

INDIGO SHIRE BUDGET SUBMISSIONS 2011/12

Summary of 2011/12 Public Budget Submissions

Ref No.	Brief Description	Officer Comments
1	<p>Solar heating for Rutherglen swimming pool</p> <p>Estimated cost \$30,000 Capital funds</p>	<p>The project is a good one as it will provide a more inviting environment for swimming at the start and end of each pool season. Rutherglen pool has the highest usage in the Shire and has a swim club operating from it. The downside to the project might be an expectation/pressure from the community to extend the swimming season which would have negative budget ramifications. The only pool in the Shire which currently has solar heating is Beechworth. There may be some grant opportunities but this would need further investigation</p>
2	<p>Initial urgent maintenance to the road into Rutherglen Park during 2011/12</p> <p>Estimated cost \$3,000 Operating funds</p>	<p>The ISC Operations team will undertake to perform storm damage repair to the roadway as part of their existing operational budget. No additional funding is required in the 2011/12 Budget to cover this.</p> <p>From a Community Planning point of view, that team fully supports consideration of the sealing or partial sealing of the entrance road to the Rutherglen Park in the 2012/12 year, subject to its priority against other similar projects in the Shire.</p> <p>Despite being managed by a DSE Committee of Management, the access roadway for the facility does service a variety of sporting and community groups using the facilities as well as the users of the Rutherglen Kindergarten. The roadway has required regular maintenance for many years and an investigation into the sealing or partial sealing may have cost benefits. Council should work with DSE and other stakeholders over the next 10 months to agree priority and funding arrangements for this road sealing component.</p>
3	<p>Repair to the Gundowring North Tennis Club pavilion</p> <p>Estimated cost \$14,500 Capital funds</p>	<p>The Gundowring Tennis Club building is located on Council owned land. The roof structure is in very poor condition and is leaking water into the interior of the building. The interior and exterior are in urgent need of painting. The facility is used by the local tennis club, the local community and for community meetings. The possibility of getting grant funding for this project is very low. The Club are willing to support the project with in kind/volunteer labour and a small amount of cash funds (<\$1000)</p>
4	<p>Greening Chiltern's Watercourses</p>	<p>It is the understanding of officers that the commitment from Council was for \$45,000 over three years. Council was able to secure \$15,000 through the Federal Government stimulus program to offset its own contribution but still maintain \$45,000 to the project. It can be argued that council has met its commitment. The</p>

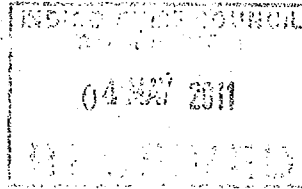
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	Estimated cost \$15,000 Operating funds	development of the pathway networks and associated plantings, however, has been a great outcome and success and the additional \$15,000 would go a long way towards completing the project. The funding would also facilitate some initial action on the Lake Anderson Master Plan which is currently being prepared.
5	Greening Chiltern's Watercourse Estimated cost (as above)	See above.
6	ITAC Festivals & Events Funding Increase Estimated increase in funding \$5,000 Operating funds	Festivals and events contribute significantly to the economic wellbeing of the Shire. The ITAC Festivals & Events sponsorship program plays an important role in assisting with the development of new events through contribution of seeding funds and in support of existing events wishing to launch new initiatives, in particular those that work towards self-sustainability. Each year the number of community groups/event organisers applying for funding has increased – applications last year for the available \$20,000 sponsorship totalled more than \$90,000 from 14 separate groups. An increase in available sponsorships to \$25,000 would further assist ITAC support this increasingly important sector of the local economy.
7	Various budget observations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councils total expenditure is forecast to increase by 0.14% in 2011/12 which is well below RBA inflation forecasts and the MVA cost index. • New council offices are a Council Plan objective and it is recommended that the allocation of \$300k remain in the budget. If a strategy is not clarified within the coming 12 months, the allocation will not be spent (as was the case in 2010/11) • Consultants are use by appropriately by Council where the specialist skills do not exist within Council and are not justifiable to employ . Eg. legal council, structure building engineers; environmental impact analysts. • Private enterprise is already used extensively to deliver services. Examples include waste collection; cleaning of all Council owned buildings; maintenance of all plant & equipment; line marking; construction works (Barrmutha Park clubrooms & fig park toilet); annual bitumen resealing; contact to repair flood damage in west and east of the shire • Industrial land development was heavily subsidies by specific RDV grants. RDV will only fund Council sponsored industrial land developments and they would never happen in small centres if left purely with commercial enterprise

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8	<p>Secure water supply for the Kergunyah Hall by installing rain water tanks.</p> <p>Estimated cost \$10,000 Capital funds</p>	<p>The request to install a secure water supply for the facility is a high priority for the Kergunya Hall Committee. The existing water supply is obtained from a neighbouring private property on a "good will" arrangement. The private property owner has indicated he cannot guarantee the water source into the future, so this project is vital to the future sustainability of the Hall. The Hall is a high usage facility for the local community, the general public, the CFA and has a permanent kindergarten operating from the premises. There may be some options for external grants and the Hall Committee will contribute inkind/volunteer labour to the project. Strong support from the Community Planning for this project.</p>
9	<p>Construction of covered area joining two existing change sheds.</p> <p>Estimated cost: \$17,000-24,500</p>	<p>The project to provide additional shade at the Yackandandah Pool will provide benefits to the users of the facility. The project is listed in Council's Draft Shade Policy (which will be going out for public comment throughout June) as priority for 2015/2016. The project will not only provide additional shade, it will also create enough roof space to install solar panels to heat the pool at some stage in the future.</p> <p>There may be some potential for this project to be funded through the state government's Community Facility Funding Program (Minors) where a one third contribution would be required by the applicant. It should be noted however that there may be other recreational projects that may have a higher priority for the application process later this year.</p>
10	<p>Wahgunyah Foreshore Master Plan enquiry</p>	<p>\$60,000 has been allocated to Wahgunyah foreshore in the current financial year's (2010/11) capital works budget and any of that allocation remaining unspent at the end of the current financial year will be carried over and spent in the following financial year.</p> <p>The status of future allocation of funds and work plans for progression of the Wahgunyah foreshore will be communicated to residents at subsequent community forums to be held in Wahgunyah.</p>

RUTHERGLEN SWIMMING & LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

102 Ready Street,
Rutherglen, 3685,
21st April, 2011

Mr David Koren,
Manager Community Planning,
Indigo Shire Council,
PO Box 28,
Beechworth, 3747.



Dear David,

Re: PROPOSED PROJECT TO SOLAR HEAT RUTHERGLEN SWIMMING POOL

This Club requests please that a project to provide solar heating for the Rutherglen swimming pool which is at present listed in the Council's forward capital works program be included for consideration as a priority in the Council's current process of determining the capital works program for 2011/2012.

Our Club is fully committed to the potential benefits of this project in terms of achieving extension of the swimming season for the purposes of training of our swimmers for both pre-season coaching and at end of season when our best swimmers are preparing for country championships. In both of these periods when the pool is not open to the public a considerable beneficial outcome could be achieved at minimum cost to the Council by use of our voluntary lifeguards. It could also prolong the season for adult early morning swimmers with such voluntary supervision.

As well, very importantly, such heating will encourage wider and more economic use of the pool by the wider community including visitors to the adjacent caravan park during the period of full summer operation of the pool. All in all, a great contribution to the health and well being of the community and fitter people do better support community development and activity.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

Note:- This letter is written with full support of the Club's Executive

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Rutherglen Agricultural Society Inc.

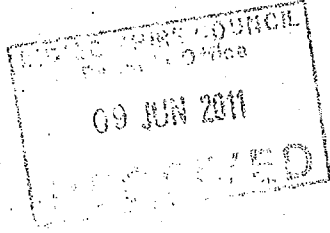
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Mr. Brendan McGrath CEO.,
Indigo Shire,
Post Office Box 28
Beechworth Vic 3747

6th June 2011

Dear Sir.

Re Submission regarding draft budget for the Indigo Shire 2011/12.

I wish to make the following submission in respect to the draft budget for the Indigo Shire and respectfully ask that the Indigo Shire Councillors be made aware of my concerns prior to voting to accept the budget.

I make this submission both as a ratepayer living in Rutherglen [redacted]

[redacted]. It is of major concern to me that the capital works program of the Shire included in this year's budget has few if any community support projects in Rutherglen despite the fact that, in the past couple of years, an enormous amount has been spent of the sporting, visitor and social venues in the other towns within the Shire.

For a number of years Council has had requests from The Rutherglen Agricultural Society and the Rutherglen Park Committee of Management for the upgrading of the road into the park and down to the Henderson Pavilion & the Rutherglen Tennis courts. These requests have been addressed by temporary measures often negotiated with Shire maintenance Staff personnel who have graded the road if and when the Grader is in the area. Several years ago a proposal for sealing of this road was put to council and we were informed that the Shire accepted that the work was necessary for the ongoing use and development of this important community area and, that it would be put on the Shires long term plan.

My concern is that not only has Council appeared to have lost any record of this commitment, but that some Council Officers take the attitude that since the Rutherglen Park is Crown land with a Committee of Management that Indigo Shire has no Community responsibility for any works within this Park.

I would suggest that the Rutherglen Community would strongly disagree with this view and I would point out to Council that if they wish to have no involvement with this park then their stance should have been states a long time ago.

- ❖ Before they supported the construction of the Henderson Pavilion as a community use facility and before they allowed the establishment of the Rutherglen tennis courts and the ongoing improvement of the courts with artificial surfacing and lighting.
- ❖ Before they supported the extensions to the Henderson pavilion to make it a better venue to run the Rutherglen Wine Show, one of the biggest Wine Shows in Australia and an event which provides a multimillion dollar benefit to the Rutherglen region.

- ❖ Before they allowed the establishment of the Rutherglen Kindergarten at the entrance to the park with parking at the side and rear of the facility accessed through the park.
- ❖ Perhaps even before they supported the first Rutherglen Agricultural Show to be held on this reserve more than 120 years ago but certainly, before they allowed the continued development of pavilions, stock yards and associated facilities for the Show.
- ❖ And finally before the Shire chose the Rutherglen Show grounds arena space of the Park as the Rutherglen township bushfire refuge area.

The Rutherglen Park Committee of Management has recently been reformed and it now has the full support of all of the community and especially the user groups in the Park. It is my understanding that the Indigo Shire has expressed supports for the new committee and the positive action being taken to maintain & further develop the Rutherglen Park. One would hope that this support would include a recognition that Indigo Shire resources are necessary to ensure this attractive & primarily well maintained area in the centre of Rutherglen continues to be an area of open space recreational pursuit for both Rutherglen residents & visitors to enjoy.

The condition of the access road within the park has deteriorated over the past 12 months to a state where it is both a safety concern and a major problem to the users. Approximately 12 months ago Council staff graded and leveled the road but unfortunately without the attention required for drainage this temporary measure lasted only a few months.

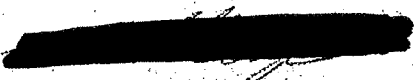


With the abnormal amount of rain in the latter part of 2010 the erosion of the road was so bad that it blocked what drains did exist to a point where I had water flow through the foyer of the Henderson Pavilion into the Pavilion itself and under the office door. Furthermore on more than one occasion the large wine storage extension at the end of the pavilion has had the floor completely covered with water and silt.

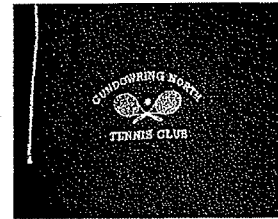
This road is used extensively not only for vehicles traffic accessing the sporting venues within the park but also for walkers using the Park for a variety of recreational purposes. As recently as a couple of months ago a walker slipped on loose gravel washed onto the concrete around the pavilion and broke her arm. Every day I see young mothers with toddlers or babies in arms scrambling over 40 & 50 cm deep washaways when they are dropping off or picking up kids at the kindergarten. It is a major concern that over the duration of the Wine Show in September & the Agricultural Show in October that large numbers on visitors will be using this unsafe road both in vehicles and on foot.

I would therefore request that the Indigo Shire provide an allocation in the 2011/12 budget to carry out urgent maintenance on the access road in the Rutherglen Park and that an investigation be initiated this year with the aim of obtaining the necessary funds for sealing & curbing this road in 2012/13.

Forwarded in expectation of your favorable consideration.

Yours Faithfully,




Rutherglen Agricultural Society



[Redacted]
[Redacted] Gundowring North Tennis Club Inc
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
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Mr Brendan McGrath
CEO Indigo Shire Council
P.O. Box 28
Beechworth Vic. 3747

Dear Mr McGrath.

"2011/2012 Budget Submission"

I would like to bring to your attention the current condition of the Gundowring North Tennis Club pavilion. This facility is desperately in need of repairs to the roof during a wind storm last year part of the roof was dislodged thus allowing water to enter the building, as well as internal and external painting.

The total cost of this project would be approximately \$14,500.

Cost of roof repair \$ 10,000. Total cost of internal and external painting \$ 4,500.

I have been associated with this area for over 45 years and in that time no maintenance has ever been carried out on this building other than the replacing of outside boarding , sanding & sealing the floor, installing cupboards and sink etc.all at our own undertaking.

The members of this community take great pride in this building as it was the Gundowring North Primary School until 1953 when the Kiewa Valley Consolidated School was construction or Kiewa Valley Primary School as it is known today. Following the schools closure it has been consistently used as the Community Tennis/Recreation and Meeting Centre, with high interest shown by our community in promoting health and well being, this see's the facility well used all year round for sport /recreation and community meetings and get togethers.

So on behalf of the Gundowring North Tennis Club I am requesting that we be included in the **"2011/2012 Budget Submissions"** in view of the above request being undertaken.

Yours faithfully.

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 6 May 2011 9:21 PM
To: Ali Pockley; Vic Issell; Bernard Gaffney; Larry Goldsworthy; Peter Graham; Peter Croucher; Barbara Murdoch
Subject: Greening Chiltern's Watercourses Project and Council's draft 2011/2012 Budget

Dear Councillors. The above project was installed as a budget line item to the tune of \$15,000 per year for 3 years commencing 2009/2010. We have received two years of the promised 3 years, but I notice that the line item has disappeared from next years draft budget. There was an additional \$15,000 received this year from the Economic Stimulus package, which may have caused some confusion when drafting next year's budget. We have made good progress with the funding that Council has thusfar provided and look forward to really finishing off the current section of the walking tracks next year with Council's financial assistance. I hope its absence from the draft budget is purely an oversight. Cheers, [REDACTED], Chiltern Landcare Group

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 13 May 2011 6:35 PM
To: Ali Pockley; Peter Croucher; Vic Issell; Larry Goldsworthy; Peter Graham; bgaffney@indigoshire; bmurdoch@indigoshire.vi.gov.au
Cc: Mark Florence; Brendan McGrath
Subject: 2011-12 Budget - Greening Chiltern's Watercourses project

Dear Councillors,

It has come to our attention that the 3-year funding commitment allocated to the Greening Chiltern's Watercourses project (2009-10, 2010-11 & 2011-12) of \$15,000 per year has now been changed with the final year of funding (2011-12) withdrawn due to the special funds received as part of the Commonwealth Flood relief grants (also \$15,000) in 2010-11.

While we have very much appreciated the funds to date, our project planning was based on funding until the end of 2011-12 when we fully anticipate having the first and main phase of the project completed. This will mean that the walking track from Martin's Park all the way out to the northern end of Magenta Creek on the northern side of town will be completed, signposted and mapped.

The extra \$15,000 from the Commonwealth received this year has enabled us to complete an additional section of the track, and add an alternative (dry weather) track which will avoid the wet areas in BlackBall Mine Dam reserve. We are hoping to include a small footbridge over Brick Kiln Creek and create a shorter walking loop.

We feel that Council's withdrawal from the commitment of 3-year's of funding is unacceptable given the considerable volunteer effort and goodwill which has been shown by the Chiltern Community in this project. There is no doubt that the walking track is currently being well used and appreciated by residents and visitors, even though there are no signs yet and the path is still being completed in some areas. The wet Spring and Summer has slowed progress somewhat and has also highlighted some of the on-going maintenance needs, such as slashing and weed control.

The final year of funding will help ensure that some of these issues are 'bedded down' and the walking path can become an integral part of the Chiltern community assets.

Below is a table outlining the effort spent by the community on the Greening Chiltern's watercourses project so far:

Voluntary Hours Greening Chiltern's Waterways

Year	Action	Hours	# people involved (members & public)	
2008	Initial Plantings	18	9	
	Woody weed removal & poisoning	16	9	
	CFA burn	20	10	
	Slashing/whipper snipping	24	2	
2009	Plantings North Road to High Street	75	23	
	Plantings Crawford St Lease	10	6	
	Weeding	25	6	
	Slashing, mowing, whipper snipping	60	2	
	Installation Bollards & Culvert Maintenance	25	2	2
2010	Landmates: Removal feral trees & Shrubs over 2 days	80	10	
	Landcare members working with Landmates	23	2	

Indigo Tourism Advisory Committee

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Tuesday 5 April 2011

Brendan McGrath
CEO
Indigo Shire Council
PO Box 28
Beechworth 3747

Dear Brendan,

RE: REQUEST FOR ITAC FESTIVALS & EVENTS FUNDING INCREASE

The ITAC meeting on Friday 1 April 2011 resolved to request an additional \$5,000 be included in the 2011/12 budget to assist festivals and events around the Shire.

This would bring the total amount available via the ITAC festivals & events funding program to \$25,000 in the next financial year.

Although the available contributions are relatively small compared with the level of assistance annually requested – more than \$90,000 in 2010/11 - ITAC believes sponsorships play a key role in supporting the development of new events through the distribution of seeding funds as well as providing support to those established events which contribute to the economic and cultural life of our Shire communities.

An additional \$5,000 would enable ITAC to provide much needed support to a greater number of worthy applicants.

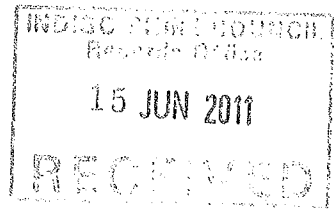
Thank you for your consideration,

Yours sincerely



Indigo Tourism Advisory Committee

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15 June 2011



The Chief Executive Officer
Indigo Shire Council
PO Box 28
Beechworth, VIC, 3747

Dear Mr McGrath,

I would like to make the following observations regarding the content of the planned 2011 to 2012 Budget for the Indigo Shire.

The proposed budget expenditure that incorporates a 6% increase in rates is excessive and all council officers should be instructed to revise their budget estimates to achieve a 3% increase in line with the RBA target figure for inflation. Savings should be sought in all areas under their control with a close study of existing manning levels in all departments to achieve better use of existing staff through multi-skilling and where possible the avoidance of replacement of staff leaving the organisation through the restructuring of jobs within departments to fully utilise the skills of the remaining staff members.

Council officers should be made aware that the budget is a roadmap and is not set in stone; there are a number of options available in most situations and the timing of expenditures can be controlled to achieve a more responsible outcome.

The inclusion of \$300,000 in the budget for the preparation of plans for new shire offices should be quarantined until the councillors have formulated their strategy for the location, site specific, of their proposed building together with the plan for the staffing levels and council activities that will be conducted from the building. This information should be communicated to residents through community meetings and support established prior to any expenditure. I am unable to find a provision for the purchase of a new site for the proposed offices and seek reassurance that this has been taken into consideration.

There is concern as to the on-going use of consultants by the council. The future use of consultants should be clearly identified in communications with ratepayers. We have supported the commercial operation of the council on the basis that the staff recruited to the council have the professional qualifications and experience to carry out their assigned duties without the on-going support of consultants. While it has become accepted in some quarters to assign blame to consultants when activities fail to achieve the planned result thus relieving the manager of responsibility for the outcome, I am sure that this council will firstly seek reassurance that the use of consultants is essential and

secondly should the outcome of the activity be considered unsuccessful that the responsible manager will then be held accountable.

The council has been established to provide and manage the services necessary to support the needs of the residents of the shire and to provide management of the activities necessary to support the progressive development of the shire in accordance with good practice and established legislation. There is normally little need for council to venture into the arena of private enterprise which can be managed more effectively by established commercial enterprises. The current operations should be scrutinised to identify any operations that could be carried out by private enterprise with a view to the formulation of recommendations to effect transfers. Any operations that the council elect to continue to manage will require special accounting measures and specific audits to ensure that they bear all costs associated with their operation.

The development of industrial estates within the shire should be left with commercial enterprises where possible; reluctance of established and reputable developers to provide the financial and technical support to establish new estates should be a clear indication that the proposal may not have merit. We should seek to avoid a repetition of the \$290,000 write off in the budget associated with book losses incurred on the development of industrial land within the shire.

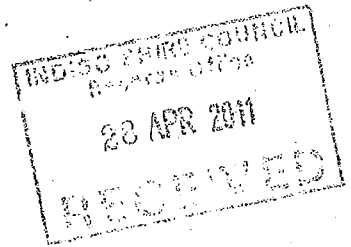
Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the budget process, I will look forward to any actions by the council to reduce the budget expenditure in line with the RBA inflation target.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Kergunyah Hall Committee,
Reid Lane,
Kergunyah. 3691
23.04.2011

The CEO,
Indigo Shire Council,
P.O. Box 28,
BEECHWORTH. 3747



Dear Sir,

Shire Council Budget, 2011/2012

Following a meeting at Kergunyah Hall with shire staff and Cr. Peter Croucher, to discuss a future water supply specifically for the Kergunyah Hall, we submit the following:-

In the past the water supply has been derived from an irrigation pump on the Kiewa River [REDACTED] has been concerned that due to [REDACTED] ill health, [REDACTED] would like to know that the water supply could be obtained independently, just in case the land should change hands in the future.

After considerable research, we have decided that as a first option we would prefer to make use of as much rainwater as we can, to do this we propose to remove old toilets (which are no longer used), also remove the existing rainwater tank which is galvanised iron and concrete lined. We propose to place one new 30,000lt water tank in the space enlarged by removal of toilets, supplied with rainwater from existing supply, a 10,000lt tank to be placed on the Eastern side of the hall supplied from guttering on that side of the hall, tanks to be connected together by way of pumps and pipes.

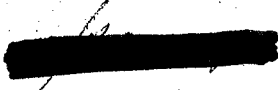
The benefit of this arrangement would be the completion of existing renovations to hall, the involvement of a plumber whose children are users of the childcare facilities at the hall and his supervision of a considerable amount of the work and a reasonably potable supply of water.

We would request the Shire if they could see their way clear to assist us in the provision of \$10,000 towards the cost of this work, volunteer labour would be used to remove all the old section where possible and any possible overrun in expenses would be the responsibility of the Hall Committee. Should we find in the future that this does not supply an adequate and reliable source of water, we would still have the option of resorting to the much more expensive option of


having a water licence and obtaining water from the river, and this work done would be complementary to any future works.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,





 Kergunyah Hall Committee.

Kergunyah Tank proposal for Hall

██████████ to supply :

Bushman Tank 10,000L	\$1550
Bushman Tank 30,000L	\$ 3290
One pump & auto switch	
Two valves and fittings	
One 50metre roll plumbers pipe	\$ 1500

Plumber to :

Plumb both sides of the building only off the back
& supper room sink to sewerage system.(incl pipe) \$1200

Contractor with Local help to :

To remove existing toilet block and old water tank
suitable to put the large tank on sand at or below
ground level. New external and internal walls. \$2600

Electrician to:

Quote for electrical work once tanks ready to go.

Estimated Total \$10,140

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8th June 2011

Mr Brendan McGrath
CEO
Indigo Shire Council
PO Box 28
BEECHWORTH VIC 3747

Dear Sir,

Re: 2011/2012 Budget Submission regarding the Yackandandah Swimming Pool

As volunteer lifeguards we would like to propose a small project that would:

- initially enhance public safety, comfort and enjoyment and;
- in due course, significantly extend the pool season by providing a structure for solar heating piping.

We suggest the construction of a covered area which joins the two existing change sheds. One side of the extended roofing faces north and could accommodate piping for solar heating. More immediately it provides a covered area for families to rest in the shade and eat picnics or barbeques cooked at the pool.

We are volunteer lifeguards at the pool and open for early morning lap swimming, a very popular time for fitness swimming and social activity. It has been our choice to occasionally provide cooked breakfasts, which is also popular however done under difficulty as we have to provide our own tables and seating as the existing barbeque is free standing with no supporting facilities.

We have approached [REDACTED] in Wodonga, and [REDACTED] for an estimate for the supply and erection of an 18 metre long steel roof structure that would connect the change shed roofs. This is estimated to be between \$11,000.00 and \$18,500.00 for the steelwork, including shire fees and around \$6000.00 for a complete concrete floor, if required.

Additional minimal costs would apply if tables and seating were provided under this shaded area.

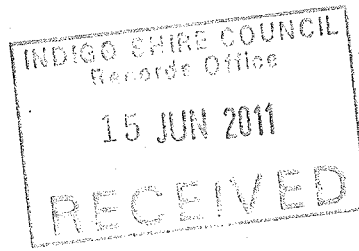
We believe that the expenditure proposed will greatly enhance an excellent facility. We hope this meets with your approval and can be incorporated into the Shire's 2011/2012 Budget.

Yours faithfully,


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Mr Brendan McGrath
Chief Executive Officer
Indigo Shire
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Beechworth VIC 3747



10 June 2011

Dear Sir,

My enquiry relates to the draft Indigo Shire budget for 2011/12.

Are you able to indicate what works the Council is proposing to carry out for the 2011/12 budget that relates to the Wahgunyah Foreshore Master Plan? As I read the document, I could not find a reference to works, provisions or budgeted amounts for works associated with the Master Plan.

It would also be beneficial to understand what the Council's response to Master Plan and what is the time frame by when we are likely to see some action? My only criticism of the Plan was that it was too much of a collection of disparate ideas with limited strategic or imperative outlining of the essential items and a timeframe by when they should or could be delivered by.

I understand that sometimes these projects will sit on a back burner waiting for some grant money to implement them. However, if this is the case it should be communicated to the community.

Overall, it is an opportunity to progress some modest improvements to the region and it would be a pity to see the effort dwindle away.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, followed by a thick black redaction bar covering the name and any contact information. Below this, there are three more horizontal black redaction bars of varying lengths.