rot in an old asbestos, possum ridden, falling down club house on courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no car park provided by Stonnington (reliant on Boroondara, Vic Roads and the train station). The club has patiently waited through multiple audits and policy reviews and yet still nothing has happened.</p> <p>Some other reasons for wanting the timeline brought back to this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple audits by the Council over the years have shown OH&amp;S issues,</li> <li>• The bluestone at the front of the courts is a safety issue for everyone,</li> <li>• The Clubhouse is full of asbestos, possums and non-compliant wiring,</li> <li>• The building itself has structural integrity issues.</li> </ul> <p>We have been asking Council to take action for the last decade. In this time significant budgets have been allocated to Football, Cricket and Dog Walkers. In our 130-year history we have had one contribution from Council, in 2016, for our new lights on Courts 1-6.</p> <p>I invite you to visit the East Malvern tennis Club. You will readily see how badly run down the facilities are.</p> <p>In this time, I have seen every sporting club surrounding the EMTC undergo rebuilds, incredibly the East Malvern Football Club has been rebuilt twice. Our club would have loved to have had the previous football clubhouse, let alone the even bigger and shinier new clubhouse just built. Friends at the football club laugh at our outdated facility, as council continues to dismiss us. Incredibly, a sport that offers a lifetime of health benefits is being left to rot.</p> <p>I sincerely hope this draft budget can be reviewed in favour of what is a clubhouse falling apart, with a membership in total despair.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
30	Stonnington Connect	<p>I am really disappointed to learn that funding allocated in the 21/22 budget for East Malvern Tennis Club has been moved to 23/24. The East Malvern Tennis Club is in desperate need of a renovation and has numerous safety issues in its present state. The club caters to many families in Stonnington, as well as some neighbouring councils with over 1000 members, and the facilities are just not up too scratch for the amount of people that use it. A redevelopment would mean more people could use this venue as a means of both exercise and social integration and that is so important for both our younger and old citizens in this day and age.</p> <p>Some of the health and safety items to deal with ASAP are falling down bluestone walls, asbestos filled club house with walls ridden with possums, urine and faeces, non compliant wiring, and many unsafe stairs and trip hazards not fit for our older and disabled members. Many local facilities around the club have had money invested in them, and yet our club just keeps getting pushed aside even though our participation levels are some of the largest in the area.</p> <p>Please reconsider moving our funding from the 23/24 budget back to the 21/22 budget, where it rightfully belongs for the sake and safety of all that currently use it.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
31	Stonnington Connect	<p>Playing at the Malvern East Tennis Club I hope funds can be allocated to replace the clubhouse, which has many safety issues for the 2,000 plus people who use it every month.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
32	Stonnington Connect	<p>I would like to voice my concern over the Draft 2021/22 Budget. Some of where the money is being spent is not looking after all residents of Stonnington. The Prahran Town Hall, why do we need open space in this for people to come and sit. I have never sat in a Town Hall and have never even been there, and I am sure if you ask most residents this is a overdevelopment for only council workers. More money on Harold Holt Swim Centre. Didnt we update this not so long ago. Money has been spent on this for too long and it needs to stop. People asked for the diving boards and other facilites and they didnt get them.</p> <p>The development of Percy Treyvaud Park is a waste of money that none of the residents living in the area want and have fought now for numerous years.</p> <p>Money to be spent on a lane way in Armadale..and a library upgrade. Are you actually listening to the residents as you keep asking for us to provide information on what we want, and for me as a resident none of these things that I have listed really appease me at all. The only thing for East Ward residents is a stadium that they dont want.</p> <p>And then you are putting up rates. Why. So many families are hurting. I am sure that there could be a year where with some many people out of work, or business hurting that you can cut something out of the budget to not have a rate increase. I have my rate notices for 19 years that I have lived in Stonnington and for 19 years there has been a increase. Time to listen to the residents and not put rates up this year.</p>	Rates Capital - Major Projects	Infrastructure and Environment	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p> <p>The Prahran Town Hall is proposed to be redeveloped into a Library and community spaces replacing the original temporary library. The library has over 100,000 visitations a year and is a significant community building and as a custodian of this significant Heritage building Council is obligated to maintain the building in line with Heritage controls.</p> <p>The next stage of redevelopment of Harold Holt will include the renovation of the Dive Tower and dive pool and include inclusion of dive boards in line with the master plan.</p> <p>The development of a Multipurpose facility for high ball sport was endorsed by Council and proposes to develop a four court facility for the Stonnington community. It is being designed to be used for all highball sports including netball, basketball, volley, and will provided a well needed facility for female friendly sport.</p> <p>Stonnington has an obligation to manage council assets such as Laneways and Libraries in line with Asset Management plans Capital improvements.</p>
33	Stonnington Connect	<p>It's ridiculous that the EMTC remediation work has been pushed out by years. This is sorely needed, for a facility that is used regularly by thousands of people.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
34	Stonnington Connect	<p>I am writing to object to the total 3.5% increase to Stonnington rates for 21/22 financial year.</p> <p>I believe a review of Council Processes and procedures should be undertaken before raising the rates for Stonnington residents. The council was not the only entity to be affected by the harsh realities of Covid and everyone else had to look within to find ways of surviving these uncertain times – both financially and mentally. I believe Stonnington Council needs to also do this (look within) instead of automatically hitting ratepayers to fund a Covid deficit. Savings can be achieved through investigating best practice in private business as well as council best practice and implementing to get the savings required to fund the deficit.</p> <p>A review of out of date processes, automation of processes and simplifying channels could bring the savings Council needs to fund its budget requirements. There are a lot of aspects to council and a lot of employees with different backgrounds and ideas who could assist in delivering the savings required. I believe this avenue needs to be taken instead of the extra increase to rates planned for Stonnington residents. I pay for a Smart progressive council not a stagnant cash grabbing one when clearly there are other avenues to be investigated first.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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35	Stonnington Connect	<p>My comments relate to the Re-prioritising of budget, moving the commencement of repair and renovation works to East Malvern Tennis Club to 2023/24.</p> <p>I write to share my utter frustration with the decision to delay the commencement of works for EMTC off for another several years, essentially throwing the whole project into doubt. The area in front of the tennis courts is SHAMBOLIC and DANGEROUS. Some courts are UNPLAYABLE even in summer due drainage issues and there are a number of compliance issues with the courts and the clubhouse. EMTC have been asking for assistance for a decade and as a member of the club I find this deferral a kick in the guts. Sporting facilities are a hot topic in Stonnington. We all appreciate how important they are to our lifestyle. So what are we doing building new facilities if we are not even keeping the existing sites up to scratch? EMTC are not asking for extra bells and whistles, their needs are very basic - workable courts, a safe seating area that does not pose the danger of the existing crumbling bluestone and concrete mess that currently exists, a clubroom that is compliant. EMTC is an incredible site that could offer the community so much more enjoyment, and generate so much more interest, if it weren't for its dilapidated condition. In our eastern suburbs tennis competition, it is one of THE MOST run-down tennis clubs that we play at. Please reconsider this decision, and proceed with works as planned. It is an urgent and pressing problem.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
36	Stonnington Connect	I support the budget allocation for Percy Treyvaud Masterplan to proceed as passed by the previous council. The community has waited too long for this much needed facility. It is about time we put a shovel in the ground.	Capital - Percy Treyvaud	Community and Wellbeing	Positive feedback noted.
37	Stonnington Connect	<p>As a rate payer within Stonnington I was astonished to hear that council is considering rate increases at this time and hereby express utmost objection to this consideration.</p> <p>I feel there are many alternatives to just increasing rates and that these do not appear to have been exhausted. Alternatives such as; being more innovative in all departments to reduce costs by simply seeking expressions from all council staff as to where costs can be saved, re-focusing on the essential core services expected by the community and constantly finding ways to execute these more efficiently, diminishing unnecessary expensive services and cutting costs where appropriate by a thorough overhaul of practices &amp; procedures for ones that encourage cost savings while maintaining core services.</p> <p>As the economy is attempting to recover due to the world pandemic, increases in rates at this time will only further reduce confidence and contribute to a downward trend in the economy that can only be seen as a contribution to the detriment for growth in the community. As families, individuals or private enterprises, we all constantly attempt to budget our households by tighten our belts and adopt constant revaluation processed. I therefore cannot see why council does not follow suit and employ appropriate techniques that if properly executed could create an economic benefit to the council and the community at large.</p> <p>I would urge council to dis-approve any rate increases at this time and simultaneously welcome innovative cost saving devices, re-focusing to maintain essential services and the depletion of the insignificant services and costly habits.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
38	Stonnington Connect	<p>I support the Stonnington 2021-22 Draft Budget. I am very supportive of key areas that the Budget will focus on that have been previously neglected, such as implementing a cycling strategy and measures to address the Climate Change Emergency - both of which will need greater funding in future years. I am also supportive of the Council spending funds to help both local businesses and the community recover from the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic (such as support packages, immunisation centres and accessing outside dining). The Budget also has an important focus on improving core infrastructure, community building and a focus on revitalising the Chapel Street Precinct, all of which are vital for our community and of course I strongly support funding for our iconic parks, gardens and increasing open spaces in the City (the revitalisation of Prahran Square is emblematic of what can be achieved). I am particularly pleased there will be continuing moves to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions, which also assists with reducing costs. I would urge Council in the next Budget to fund a proper energy efficiency audit of all Council buildings and increase moves to implement and encourage renewable energy use and install such energy systems wherever possible across the City.</p> <p>I also think it is important to reiterate that most people understand that we get what we pay for. No doubt there will be a vocal minority who want to cut their rates and who will push for spending cuts, but I believe many ratepayers and members of the community understand the important role that well-funded initiatives of Stonnington Council plays in our lives. I would urge all councillors to please support this Draft Budget and implement it at the earliest opportunity. Thankyou.</p>	Various	Chief Executive Office	Positive feedback noted.
39	Stonnington Connect	<p>After such a difficult year for all I am not sure how you can justify an increase in our rates. Perhaps tightening of the belts would be a better approach. Very disappointing.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
40	Stonnington Connect	<p>Re: East Malvern Tennis Club and it's delayed upgrade expenditure. I have been a member at EMTC for 5 years. I was drawn to EMTC due to it's location, it's respected tennis community and the fact it was in the line for an upgrade. I could therefore be confident that not only myself would enjoy the facilities for years to come but my kids as well through tennis coaching and their progression into later life. Now I have been informed that the approved expenditure by Stonnington Council to upgrade the facility is not going to be for another 3 years. I am very disappointed with this decision. The courts currently do not have enough space between them, let alone the poor drainage and hap hazard surface on some courts. People are constantly running onto other courts and getting hit and smacked into other players due to the current set up. Not to forget to mention the state of the clubrooms and how they are riddled with asbestos and falling down. Being a competition player for EMTC and getting to play at many other complexes around Melbourne, it is hard to understand why my club is being left behind. I can only assume Stonnington Council has other priorities to spend money on. That is fine, but I strongly feel EMTC has been bumped over the years for the sake of spending at other sporting grounds around the community of which most only get used on weekends and after work hours. I will be moving my family away from EMTC to a club in Boroondara as I cannot wait any longer for money to be spent by council on EMTC. It's an embarrassment that not even the OH&amp;S reasons with asbestos, faulty makeshift wiring, dangerous bluestone ledges, poor court dimension etc etc can move council on its decision to delay this upgrade. Sincerely,</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
41	Stonnington Connect	Please be responsible councillors. Rather than increasing rates as your only option look for efficiencies. We have significant inefficiencies and wastage you have in your operation. You are accountable - and are paid to make sensible decisions.	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Council is seeking to develop a best value program in the 2021/22 year which will seek to drive greater efficiency and effectiveness across the organisation over the short and longer-term through a series of Service Reviews. The program will initially focus on service areas of high value-cost-risk and which are expected to produce significant financial/operational benefit from the implementation of change recommendations. These reviews will incorporate fees and charges.
42	Stonnington Connect	<p>It is disgraceful that you are proposing to cancel carols in Central Park and raise the rates AGAIN.</p> <p>We are all trying to recover from CoVid and raising the rates is just a blatant money grab while you are also cancelling much loved community events.</p> <p>There will be a community uproar if carols are cancelled. It is an extremely popular and much loved event and about the only positive input the council has into the community.</p>	Rates Christmas Carols	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.  Council is planning to deliver a Christmas concert at Central Park in December 2021 (subject to COVID restrictions).
43	Stonnington Connect	I am in total disbelief that Council would try to recoup last years rates freeze. To do so will only cause further financial damage to residents and businesses who are still recovering from last year. Wouldn't smarter economics include supporting and promoting locals not penalising them? I do not want any increase in rates this year and expect Council to start acting wisely and effectively not frivolously as you have done in previous spending. You have approved so much waste including Prahran Square, Refurbishment of the Prahran Pool and the new Netball Centre. If you could create efficiencies and stop spending on major projects we could re-coup any losses and have the funds to support local community groups. Please concentrate on your prime activities of keeping the neighbourhood green and clean.	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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45	Stonnington Connect	<p>From a concerned Committee Member.</p> <p>Funding previously allocated for East Malvern Tennis Club and since moved to 2023/2024 should be brought back into the budget for 2021/22. East Malvern tennis club should be a jewel in the crown of Stonnington facilities with massive participation, yet it is being left to languish while other nearby councils and Stonnington take pride in developing smaller tennis clubs.</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club provides tennis recreation to Stonnington residents at a greater number than any other council tennis club, and accounts for more than 50% of all the community tennis in Stonnington. Apart from elite private clubs, such as Kooyong and Royal South Yarra, there is no tennis club in Stonnington that compares in size, management, participation and opportunity for people of all ages and genders to stay fit and healthy playing tennis as a sport. Yet it receives virtually no funding. The clubhouse is extremely old. Stonnington council have neglected the club for decades and prioritised smaller clubs with negligible participation rates (eg Glendearg - 2 courts, no lights, 20 members, beautiful clubhouse), Malvern/Armidale (full court renovation, virtually no community participation) and Chadstone TC (proposed millions to be spent).</p> <p>The club has about 1000 members/coaching clients, ranging in age from 2 to 92. Over 2000 people visit and participate there each month, despite its dilapidation. Our members visit other clubs in Stonnington, Boroondara and other councils, and notice the difference. East Malvern Tennis club has been ignored for too long.</p> <p>Our members watch nearby facilities being renovated and re-built while we rot in an old asbestos, possum ridden, falling down club house on courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no car park provided by Stonnington (reliant on Boroondara, Vic Roads and the train station). The club has patiently waited through multiple audits and policy reviews and yet still nothing has happened.</p> <p>Some other reasons for wanting the timeline brought back to this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple audits by the Council over the years have shown OH&amp;S issues,</li> <li>• The bluestone at the front of the courts is a safety issue for everyone,</li> <li>• The Clubhouse is full of asbestos, possums and non-compliant wiring,</li> <li>• The building itself has structural integrity issues.</li> </ul> <p>We have been asking Council to take action for the last decade. In this time significant budgets have been allocated to Football, Cricket and Dog Walkers. In our 130-year history we have had one contribution from Council, in 2016, for our new lights on Courts 1-6.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	<p>Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.</p>
46	Stonnington Connect	<p>As you may have noticed, I'm not a Stonnington resident, but I've joined East Malvern TC, due to the competitive programmes offered, a very well managed club with substantial membership- compromising of all genders and age groups. However despite of the bigger nos of court facilities, they failed to meet the standards, and there were several incidences that mature members met with accidents and sustained fractures or muscular strains- a OH&amp;S, which multiple audits by the Council were made aware, not to mention the poor state of the clubhouse. I was very surprised to learn that it's full of asbestos too. We were told that beginning of 2021, Stonnington Council will be renovating the clubhouse and I even announced to other clubs in different suburbs, praising how good the Council is. Extremely disappointed that the plans were deferred till 2023/2024.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	<p>Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.</p>
47	Stonnington Connect	<p>East Malvern Tennis Club provides tennis recreation to Stonnington residents at a greater number than any other council tennis club, and accounts for more than 50% of all the community tennis in Stonnington.</p> <p>As an active community and East Malvern tennis club member, I watch nearby facilities being renovated and re-built while we rot in an old asbestos, possum ridden, falling down club house on courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no car park provided by Stonnington (reliant on Boroondara, Vic Roads and the train station). The club has patiently waited through multiple audits and policy reviews and yet still nothing has happened.</p> <p>Some other reasons for wanting the timeline brought back to this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple audits by the Council over the years have shown OH&amp;S issues,</li> <li>• The bluestone at the front of the courts is a safety issue for everyone,</li> <li>• The Clubhouse is full of asbestos, possums and non-compliant wiring,</li> <li>• The building itself has structural integrity issues.</li> </ul> <p>The club has been asking Council to take action for the last decade. In this time significant budgets have been allocated to Football, Cricket and Dog Walkers. In our 130-year history we have had one contribution from Council, in 2016, for our new lights on Courts 1-6.</p> <p>I invite you to visit the East Malvern tennis Club. You will readily see how badly run down the facilities are.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	<p>Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.</p>
48	Stonnington Connect	<p>I strongly object to rate rises while we are struggling to recover from financial losses due to unemployment and loss of income as a result of covid 19 pandemic. There is no justifiable reason for this proposed increase by Stonnington Council.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p>
49	Stonnington Connect	<p>After reading the draft budget, I was horrified that the Council is proposing a 3.5% increase in rates during the COVID recovery AND in a low inflation environment AND at a time of stagnant wages. We need to be cutting rates not raising them! Council NEVER sees fit to reduce any costs to residents at all. Just because we live in an area considered affluent, it DOES NOT mean we are all affluent &amp; can absorb never ending increases in costs of living- from electricity to gas to rates to insurance costs. Where will it all end????!! It may seem \$51.66 increase for the year is low, but taking into consideration with other cost increases it is a lot.</p> <p>Why can't we keep it at the 1.5% Vic government rate cap. Perhaps council could look at cutting CEO costs (12% of total costs) or increasing parking rates to reduce number of cars on the road &amp; the congestion created around the shopping strips in the City of Stonnington- it is getting worse by the day. It would help the environment by reducing pollution, increase usage of public transport, which is excellent and some of the money raised could be spent on planting trees. I do hope the council will reconsider the increase and find more innovative ways of raising funds/income rather than the easy option of just increasing rates into perpetuity.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p>

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50	Stonnington Connect	<p>East Malvern Tennis Club is a valuable community venue which provides Stonnington residents of all ages with opportunities for exercise, social activities and immense pleasure. Moving the refurbishment plans to 2023/2024 budget is nonsensical considering the state of the current buildings and courts and should be brought back into the budget for 2021/22. East Malvern tennis club should be an exceptional site and be the pride of Stonnington especially considering the number of people who utilise the facility and how far we have fallen behind compared to other smaller clubs.</p> <p>The clubhouse has been neglected for decades by Stonnington Council and unfortunately we feel we are rotting in an old asbestos ridden, possum filled, falling down club house with courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no car park provided by Stonnington Council.</p> <p>The OH&amp;S issues alone require immediate action so please visit the East Malvern tennis Clubhouse and see for yourself.</p> <p>Unfortunately I am unable to attend the forthcoming meeting on Monday 7th June 2021 at 7.00pm but I do encourage you to reconsider your decision about delaying the renovations of the EMTC.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
51	Stonnington Connect	We strongly oppose a Stonnington rate increase to make up for lost funds during Covid lockdowns and the restrictions period. This was a time of hardship and with council rates already being incredibly high this would be devastating for many families. We need Stonnington Council to be supportive of its residents and for us to feel we are not being taken advantage of.	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
52	Stonnington Connect	I write on behalf of the Prahran Cricket Club with sadness and grave concern on the proposed decision to push back the funding for the Toorak Pavilion and ground redevelopment to 2025/26. The first Masterplan for Toorak Park was developed approximately 20 years ago and the see the funding for this project pushed back again is quite heart breaking. Whilst we are thrilled with and extremely grateful for the new practice nets and Curators Shed, there have been so many promises in that 20 year period and still we wait. We urge the Council to find a way to return the budget to 2023/24 or earlier and the way to do this would be to swap the funding for the Percy Trevaud Development that still has not settled on a plan and the Toorak Park funding. There is an opportunity for additional State and Federal government support for the Toorak Park redevelopment in the next round of elections and to potentially miss this funding because of the timing of the project, would seem to be an amazing opportunity lost. In discussions with the other Toorak Park tenants, Old Xaverians Football Club, Prahran Assumption Football Club, Prahran Junior Football Club and Melbourne Rugby Union Football Club, we are all aligned in that we urge Council to find a way to bring the funding forward from the date proposed in the draft budget as a matter of priority. We also understand there is a proposal from some Councilors for a rate freeze which we do not support. There is such a crying need for the upgrade of community sporting facilities in the City of Stonnington and demand is not being met now. As the population in the municipality grows significantly as projected in the next 10 years with multiple high rise developments planned and likely, if we do not act now, we will never be able to cope with the demand. In saying this, Council needs to look at developing facilities that can be used 7 days per week and not just for weekends.	Capital - Recreation	Community and Wellbeing	<p>Council acknowledges support of a full rate increase.</p> <p>Council has proposed to bring this budget forward to align with the timing requirements of \$3 million state government funding recently announced for Charles Lux Pavilion. Report drafted for 28 June Council meeting.</p>
53	Stonnington Connect	The growth in revenue and expenditure and the growth generally of Stonnington Council is sickening. The increase in council spending and staff numbers is disgraceful! The expenditure on woke silliness is pathetic	Expenditure	Chief Executive Office	<p>Employee costs are budgeted to increase by 6.05% or \$4.32million compared to forecast 2020/21. This increase relates to the following key factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resuming of all services in 2021/22 (number of casuals staff not included in the 2020/21 budget)</li> <li>The Council's Enterprise Agreement (EA) and provision growth to increase in 2021/22</li> <li>The superannuation guarantee increase from 1 July 2021 by 0.5%</li> <li>Resources related to new service activities which are recovered by revenue</li> <li>Other changes to meet increased service demand</li> </ul>
54	Stonnington Connect	<p>Funding previously allocated for East Malvern Tennis Club has since moved to 2023/2024 should be brought back into the budget for 2021/22. East Malvern tennis club should be a jewel in the crown of Stonnington facilities with massive participation, yet it is being left to languish while other nearby councils and Stonnington take pride in developing smaller tennis clubs.</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club provides tennis recreation to Stonnington residents at a greater number than any other council tennis club, and accounts for more than 50% of all the community tennis in Stonnington. Apart from elite private clubs, such as Kooyong and Royal South Yarra, there is no tennis club in Stonnington that compares in size, management, participation and opportunity for people of all ages and genders to stay fit and healthy playing tennis as a sport. Yet it receives virtually no funding. The clubhouse is extremely old. Stonnington council have neglected the club for decades and prioritised smaller clubs with negligible participation rates (eg Glendearg - 2 courts, no lights, 20 members, beautiful clubhouse), Malvern/Armadale (full court renovation, virtually no community participation) and Chadstone TC (proposed millions to be spent).</p> <p>Our club has about 1000 members/coaching clients, ranging in age from 2 to 92. Over 2000 people visit and participate there each month, despite its dilapidation. I personally play twice a week. Our members visit other clubs in Stonnington, Boroondara and other councils, and notice the difference. East Malvern Tennis club has been ignored for too long. It's embarrassing when my competition team host away teams.</p> <p>Our members watch nearby facilities being renovated and re-built while we rot in an old asbestos, possum ridden, falling down club house on courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no car park provided by Stonnington (reliant on Boroondara, Vic Roads and the train station).</p> <p>The club has patiently waited through multiple audits and policy reviews and yet still nothing has happened.</p> <p>Some other reasons for wanting the timeline brought back to this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple audits by the Council over the years have shown OH&amp;S issues,</li> <li>The bluestone at the front of the courts is a safety issue for everyone,</li> <li>The Clubhouse is full of asbestos, possums and non-compliant wiring,</li> <li>The building itself has structural integrity issues.</li> </ul> <p>We have been asking Council to take action for the last decade. In this time significant budgets have been allocated to Football, Cricket and Dog Walkers. In our 130-year history we have had one contribution from Council, in 2016, for our new lights on Courts 1-6.</p> <p>I invite you to visit the East Malvern tennis Club. You will readily see how badly run down the facilities are.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
55	Stonnington Connect	My son has been playing tennis in the East Malvern Tennis Club for the last few years and I have noticed some of the facilities in the club are in a bad shape e.g. court surface, lighting, seatings etc. I would like to see some budget allocated in the coming budget to fix these issues. The focus of the budgets seems to me more on Footy, cricket and soccer. I think the council should also focus on other sports keeping in mind there are 100's of kids/adults playing tennis in the East Malvern Tennis club.	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
56	Stonnington Connect	I think the first few pages which explained the effect of COVID on the council's budgets and revenues over the past few years were very informative. This gave a foundation for the planned future expenditure.	Rates Capital - Major Projects	Infrastructure and Environment	Positive feedback noted.
		I had not appreciated that Stonnington's rates are much lower than other councils in Melbourne. This is to be commended. I agree with your capital expenditure program as current rate payers need to improve the quality of Stonnington and not purely live off the investment of our forebears.			



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57	Stonnington Connect	<p>Dear Councillors,</p> <p>I would like to begin by saying that I fully support the proposed rate increases which includes the reintroduction of the 2% rates waiver and the 1.5% increase. I note that Stonnington has very low rates compared to property values and this will still be the case if the proposed increases go ahead. Council delivered local services are of vital importance and contribute greatly to the livability of Stonnington, something that I am sure all members of the community value.</p> <p>It has been my experience that with the onset of COVID, associated lockdowns, people working from home and generally spending more time in their local communities, that local services are mattering more to people. I say this as an active member of the Armadale Baptist church and also the community garden on the site of the church which has been the recipient of council grants in the past. I am very grateful for the support of the Stonnington Council via the grants and fear that if rates were to be cut it would be just this type of community engagement that would be lost. It is a simple fact that a cut in rates will mean a loss of services. A rate cut would be devastating to a wide range of services at a time when Council is projecting a net loss of \$13.2 million in revenue over the next 4 years due to ongoing COVID impacts.</p> <p>I am very glad to see that the Council is moving forward to address the climate emergency that was declared in February of 2020. I fully support all efforts in regard to this. It is my opinion that action on this front is showing responsible leadership to address and manage risks that will impact us all here in Stonnington.</p> <p>Thank you involved in preparing this draft budget and for this opportunity to provide feedback. Sincerely,</p>	Rates Climate Emergency	Infrastructure and Environment	<p>Positive feedback noted.</p> <p>Council is currently seeking community feedback on its first ever draft Climate Emergency Action Plan (until 4 July). Following this, a final plan will be taken to Council for adoption in August/September.</p>
58	Stonnington Connect	<p>I object very strongly to the council raising rates by a double amount including this years rates and those waived last year. This is not a moral action. A waiver is a waiver and not supposed to be picked up the following year.</p> <p>Instead I suggest the Council find ways to economize. Your resources are huge. I have heard that you are the most wealthy Council in our State.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
59	Stonnington Connect	<p>As a member of the East Malvern Tennis Club, which services 2000 tennis players, I would like to see our Clubhouse redevelopment in the 2021/22 budget. Multiple audits by the Council over the years have shown OH&amp;S issues. The bluestone at the front of the courts is a safety issue for everyone.</p> <p>The Clubhouse is full of asbestos, possums and non compliant wiring. The building itself has structural integrity issues.</p> <p>Our club is over 100 years old and has not received funding from Stonnington Council apart from new lights on 6 of our 10 tennis courts.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
60	Stonnington Connect	<p>East Malvern Tennis Clubs facilities are a OHS issue for club members, coaching users and all staff, especially, the clubs exposed electrical wiring and flooding of the clubs roof. Concerns over the continued delaying of two years budgeted finances to the clubs much needed OH&amp;S refurbishment.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
61	Stonnington Connect	<p>To Stonnington Councillors</p> <p>I am angry and dismayed that despite the pre-election promises you all made to residents and ratepayers, you have narrowed your focus to promoting a rate increase - particularly when the community is struggling to move forward after the battering from COVID. I think this is unconscionable and am totally opposed to it.</p> <p>I am one of the thousands of ratepayers who feel that our hopes that new, energetic and creative approaches and solutions would make Stonnington a stand-out leading council, have been dashed. It appears we still have a council with limited imagination and foresight and an agenda that has no real commitment to or genuine concern for the people it was elected to support and represent.</p> <p>'I will oppose rate rises and keep rates low' had a familiar ring before the election. What happened?</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	<p>The State Government's rate cap poses financial challenges for Council as costs often increase at a higher rate than the cap and the additional costs of meeting our obligations of the community recovery effort. Despite the financial challenge this poses, Council is determined to ensure public value and that services are delivered safely and effectively while working within current and future caps.</p> <p>Council is seeking to develop a best value program in the 2021/22 year which will seek to drive greater efficiency and effectiveness across the organisation over the short and longer-term through a series of Service Reviews. The program will initially focus on service areas of high value-cost-risk and which are expected to produce significant financial/operational benefit from the implementation of change recommendations. These reviews will incorporate fees and charges.</p>
62	Stonnington Connect	<p>Funding previously allocated for East Malvern Tennis Club and since moved to 2023/2024 should be brought back into the budget for 2021/22. East Malvern tennis club should be a jewel in the crown of Stonnington facilities with massive participation, yet it is being left to languish while other nearby councils and Stonnington take pride in developing smaller tennis clubs.</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club provides tennis recreation to Stonnington residents at a greater number than any other council tennis club, and accounts for more than 50% of all the community tennis in Stonnington. Apart from elite private clubs, such as Kooyong and Royal South Yarra, there is no tennis club in Stonnington that compares in size, management, participation and opportunity for people of all ages and genders to stay fit and healthy playing tennis as a sport. Yet it receives virtually no funding. The clubhouse is extremely old. Stonnington council have neglected the club for decades and prioritised smaller clubs with negligible participation rates (eg Glendearg - 2 courts, no lights, 20 members, beautiful clubhouse), Malvern/Armidale (full court renovation, virtually no community participation) and Chadstone TC (proposed millions to be spent).</p> <p>The club has about 1000 members/coaching clients, ranging in age from 2 to 92. Over 2000 people visit and participate there each month, despite its dilapidation. Our members visit other clubs in Stonnington, Boroondara and other councils, and notice the difference. East Malvern Tennis club has been ignored for too long.</p> <p>Our members watch nearby facilities being renovated and re-built while we rot in an old asbestos, possum ridden, falling down club house on courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no car park provided by Stonnington (reliant on Boroondara, Vic Roads and the train station).</p> <p>The club has patiently waited through multiple audits and policy reviews and yet still nothing has happened.</p> <p>Some other reasons for wanting the timeline brought back to this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple audits by the Council over the years have shown OH&amp;S issues,</li> <li>• The bluestone at the front of the courts is a safety issue for everyone,</li> <li>• The Clubhouse is full of asbestos, possums and non-compliant wiring,</li> <li>• The building itself has structural integrity issues.</li> </ul> <p>We have been asking Council to take action for the last decade. In this time significant budgets have been allocated to Football, Cricket and Dog Walkers. In our 130-year history we have had one contribution from Council, in 2016, for our new lights on Courts 1-6.</p> <p>I invite you to visit the East Malvern tennis Club. You will readily see how badly run down the facilities are.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
63	Stonnington Connect	<p>I would like to comment on the delayed approval of the works at the East Malvern Tennis Club.</p> <p>This is a club utilised almost exclusively by local ratepayers and from a broad range of ages. From 5 - 90 year olds. Our clubhouse is in desperate need of renovation and delaying it for future budgets seems totally unfair.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
64	Stonnington Connect	<p>More cycle infrastructure please. Make Stonnington more liveable for everyone - please do not cut rates. Invest in the community.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Positive feedback noted.

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65	Stonnington Connect	<p>I am the President of the East Malvern Tennis Club. I am writing about funding previously allocated for East Malvern Tennis Club this year and since moved to 2023/2024. Our club has provided opportunities for families in the local Community to exercise and socialise in an inclusive environment for the past 130 years. The club has about 1000 members/coaching clients, ranging in age from 2 to 92. 2000 people visit and participate there each month. Our members visit other clubs in Stonnington, Boroondara and other councils, and notice the stark difference in facilities. During the last 130 years the Council has only provided funds once, in 2016. This was a contribution towards some new lighting. During the last decade we have been asking for our very ageing facilities to be updated and made safer. We have watched while more favoured sports have had significant amounts of money spent on them. We have always had a 50/50 split between males and females. We have always had an even spread across all age groups. This has not been the case for other sports. East Malvern Tennis Club provides tennis recreation to Stonnington residents at a greater number than any other council tennis club, and accounts for more than 50% of all the community tennis in Stonnington. Apart from elite private clubs, such as Kooyong and Royal South Yarra, there is no tennis club in Stonnington that compares in size, management, participation and opportunity for people of all ages and genders to stay fit and healthy playing tennis as a sport. Yet it receives virtually no funding. Our members watch nearby facilities being renovated and re-built while we sit in an old asbestos, possum ridden, falling down club house on courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no car parking provided by Stonnington (reliant on Boroondara, Vic Roads and the train station).</p> <p>The club has patiently waited through multiple audits and policy reviews and now we are being asked to wait again. I would invite you to visit the East Malvern tennis Club. You will readily see how urgently in need of repairs our facilities are.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
66	Stonnington Connect	<p>East Malvern Tennis Club is in dire need of an upgrade including addressing DDA compliance and OH&amp;S safety issues. EMTC, I believe, is 130 years old and has the 3rd largest membership of any public tennis club.</p> <p>I am also told that in it's 130 year history Council have only made one contribution to the club's finances to allow for upgrade works and maintenance to occur.</p> <p>I arrived in Australia in 2002 and joined EMTC shortly thereafter. The club welcomed me, made me feel part of the club and I have made many friends in my 18 or so years playing at this wonderful club.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
67	Stonnington Connect	<p>Very disappointing to hear that funding for redevelopment of East Malvern Tennis Club has delayed (pushed back). I find it very difficult to understand why this would happen considering the condition of the clubrooms. I note that many other (most) clubs (football/cricket) have been redeveloped over the last few years but our club has been left behind. Why would this be so? The clubrooms are an embarrassment and sub standard, to use the bathroom cubicles and the doors not closing and forget about having a shower where there is privacy. For a large community club with large member base and usage its a poor reflection on Council.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
68	Stonnington Connect	<p>The budget looks pretty comprehensive to me except for the absence of detail on ways Council will respond to the Climate Emergency</p> <p>I totally approve of rate increase. We are one of the lowest rating municipalities and of course if we want to maintain and increase our services particularly to more vulnerable people the general rates need to support this.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Positive feedback noted.
69	Stonnington Connect	Please guarantee funding for Central Park carols	Christmas Carols	Community and Wellbeing	Council is planning to deliver a Christmas concert at Central Park in December 2021 (subject to COVID restrictions).
70	Stonnington Connect	<p>Gender Equity - is it every coming to Stonnington ?</p> <p>I can see that the draft budget includes the funding for the multi-sport facility that was approved 2 year ago. Its disappointing and enraging after all of the time, energy and expenditure that has gone into this project that Council are still wavering on this and are now exploring ridiculous suggestions to have the facility built at either Chadstone Shopping Centre or Homesglen TAFE.</p> <p>The Netballers in Stonnington are forced to share just one full-size court in the entire of Stonnington after almost 35 years of lobbying for additional facilities. Meanwhile, Council provides and maintains 18 huge ovals and associated pavilions for male-dominated sports such as footy, cricket, rugby and lacrosse.</p> <p>Why hasn't Council already ensured some gender equity by providing more facilities for female-preferred sports and why is Council delaying this project yet again?</p>	Capital - Percy Treyvaud	Community and Wellbeing	Council has recently undertaken a detailed site review of viable locations for a stadium development. A further report will be tabled on the outcome of negotiations with Vicinity Centres and Holmesglen Tafe. Current budget allocation for Percy Treyvaud would enable the development of the indoor stadium and redevelopment of tennis and bowls facilities.
71	Stonnington Connect	Please upgrade the East Malvern Tennis Club house.	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
72	Stonnington Connect	<p>I strongly oppose the draft budget. Especially the double increase to make up for the Covid non increase. People haven't all of a sudden gotten more money to pay for an extra increase. How about balancing the budget through council cuts to staff and departments? Finding efficiencies instead of tax the ratepayers more. Also enough of spending our money on non-council business, especially stupid WOKE programs. The State and Federal government are there to do that job. All you need to worry about is the Parks, Roads and Waste. Enough already.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
73	Stonnington Connect	<p>As a business owner &amp; multiple property owner in Stonnington I'm very disappointed to hear of the plan to increase rates. During the 7 months my business was closed last year we lost millions of dollars in sales &amp; hundreds of thousands in profit. Even though they were deferred we are still catching up on loan repayments, rental payments &amp; last year's land tax on top of those same expenses that we are paying now. Even the deferred council rates had to be paid on top of the current. We can never recover those losses &amp; it will take all of this year to recover to the point where we start to make a profit again. The state government has helped by waving payroll tax &amp; a reduction in land tax as well as small business grants. As any financial help would be welcome a freeze on rates would be the very least council could do to help businesses still recovering. I've dealt with many councils over many years &amp; I've found Stonnington to be THE most productive &amp; understanding council to date &amp; I hope this continues to be the case. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
74	Stonnington Connect	<p>Council dismissive of the hard times many ratepayers have gone through. Council seems to be masking the fact that the rate increase for 21/22 is actually going to be not 1.5% but a 3.5% increase. I don't think this is acceptable given the financial hardship that businesses and individuals have suffered and continue to suffer during and post Covid.</p> <p>If Council were really concerned about its ratepayers it would be able to find creative ways of managing the budget better and hence hold rates for a following 12 months or at least not increase it beyond the 1.5%</p> <p>Further evidence of Council being dismissive of ratepayers is the money spent on the Tesla for the Mayor as reported in the Age on the 5th May "\$65,000 Tesla 3 for the mayor" Honestly you have to ask if the Council is there for its ratepayers or its own aggrandisement. The ongoing cost of maintaining Prahran Square is nothing but a disgrace and waste of money. Serious changes need to be made now so that it is still not costing us increasing amounts of money 5-10 years into the future. More money needs to be spent on footpaths and streets- it might sound basic but then this is the business of Local Council And it would be very interesting to see a salary breakdown A very disappointing draft budget that is dismissive of its ratepayers</p>	Rates Capital - Major Projects	Infrastructure and Environment	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p> <p>Council has an obligation to manage Council assets in line with Asset Management plans for each of Councils asset classes (Roads, Drains, Footpaths, Open Space, Buildings). This aligns with councils obligations under the Local Government Act. Council allocates resources to ensure councils assets are maintained and renewed in line with whole of life analysis to ensure assets are managed effectively and efficiently within applied service levels enabling services to be delivered to the highest standard within available resources'.</p>

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75	Stonnington Connect	<p>Funding previously allocated for East Malvern Tennis Club and since moved to 2023/2024 should be brought back into the budget for 2021/22. East Malvern tennis club should be a jewel in the crown of Stonnington facilities with massive participation, yet it is being left to languish while other nearby councils and Stonnington take pride in developing smaller tennis clubs.</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club provides tennis recreation to Stonnington residents at a greater number than any other council tennis club, and accounts for more than 50% of all the community tennis in Stonnington. Apart from elite private clubs, such as Kooyong and Royal South Yarra, there is no tennis club in Stonnington that compares in size, management, participation and opportunity for people of all ages and genders to stay fit and healthy playing tennis as a sport. Yet it receives virtually no funding. The clubhouse is extremely old. Stonnington council have neglected the club for decades and prioritised smaller clubs with negligible participation rates (eg Glendearg - 2 courts, no lights, 20 members, beautiful clubhouse), Malvern/Armidale (full court renovation, virtually no community participation) and Chadstone TC (proposed millions to be spent).</p> <p>The club has about 1000 members/coaching clients, ranging in age from 2 to 92. Over 2000 people visit and participate there each month, despite its dilapidation. Our members visit other clubs in Stonnington, Boroondara and other councils, and notice the difference. East Malvern Tennis club has been ignored for too long.</p> <p>Our members watch nearby facilities being renovated and re-built while we rot in an old asbestos, possum ridden, falling down club house on courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no car park provided by Stonnington (reliant on Boroondara, Vic Roads and the train station). The club has patiently waited through multiple audits and policy reviews and yet still nothing has happened.</p> <p>Some other reasons for wanting the timeline brought back to this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple audits by the Council over the years have shown OH&amp;S issues,</li> <li>• The bluestone at the front of the courts is a safety issue for everyone,</li> <li>• The Clubhouse is full of asbestos, possums and non-compliant wiring,</li> <li>• The building itself has structural integrity issues.</li> </ul> <p>We have been asking Council to take action for the last decade. In this time significant budgets have been allocated to Football, Cricket and Dog Walkers. In our 130-year history we have had one contribution from Council, in 2016, for our new lights on Courts 1-6.</p> <p>I invite you to visit the East Malvern tennis Club. You will readily see how badly run down the facilities are.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
76	Stonnington Connect	<p>Our family lives in the South Ward, just off High Street in Prahran. We are very keen to use our car less and to ride our bikes more to ride to school, the shops and work, but are deterred by the lack of safe, separated paths.</p> <p>We were delighted when the Stonnington Council approved a detailed Cycling Strategy at its meeting on 20 July last year. The Strategy makes a compelling case for improvements, particularly in making Chapel Street more cycling-friendly.</p> <p>We have been disappointed at the apparent lack of progress in implementing the Strategy. In particular, we are disappointed to see that although p.2 of the draft budget highlights as a budget priority implementing the Cycling Strategy, p.3 shows that the allocated funds in 2021-22 are only \$700,000, including \$200,000 for on-road cycling projects.</p> <p>Disappointingly, p.86 of the draft budget (Ten Year Capital Works Program, Bid Numbers TRN009, TRN012 and TRN013) indicates that there will not be a substantial increase in that funding in Stonnington over the next decade.</p> <p>We are concerned that Stonnington seems to be far behind what other inner-city councils - particularly the City of Yarra and City of Melbourne - are achieving in cycling infrastructure such as separated bike lanes and would like to see Stonnington allocate more funds to implementing its Cycling Strategy.</p>	Capital - Cycling	Infrastructure and Environment	Council expenditures for on-road cycling were significantly impacted by COVID. Implementation of separated bike lanes for on-road cycling where parking is affected generates significant resident opposition which presents issues for Council in approving works. These are considered more appropriate on the main north/south and east/west arterial roads which form the main cycling access routes. These roads are managed by the Department of Transport. On the local road network Council is pursuing options for line marking/signage types of treatments which are considered appropriate. We are advocating to DoT for the quick implementation of the Strategic Cycling Corridors and will also request that as part of DoT's pop-up bike lanes project some of these important links be trialed. We are currently modelling local road cycling connections ahead of developing a roll-out program. Shared Path upgrades are proposed as part of the Gardiners Creek Masterplan.
77	Stonnington Connect	<p>I have been a member of East Malvern Tennis Club for twenty years. I feel ashamed at the state of the clubhouse and courts when we host home matches for competition. I have played regularly in Monday night competitions and have watched other clubs have their clubhouses knocked down and rebuilt and courts re furnished. We are sitting with a very dilapidated clubhouse with OH&amp;S issues and non compliant wiring and Stonnington Council feels that this okay for another year. I would have thought there were some serious red flags here that council needs to be acting on.</p> <p>I feel it is about time Stonnington allocated some budget to this clubhouse. It caters for many ages junior through to seniors and probably more so than soccer cricket or football where seniors are commonly not found playing these sports A lot of the community benefits from this club as shown by its 1000 strong membership.</p> <p>I hope the council can reassess the situation so that we can all move forward and enjoy playing in a safe environment.</p> <p>EMTC member</p> <p>18/05/21</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
78	Stonnington Connect	<p>This budget clearly demonstrates how out of touch Stonnington is with their ratepayers. You are expected to spend our money wisely. Look for cost down opportunities. Focus on the core components - Rubbish, Roads, etc.</p> <p>1. Rates: Any increase in rates is unacceptable. A 3.5% increase is disgusting. Regardless of whether it's 'allowed' per the rate increase caps. A clear demonstration of your disconnect with the community.</p> <p>2. Salaries / Staffing: A 10% increase in staffing expenditure in the current climate?? Really?? 26 ADDITIONAL staff on top of your already bulbous staff?? Passing on the 5% super guarantee increase as a FAR increase??? Super is still part of salary - money that goes to staff. Any super increase should be simply a metric within their FAR, it should not form an increase. Again, out of touch with the community and business in general.</p> <p>3. Implementing new plans: \$50k on a health and wellbeing plan, and \$60k on an inclusion plan!? How does any of this crap benefit the MAJORITY of your ratepayers??</p> <p>You guys need to get serious with how you handle our money. None of this would fly in business, because ultimately there is accountability. I dont see any accountability with council. You need to be accountable for ensuring we, as rate payers, are getting value for money. You put in place convoluted tedious processes for your council, then keep adding staff to make sure they can try to follow these processes.</p> <p>Change your mantra to 'do more with less' and change the council's attitude toward spending money that isn't theirs!</p>	Rates Expenditure	Chief Executive Office	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p> <p>Employee costs are budgeted to increase by 6.05% or \$4.32million compared to forecast 2020/21.This increase relates to the following key factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resuming of all services in 2021/22 (number of casuals staff not included in the 2020/21 budget)</li> <li>• The Council's Enterprise Agreement (EA) and provision growth to increase in 2021/22</li> <li>• The superannuation guarantee increase from 1 July 2021 by 0.5%</li> <li>• Resources related to new service activities which are recovered by revenue</li> <li>• Other changes to meet increased service demand</li> </ul> <p>Council is seeking to develop a best value program in the 2021/22 year which will seek to drive greater efficiency and effectiveness across the organisation over the short and longer-term through a series of Service Reviews. The program will initially focus on service areas of high value-cost-risk and which are expected to produce significant financial/operational benefit from the implementation of change recommendations. These reviews will incorporate fees and charges.</p>

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79	Stonnington Connect	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft budget.</p> <p>As a recent member of the People's Panel, I saw a side of Stonnington which both surprised and reassured me. It contrasted mightily with earlier experiences involving Prahran Square where 'consultation' was cover for presenting a fait accompli.</p> <p>My hope is that, in planning, Council never again gets into the position of what architect Darryl Jackson called defending the drawings. That is, for all major projects, all possible knowledge which can be gathered is gathered before anyone permits themselves to even start thinking of design solutions.</p> <p>I believe that providing for deep community consultation prior to design commencing would be a valuable addition to the budget — and in many cases would lead to both greater community acceptance and considerable cost savings. This does not have to be expensive, tools such as pol.is (that's a link) encourage communities to contribute original ideas, measure them against competing ideas and to reach consensus on sometimes radical proposals. It has been used successfully in many countries. I would be happy to investigate it further if that would help.</p> <p>Other concerns include the Council's work on the climate emergency. Yes, good work has been done and now that needs to be built on with deliberate panic to become the example it must be. The budget commitment does not go far enough.</p> <p>Reflecting that, no-pollution transport needs more emphasis. Trams now run on renewables, bikes always have. Build safe bike paths and they will come.</p> <p>Enough.</p> <p>This resident and ratepayer values what the Council does — especially in social welfare and arts support — and wishes there could be more of it. If higher rates are justified, then raise them.</p> <p>Thanks again.</p>	Climate emergency	Infrastructure and Environment	<p>Council is currently seeking community feedback on its first ever draft Climate Emergency Action Plan (until 4 July). Following this, a final plan will be taken to Council for adoption in August/September.</p> <p>While the budget specifies a 'climate emergency' budget item of \$160,000, embedding climate emergency response will be integrated throughout many other budget items going well beyond this amount. For example, Council's tree management budget will form a key element of Council's climate emergency response through urban greening and city cooling. Similarly, cycling budget items will also support sustainable transport, reducing emissions from transport.</p>
80	Stonnington Connect	<p>The funding for East Malvern tennis club should be brought back into the 2021/22 budget. This facility, in particular the clubhouse is in desperate need of replacement. We have over 2,000 people visit this facility every month from members, guests, young kids being coached and practicing and regualr competition on nights and weekends. The current clubhouse is a danger to the people using it. When it rains, water pours over the electrics as has previously been videoed and sent to council. There are also water leaks, the mens toilet roof is only just holding on. Delaying the refurbishment until 2023/24 could result in the clubhouse having to be completely shut for safety reasons in one of the busiest tennis clubs in Victoria.</p> <p>Please reconsider and bring the funds back into the 2021/22 budget so we can address the safety issues and also help promotoe tennis in Stonnington. Thank you</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	<p>Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.</p>
81	Email - Submission 1	<p>I object to the two (2) rate increases, especially the rate freeze from this year because of Covid. The economy hasn't yet recovered. I know it was a freeze with the council deciding not to pass on any rate hikes but they choose to possibly recharge it in the future. Now is not the time. I honestly think council should never try to get it back; everyone lost income. I had to take a wage cut that will never come back and investment property income was hit because tenants couldn't pay and I couldn't kick them out (but I still had to pay council rates!)</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p>
82	Email - Submission 2	<p>To the Stonnington City Council Chief Executive Officer, officers and councillors,</p> <p>Please find below my submission to the Council budget process. Please see my submission itemised below.</p> <p>1- Firstly, I commend Councillors and officers on implementing the full rates increase. Having recently moved to the area I was appalled that such an affluent area had such a low rateable revenue base. The full increase is essential for us as a city to move forward and implement much needed expenditure measures to support the community to grow. I would further encourage councillors to explore options such as charging the waste service levy based primarily from the landfill bin sizing – with this making organics and commingled bins free or much cheaper, greater parking restrictions, introduction of paid parking and seeking to increase other fees and charges that may be low compared to other municipalities.</p> <p>2- As a municipality we have some of the highest electric vehicle ownership in the state. Unfortunately, as not all residents have access to off street parking a robust network of local government public charging infrastructure is essential. The budget does not indicate any planned expenditure for this in the city. Given the low cost of installation ~\$10,000 for fast charge AC. At least 5-10 should be installed per annum. In addition to this FLE005 Annual Light Fleet Vehicles Purchase/ Replacement Program should be focused on low or zero emissions vehicles only. Council is a key provider of second-hand vehicles to the market once leases expire. These must be hybrid or EV with an immediate ban on new diesel vehicles.</p> <p>3- Cycling infrastructure expenditure is currently set to around \$6 per capita. Unfortunately, only \$1.7 per capita will be spent on on-street infrastructure. This should be increased to around \$10 per capita with a robust 10-year cycling and pedestrian infrastructure strategy developed where the city can lobby for additional state and federal active transport funding opportunities. Physically separated on road cycling activities should always be prioritised over sharrows and line marking. In addition to this the city has quite poor wayfinding and bicycle parking facilities. Which can cause access issues. The city should be investing in at least 100 bicycle hoops per annum to encourage proper parking for cyclists.</p> <p>4- The city should be funding a single-use plastics strategy in line with many other 'Plastic Wise' councils in preparation for single use plastics bans across the country. \$50,000 for education (PKS047 Environment - Waste Education &amp; Behaviour Change) is inadequate and should be increased to at least 2 FTE ~\$160,000. This should extend to working with local businesses to reduce their consumption and improve recycling as well as increasing public water fountains and washing facilities at Council owned venues.</p> <p>5- Council should be bringing forward the entire PKS023 Energy Efficiency Program (Buildings &amp; Facilities) program and prioritise electrification of all council assets. While the total cost of the PKS023 program is not entirely clear. Moving to all electric buildings now with the future expected falls in the wholesale price of electricity will yield a significant payback for the council and community both through reducing emissions and operational costs.</p> <p>6- The (PKS050 Climate Emergency Response Implementation) must be brought forward to provide a comprehensive list of actions for implementation in the next council budget. A three-year implementation on the surface appears to defer major capital infrastructure and organisational changes required to implement a climate emergency response. As part of this a robust social media and physical communications campaign must be delivered to all residents. Budget should be added accordingly.</p> <p>7- Funding should be allocated to the overhaul of the procurement policy to ensure specific weighting is allocated to environmental and social criteria as well as updating technotes to mandate recycled content in all procurement.</p> <p>8- Funding should be allocated to the establishment and funding of a food systems strategy for the city. This is a key for a sustainable and just food system into the future. Stonnington like all Councils have a role to play in this area.</p> <p>9- A stand-alone program and funding should be developed to promote the adoption and uptake of renewable energy either via onsite renewable energy generation (solar PV) or through power purchase agreements, EUAs and contracts. This must be communicated with residents and commercial businesses to ensure the ongoing uptake and benefits is known.</p> <p>10- Funding should be allocated to the establishment of a local repair café. While the council website refers to repair cafes as an option there does not seem to be any funding to support this much needed work. Should officers or Councillors wish to discuss these items in more details I am happy to make myself available. I would also welcome the opportunity to present these items at the hearing of submissions in June.</p>	Climate emergency	Infrastructure and Environment	<p>Council acknowledges support of a full rate increase.</p> <p>Council is seeking to develop a best value program in the 2021/22 year which will seek to drive greater efficiency and effectiveness across the organisation over the short and longer-term through a series of Service Reviews. The program will initially focus on service areas of high value-cost-risk and which are expected to produce significant financial/operational benefit from the implementation of change recommendations. These reviews will incorporate fees and charges.</p> <p>Council is currently seeking community feedback on its first ever draft Climate Emergency Action Plan (until 4 July). Following this, a final plan will be taken to Council for adoption in August/September.</p> <p>The draft budget includes \$600k over the next 10 years to install EV charging stations in Council car parks, with \$80k allocated for 2021/22. Electric vehicle charging stations have been installed at Prahran Square and Council is developing an electric vehicle charging policy to outline its approach to supporting and implementing charging infrastructure in the city.</p> <p>Council's light fleet currently includes 22 hybrid vehicles and 3 electric vehicles. Council continues to explore opportunities to purchase low emission vehicles.</p> <p>Council's Waste Education Officer (1.0FTE) is currently developing a Single Use Plastics policy to support both Council and the community to transition away from single use plastics.</p>
83	Email - Submission 3	<p>I do not support any increase in rates at this time.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p>

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84	Email - Submission 4	Hello Councillors , I live in Kooyong, & I have just gone on the pension . I believe that you need to consider the economic downturn we have gone through; let alone the COVID virus sweeping the world . The rates in Stonnington are very high; & I do not believe you should raise them any further . Have some consideration for every rate payer, & don't just think that Stonnington is a privileged area. Regards	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
85	Email - Submission 5	You budget shows a proposed rate increase of 3.5%. Considering the negative financial impact of covid 19 on the community, this kind of increase will burden property owners with a greater cost of living. Not very considerate especially as council have taken pay rise when everyone else is struggling to make ends meet.	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
86	Email - Submission 6	Good day, I am a resident of Armadale, Victoria and I need assistance in finding whom to contact in regards to Sports and Recreation. More specifically in the Ooroong and Toorak park area. I plan on writing a written submission, and lobbying with local businesses, schools and residents with 300 signatures for new updated outdoor equipment for handicap, elderly and woman in fitness. Lastly, how can I attend the meeting on June 7th?	Capital - Recreation	Community and Wellbeing	Council is currently implementing a project to install new dynamic fitness equipment at Orrong Romanis Reserve.  This equipment is suitable for people of all ages and abilities and similar to equipment recently installed at Central Park, which has been very received and utilised by the community. Works are scheduled to be delivered in June / July 2021.  Council expects to undertake further fitness equipment installations at Orrong Romanis Reserve in the next 6 months and would welcome any specific feedback on preferred equipment.
87	Email - Submission 7	To whom it may concern, I am disappointed that Stonnington Council is proposing a 3.5% rates increase. Our rates in Stonnington are already too high You are already getting increased income due to; 1. Increased property valuations 2. Increased development of huge high rise apartment buildings I would suggest you look at decreasing the council operating costs fat before you increase rates this much. See a few of those assets and no new cars and reduce the number of councillors.	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
88	Email - Submission 8	To M/s Weatherill CEO Stonnington Council & addressees listed above, I wish to inform you that over the past weeks I have tried, in vain, to gain assistance and encouragement for me to establish and run a new community group - focussed on the women of Stonnington. My vision was for this new group to have a similar model to the very successful East Malvern Mens Shed Programme perhaps being called "The Women's Workshop" so as to differentiate this group from woodworking/handyman skills; instead comprising machine sewing/overlocking, home skills, women's health, to name but a few of my ideas. It was intended this group would contribute to the community in a charitable way assisting with projects voluntarily. I always envisaged working through Council to develop something really special and indeed set a standard for other Councils to emulate. However from my first enthusiastic call placed through Stonnington Customer Service my enquiries have hit never-ending hurdles and I have been confronted time and time again with the message "Stonnington Council do not do Community Groups. There is no Community Services Officer to speak to. How insane is this - when community is what local government is all about? I have persevered, followed up with every person I was advised to contact and all this effort on my part has simply resulted in more and more obstacles, phone calls and emails coupled with an attitude of "suggest you ask elsewhere - not my area of responsibility". The few suggested contacts I was given proved to be inappropriate. I have made calls to head office of Mens Shed in Sydney together with having the only beneficial discussion on this journey at all; with Mr Bill Jewell from the East Malvern Mens Shed who was in deed most helpful. It is a sad inditement of this Stonnington Council; together with the Administration, that no-one can be bothered establishing any community groups to support our precinct - particularly as we are recovering from Covid. I was advised by Josh who handles your community grants that unless I was "incorporated" and had already fully established this proposed group he was not in a position to assist in any way. No help at any stage as to how I could start this process. I attended the public gallery of the council meeting last week and was completely unimpressed with the apparent disregard to what Covid recovery should represent - instead this entire sitting group (with the exception of only 2 councillors) are focussed on a budgeted rate increase, including now charging the one delayed from last year. I regard this as an abhorrent disrespect to ratepayers; given the entire council facility along with all other venues were in lockdown for months - the only service uninterrupted being waste management. It has been suggested to me, all staff and councillors continued to be paid in full despite their workload being greatly diminished and all permitted to work entirely from home. It is little wonder taking this into account; the recent suggestion to do away with Ward Meetings has met with disbelief and a perception amongst ratepayers that this is yet another attempt to disconnect even more from any interaction with the ratepayers and residents of Stonnington. Perhaps some of our councillors should revisit what they represented to ratepayers on their various election platforms. From where I see things, what is now happening is completely at odds with many of these undertakings to always act in ratepayers best interests and with the utmost respect and desire to best serve and assist our community. I am observing a group of people (all being very well remunerated) seemingly not really interested at all in helping our community and its ratepayers. Indeed special mention was made at this recent council meeting acknowledging work done to prepare the proposed budget. For heavens sake is this task not what the finance department and indeed all of you are employed and paid to do? Regrettably, I advise due to lack of support I am withdrawing completely from all efforts to pursue the establishment of my visionary Women's Community Group. It is particularly disappointing given that this Group was to be set up, and run by me with absolutely no remuneration. My time and expertise did however deserve me more respect than what I have encountered. In conclusion I would suggest each of you reflect on what it means to be a representative within local government. Sincerely Toorak Resident & Ratepayer	Community Group Rates	Community and Wellbeing Chief Executive Office	Council's Community Grants program provides support for eligible community groups and not for profit organisations to implement community programs. For a Women's Shed to be supported through community grants it would require support from an incorporated organisation to initiate the program or auspice an application. The application would need to adhere to community grant guidelines that require a plan detailing the project, the level of community support for the project and funding required. Details on the Community Grants program, including the information session and drop in support sessions, will be available on Council's website from 10 June 2021.  The Women's Shed proposal comprises craft and sewing activities. These are often provided by community centres under their Neighbourhood House Coordination Funding as well as a craft group that is part of the Engaged Program facilitated by Council for residents aged 55 years and above.  We are happy to work with the resident to explore opportunities that are provided within the community and to identify gaps in programming and community groups that may wish to orient their programs to fulfil this need.
89	Email - Submission 9	Dear Councillors We have followed with interest the attempts by the City of Stonnington to deliver a multi-sports indoor facility for some time. We have two daughters below five years old and this stadium would be a great addition to help increase their (and others) future sporting participation. We are aware that the original request for this facility stretches back more than 30 years and would like to see it delivered as soon as possible at the location approved by Council in May 2019. Given that the Supreme Court found no legal impediment, given that our Covid lockdown has ended, given that there's a Masterplan in place to construct at Percy Treyvaud and given that this project is fully-funded in Councils 2021-22 Draft Budget - we cannot understand why this much-needed facility can't now proceed. Our community has been waiting long enough. This project must be delivered in the shortest time frame possible, we urge you to please vote for Council to proceed as per its previous decision in May 2019. Yours Sincerely	Capital - Percy Treyvaud	Community and Wellbeing	Submission is in favour of delivering Percy Treyvaud, which is consistent with the draft budget.
90	Email - Submission 10	I do not approve of the rate increase.. You need to Look more seriously at Marcia Griffiths speech to the council.with alit of common sense ideas. Get back to looking after roads services rubbish. No spending money on unnecessary purchasesregards	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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91	Email - Submission 11	<p>Dear Council, Draft 2021/22 Budget Submission</p> <p>1. I propose that Albion Street, South Yarra, is prioritised for urgent road/footpath refurbishment in FY21-22. Albion Street has no budgeted capital works in the draft budget despite: (a) Albion Street's overrepresentation in Council's parking infringement data, including: (i) Code 756 'Footpath Obstruction' infringements where Albion Street accounted for 85% of all infringements across Council's designated narrow roads and 35% for all Council's municipality in FY17-18/FY18-19; and (ii) Code 737 'Stopped on Footpath' infringements where Albion Street accounted for 23% of all infringements in Council's designated narrow roads in FY17-18/FY18-19. (b) Albion Street being unsafe for residents, especially those with prams, wheelchairs or other disability aids, who are forced onto the road into oncoming traffic from Punt Road each day because of parked cars obstructing the footpath and Council's failure to strictly enforce the Victorian Road Rules. I understand that other residents have shared compelling photo evidence to Mayor Hely and Jacqui Weatherill to (again) highlight this serious, unresolved issue in recent weeks. This current state also presents an unacceptable legal liability risk to Council in the reasonably foreseeable event of serious injury or death to a vulnerable road user on Albion Street. (c) Council's draft budget has scheduled road/footpath refurbishment upgrades for many adjacent/neighbouring streets - Fawkner Street (\$955K over 22-23/23-24), Argo Street (\$990K in 24-25), Tyrone Street (\$600K in 25-26), Moore Street (\$615K in 26-27), Osborne Street (\$928K in 26-27), Davis Avenue (\$1.145M in 28-29), etc. (d) Albion Street's relative disrepair and safety risk compared to these streets scheduled for upgrade.</p> <p>2. I propose that Argo Reserve in South Yarra is prioritised for, at a minimum, new children's playground equipment. Per photo taken yesterday, the children's playground features ageing play equipment and play equipment which has been removed or taped off by Council without notice.</p> <p>3. Council presently requires residents to pay \$20 upfront and \$97.90 (120L) or \$132.60 (240L) each year for an opt-in food and green waste bin service when Council's website notes that "the average Stonnington garbage bin contains around 36% food waste" but issues two (2) on-street parking permits for all eligible households for free/at no cost each year. Research indicates that Council is unique in offering two (2) residential parking permits for free compared to its peers. I propose that all on-street parking permits (including visitor parking vouchers) move to a user-pays model in FY21-22. This proposal will create a new revenue stream for Council to maintain economical rates for essential services like waste management while 'nudging' residents to consider sustainable transport options in support of Council's Integrated Transport Plan (January 2020) and 'Towards Zero' Road Safety Strategy (2018-2022). The proposed on-street parking permit fee is \$730 per car, per year (\$2 per day or less with 50% discount or 100% waiver for all eligible concession card holders per VicRoads concession model) and visitor parking vouchers for \$4 per day (purchased in minimum packs of 10 vouchers).</p> <p>4. I disagree with the rate increase as proposed in the draft budget. Council should also consider that Cr Lew's Change.org petition against the proposed rate increase also has ~359 signatures as at today.</p> <p>5. I agree in principle with all suggestions proposed by Cr Griffin about the draft budget at the Council Meeting on 19 April 2021.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your consideration of this submission. Kind regards,</p>	Capital - Footpath Rates On-street parking permits	Infrastructure and Environment	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p> <p>Council is considering options for Albion Street to Address the mobility and access issues associated with Parking on Footpaths. Future road and footpath infrastructure improvements will be informed by road condition inline with Councils asset management strategy and balanced against priorities across the asset class. Future road improvements will include landscape improvements taking into consideration road alignment constraints.</p> <p>Food and Green Waste charges (or FOGO) have not been increased for 2021-22. This reflects council's commitment to promoting environmentally sustainability and reducing waste to landfill. Council's Waste Collection Fees and Charges Procedure Policy outlines the methodology and rationale underlying the waste management fees which it charges on a full economic cost recovery (user pays) basis. The \$20 charge is only for FOGO services related to Owner Corporations.</p>
92	Email - Submission 12	<p>Dear Ms Kate Hely, I am writing in response to Stonnington Council BUDGET DRAFT 2021-22.</p> <p>I am very concerned about proposed 2021-22 Budget's content as it reflects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council's unconcern and loss of touch with its Ratepayers experiencing hardship, loss of jobs, bankruptcies, social problems and serious mental issues</li> <li>- Council not recognizing that Community has dealt with the most difficult year and the worst is yet to come</li> <li>- That Council does not strive and/or has good will to have Ratepayers/Community welfare in mind, to be innovative, and cost saving efficient</li> </ul> <p>I do not support nor endorse 21-22 Budget Draft proposal to increase the rates by staggering 3.5%, being 2% above State Government maximum Cap for 2021-22 year while chasing near record cash SURPLUS &amp; SPENDING</p> <p>As 2021-22 should be a year of at least RATES FREEZE, the Budget forecasts RATE INCOME GROWTH by 5.5%</p> <p>2021-22 \$126.7M 2020-21 \$120.9M 3.5% of this rate increase is composed of 1.5% 2021-22 State Government maximum Cap 2.0% WAIVED in 2020-21 I presume remaining 2% comes from Council projected rateable property growth...</p> <p>2% rate waiver of 2020-21 should not be just 'reintroduced' – as Council indicates in 2021-22 Budget A WAIVER is an act of intentionally relinquishing, surrendering, giving up, foregoing, resigning or abandoning of some known right, claim or privilege. It is an official decision that a rule, or agreement does not have to be obeyed, or that you will not ask for something that you have a right to.</p> <p>Apart from moral and ethical aspect of Council treating its Ratepayers as money pit, the question is: Is it legal to 'reintroduce' 2% Rate Waiver of 2020-21 into 2021-22 Rates..?</p> <p>As per State Government: The rate cap 1.5% for 2021-22 is the maximum amount council can increase general rates and charges... There are no councils with an existing higher rate cap that applies in 2021-22.</p>	Rates Various	Chief Executive Office	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p> <p>City of Stonnington investment in information technology has been below industry averages. Increasing this investment will enable IT to better support business operations to respond to customer needs and meet the growing demand for digital services, and our obligation to protect our data. We're operating with legacy systems and processes, and in a decentralised environment. There are key areas we need to address to provide the robust technology framework a modern organisation needs to be able to respond to the needs of its customers, community and employees. This includes technology architecture, network resilience, and business solutions and projects. These are areas that have lacked essential ongoing investment and alignment in effort to date.</p> <p>Additionally, there are four key benefits areas from our proposed 21/22 investment which will generate long term efficiency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of an integrated asset management system and improved controls</li> <li>• Implementation Internet of Things (IoT) capabilities – Smart Cities</li> <li>• Realise productivity gains from the implementation of efficient workflow processes and enhanced data capabilities</li> <li>• Gains realised from focused ICT vendor and contract management.</li> </ul> <p>The investment in information technology is proposed to be funded through our future fund reserve which is an allocation of previous years surpluses to fund strategic acquisitions pertaining to enhanced service delivery for Council.</p> <p>Employee costs are budgeted to increase by 6.05% or \$4.32million compared to forecast 2020/21. This increase relates to the following key factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resuming of all services in 2021/22 (number of casuals staff not included in the 2020/21 budget)</li> <li>• The Council's Enterprise Agreement (EA) and provision growth to increase in 2021/22</li> <li>• The superannuation guarantee increase from 1 July 2021 by 0.5%</li> <li>• Resources related to new service activities which are recovered by revenue</li> <li>• Other changes to meet increased service demand</li> </ul> <p>Council is seeking to develop a best value program in the 2021/22 year which will seek to drive greater efficiency and effectiveness across the organisation over the short and longer-term through a series of Service Reviews. The program will initially focus on service areas of high value-cost-risk and which are expected to produce significant financial/operational benefit from the implementation of change recommendations. These reviews will incorporate fees and charges.</p> <p>The Prahran Town Hall is proposed to be redeveloped into a Library and community spaces replacing the original temporary library. The library has over 100,000 visitations a year and is a significant community building and as a custodian of this significant Heritage building Council is obligated to maintain the</p>

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		<p>SC management should have noticed by now the hardship/uncertainty its Community is experiencing and should refocus, reset, modernize its modus operandi – not just dig deep in ratepayers pockets with increased rates in these challenging times, especially that Covid has had minimal impact on Council Rates Revenue (Budget Table page 5)</p> <p>SC has grown past 5 years by 9259 residents and 5486 rateable properties – a result of ever increasing number of apartments. This growth alone translates to additional revenue of \$1.6M+ per year.</p> <p>Justifying 3.5% rates hike, 2021-22 Budget informs that Council continues to provide the lowest rates per property comparing with areas such as Moreland... The fact is that the lower average rate per property is generated by densifying our SC area with enormous increase of apartments built and not as such as Council's work efficiency and cost savings.</p> <p>One of the Council's reasons for 3.5% rate increase is '...to create increased focus on efficiency in services we deliver'.. Especially now in the economical crisis environment, Council should make better use of its CURRENT vast pool of human resources to improve services efficiency – at no impact to its quality.</p> <p>It appears that the ballooning staff cost deliver little if any increase in actual services to residents. Budget data shows that Council spends only 25% (\$51M of \$202M income) on actual services that benefit us Residents while the salaries constitute 60% of rates value and 44% of all expenses.</p> <p>Instead of ever increasing number and employees cost ... how about making better use of current workforce? The Budget does not explain the reason for enormous 9% increase of employment expense.. \$69.5M 2020-21 \$75.6M 2021-22</p> <p>What is the rationale behind planned SC staff increase by 7.3%? 683 employees 2020-21 733 employees 2021-22</p> <p>Why SC proposes to increase casual and temporary staff expense by additional \$6M? \$ 4.5M 2020-21 \$10.4M 2021-22</p> <p>SC is spending \$11M or 9% of annual rates on Digital Transformation and Technology replacement. Please provide proof of value of such an investment, long term efficiency ( dollar and Staff savings) that this proposed investment would deliver.</p> <p>The following items included in the services deliver little value to the community or are excessively costly: \$2.6M Organizational Development – in fact internal cost not providing community service \$3.6M Risk Management - again, internal cost not providing community service \$3.3M Economic Development - what it is exactly? \$1.2M Environment Policy – what is it? \$3.2M Communications – ...'external communication on behalf of Council' being 100% increase since 18/19 but why? \$1.2M Chapel Off Chapel losing \$1M py....how about finding sponsors? patrons?..</p> <p>SC with its \$202M budget runs 40 businesses to deliver services... 2020-21 Budget does not provide basic indication that the business is driven by savings, efficiency, innovation Instead, it demands of its Ratepayers to pay higher rates, 2% of each being waived previous year. Is it efficient in 21st Century in time of economical crisis and hardship?</p> <p>Council must change its culture of ever rate increase, digging deep in Ratepayers pockets. Otherwise SC will not be able to RE-think, RE-invent itself how to do things differently and still provide quality service.</p> <p>CEO should implement to all businesses meaningful EFFICIENCY TARGETS of say 5% to generate greater PRODUCTIVITY and INNOVATION resulting in COST SAVING at NO EXPENSE of improved services quality. Part of CEO salary should also depend on achieving Efficiency Targets in the corporation of Council.</p> <p>Council should DEFER all non-essential projects - such as Prahran Town Hall \$30M restoration.</p> <p>It is not right time to spend \$2.1M on VEHICLE Replacement</p> <p>It is not right time to chase near record \$39.995M cash SURPLUS</p> <p>I do not have confidence in Stonnington Council 2021-22 Budget and therefore do not support/endorse its content. It is not driven by cost savings, efficiency, Ratepayers welfare in mind. I object to Council 'reintroducing' previously waived 2% rise. Council should make ethical decision to at least RATE FREEZE for 2021-22</p> <p>Your consideration of my submission is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Thanking you for your time.</p>			building in line with Heritage controls.

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93	Email - Submission 13	<p>Dear Cr.Hely,</p> <p>Firstly let me thank you for meeting with David and I this morning. I do apologise however for my assumption that David had notified you of my attendance before the meeting. That aside, I think we covered quite a lot of ground in our one hour meeting, and I felt it worthwhile to summarise the key points as follows :</p> <p>1. David and I feel that Council's response to the substantial impact the pandemic has had on the thousands of retail businesses last year was not nearly enough. At the very least, Council should have fallen in line with the state governments' legislation forcing landlords to reduce rents in line with tenants' revenue declines during the pandemic period. We are of the strong belief that to suggest the offering of a delay in payment (and hence a mere change to councils cashflow) of rates (without any reduction) should be seen as council's "support for local businesses" clearly demonstrates either a total lack of understanding by the council executive team of the impact this pandemic has had on private enterprise, or a disregard of the same. Neither are a good reflection on the current management.</p> <p>2. The proposed rate increase of 3.5% for the 21/22 financial year will provide council with a surplus of some \$35 million dollars for the year, just when businesses are still trying to get on top of the most challenging financial year on record, This perhaps confirms our concerns about the executive team. We disagree with the proposal that retailers will be happy for a rate drop due to the reduced value of the retail property (i.e 8.5% av property value decrease, plus 3.5% rate increase - hence circa 5% reduction). If council mothballed some of the proposed hero projects for one year and therefore eliminated their \$35M surplus, it could easily pass on an 8.5% rate reduction for their retailers.</p> <p>3. The construction period of Prahran Square had a substantial negative impact on the surrounding businesses. Small businesses - family businesses - eating into their "rainy day" or retirement funds just to keep going during the lengthy construction period. Their mental health deteriorated rapidly, and relationships were strained to breaking point. Council should not see these small business people as simply collateral damage along the path to the creation of another "hero" project. Major lessons should be learnt before Council embarks on the redevelopment of Prahran Town Hall.</p> <p>We believe more work is required by council to re-inject life back into the Prahran area - ensuring people's shopping habits revert back to spending in this area after they found alternative shopping areas during the lengthy construction period. Maintaining the \$1/2hr parking at Prahran Square ; Putting on major events throughout the year, etc, etc, etc.</p> <p>4. Footpaths, particularly in the southern end of Chapel Street, South Yarra, most of Prahran, and the majority of Chapel St Windsor are in desperate need of renewal. Yet council continues to spend a fortune on hero projects such as the Windsor Square area; King Street; and Greville Street. Ratepayers continually ask for the upgrading of footpaths, but consecutive Councils disregarded this. It's time the executive team and councillors actually listened to those they represent. General maintenance of public space is always a point of contention for residents in the Chapel Street area, particularly when compared to Church Street Brighton; High Street Armadale; and the CBD. We're not asking for better than those locations, simply the same standard.</p> <p>5. Car Parking. David and I rely on surveys and reports which show that people who drive to a retail precincts spend double that of those who walk, cycle, or use public transport. Removal of carparks will deter these spenders, and need to be replaced with twice the number of cyclists etc in order to maintain the same revenue for the traders in these areas. If the demand drops due to reduced car parking, business revenue drops causing rental value to drop and hence commercial values to decline. We implore councillors to focus on what the purpose is of a retail precinct - to provide goods and services in a local area which are demanded by surrounding residents. Convenience is key in an ever changing retail world.</p> <p>6. Given that there has been, and will be considerable construction undertaken by Council within the Chapel Street precinct, I wanted to reiterate my comments made to you about the need for council's contractors to be much faster in undertaking their works in retail areas. This requires excellent project management and planning, as well as suitably tight construction contracts. As a former construction engineer, I feel a much speedier construction process is achievable, particularly regarding retail footpath renewal, and this was confirmed when paving works were undertaken by the Capitol Grand team on the corner of Chapel Street and Toorak Road. Revenue loss for every business impacted by Council works should be included in the overall "cost" of a project, that way greater importance will be placed on speed of completion.</p> <p>Finally, as a person who has had considerable involvement with the Chapel Street retail area as the former Executive Chairman of the CSPA, and as a resident living just off Chapel Street, South Yarra, (I walk the area almost daily) I am happy to provide you with insights I have gained in order for you to have a direct line to a local. I'd have to say I disagree you on your suggestion that we need more public toilets along Chapel Street, and of the thirty years of living near and "using" Chapel Street, I could count on one hand the number of times I've seen a drug syringe on the ground (and only then in side streets). I'm unsure what agenda the Platypus representative was pushing, but I don't buy it.</p> <p>There are many items I could list in addition to the above, however I shall not take up any more of your time. I trust you found our meeting constructive and informative, and I wish you well in your year as Mayor - a very challenging role.</p>	Rates Various	Chief Executive Office	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p> <p>Council has provided \$1.0 million in rental relief to all Council owned properties in line with our Financial Hardship Policy, Council does have authority over private landlords.</p> <p>Council has proposed reverting back to the \$1/2hr parking at Prahran Square until 1 January 2022, and has a number of community activation events planned for 2021/22 (subject to COVID restrictions).</p> <p>Council has an obligation to manage Council assets in line with Asset Management plans for each of Councils asset classes (Roads, Drains, Footpaths, Open Space, Buildings). This aligns with councils obligations under the Local Government Act. Council allocates resources' to ensure councils assets are maintained and renewed in line with whole of life analysis to ensure assets are managed effectively and efficiently within applied service levels enabling services to be delivered to the highest standard within available resources' with an allocation with the 2021/22 Budget for these works.</p> <p>A detailed Business Case will be developed to support the Chapel Street Transformation Program which will be endorsed by Council prior to major works undertaken.</p>
94	Email - Submission 14	<p>Thank-you for the opportunity to provide feedback in relation to Council's draft 2021/2022 Budget published recently for comment:</p> <p>I submit that the proposed rate increase of 3.5% is unwarranted, particularly during the current state of emergency. The rate cap increase of 1.5% is the only legitimate rate increase that should be included in next year's budget.</p> <p>Proposing to re-introduce the 2% rate increase that was waived last year is wrong. The general expectation of a waiver is that the legal right to recover this amount has been relinquished. Furthermore, this proposed double hike goes against the concept of a rate cap and is not justified when many ratepayers are still struggling from the impact of COVID-19.</p> <p>The extra 2% increase was also not made very transparent in the budget document, which could be construed as misleading. It is only mentioned in the detail of what happened last year, but should have been highlighted immediately after the following statement:</p> <p>"The City of Stonnington's proposed budget for 2021-22 includes a 1.5% rate rise, the recommended amount by the Victorian Government"</p> <p>A more responsible budget would be to cap the rate increase at 1.5% as per government guidelines and to compensate for any deficit you might consider removing something non essential from the budget, eg the proposed multipurpose indoor sports facility at Percy Treuvaud Memorial Park which is contentious and can be re-budgeted if and when details are settled and priorities permit.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
95	Email - Submission 15	<p>I am writing to express my concern at the Council's intention to increase Council rates. I recently had the occasion to travel along Chapel Street by tram and was shocked at the number of empty shops. The number of retired a couples in the area have all been penalised by the reduction in their incomes.</p> <p>I wonder how out of touch the present day Councillors are not to be aware of what has happened in their Shire. The Council must learn to spend within their income until such times as this pandemic has been obliterated.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.



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96	Email - Submission 16	<p>Dear Councillor,</p> <p>It has come to my notice that the City of Stonnington is considering outsourcing the maintenance of its municipal gardens and I would like to express my concern at such a proposal.</p> <p>As a long term resident of Stonnington (46+years) I have seen many changes take place in the city and am pleased to call Stonnington my home. For the last 33 years I have lived close to the Milton Gray Reserve and, of recent time been very pleased to see the improvements to the garden and landscaping of the reserve.</p> <p>This small oasis in an otherwise barren area is very highly prized by the nearby residents and visitors alike and the redevelopment of the garden area north of the scout hall has been very well received. Plantings of flowers has brightened the area a lot and it is a popular spot for people to eat their lunchtime sandwiches and walk their young children and sit on the grass.</p> <p>Tree and shrub planting in the southern section, along with a less formal structure in the design has been progressing and overall is met with approval for an area that had not seen much attention for many years.</p> <p>Many of these improvements to the amenity of the area are due to the dedicated gardening staff, their landscaping vision and their interaction with nearby residents. This interaction also provides an informal line of communication between Council and residents</p> <p>While Stonnington has very little public open space (third lowest of any municipality in Victoria) it does have a fine team of gardeners that it should place as high a value upon as any other Council asset. With the recent changes to the municipal building code producing development of much higher residential densities (with attendant increases to Council rate revenues) preservation and enhancement of its open recreational areas becomes increasingly important and the benefits of a team of dedicated gardeners should be recognised and appreciated.</p> <p>Please be aware that any move to outsource Council's garden management to private contractors will be met with strong opposition from the residents Council is obliged to serve.</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p>	Open space maintenance	Infrastructure and Environment	<p>Council has no plan to outsource its public garden maintenance service to private contractors. The draft budget does not indicate this.</p> <p>The City of Stonnington currently has, and has had for a long period of time, a hybrid model for its open space maintenance. This comprises an internal team of professional gardeners who maintain and enhance the presentation of garden beds throughout the city. This internal service is complemented by a contractor that undertakes a range of other open space maintenance functions including lawn mowing, sports ground maintenance, public area cleaning and park litter bin collection. There are no intentions to change this service model, which delivers high value and quality outcomes for Stonnington residents.</p>
97	Email - Submission 17	<p>Hi Marcia</p> <p>As a ratepayer I am appalled that there will be such a substantial increase in ratepayer fees, especially when we are all suffering financially and mentally as we try to normalize our lives.</p> <p>As a psychologist I see the results in the community of stress. Our hospital emergency departments are close to collapse, the ambulances are stretched and cannot cope...doctors tell me it is the worst in over 30 years....and what is the council doing to assist the community, how is the council demonstrating care ...an increase in the burden!</p> <p>Not acceptable. It is a disgrace. We need to see the Council reign in superficial spending and keep rates down.</p> <p>Too much is wasted on gratuitous splurging eg a Tesla ...Boris Johnson rides a bike!!!</p> <p>We would all be encouraged if the Council were to demonstrate to us the cuts they have made that have saved money for us, that money has been spent for the good of the community, not for councillors.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
98	Email - Submission 18	<p>Dear Jacqui,</p> <p>Stonnington Council Draft Budget 2021/2022 Feedback</p> <p>We have visited the Stonnington Council website to review the draft 2021/22 Budget and then compared this information to the Council website page "Draft 2021/22 budget available for feedback", published on 20 April 2021.</p> <p>We note from the Council website page, under the section 'Mayor and CEO introduction' the text states 'By passing a proposed 1.5% rate rise.</p> <p>This appears to be contrary to the page 4 of the Draft 2021/2022 Budget, Key Statistics, noting that the Revenues table under the Rates and Charges category shows a forecast 2020/21 at \$120, 111 against a 2021/22 budget at \$126,688 which equates to a 5.4% increase.</p> <p>As Stonnington Council should appreciate, the 2021 year was financially difficult for most businesses. This was certainly the case for the Precision Group as we were forced to manage the drain on our cash reserves following a substantial revenue decline which was further compounded by the major rental assistance obligations that were mandated, leaving us with no alternative other than to operate under challenging cost cutting measures to reduce our operating expenditure. We were also disappointed that there was no rate relief assistance available to Pran Central during this time.</p> <p>It would be reasonable to assume that nearly every business in the Stonnington Municipality would have endured the same commercial hardship that Pran Central has experienced, so as we start to rebuild and recover from this horrific year, we submit that Stonnington Council should not be considering any increase in Property Rates for the coming 2021/2022 year.</p> <p>We also note from the Draft Budget, under Appendix B on page 54, that Council is proposing to increase the parking charges for Prahran Square by removing the \$1 for 2 hours rate and increasing the charges for the first half hour to \$1.60 then \$3.10 for the first hour followed by \$4.10 for 2 hours. At a time of recovery for our retailers this a very ill-considered strategy and we suggest that a review of these draft charges should be actioned to restore a more appropriate charge for the first 2 hours of parking.</p> <p>Pran Central Shopping Centre Pty Limited ACN 122 550 207</p>	Rates Parking Charge - Prahran Square	Chief Executive Office	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p> <p>Council notes that the valuations of Pran Central may decrease by up to 50% as a result the COVID impact on the shopping centre, therefore Pran Central Traders may experience a rate reduction.</p> <p>Councils proposal to lift parking fees at Prahran Square normalises fees across our Car Parks within Stonnington. Council has proposed reverting back to the \$1/2hr parking at Prahran Square until 1 January 2022 to further support local Traders.</p>

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99	Email Submission 19	<p>This Draft Budget has raised many concerns for me. The proposed rate increase, in my opinion, is completely unreasonable; given you also intend passing on what was deferred from last year. I note one councillor has stated, that since the number of hardship cases lodged have been minimal, and he personally has no issue with this increase, it therefore seems justified. I view this attitude as arrogance to the extreme; given there are indeed hundreds if not thousands of residents who have suffered enormously during covid just to make ends meet; and businesses where people are still struggling to recover and encountering additional challenges in finding staff. Therefore this double rate increase demonstrates to me a council with no empathy, understanding or conscience towards its businesses and ratepayers. In my opinion your Vision Statement fails in almost all stipulated areas - I do not think you are promoting social economic and environmental viability for the city, I do not think you are ensuring the resources are used efficiently and that service is to best practice and meets the needs of the community, I do not think services and facilities are accessible and equitable and I do not think there is transparency and accountability in your decision making. Therefore I do not think you are improving the overall quality of people's lives within our community. I believe there are no direct council run and funded community engagement groups, where residents can simply meet up for a social chat over a coffee - our town halls remain completely off limits to any residents, despite having to be maintained anyway. Therefore to claim complete provision of services and facilities being accessible and equitable to all as per your Vision Statement is simply not true.</p> <p>Also what is the "Inclusion Plan and who is this for" - I cannot see any commitment at all from this Council for over 50's for example who do not have any particular special needs, apart from a desire to be included in community engagement that you actually run. What inclusion is there for us - I am one of these residents? During the past 12 months pretty much all staff have been "working from home" and even when covid was brought very much under control, they did not return to normal duties or indeed back to their workplace. It has been a nightmare during this period to even get to speak to anyone; let alone make contact with the desired member of staff and yet once again I note the employee costs at almost \$84million and cost for materials and services at \$69million are completely disproportionate to the total revenue of \$226million. Purchasing a brand new Tesla for the Mayor to use is extravagant - wouldn't a reimbursement for petrol and any other costs have been adequate? No private company would or could conduct their business with such an absurd imbalance between revenue and staffing costs. It is little wonder therefore our footpaths are in such state of disrepair as are any public toilets or lack thereof.</p> <p>These staffing costs continue to go up and up and are projected to keep increasing with absolutely no evidence whatsoever that this Council or its administration have any commitment to doing things more efficiently to bring these down. Every single area under Health &amp; Wellbeing is losing money. For goodness sake has it not occurred to all of you there might be something wrong here? Either increase user pay fees if grants/funding falls short; palm these off to a private operator who might be able to run it better or seriously look at shutting them down. Two courageous councillors did speak out at your budget meeting advising neither would support this draft budget and providing excellent reasons why not and both expressed the necessity of doing things better by embracing new technology and interacting with clever innovative thinkers within our own community to achieve cost savings. It is stated that Planning and Permit Approvals are costing the ratepayers more than the revenue being generated. This is another example of this Council being completely at odds with the expectations of large segments of our community who believe the character of our suburbs is being willfully destroyed due to your inconsistent and often erratic planning strategy.</p> <p>This is yet another area where management seem unable to adhere to both community expectation, respect towards the character of our suburbs and even adherence to your own existing protection framework. Ongoing expensive legal disputes and stress to ratepayers could be greatly reduced with better management and adherence to a clearly Animal Management is losing money - if we had better surveillance, stricter fine enforcement this should be making money not losing it. No wonder there is dog poo everywhere as to my knowledge I have never seen a ranger or anyone to ever issue a fine. What's the point of by-laws that are never enforced - similarly all the dumping of household items on streets and nature strips: our by-laws are there however this council are too lazy to come up with a solution; hence the problem is getting worse and worse. Clearly there are more instances of this involving body corporate developments as seemingly renters do not respect our environment in the same way as property owners who are also the ratepayers. Body corporates need be held accountable for this ongoing dumping and if this requires a change of law with State Government then get on with it and liaise to change the law accordingly.</p> <p>Why is the Active Communities segment losing money? If sporting facilities are not profitable why then is this council so keen on pushing the netball agenda (eg Percy Trevau Option)? Will that lose money also if it goes ahead? If courses on offer within our Community Centres and our Libraries are not profitable then clearly this is a management failure and better feasibility of what is on offer and viable costing for the user needs to be re-assessed. Chapel on Chapel has been losing money for far too long and the time has surely come to put it out to private management or re-configure it to a use that will ensure a positive return.</p> <p>Could this facility be used for children's entertainment concerts such as the "Wiggles", possibly used to outsource as a venue to run school holiday programmes given the proximity to the park, pool and skate ramp? This venue could also be ideal for perhaps a monthly dance for over 50's. I believe all of these suggestions could be profitable. Prahran Square is bleeding cash over and above the enormous cost of construction. It has been an abject failure and needs something like a weekly market for artists and high end local crafters and foodies to offer their goods. This could be amazing and would further assist in re-invigorating this entire precinct.</p>	Rates Various	Chief Executive Office	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p> <p>Employee costs are budgeted to increase by 6.05% or \$4.32million compared to forecast 2020/21. This increase relates to the following key factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resuming of all services in 2021/22 (number of casuals staff not included in the 2020/21 budget)</li> <li>The Council's Enterprise Agreement (EA) and provision growth to increase in 2021/22</li> <li>The superannuation guarantee increase from 1 July 2021 by 0.5%</li> <li>Resources related to new service activities which are recovered by revenue</li> <li>Other changes to meet increased service demand</li> </ul> <p>Council is seeking to develop a best value program in the 2021/22 year which will seek to drive greater efficiency and effectiveness across the organisation over the short and longer-term through a series of Service Reviews. The program will initially focus on service areas of high value-cost-risk and which are expected to produce significant financial/operational benefit from the implementation of change recommendations. These reviews will incorporate fees and charges</p>

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		<p>As regards the considerable deficit for waste management, in my opinion Council seem to lack any innovative ideas or a desire to do things better. Residents feels if we are being blamed for creating more waste; when it is absolutely obvious that the packaging industry and big business are the main contributors to this problem. It is paramount for Council to engage at both State &amp; Federal Level to address this issue. The "throw away" society we are all part of needs to change. In the meantime we ratepayers do not want to be made feel constantly guilty for waste when it is not our fault.</p> <p>What is our climate emergency that you have declared and funded? I would like any one of you to give me an actual example here in Stonnington because I claim there has not been one! Interesting it is a fact within the insurance industry that the most common cause of house fires is now attributed to solar panels causing roof fires and battery re-chargers for electric cars within garages. Yes, we should engage in climate "awareness and respect" and be open to doing things better (as with waste management already mentioned) however, in my opinion, this term climate emergency in Stonnington; quite frankly is an absurdity.</p> <p>This Council and administration's effective communication to ratepayers is sorely lacking. You assume everyone has access to computer technology which clearly is not so. For example to find out this Draft Budget had been released for public comment required logging onto the Council Website. For something of this significance I think you have a moral obligation to send out a written advice as you do for rate notices, advising every ratepayer that this document is available for comment and how to access it. Too many important things seem to be very discretely hidden from public scrutiny, as indeed I claim your bike strategy survey was. To my knowledge this survey was only ever sent to bike riding groups so obviously it was given approval when there are thousands of residents who vehemently object to bike riders being given so much consideration, given they pay nothing in registration and cannot be identified if they cause an accident to property or person. I think your bike strategy has enormous flaws and will have dire consequences for many businesses along Chapel Street .</p> <p>In conclusion, everything I have expressed here supports my belief that this Council and administration are not operating in a reasonable and transparent manner. I do not accept that you are always basing your decisions in accord with your charter - to "always act for the community's best interests". I therefore do not support this Draft Budget and would request it be significantly overhauled to better reflect community expectations.</p> <p>Toorak Resident and Ratepayer</p>			
100	Email Submission 20	<p>Dear Councillors,</p> <p>As you may be are aware, East Malvern Tennis Club Clubhouse is in desperate need of replacement, along with significant work around the Courts. As you can see below, Stonnington have already identified these issues. Stonnington Tennis Asset Management Plan (SportENG, Sep 2018)</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club requires a 'major' level of remediation works to achieve a 'fit for purpose' standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> None of the courts dimensions are compliant</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Facility is not DDA compliant</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Significant signs of court surface deterioration on courts 7-10.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New sports lighting (courts 7 – 10)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New drainage (poor for courts 7 – 10)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New irrigation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Removal of a number of trees to the north</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New fencing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pavement works</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Terraced seating</li> </ul> <p>Stonnington Council have budgeted to do the work, along with Court improvements. Prior to the last Council elections, the work was due to have started by now. The new Council has re-prioritised its budget and we have been moved to 2023/24.</p> <p>Every month 2,000 people come through our gates, ranging from 3 to 93 years old. The participation rates at East Malvern Tennis club dwarf all other community tennis clubs in Stonnington. Some other reasons for wanting the timeline brought back to this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Multiple audits by the Council over the years have shown OH&amp;S issues,</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The bluestone at the front of the courts is a safety issue for everyone,</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Clubhouse is full of asbestos, possums and non compliant wiring,</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The building itself has structural integrity issues.</li> </ul> <p>Apparently our committee has been asking Council to take action for the last decade. In this time significant budgets have been allocated to other less significant tennis clubs, Football, Cricket and Dog Walkers. In our 130 year history we have had one contribution from Council, for our new lights on Courts 1-6.</p> <p>[External Email] This email was sent to you from outside of Council – be cautious clicking on links and opening attachments.</p> <p>2</p> <p>Kind Regards, EMTC member</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.

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101	Email Submission 21	<p>Dear Councillor,</p> <p>As you may be aware, East Malvern Tennis Club Clubhouse is in desperate need of replacement, along with significant work around the Courts. As you can see below, Stonnington have already identified these issues. Stonnington Tennis Asset Management Plan (SportENG, Sep 2018)</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club requires a 'major' level of remediation works to achieve a 'fit for purpose' standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> None of the courts dimensions are compliant</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Facility is not DDA compliant</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Significant signs of court surface deterioration on courts 7-10.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New sports lighting (courts 7 – 10)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New drainage (poor for courts 7 – 10)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New irrigation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Removal of a number of trees to the north</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New fencing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pavement works</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Terraced seating</li> </ul> <p>Stonnington Council have budgeted to do the work, along with Court improvements. Prior to the last Council elections, the work was due to have started by now. The new Council has re-prioritised its budget and we have been moved to 2023/24.</p> <p>Every month 2,000 people come through our gates, ranging from 3 to 93 years old. The participation rates at East Malvern Tennis club dwarf all other community tennis clubs in Stonnington. Some other reasons for wanting the timeline brought back to this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Multiple audits by the Council over the years have shown OH&amp;S issues,</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The bluestone at the front of the courts is a safety issue for everyone,</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Clubhouse is full of asbestos, possums and non compliant wiring,</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The building itself has structural integrity issues.</li> </ul> <p>[External Email] This email was sent to you from outside of Council – be cautious clicking on links and opening attachments.</p> <p>2</p> <p>Apparently our committee has been asking Council to take action for the last decade. In this time significant budgets have been allocated to other less significant tennis clubs, Football, Cricket and Dog Walkers. In our 130 year history we have had one contribution from Council, for our new lights on Courts 1-6.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
102	Email Submission 22	<p>Dear Councillor,</p> <p>I invite you to visit the East Malvern tennis Club. You will readily see how badly run down the facilities are. The committee can also tell you how many people use the club, despite it's dilapidation. Funding previously allocated for East Malvern Tennis Club and since removed should be brought back into the budget. East Malvern tennis club should be a jewel in the crown of Stonnington facilities with massive participation, yet it is being left to rot while other nearby councils and Stonnington take pride in developing smaller tennis clubs. East Malvern Tennis Club provides tennis recreation to Stonnington residents at a greater number than any other council tennis club, and accounts for more than 50% of all the community tennis in Stonnington. Apart from elite private clubs such as Kooyong and Royal South Yarra there is no tennis club in Stonnington that compares in size, management, participation and opportunity for people of all ages and genders to stay fit and healthy playing tennis as a sport. Yet it receives virtually no funding. The clubhouse is extremely old. Stonnington council have neglected the club for decades and prioritised smaller clubs with negligible participation rates (eg Glendeargh (2 courts, no lights, 20 members, beautiful clubhouse), Malvern/Armidale (full court renovation, virtually no community participation) and Chadstone TC (proposed millions to be spent).</p> <p>The club has about 700 members. 2000 people visit and participate there each week. Our members visit other clubs in Stonnington and Booroondara and elsewhere and notice the difference. East Malvern Tennis club has been ignored for too long.</p> <p>Our members watch nearby facilities being renovated and re-built while we rot in an old asbestos, falling down club house on courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no car park provided by Stonnington (reliant on Booroondara, Vic Roads and the train station).</p> <p>The club has patiently waited for multiple audits and policy reviews and yet nothing has happened.</p> <p>Member of East Malvern Tennis Club</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
103	Email Submission 23	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I understand that the funding for improvements Council previously endorsed for East Malvern Tennis Club has now been delayed by two years – to 2023/24. East Malvern Tennis Club should be a jewel in the crown of Stonnington's facilities with its very high participation, yet it is being left to languish while other nearby councils and Stonnington take pride in developing smaller tennis clubs. East Malvern Tennis Club is the largest community-based tennis club in the Melbourne metropolitan area.</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club provides recreational tennis to Stonnington residents at a greater number than any other council tennis club, and accounts for more than 50% of all the community tennis in Stonnington. Apart from elite private clubs, such as Kooyong and Royal South Yarra, there is no tennis club in Stonnington that compares in size, management, participation, and opportunity for people of all ages and genders to stay fit and healthy playing tennis as a sport. Yet it receives virtually no funding from council.</p> <p>Our clubhouse is extremely old. Stonnington council have neglected the club for decades and prioritised smaller clubs with negligible participation rates (e.g. Glendearg - 2 courts, no lights, 20 members, beautiful clubhouse), Malvern/Armadale (full court renovation, virtually no community participation) and Chadstone TC (millions proposed to be spent). It is difficult to see how council saw its way to funding these improvements while ignoring East Malvern Tennis Club. Our members see nearby facilities being renovated and re-built while we rot in an old asbestos, possum ridden, falling down club house on courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no car park provided by Stonnington (reliant on Boroondara, Vic Roads and the train station).</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club has about 1000 members/coaching clients, ranging in age from 2 to 92. Over 2000 people visit and participate each month, despite its dilapidation. Our members visit other clubs in Stonnington, Boroondara and other councils, and notice the difference. East Malvern Tennis Club has been ignored for far too long.</p> <p>The club has patiently waited through multiple audits and policy reviews and yet nothing has happened.</p> <p>Some other reasons for wanting the timeline brought back to this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple audits by the Council over the years have shown OH&amp;S issues,</li> <li>• The bluestone at the front of the courts is a safety issue for everyone,</li> <li>• The Clubhouse is full of asbestos, possums and non-compliant wiring,</li> <li>• The building itself has structural integrity issues.</li> </ul> <p>We have been asking Council to take action for the last decade. In this time significant budgets have been allocated to Football, Cricket and Dog Walkers. In our 130-year history we have had one contribution from Council, in 2016, for our new lights on Courts 1-6.</p> <p>I invite you to visit the East Malvern Tennis Club to readily see how badly run down our facilities are.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.

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104	Email Submission 24	<p>Hi Kate,</p> <p>At the last elections I know you took an active interest in a Netball issue and that was one of the reasons I voted for you.</p> <p>I am now disheartened by the councils lack of response to an issue that has been going for more than 5 years. I have been a member of EMTCC for over 10yrs and have to say I am embarrassed at the state of the tennis club. The clubhouse is in disrepair, the courts need a lot of attention and the whole place is run down. When we have visiting teams come and play, we have numerous comments about the clubs poor state and I can see why as I visit other smaller clubs and see brand new courts and clubhouses.</p> <p>For a club with over 800 members and coaching hundreds of students weekly, I believe this is a community facility that my council should invest in.</p> <p>Please visit the club yourself and see what I mean.</p> <p>regards</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
105	Email Submission 25	<p>Response to City of Stonnington Draft Budget 2021-22</p> <p>Rewilding Stonnington is a local group of volunteers dedicated to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- reintroducing indigenous and endemic plants to Stonnington</li> <li>- enhancing biodiversity via plantings on public and private land</li> <li>- advocating, educating and promoting community connection</li> </ul> <p>We welcome provisions in the Draft Budget for measures to combat climate change via waste reduction, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, greater use of renewable energy and through the maintenance, enhancement and increase of public green space. We support the cycling strategy and the indicated budget increase for Environment and Sustainability programs; the Environment team has done an outstanding job following the declaration of a Climate Emergency in February 2020.</p> <p>We would however suggest that additional resources be directed toward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- development and implementation of a fully-fledged Climate Emergency Action Plan</li> <li>- further development and implementation of Council's Urban Forest Strategy 2017-22, to include pocket parks and support for volunteer action</li> <li>- implementation and extension of the Gardiners Creek (Kooyongkoot) Master Plan, including working with neighbouring Councils on a whole of catchment approach for Kooyongkoot</li> <li>- review and renewal of the Yarra River Biodiversity Plan, following the completion of Phase 1 2010-2019</li> <li>- introducing a Nature Strip policy: cut red tape and encourage biodiversity in Stonnington by making indigenous plantings on nature strips easier for residents to install and manage</li> <li>- Supporting residents to increase indigenous plantings on private land, with free or subsidised seedlings distributed at an annual event along the lines of Spring into Gardening</li> <li>- extending and improving the Stonnington Community Grants scheme, to make it more flexible and easier to access. The community grants cycle urgently needs updating, with more than one grant round per year plus a quick response program to encourage short and medium term project planning, enhance community capacity and support community groups to respond effectively to changing needs and circumstances in the municipality</li> </ul> <p>Yours sincerely, Rewilding Stonnington</p>	Climate Emergency Various	Infrastructure and Environment	<p>Council is currently seeking community feedback on its first ever draft Climate Emergency Action Plan (until 4 July). Following this, a final plan will be taken to Council for adoption in August/September.</p> <p>While the budget specifies a 'climate emergency' budget item of \$160,000, embedding climate emergency response will be integrated throughout many other budget items going well beyond this amount. For example, Council's tree management budget will form a key element of Council's climate emergency response through urban greening and city cooling. Similarly, cycling budget items will also support sustainable transport, reducing emissions from transport.</p> <p>Council's open space strategy is our long term plan to create more open space in Stonnington, including the creation of pocket parks.</p> <p>Council supports volunteer action in our parks and gardens through 'friends' groups, which help to manage habitat and vegetation for local biodiversity. We currently have active friends groups along the Yarra River, along Gardiners Creek and in the Urban Forest, Glen Iris Wetlands and Victoria Gardens.</p> <p>Council adopted the Gardiners Creek (Kooyongkoot) masterplan in 2020 and is planning its implementation. Some works have already begun/been completed including woody weed removals and shared path upgrades. Achieving the vision of the masterplan will require a collaborative effort with all stakeholders that influence the area. Council is committed to working in partnership with all stakeholders along the corridor, including other councils.</p> <p>Council completed the Yarra River Biodiversity Project in 2019 and maintenance work along the river have commenced. Council continues to investigate opportunities to enhance biodiversity and a local 'friends' group has begun working in the area.</p> <p>Council is developing nature strip guidelines to support nature strip planting in Stonnington.</p> <p>In pre-COVID times, Council provided free plants to residents through its annual Spring into Gardening festival. Council is exploring options to continue to support our community to enhance biodiversity and urban greening through plant and tree giveaways.</p> <p>Council's community grants program is due to be released in the coming weeks and some changes have been made to ensure it is more flexible for community groups.</p>
106	Email Submission 26	<p>Dear Councillors</p> <p>My wife and I have been ratepayers in Stonnington for several years and my wife is a long-standing member of the East Malvern Tennis Club. We both find it astounding that the council can neglect this club, one of its greatest assets, by removing funds allocated for its redevelopment from the budget of 2021/2022 to the budget of 2023/2024. These funds should be reinstated in the 2021/2022 so that work desperately needed can commence.</p> <p>The East Malvern Tennis Club has a large and active membership, one of the largest in the ward, and yet council have made no provision to upgrade or even maintain its facilities, with the exception of new lights in 2016, for many years. During the same period facilities at sites nearby in Boroondara and even smaller tennis clubs in Stonnington have received funds for extensive renovation and modernisation. How is it that funds which were allocated to upgrades at East Malvern Tennis Club have been diverted to other projects in the ward and on what basis?</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club provides tennis recreation to Stonnington residents at a greater number than any other council tennis club and accounts for more than 50% of all the community tennis in Stonnington. Apart from the elite private clubs, there is no tennis club in Stonnington that compares in size, management, participation and opportunity for people of all ages and genders to stay fit and healthy playing tennis as a sport. In spite of this, the club has received virtually no funding. The clubhouse is extremely old. Stonnington council have neglected the club for many years and prioritised smaller clubs with negligible participation rates such as Glendearg, Malvern/Armadale and Chadstone. The club has close to 1000members/coaching clients ranging in age from 2 to 92. Over 2000 people visit the club each month despite its dilapidation. Our members visit clubs in Stonnington, Boroondara and other councils and see the difference. Council has ignored its responsibility to East Malvern Tennis Club for too long.</p> <p>Our members watch nearby facilities being renovated and rebuilt while we rot in an old asbestos, possum-ridden falling down clubhouse on courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no carpark provided by Stonnington (reliant on Boroondara, Vic Roads, and the train station). The club has patiently waited through multiple audits and policy reviews and yet nothing has happened.</p> <p>Other reasons for wanting the timeline brought back to this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple audits by the council over the years have shown OH&amp;S issues</li> <li>The bluestone at the front of the courts is a safety issue for everyone</li> <li>The Clubhouse is full of asbestos and non-compliant wiring, and</li> <li>The building itself has structural integrity issues</li> </ul> <p>We have been asking the council to take action for the last decade. In this time significant budgets have been allocated to football, cricket and to dog walkers. In our 130 year history we have had one contribution from Council, in 2016 for new lights on courts 1-6.</p> <p>Given the points made above we believe that funding for the renovation of East Malvern Tennis Club should be a high priority in your budget for social facilities in Stonnington. We urge you to make provision for this spending in the current year and not to kick the can down the road, yet again.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.

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107	Email Submission 28	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft budget for 2021/22. Council is still not taking Climate Change seriously. COVID is an emergency which has had a huge impact on our lives, and is likely to be brought under control in the next few years. Climate Change is a far more significant emergency, and is in no way under control, or even being acted upon in a meaningful manner. I note in this budget, the word COVID appears 77 times, compared to just 6 relevant mentions of the word "climate", and 2 relevant mentions of the phrase "climate emergency", both in general statements. If this was a budget with an appropriate response to the Climate Emergency, it would be mentioned at least 77 times. I note in the Introduction you say: We invested over \$10.0 million in responding to COVID-19... Is there really only \$160,000 allocated to climate change? This is so inadequate. An appropriate amount would be similar to the COVID response, and not just for one year, but every year. I have a couple of more specific comments. On page 2 in Budget highlights: Given we are in a Climate Emergency, Climate Change should be the first item mentioned. Other expenditure items should then follow, ranked in importance to their impact on reducing carbon emissions. One of the programs is: Upgrading Harold Holt Swim Centre with ... new energy efficient boilers... Are the new energy efficient boilers still gas? If so we are wasting money. To get to zero emissions we will have to replace them again in the next few years with electric boilers. I can see a very small program to install electric vehicle charging stations in council car parks. What about encouraging or mandating them in commercial car parks? Are there no other ideas to encourage their use? I can't see any reference to a Council procurement policy that mandates all suppliers as having zero emissions.</p>	Climate Emergency	Infrastructure and Environment	<p>COVID has had a significant impact on the Stonnington community. Council's investment in COVID Response involves a number of initiatives including: financial support and mentoring for businesses and residents, fee waivers, and rental relief, our outdoor dining program, mental health programs, assisting sporting clubs and local community groups, alongside a diverse range of free experiences to encourage the community to connect.</p> <p>Council is currently seeking community feedback on its first ever draft Climate Emergency Action Plan (until 4 July). Following this, a final plan will be taken to Council for adoption in August/September.</p> <p>While the budget specifies a 'climate emergency' budget item of \$160,000, embedding climate emergency response will be integrated throughout many other budget items going well beyond this amount. For example, Council's tree management budget will form a key element of Council's climate emergency response through urban greening and city cooling. Similarly, cycling budget items will also support sustainable transport, reducing emissions from transport.</p> <p>All-electric upgrades for our aquatic centres is a priority for Council's climate emergency response. As part of the Prahran Aquatic Centre redevelopment, we are investigating all-electric options. For Harold Holt, we will explore all-electric options as plant upgrades are required.</p>
108	Email Submission 29	<p>Good Afternoon Ms. Weatherill, Ms. Mayor &amp; Councillors, RE: CITY OF STONNINGTON DRAFT BUDGET 2021:22</p> <p>Thank you for giving the community the opportunity to provide feedback and written submissions on your draft 2021:22 budget. The Chapel Street Precinct Association (CSPA) wanted to make sure all our members were consulted and part of this important decision. It was imperative that we made sure they were all heard. The CSPA is making this written submission to the City of Stonnington as a collective united voice, on behalf of our members. Many businesses are still doing it tough, even more now that JobKeeper support and rental assistance has ceased. In many cases, businesses are now paying higher rents due to their deferred rents now being due. This is why the CSPA believes that there should be no rate increase in the new financial year given the economic climate and lack of business confidence. CSPA also believes there should be no increase to parking rates at Prahran Square, however, we wanted to put both these questions to our members to see if they in fact agreed. The CSPA shared the proposed budget as a survey to all our members asking the below two questions: 'Do you agree with the potential Stonnington rates increase of 3.5%?' 'Do you think the \$1 for 2 hours parking should be extended at Prahran Square?' Not one of our 2,200+ CSPA members agreed with the rate increase, and 88% voted for the parking rates at Prahran Square not to be increased. Comments were optional. Please see APPENDIX A below for a collection of comments CSPA received as part of member survey responses. These comments have not been censored as we felt it important that Stonnington read the exact responses to clearly understand the black and white feedback, reputational risk and most importantly the feeling that Council don't understand the dire circumstances business are still going through. As you will read and understand from comments below, the impacts of COVID are still with our members and will continue to greatly impact many businesses until our international borders reopen and our economy returns to something resembling normal. The CSPA strongly encourages the Council to lead with empathy and note the feedback from our high profile business community.</p> <p>"Proposing to increase rates by the 2% waived last year and an additional 1.5% sends a message to business owners in our community that Council do not understand that we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 economic crisis. Whilst we would love for this struggle to be over, we can't just pretend that it is and start increasing costs once again. This will send a message that Council do not care, which I know is not the case, however, actions speak much louder than words. I implore the Council to not increase rates or parking fees until we are truly through this crisis. We need as many businesses as possible to make it through and we need to show them our support and understanding throughout," says Mr. Justin O'Donnell, Chairperson of the Chapel Street Precinct Association. CSPA acknowledges Stonnington's proposal to strengthen their Financial Hardship Policy, along with other relief packages offered throughout COVID, however, CSPA still cannot endorse a 3.5% rate increase or an increase to parking fees without losing our integrity. In regards to Council's statement that they experienced a loss of \$1.89 million as a result of a two per cent rate waiver last year and a loss of \$28.1 million income from areas such as car parking revenue, registrations or user fees at places like aquatic centres. The stark reality is that this is the very situation all of our businesses and economy have faced for the last 14 months. None of us will ever recover what we have lost, Council should not be looking to recover their losses from those that have lost so much themselves. What is concerning to the CSPA about this budget is the significant increase in staff costs. An approximate \$6 million increase in costs to \$75.6 million or 60% of all rates. These snowballing staff costs deliver little increase to ROI or actual services to residents. The CSPA requests that the City of Stonnington look to reduce their own costs and improve efficiencies before putting their hand out to those in our community who can least afford it. For businesses to see the significant increase in wage expenditure at Council when they themselves have had to make heartbreaking redundancies with their own teams, makes it appear that Council live in a different reality to their community, whom they are meant to represent. Many businesses have had to make drastic budget cuts just to survive the last 14 months, including reduced salaries and staff redundancies. These are not easy things for businesses to do, however, they have had to do so to survive during these unprecedented times. The CSPA is also concerned that Stonnington staff salaries during 2020 blew out by almost \$3 million (whilst most staff worked from home). Greater focus must be placed on running an efficient organisation and not proposed rates rises.</p>	Rates Parking Charge - Prahran Square	Chief Executive Office	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p> <p>If Council does not apply the rate cap to the uniform rate, this will have a flow on impact to an increase to all Special Rates within the Council.</p> <p>Councils proposal to lift parking fees at Prahran Square normalises fees across our Car Parks within Stonnington. Council has proposed reverting back to the \$1/2hr parking at Prahran Square until 1 January 2022 to further support local Traders</p>

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		<p>The CSPA understands that not raising rates and fees may see some investments impacted, however, this is the reality when businesses are still working their way back into the black. Some short term sacrifices must be made to make it through. Stonnington just can't keep spending and raising rates in a shrinking economy. Businesses will not survive and you will receive fewer rates anyway, which will only then put greater pressure on rates to residents.</p> <p>"Stonnington needs to remember that businesses are still climbing their way out of COVID debt and our businesses still have little confidence given snap lockdowns could happen with little to no notice costing them greatly. The community needs Stonnington's courageous support desperately right now," said Chrissie Maus, Chapel Street Precinct General Manager.</p> <p>So with a retracting economy, we understand that this poses challenges for Council also, however, just like in business you have two options, either raise your rates or reduce your costs and in this situation, we strongly believe the latter, more moral option, is right in the face of a community wavering in economic confidence. We understand that with increased costs in some areas, in normal times, it is sometimes necessary to raise rates to keep track with CPI. However, whilst raising rates is the easier solution for Council, surely the ethical decision right now would be for Council to look at the more difficult option of reducing costs instead, yes it will take more work, however, surely this is fairer than simply passing the cost burden onto those who can least afford it.</p> <p>We implore all Councillors to please stand up and lead on behalf of your community and vote NO to this rate increase and YES to the extension of the \$1 for two hour parking offer at Prahran Square. Show you have true compassion, integrity and understanding for the plight of the businesses and residents.</p> <p>For absolute clarity, the CSPA is vehemently against the proposed 3.5% rate rise and against the increase of parking costs at Prahran Square.</p> <p>The CSPA hopes you all have compassion and understanding. We ask you to take another heartfelt considered look at the options available before simply asking for more from those that have suffered and those that need your support now more than ever.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>			
109	Email Submission 30	<p>To all Stonnington councillors, Could you please consider more immediate funding for our East Malvern Tennis Club. This a popular tennis club providing exercise and entertainment in the Stonnington area. Unfortunately, the facilities, especially the clubhouse, are run-down. Please make our Stonnington area a better place.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
110	Email Submission 31	<p>Re 2021-22 STONNINGTON COUNCIL BUDGET DRAFT</p> <p>Dear Ms Kate Hely, My name is Magda Dais and I am writing in response to Stonnington Council BUDGET DRAFT 2021-22. I am very concerned about proposed 2021-22 Budget's content as it reflects Council's unconcern and loss of touch with its Ratepayers experiencing hardship, loss of jobs, bankruptcies, social problems and serious mental issues Council not recognizing that Community has dealt with the most difficult year and the worst is yet to come That Council does not strive and/or has good will to have Ratepayers/Community welfare in mind, to be innovative, and cost saving efficient I do not support nor endorse 21-22 Budget Draft proposal to increase the rates by staggering 3.5%, being 2% above State Government maximum Cap for 2021-22 year while chasing near record cash SURPLUS &amp; SPENDING As 2021-22 should be a year of at least RATES FREEZE, the Budget forecasts RATE INCOME GROWTH by 5.5% 2021-22 \$126.7M 2020-21 \$120.9M 3.5% of this rate increase is composed of 1.5% 2021-22 State Government maximum Cap 2.0% WAIVED in 2020-21 I presume remaining 2% comes from Council projected rateable property growth... 2% rate waiver of 2020-21 should not be just 'reintroduced'-as Council indicates in 2021-22 Budget A WAIVER is an act of intentionally relinquishing, surrendering, giving up, foregoing, resigning or abandoning of some known right, claim or privilege. It is an official decision that a rule, or agreement does not have to be obeyed, or that you will not ask for something that you have a right to. &lt; Apart from moral and ethical aspect of Council treating its Ratepayers as money pit, the question is: Is it legal to 'reintroduce' 2% Rate Waiver of 2020-21 into 2021-22 Rates..? As per State Government: The ratecap 1.5% for 2021-22 is the maximum amount council can increase general rates and charges... There are no councils with an existing higher rate cap that applies in 2021-22. Past 15 months were indeed very difficult for our Community, have changed us abruptly and demanded of us Residents to remodel our everyday, professional and business models. SC management should have noticed by now the hardship/uncertainty its Community is experiencing and should refocus, reset, modernize its modus operandi - not just dig deep in ratepayers pockets with increased rates in these challenging times, especially that Covid has had minimal impact on Council Rates Revenue (Budget Table page 5)</p>	Rates Expenditure	Chief Executive Office	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p> <p>City of Stonnington investment in information technology has been below industry averages. Increasing this investment will enable IT to better support business operations to respond to customer needs and meet the growing demand for digital services, and our obligation to protect our data. We're operating with legacy systems and processes, and in a decentralised environment. There are key areas we need to address to provide the robust technology framework a modern organisation needs to be able to respond to the needs of its customers, community and employees. This includes technology architecture, network resilience, and business solutions and projects. These are areas that have lacked essential ongoing investment and alignment in effort to date.</p> <p>Additionally, there are four key benefits areas from our proposed 21/22 investment which will generate long term efficiency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of an integrated asset management system and improved controls</li> <li>• Implementation Internet of Things (IoT) capabilities – Smart Cities</li> <li>• Realise productivity gains from the implementation of efficient workflow processes and enhanced data capabilities</li> <li>• Gains realised from focused ICT vendor and contract management.</li> </ul> <p>The investment in information technology is proposed to be funded through our future fund reserve which is an allocation of previous years surpluses to fund strategic acquisitions pertaining to enhanced service delivery for Council.</p> <p>Employee costs are budgeted to increase by 6.05% or \$4.32million compared to forecast 2020/21. This increase relates to the following key factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resuming of all services in 2021/22 (number of casuals staff not included in the 2020/21 budget)</li> <li>• The Council's Enterprise Agreement (EA) and provision growth to increase in 2021/22</li> <li>• The superannuation guarantee increase from 1 July 2021 by 0.5%</li> <li>• Resources related to new service activities which are recovered by revenue</li> <li>• Other changes to meet increased service demand</li> </ul> <p>Council is seeking to develop a best value program in the 2021/22 year which will seek to drive greater efficiency and effectiveness across the organisation over the short and longer-term through a series of Service Reviews. The program will initially focus on service areas of high value-cost-risk and which are expected to produce significant financial/operational benefit from the implementation of change recommendations. These reviews will incorporate fees and charges.</p> <p>The Prahran Town Hall is proposed to be redeveloped into a Library and community spaces replacing the original temporary library. The library has over 100,000 visitations a year and is a significant community building and as a custodian of this significant Heritage building Council is obligated to maintain the</p>

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		<p>SC has grown past 5 years by 9259 residents and 5486 rateable properties - a result of ever increasing number of apartments. This growth alone translates to additional revenue of \$1.GM+ per year.</p> <p>Justifying 3.5% rates hike, 2021-22 Budget informs that Council continues to provide the lowest rates per property comparing with areas such as Moreland... The fact is that the lower average rate per property is generated by densifying our SC area with enormous increase of apartments built and not as such as Council's work efficiency and cost savings.</p> <p>One of the Council's reasons for 3.5% rate increase is '...to create increased focus on efficiency in services we deliver'.. Especially now in the economical crisis environment, Council should make better use of its CURRENT vast pool of human resources to improve services efficiency - at no impact to its quality.</p> <p>It appears that the ballooning staff cost deliver little if any increase in actual services to residents. Budget data shows that Council spends only 25% (\$51M of \$202M income) on actual services that benefit us Residents while the salaries constitute 60% of rates value and 44% of all expenses.</p> <p>Instead of ever increasing number and employees cost ... how about making better use of current workforce? The Budget does not explain the reason for enormous 9% increase of employment expense..</p> <p>\$69.5M 2020-21 \$75.6M 2021-22</p> <p>What is the rationale behind planned SC staff increase by 7.3%? 683 employees 2020-21 733 employees 2021-22</p> <p>Why SC proposes to increase casual and temporary staff expense by additional \$GM? \$ 4.5M 2020-21 \$10.4M 2021-22</p> <p>SC is spending \$11M or 9% of annual rates on Digital Transformation and Technology replacement. Please provide proof of value of such an investment, long term efficiency ( dollar and Staff savings) that this proposed investment would deliver.</p> <p>The following items included in the services deliver little value to the community or are excessively costly: \$2.6M Organizational Development- in fact internal cost not providing community service \$3.6M Risk Management - again, internal cost not providing community service \$3.3M Economic Development - what it is exactly? \$1.2M Environment Policy-what is it? \$3.2M Communications- ...'external communication on behalf of Council' being 100% increase since 18/19 but why? \$1.2M Chapel Off Chapel losing \$1M py....how about finding sponsors? patrons?..</p> <p>SC with its \$202M budget runs 40 businesses to deliver services... 2020-21 Budget does not provide basic indication that the business is driven by savings, efficiency, innovation. Instead, it demands of its Ratepayers to pay higher rates, 2% of each being waived previous year. Is it efficient in 21st Century in time of economical crisis and hardship? Council must change its culture of ever rate increase, digging deep in Ratepayers pockets. Otherwise SC will not be able to RE-think, RE-invent itself how to do things differently and still provide quality service.</p> <p>CEO should implement to all businesses meaningful EFFICIENCY TARGETS of say 5% to generate greater PRODUCTIVITY and INNOVATION resulting in COST SAVING at NO EXPENSE of improved services quality. Part of CEO salary should also depend on achieving Efficiency Targets in the corporation of Council.</p> <p>Council should DEFER all non-essential projects - such as Prahran Town Hall \$30M restoration. &lt; It is not right time to spend \$2.1M on VEHICLE Replacement</p> <p>It is not right time to chase near record \$39.995M cash SURPLUS</p> <p>I do not have confidence in Stonnington Council 2021-22 Budget and therefore do not support/endorse its content. It is not driven by cost savings, efficiency, Ratepayers welfare in mind. I object to Council 'reintroducing' previously waived 2% rise. Council should make ethical decision to at least RATE FREEZE for 2021-22</p>			building in line with Heritage controls.
111	Email Submission 32	<p>Your consideration of my submission is greatly appreciated. Thanking you for your time.</p> <p>To the CEO of Stonnington I write to provide feedback regarding the most recent budget. My suggestions are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since COVID-19 I have noticed many councils increase the amount of outdoor gym equipment. I would love to see Stonnington install something more fun than just pull up bars. How about something similar to the monkey bars and rings at Santa Monica in the US? Image included below for your reference in case you haven't seen it before.</li> <li>2. To respond to the climate emergency and the consequences of COVID-19, the way our economy operates needs to change. There's no compromise on this, and we have seen this in more progressive countries. Encouraging residents to consume business as usual is not the answer, we can't stay in an elevator cycle of always wanting more. I would love to see Council invest in better educating residents about alternative economies so that people's mindset can become more accustomed / comfortable to changing our economic structure. There are established transition towns all over the world - it isn't such a crazy idea for Stonnington to re-prioritise, but we need to be exposed to this more. Part of this can include more investment into re-visioning our famous shopping strips like Chapel Street so there is more than just bars and shops. What about using these spaces for arts and community and culture? Other inner city councils have been doing this throughout COVID-19, we can too!</li> <li>3. It has been great seeing all the activations post-COVID-19 to bring people back into the community. I support the ongoing funding and investment in community arts, theatre and circus.</li> <li>4. It would be great to see an increase in investment for programming that is focused on involving the community about environmentalism. This isn't just to learn more, but to also do more. The working bees at Yarra River are a great example. What other ways can we be part of change? I'd love to see Stonnington invest in car-free days. There's a lot of work that can be done around this to measure the difference in emissions, increase in active transport, increase in community participation to demonstrate its benefits. Also makes for a wonderful opportunity to increase cycling education and it's far less scary with less cars on the road. Tokyo, Chicago, LA do this regularly - it's not groundbreaking, it's just what's been happening for years everywhere else!</li> </ol> <p>Thank you Stonnington Resident</p>	Capital - playground Arts	Community and Wellbeing Environment and Infrastructure	<p>Council is currently seeking community feedback on its first ever draft Climate Emergency Action Plan (until 4 July). Following this, a final plan will be taken to Council for adoption in August/September.</p> <p>Council has the second lowest amount of open space per capita of any municipality in Victoria and as such has developed an open space strategy to help maintain the open space ratio. Due to a continuously growing population council's strategy looks to purchase properties and create open space in strategic locations. This helps to maintain open space at reasonable levels which is a measure of a city's livability. We also look for opportunities to develop the open space as it aligns with Council's active Stonnington policy developing and renewing playgrounds and maintaining the community open space to high levels.</p> <p>The Council Plan 2021-2025 will seek community feedback in August/September 2021 prior to adoption. Council will then develop a number of pillar city strategies to meet the evolving economic structure and drive our Council Plan objectives.</p>



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112	Email Submission 33	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Too much is spent on increasing executive of council and special projects. Not enough spent on services.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spend on?: Less spent on councillor projects that aren't specifically needed or wanted by ratepayers. Current focus on building netball courts without equivalent spend on other sporting needs is unbalanced.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Improving services such as cleaning street drains in autumn to prevent blockages, getting rid of uneven and dangerous pavements, maintains parks including removal of dead branches etc, cleaning stagnant disgusting ponds.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you actually access?: Library services are very good and we use them. Rubbish collection is important and well done. Maintaining road markings such as STOP lines which wear off quickly. This isn't done often. Footpath maintenance is very poor.</p> <p>Do you support a 3.5% INCREASE, a Rates FREEZE or a Rates REDUCTION?: I would support a rates freeze this financial year.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
113	Email Submission 34	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Staff Costs up \$6.9M ? why ? what is the justification and especially when companies are watching the bottom line? there is no logical reason why anyone in council should receive a pay increase? its clearly not on a performance basis as they cant seem to manage our money.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spend on?: wage increase ! it must stop now over investment in projects without a proper business case ? do we really need such a large scale stadium? do we need to spending \$30 million on a pool upgrade? Digital upgrade - where is the data to reflect such a huge investment ?</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: RRR- footpaths are falling apart, roads need to be resurfaced. what are they doing to tackle graffiti , homelessness and especially on chapel street! its dangerous around there. They need someone new to manage Chapel Precinct as Ms Maud is out of her depth.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you actually access?: roads and gutters are important events art and culture - we need life in our city ..its a dull boring place Aged services - we need council run aged care facility's are more things to do for the elderly</p> <p>Do you support a 3.5% INCREASE, a Rates FREEZE or a Rates REDUCTION?: a rates freeze is required and especially until the world has managed this pandemic.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
114	Email Submission 35	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Stop spending so much rate payer money. Don't increase rates at all this year. A lot of people have been severely impacted by the pandemic. You are running a massive surplus, it is unnecessary to raise rates! You don't need to increase rates just because you can.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spend on?: The Tesla for the mayor is a complete waste of rate payer money. Stop wasting money on promoting Cato square. It is a park, not a business. Set an efficiency target, start cutting unnecessary costs and review costs to make sure what Stonnington is paying is competitive. \$2.2 million on culture!?</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Essential services and carols by candlelight.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you actually access?: Essential services, hard waste day and carols by candlelight</p> <p>Do you support a 3.5% INCREASE, a Rates FREEZE or a Rates REDUCTION?: Absolutely not Freeze rates until your surplus is running at below \$3-4 million and you have implemented efficiencies.</p> <p>Reply directly</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
115	Email Submission 36	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Wallace Avenue, Toorak</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spend on?: Council costs! It's outrageous that so little of our money is spent on the People and city of Stonnington and so much on council employees and other absurdities!</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you actually access?: -</p> <p>Do you support a 3.5% INCREASE, a Rates FREEZE or a Rates REDUCTION?: -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
116	Email Submission 37	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Increased rates costs at this particular time.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spend on?: Donations to charities and council carrying out expensive developments such as the new "park" and shops near the Prahran Market and well as the new sporting development out at Chadstone.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: (1) Street scape. There are weeds growing out of the foot paths and at other places in the Stonnington precincts. It looks extremely untidy. (2) The debacle every day at the intersection of St. Georges Road and Lansell Road caused by parents collecting children from St.Kevins. (3) The debacle at the Grange Road Bridge and intersection of Alexandra Ave caused by the extreme volume of traffic.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you actually access?: Streetscapes and traffic control.</p> <p>Do you support a 3.5% INCREASE, a Rates FREEZE or a Rates REDUCTION?: YES yes yes.</p> <p>Reply directly</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
117	Email Submission 38	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: -</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spend on?: I would like to see a more focused effort on reducing unnecessary services expenditure and taking a strategic approach to the continuing increase in costs for staff</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you actually access?: -</p> <p>Do you support a 3.5% INCREASE, a Rates FREEZE or a Rates REDUCTION?: No</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
118	Email Submission 39	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Council should not be increasing rates in the current challenging environment especially given a surplus is budgeted.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spend on?: Staff costs should be controlled and a greater focus on the cost of external service providers.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Council should focus on delivering services that directly benefit the community.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you actually access?: Council has done a great job in enhancing and maintaining the local infrastructure including Como Park and the South bank of the Yarra. The ongoing expenditure on our parks should be encouraged.</p> <p>Do you support a 3.5% INCREASE, a Rates FREEZE or a Rates REDUCTION?: I do not support an increase in rates at this time given the difficult environment for many ratepayers and Council's current strong financial, operating and capital position.</p> <p>Reply directly</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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119	Email Submission 40	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Proposed increase in rates to fund staff budget increases and unjustified projects.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spend on?: Staff salary increases, use of consultants. Projects without clear business cases.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you actually access?: -</p> <p>Do you support a 3.5% INCREASE, a Rates FREEZE or a Rates REDUCTION?: -</p> <p>Reply directly or go to your site's Inbox: Respond Now</p> <p>If you think this submission is spam, report it as spam. To edit your email settings, go to your Inbox on desktop. To help</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
120	Email Submission 41	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: -</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spend on?: Less spending on staffing and internal risk management</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Next year should focus on improving communication services and fund to help boost businesses in Stonington.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you actually access?: We found it hard to access to the services provide by the council.</p> <p>Do you support a 3.5% INCREASE, a Rates FREEZE or a Rates REDUCTION?: I support for rate reduction.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
121	Email Submission 42	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: The wages budget is out of control and we as a community are not getting better services</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spend on?: Yourselfes</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Basic infrastructure – the state of our shopping strips, footpaths and roads</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you actually access?: I don't currently use any services as not required. I use the roads, the parks and shop local</p> <p>Do you support a 3.5% INCREASE, a Rates FREEZE or a Rates REDUCTION?: Basically rates should not be increased but the \$200m income should be managed better with residents and ratepayers in mind</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
122	Email Submission 43	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Unnecessary expenditure and excessive rates.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spend on?: Amenities being completed without a meaningful business case.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Facilitating access to local businesses.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you actually access?: Rubbish collection</p> <p>Do you support a 3.5% INCREASE, a Rates FREEZE or a Rates REDUCTION?: Rates Reduction</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
123	Email Submission 44	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: too much money spent on more plans and salaries, especially executive level. not enough on roads, footpaths, parks</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spend on?: less on staffing costs</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Roads, footpaths, playgrounds</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you actually access?: Roads, footpaths, playgrounds are important</p> <p>Do you support a 3.5% INCREASE, a Rates FREEZE or a Rates REDUCTION?: RATES SHOULD BE FROZEN AT THIS TIME</p> <p>Reply directly or go to your site's Inbox: Respond Now</p> <p>If you think this submission is spam, report it as spam. To edit your email settings, go to your Inbox on desktop. To help</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
124	Email Submission 45	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Councillors and executive salaries are to high. They increase substantially every year. These people are councillors not MP's. If the executives dont like it they can leave.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spend on?: Stop duplicating what the state government is responsible for. Reduce staff by 30% over 3 years through retirement and natural attrition. I don't like redundancy sackings though.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Core functions and a hard waste collection like in Port Phillip were I live. 4 collection of 4 cubic metres per collection on demand. Flat residents really need this service when compared to houses as flat tenants move more often and junk is left in the streets which is not a good look.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you actually access?: Core functions which what councils are largely set up for.</p> <p>Do you support a 3.5% INCREASE, a Rates FREEZE or a Rates REDUCTION?: A reduction by getting rid of the "could have" expenditure.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
125	Email Submission 46	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Rates increase</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Electric cars for the mayor, projects such as Prahran Square, renovation of Mayor's office</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
126	Email Submission 47	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Not enough is spent on road/footpath maintenance. At currently ~1% of Council rates revenue, this is an abysmal amount.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Much less should be spent on Chapel St Redesign</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Safety, accessibility and street/footpath maintenance</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Accessing information digitally is still woefully inadequate and incomplete. It is important that all Council information be made available electronically.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : Rates freeze</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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127	Email Submission 48	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Only 25% of council income is spent on real services to residents. Staff costs are up \$6.9m or 9% this year, mainly in "Executive leadership team". This needs to be reviewed. What would you like to see LESS spent on?: As said above, salary levels need to be curtailed, particularly in the current environment. What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: - What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: - Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
128	Email Submission 49	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Rate increases. No reduction in spending. Spending on non-essential items. No more wasteful projects like Prahran Square. Increases in fees are often exorbitant - eg 10.5% for a 10-visit concession pass to Prahran Pool. What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Political projects, eg Climate Emergency. Staff numbers. Staff cars. What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: The basics. What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Recreation. Parks and Prahran Pool. Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : C</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
129	Email Submission 50	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: I am totally opposed to an increase in rates. I think it is an unconscionable proposal in the current environment. It's time the new Council started to support residents in its constituency - instead of promoting themselves as the enemy! What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Less money should be paid to the Councillors. Some have proved to be uncontactable because "they have other jobs". Others are wasting time discussing self-serving topics such as Ward Meetings. They are not doing the job they were elected to do. What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: The Council which has a Green component and several new young people, should be prioritising environmental conservation. In particular, they have a responsibility to act to preserve the neighbourhood character of Toorak - one of the great suburbs in the country. And they should feel privileged to be in the position to do so. What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: - Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : I totally support a rates freeze.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
130	Email Submission 51	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Rate increases. No reduction in spending. Spending on non-essential items. No more wasteful projects like Prahran Square. Increases in fees are often exorbitant - eg 10.5% for a 10-visit concession pass to Prahran Pool. What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Political projects, eg Climate Emergency. Staff numbers. Staff cars. What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: The basics. What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Recreation. Parks and Prahran Pool. Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : C</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
131	Email Submission 52	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Rate Rise Lack of transparency in all areas Continued spending of ratepayers money on areas already well compensated over many years to the detriment of areas of need e.g. street maintenance, increasing deterioration of traffic flow due to uncontrolled building and construction works What would you like to see LESS spent on?: All areas not directly involved in Stonnington including philosophical and political attitudes of the established group of councillors that continue to act in defiance of the overall interests of the majority of rate payers. What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: The Council should act according to their duties and service the community uninfluenced by their own personal attitudes and by regular consultation with the wider community rather than select subgroups. We have a council that are grouped with Casey, Darwin, Brimbank etc for good reason What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Maintenance of basic services. Control of traffic movement. Progressive destruction of the character and function of shopping centres by needless poorly developed development.e.g. Toorak Village, Chapel St, South Yarra,etc. Nonsense re the development of Tree Canopy re short /long term advantages. EXCESSIVE WAGE INCREASE for decreasing performance Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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132	Email Submission 53	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: The proposed increase is not acceptable since: 1. the valuations of property have increased and therefore the rates automatically increase 2. 6.8 million is spent on executive salaries and only 25% of the budget is spent on services 3. most of the staffing increase goes to executive salaries 4. The lord mayor's salary is \$110,000 p.a PLUS an expensive Tesla of \$70,000 is very high considering she has no prior council experience 5. ONLY 1% of revenue goes to the upgrade of footpaths</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Less should be spent on executive salaries and much more on services to ratepayers in particular (1) road repairs after new buildings have not properly repaired roads cut by them to deal with the connection of services. These damage cars AND (2) footpath repairs which are not attended to just patched AND (3) street cleaning which is infrequent AND (4) rubbish dumped on nature strips in Toorak Rd and all side streets which is not collected by council Having regard to the above mentioned problems executives do not merit any increases in salaries nor should there be more executives employed.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus its spending on?: Should focus on services for rate payers and not on executive salaries nor the employment of more executives</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: 1. Street cleaning throughout the entire area 2. Street drainage is often blocked due to over building and concreting as a result of the destruction of gardens 3. footpath repair and replacement instead of patching</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : a reduction and freeze on staffing salaries and any further appointments</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
133	Email Submission 54	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Proposed rate increase</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: 1. Tesla cars 2. excessive reviews and arbitration on location of netball courts when logic should prevail i.e. don't destroy PT park, use the Holmesglen or East Malvern RSL site. Council keeps claiming we don't have enough green spaces, then proceeds to wipe out a long standing park! 3. Stop planting inappropriate street trees that lift paving causing constant maintenance work. 4. Drawing picnic circles on parklands</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus its spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
134	Email Submission 55	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: The budget spends relatively little on ratepayer services that actually impact us on a day to day basis seems to contain many of what I would call "vanity" projects and a considerable increase in staff costs for no discernible benefit. The CEO should be leading the effort to reduce costs and rates and I see no evidence of that - in fact the reverse is happening.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Less spent on what amounts to "vanity" internal projects, administration and other activities that have no bearing on the efficient delivery of services to ratepayers. I understand the council provides the mayor with a Tesla. Why?</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus its spending on?: On the ground services that people actually need. For example, I have yet to sight a street sweeper to clean up the pile of leaves from council trees in Dunraven Avenue. Why not?</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: I use relatively little. I just want good amenity, decent roads and footpaths, decent drainage, lighting and community facilities that the community actually wants and uses.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : C</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
135	Email Submission 57	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: The budget is allocating funds to areas that are out of step with what the rate payers want. The overall increase of 3.5% is in appropriate in a post pandemic period. The staff cost increases are also inappropriate at this time. This reflects a lack of sensitivity to what is happening to the average ratepayer in Stonnington. Council should be aggressively looking for ways to reduce costs at this time.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Council should spend less on Digital Transformation unless savings can be shown in staffing or some other cost reductions. Organizational development should only be included if it is to cover redundancies. Where are the efficiencies that should flow from the investment in development. The surplus that is 15% of revenue is too high. In a period when ratepayers are still feeling the effects of the pandemic the council should be sympathetic and not increase rates are all.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus its spending on?: Cleaning and waist Parks and gardens Social interactions for the elderly</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Waist removal Street scape Roads and the removal of man made pot holes. Stonnington is Australia's premiere location and residents and visitors should be able to see it when they enter the area. When you drive around Los Angeles you know when you enter Beverley Hills. Not so with Stonnington.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : I support a rate freeze for next year.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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136	Email Submission 58	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Dump the 3.5% rate increase (\$4.4m) and fund it from the \$31m surplus. As we recover from the impact of COVID19 we need to stimulate growth amongst local SME's by providing incentives not increased costs.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: The 'services' budget needs better explanation so ratepayers can better understand how OUR money is being spent. KPI's need to be introduced to measure the expenditure 'benefits'. Council executive needs to be accountable!!</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Implementation of methods to hold executive and staff accountable. It's our money Council spends so they need to show how effective they and their programs are, just like any private enterprise does.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Other than roads and rubbish disposal, the library and parks are the only other services I use.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : C</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
137	Email Submission 60	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Digital transformation ??? outcome ?? return on rate payers dollars Zero!</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Wages!!! Show people value for money !</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Physically improve the area with tangible things that rate payers can see and feel . Clean up Chapel , Fix footpaths &amp; roads</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
138	Email Submission 61	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: I don't agree with a rate rise</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: I'm against the 5% increase in rates I support Cr Marcia Griffins recommendations and all her inovative ideas set out in her response email to council.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
139	Email Submission 62	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: The increase in rates of 3.5%</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Executive salaries Percy Trevyaud redevelopment</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Aged care services Libraries and education services for children Subsidised child care that is means tested Inappropriate development approvals of high rise towers in predominantly single/two storey blocks areas</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Library Disabled parking (due to be outsourced to Vic Roads)</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
140	Email Submission 63	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: There appears to be an absence of hard data with regard to the direct benefit of expenditure on the quality of life of the ratepayer. I'd like to see more informative justification.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Less on IT. It's a means to an end, not an end in itself. Less on motor vehicles. What are the figures on maintenance as against replacement?</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: More on footpaths and cycling paths.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Parks and gardens. Cycling paths.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : rates freeze.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
141	Email Submission 64	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: I absolutely don't agree with the rate increases.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Lot less spent on administration and staff wages.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: More road and footpaths services Better planning regarding new developments</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Public transport. Rubbish collection. Road service and maintenance</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : I would definitely like to see a freeze on rate increases. Many families are struggling after Covid lock downs.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
142	Email Submission 67	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Staffing costs absurd and nowhere enough effort to fix up footpaths and really engage with the community</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Expensive projects like Prahran Square which is a failure and other inappropriate spending with no benefit to the community</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
143	Email Submission 68	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Broken promises. Rates increase unacceptable.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Marketing of chapel street.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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144	Email Submission 69	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Lots of nebulous activities with fancy names to hide money which is being wasted. Spurious activities like "Digital Transformation Strategy," and "Organisational Development, What would you like to see LESS spent on?: 1.2 Million on Environment Policy. This is a good one to spend money on nothing. Who benefits from the 1.2Million. We already know what needs to be done. Vehicle replacement, does this include the Mayor's Tesla and will he get a new model next budget?</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Focus spending on tangible activities like Road Resurfacing, Footpaths and/or tangible amenities.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: What is important to me: Stop inappropriate development like concrete structures that look like bunkers or factory buildings/offices, we need to preserve a pleasant streetscape. If you spend money in the budget to implement this I support it.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : I support for rate freezes.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
145	Email Submission 73	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: There is a lack of transparency. Not enough details about the break down in each category. For a start each business day Stonnington spends \$76,000 on rubbish collection. How many truck do you have? How many staff? It is \$384000 per week. Seems an astronomical expense.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Hard to tell what to spend less on when you only provide a very broad break down of expenses. For a start could we know each councillors salary, if they work a second job also, and all the perks provided? IS there \$70,000 being spent on a new car for the mayor? Do they not already have their own car they could use with a petrol allowance?</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: If the council requires so much money for salaries I don't think it is worth while having any councils. You will do yourselves out of a job. Three tiers of government is not required in Australia and council seems very inefficient</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Fenced parks for dogs and children</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : b or c</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
146	Email Submission 76	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: The rate charges by a continuing underperforming and detached council despite changes as a result of the recent election reflects the dishonesty still present in the council members in their decisions as highlighted in the Age newspaper in 2020. The new Mayor has already disappointingly joined these councillors who have continued to behave in this way.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: The distribution of money to support political and philosophical expression not only in our council but other areas to the detriment of services in Stonnington such as traffic control, control of building and construction sites especially those impacting on ratepayers movement. More transparency of all decisions with more involvement of rate payers affected'</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: First and foremost SERVICING in all areas. The Stonnington Council specialises in window dressing and distraction. It certainly with its recent councillors is not interested nor even cares about performing duties as required. I would ask the council to just carry out the duties expected of a City Council</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Health measures particularly public health in all areas from street cleaning, sporting areas. Road maintenance and free flow of traffic.The recent tragedy involving the double link truck has the potential to occur in many streets in Stonnington due to the totally unregulated movement of these building and construction vehicles. Stonnington is totally neglectful and travelling on the streets in a car is now and has been for years a great risk.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : b</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
147	Email Submission 77	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Nothing.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: themselves , increasing council staff wages. We all have had a hit during covid it needs to be minimal.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: ensuring the roads/footpaths are tidy. I know my street i live is untidy. The laneway behind me is appalling full of overgrown trees. Ensuring that there is less construction of apartment buildings there are too many going up especially near Heyington station.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Fixing roads, cleaning up debris from trees and leaves on roads footpaths. Ensuring the neighbourhood is safe and increase parking around toorak village from 1hr to 2-4 hrs so we can do adequate shopping.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : C</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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148	Email Submission 78	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: The Council needs to focus on services that matter to our daily lives as residents and ratepayers rather than demanding higher rates year after year.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Stop unnecessary, 'frivolous' spending. In the light of the negative result COVID has had on us, why would you continue spending half a million dollars a year on Prahran square where \$72 million of our money has already gone!</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Invest the funds you already have into better services, road maintenance, streetscapes, public parks and gardens, waste management and recycling. And better communication with us (rather than none at all) would be welcome.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: In Toorak, residents and ratepayers want you to start having some impact regarding saving our neighbourhood character from destruction and preserving our heritage homes. We have provided you with enough information to do this - at our own expense.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B) - a rates FREEZE. Do what you can with the money you've already got.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
149	Email Submission 84	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Overspending on staffing, cars &amp; non essential services</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Less spending on anything outside of core services</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
150	Email Submission 85	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Rates increase is absolutely ridiculous</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Council wages</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
151	Email Submission 87	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: What does Digital transformation include? Why is this a stonnington remit? Surely this is state govt Why the high executive costs? Accountability?</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Wages, less of chapel st. Unless much of that area is rezoned as residential Chapel st is the wrong mix</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you actually access?: -</p> <p>Do you support A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a Rates REDUCTION: -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
152	Email Submission 88	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: While most business is closing down and people lost their jobs, the council is on spending spree joyride.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Why do you do you need \$8mil of digital transformation? What's your business case?</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you actually access?: -</p> <p>Do you support A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a Rates REDUCTION: -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
153	Email Submission 89	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: The increase in rates &amp; the lack of transparency in spending.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spend on?: While sports facilities and parks are important, better research into the basketball courts situation is needed before so much money is spent. Real community centres where residents of all ages and backgrounds can come together for such activities as repairing &amp; maintaining household items, bikes, cars etc. would be a way of getting residents together. Prahran has a lot of graffiti which is the product of wilful damage by unchallenged minds which need to be re-educated &amp; helped to see how ugly &amp; destructive this is.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Providing better services for the residents and businesses alike.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you actually access?: Street sweeping is a joke in Autumn - perhaps additional machines could be purchased so that all streets could be swept on a more regular basis.</p> <p>Do you support a 3.5% INCREASE, a Rates FREEZE or a Rates REDUCTION?: I support neither a raise nor reduction in rates; I support a rates freeze for the term of the present council members.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
154	Email Submission 91	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Prior Rd, East Malvern.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Digitalisation. PTMP stadium.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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155	Email Submission 92	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: The increase in rates is obscene given the current circumstances and compared to other Councils.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Less money on salaried Council staff.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Safe footpaths for all - particularly the elderly and disabled. Street cleaning - happens in some locations but certainly not in our street which is annoying as we have Acorn trees which are high maintenance.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Rubbish removal which is fine, but more could be done to collect rubbish in the streets now that the team during COVID have finished - the dirty streets are noticeable.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B)</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
156	Email Submission 93	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: The increase in rates is unjustified. Too many employees and managers doing too little.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: CEO Tesla. Get him or her to purchase their own car like we do!</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B)Rate Freeze</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
157	Email Submission 94	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: I object to the proposed rate increase, the increase in staffing costs, the top heavy management costs, the spending on cars, the overall spending on administrative costs that are not clearly itemised and the lack of spending overall on issues that benefit the ratepayer especially on repairing footpaths etc.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: I would like to see less money spent on council vehicles, especially Tesla cars, management, staffing costs, consultants, excessive reviews, "covid safe" circles and signs in parks (we are all adults).</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Council should focus its spending on its core business i.e. providing good and timely services such as maintenance of roads, footpaths, garbage services, services to aid the elderly and disabled, sports fields, graffiti management etc. and forget about trying to save the planet single handedly. That is not their core business and not what we pay them to do.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Important council services as above as well as fighting inappropriate development which is something for which they receive a very large FAIL. They seem hell bent on making leafy, single residential Malvern East into a high rise slum so that the rest of Stonnington can rest easy in the knowledge our "quota" for increased housing has been done in someone else's backyard, making Malvern Road residents the "sacrificial lambs"</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : I support B - a rates freeze.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
158	Email Submission 95	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Too much spending on wages not enough on services</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: White elephants like the new square</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
159	Email Submission 96	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: excessive spending</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: every thing</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: getting rates reduced</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: rubbish removed and maintained roadways.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : C</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
160	Email Submission 97	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: The increase in rates and expenditure is disgraceful and unnecessary</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Less staff and less expenditure on silly "woke" programs</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Rates roads rubbish</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : C</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
161	Email Submission 98	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Rate rises &amp; the extraordinary ballooning of cost of wages.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Woke related activities including e-vehicles (use the city's awesome tram / train networks, walk and ride), entertainment &amp; art related fluff.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Services - roads, waste, graffiti prevention activities (better engagement that involves police, council, schools &amp; youth)and working to reduce rough sleepers and begging on our street.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Snap Send &amp; Solve to report problems</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.



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162	Email Submission 99	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: The rate increase</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Salaried Council staff</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Aged care and some assistance with homeless. Safe footpaths -Stonnington has the worst and most dangerous footpaths around</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Rubbish removal- and more cleaning up of streets - the COVID team did a great job keeping the streets clean.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
163	Email Submission 100	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Increase in rates</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Communication - this should all be electronic</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
164	Email Submission 102	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: I immediately picked up the high amount spent on salaries for executive staff compared with the amount spent on improving street scapes.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Executive salaries</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: The ordinary stuff - local streets, back lane improvements</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Waste collection</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : C Only because the main purpose of council is to keep local assets maintained and clean and to ensure household waste is collected. I would like to see more (MUCH MORE) garden and open spaces. We do not need too many executives to manage the core function of council.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Communication - this should all be electronic</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
165	Email Submission 103	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: It's detail is fuzzy. There seems to be a lot of excess they are not fully costed out or justified. Little trimming of the fat. So much spending is patching up problems (eg footpath maintenance) which just kicks the can down the road.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Car abs IT upgrades: sure there can be minimising there. Executive salaries. Chapel street: enough is enough. Staff increases without an real increase in service or productivity and little clarity on why.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
166	Email Submission 104	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Percy Treyvaud Masterplan This is a controversial issue. The whole project is expected to be \$46M at this stage. This year's spend of \$7M reflects 5.5% of rates income. It is high. Over the last 5 years, Council has spruiked that this project is desperately needed. There is still no business case. The entire premise of this spend rests on the following equation. "The average number of netball/basketball courts metro councils have is about 1 per 1800 persons. Stonnington's population is 120,000 - therefore we need "X" number of courts and are roughly 14 courts short". There is no evidence that ANY kids in Stonnington are unable to play highball sports, rather, there are almost 50 courts right on Stonnington's boundaries with Boroondara, Monash, Glen Eira, Yarra, etc. This spending continues to be a political issue.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Staff One job is handed over to another person!</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Vote of no confidence to CEO!! Less expense more work</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Parks and gardens</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : c</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
167	Email Submission 105	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Too much funding for staffing costs and projects that should have a lower priority</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Staffing costs, vehicle replacement and IT equipment</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Footpaths, roads and drains.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Footpaths and roads</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : C</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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168	Email Submission 106	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Lack of spending detail, clarity &amp; openness An increase in an already top heavy bureaucracy Rate increases when the platform most would-be councillors spruiked was retention of low rates:</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: A pared down administrative body Reduced salaries for all admin. Rates to be frozen or in line with CPI, given many are still unemployed and seniors/retirees are now devoid of bank interest...a 3.5% hike is untenable.</p> <p>Conscientious spending: Tesla v. Nissan Leaf or better still, an EV bicycle with child attachment if necessary ie Lead by example.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Hiring a reputable independent company to streamline expenses The encroachment of schools on to parks must be resolved and restriction of cars at drop-off and pick-up times to be implemented. A short walk to a designated main street/s is good for all and will reduce the outrageous congestion &amp; selfish behaviours that have become 'main stream'</p> <p>Eliminate building density and subsequent congestion which has become out of hand. Incorporate a minimum 4mx4m external 'room' in all developments per dwelling and curtail height to 3 storeys, inclusive of the ground floor.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Libraries, parks and retention of natural green spaces.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : Given these times, with due process and proper management a rate reduction is viable. Councillors might have to work more diligently, but then they are paid a healthy wage to do just that ie. represent the residents A freeze becomes a ticking time bomb and gives no certainty for residents.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
169	Email Submission 107	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Increased spending on staff well above CPI Little increase in spending on facilities &amp; services that benefit rate payers. Lack of focus on the ratepayer: No apparent commitment to linking any increase in expenditure to increased service provision. No increased efficiencies identified</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Reduce spending on staff &amp; projects. Focus on efficient delivery of services essential to the locals community</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
170	Email Submission 108	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: A rate hike with little, or no, apparent justification. The council seems very light on for details.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Project development and organisational development. Too many niche, or special interest, projects. Money spent on communications should actually provide ratepayers with useful information that they need to (or would like to) know. There appears to be a lack of transparency and plenty of spin.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Providing services for ratepayers. The amount spent on roads, for instance, is insufficient. More needs to be done on recycling and reducing rubbish.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Libraries and parks, mainly.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B. A rates freeze</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
171	Email Submission 109	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Rate increase of 3.5% is unconscionable in these stressful times. Show some care for the constituents</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Monuments of grandiosity such as the Cato square which services few.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Existing structures, swimming pool, parks ( so appreciated in lockdown) streets, roads, recycling projects, community gardens, support for the homeless( all too visible in Chapel St) and the elderly</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : rate freeze</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
172	Email Submission 110	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: The proposed increase in this year's rates. The hike in staff costs. The amount spent on non-ratepayer services that are hard to justify.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Staff costs and numbers. Non-ratepayer services. unjustified projects that do not demonstrate viability.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Basic services, footpaths, community services</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Primarily the services a ratepayer benefits form without some of the non-essential frill services that are not council responsibilities</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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173	Email Submission 111	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Services such as road and footpath maintenance, street cleaning, big expenditure on capital works without adequate business case.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: More money on maintaining and upgrading what we have with regard to sporting facilities before we build more. More childcare &amp; kindergartens especially at the Western end of Stonnington</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Road and footpath maintenance and increasing the number of roads and footpaths that are upgraded yearly. Upgrade of existing sporting facilities.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Parks</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
174	Email Submission 112	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: I don't like this budget as there is not a lot of benefit to me and my family. I am annoyed that the replacement vehicle costs are so high and I do not understand the specific number of vehicles and the need for them to be replaced concurrently. Surely there is a benefit if the old vehicles are phased out gradually. I am annoyed that so much money was committed to Chapel Square. I would caution the council on spending so much money in one area, when other shopping precincts are experiencing shops closing. Playing favourites in one ward is too selective. I am annoyed that the council became so involved in trying to get the Chadstone Bowls Club out of their premises, when the community were so against the council's plans. Obviously a lot of money was spent in contingency plans. Now there appears to be more to be spent on something that is not warranted.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: I would like less to be spent on shopping centres.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Footpath upgrades. We live in an area that has many European trees and the footpaths are always in need of upkeep.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: I think that the library is important. Taking care of our elderly people is important. The arts is an important adjunct to people's lives in the community.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : I support a rates freeze. I will be voting for the councillors who are representative of my wishes. I will be advocating that my neighbours and other constituents of Stonnington do the same. I do not understand the need for an increase of rates when, having the benefit of multiple occupancies in many places where single dwellings once existed, the council have an income stream that has increased with so many inputs ranging from street permits to unload vehicles associated with construction, to an increase in revenue due the ratepayers moving into this area.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
175	Email Submission 113	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Too much spent on services.chapel st redesign.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Wages for executives. What about spending more on street cleaners repairs,people who actually work.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
176	Email Submission 115	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: I oppose the 3.5% increase in rates. This is significantly greater than inflation and is a simple money grab!</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Multicultural/indigenous politically correct mumbo jumbo</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Foot paths!</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
177	Email Submission 116	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Only 25% of rates being spent on services to rate payers. Excessive expenditure on management. Poor services re footpaths and cleaning of lanes</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Executives salaries and less non productive people in th council</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Streamlining the whole council and more focus on general business eg lowering rates, general cleaning on the environment,less money spent on Prahan market parking and environs.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Garbaging collection only</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : c</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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178	Email Submission 117	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: I am not supportive of a rate increase. I have lived in the city of Stonnington for over 30 years and have not seen vale for money in many years.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Development Legal fees fighting ratepayers</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: They should listen to what their ratepayers want. We want a vibrant, safe, livable municipality. Council should beautify our streets, repair footpaths, address parking issues in residential streets. Council needs to attract restaurants/cafes and drawcard businesses to create confidence in our high streets. Toorak Road South Yarra and Chapel Street are dead, FIX THEM UP!</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: We need to continue to support our community with libraries, home care, hard waste street cleaning etc</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
179	Email Submission 118	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Limited investment in roads, footpaths and rubbish/waste management.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Discretionary capital projects like Prahran Town Hall. Council has demonstrated with Prahran Square that they are unable to responsibly spend ratepayer income on such large, discretionary/vanity projects.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Improving roads, footpaths, rubbish/waste management and parks/playgrounds for residents/ratepayers, especially on and around, Albion Street, South Yarra.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Roads, footpaths, rubbish/waste management, parks/playgrounds, the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Service and Library.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
180	Email Submission 119	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: TO MUCH MONEY SPENT ON STAFF SALARIES</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: STAFF SALARIES</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: STAFF SALARIES</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: OPEN SPACE LIKE THE EAST MALVERN CRSL OPEN SPACE WHICH IS A JOKE</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : C</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
181	Email Submission 120	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: \$11 million is a large amount, but is it spent wisely. Our round-about, street plantings are very substandard. Lomandra is popular with the Council. Cheap,boring, not up to Toorak standards &amp; collects rubbish. What happened to annuals the Council planted for many years? Who decided not to use water? We have plenty of water. They are hardy, give colour and look great. Who decides what is to b planted? Also, there r many weeds.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Trying to b all things to all people instead of doing less and doing it properly. Trawalla had the same species of blossom trees. When we lost a few, they were replaced with a different species which has different flowers, leaf colour at different times and this has spoilt the look of the street.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Making Toorak look like the premier suburb it is supposed to b. Do not allow new builds to dig down around the perimeter, which stops new trees being planted. Also Council has allowed many established trees to b removed. European trees suit residential, not eucalyptus trees.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Street cleaning &amp; rubbish collection is good.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : Freeze</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
182	Email Submission 121	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: -</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: -</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: -</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : -</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
183	Email Submission 122	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: I want to see transparency and accountability to ratepayers. Residents should have a say in the priority and timing of proposed items of capital expenditure which exceed \$5 million. This should be done at an early stage before commitments are made.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: I want to see less money spent on capital works and staff.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Council should focus on actual services that benefit ratepayers and local residents. Priorities should be maintaining and improving our existing facilities and infrastructure, eg roads, footpaths, parks, adequate parking, sports grounds/facilities (female and male), green spaces, trees, wetlands.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: I regularly use Percy Treyvaud Park to walk, exercise and meditate. I enjoy the serenity and sense of community. I am pleased to see work has started on restoring the health of the wetland area.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : I support (B) a rate freeze pending a review of current proposed Council expenditure and the establishment of a transparent, accountable and community focussed process to determine expenditure priorities.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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184	Email Submission 123	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Rate increases over the past few years have are making it unaffordable to live in the area.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Staffing costs seem excessive. A 9% increase is on top of previous increases is not justified.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Graffiti has been increasing in the area and council seem to be reducing the services to deal with this. I'd like to see programs that educate young people on the impact of this type of vandalism as well as more resources allocated to dealing with graffiti when it occurs.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : C. Increases in the property values will automatically increase the amount of rates collected. Surely Council can manage the budget within this without increasing the cost further.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
185	Email Submission 124	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: SY George's rd toorak</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Depreciation, chapel on chapel, other expenses, costs in general</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Better roads and streets in general</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Waste</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : C rates are too high</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
186	Email Submission 125	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Staff/Council members are being paid too much for what they do not do: too much spending on superfluous things such as cars, Tesler for Mayor and when traders and residents alike are suffering due to impact of covid: The rate hike is not appropriate especially as covid has impacted my income: vital rental income received much lower as a direct result of covid i.e. once received \$375 now receive \$300 so 1.5th drop in rental income: I do not think SCC have considered impact they have had on planning and spending money on projects like Percy Trayvaud Net Ball stadium - it is a luxury as is SCC's wages especially as many work from home.</p> <p>Communication is appalling&gt; I have just had to make formal complaint re statutory planning as they have not fulfilled compliance issue which they confirmed in an email to me stating this would happen three months ago.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Staff Salaries and amenities given out to councillors /Mayor e.g. Tesler car and stupid 'vanity projects' such as stupid events.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: caring for homeless and disabled and residents whom have been directly impacted by covid i.e. their income has dropped and can not find work. Moratorium on long service leave and other type of staff payouts and a drop in their salaries.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: More compassion and consideration surrounding parking tickets issued. To behave more ethically and morally sound and not exploit the residents. More green space absolutely and not more stadiums and catering to a favoured few in this way e.g. the stupid white elephant of the chapel stree open park was bad enough Onow Percy Trayvaud park is being ruined.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : I support (c) i.e. a rate decrease</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
187	Email Submission 126	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: There is a too much money spent on the running of the council</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: -</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: The council should spend more money on purchasing land to provide parking. This is important to provide accessibility to our local amenities, stores etc.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: None</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : C</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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188	Email Submission 127	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: - Excessive growth in expenditure on salaries - Expenditure on unnecessary services, with inadequate detail - Yet more money being spent on Chapel on Chapel when already so much has been spent, and it is not articulated. Chapel Street itself could be improved. - Even though a lot of money is allocated to parks and gardens, there are weeds all over the whole Gardiner Creek area. The Yarra by comparison is much better maintained - all this follows on a history of waste and misdirection of funds by this Council. - It all indicates a bloated council which believes itself to be far more important than it actually is.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: - The Council wasted hundreds of thousands to renovate the Mayor's office - these kinds of things should be kept in check - huge waste of money on Prahran Square - money should NOT have been donated to Bayside Council or any other council. - money should NOT have been donated to overseas causes (not what rates are for) - I want less money spent on virtuesignalling, minority causes, such as excessive amounts in Pride week, Midsumma etc. The Council is pandering far too much to minority groups and ignoring the majority. - don't spend money on stupid things like donut day signs and generally ingratiating itself with the Labor State government - don't waste money sending council officers to schools to lecture them about climate change</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: - clean up all the weeds around Gardiners Creek and the parks - improve the planting and fix up some of the worn out parks - get the libraries back to normal. We have zero cases, get the seating back to normal, put the reserves back where they belong, let the residents back in properly - just concentrate on the parks, the roads and the rubbish please - the best thing you can do is stop wasting our money.</p> <p>2</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Library, parks and gardens, cycling</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
189	Email Submission 129	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: There is no doubt everyone has had some level of impact from the pandemic; Most have had to adjust their budgets by reducing spending (this includes salaries)and look at efficiencies in all that we do. Council needs to urgently review and reduce the level of spending proposed starting with executive salaries and the Transformation to digital. However, where there is a need to increase costs with a focus on safety (e.g. foot path repairs).</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: See above</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: See above</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Planning costs In my view Council is not adequately focused on recent applications for child care centres on Malvern Road and the impact on traffic and safety particularly those proposed on Malvern Rd between High St &amp; Wattletree Rds; Footpath Maintenance For the same area as highlighted above these paths are very heavily used and repairs (i.e. replace the concrete) are needed urgently</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : Council needs to review and set KPIs for each area of spending (cost/benefit); Be transparent for why money is needing to be spent and share this with ratepayers; The aim has to be to reduce costs and rates. Thank you</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
190	Email Submission 130	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: A big spending budget, that give little respite to residents and businesses still reeling from the effects of the pandemic and twelve weeks of lockdown.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Less spending on large projects, and salaries and bonuses for the executive leadership team - including the new car for the environmentally (not) conscious mayor.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Providing the services to residents that they require - safe local roads and footpaths, the timely collection and recycling of waste. Providing library services for all wards, ensuring residents are updated with true timelines of opening and closing of services. ie. not say the popup library was going to open by a certain only to find it wasn't ready until 3 weeks later.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Rubbish collection and recycling Library services Well maintained local roads and footpaths. Access to well maintained parks with plenty of open space and trees. An active and function community centre.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B) a rate freeze</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
191	Email Submission 131	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Nothing, spending keeps going up.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Executive pay is too high for a small government council. It is typical of the palace they have built for themselves. To much on digital transformation and Percy Treyvand centre.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: More on local infrastructure, tree planting better roads and paths</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Rubbish removal</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : C</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.

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192	Email Submission 132	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: 60% of all rates spent on staffing costs, notably in the "Executive Leadership Team" and in "Special Projects" as outlined in SRP Budget breakdown, rather than actual services to residents that protect and improve our safety and local amenity.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: See above as outlined in SRP Budget outline. As a personal anecdote, in the most recent hard waste collection, my garden prunings, carefully cut and tied according to council guidelines, were not collected even after 14 days. I am angry that even such a basic service cannot be assured, while projects like the appalling and exorbitant Cato Square development consume residents' rates.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Supporting local residents and community services that support US and local businesses, particularly small businesses, including a visible improvement to the appearance of Chapel Street and its facades that are decidedly dirty and down at heel.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Maintenance of safe footpaths and roads, cleanliness of public areas and graffiti removal, waste collection. Full and public accountability for council spending.</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : At least B and preferably C.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
193	Email Submission 133	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Rate Increase</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Staff and administration New cars unless absolutely necessary</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Roads, footpaths, tree pruning</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: -</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B rate freeze people are still not back on their feet after last year's pandemic.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
194	Email Submission 135	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Proposed rate increase on the back of Covid19 2020 economic suppression is irresponsible. Mayoral car costing \$63,000 seems excessive if necessary.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Mayoral car, Prahran square costing \$500,000 seems exorbitant. What costs that much given that it's already built?</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Street scapes, footpaths, speed humps, green spaces. We have disabled people [blind, using aid to walk &amp; parents with prams struggling on cracked, uneven footpaths in Fawkner St. Speed humps required to slow the 2-way traffic, often speeding in what is a busy pedestrian &amp; residential area due to local schools &amp; Punt Rd access.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: The local library regularly. Parks/green spaces. Prahran aquatic centre [&amp; does NOT require a gym, there are many local gyms in Prahran. Prahran market [though it has lost its way, needs refreshing &amp; has uneven ground]</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
195	Email Submission 136	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: Increase in rates and staff costs with no increase in services. Large projects at exorbitant cost to community, when cheaper options are available.</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Large projects at exorbitant cost to community, when cheaper options and better options are available.</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: Its core services and not other issues which are state and federal responsibility</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: Core services only</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : B</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
196	Email Submission 137	<p>What don't you like about this budget?: There has been no effort to trim costs in areas of low priority or indeed in any area. The mantra appears to be spend big and pass on costs according to the philosophy that it's easy to spend other peoples money!</p> <p>What would you like to see LESS spent on?: Costs could and should be trimmed by 3.5% across the board</p> <p>What do you think Council should focus it's spending on?: The focus should be on cost reduction.</p> <p>What services that Council provides are important to you? What services do you currently access?: I regards Council Rates as very poor value for money. Trying to get relevant information from Council is like extracting blood from stone. I would happily offer my services to do a review on Council spending versus outcomes!</p> <p>Do you support (pick A B or C) A) 3.5% INCREASE in rates B) a Rates FREEZE C) a : I would prefer C, but could live with B (No doubt we will be given A)</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.
197	Email Submission 138	<p>Dear Councillor Morgan, I am seeking your support in reconsidering the deferral of upgrade works at East Malvern Tennis Club. Works that approved, budgeted, and scheduled for this year have been postponed to at least 2023/24. EMTC provides health, fitness, social, and competitive opportunities for 500+ adults and 500+ juniors. The club is well run and respected and in 2016 won 'Most Outstanding Tennis Club in Australia'. EMTC has received funding only once in 130 years, but urgently needs assistance now to address a range of safety, maintenance and improvement issues. Thank you for reading this and I hope you can support our popular East Ward sporting club. Regards</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
198	Email Submission 139	<p>To all Stonnington councillors, Could you please consider more immediate funding for our East Malvern Tennis Club. This a popular tennis club providing exercise and entertainment in the Stonnington area. Unfortunately, the facilities, especially the clubhouse, are run-down. Please make our Stonnington area a better place</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.

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199	Email - Submission 141	<p>Dear Councillors</p> <p>Funding previously allocated for East Malvern Tennis Club and since moved to 2023/2024 should be brought back into the budget for 2021/22. East Malvern tennis club should be a jewel in the crown of Stonnington facilities with massive participation, yet it is being left to languish while other nearby councils and Stonnington take pride in developing smaller tennis clubs.</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club provides tennis recreation to Stonnington residents at a greater number than any other council tennis club, and accounts for more than 50% of all the community tennis in Stonnington. Apart from elite private clubs, such as Kooyong and Royal South Yarra, there is no tennis club in Stonnington that compares in size, management, participation and opportunity for people of all ages and genders to stay fit and healthy playing tennis as a sport. Yet it receives virtually no funding.</p> <p>The clubhouse is extremely old. Stonnington council have neglected the club for decades and prioritised smaller clubs with negligible participation rates (eg Glendearg - 2 courts, no lights, 20 members, beautiful clubhouse), Malvern/Armidale (full court renovation, virtually no community participation) and Chadstone TC (proposed millions to be spent).</p> <p>The club has about 1000 members/coaching clients, ranging in age from 2 to 92. Over 2000 people visit and participate there each month, despite its dilapidation. Our members visit other clubs in Stonnington, Boroondara and other councils, and notice the difference. East Malvern Tennis club has been ignored for too long.</p> <p>Our members watch nearby facilities being renovated and re-built while we operate from an old asbestos, possum ridden, falling down club house on courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no car park provided by Stonnington (reliant on Boroondara, Vic Roads and the train station).</p> <p>The club has patiently waited through multiple audits and policy reviews and yet still nothing has happened.</p> <p>Some other reasons for wanting the timeline brought back to this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple audits by the Council over the years have shown OH&amp;S issues,</li> <li>• The bluestone at the front of the courts is a safety issue for everyone,</li> <li>• The Clubhouse is full of asbestos, possums and non-compliant wiring,</li> <li>• The building itself has structural integrity issues.</li> </ul> <p>We have been asking Council to take action for the last decade. In this time significant budgets have been allocated to Football, Cricket and Dog Walkers. In our 130-year history we have had one contribution from Council, in 2016, for our new lights on Courts 1-6.</p> <p>I invite you to visit the East Malvern Tennis Club. You will readily see how badly run down the facilities are.</p> <p>And I ask Council to reconsider its funding position and urgently bring forward these much needed renovations.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
200	Email - Submission 142	<p>I have been a member of East Malvern Tennis Club for twenty years. I feel ashamed at the state of the clubhouse and courts when we host home matches for competition. I have played regularly in Monday night competitions and have watched other clubs have their clubhouses knocked down and rebuilt and courts re furbished. We are sitting with a very dilapidated clubhouse with OH&amp;S issues and non compliant wiring and Stonnington Council feels that this okay for another year. I would have thought there were some serious red flags here that council needs to be acting on.</p> <p>I feel it is about time Stonnington allocated some budget to this clubhouse. It caters for many ages junior through to seniors and probably more so than soccer cricket or football where seniors are commonly not found playing these sports A lot of the community benefits from this club as shown by its 1000 strong membership.</p> <p>I hope the council can reassess the situation so that we can all move forward and enjoy playing in a safe environment.</p> <p>EMTC member</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
201	Email - Submission 143	<p>Hi Poly,</p> <p>At the last elections I know you took an active interest in a Netball issue and that was one of the reasons I voted for you as I am from East Ward.</p> <p>I am now disheartened by the councils lack of response to an issue that has been going for more than 5 years. I have been a member of EMTC for over 10yrs and have to say I am embarrassed at the state of the tennis club. The clubhouse is in disrepair, the courts need a lot of attention and the whole place is run down.</p> <p>When we have visiting teams come and play, we have numerous comments about the clubs poor state and I can see why as I visit other smaller clubs and see brand new courts and clubhouses.</p> <p>For a club with over 800 members and coaching hundreds of students weekly, I believe this is a community facility that my council should invest in.</p> <p>Please visit the club yourself and see what I mean.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
202	Email - Submission 145	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.</p> <p>Last Year</p> <p>I want to applaud and thank Crs Sehr, Koce, Klisaris, &amp; Griffin for listening to the community last year. It truly was great to see them push back on the executive's draft budget and direct Council strongly to effectively freeze rates.</p> <p>The budget was initially planned for an increase and placed out for consultation.</p> <p>A record number of submissions were received, and many explained that they felt asking for a rise was "tone deaf".</p> <p>I sincerely applaud the level of engagement that the returned and previous Councillors gave the community. That was real democracy in action.</p> <p>It shows what real collaboration looks like.</p> <p>I hope that this submission and the many others that will be received are given the same consideration this year.</p> <p>This year's proposed budget.</p> <p>The Stonnington Community at large is still in recover mode from the fallout of COVID throughout last year.</p> <p>Last year there were over 90 submissions, and this led to pressure on Council to act responsibly in the middle of a global and financial crisis.</p> <p>There is no doubt that Council revenues fell, there is no doubt that households and businesses were deeply affected and for many this is ongoing, it is not yet over.</p> <p>This proposed budget in our view is not fair, it is not equitable, and it feels like a cash grab. The good people of Stonnington want value for money in their rates and responsible spending.</p> <p>We had hoped that several of you who ran on the platform "better value" or "value for money" meant what you said. For some it is about rate cuts but for most it is this organisation's ability to waste copious amounts of money that draws public ire and criticism.</p> <p>When the budget was placed out for submission, we were contacted by many stating that the very nature of the process was cumbersome and difficult and that for many who were not savvy with computers, it was potentially discriminatory or exclusionary – we agreed. So, we ran some small workshops and spent time simplifying the information and making it much easier for people to digest. On this point I would like to challenge you as an organisation to fix this process next year as the design gives no consideration to removing barriers to participation. Furthermore, I would challenge you to run additional workshops for the community to come and give direct feedback in the budget formation process, but I fear you wont because you will likely hear things that make budgets like this hard to swallow.</p>	Rates	Chief Executive Office	<p>Please refer to the detailed response re: proposed rate increase provided at Submission 4 above.</p> <p>Council is seeking to develop a best value program in the 2021/22 year which will seek to drive greater efficiency and effectiveness across the organisation over the short and longer-term through a series of Service Reviews. The program will initially focus on service areas of high value-cost-risk and which are expected to produce significant financial/operational benefit from the implementation of change recommendations. These reviews will incorporate fees and charges.</p> <p>City of Stonnington investment in information technology has been below industry averages. Increasing this investment will enable IT to better support business operations to respond to customer needs and meet the growing demand for digital services, and our obligation to protect our data.</p> <p>We're operating with legacy systems and processes, and in a decentralised environment. There are key areas we need to address to provide the robust technology framework a modern organisation needs to be able to respond to the needs of its customers, community and employees. This includes technology architecture, network resilience, and business solutions and projects. These are areas that have lacked essential ongoing investment and alignment in effort to date.</p> <p>Additionally, there are four key benefits areas from our proposed 21/22 investment which will generate long term efficiency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of an integrated asset management system and improved controls</li> <li>• Implementation Internet of Things (IoT) capabilities – Smart Cities</li> <li>• Realise productivity gains from the implementation of efficient workflow processes and enhanced data capabilities</li> <li>• Gains realised from focused ICT vendor and contract management.</li> </ul> <p>The investment in information technology is proposed to be funded through our future fund reserve which is an allocation of previous years surpluses to fund strategic acquisitions pertaining to enhanced service delivery for Council.</p> <p>Employee costs are budgeted to increase by 6.05% or \$4.32million compared to forecast 2020/21. This increase relates to the following key factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resuming of all services in 2021/22 (number of casuals staff not included in the 2020/21 budget)</li> <li>• The Council's Enterprise Agreement (EA) and provision growth to increase in 2021/22</li> <li>• The superannuation guarantee increase from 1 July 2021 by 0.5%</li> <li>• Resources related to new service activities which are requested by various</li> </ul>



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		<p>This budget, like many before, has been conceived in your ivory tower, many residents across this city hear your words of inclusion and respect, they hear your signal that you want to lead a city that you can be proud of. Well, respect comes from not treating your constituents like they are a money pit, a bank, or something to gouge and profit from.</p> <p>Put simply, this budget lacks empathy and shows no respect to the majority of Stonnington residents. It was formed by Staff and an executive that (unlike Councillors) are largely immune from dealing with the residents of Stonnington on a day-to-day basis. It was conceived by working out what the leadership of the council business want, with little regard to the community.</p> <p>I have no doubt that the copious "wants" or "interests" of Councillors has been tightly managed by an executive who will always have an agenda or rate rises and no clear demands of efficiency.</p> <p>In addition to our own submission, we attach around 84 submissions showing the direct feedback we received by making the process simpler. People who wanted to complete your submission, but simply found it too hard.</p> <p>There are some in our community that will have no issue in the proposed 3.5% increase on last year, yet there are many who will struggle, because it is simply being added to the pile of debts, bills, or issues.</p> <p>What is most disappointing in this budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The over bloated spend on staff. Excessive with no proof of increased services.</li> <li>• The \$90M that claims to be spent on services that is not.</li> <li>• The 8.3M spent on digital transformation without any public explanation.</li> </ul> <p>What is good:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The increased spend on core items like footpaths, roads, drains, parks, etc.</li> </ul> <p>(However, this still needs to be increased to be at an acceptable standard)</p> <hr/> <p>What did our research find?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The community feels that council is out of touch.</li> <li>• The community feels that the size of the staff and executive is unwarranted.</li> <li>• The community feels that the service delivery of this council is lacking in both quality and value for money.</li> <li>• The community feels that this council isn't at all respecting its residents in propagating this budget.</li> </ul> <p>There can be no greater responsibility than to oversee public money.</p> <p>We hear the argument that Stonnington's rates are low comparable to other Councils, that is of little interest to those that want a responsible local government that always spends with best value practices.</p> <p>This budget reveals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council employee costs have boomed under this CEO, a record increase of almost \$7M in this year alone.</li> <li>• Most of the increase is to the number of senior and executive roles within council – these roles deliver the least" services" to the community, rather they deliver inward looking agendas.</li> <li>• More money spent on Chapel street – why does this area get most of the attention, most of the spending here is ineffective to say the least. How much more should we continue to drive here when it isn't changing the retail landscape?What did our research find?</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The community feels that council is out of touch.</li> <li>• The community feels that the size of the staff and executive is unwarranted.</li> <li>• The community feels that the service delivery of this council is lacking in both quality and value for money.</li> <li>• The community feels that this council isn't at all respecting its residents in propagating this budget.</li> </ul> <p>There can be no greater responsibility than to oversee public money.</p> <p>We hear the argument that Stonnington's rates are low comparable to other Councils, that is of little interest to those that want a responsible local government that always spends with best value practices.</p> <p>This budget reveals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council employee costs have boomed under this CEO, a record increase of almost \$7M in this year alone.</li> <li>• Most of the increase is to the number of senior and executive roles within council – these roles deliver the least" services" to the community, rather they deliver inward looking agendas.</li> <li>• More money spent on Chapel street – why does this area get most of the attention, most of the spending here is ineffective to say the least. How much more should we continue to drive here when it isn't changing the retail landscape?</li> </ul> <p>Services</p> <p>We hear time and time again that we must pay for staff so that they can deliver services. We decided to be robust in looking at the amounts spent on services and what they deliver.</p> <hr/> <p>The Council revenue this year totals \$196M approximately</p> <p>From this the Council claims a "services spend" of \$91M but what is that spend actually comprised of?</p> <p>The following table reveals where the net spend on services goes, much of the money is not at all spent on a service that will benefit the community.</p> <p>What is real service spend vs "council stated service spend"</p> <p>When we look at all of the categories and what they provide in real tangible benefit to the community we see a lot of internal costs being presented as a "service".</p> <p>Some examples of what is a real service: Sts, Rds, Drain clean and Maint \$ 3,926,000.00 Aged Services \$ 5,046,000.00 Aquatic Services \$ 1,749,000.00 Children &amp; Family \$ 4,213,000.00 Library &amp; Historical \$ 4,614,000.00 Active Comm (Sports) \$ 1,010,000.00 Parks &amp; Environment \$ 10,994,000.00 Waste Collection \$ 20,008,000.00</p> <p>Some examples of what is not a service, but instead a cost of business to Council: Property Maintenance \$ 3,465,000.00 Asset Management &amp; Planning \$ 2,531,000.00 Liveability and Compliance \$ 1,093,000.00 Environment Policy \$ 1,236,000.00 Communication \$ 3,244,000.00 Customer Experience \$ 1,953,000.00 Organisational Development \$ 2,652,000.00 Councillors &amp; Executive \$ 7,255,000.00 Geography Systems \$ 415,000.00 Info Systems \$ 763,000.00 Records Management \$ 971,000.00 Risk Management \$ 3,629,000.00</p> <p>These are normal costs of the business of Council. To classify them as services is most disingenuous.</p> <p>Costs like these should be the items that a focus is placed on to control and ensure are efficient and effective. When compared to last years budget, many of these items have exponentially grown. This is poor financial management.</p> <p>All money should be prioritised into meaningful and real services.</p> <p>Services the community can touch and feel. Not items that bolster the ranks of Council staff.</p> <p>Costs of running your business are not actual service – just ask any business owner.</p> <p>Service is what you do for the consumer/customer/resident.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resources related to new service activities which are recovered by revenue</li> <li>• Other changes to meet increased service demand</li> </ul> <p>Council is seeking to develop a best value program in the 2021/22 year which will seek to drive greater efficiency and effectiveness across the organisation over the short and longer-term through a series of Service Reviews. The program will initially focus on service areas of high value-cost-risk and which are expected to produce significant financial/operational benefit from the implementation of change recommendations. These reviews will incorporate fees and charges.</p>

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		<p>The process</p> <p>I would ask each of you to look at the process of giving budget submissions. It is bulky, cumbersome and many might lack the financial experience and skills to be able to sort through and understand the copious information. There is no consideration given to the many who might struggle with such a process, those with medical conditions or disabilities that make this process completely inaccessible. Respectfully I challenge council to change this outdated process.</p> <p>Perhaps if Council ran a series of workshops, consultation meetings, virtual meetings, and town hall style gatherings to fundamentally ASK residents and the community what they want and what is important before the budget is formed, you might get a much more engaged community.</p> <p>This process in its current form stifles and precludes many, including those with technological challenged lives.</p> <p>Real democracy, which this budget should be subjected to, comes from extensive and deliberative engagement and consultation with the community. At the beginning, not at the end.</p> <p>Capital Works Program.</p> <p>We comment council on lifting the spending on roads, footpaths, drains and the like.</p> <p>These are the basics that across Stonnington have been underfunded for decades, even the Victorian Auditor General has released reports stating that Councils like Stonnington are simply not managing their asset renewal properly and in many cases don't really know what they should be spending on the basics. We encourage council to go way further and allocate more money to these essential items that are essential services.</p> <p>We recommend a doubling of these funds over the next budget cycle.</p> <p>The spend on Fleet management (which has largely been shuttered throughout 2020) is something that we believe could be deferred, or at least a significant portion of same.</p> <p>With \$15.9M on existing buildings, \$18M on current land improvements, and \$5.7M on heritage buildings, it is clear that most capital works is on building things. Much of this does not deliver NEW services to the community at all. With an expense of around \$40M on this we would expect better value in delivering new services from so much building works.</p> <p>Some of this could and should be deferred to place downward pressure on the budget.</p> <p>Tech Spending</p> <p>It may be true that Council was behind in its investment in technology however there is no community drive for the spend – almost \$10M in this budget on technology on the back of millions spent in COVID to "adapt" the business to be flexible in service delivery.</p> <p>Staff Salaries</p> <p>This is tipped to essentially explode and nothing in this budget shows any increase in services for the \$7M increase. The increase is 9.2% which is the largest increase in modern times. To many in the community, this looks like "padding" the organisation with little benefit to the community.</p> <hr/> <p>Overall expenses</p> <p>What we see when we look at the expenses is that the single largest item and the single largest increase in the budget is in staff and employee costs. This demonstrates no efficiency.</p> <p>Stonnington's population increase is often blamed for the need to spend more.</p> <p>In this budget the population increase is less than half the cost of staff increases.</p> <p>Yet the staff increase is 9.2%. This math doesn't make sense and residents rightly expect the executive to be running a more efficient and cost-effective council.</p> <p>Depreciation.</p> <p>I would like to politely call Council out on this line-item Council does not appear to pay tax on the surplus. The accounting trick of using depreciation to lower your surplus is of no material tax benefit to this organisation.</p> <p>The real cash position of Council is \$21M higher than the surplus.</p> <p>Therefore, the surplus of \$50M+ is high and unwarranted.</p> <p>Aside from this we see it as indulgent on Council to spend anything like \$8M+ on a technology platform improvement that has not been consulted with the community and received their approval and understanding. \$8M represents around 4% of this Councils budget this year alone.</p> <p>What would we like to see in this budget?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Downward Pressure on staff costs</li> <li>• Efficiency targets and KPI's for the CEO and Executive teams</li> <li>• More engagement in future with the community before the budget process commences.</li> <li>• Councillors not being led through a series of managed workshops by officers who have drafted the budget. This relegates ideas and community creativity to the back seat.</li> <li>• Councillors given much more time to understand the financials and where efficiencies can be achieved and much more opportunity to talk to all their constituents about it.</li> <li>• Respect given to the community that funds this budget by placing them in the centre of the process, first and last.</li> </ul> <p>We thank you for the chance to make this submission.</p> <p>Regards</p>			
203	Email - Submission 146	<p>Dear Councillor Morgan,</p> <p>I invite you to visit the East Malvern tennis Club. You will readily see how badly run down the facilities are. The committee can also tell you how many people use the club, despite it's dilapidation. If you visit you will see for yourself.</p> <p>Funding previously allocated for East Malvern Tennis Club and since removed should be brought back into the budget. East Malvern tennis club should be a jewel in the crown of Stonnington facilities with massive participation, yet it is being left to rot while other nearby councils and Stonnington take pride in developing smaller tennis clubs.</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club provides tennis recreation to Stonnington residents at a greater number than any other council tennis club, and accounts for more than 50% of all the community tennis in Stonnington. Apart from elite private clubs such as Kooyong and Royal South Yarra there is no tennis club in Stonnington that compares in size, management, participation and opportunity for people of all ages and genders to stay fit and healthy playing tennis as a sport. Yet it receives virtually no funding. The clubhouse is extremely old. Stonnington council have neglected the club for decades and prioritised smaller clubs with negligible participation rates (eg Glendeargh (2 courts, no lights, 20 members, beautiful clubhouse), Malvern/Armidale (full court renovation, virtually no community participation) and Chadstone TC (proposed millions to be spent).</p> <p>The club has about 700 members. 2000 people visit and participate there each week. Our members visit other clubs in Stonnington and Booroondara and elsewhere and notice the difference. East Malvern Tennis club has been ignored for too long.</p> <p>Our members watch nearby facilities being renovated and re-built while we rot in an old asbestos, falling down club house on courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no car park provided by Stonnington (reliant on Booroondara, Vic Roads and the train station).</p> <p>The club has patiently waited for multiple audits and policy reviews and yet nothing has happened.</p>		Chief Executive Office	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
204	Email - Submission 147	<p>Dear Councillor Morgan,</p> <p>I can't understand why our clubs works have been delayed.</p> <p>I thought that the Council would have been keen to get underway in this post Covid outdoor activity climate.</p> <p>Surely it can't be a lack of money. We have Junior coaching , competition and social tennis.</p> <p>Please re-think this matter as a priority.</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.

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205	Email - Submission 148	<p>Dear Councillors</p> <p>I have followed with interest the attempts by the City of Stonnington to deliver a multi-sports indoor facility for some time.</p> <p>I'm aware that the original request for this facility stretches back more than 30 years and I'd like to see it delivered as soon as possible at the location approved by Council in May 2019. Given that the Supreme Court found no legal impediment, given that our Covid lockdown has ended, given that there's a Masterplan in place to construct at Percy Treyvaud and given that this project is fully-funded in Councils 2021-22 Draft Budget - I cannot understand why this much-needed facility can't now proceed.</p> <p>Our community has been waiting long enough. This project must be delivered in the shortest time frame possible, I urge you to vote for Council to proceed as per its previous decision in May 2019.</p> <p>I have 2 children who play basketball and we as a family never go to Chadstone on the weekends - we actively avoid it due to the car parks being too full. My kids play basketball all year round and I can't imagine how awful it would be trying park at Chadstone during busy periods such as November when Christmas shoppers are out and we are trying to make basketball games on time. It would be a disaster. Please just build the stadium at Percy Treyvaud! Don't let a small group stop a plan that benefits many more people.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely</p>	Capital - Percy Treyvaud	Community and Wellbeing	Submission is in favour of delivering Percy Treyvaud, which is consistent with the draft budget.
206	Email - Submission 151	<p>Dear Councillors,</p> <p>I am sending this request as a member of the East Malvern Tennis Club as requested by the Committee of our tennis club.</p> <p>Funding previously allocated for East Malvern Tennis Club and since moved to 2023/2024 should be brought back into the budget for 2021/22. East Malvern tennis club should be a jewel in the crown of Stonnington facilities with massive participation, yet it is being left to languish while other nearby councils and Stonnington take pride in developing smaller tennis clubs.</p> <p>East Malvern Tennis Club provides tennis recreation to Stonnington residents at a greater number than any other council tennis club, and accounts for more than 50% of all the community tennis in Stonnington. Apart from elite private clubs, such as Kooyong and Royal South Yarra, there is no tennis club in Stonnington that compares in size, management, participation and opportunity for people of all ages and genders to stay fit and healthy playing tennis as a sport. Yet it receives virtually no funding. The clubhouse is extremely old. Stonnington council have neglected the club for decades and prioritised smaller clubs with negligible participation rates (eg Glendearg - 2 courts, no lights, 20 members, beautiful clubhouse), Malvern/Armidale (full court renovation, virtually no community participation) and Chadstone TC (proposed millions to be spent).</p> <p>The club has about 1000 members/coaching clients, ranging in age from 2 to 92. Over 2000 people visit and participate there each month, despite its dilapidation. Our members visit other clubs in Stonnington, Boroondara and other councils, and notice the difference. East Malvern Tennis club has been ignored for too long.</p> <p>Our members watch nearby facilities being renovated and re-built while we rot in an old asbestos, possum ridden, falling down club house on courts maintained by members funds, with old fences and no car park provided by Stonnington (reliant on Boroondara, Vic Roads and the train station).</p> <p>The club has patiently waited through multiple audits and policy reviews and yet still nothing has happened.</p> <p>Some other reasons for wanting the timeline brought back to this year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple audits by the Council over the years have shown OH&amp;S issues,</li> <li>• The bluestone at the front of the courts is a safety issue for everyone,</li> <li>• The Clubhouse is full of asbestos, possums and non-compliant wiring,</li> <li>• The building itself has structural integrity issues.</li> </ul> <p>We have been asking Council to take action for the last decade. In this time significant budgets have been allocated to Football, Cricket and Dog Walkers. In our 130-year history we have had one contribution from Council, in 2016, for our new lights on Courts 1-6.</p> <p>I invite you to visit the East Malvern tennis Club. You will readily see how badly run down the facilities are.</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.
207	Email - Submission 152	<p>Dear Councillor Klisaris, I am seeking your support in reconsidering the deferral of upgrade works at East Malvern Tennis Club. Works that approved, budgeted, and scheduled for this year have been postponed to at least 2023/24. EMTC provides health, fitness, social, and competitive opportunities for 500+ adults and 500+ juniors. The club is well run and respected and in 2016 won 'Most Outstanding Tennis Club in Australia'. EMTC has received funding only once in 130 years, but urgently needs assistance now to address a range of safety, maintenance and improvement issues. Thank you for reading this and I hope you can support our popular East Ward sporting club. Regards</p>	Capital - Recreation (East Malvern Tennis Club)	Community and Wellbeing	Council notes the poor condition of the asset and propose bringing the budget forward with design to be undertaken in 2021/22 and construction in the following two financial years. Completion anticipated by June 2024.