

**Macedon  
Ranges**  
Shire Council

# **ATTACHMENTS**

**Submitters Committee Meeting  
Under Separate Cover**

**Wednesday, 19 February 2025**



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**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

We are a [REDACTED] club based in Woodend and in desperate need of a permanent space to safely train and play competitively. We currently have 125 active players coming to training every Sunday between the ages of 4-11 years old.

The gender split is approx. 65% - 35% males - females. The change room facilities at Buffalo are unusable, especially to females.

Currently we can only train on Buffalo Stadium oval when footy or cricket are not using it... so during soccer season this is generally not possible.

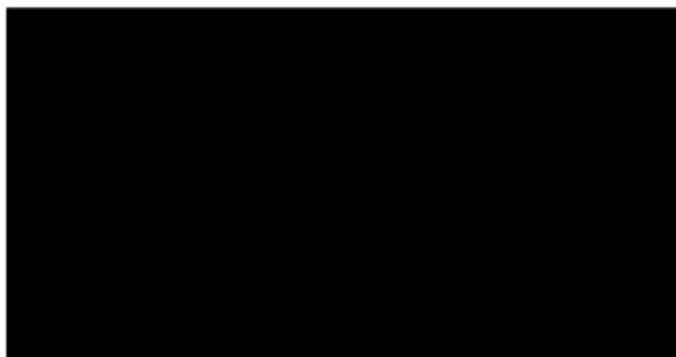
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Parents and community members have been asking for a multi sport rectangular pitch at Buffalo for over 10 years with no luck. It is a possibility that it can be included in the Buffalo Racecourse masterplan but this could take 10 years to develop... our kids clubs need the space now.

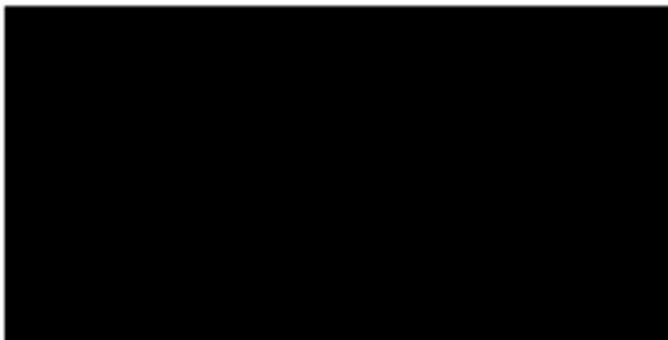
As a club and community we have already begun raising money to develop the pitch which will cost approx. \$350k. The pitch will be a full size rectangular pitch that meets Football Victoria and Rugby Victoria's standards. Several junior training sessions and matches can be played on the space at the same time. The cost would also include correct drainage to enable year round play and protect endangered grasses at the back of Racecourse. If we can raise half and council can input half we would be able to get the pitch developed in time for the 2026 Season. The rectangular pitch will be the perfect sign to the community that the Buffalo Racecourse masterplan will be developed and council want to invest in sport and leisure in Woodend. Thriving sport at buffalo not only benefits the health of our young sports kids but also the economy of Woodend.

Soccer currently has the largest participation of any sport in males and females in the Macedon Ranges and Australia. Parents of Woodend kids currently have to travel to Kyneton and Gisborne if their kids want to play competitively. Those two clubs are at capacity both with numbers and facility usage. approx. 30% of all players there are from Woodend... hence to popularity of our membership.

We an 18 person committee with a robust 5 year plan on developing one of the best sporting clubs and culture in the shire.



Please tell us the town in which you reside (optional).

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The rectangular pitch will ideally be developed on the Woodend Racecourse oval.

Design and scoping work will need to be officially done but as a group we have already consulted several local businesses who specialise in earthworks and sports ground development to assess the viability.

A synthetic pitch will cost approx. \$1.1 M, whereas a well maintained natural surface will cost approx. \$350k and will take around 3-5 months to establish. This quote was from local business Naturform... it would be employing local people to build it.

The development of the pitch would have to fit with the Buffalo Racecourse masterplan design. The scope of the future masterplan would mainly involve development of existing buildings and drainage, whereas the rectangular pitch would be an additional surface, meaning high demand sports like soccer and rugby can be played without impacting the already overused footy / cricket ovals. Council would have to consult with the Pony Club to approve the usage of the space.

If the project can be approved for the next financial year the pitch can be developed in time for the start of the 2026 soccer season and mean The Macedon Ranges would have four competitive sides playing in their respective leagues.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Buffalo Masterplan

**Do you also wish to provide general feedback or input to guide the development of Council's 2025-26 Budget?**

Yes

**Please share your general input or feedback on Council's 2025-26 Budget.**

As a community Woodend feels left behind Gisborne and Kyneton when it comes to sound investment decisions by the council... whilst putting together our petition earlier in the year most feedback regarding local investment in sporting infrastructure was extremely negative. Parents with Two or more kids really struggle with fulfilling sports obligations due to travel. This can be fixed by bring local facilities up to standard and providing facilities for sports that are in demand. Local shops and services would benefit from more people visiting Woodend through sports participation. Tourism only provides minimal income and can be inconsistent due to weather.

**Please attach any relevant files to support your submission (optional).**

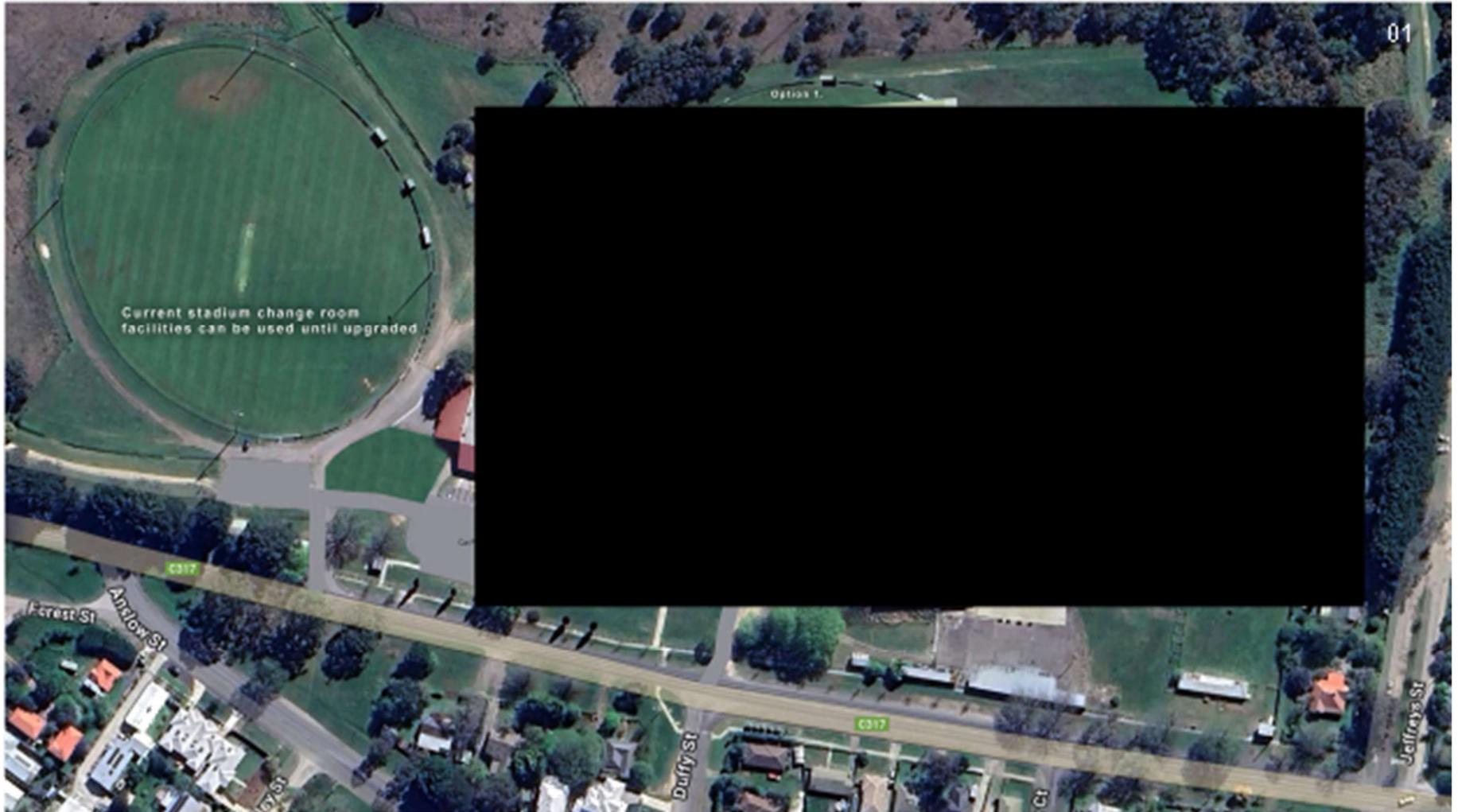
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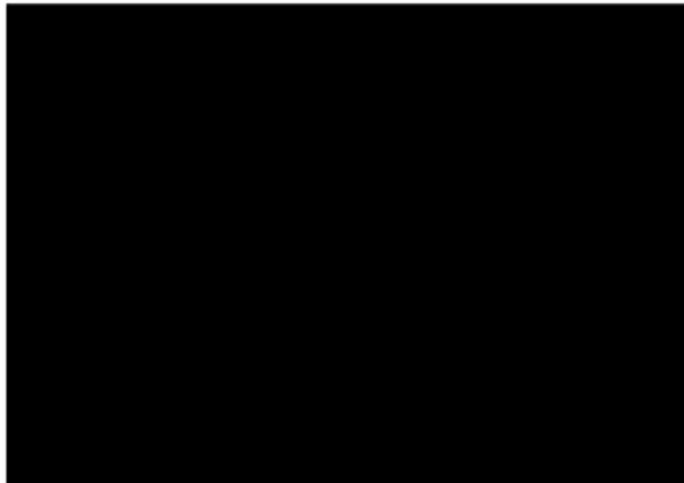
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Seeking council action on a footpath that has been assessed as high priority by the MRSC team in Malmsbury along Mollison St, to enable safe and accessible access to the station from the taradale side of town. Currently pedestrians need to walk on a very busy road and turning lane to get to the station safely, where there is a 70km/hr limit and poor visibility due to the hill. People often drive much faster than the limit here and endanger pedestrians. If you have a pram you're endangering your child trying to make this walk. It's not possible to walk on the nature strip as these are uneven footing and often overgrown.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Footpath plan

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I'd like to see more funding allocated to Malmsbury, it seems we are often overlooked as we are a smaller town on the periphery of the LGA. Further works to enact the planned improvements to Malmsbury botanic gardens would be appreciated as would additional streetlights to make the streets safer and more accessible to women at night.

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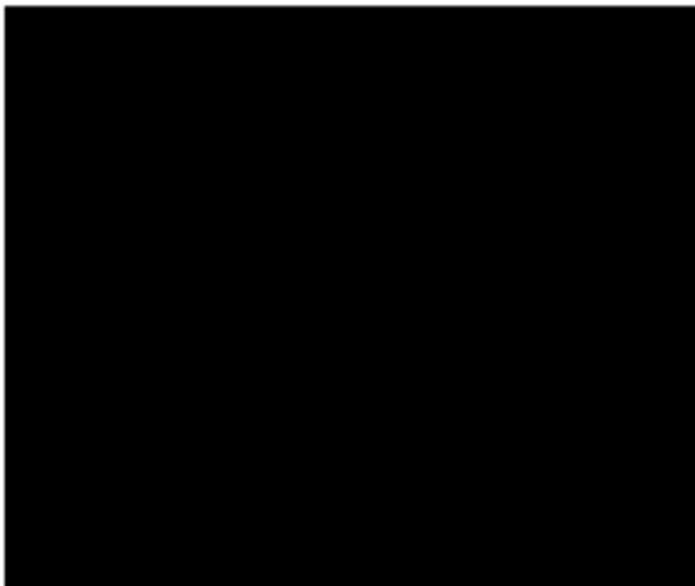
I am the [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] As well as

[REDACTED]

**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

The community of Darraweit Guim

[REDACTED]

**Would you like to:**

Provide more general input or feedback on Council's Budget 2025-26.

**Please share your general input or feedback on Council's 2025-26 Budget.**

Over the past few years the community of Darraweit Guim has decorated the township with Christmas trees along the road. This activity requires a local laws permit. This year we discovered that due to changes in the Council budget we were required to pay \$92 for the permit. This activity in the township does not benefit anyone financially, but is designed to build community. It is difficult to understand why we are expected to pay for a permit when this project is 100% volunteer and community driven. I request that Council re-consider the expectation that activities such as this are required to pay a fee for the local laws permit.

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[REDACTED]

**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

[REDACTED] sporting organisation in Riddells Creek delivering tennis and pickleball activities in our community. The club has approx 80 active members all ages, abilities and gender. Approximately 40% of our membership are female and 25% junior members.

[REDACTED]

**Would you like to:**

Submit a proposal for a specific idea or initiative to be included in the 2025-26 Budget.

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████████████████████ is a local community sporting club that provides tennis and pickleball activities at our venue. We have had significant growth over the past few years and are looking to plan for our future growth and make sure our club remains sustainable well into the future.

As a club that is located and has our facilities at the Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve, our club is bound by the constraints of the current Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve Master Plan (2009).

Unfortunately the current plan is out of date and no longer fit for purpose to meet the growing community needs of our town and the clubs and user groups it services.

With the Riddells Creek town's population expected to double over the next decade (due the Amess Road subdivision), a new and revised strategic plan for

our outdoor recreational space is well overdue and much needed. My club has been informed by MRSC recreation officers that no new infrastructure development can take place at the reserve until the new master plan is completed and the current plan is now no longer valid. We are therefore unable to develop our own strategic plan without the assurance and security of a well developed master plan for the reserve itself. Without a new master plan we are hindered in what we can do as a club and we cannot move forward in our own plans to build new courts and infrastructure.

Our club's vision is to be a multi discipline racquet club offering all complimentary formats of tennis - including Padel and Pickelball. We need to start planning for new Padel courts infrastructure to meet our vision and strategy. We cannot move forward without the new master plan being completed.

The plan is estimated to cost approx \$60,000. It will benefit all existing and potentially new clubs and community groups in Riddells Creek.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Community Vision 2021-2031

**Do you also wish to provide general feedback or input to guide the development of Council's 2025-26 Budget?**

No

**Please attach any relevant files to support your submission (optional).**

- [Riddells Creek Rec Reserve - Tiny Towns Fund - Letter of Support - RCTC.pdf](#)

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29 September 2024

RE: RIDDELLS CREEK RECREATION RESERVE – Regional Development Victoria Tiny Towns Fund

To whom it may concern,



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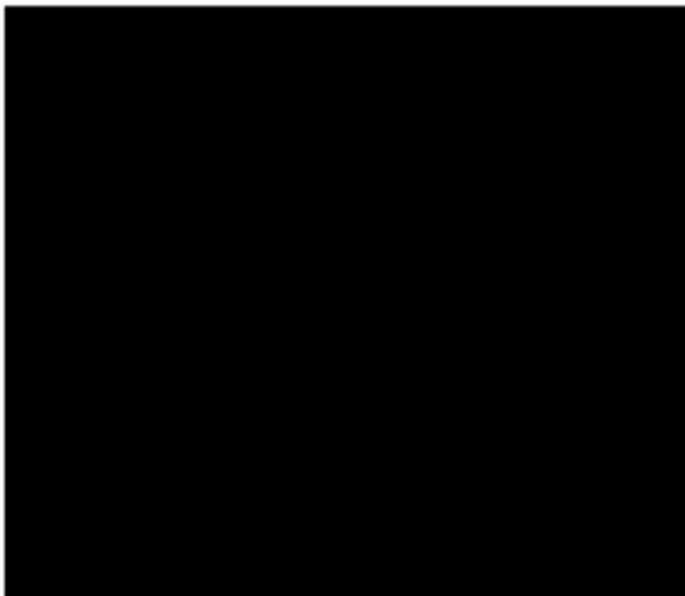
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[REDACTED]

**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

The [REDACTED] is an important community asset. The club has 60 active members (both male and female aged from 40s to 80s) but also attracts more than 11,000 visits every year (aged from young to elderly).

[REDACTED]

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Upgrade to 70 year old building that is widely used by the Woodend Community and visitors. The Male Toilets and changeroom are extensively used but showing signs of their 70 year age and also not fit-for-purpose in modern times. The MRSC has already undertaken preliminary work and costings on a much broader rejuvenation project, but this year we are looking at a part of that project - as specified above. It would be great if the work was undertaken ASAP to meet growing community usage of the facility. The initial estimate for total works was in excess of \$400,000 but we are looking at one part of that project with a guesstimate of around \$50,000.

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Community Vision 2021-2031

Council Plan 2021-2031

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- 2158 [REDACTED] - PROJECT DESCRIPTION RESPONSE v3.pdf
- 16077 [REDACTED] - Stage C Cost Plan Ref 16077-01.pdf

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REVIEW & UPGRADES OF FACILITIES

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION AS PER SCOPE OF WORK IDENTIFIED BY MRSC:

1. Asbestos to be removed where ~~in~~ existing ~~to be~~ extent on drawings)
2. New ceiling lining throughout (similar to Female toilets)
3. Electrical Plan. New Downlights throughout (similar to Female toilets)
4. New Male toilets and make good existing male change room (similar to Female toilets)
5. Check options to make Female toilet accessible.
6. Paint internal walls (extent of painting to be shown on drawings)
7. Even the floors and polish where applicable (extent to be shown on drawings)
8. Install Sensor lights to the front and sides (show location on drawings)
9. Fix some internal doors which are getting stuck (to be marked on drawings)

ADDITIONAL REQUEST FOR SCOPE:

10. Design for Disabled Ramp



**DESIGN RESPONSE**

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[REDACTED] - REVIEW & UPGRADE OF [REDACTED] FACILITIES

**1. ASBESTOS INVESTIGATION AND REMOVAL**

- The plans show the areas already identified with Asbestos.
- The plans show areas identified for further investigation to determine if Asbestos removal is required.



[REDACTED] - REVIEW & UPGRADE OF [REDACTED] FACILITIES

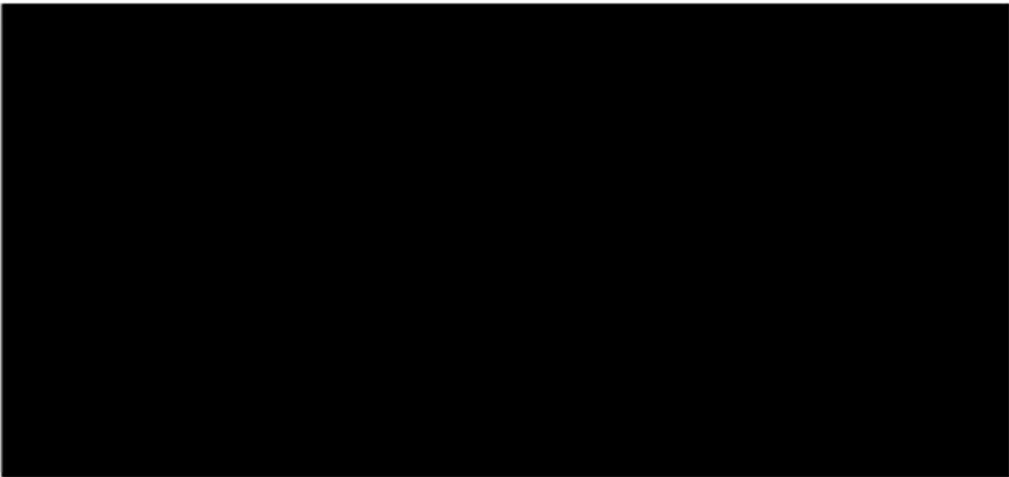
**2. NEW CEILING LINING**

- The plans show areas where ceiling lining is to be replaced with 10mm ceiling plaster. To be finished with plaster cornice, to match female toilets, image below.



Large/Main Room to be provided with acoustic ceiling panels.

Product = or similar to;



[REDACTED] - REVIEW & UPGRADE OF [REDACTED] FACILITIES

**3. NEW ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS**

- The plans show where new electrical and light fittings are required, an accompanying legend can be found on the Electrical Plan.



LED Downlight to be installed to match existing recently installed units.

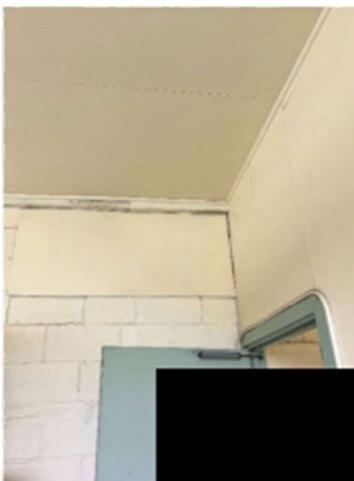


██████████ – REVIEW & UPGRADE OF ██████████ FACILITIES

#### 4. UPGRADE TO MALE TOILETS & CHANGE ROOM (NEW MALES TOILETS)

- Remove Floor Tiles & Carpet, replace with commercial grade Vinyl, to match female toilets. And installed to standard.
- Remove wall tiles, and replace with tiles (to match female toilets), and installed to a minimum height of 1200mm above floor level, and 200mm above urinal.
- Remove sink, replace with double vanity, to match female toilets (example below)
- Remove cubicle doors & walls, replace with (min) 15mm Laminated particle board partition walls, laminated doors with door locks (example below).
- Retain plumbed Toilet and Urinal Units.

Male toilets to be upgraded:



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[REDACTED] - REVIEW & UPGRADE OF [REDACTED] FACILITIES

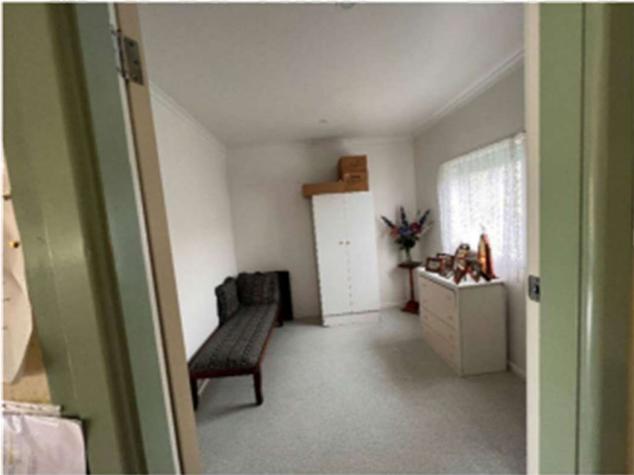
Existing Female Toilets:



REVIEW & UPGRADE OF FACILITIES

5. OPTIONS FOR ACCESSIBLE TOILET (UNISEX)

- The plans show where the proposed disabled toilet can be located, including the dimensions and required fittings and fixtures.

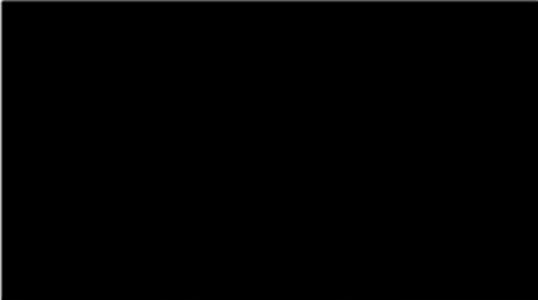


Door opening to be widened for accessibility:

[REDACTED] – REVIEW & UPGRADE OF [REDACTED] FACILITIES

**6. PAINT WALLS & CEILING**

- The plans show where painting is required.
- Painting to be installed over the walls materials, existing or new, as denoted on plans. (ie. Some over new plaster, some over existing brick or timber work)



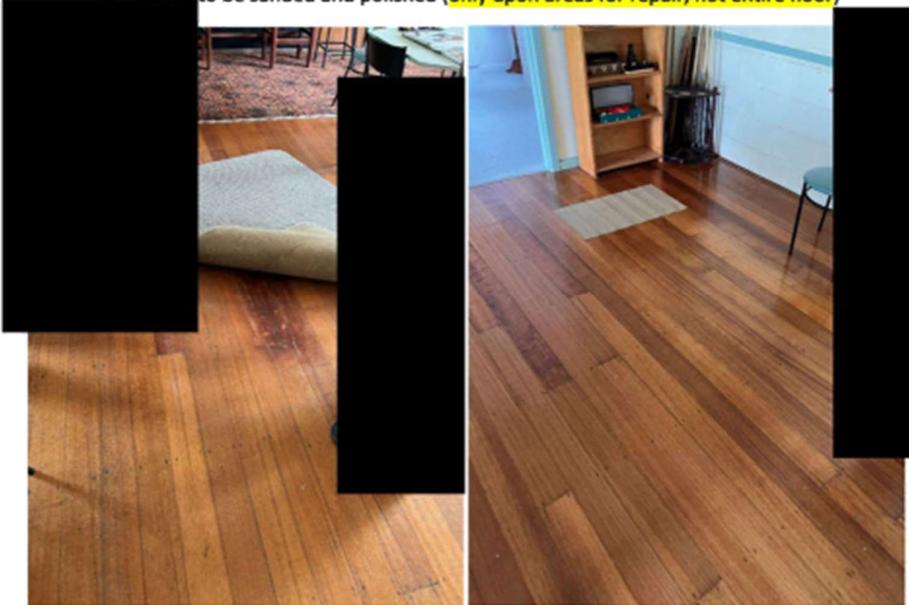
TO MATCH FEMALE TOILETS:



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**7. EVEN THE FLOORS & POLISH**

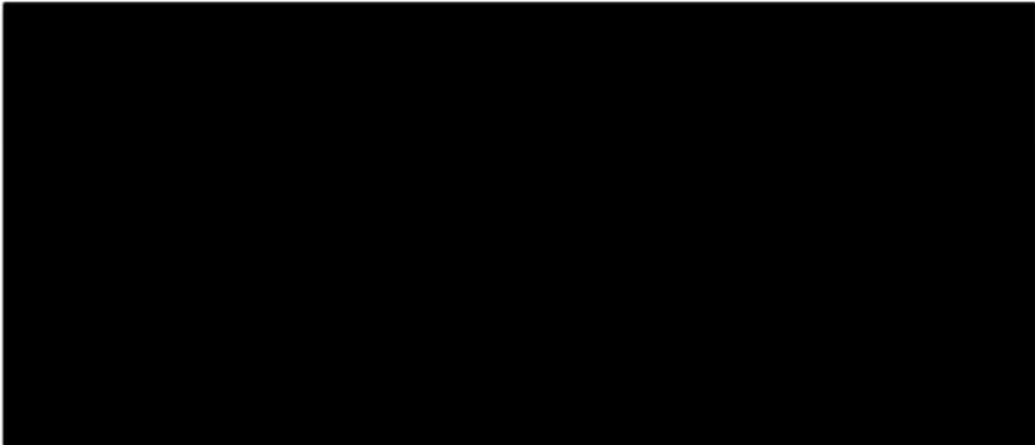
- The plans shows approximately where the floor requires repair and refurbishment.
- Floor vents throughout to be sealed, with timber floor patch
- Floors to be sanded and polished (only upon areas for repair, not entire floor)



[REDACTED] – REVIEW & UPGRADE OF [REDACTED] FACILITIES

**8. INSTALL SENSOR LIGHTING**

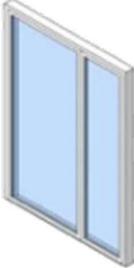
- Electrical Plan for location and details.



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**9. FIX INTERNAL DOORS**

- As noted on Plan, doors to be replaced;
  - Rear (north-east) double door unit, to be replaced with custom unit, to be accessible, as shown on plans.
  - Replace male toilet cubicle doors with new cubicle particle board units.
  - Replace all round door handles with silver/chrome Lever handles.



Unequal double opening door unit. Example



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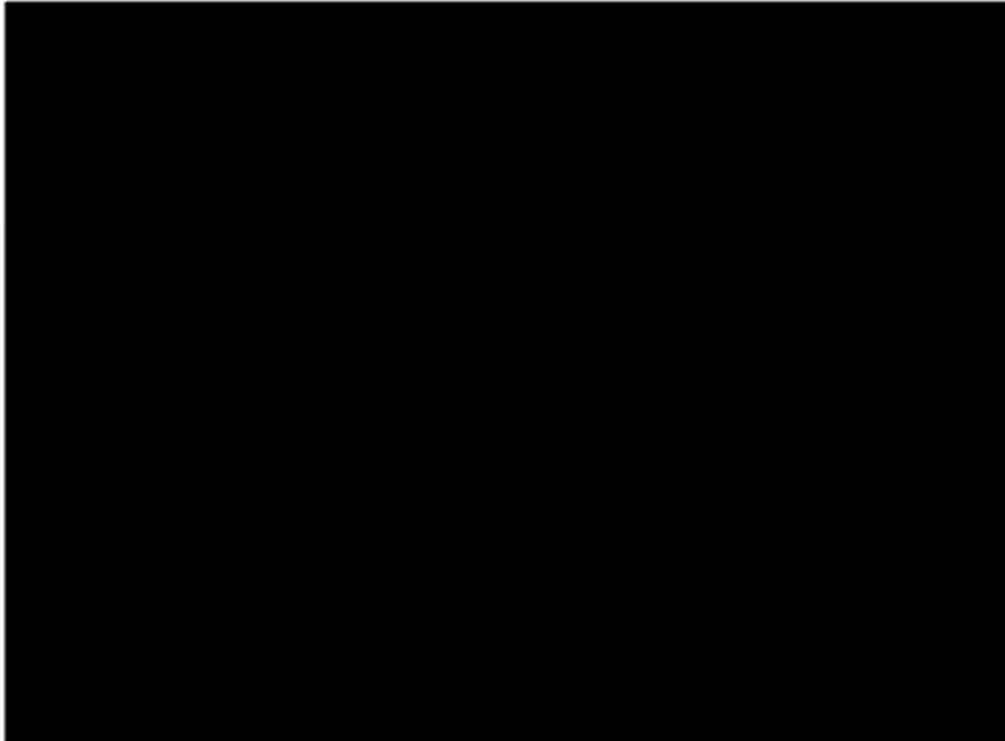
**10. DESIGN AND INSTALL ACCESSIBILITY RAMP**

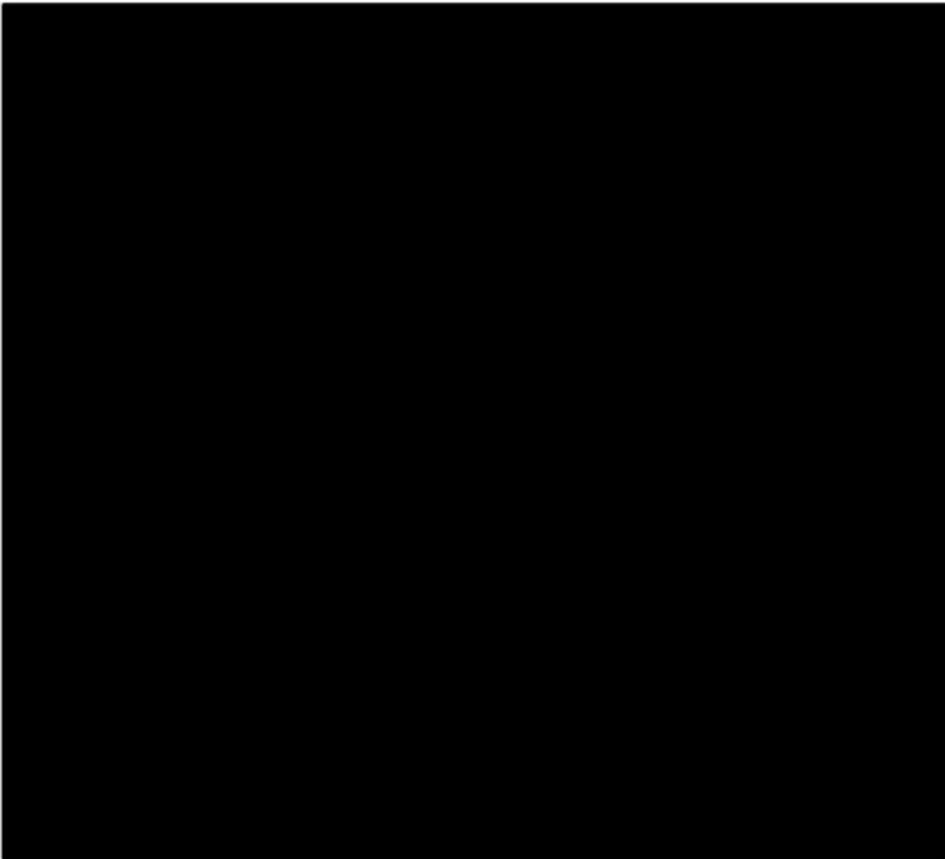
Install step ramp, landing and handrails in accordance with the plans and specified Australian Standard – to the rear (north-east) door exit.





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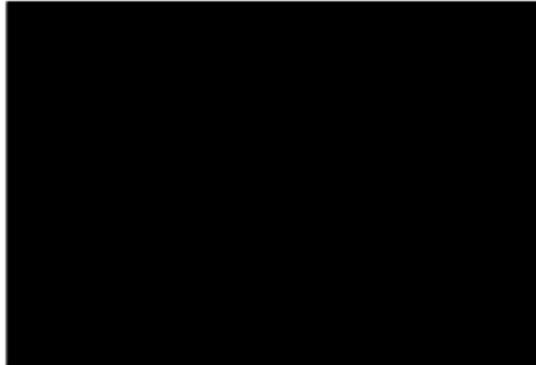
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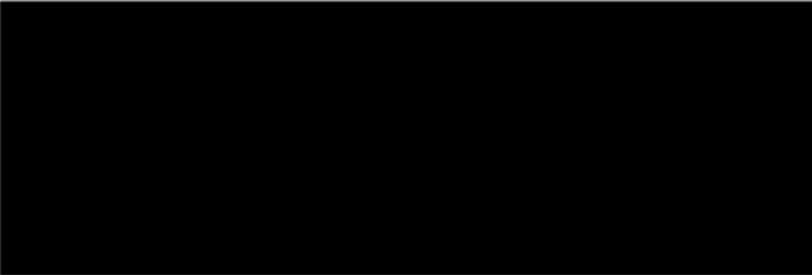
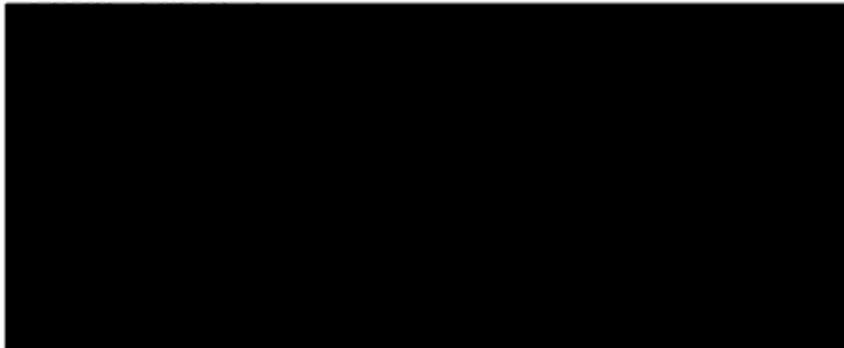
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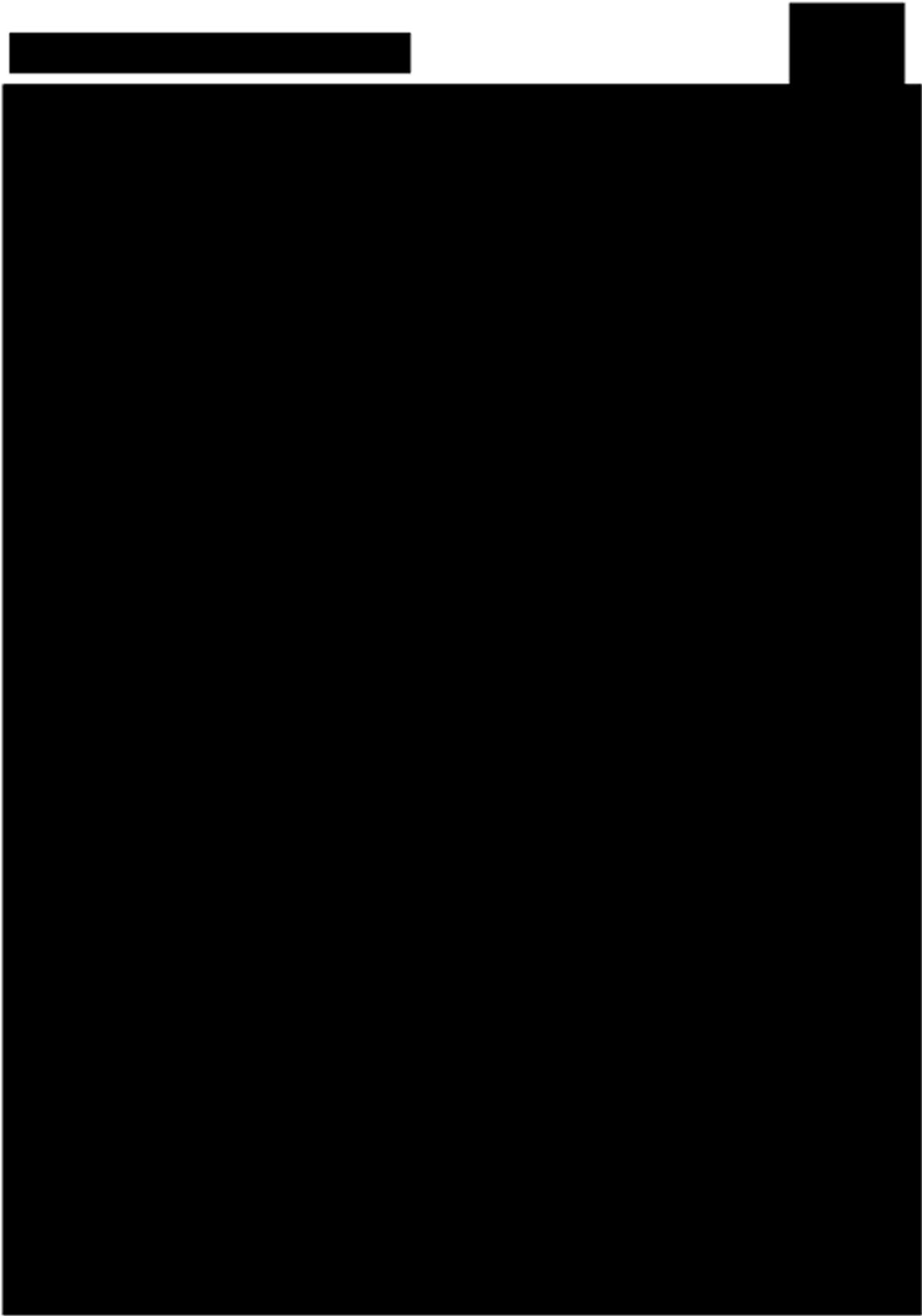
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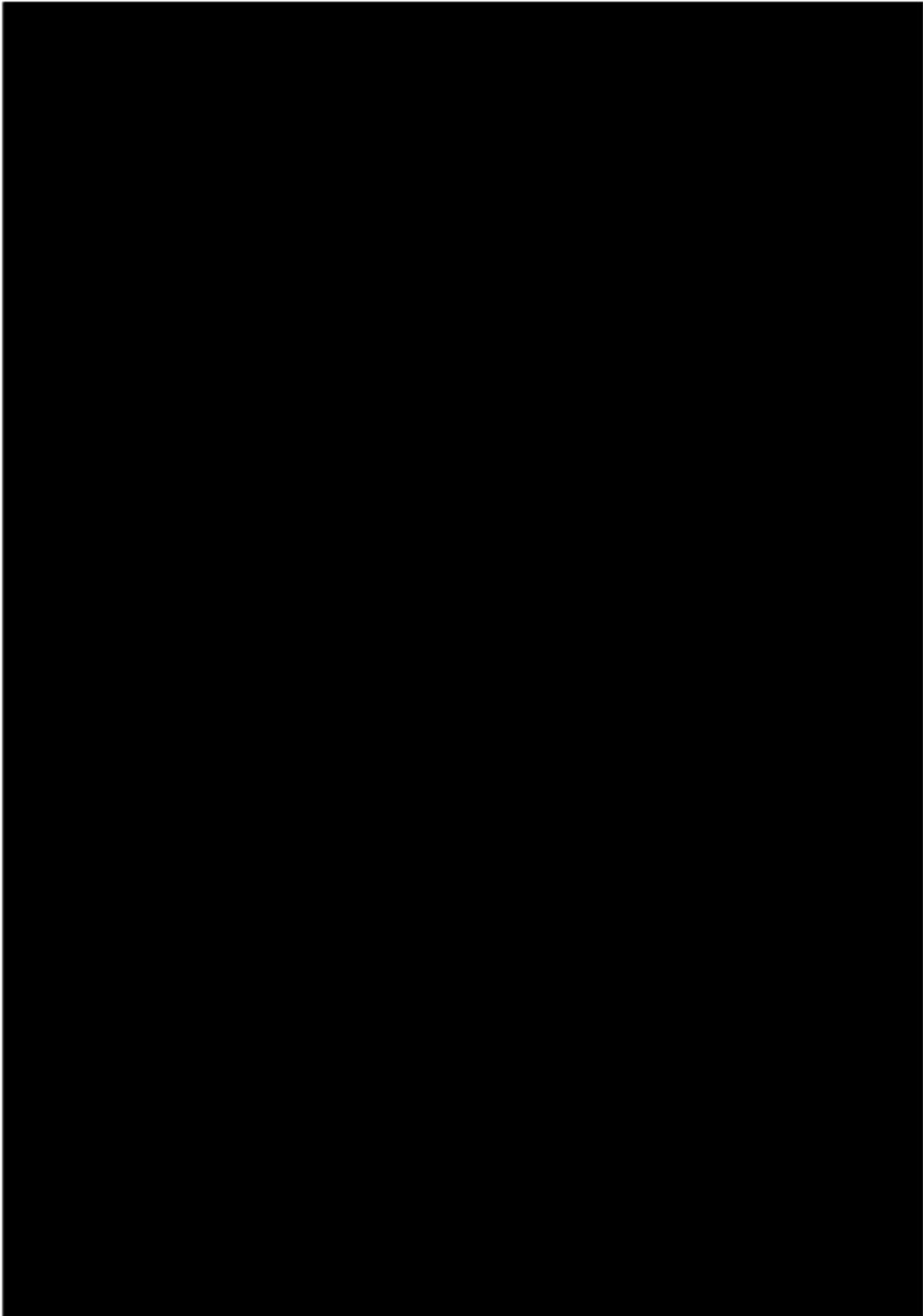


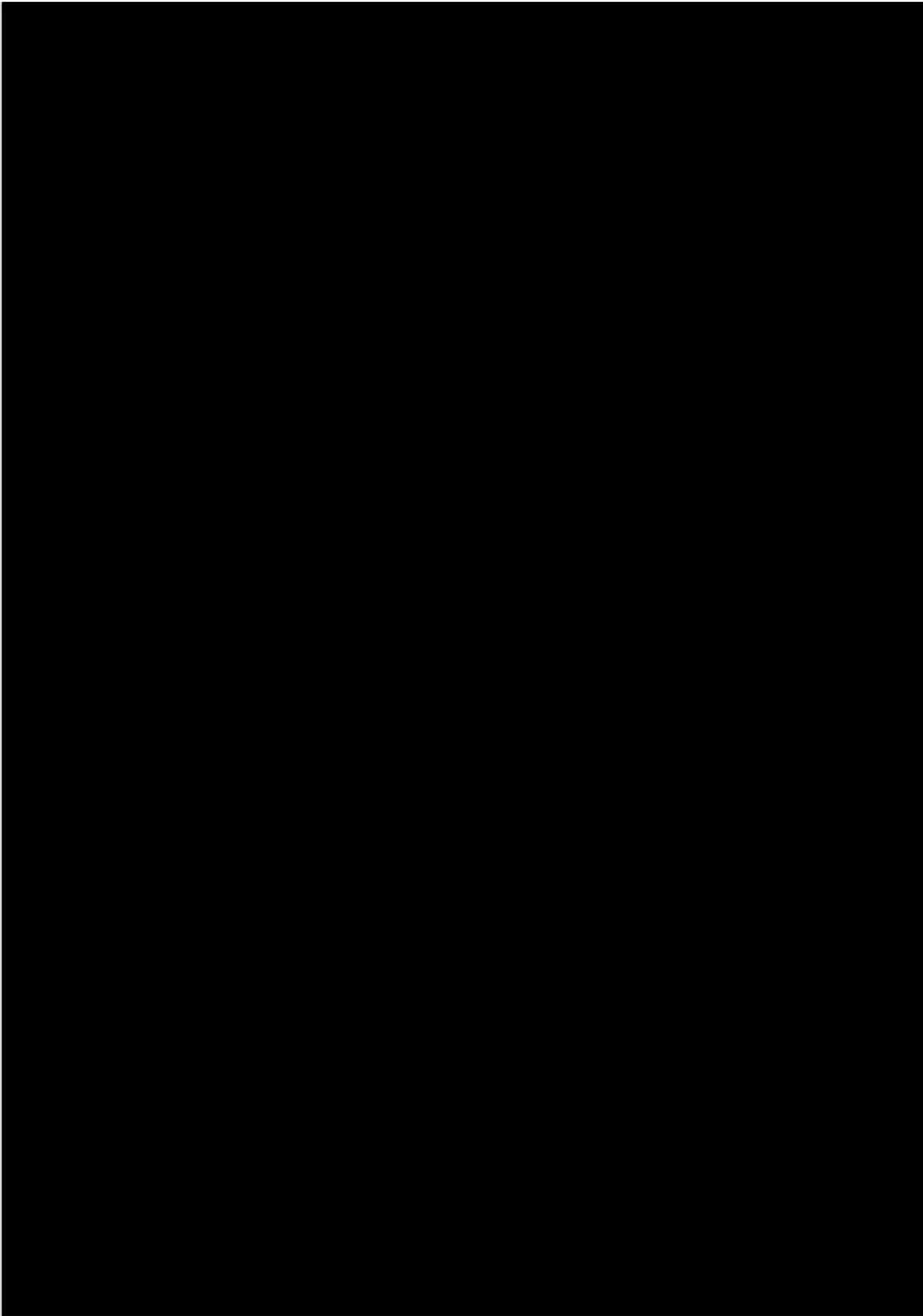
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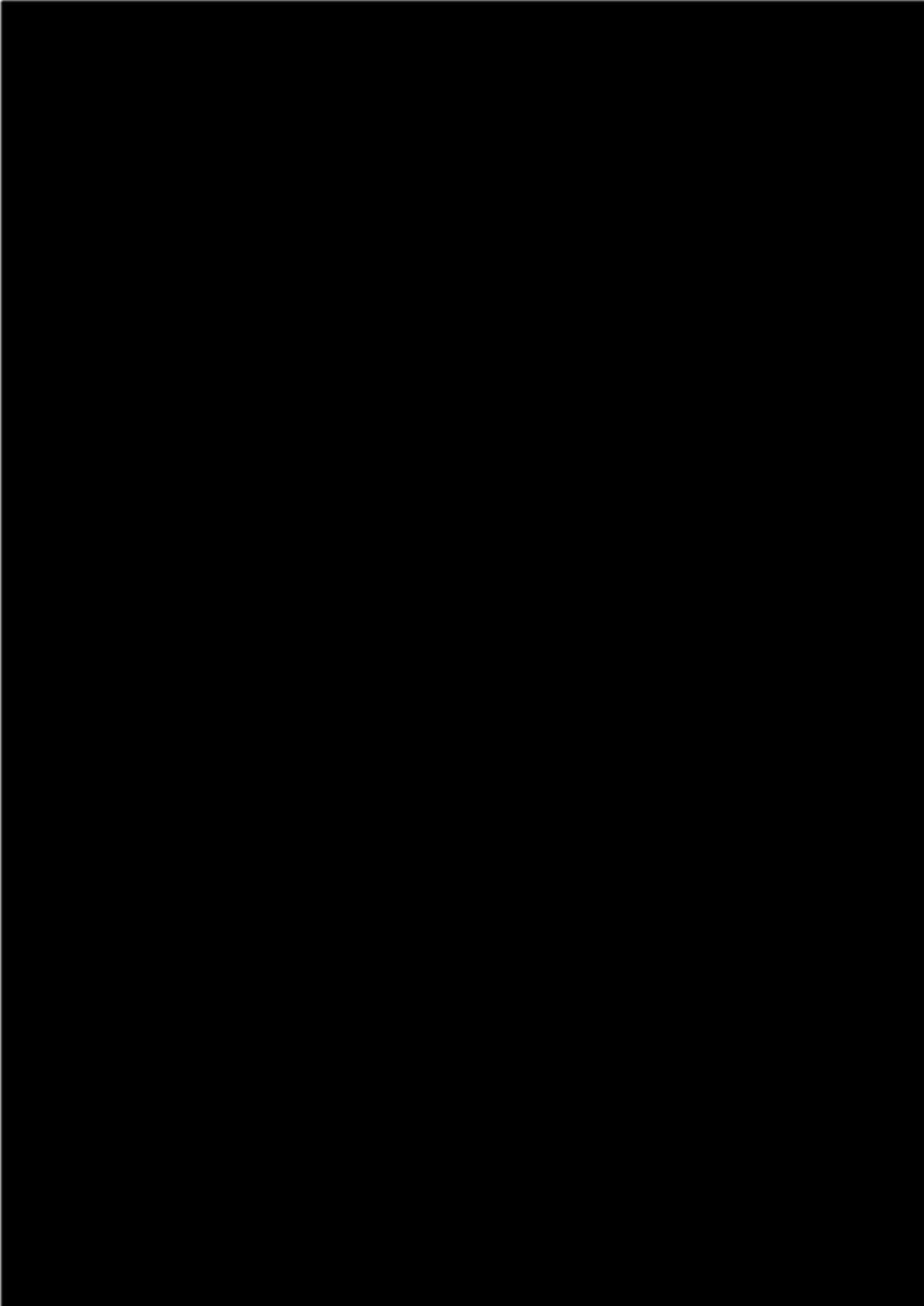
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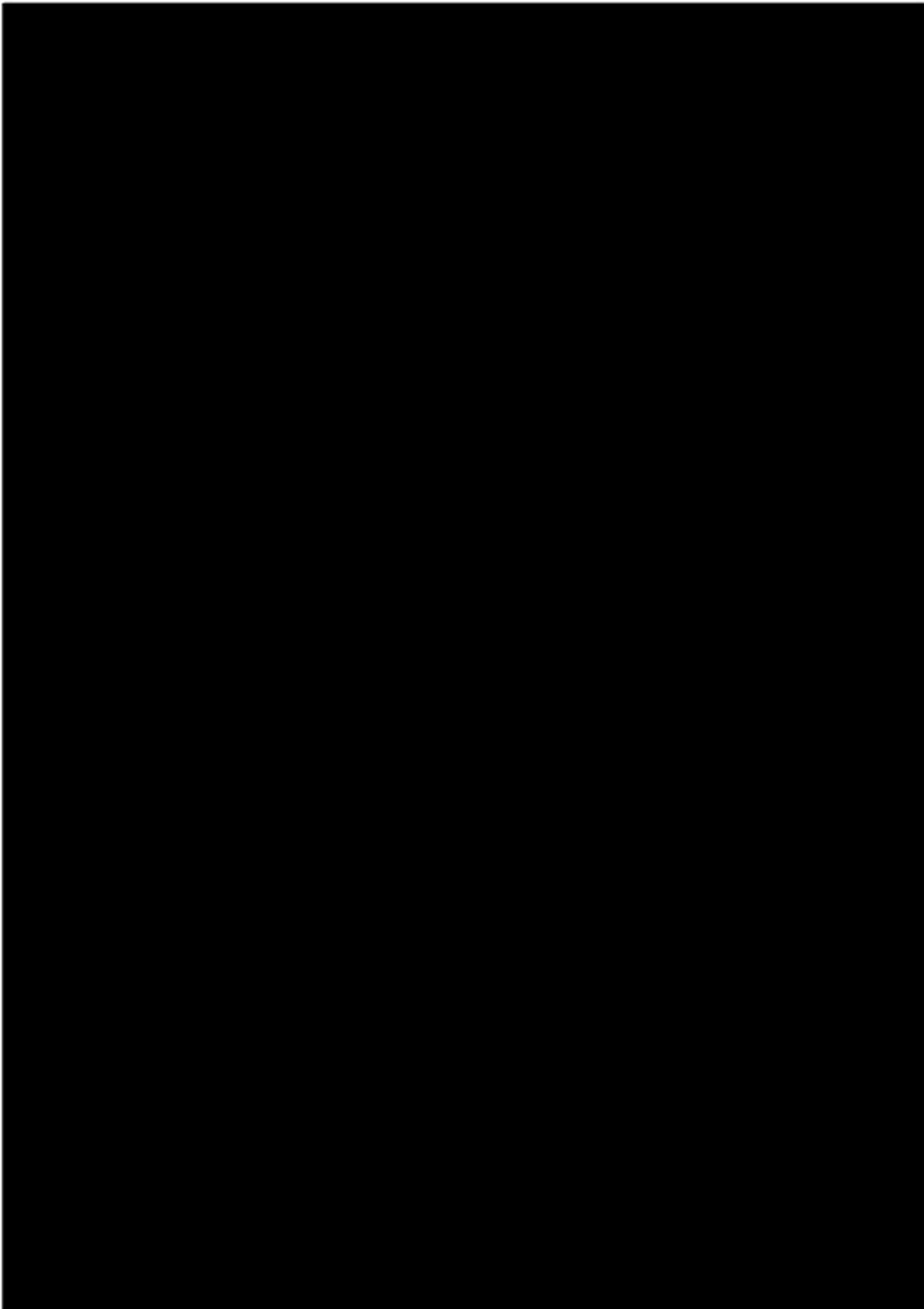


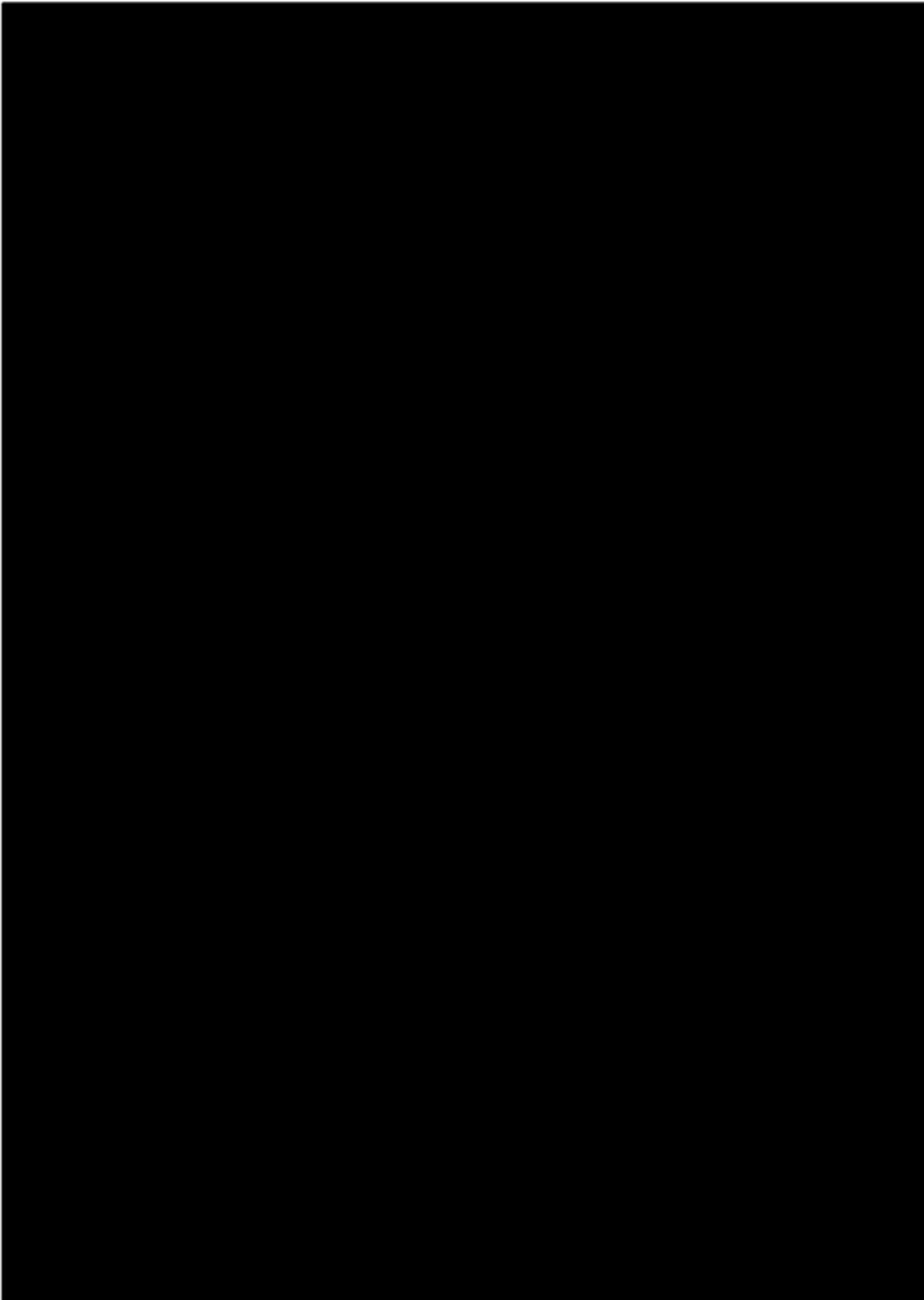


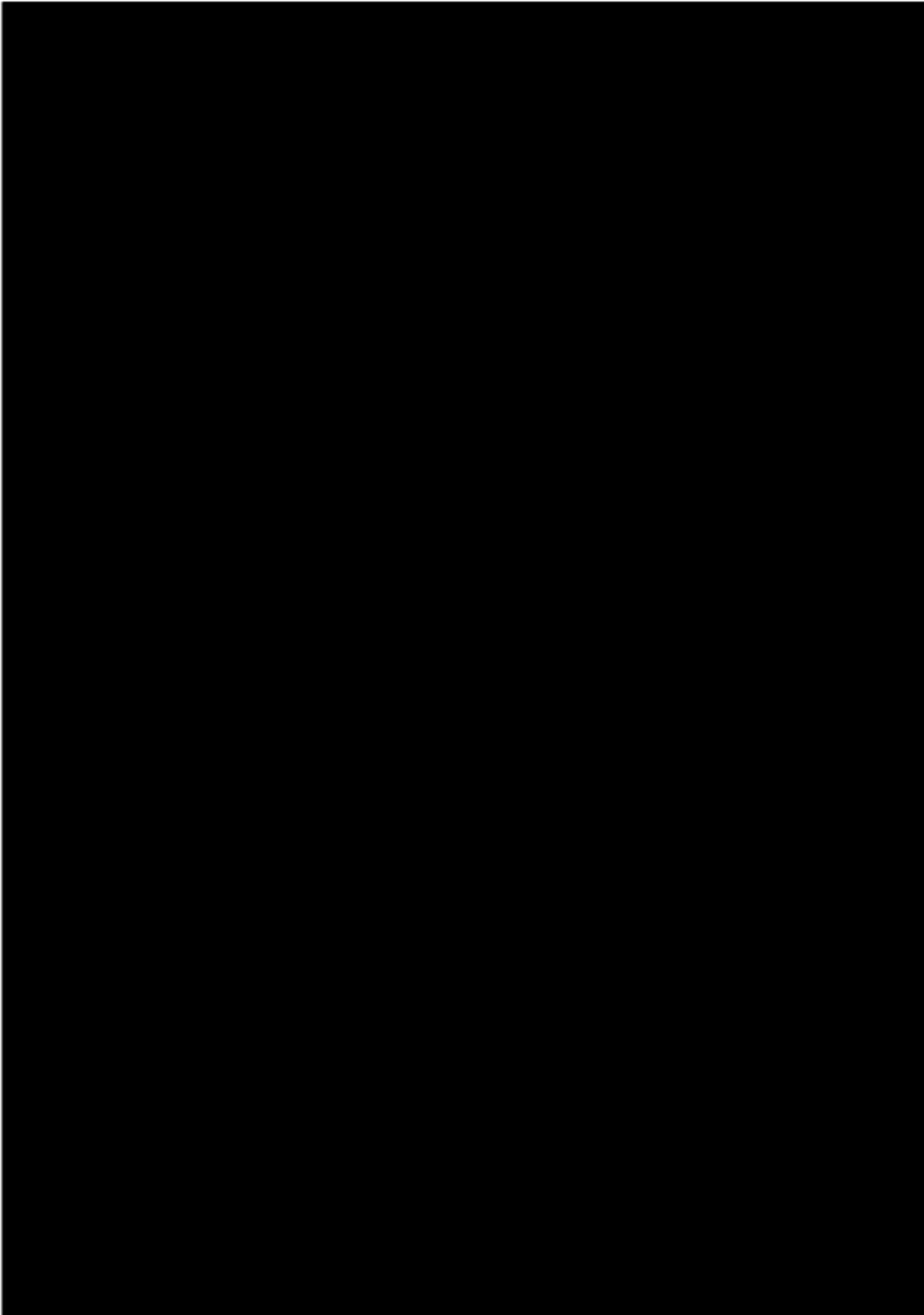


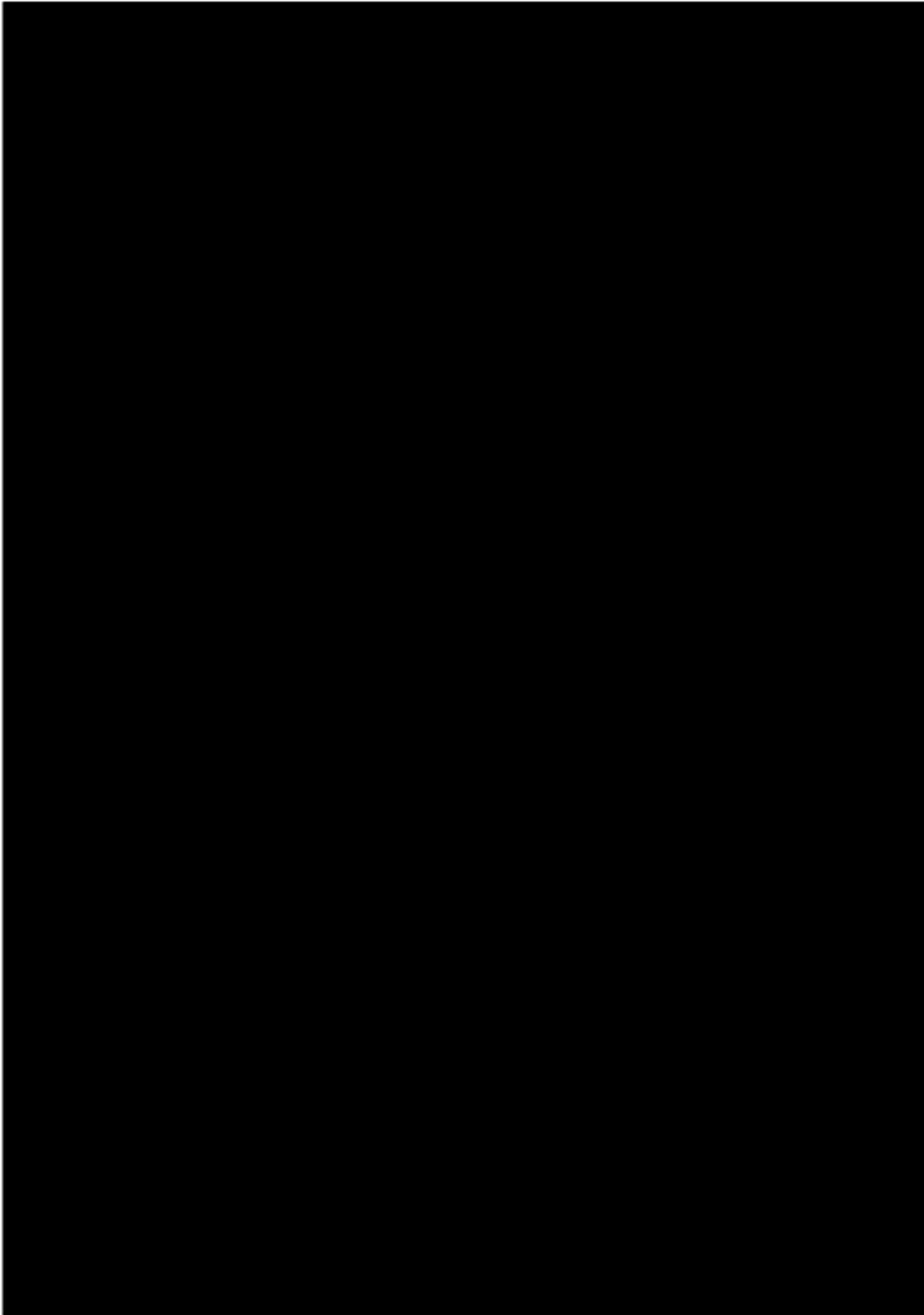


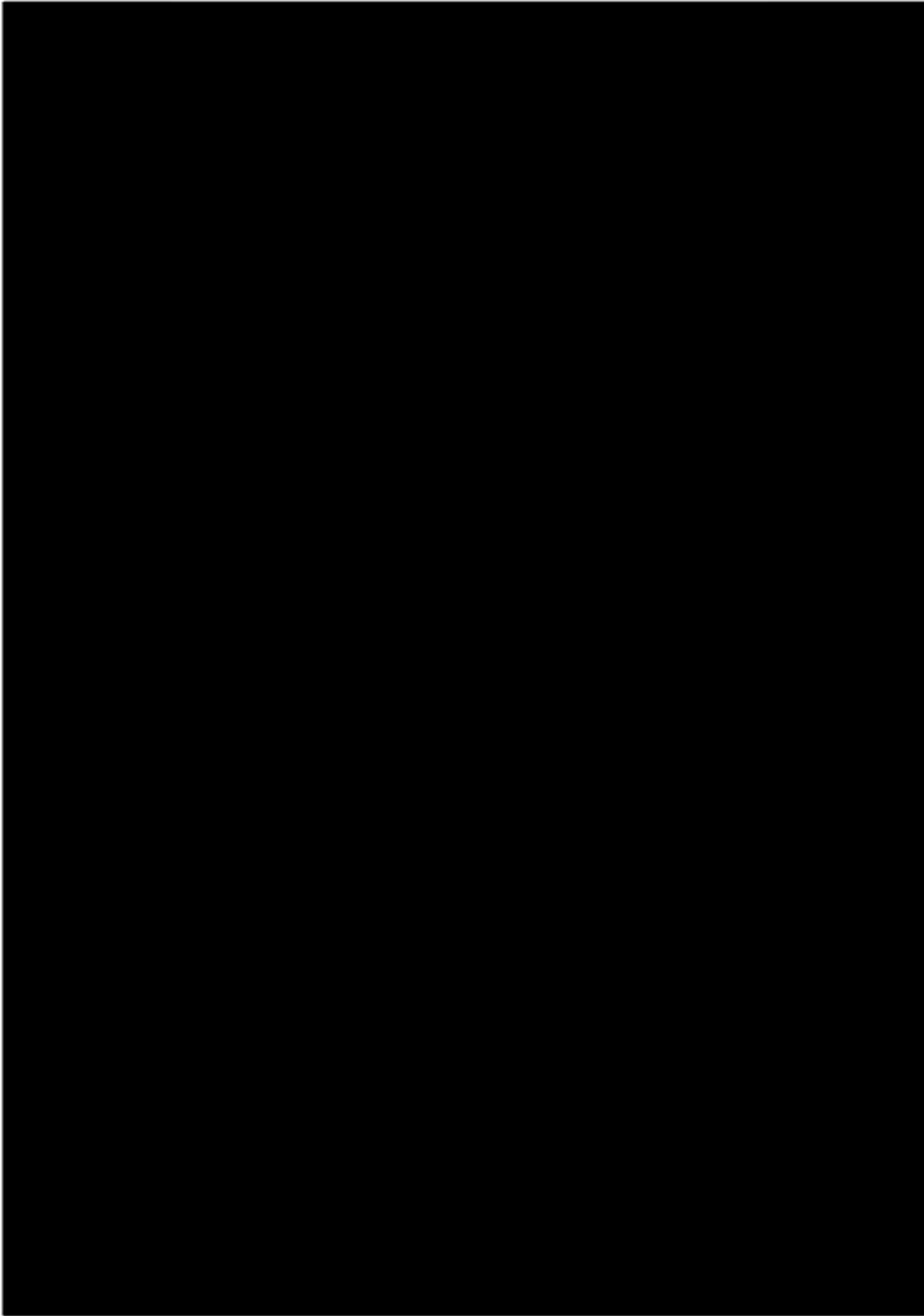


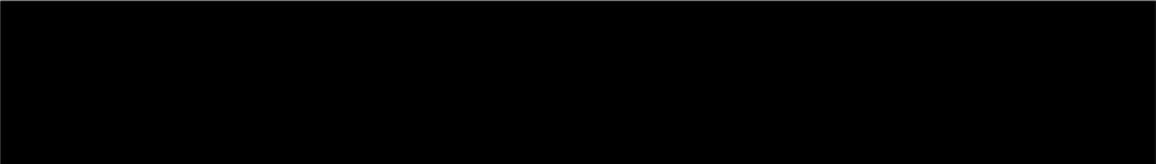
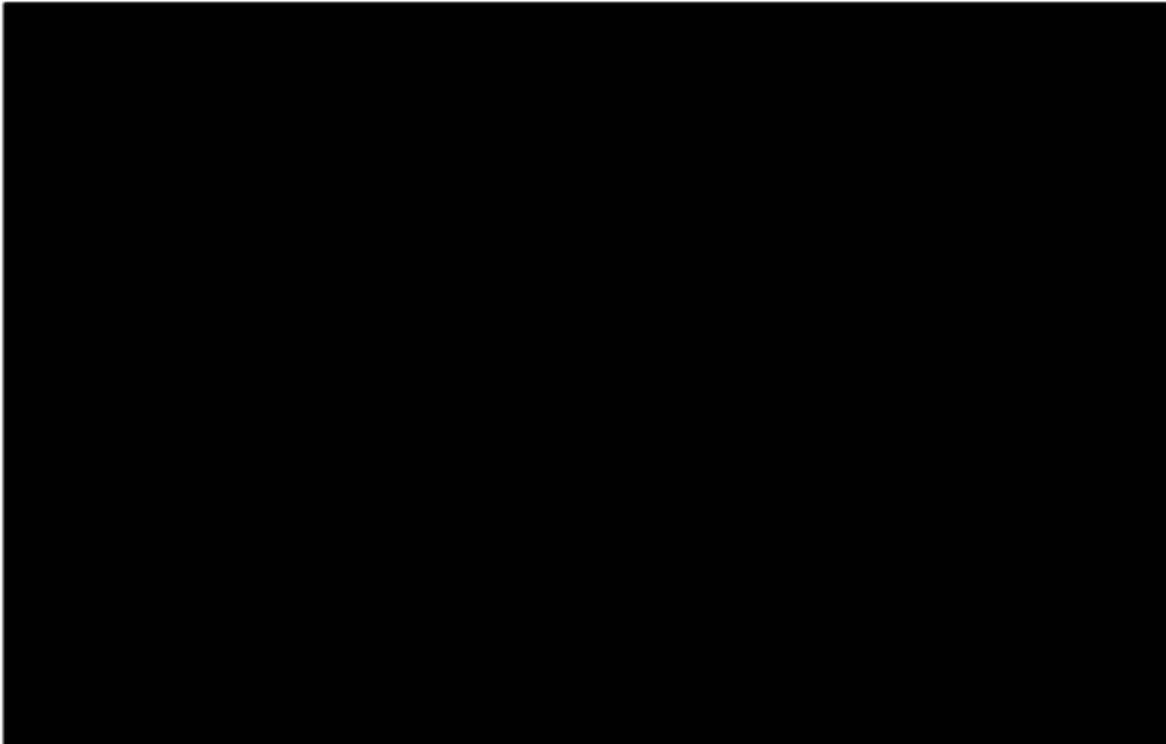












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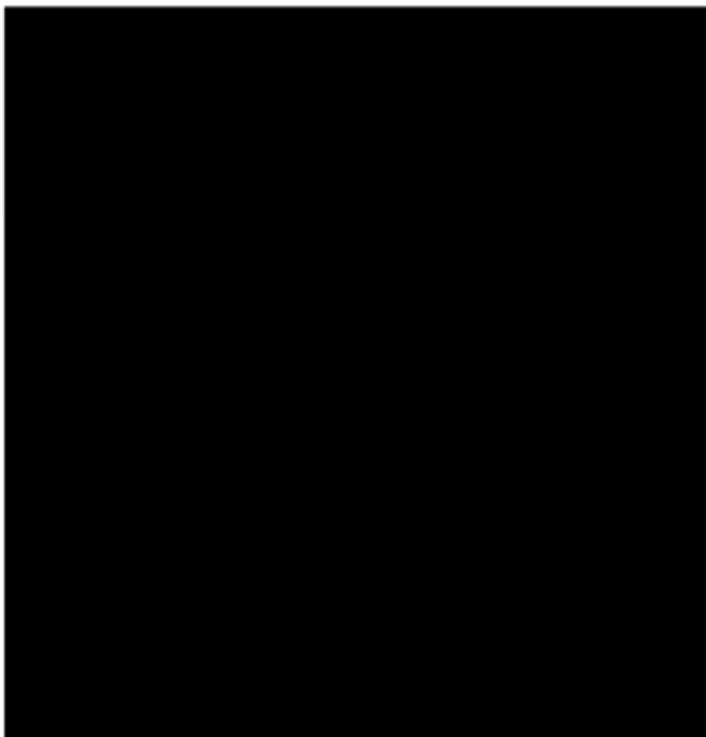
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**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

[REDACTED] is a not-for-profit community organisation with about 390 members. We lease the golf course land and buildings from MRSC and maintain the grounds on behalf of the broader community to enjoy for passive recreation. Most of our members are from the Macedon Ranges but a number are from the north west suburbs of Melbourne. We have about 60 female members, and about 30 juniors under 16. Age ranges are from 10 through to

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85. Given our proximity to Melbourne, and reputation as a high quality and affordable golf course, we attract lots of visitors which generates economic activity in Woodend. We have 1 full time employee, 3 part-timers and 2 casuals. We make our club rooms available free of charge to other not-for-profit community groups in the Macedon Ranges. For example, the Woodend CWA Eves group have their monthly meeting in our rooms. The main beneficiaries of the project will be golf club members and visitors, as well as community groups who use our facilities. The Club has experienced significant growth in recent years and the increased utilisation of the course and the Club requires ongoing efforts to maintain and upgrade to manage risks and for council to meet its obligations as landlord.



**Would you like to:**

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Upgrade of the Woodend Golf Club car park.

Under the lease between MRSC and the Club, council is responsible for the maintenance of the car park and the driveway. The current car park is not fit for purpose. It is uneven, dangerous, full of trip hazards, without any lighting, extremely slippery during winter and spring. This creates a significant liability for the council. Further, there is no designated disability access car parking which would appear to contravene Commonwealth Government requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act and various State and Commonwealth Building codes. The Club is seeking Council to meet its obligations as landlord to upgrade this car park to ensure that it has an accessible car park and the rest of the car park is safe to use. The Club acknowledges and is grateful to council for the recent upgrade to the Clubrooms which is now an excellent community asset. However, without the associated car parking infrastructure in place, it will remain inaccessible for some community members. The club is aware of feedback from a local community group that chose to not hold its meetings at the rooms because of safety concerns for its elderly members using the car park. The Club made a submission to the last council budget submission process, and the council to its credit the issues with the car park. The car park site is challenging due to its sloping nature and the presence of mature trees and various overlays. However, council needs to be pro-active to get the necessary exemptions to remove or cut back some trees if required to make the car park safe. The design and delivery of this project needs to be progressed as soon as possible. Costs are difficult to estimate - pending design in relation to drainage and accessible car parking requirements.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Community Vision 2021-2031

Budget 2024-25 (the current budget cycle)

Council Plan 2021-2031

**Do you also wish to provide general feedback or input to guide the**

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No

**Would you like to be invited to speak in support of your submission to the Submitter's Delegated Committee to be held in early 2025?**

Yes

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[REDACTED]

**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

We, as a [REDACTED] club of the community of Riddells Creek, have lobbied for

several years, and through many conversations, to have our own (minimum) two courts

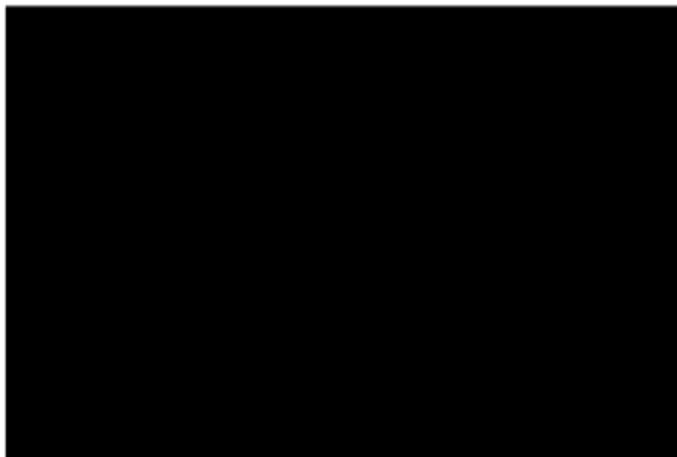
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have one outdoor multi-purpose court and, in comparison to tennis, with very  
limited  
membership, have 6 fully lit courts. Juniors are unable to expand their netball  
program  
to include under 9s and having to cap numbers across their teams. This doesn't  
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the Riddell Ravens netball club or any other netball clubs within the school or  
community.  
The Riddells Creek population is set to grow by 44% by 2036, this is an  
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don't  
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**Please outline your submission to the Budget 2025-26.**

Update to Riddell Recreation Masterplan

We, as a [REDACTED] club of the community of Riddells Creek, have lobbied for several years, and through many conversations, to have our own (minimum) two courts it has not been heard. The answer we have received is that the Riddell Recreation Reserve needs to have an updated master plan. This process can take up to 3 years for just the master plan to be approved, let alone the staged works to be completed. The membership base across both Riddell FNC junior and senior netball is around 200; we have one outdoor multi-purpose court and, in comparison to tennis, with very limited membership, have 6 fully lit courts. Juniors are unable to expand their netball

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Community Vision 2021-2031

Council Plan 2021-2031

Financial Plan 2021-2031

**Do you also wish to provide general feedback or input to guide the  
development of Council's 2025-26 Budget?**

Yes

**Please share your general input or feedback on Council's 2025-26 Budget.**

Please include funding for development of Riddell Recreation Reserve  
Masterplan update.

**Would you like to be invited to speak in support of your submission to the Submitter's Delegated Committee to be held in early 2025?**

Maybe - please send me further information

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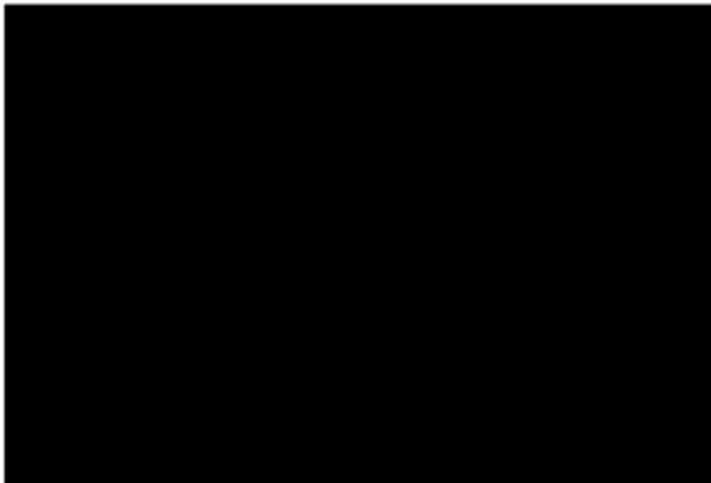
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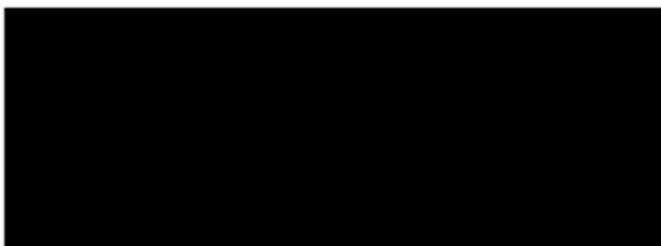
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Something we have been after for a long time is safer access into town for residents living in [REDACTED] It is extremely dangerous during busy times as we see a lot of people walking this route especially with kids and prams . Someone needs to look at this with young families growing in the area.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Budget 2024-25 (the current budget cycle)  
Next budget

**Do you also wish to provide general feedback or input to guide the development of Council's 2025-26 Budget?**

Yes

**Please share your general input or feedback on Council's 2025-26 Budget.**

Improved access again into town

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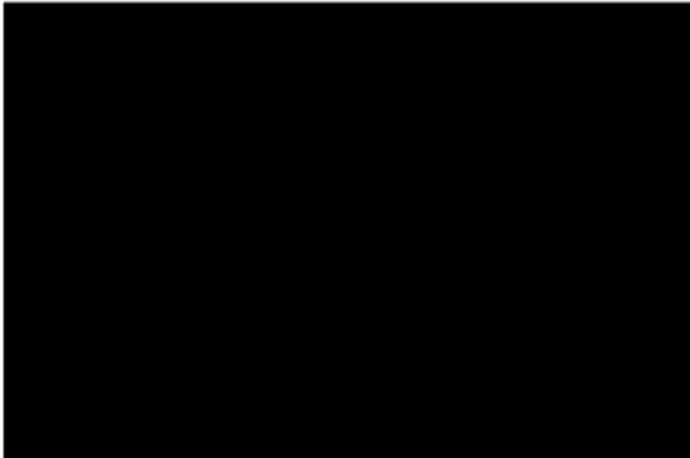
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I would like to propose lighting for the large carpark in Market Street Kyneton (opposite

 9 market Street )

This carpark is used by many people of the local community to access health care and childcare as well as patrons of the hotel and nearby shops

It is particularly dark in winter and recently there has been domestic rubbish dumping

It is an unsafe area at night and I urge the council representatives to seriously consider my request please

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

No / I don't know

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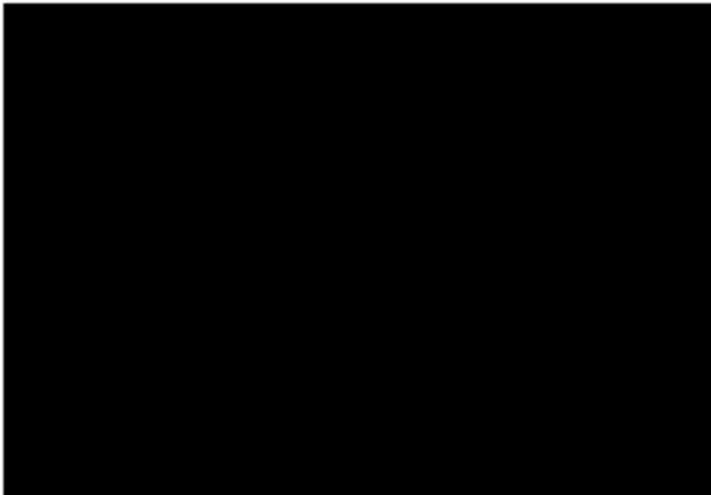
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MRSC has had funds for about 15 years to complete the footpath on the west side of Station Road from Octagonal Court to Ferrier Road. Funds were paid by the developer and part of the footpath has been constructed, some in 2024. Completion of the footpath should, if not completed by 30.6.2025, be in the 2025-26 budget. In an email of 27.1.2021 [REDACTED] it was indicated "the project ..... will most likely be broken up into stages and delivered over the next few years." The "next few years" will run out shortly and the footpath should be finalised ASAP.

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[REDACTED]

**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

[REDACTED] players for all ages playing for [REDACTED] Club in coming years, based in Romsey.

Children - In 2025 [REDACTED] Club intends to field ten soccer teams in the Football Victoria Western Region division, ranging from under 8s through to under 14s. Four of these teams are expected to be female teams (including the under 14s), and the rest are expected to be male teams (up to under 13s). This will be up from seven teams in 2024. In 2025 the Club will be in

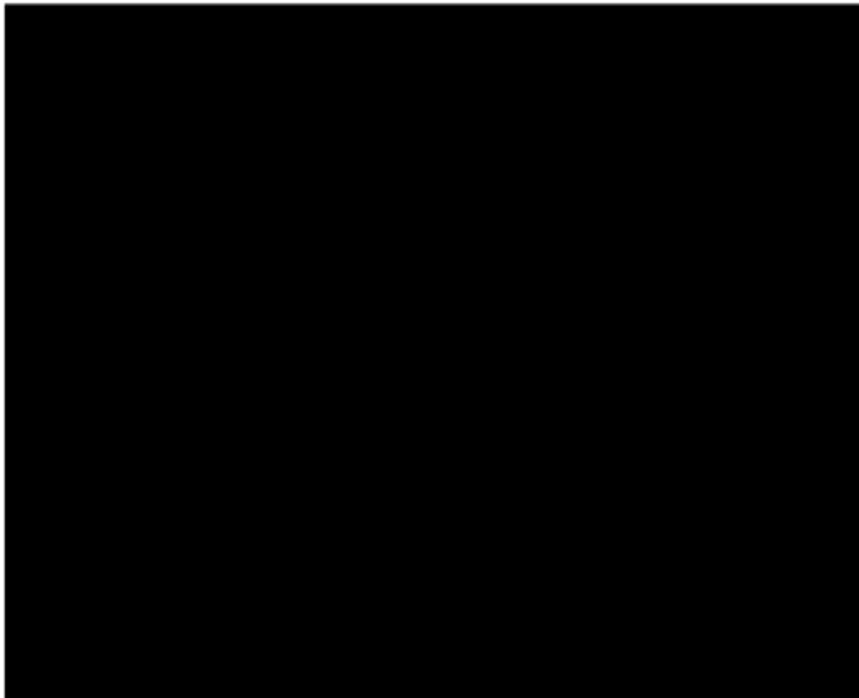
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its sixth year of operation since foundation in 2019, and with each passing year the number and age span of soccer teams fielded by the Club as the number of new and returning players in the Club continues to grow.

Adults - In 2025 the Club aims to field its first women and first mens seniors teams. Based on an expression of interest process run in October and November, the Club has sufficient numbers for a mens' team and is in the process of continuing to build player numbers for the womens' team.

In terms of raw numbers across juniors and seniors, the Club expects to have around 150 - 160 players in 2025, and expects these numbers to continue to grow through future years.

To round off the answer to this question, there will be many thousands of beneficiaries from the project over many years. The above gives a snap shot of a soccer club that is rapidly growing since foundation in 2019, and is the only soccer club on the eastern side of Mt Macedon. The nearest other soccer clubs are based in Kilmore, Sunbury, Gisborne and Kyneton.



  
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**Please outline your submission to the Budget 2025-26.**

What is the Key Need?

As part of the Romsey Park Sports Precinct Master Plan, Romsey Oval #2 and the Macedon Rangers Soccer Club which uses Oval #2 from November through September, are in desperate need of light towers at that oval. Lighting towers will be a new piece of infrastructure that will significantly enhance the use of Oval #2 and the on field success and social growth of the soccer community in the Romsey Region outside of daylight savings months (ie. late March through to September).

It can also not be ignored, that implementation of this project will have the following additional benefits:

- \* supporting continued growth in participation in soccer, by all ages, in the Romsey region;
- \* increasing fitness of soccer players by allowing them to train more regularly;
- \* bringing community together and increasing positive community and social engagement through sport (including sports training sessions and parents who watch their kids train or walk / run laps of the oval together while their kids train).

Why is this a Key Need?

In 2024 Macedon Rangers Soccer Club has only had one opportunity per week for outdoor training of its seven soccer teams from April to September, being a time slot of 615 pm - 730 pm on Wednesdays under lights on Romsey Oval #1. No other times or weekday evenings were made available to the Club for use of Romsey Oval #1 for training. For a 3 week period during the height of the 2024 soccer season the Club was not permitted to train at all on Romsey Oval #1 due to heavy rain fall and training risking damage to that oval's playing surface (we note other clubs continued to train on the surface during this period).

From u/12 teams upwards, other soccer clubs typically have their soccer teams training twice, and even three times, per week during the soccer season. This has placed Macedon Rangers Soccer Club teams in the older age groups at a distinct disadvantage when playing rival clubs, as our Club's teams can not spend as many hours per week working on their skills development, team work and match practice compared to their rivals in these older age divisions. As our Club's teams continue to progress into older age divisions, this disadvantage and its motivational impact on our players will continue to grow - in 2025 the Club expects to field four teams playing in u/12s, u/13s and u/14s divisions. It is noted that other outdoor sporting precincts in the Macedon Ranges Shire have adequate lighting facilities for all users, with Romsey Oval #2 being one of the last ovals not to have such a facility.

The two seniors teams that the Club is expecting to field in 2025 will also need to train of a week night through autumn and winter.

What will the Lighting Project Require?

In broad terms:

- \* the project will require significant design scoping, including electricity source, location of electricity cables and trenches, location of lighting towers, interfacing of lighting towers with existing and future infrastructure (eg. oval fencing, car parking, etc), and light type with energy efficient lighting a key priority.

In terms of time line, this can not come quickly enough for reasons articulated further below in this submission. While proper design work and consideration of interfacing of this project into the broader master plan is key, the urgency of this project can not be understated;

- \* installation in a manner that minimise disruption to soccer and cricket matches; and

- \* funding (both for design, and also equipment sourcing, civil works and commissioning).

Given Romsey Oval #2 is a council operated facility and that our Club is a volunteer organisation, the obvious path forward is for Council to manage this project. Our Club is very happy to support Council by articulating to third parties the need for the project, our Club's growth trajectory including female inclusion in our Club, and driving funding applications and submissions for funding grants

offered by community and similar organisations as a means of contributing to this project.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

(1) 2023 Romsey Park Sports Precinct Master Plan. (2) Romsey Structure Plan - Specifically paragraphs 3.2.5 and paragraph 8 (Community Infrastructure and Culture), including Strategy # 21 in particular Actions 136, 137 and 138 - A136. Consider opportunities for increasing the range of sporting options for the town in the design and redevelopment of sporting facilities. A137. Continue a staged implementation of the Romsey Park Sports Precinct Masterplan. A138. Continue maintenance and upgrading of community facilities as budget is available.

**Do you also wish to provide general feedback or input to guide the development of Council's 2025-26 Budget?**

Yes

**Please share your general input or feedback on Council's 2025-26 Budget.**

The Club would be pleased to continue discussions with Council as to how the Club can best work with Council to accelerate the implementation of the 2023 Romsey Park Sports Precinct Master Plan or key parts of that Plan, including by discussing the priority items in that Plan and the opportunities for staged implementation of the Plan, understanding what funds are available to Council to progress the Plan, understanding Council's steps and timing for generating a budget for the Project or parts of the Project so that the Club can understand how it can best support Council's planning and process including by seeking external grant funding (for any such grants to be successful the Club will need to align closely with Council in order to present a strong funding submission).

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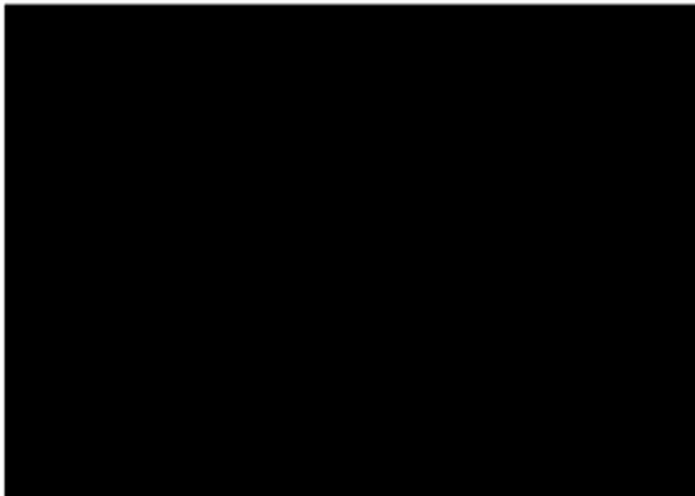
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1. A pedestrian/cycling/horse bridge over Riddells Creek north of the Carre Riddell road bridge. This will connect Riddell to the shared trail that will come from New Gisborne, Macedon and Woodend and provide safer access to the south side of Riddells Creek . It will help make it safe for pedestrians, horses and cyclists to exit and enter the town. It is a big budget item that needs design work started now, informed by resident input. The last Council budget included further funding for this trail but to date there has been no information on the bridge or opportunity for Riddell residents to have a say on how it can/should enter town, and also enhance the town and meet their needs.

Specific alignment to: Shared trail project, Macedon Ranges Visitor Economy Strategy, Riddells Creek Network Movement Plan, Climate Emergency Plan (post-fossil fuels, active transport and integrated sustainable transport), Disability Action Plan (4. Access to Buildings and Places), Economic Development Strategy (Strategic priority Thriving Townships, township infrastructure), Mobility and Road Safety Strategy

2. A shared path on Sutherlands Rd, from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park. This will provide and encourage safe walking from Rangeview Estate into the town centre and the railway station, for mobility scooters, prams, walkers, runners and dog walkers. It is a high priority footpath in Council's Footpath Plan for Riddell. It should have been built years ago when Rangeview Estate was first developed. Currently blackberries and long weeds make it difficult to walk on the narrow gravel path, so people walk on the road. It is especially difficult when

someone is coming from the opposite direction; which also means someone has to step off the path and walk on the road. Often people walk on the wrong side of the road; i.e. they don't face the traffic.

Specific alignment to: Shire Wide Footpath Plan, Riddells Creek Network Movement Plan, Climate Emergency Plan (post-fossil fuels, active transport and integrated sustainable transport), Disability Action Plan (4. Access to Buildings and Places), Economic Development Strategy (Strategic priority Thriving Townships, township infrastructure), Mobility and Road Safety Strategy

Item #2 can be done within the 2024-25 financial year, and will make the existing path network better connected on a route many in the the community use every day.

These projects align to Community Vision 2021 – 2031, Council Plan 2021 – 2031, Financial Plan 2021 – 2031.

3. Funding a master plan for the Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve. Last budget round Officer's justification for not recommending/funding a number of submissions/projects in the Rec. Reserve was the lack of a master plan. The best way to fix that is to complete one that accounts for the various needs of the user groups; providing the various community groups and clubs that use the space the ability to align their funding submissions to it. Plus this will lead to a facility that will encourage people to be involved in physical activity and its multi purpose room to be used for events. With the development of the Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct, it is vital that facilities like the Riddells Creek Leisure Centre are not forgotten, or under used.

Both the Amess Rd and Riddell South developments will at some point be approved and pay an infrastructure contribution. This contribution should be in line with community needs, not what a developer wants to promote.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Community Vision 2021-2031

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Budget 2024-25 (the current budget cycle)

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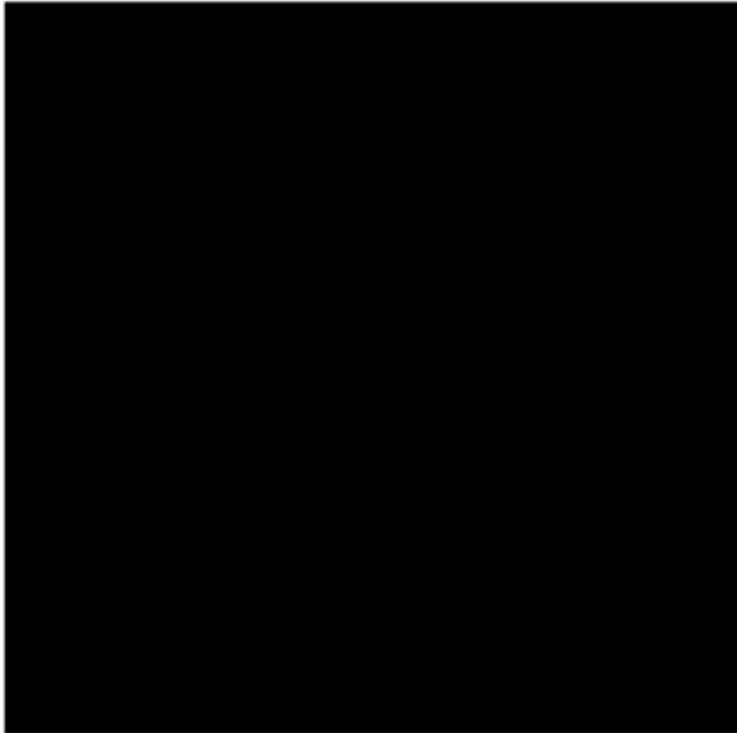
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[REDACTED]

**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

The [REDACTED] have been liaising with council officers from Heritage, Assets & Community Development over the past 3 years. The former Lancefield Courthouse is our location and is managed by MRSC. Architects, Heritage Officer and other council staff have prepared a renovation plan for this rapidly deteriorating building. We have been advised to seek councillors approval for this renovation to be commenced in 2025.



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Please refer to above details, regarding the Courthouse renovation plan prepared by council staff in 2023-24

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

- Community Vision 2021-2031
- Council Plan 2021-2031
- Financial Plan 2021-2031
- Budget 2024-25 (the current budget cycle)

**Do you also wish to provide general feedback or input to guide the**

development of Council's 2025-26 Budget?

Yes

**Please share your general input or feedback on Council's 2025-26 Budget.**

We wish to advocate for this significant Community asset (Former Lancefield Courthouse) which is in need of urgent repair and renovation

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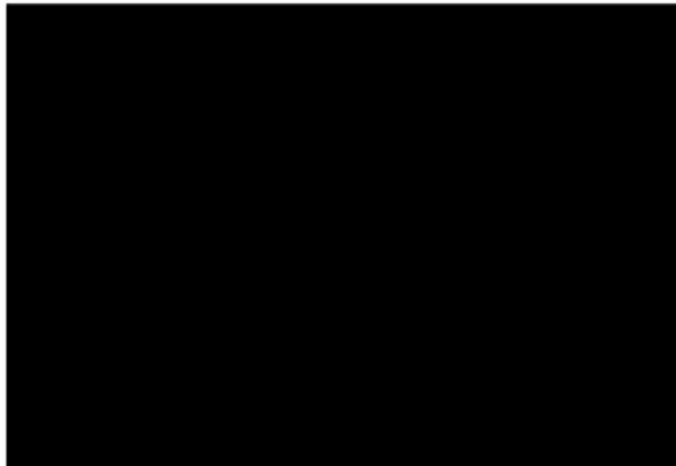
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All of these projects align to Community Vision 2021 – 2031, Council Plan 2021 – 2031, Financial Plan 2021 – 2031.

The Council should fund a master plan for the Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve.

Why? Because last budget round Officer's justification for not recommending/funding a number of submissions/projects in the Rec. Reserve was the lack of a master plan. The best way to fix that is to get on and complete one that accounts for the various needs of the user groups; providing the various community groups and clubs that use the space the ability to align their funding submissions to it.

Both the Amess Rd and Riddell South developments will at some point be

approved and pay some sort of infrastructure contribution. Which will likely involve sport. Better this is based on a document like the master plan that sets out what the town needs, rather than what the developer proposes/is inclined to fund.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

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Council Plan 2021-2031

Financial Plan 2021-2031

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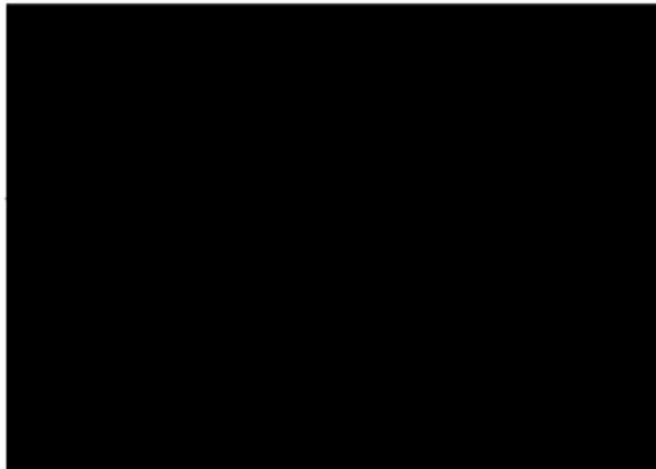
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**Please outline your submission to the Budget 2025-26.**

I urge council to make the following already flagged items a priority in Riddells Creek

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activity is very important.

Specific alignment to: Shire Wide Footpath Plan, Riddells Creek Network Movement Plan, Climate Emergency Plan (post-fossil fuels, active transport and integrated sustainable transport), Disability Action Plan (4. Access to Buildings and Places), Economic Development Strategy (Strategic priority Thriving Townships, township infrastructure), Mobility and Road Safety Strategy

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4. An electric car charging station in Riddells Creek, near the centre of town.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Council Plan 2021-2031

Financial Plan 2021-2031

Community Vision 2021-2031

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Maybe - please send me further information

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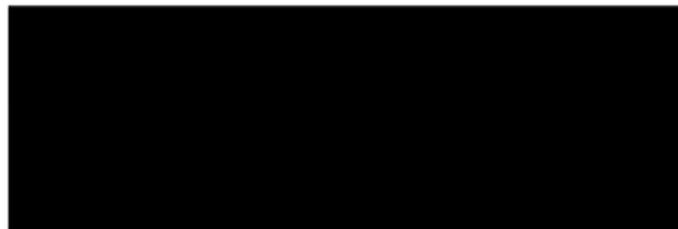
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This is directed towards councils animal management team. I have seen other

councils use similar at call outs and incidents and think its great for the public to realise what is happening and give them a reason to slow down. I asked some of them and they told me they are code 3 message boards, I looked at them and they cost \$1200 and I think it is a small cost to keep animals and your staff safe.

The other think I would also like is for council to get a group text message for fireworks and other animal issues like other councils do as I don't think everyone looks at Facebook

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Community Vision 2021-2031

It could be the councils domestic animal management plan

No / I don't know

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Yes

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My above answer and anything else that will make the animals that council get more happy and comfortable during their stay

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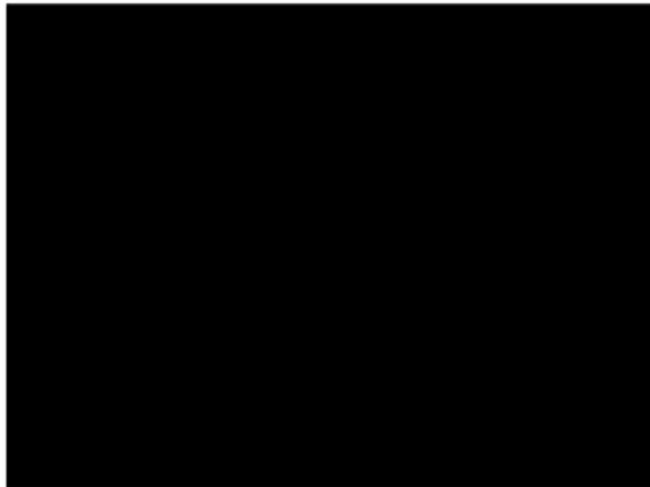
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**Please outline your submission to the Budget 2025-26.**

Riddells Creek walkability - budget is long overdue, why is that?

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Community Vision 2021-2031

Council Plan 2021-2031

Financial Plan 2021-2031

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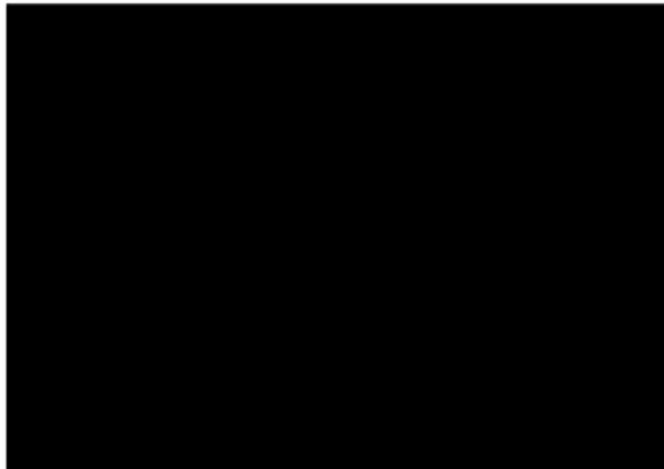
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A collective of residents assigned themselves to services groups out of the RCNH - Workshops 2022/2023. There are many passionate local people who have invested many volunteer hours in the following groups; Environment, Social, Services, and Infrastructure. The Walkability study as an offshoot of these groups carried out a tremendous amount of work attempted in last years budget and hopefully this submission will be considered for the benefits of the impending growth of Riddells Creek. Not only the large developments but the increasing number of units that need infrastructure improvements around town to improve connectivity, social and wellbeing. Following I agree with submission to be considered> I support these and request Council fund the top 3 below in the 2024-25 Council budget.

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As a parent & community member I have seen the struggles our sporting precinct has dealt with a see that the Riddells Creek Recreation area needs significant increase of sporting services.

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Also, I feel a review of some amazing Function centre in the Macedon Ranges. Many schools, graduations, debutante balls, large scale events, concerts need an indoor venue. [REDACTED] A fantastic venue, in the ranges to cater for these type of events will create many opportunities for all communities in the macedon ranges.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Community Vision 2021-2031

Council Plan 2021-2031

Budget 2024-25 (the current budget cycle)

Financial Plan 2021-2031

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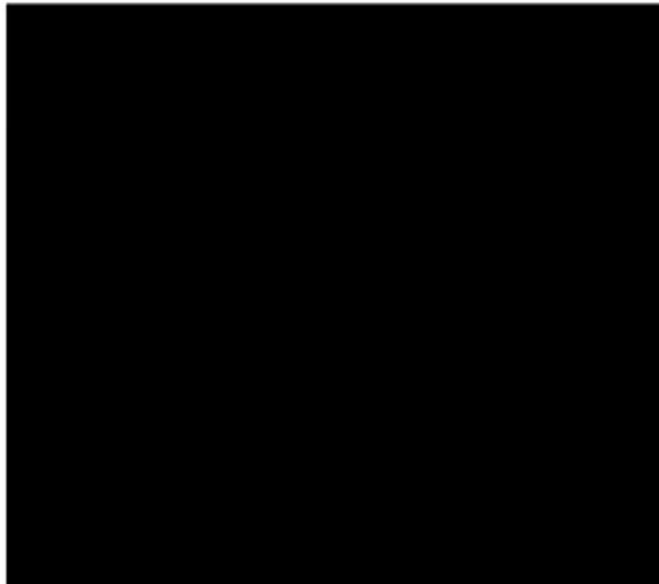
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[REDACTED] Club

**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

The [REDACTED] is a huge part of the Kyneton community. every week we have hundreds of users of our social rooms. there are also many other user groups who use the social rooms during the year.

[REDACTED]



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**Please outline your submission to the Budget 2025-26.**

an upgrade to current very old Social rooms.  
we already have Council support for upgrade via masterplan and also recent viewing deck approval  
approx cost \$400,000

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Showgrounds masterplan

**Do you also wish to provide general feedback or input to guide the development of Council's 2025-26 Budget?**

No

**Please attach any relevant files to support your submission (optional).**

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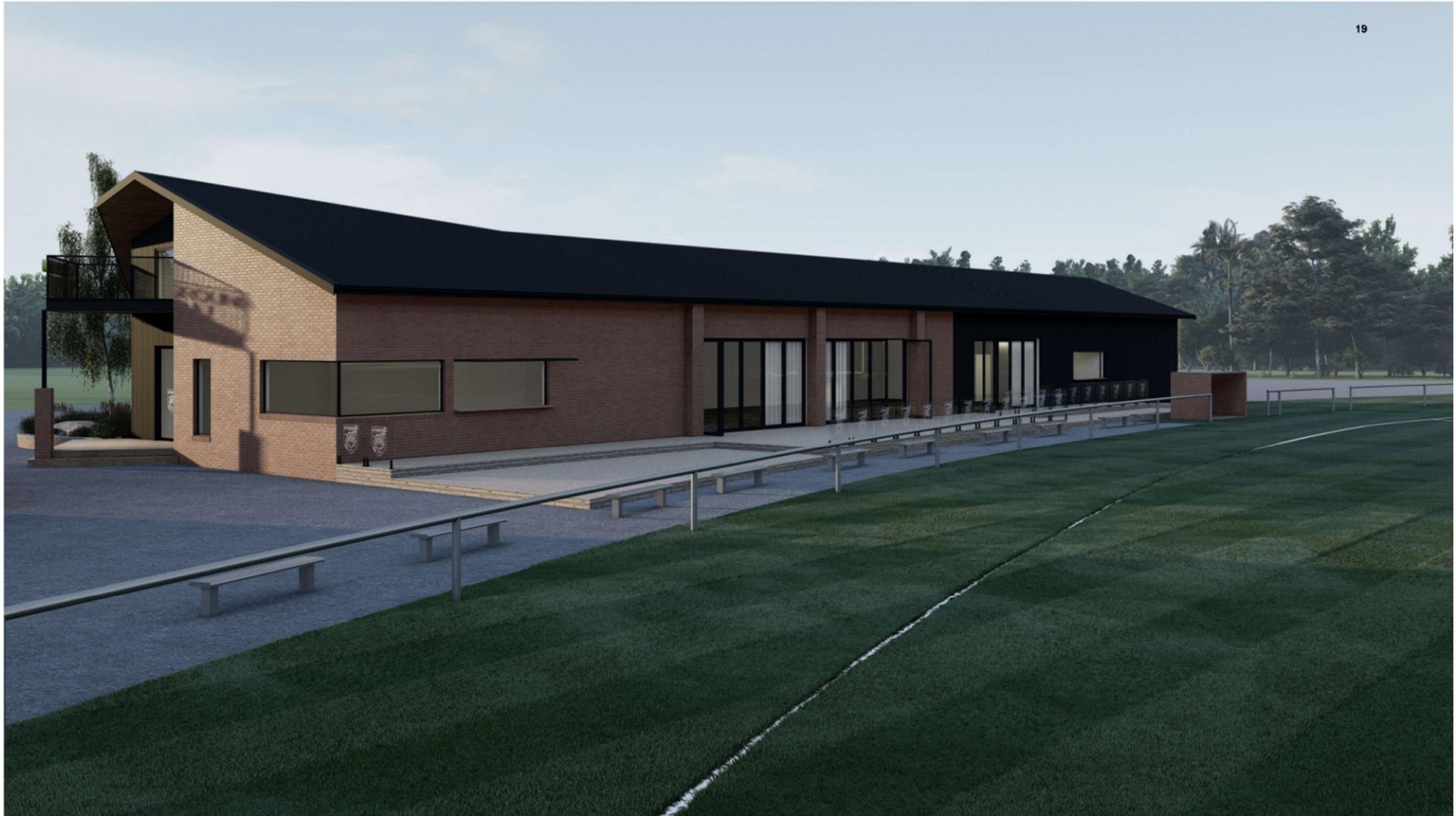
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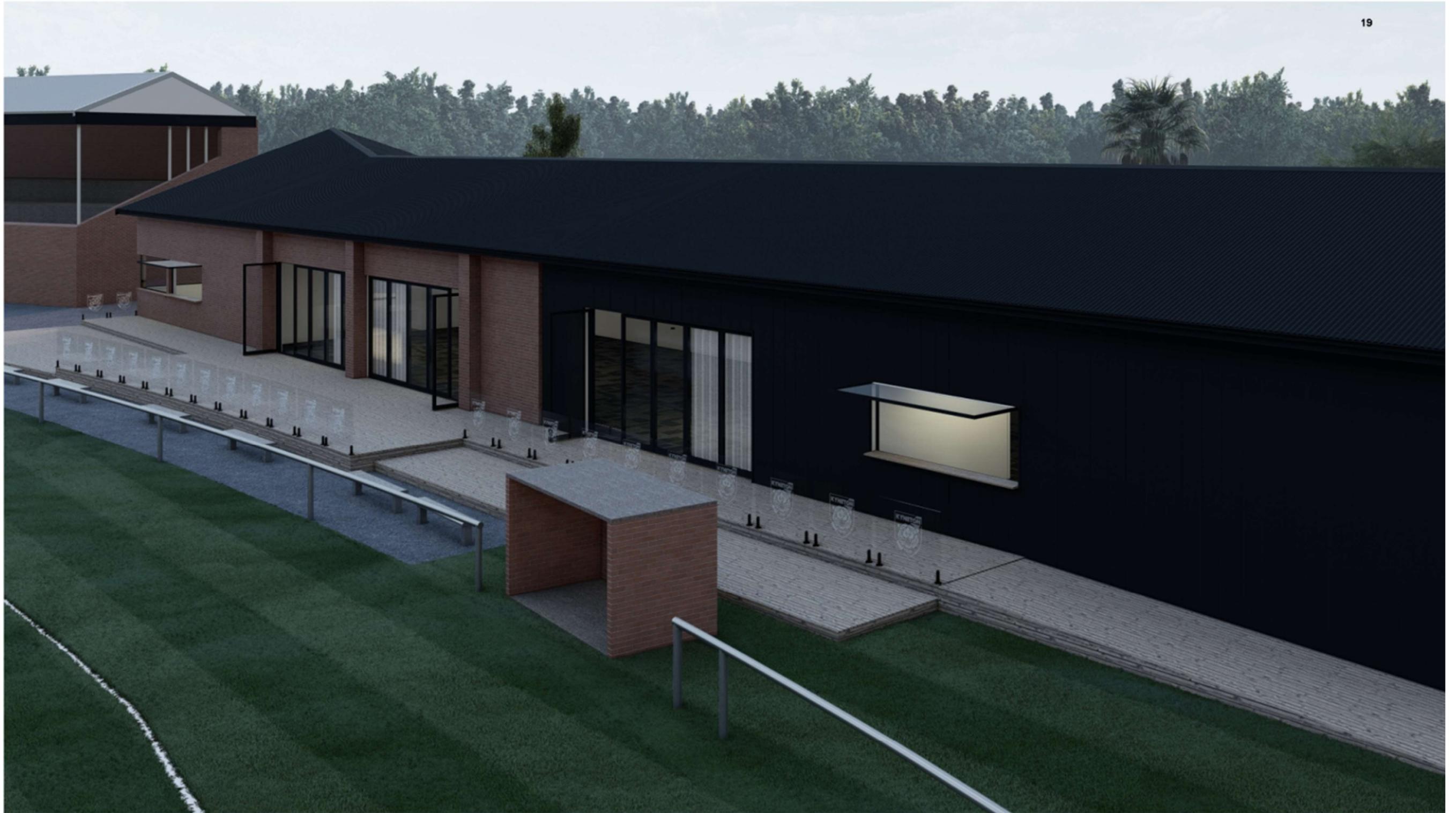
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Good evening MRSC Team,

Please find below my submission for Budget FY2025/2026.

Could you please ensure that in responding to my submissions in the papers developed a relevant officer provides commentary on each item. While the top items relate to walkability in Riddells Creek there are a number focused on other issues.

#### **WALKABILITY IN RIDDELLS CREEK**

As part of the Riddells Creek Network Movement Study community members conducted their own walkability survey in 2023 and proposed projects. I support these and request Council fund the top 3 below in the 2024-25 Council budget.

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#### **RIDDELLS CREEK RECREATION RESERVE**

Council Officers recommended against funding some projects in the FY2024/2025 Budget for the Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve as there was no master plan to guide its development.

Council should fund and adopt a master plan for the Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve, with the outcomes based on and highly aligned to current user group needs and the anticipated growth of Riddells Creek's population. It should also account for the existing and current facility sharing the is/can happen between Council and the school (for example potential to expand basketball and soccer facilities via facilities at the school being upgraded).

#### **MASTERPLAN FOR RIDDELLS CREEK LIONS PARK**

Fund a process to develop a plan for the Lions Park to be developed over several years into something like Woodend Children's Park, Romsey Ecotherapy Park or Galaxy Land Park (Sunbury).

#### **GISBORNE POOL REDEVELOPMENT**

Redevelop/extend the Gisborne pool, and at least:

- add two extra lanes to the 25m pool;
- add an indoor children's splash pad [REDACTED]
- add further family change rooms; and
- refresh the existing family changes rooms (eg. paint, door stops that work, continuous ventilation) [this item can and should be done independent of the above items]

Given the newly approved growth for at least Romsey and Gisborne/New Gisborne, and the high chance of Riddells Creeke exceeding current forecasts due to greenfield growth being larger than planned the Council's aquatics strategy should be revisited.

#### **NAME SIGNAGE FOR MURNONG CREEK (EX RIDDELLS CREEK MAIN DRAIN) AT PROMINENT LOCATIONS**

#### **A PROCESS TO PLAN FOR RIDDELLS CREEK**

When Councillors rejected Amess Rd they said they would plan for Riddells Creek's future. This needs to start asap and it needs to be a process that, e.g.:

- co-designed with the community
- is community lead/puts community at the centre to plan for Riddells Creek; provision/funding of a community advocate who answers to and works to a community working group could be a way
- addresses both Riddells' growth areas in a holistic way, i.e. as a whole with the existing township, not on their own as is happening at the moment

- addresses the planning controls in the existing township so the neighbourhood character as identified in previous strategic planning/framework work can be enforced
- identifies and ensures sequencing of infrastructure, services and other needs as the town grows.





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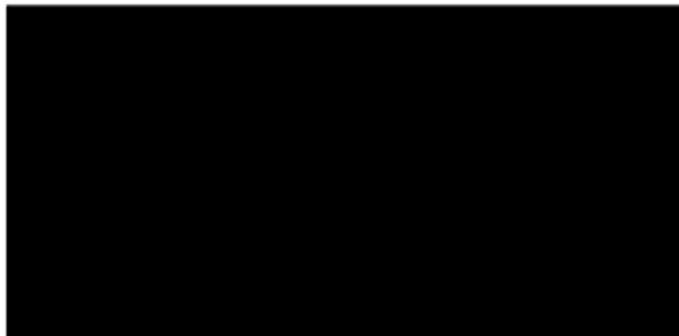
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Please refer to letter attached to this submission.

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Budget 2024-25 (the current budget cycle)

Council Plan 2021-2031

Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2018-2028

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- [MRSC Budget Allocation 25 - 26.pdf](#)

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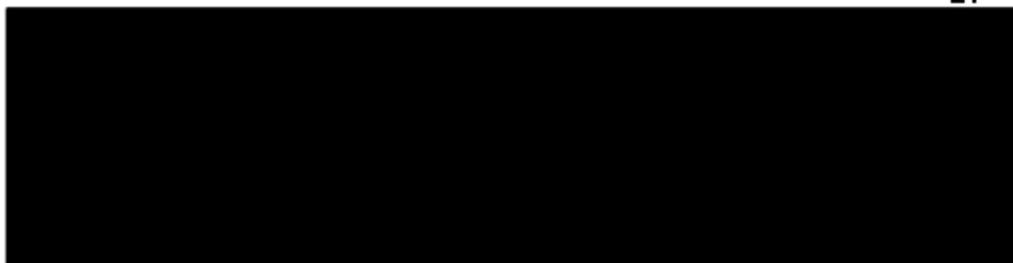
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The Councillors  
Macedon Ranges Shire  
Council, PO Box 151,  
Kyneton VIC 3444

Dear Councillors

### REQUEST FOR 2025/26 BUDGET ALLOCATION

The [redacted] Club (Inc) seeks an allocation from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council 2025/26 Budget for the construction of the upgrade of the current Bowling Clubrooms.

Previous Macedon Ranges Shire Council Budgets have allocated funds for the preparation of a concept design (2023/24) and a detailed design (2024/25) for the Bowling Clubrooms upgrade. The concept design has subsequently been provided by MRSC and accepted by the Macedon Ranges Bowling Club whilst the detailed design is currently being prepared to enable accurate project costings to be established.

The total cost estimate provided at the concept design stage was \$785,653. Since this cost was established in 2023 construction costs have escalated appreciably. Consequently, a more realistic budget for the construction phase of this project may be \$950,640, which includes an escalation of 10% on the preliminary costings and a further contingency of 10%.

I wish to restate that the ongoing viability of any sporting club is dependent upon a strong membership base and suitable club facilities. Due to the age demographic of lawn bowls clubs, there are specific challenges in supporting the elderly and special needs members. In addition to the benefits of the physical exercise provided, our Club also provides a means of social interaction, critical to the mental wellbeing of members, guests and visitors of all genders and capabilities.

The current Clubhouse, purchased and renovated by the Club in 1984, was originally a "drop-in centre" for victims of local residents adversely affected by the Ash Wednesday bushfires in 1983. The current toilet facilities are unsuitable as they provide no disabled capability. The 36 square metres of outdoor, undercover area is inadequate, as is the kitchen, which would not satisfy any modern domestic requirement.

It is considered that if the proposed upgrade is implemented, which would address



the aforementioned issues, our Club's ability to attract and retain members will be greatly enhanced and the sporting and social experiences at our Club will be more enjoyable for our players, visitors and guests.

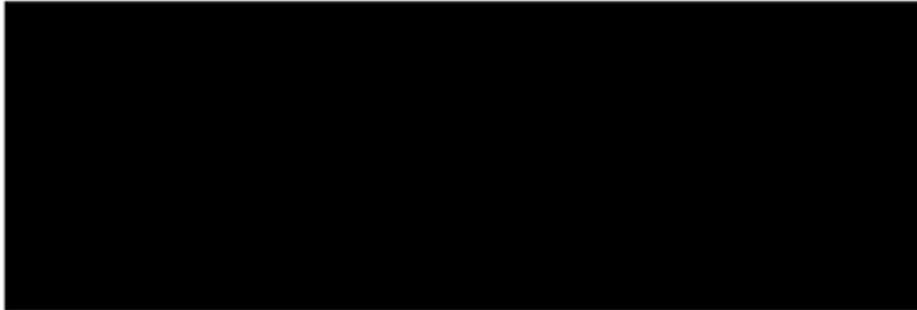
As stated in previous budget submissions, it is considered that our Club's proposal aligns with the priorities of:

**2021 -2031 Council Plan**

- Connecting Communities
- Healthy environment, healthy people

**Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2018-2028**

- Theme 3: Active recreation and sport facilities.  
Goal: Support the sustainable provision of facilities that reflect community needs, contemporary standards and facilitate physical activity participation opportunities for the community.  
3.2 Develop and implement Asset Management Plans in accordance with Local Government best practice for leisure facilities and infrastructure





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Residents of Riddells Creeks

**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**  
Safety of all residents, including children



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Provide more general input or feedback on Council's Budget 2025-26.

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Safer walking paths across the bridge in Riddells Creek. As a resident, I have seen too many close calls of pedestrians and bike riders using the bridge to access the town. Alot of these are children walking back from the school bus drop off zone on the Sunbury Road during the week or just children trying to get into the town on weekends. As there is no foot path on or around the bridge, pedestrians must walk or ride on the road to get over the bridge. Unfortunately, after recent events, the bridge is no longer safe and needs improvements. The town is growing significantly, especially the properties between Riddells Creek and Gisborne and the current infrastructure does not support that growth.

**Would you like to be invited to speak in support of your submission to the Submitter's Delegated Committee to be held in early 2025?**

Yes

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[REDACTED]

**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

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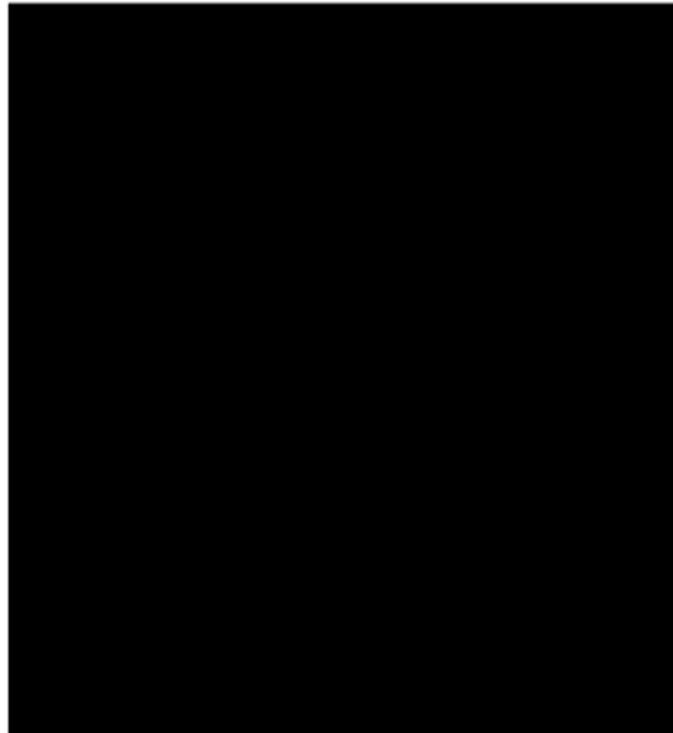
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Supporting information:

The [REDACTED] club engaged Tennis Victoria to perform a Tennis Club facility assessment as part of our overall planning process for future facility upgrades last year. Tennis Victoria provided a detailed facility report "231030 SFAT Report - [REDACTED].pdf" which was submitted to council the previous budget year. An extract of that report "[REDACTED] Courts 5-6 & 7-8.doc" is being provided to the council for this year's budget submission.

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Community Vision 2021-2031

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**Please attach any relevant files to support your submission (optional).**

- ████ Courts 5-6 7-8.docx
- 2025\_26\_Council\_Budget\_submission.docx

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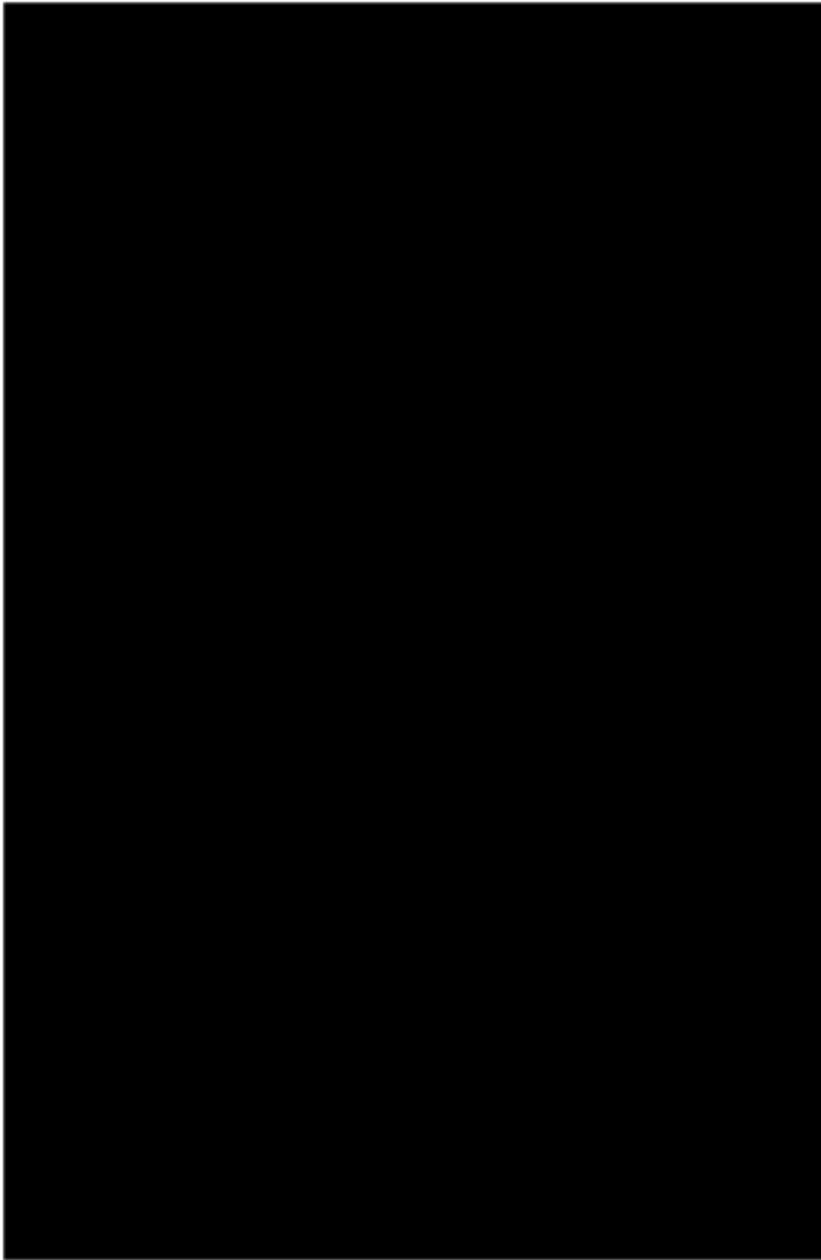
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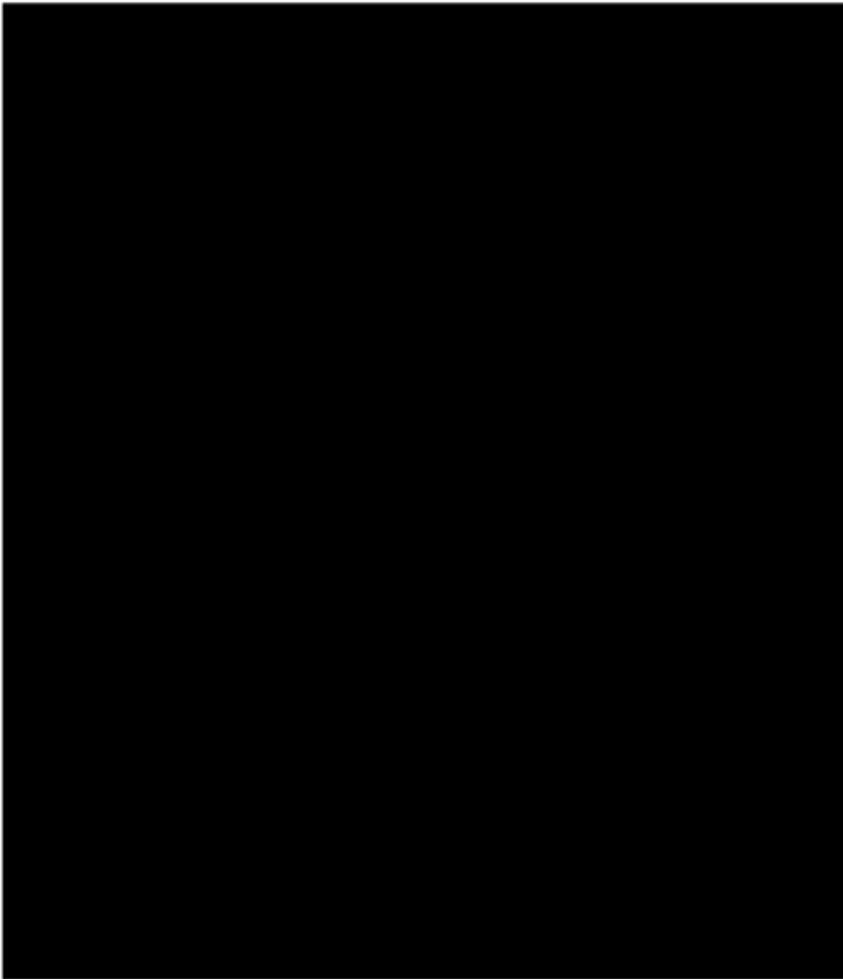
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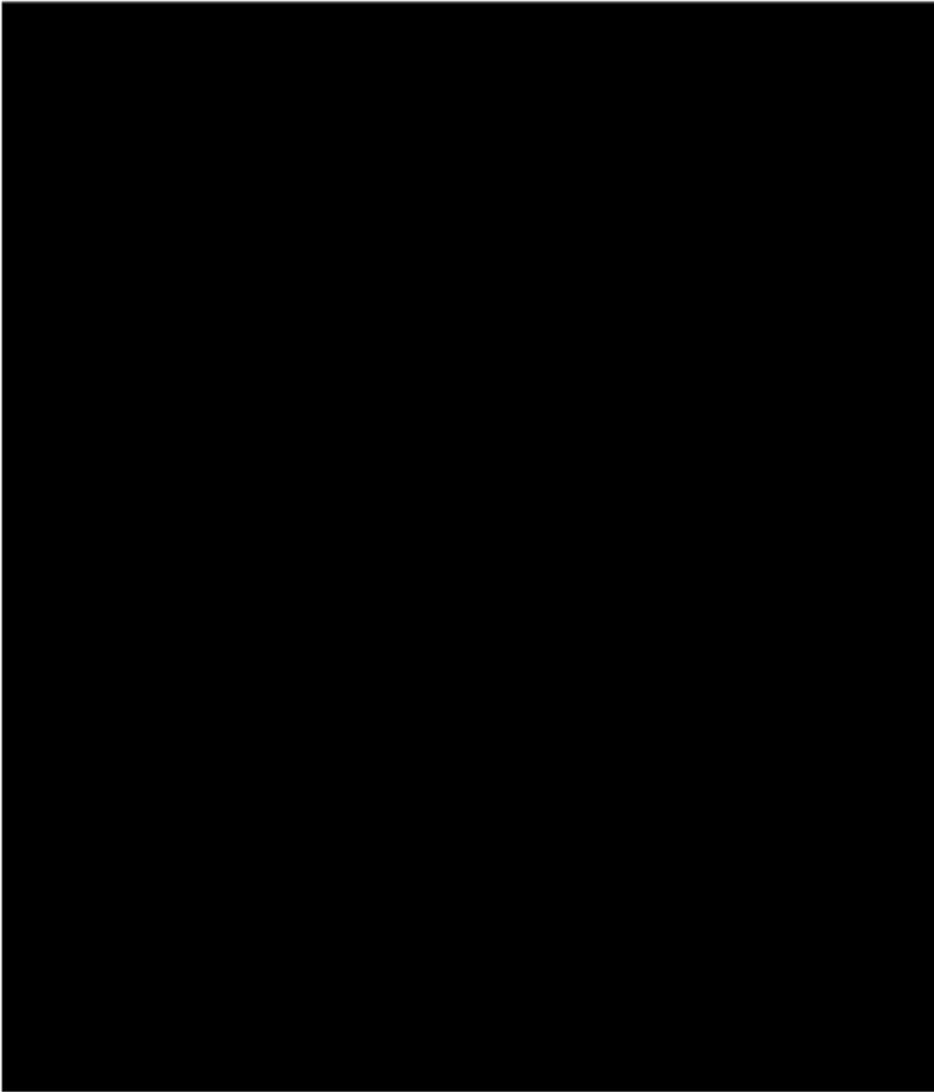
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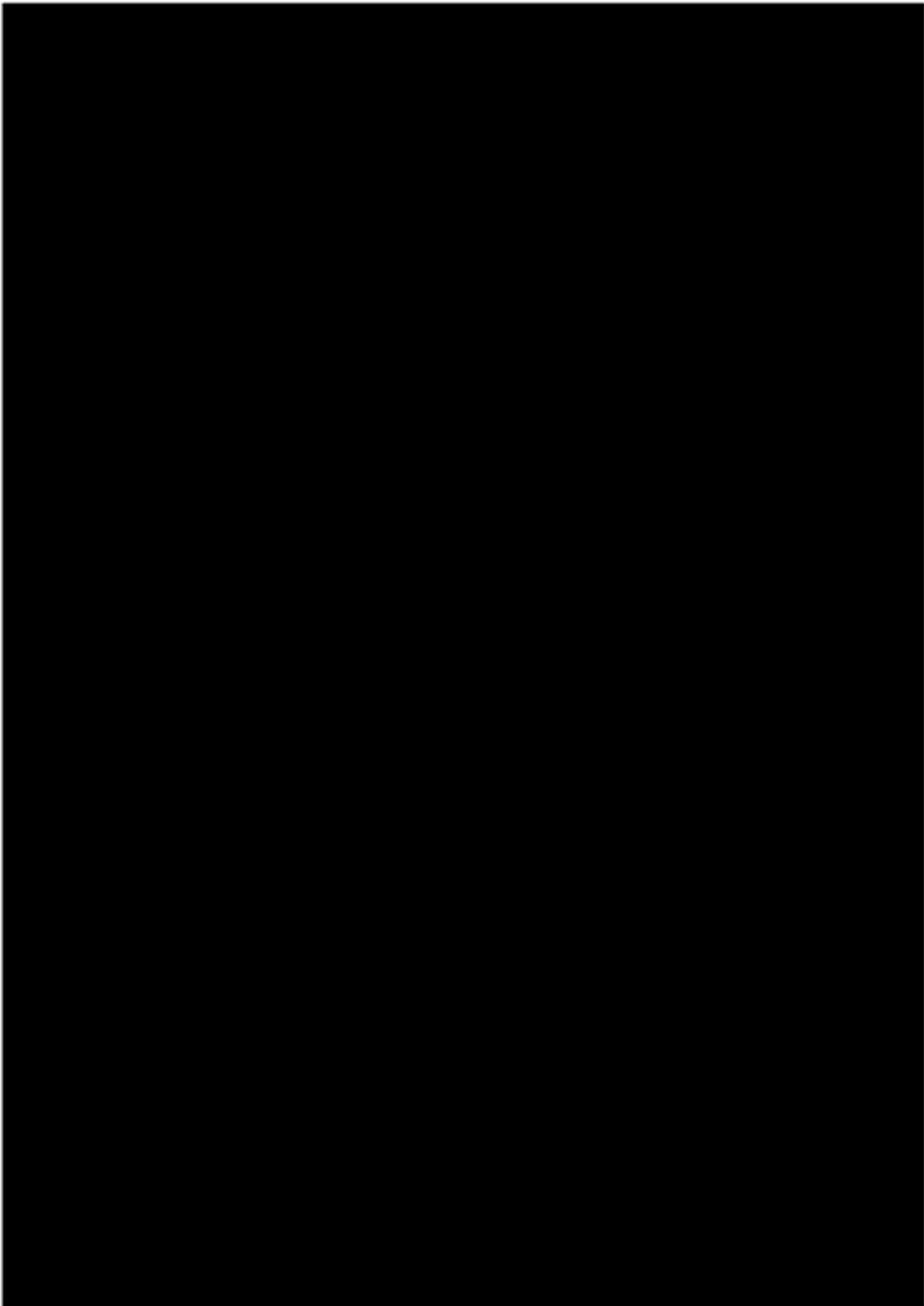
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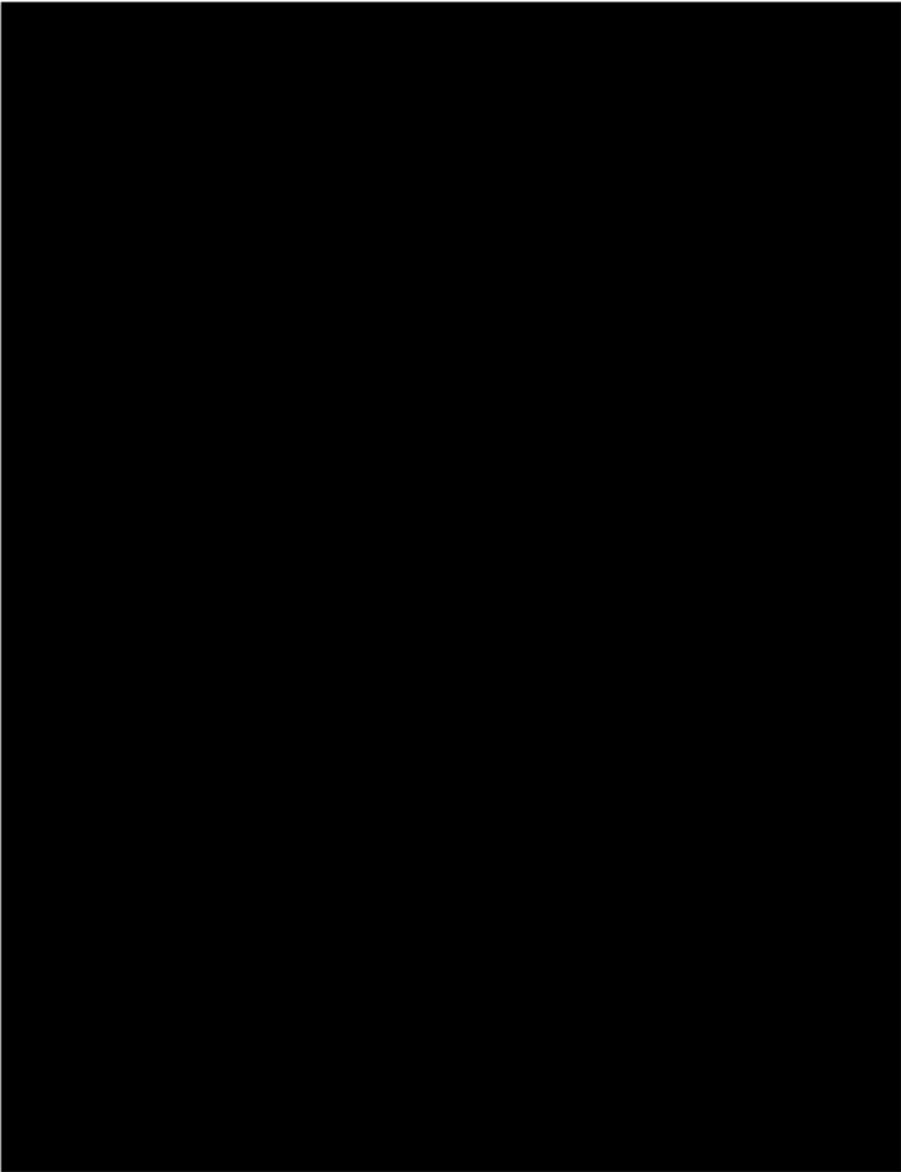
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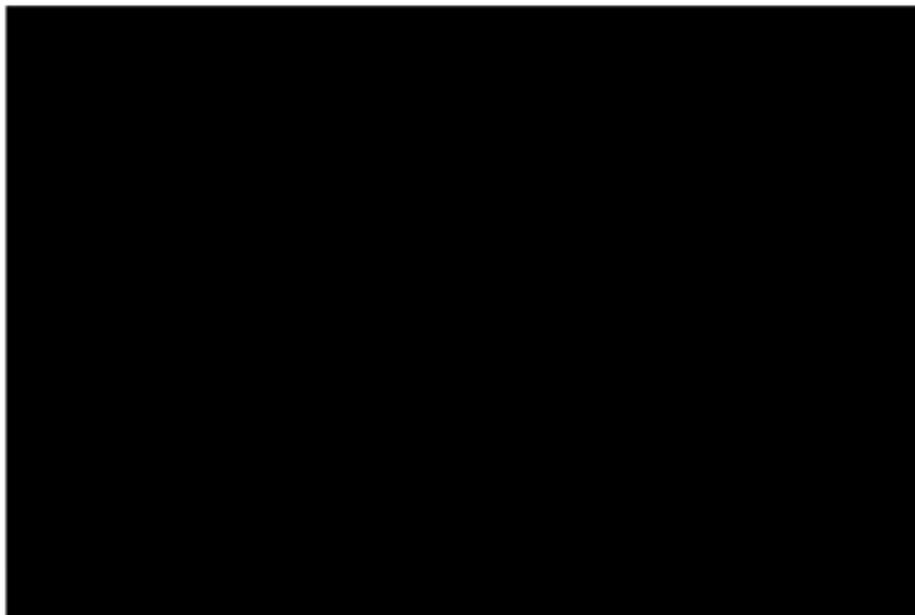
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**Who is making the submission?**

This application is being made on behalf of a community group, [REDACTED] Club, located in Gisborne [REDACTED]



The [REDACTED] Club was formed in 1895 is one of the oldest and largest tennis clubs in the Macedon Ranges Shire. The club is affiliated with and participates in the Macedon Ranges Tennis Association (MRTA) competitions. The MRTA and our Club are affiliated with Tennis Australia via Tennis Victoria.

**Intended beneficiaries**

The [REDACTED] Club has more than 120 members and is an essential part of Gisborne's growing need for sport and recreation. Our Tennis club wants to provide better facilities to attract more members and promote healthy lifestyle for the community. Granting of this budget to the club will not only provide better recreational facilities but also provide social and mental health benefits for the community. It provides more opportunity for the local community to play tennis at our venue, which in turn will promote greater participation in sport, recreation, and social interaction in the community. The club currently has a total of 8 tennis courts, all with lighting facilities. Courts 1-2 and Courts 3-4 are in good condition, however Courts 5-6 and Courts 7-8 are in very poor condition, as rated in an assessment

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performed [REDACTED]. These courts are subject to flooding due to drainage issues and are unsafe to play on during the winter months and any wet days due to mould / mud.

This proposal is to resurface the two of these courts that are in the worst condition - Courts 7 and 8. While Courts 5-6 are also in need of resurfacing, we propose that this could be performed in the following Financial Year's budget.

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#### **Submission Documents**

All were provided as part of last Financial Year's budget submission. Can be provided again on request.

An extract of the "231030 SFAT Report - [REDACTED] Club.pdf" is being provided, titled, "GTC Courts 5-6 & 7-8.pdf".

The Club will also provide a presentation pack as part of the presentation to Council on submissions.

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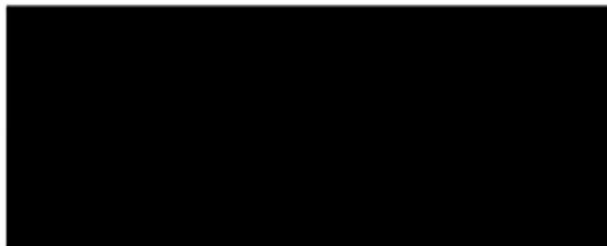
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I request Council fund these walkability safety issues and Rangeview Estate drainage area improvements in Riddells Creek in the 2024-25 Council budget.

1. A pedestrian/cycling/horse bridge over Riddells Creek north of the Carre Riddell road bridge. This will connect Riddell to the shared trail that will come from New Gisborne, Macedon and Woodend and provide for better access to the south side of the Riddells Creek and to the Nursery and Early Learning Centre. It will help make it safe for pedestrians, horses and cyclists to exit and enter the town. It is a big budget item that needs design work started now, informed by resident input. The last Council budget included further funding for this trail but to date there has been no information on the bridge or opportunity for Riddell residents to have a say on how it can/should enter town, and also enhance the town and meet their needs.

Specific alignment to: Shared trail project, Macedon Ranges Visitor Economy Strategy, Riddells Creek Network Movement Plan, Climate Emergency Plan (post-fossil fuels, active transport and integrated sustainable transport), Disability Action Plan (4. Access to Buildings and Places), Economic Development Strategy (Strategic priority Thriving Townships, township infrastructure), Mobility and Road Safety Strategy

2. A shared path on Sutherlands Rd, from Racecourse Rd to the Lions Park. This will provide safe walking from Rangeview Estate into the town centre, and for walkers, runners and dog walkers doing a circuit. It is a high priority footpath in Council's Footpath Plan for Riddell. It should have been built years ago when

Rangeview Estate was first developed.

Specific alignment to: Shire Wide Footpath Plan, Riddells Creek Network Movement Plan, Climate Emergency Plan (post-fossil fuels, active transport and integrated sustainable transport), Disability Action Plan (4. Access to Buildings and Places), Economic Development Strategy (Strategic priority Thriving Townships, township infrastructure), Mobility and Road Safety Strategy

3. A shared path on Southbourne Rd, from Parkview Terrace to Racecourse Rd. Parents and kids will be safer getting to and from the playground on Parkview, or getting out to Main Road and Sutherlands Road.

Specific alignment to: Shire Wide Footpath Plan, Riddells Creek Network Movement Plan, Climate Emergency Plan (post-fossil fuels, active transport and integrated sustainable transport), Disability Action Plan (4. Access to Buildings and Places), Economic Development Strategy (Strategic priority Thriving Townships, township infrastructure), Mobility and Road Safety Strategy.

4. Provide facilities in the Rangeview Estate around the 3 drainage basins to promote more social interaction, safe walking and cycling , and to make a more user-friendly clean environment.

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#### Woodend Community Cultural Centre

Dear Shire CEO and Councillors,

In regards to the planning for the 2025-2026 Financial Year MRSC Budget, the [REDACTED] requests that a rollover of last year's \$500K lending allocation be made in this Budget for the Woodend Community Centre project - to ensure this project has the capital to leverage future funding opportunities in the new year for either a Stage 1 construction cost, and/or for the design component of its Stage 2.

As a community we are determined and excited to see this project come to life soon. Our community is very keen to see the project move forward, and expand its vision and potential for the region as a leading tourism and civic centre on this prominent site.

As a collective community group we have worked extensively for a decade now to see this development come to life. We believe strongly that it's time for this project to receive the attention it deserves and to the Council's credit, we are appreciative that all the documentation and permits are now in place for it to receive a priority status for infrastructure capital works in the line up of Council's projects. We have enjoyed our partnership with Council immensely.

We look forward to hearing of the investment by Council in this Budget for this specific, exciting development soon. Not only an investment for one of Victoria's Top Tourism Town recipients in 2023, but a great investment for the Shire as a whole!

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute my ideas to the MRSC 25/26 budget. These are the things I truly believe will make Kyneton a happier, healthier and safer community for all Kyneton residents.

Please find my attached document.

[REDACTED]

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**MRSC Budget 2025-2026**  


Thank you for this opportunity to contribute ideas to the MRSC 25/26 budget. My focus will be on providing a healthy, thriving and safe community for the residents of Kyneton.



The areas of concern to all that live south of the railway line, as well as the future 200 plus new residents, are as follows:

- 1 The dangerous intersection of Lauriston Reservoir Rd and Harpers Lane
- 2 a) The total lack of safe foot and bike pathways to Kyneton station  
b) The desire for a foot/bike path to Kyneton township via Greenway Lane.
- 3 The unsafe intersection of Trentham and Lauriston Reservoir Rds.

These three areas of concern have been brought to the attention of the council previously and I am curious as to what it will take for action to be taken. I hate to think that someone has to lose his or her life for this to situation to gain attention.

This document has 3 sections

- An overview of my 3 areas of concern
  - Extended information on each
  - Previous submissions relating to two of the areas of concern
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**Extended information on each point:****1 Lauriston Reservoir / Harpers Lane intersection**

The residents currently using this intersection are doing so with extreme caution, even so, every single person has experienced several uncomfortably close calls of being involved in potentially fatal car accidents. With an extra, possibly minimum of, 260 uses of this intersection every day, I fear there undoubtedly will be a tragedy. Please see attached recommendation resulting from a professional study of this intersection for suggested rectifications. An immediate and low cost temporary solution would be speed reduction, improved warning signs and rumble strips.

**2 Foot/bike paths**

Currently people (adults, school children, mothers with prams etc.) walking to Kyneton station have no option other than to walk on Lauriston Reservoir road. There is no hard edge for people to get safely off the road when cars approach. This happens multiple times during this walk with cars travelling at the speed limit of 80kph. In the early morning and in the evening drivers are blinded by the rising and setting sun making it impossible to see pedestrians.

The minimum and immediate low cost 'band aid' solution would be to drop the speed limit from 80 to 60 kph while waiting for safe footpaths to be built.

**3 Trentham and Lauriston Reservoir Rds intersection**

This intersection is also urgently in need of correction. There must be literally thousands of cars using this intersection every day. The minimum work needed to make this intersection safer is;

- a redesign to stop people cutting the corner. The current lines on the road are having little to no effect. Someone will be T-boned one day.
- Lighting on this corner to make it safer at night. Car headlights are facing north or south on Trentham road, turning west into LR rd means turning without any idea what could be on the road (people, cars, animals, rubbish)
- A passing lane for cars heading south towards Trentham. When someone is doing a right hand turn into LR road all southbound traffic on Trentham road has to stop. This means many times cars are stuck on the train lines with no avenue for escape should a train approach.
- Eventually it would be fabulous to see a well-lit pedestrian crossing to safely assist people to cross from the new footpath to the station.

The council is interested in making Kyneton a healthy, thriving community.

I realise the great advantage of community connection and the arts in people's lives. But I also realise that first and foremost people must be able to safely negotiate their community. Nobody can enjoy community engagement if they can't get there safely.

**Previous information supplied to council re areas of concern**

1 A professional report on the Lauriston Reservoir / Harpers Lane intersection has found;

- the new housing development in Harpers Lane will increase volumes at the Harpers Lane / Lauriston Reservoir Road intersection by 52 vehicles per hour
- the intersection of Harpers Lane / Lauriston Reservoir Road warrants a basic right turn lane (BAR) and a basic left turn lane (BAL) treatment
  - o Noting that the visibility of the intersection approaching from the east is poor, a BAL treatment will improve the visibility of Harpers Lane on approach to the intersection and reduce the likelihood of rear end collisions
- the available sight distance along Lauriston Reservoir Road from Harpers Lane is significantly less than required and poses a safety risk to all road users at the intersection
- although the poor sightlines at the Harpers Lane / Lauriston Reservoir Road intersection are an existing issue, the proposal will increase turning volumes from Harpers Lane by 52 vehicles per hour or per day and the increase in traffic will increase the likelihood of collision.

From MRSC response document:

*Hence, if we accept these expert estimates, combined with Council's own concerns as detailed in the VCAT findings, then urgent action is warranted:*

*Clause 280: "Council considers that, given the sight distance does not presently meet the Austroad standards, it implies that the intersection is not safe and an intersection treatment such as a roundabout may be required".*

2 Foot/bike path to Kyneton station

[REDACTED] a petition asking for a footpath to the station that it would be followed through. Now, 12 years later I am still asking for the same thing. Our fullest wish would be that a foot/bike path also be created along Greenway Lane and that the bridge over the Campaspe river be reinstated. This would mean that the residents of Kyneton south would have greater access to, and become part of the Kyneton township. Greenway Lane is part of the urban township of Kyneton, yet the lane itself is impassable to all but 4 wheel drive vehicles. Below is a previous submission to the MRSC budget [REDACTED]

## Foot and bicycle bridge over the Campaspe River at Greenway Lane

In dry summers the Campaspe River can be crossed on foot at Greenway Lane. However at other times this isn't possible and during wet seasons the river at this point flows quite rapidly.



We seek a budget allocation to prepare a project proposal for the construction of a bridge across the Campaspe River at Greenway Lane, to allow crossing both on foot and bicycle at all times of the year. The proposal would also identify an ongoing budget allocation to regularly maintain Greenway Lane for both foot and bike traffic.



The bridge will offer an alternative to car-based commuting and will also create an additional circuit for cyclists and pedestrians exercising along the river.

Advantages:

1. Improved connectivity between new and growing and established neighbourhoods;
2. Improved and extended pedestrian and cycle networks including the Campaspe River trail network.

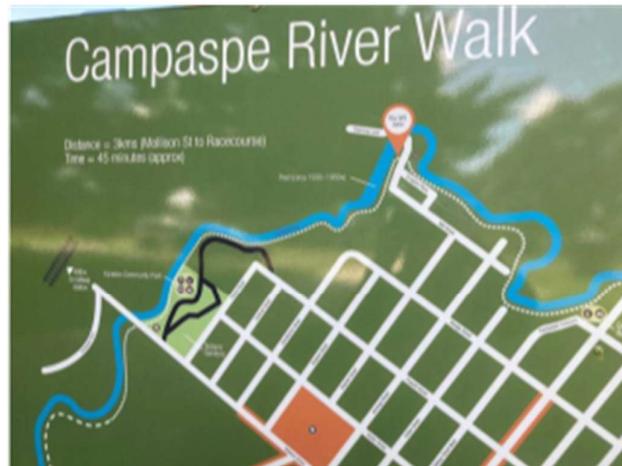


Photo of the sign located in St Agnes Place.

	<p>3. Homage to the historical significance of the bridge dating back to 1850's, later rebuilt in 1906, with the bluestone footings very much a feature of the riverwalk.</p>
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4. Alignment with the Council's stated objective of "The Campaspe River Corridor needs to be made accessible to the entire community to utilise as passive recreation asset and enable residents to interact sensitively with the natural environmental features of the waterway" (Draft Kyneton South Framework Plan 2017.)
5. Facilitates tourism opportunities through greater connection with rail and the town's cycling network; and most importantly
6. Makes the road network safer by reducing congestion, improving intersections and addressing missing links in both road, footpath and public transport service.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Club currently has [REDACTED] members, a not-for-profit organisation supporting the community since 1977. Incorporation - [REDACTED] One of just many projects the [REDACTED] Club has been supporting and working on is the [REDACTED] Upgrade. Since 2012 the Park Upgrade vision and focus is:

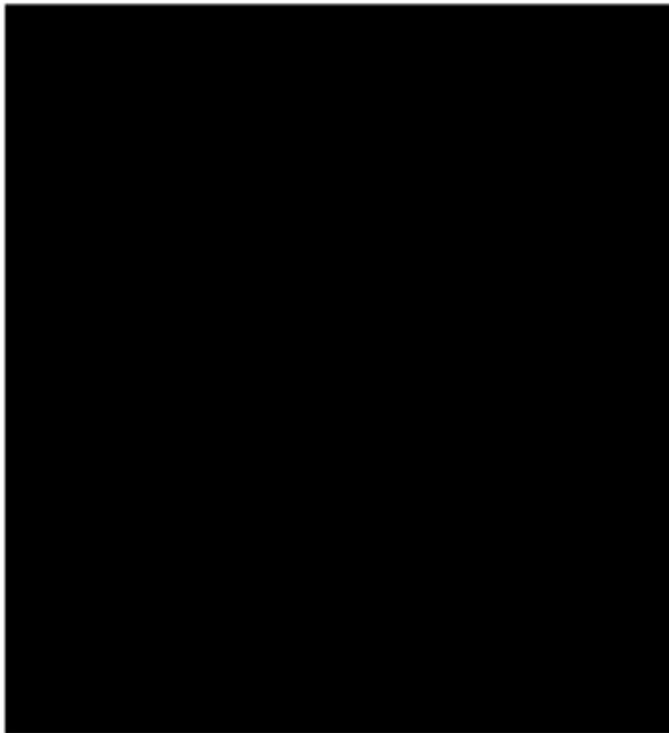
- To create a welcoming outdoor space, suitable for all ages and abilities, with a concentrated focus on enhancing the sensory experience

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- A recreational space that invites imagination, relaxation, and family togetherness

- A space that will be used by all.

The [REDACTED] Club has been successful in fundraising /grants to this date. However to meet the demands of further growth in population there is always a need to improve this central location. One of the playground pieces is probably close to expiration, softening with increased landscaping and natural rock elements, solar lighting, an additional water fountain, and further seating with backs. The need to prepare for increased visitation with the Rail Trail coming into Riddells Creek will require bike racks, opportunities for e-bike charging, further signage around town for visitors of amenities. Many supporting visions were recently highlighted at the Thriving Villages workshop. (copy attached)



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Replacement of playground piece / increased landscaping, solar lighting, bike racks, further seating, Art Mural Murnong creek area enhancements with collective funding and injection of al [REDACTED] Club funding bodies will be a focus going forward.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Community Vision 2021-2031

Council Plan 2021-2031

Financial Plan 2021-2031

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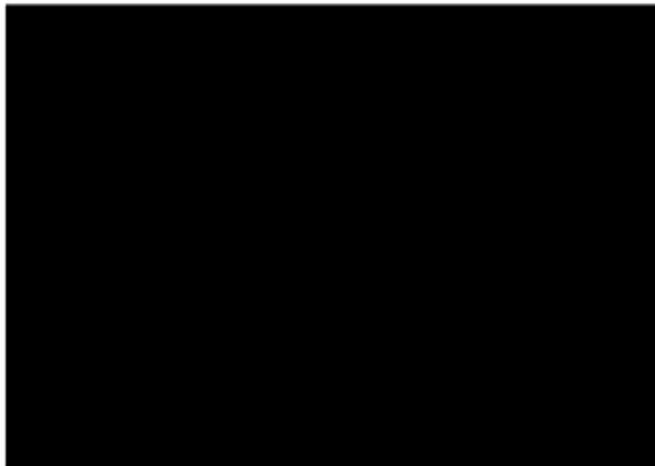
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Provide more general input or feedback on Council's Budget 2025-26.

**Please share your general input or feedback on Council's 2025-26 Budget.**

█ property flooded several times at the end of last year due to the road drain no longer being level. █

█ The open drain on the north side of Bowen Street is made of bluestones which were constructed in the early 1990 and have a historical significance to them. Some of these blue stones can get slightly dislodged due to various factors like, soil conditions, ground movements, tree routes etc. which sometimes impacts drainage. However, as explained previously, Council's engineering team will create a business case in the future capital works drainage program and will be assessed based on priority to reconstruct the drain on the north side of Bowen Street. The business case may or may not be approved next financial year, however it will be resubmitted if not approved". I am simply writing now, after another flooding yesterday, to urge the Council to approve the necessary works in next year's budget. █

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[REDACTED] Club Inc

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[REDACTED]



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Budget 2024-25 (the current budget cycle)

Community Vision 2021-2031

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**Please attach any relevant files to support your submission (optional).**

- 2024-11-11 [REDACTED] Submission to 2025-26 budget.pdf

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**Re: 2025-26 Budget Submission  
Ross Watt Master Plan – Stage 1 Development**

The [REDACTED] appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission to the Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC) 2025-26 budget process. We request that funding of \$528,000 (inclusive of 10% contingency and 10% project management fees) be set aside in the 2025-26 budget to develop the first stage of the endorsed Ross Watt Master Plan.

MRSC endorsed the Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan in September 2023 following extensive engagement between [REDACTED], MRSC officers and councillors since 2016. The master plan confirms Ross Watt Reserve as the permanent and long-term location for tennis courts in New Gisborne. The master plan outlines the urgent improvements required for the existing courts to remain viable in the short term and the staged development to include up to eight new tennis courts, clubhouse and general reserve improvements. Now is the time for all stakeholders to work together to move the endorsed Ross Watt Master Plan beyond an idea and commence the project's first stage.

The first stage of the master plan addresses the pressing need to replace Courts 3 & 4 with new tennis courts. Due to health and safety hazards presented during the winter season, these courts are dangerous for play and must be removed from use for extended periods. The facility's current state severely hinders [REDACTED]'s ability to expand and provide a healthy recreational option for the New Gisborne community. The club has discussed the master plan and the unusable condition of Courts 3 & 4 with Mayor Bonnanno and Cr Guthrie during a meeting on 29 March 2022. The club is grateful for the support provided by our ward councillors so far. We appreciate MRSC funding in the current year's budget to undertake design work on two new tennis courts to replace Courts 3 and 4 in line with the endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan. This detailed design and costing present a "shovel-ready" project pending available funding for construction. The provision of funding support in the 2025-26 budget maximises the value of the design work and progresses the Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan beyond a concept.

[REDACTED], located behind Ross Watt Reserve on Station Road, has demonstrated a steady increase in membership over the past few years, with 75 members currently. These members consist of both senior and junior players who enjoy tennis for social recreation and to represent [REDACTED] in various summer and winter competitions. [REDACTED] is currently fielding five junior teams during the summer competition, including an all-girls team, playing both Friday evenings and Saturday mornings (we were unable to field any teams during winter due to the poor court conditions). We have recommenced a ladies mid-week evening competition team during summer (it was not possible to field a team during winter due to the court conditions). We now have a seniors social group of 6-8 playing two afternoons per week. In October, the club successfully launched a

Cardio Tennis group on Friday mornings. [REDACTED] the club coach from Macedon Ranges Tennis Coaching, trains around 100 children of all ages throughout the year, over three afternoons each week. Our online booking system has proven to be popular with the local community with 20-30 public bookings per month.

All of the above programs are at risk of folding during winter. We can field a maximum of 1-2 junior teams on Saturday mornings. At most, two courts are usable for coaching during winter, which greatly constrains [REDACTED] junior coaching lessons. The endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan clearly outlines the investment needed in the [REDACTED] facilities for the club to remain viable. It is an urgent priority to replace courts 3 & 4 with two new lit courts in the near term to reinstate the four playable courts available year round.

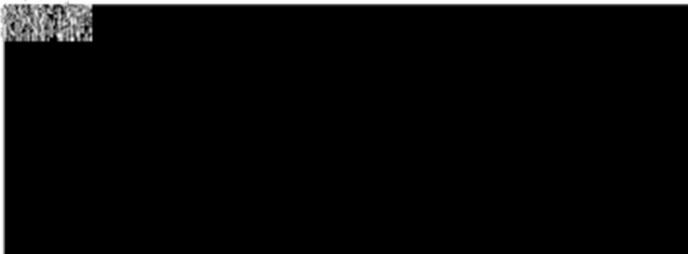
[REDACTED] is a community club that values inclusivity. Our policies reflect our commitment to providing all members with a welcoming and inclusive environment. We strive to create an atmosphere where everyone feels valued and encouraged to participate in [REDACTED] activities. Tennis is a sport that has a strong tradition of equal gender participation, and our club is proud to have a female representation of approximately 50% across all levels, including children's coaching, junior and adult competitions, memberships, and the committee. Currently, our adult competitive tennis team is composed of women. We participate in local workshops that promote gender inclusion and inclusion programs for underrepresented groups, which are advertised through MRSC. The endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan sets out the path for [REDACTED] to continue to provide opportunities for women and girls from our local community to participate in the healthy and social sport of tennis.

A copy of the club's strategic plan is attached, highlighting the facilities upgrade as an urgent priority to maintain the club's viability. A safe and usable facility is essential to maintain and grow tennis participation and create inclusive connections to the local community, particularly for school tennis, all abilities options and under-represented groups.

We are eager to continue our collaboration with council officers to see the endorsed Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan move to the next stage, which is essential to securing [REDACTED] viability. Our plans have the full support of our Tennis Victoria Regional Development Officer [REDACTED]. The club has recently completed a Health Assessment [REDACTED] using the Tennis Victoria standard tool. The condition of the assets is a major barrier to the club's development and future growth.



Thank you for considering our request. [REDACTED]



Att. [REDACTED] Strategic Plan



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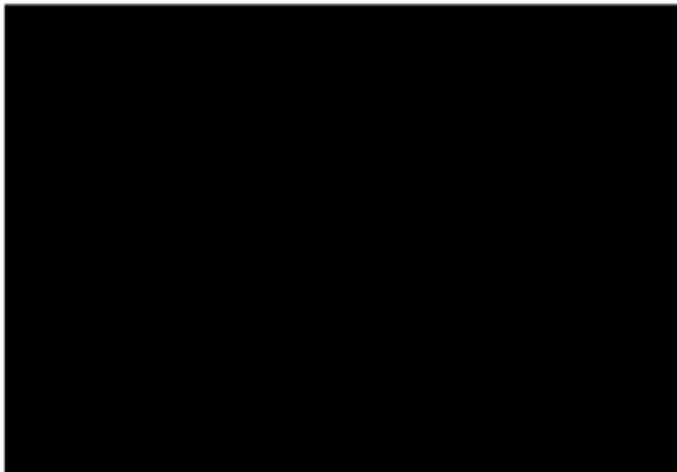
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Funding required for the replacement of 2 tennis courts at New Gisborne - Ross Watt Reserve. The facilities for our children and family's future tennis, fitness, health and socialising aspects need addressing.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Budget 2024-25 (the current budget cycle)

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[Redacted]

Thank you for the invitation to participate in the development of Council's 2025-2026 Budget.

On behalf of the [Redacted] have submitted our input via the MRSC website as requested. Please contact me if there are any issues or concerns.

For your reference I attach a copy of the document.

[Redacted]

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**Input into the development of the  
Macedon Ranges Shire Council 2025-2026 Budget**

The [REDACTED] group is pleased to provide its budget submission and strategic priorities for consideration in Council's development of its 2025-2026 Budget. Our priorities align closely with those of the MRSC Horticulture team and have been developed through close consultation and collaboration throughout 2024. Our priorities and requests for funding are guided by the primary objective of implementing key elements of the **Master Plan** adopted by Council in 2011.

The four FKBG budget submissions & strategic priorities for 2025-2026 are as follows:

1. **Development of an improved Clowes Street** western entrance at the site of the former caretaker's house including appropriate linking pathways from there directly into the gardens together with suitable plantings, picnic facilities and signage.

*As noted in the Master Plan 'Incidental users primarily use the area along the Clowes Street frontage, where parking and facilities are good'. And 'The other entrances to the Gardens are to be upgraded to improve their presentation, make them more inviting and more accurately represent the quality of the Gardens'.*

The availability of adjacent street parking alongside the proposed new entrance plus the proximity of a cleared, flat site for general use by visitors is known to be a key factor in attracting more visitors to the gardens, particularly bus groups. Since the removal of the redundant picnic tables closer to the Mollison Street front entrance it has been observed that public use of the gardens would be enhanced significantly by a second entrance further along Clowes Street which offers both street parking, potential for picnic facilities and access into the upper section of the gardens and to the community playground area. The addition of new plantings, access pathways, seating and tables would enhance its attractiveness and encourage visitors to this underutilised section of the gardens. Its proximity to arguably the most significant tree in the gardens, the 1863 Inauguration Oak, offers an opportunity to more fully recognise and promote the history of the gardens as a key tourism and event draw card.

The estimated cost of this new entrance off Clowes Street is approximately \$55-60K and directly aligns with both Council's adopted 2011 Master Plan and its *Connecting Communities* strategic priority of providing 'well designed, fit-for-purpose, multi-use open spaces for the community to connect, engage and participate in a financially sustainable way'. The FKBG co-contribution to this project would include volunteer working bees to support Horticulture staff with planting of new garden beds plus ongoing maintenance work.

2. **Development of new pathways within the gardens** that reflect the recommendations set out in the Master Plan by enhancing connectivity within the gardens, eliminating dead ends and more appropriately linking the Campaspe River Walk and Community Playground area to the formal section of the gardens.

*'The master plan addresses the inadequacies of the existing path system, restoring paths shown on the 1937 survey plan, providing good access and circulation through the Gardens, developing a path hierarchy, removing dead ends and providing better connections into and out of the Gardens.'*

Improved connectivity will enhance the visitor experience in the botanic gardens, more appropriately reflect the importance of the gardens and encourage increased usage and tourism potential. Entry and exit point pathways that encourage visitors from the well patronised river walk and community playground area into the gardens themselves, and vice versa, offers significant opportunity for marketing Kyneton as an attractive visitor destination. Ongoing maintenance and improvement works to the existing pathways within the gardens during this year is welcomed, however, the restoration of historic pathways now hidden and/or the creation of new linking pathways in accordance with the Master Plan recommendations is key to our objective of maximising the tourism potential of the gardens. Large scale events attracting significant numbers of visitors to the gardens would be more viable with improved pathway circulation, connectivity and entry/exit points.

The estimated cost of this work is in the vicinity of \$35-40K which would satisfy a key recommendation of the adopted Master Plan and aligns with Council's Strategic Priorities of *Healthy Environment, Healthy People* by providing 'opportunities to experience open space ....' and *Business and Tourism* by encouraging 'economic vitality (including tourism .....and local employment options)'.

3. **Installing new plant identification and cohesive way-finding signage throughout the gardens** is long overdue and leads to some of the most common questions asked of MRSC staff and FKBG volunteers working in the gardens, namely, 'what tree/shrub/flower species is that', 'how can I get to the river walk' and 'where are the toilets'. Promotional material on the gardens highlights the '17 trees of significance' but not all of them are appropriately identified and many of the botanical signs throughout the gardens are unreadable, hidden or have disappeared. An up-to-date, accurate map and brochure for the Kyneton Botanic Gardens available from Information Centres, at garden entrances and on relevant websites is also vitally important. In addition, the use of a QR code on relevant signage linking to a map/brochure is strongly recommended as an aid to the visitor experience.

*'An integrated interpretation strategy should be developed which addresses the provision of information to the public in a number of ways.'*

The 2011 Master Plan notes that 'Small signs and plaques throughout the Gardens provide information ....., but these appear to be ad hoc, rather than adhering to any interpretation strategy.' It concludes 'The accurate interpretation of the Gardens and its features is an important component of the management of the heritage value of the place.' We concur with this summation.

The cost of installing new signage throughout the gardens is estimated to be \$25-30K. This project would be a logical progression from the Council's *Standard Design Principles* work currently underway which was funded for 2024-2025. The **Friends of Kyneton Botanic Gardens** group would consider a co-contribution to this project as a reflection of its importance and immediate benefit to both incidental visitors and the wider community.

4. **Design, planning and site preparation for a new public toilet facility** on the site of the former caravan park amenities block.

*It is recommended that the caravan park upper amenities block be converted into public toilets..... It is also recommended that as part of these works that the block be painted a dark colour to help it recede into the landscape. This toilet block would then service the upper portions of the Gardens, including the true botanic gardens.*

The lack of public toilets servicing the formal Gardens is a significant inhibitor to the holding of events, use by local community groups, schools, bus tours and visitors generally. The key objective of the **Friends of Kyneton Botanic Gardens** group is to raise awareness and increase public use of the gardens for the benefit of the wider community and this is currently restricted by the lack of toilet facilities. By utilising the footprint of the former amenity block it should be feasible to access existing water and sewerage connections plus the site is adjacent to the internal roadway for ease of access whilst reducing the visual impact from the gardens.

Estimated cost for this initial design & planning phase is \$20-25K. Completion of this work is consistent with the adopted Master Plan and meets three of the four Council Strategic Objectives in the areas of *Healthy Environment, Healthy People, Business and Tourism* and *Connecting Communities*.

The [REDACTED] commend these 2025-2026 Budget Priorities to Council for funding. We look forward to continuing to work with MRSC staff and Councillors to improve and maintain our Botanic Gardens for the benefit of our local community now and into the future.

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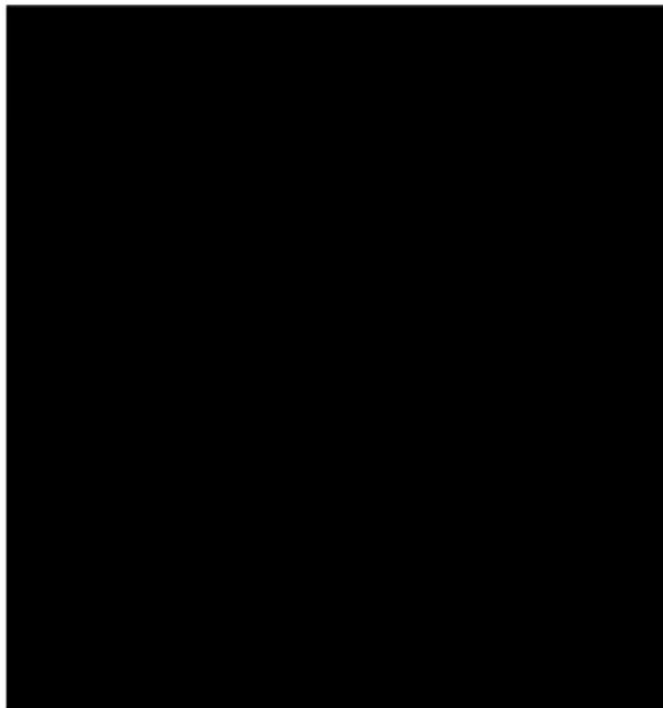
The [REDACTED] Club has [REDACTED] Committee members, [REDACTED] sub committee members, [REDACTED] coaches, [REDACTED] officials and 33 volunteers. This group represents parents and friends of the MRSC community.

In addition we have 92 members (3-7) with 71 males and 21 females, 225 members (8-12) with 174 males, 51 females and of this group 19 with disabilities; 143 members (13-17) 84 males, 59 females and 1 non-binary and of

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this group 7 with disabilities; and 54 members (18+) all males, who play seniors. In addition we have approx 50 members who play socially.

Our members are primarily from the Gisborne District (51%) with a further 37% from other MRSC LGA districts and 12% whose address is registered outside the LGA.



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The [REDACTED] Club's Strategic Plan (2025-2030) includes 3 key focus areas, one of which is to Secure the club's future through great facilities. Facilities provide the basic infrastructure required for the Club and its programs

and enable community and member access to safe competition and training grounds.

Installation of lighting on Pitch #2, is the Club's highest priority as this will Allow for the continuation of current programs, in particular after-hours team training at the appropriate levels (twice per week) including over 18's social programs,

Support increased participation from girls and women and driven by population growth within the MRSC LGA,

spread the load across 100% of pitches (vs 50% - Pitch #1 and ½ Pitch #3) reducing the significant impact of usage and wet weather and the consequential repairs and maintenance (and time off pitch) that results.

Lighting designs for Pitch 3 were completed in 2022-23 and the lighting project is considered 'shovel ready'. The Recreation unit are planning on submitting a budget business case for consideration as part of the 2025/26 Council budget process.

Q: can we request the quote be expanded to include light upgrades on Pitch 1 plus add in an additional light (on the back of a new pole) to light up the other part of Pitch 3.

Q: Co-contribution of \$1 for \$1 with MRSC - target \$500k

Supporting Information

Growth

The [REDACTED] Club has experienced increased membership over the past four years, driven by higher participation of girls and women on the back of the Matilda's success, as well as a result of population growth due to expanded housing development within the Macedon Ranges LGA. This growth is expected to continue.

Football Victoria data supports this growth; Forecasts for 2026 registrations in Macedon Ranges have been made based on participation rates 1.1%, 2% and 5%, using 2016 population numbers as a base. These forecasts indicate by 2026 participation levels for Macedon Ranges at 1.1% would be 517 registered players, at 2% 624 players and 5% are 834 registered players. Based on 2024 data [REDACTED] Club is on track to achieve 2% participation by 2026.

In 2024, 51% of registered players lived within the Gisborne District, and 37%

from other MRSC districts.

In 2024, Gisborne supported 32 competition teams, a VETS men's team, a women's Tillys' social team as well as 4 intraclub teams and 92 children in the mini-roo's Kickoff program (4-7 age group). For 2025, we anticipate increasing the number of competition teams to 34 while maintaining participation across other groups.

Soccer is a Winter Sport

Soccer is a winter sport and [REDACTED] Club is the primary user of the sporting grounds at Dixon Field from 1 April to 30 September. Teams currently train between 4.30pm and 8.30pm on weekdays with competition games held on Saturday and Sunday. Our adult social teams the 'Vet's' and 'Tilly's' teams within these times and sometimes later.

Training occurs on approximately 50% of the current pitch space where lighting is available. It is standard practice for Community Soccer Clubs to provide team training twice per week with Clubs training 3 times.

[REDACTED] Club is only able to support one night of training for all teams and two nights training for 50% of teams, using approx. 1/8 pitch sizes. This significantly increases the load on the pitch areas 1 and 3, which are also the main game day pitches. In addition, the safety of players and quality of training is compromised, as training space is constrained.

Once wet weather sets in during July and August, the pitch quality deteriorates quickly making the pitches unusable. In the 2024 season, training was unable to occur over a 4 week period mid-season with alternative locations being hired to support teams.

This inevitably leads to increased costs of repairs and maintenance for Council. Our Club Community recognises the improvements required at Dixon Field. In the 2024 Member survey, a net promoter score(NPS) of -34 for Dixon Field was recorded. The net promoter score is derived from the question Would you recommend Dixon Field to family and friends. Of the 92 respondents 44 were detractors (rating 0-6/10). Detractors will negatively speak about Dixon Field and Council as the owner of the facilities.

Improved lighting will improve community perceptions of the facility as a fit for

purpose facility for Soccer in Gisborne. Drainage and Turf quality also contributed to this negative score.

This compares to the NPS for Gisborne Soccer Club at +54 and Soccer Overall at +69.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Council Plan 2021-2031

Dixon Field Masterplan

**Do you also wish to provide general feedback or input to guide the development of Council's 2025-26 Budget?**

No

**Please attach any relevant files to support your submission (optional).**

- [240915 \[REDACTED\] Strategic Plan Overview.pptx.pdf](#)

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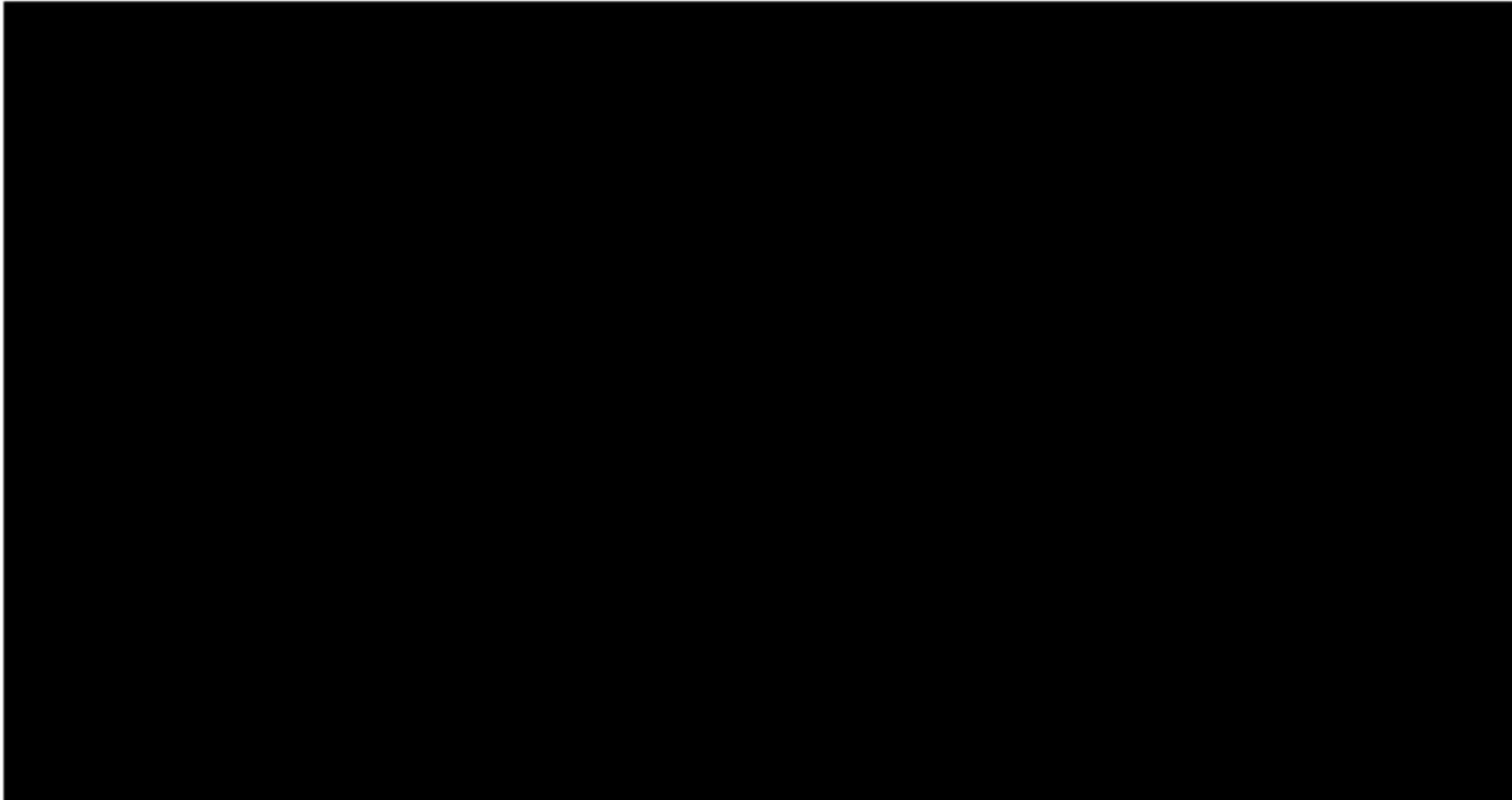
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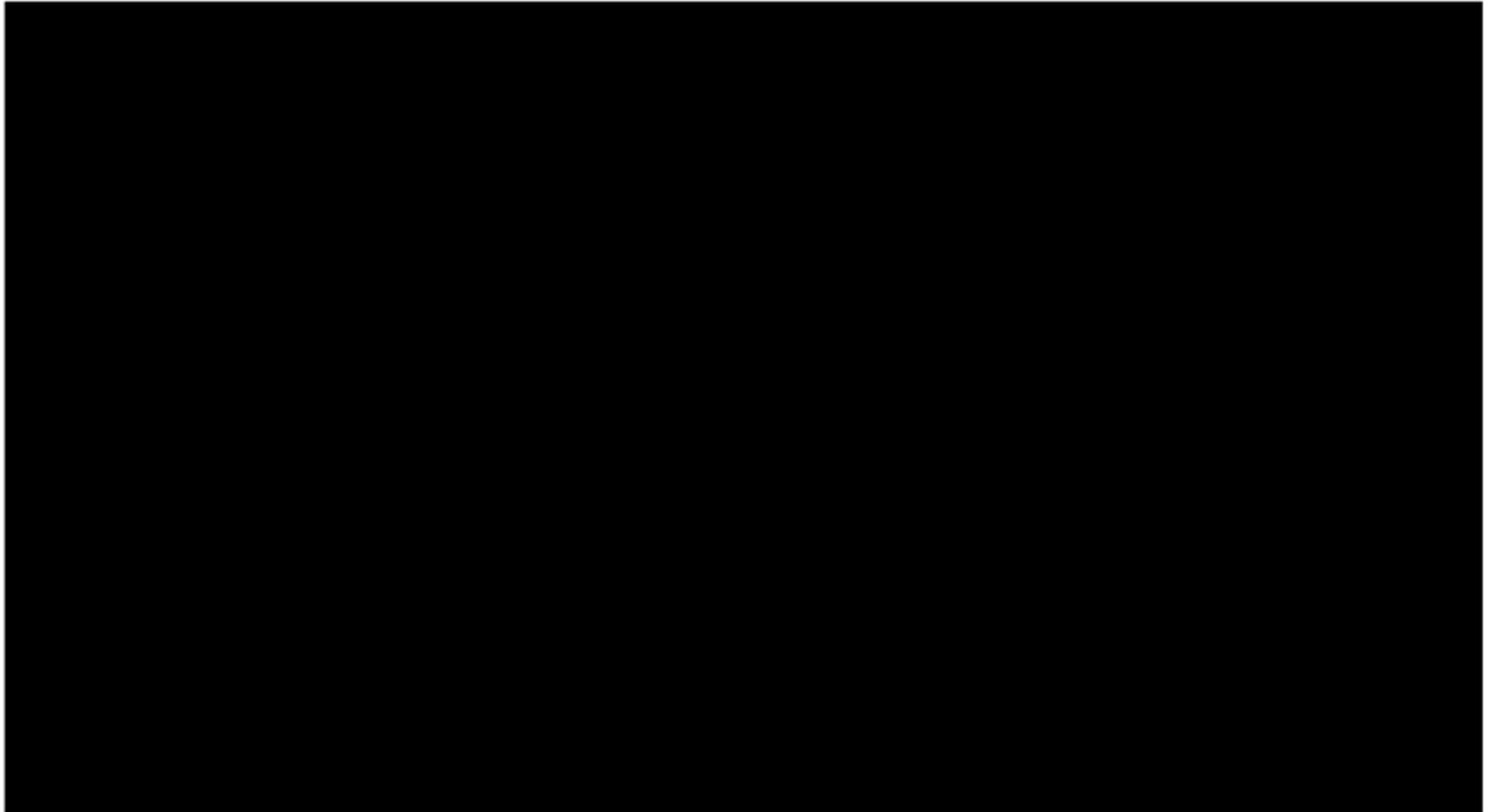
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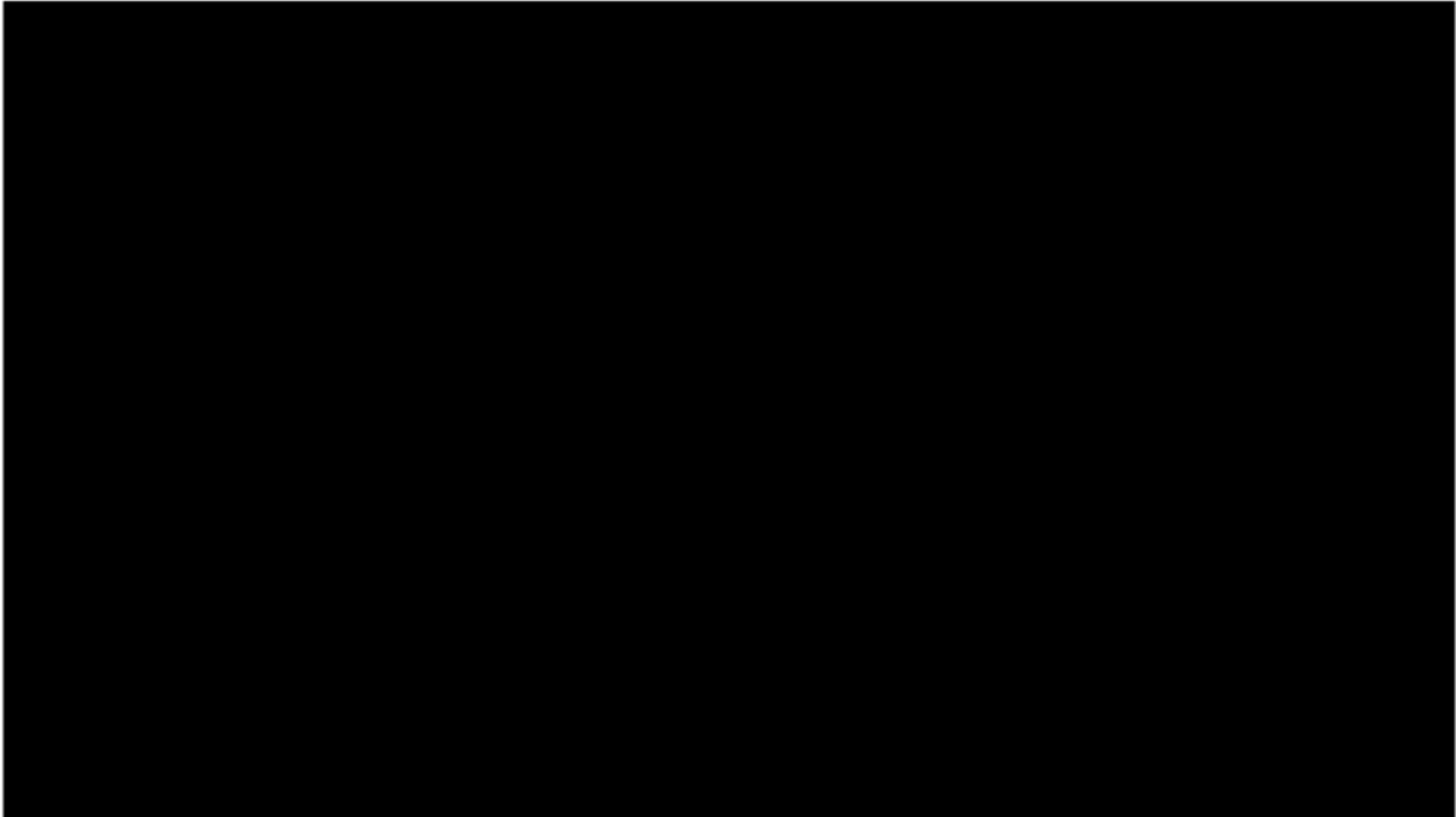


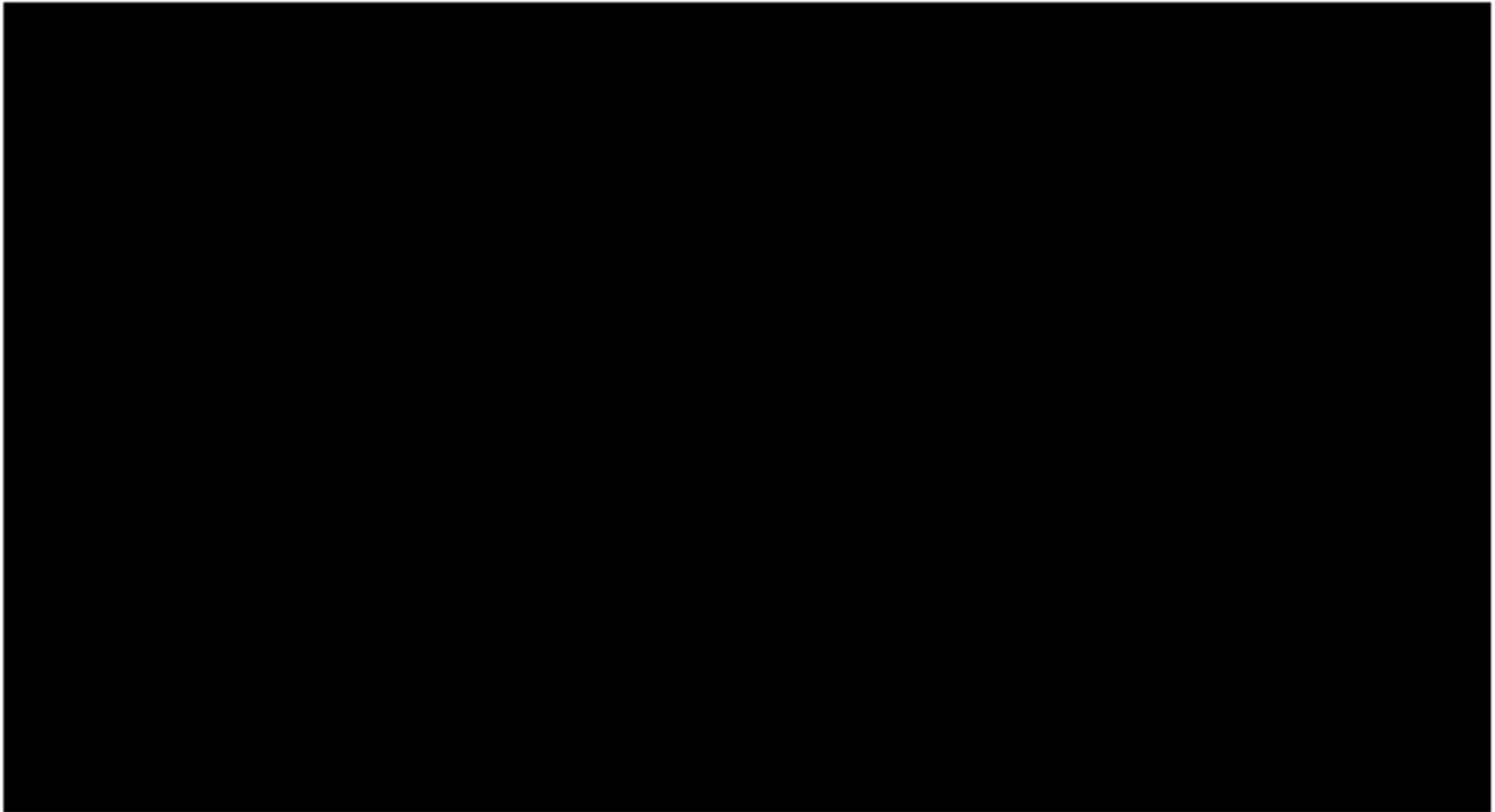
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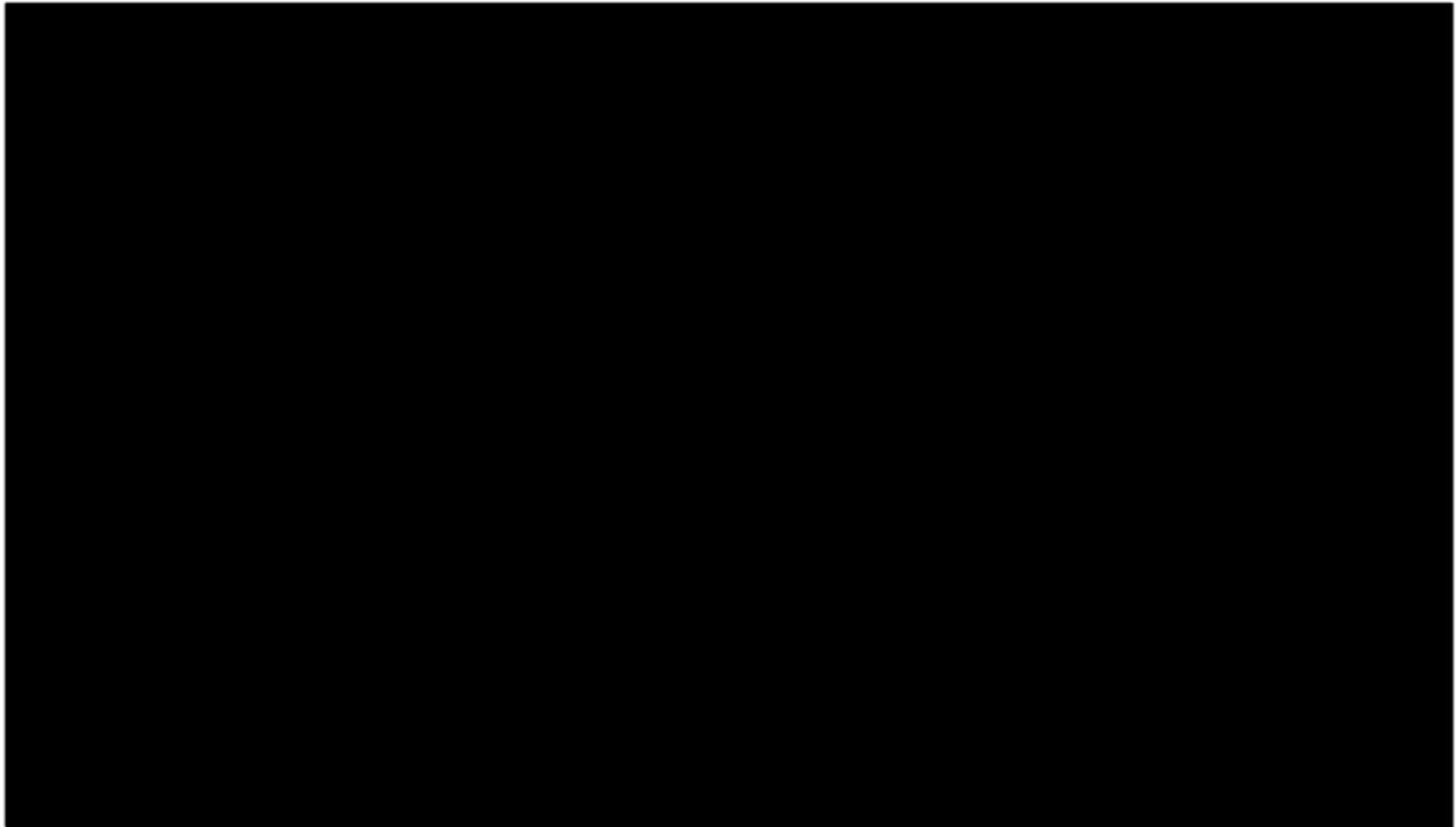


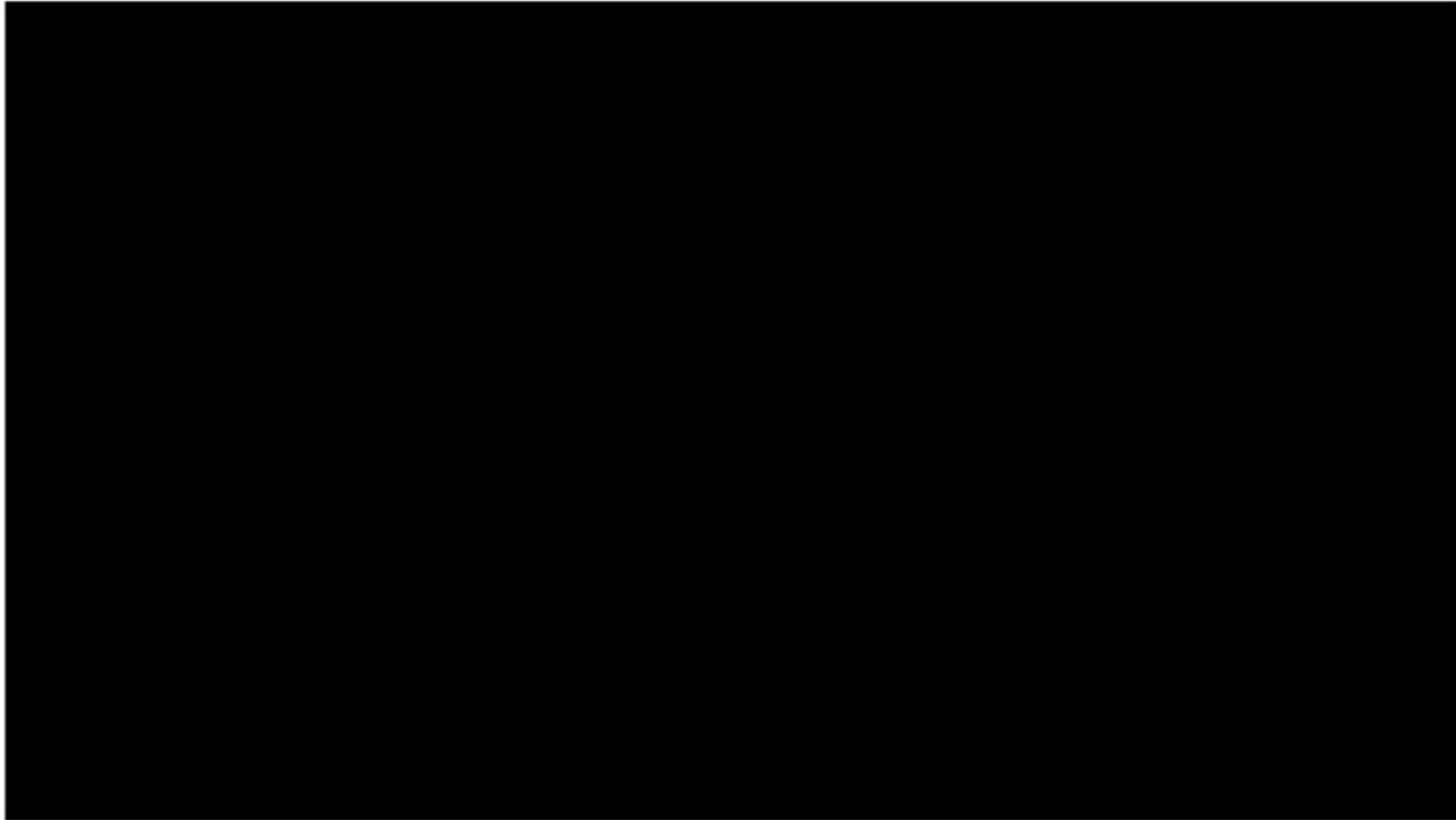


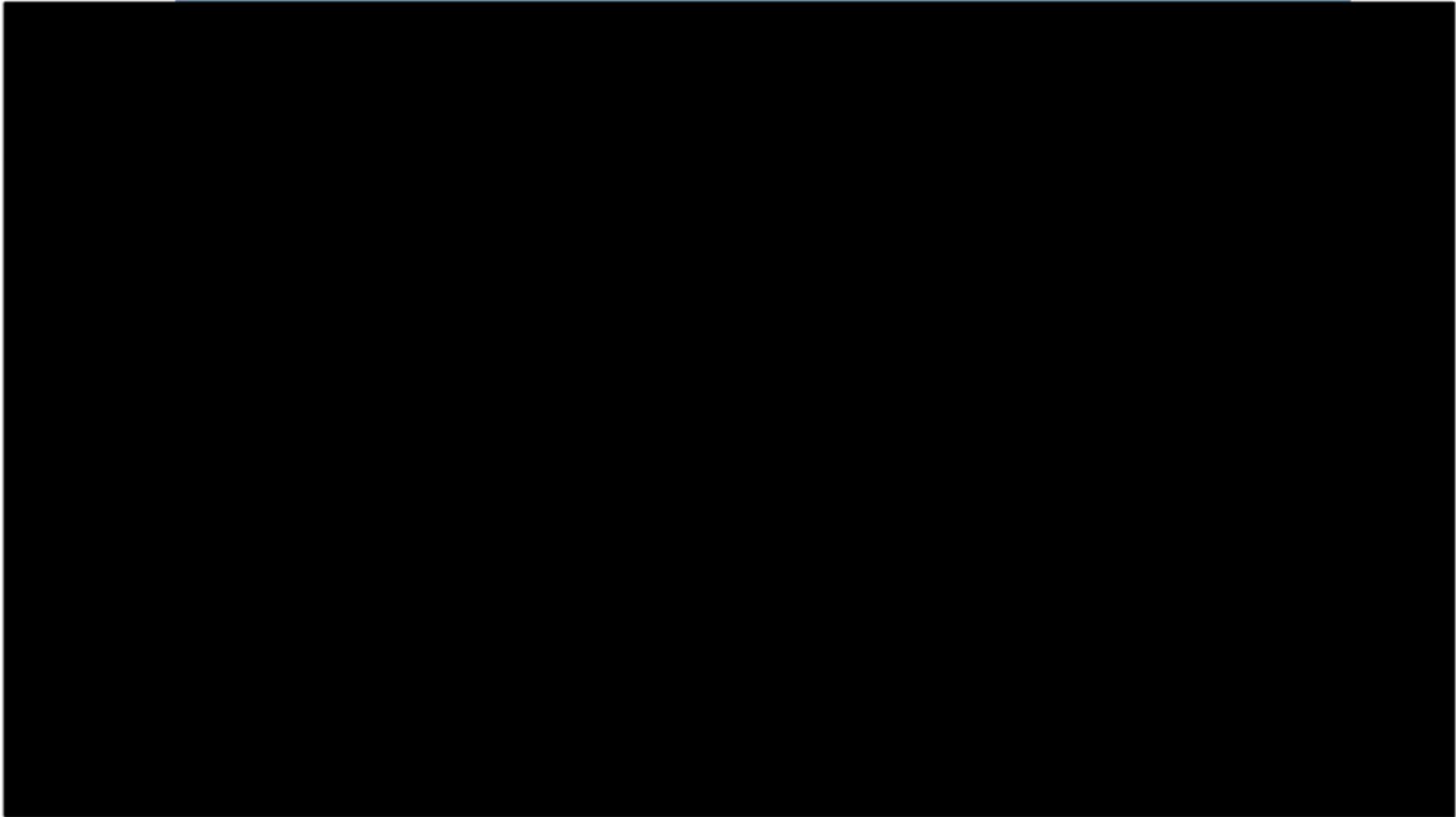


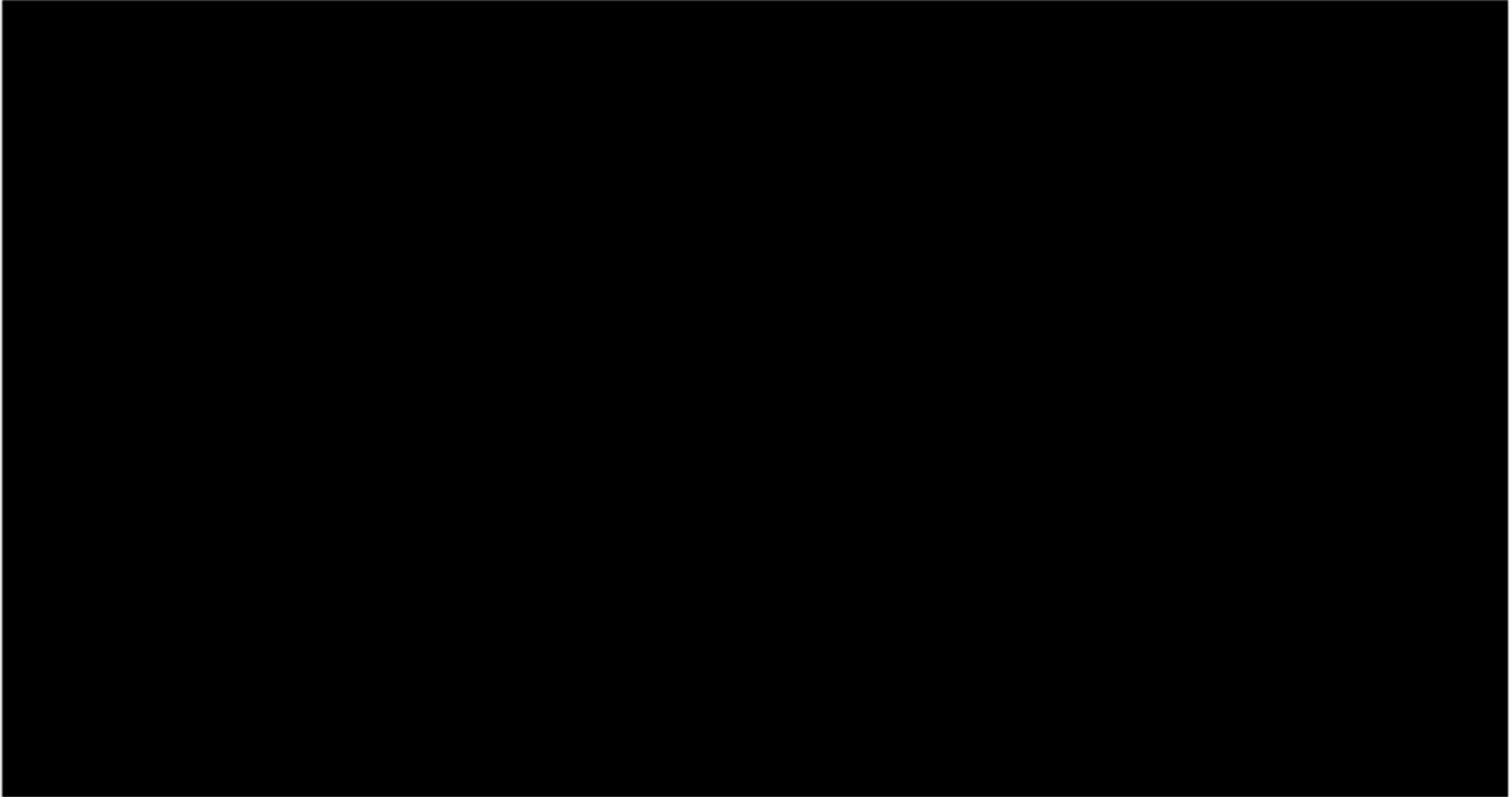




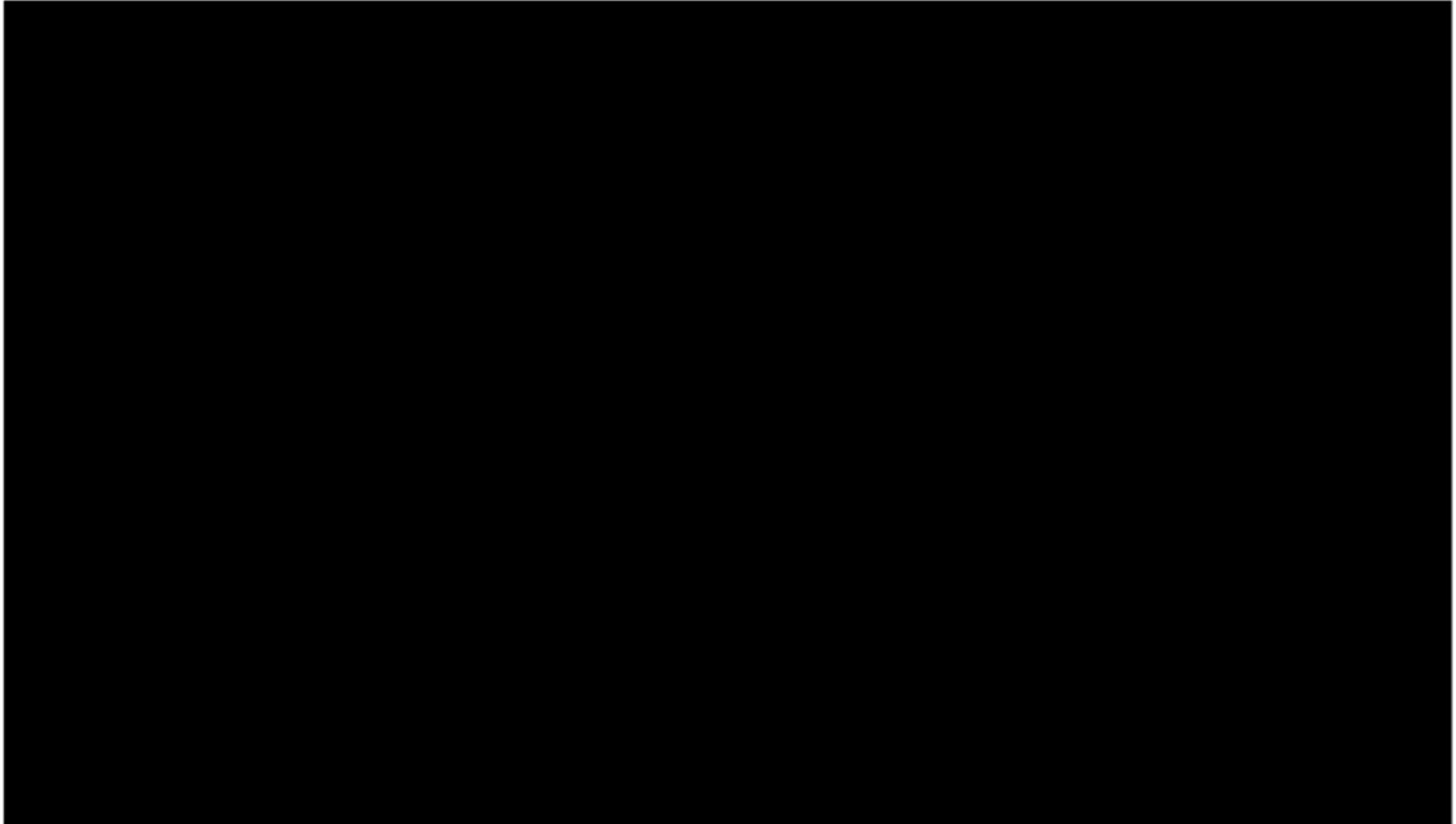


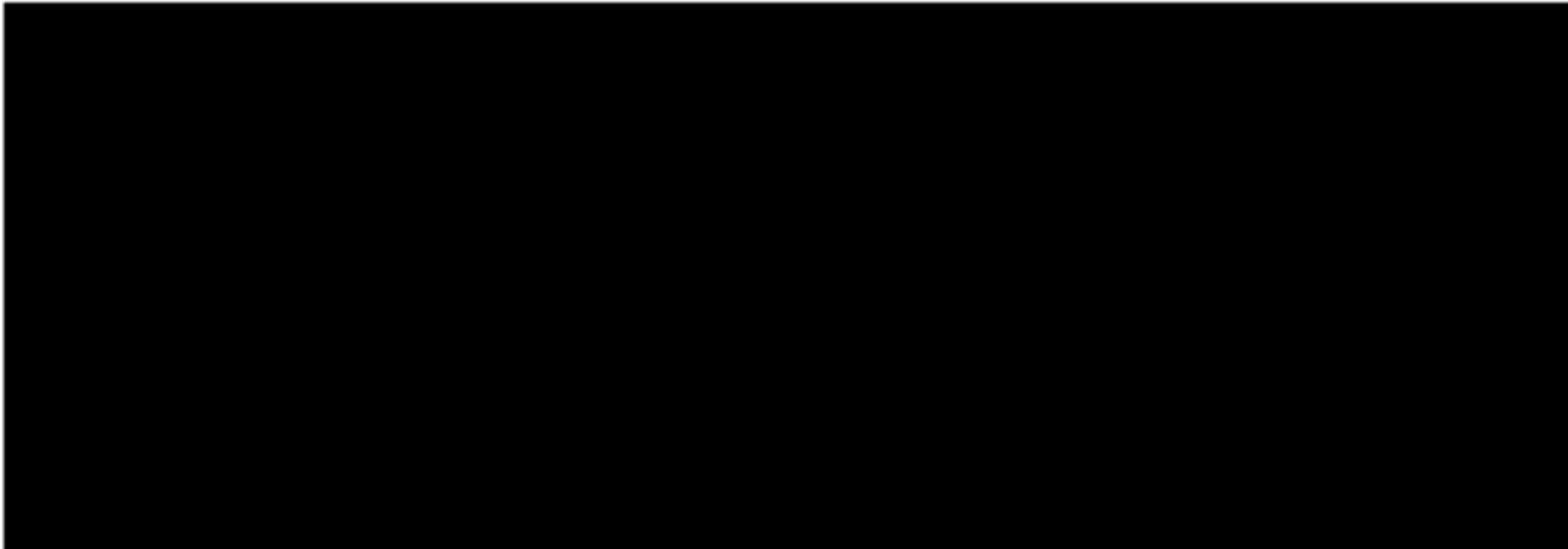












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[REDACTED] Club, [REDACTED]

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Please refer to my separate and first submission.





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In addition to installing new 150 lux LED sports field lighting at Dixon Field Pitch #2, the Gisborne Soccer Club also see the upgrade of existing sports field lighting at Pitch #1 to 150 lux LED as a priority. The existing outdated metal halide lighting is unreliable and in constant need of repair, as such the Club are keen to work with and support Council's 'Counting down to ZERO net emissions by 2030', by seeking Council budget support to plan and implement the upgrade of existing sports field lighting at pitch #1 to 150 lux LED.

The delivery of LED lighting at both soccer pitches will see two identified Dixon Field Master Plan 2022 recommendations actioned, whilst also enabling the expanding Gisborne Soccer Club the ability to provide increased after hours participation opportunities and reduce ongoing turf maintenance costs by spreading the training load on existing playing surfaces.

Counting down to ZERO Council's Plan to reach ZERO net emissions by 2030

document is available on Council's website and includes the following relevant key action item:

working with community groups to reduce emissions from tenanted facilities.

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Council Plan 2021-2031

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No

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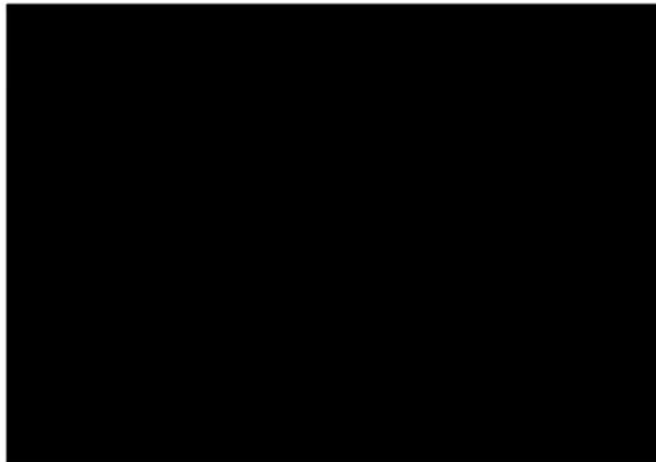
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[REDACTED] Group

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All ages from juniors through to Retired Seniors.

[REDACTED]



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New Gisborne Tennis Club redevelopment

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Budget 2024-25 (the current budget cycle)

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The group making this submission is the [REDACTED]  
Club. [REDACTED]

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There are currently three groups sharing the facility that would benefit from our project submission. Besides the Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club, the Woodend Pony Club and the Macedon Ranges Adult Riders also use the facility.

**Please provide your full name (optional).**



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This is an all-inclusive sport catering for varying levels of physical abilities and age groups. The group hosts state wide competitions, which attract members from all over the state, swelling the numbers considerably.

Currently we share the Woodend Club rooms with two other groups, the Woodend Pony Club and Macedon Ranges Adult Riders.

WHRPC is seeking Council funding to renovate the kitchen area, which has been put together over time, and is clearly showing signs of wear and decay. For example, internal cupboard rotting and mould, ceiling falling down, some

less than ideal wiring and cable placement etc.

These matters are developing into OH&S issues that will need to be addressed in the near future in order to be compliant.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

No / I don't know

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- MRC Quote 667 [REDACTED]

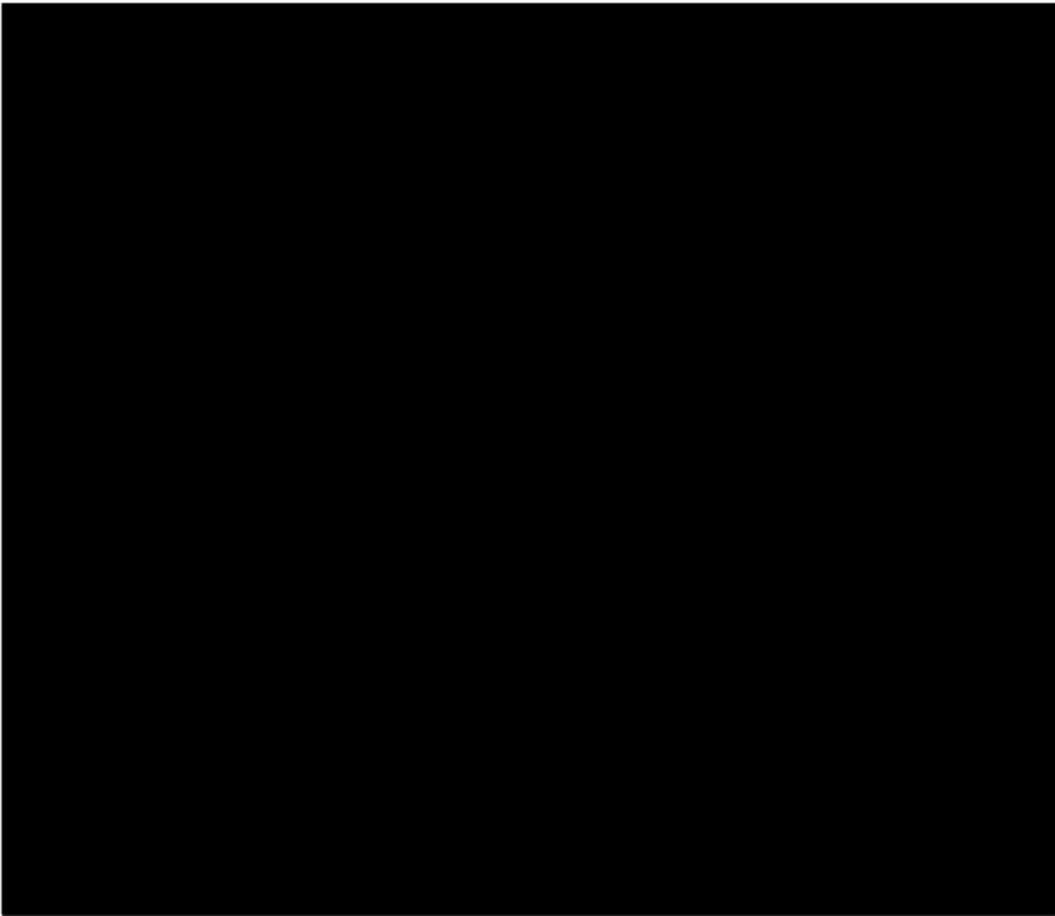
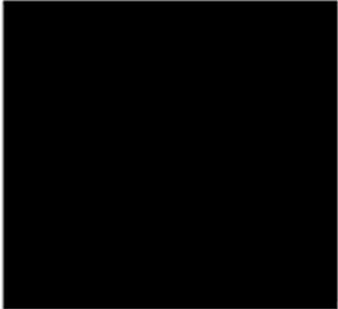
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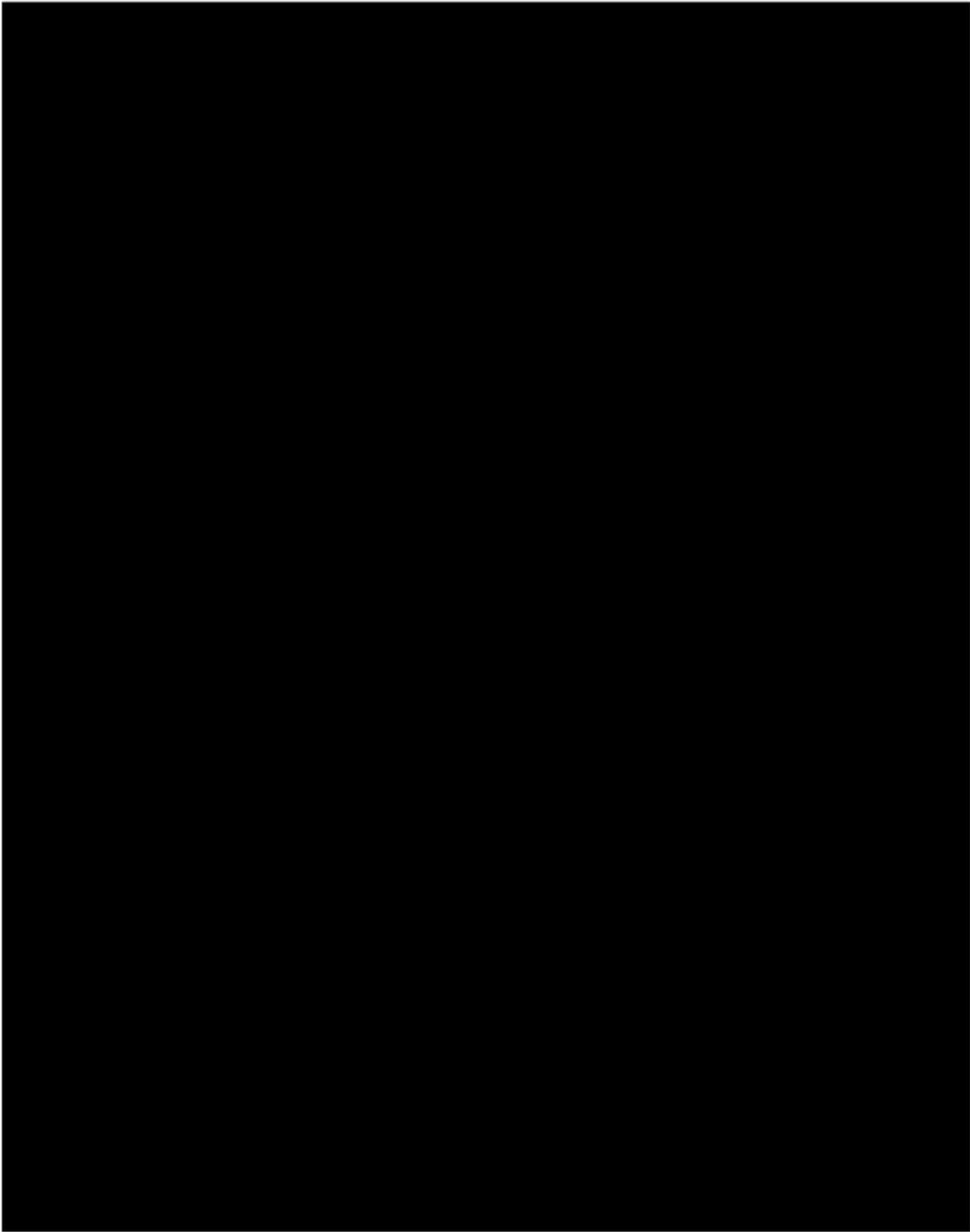
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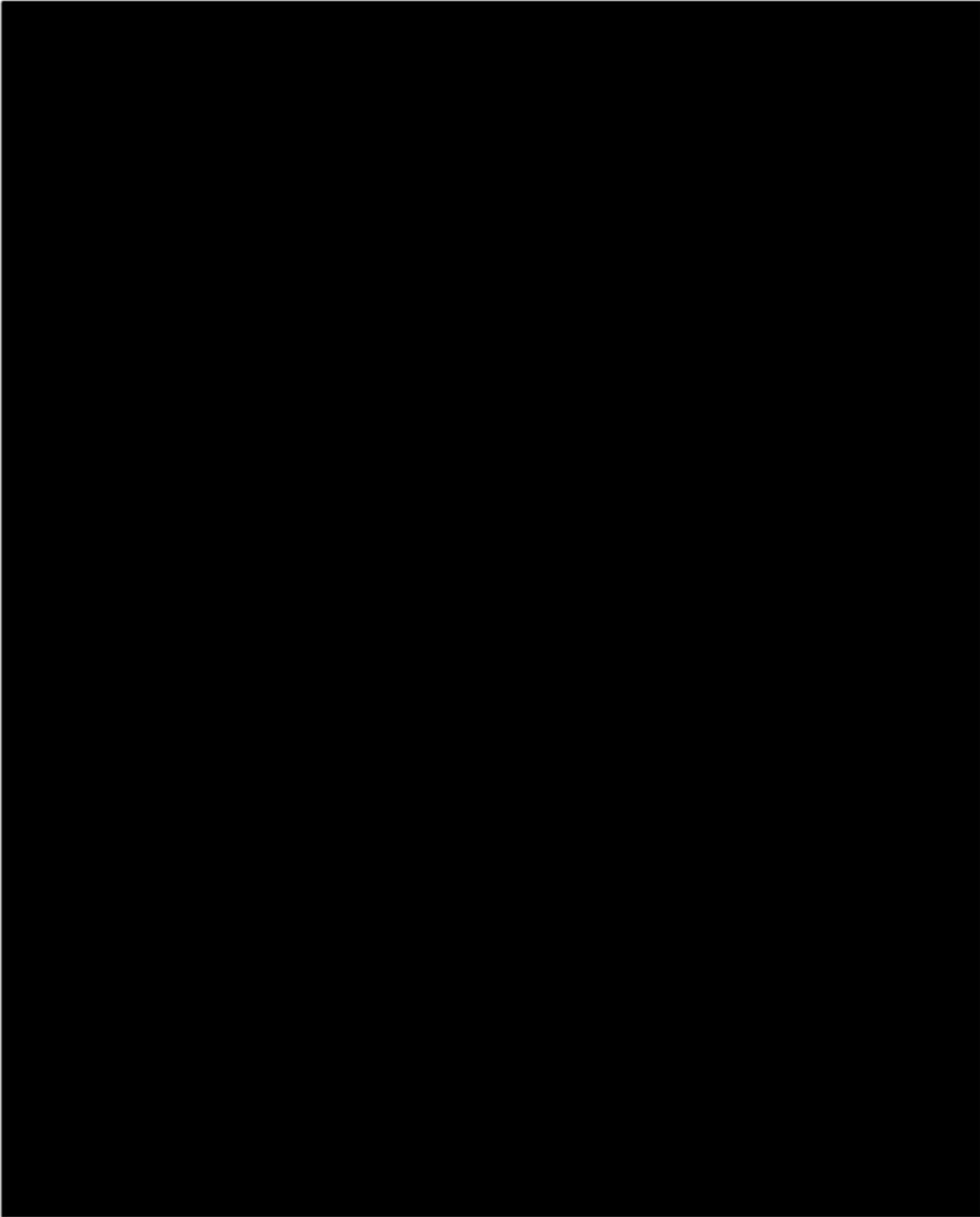
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to talk earlier today. I apologise for our late response. We are

(a) repeating a submission originally made for the FY24/25 budget, and

(b) registering our interest in participating in the Submitters Delegated Committee meeting planned to be held on 18 February 2025.

[REDACTED] commenced operating in approximately 2000 and currently consists of 75 members who actively participate twice each week in the sport of Petanque. This is an all-inclusive sport, catering for varying levels of physical abilities and age groups. The Club hosts state-wide competitions, which attract players from all over the state, swelling the numbers considerably.

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[REDACTED] is active in its community participation and fundraising functions. We had received a builder's estimate for works [REDACTED] but more detail would be forthcoming in due course; that estimate, from a local MR kitchen cabinetmaker is attached.

Looking forward to hearing back from you in due course.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Macedon Ranges Shire Council – “MRSC”

[REDACTED]

On behalf, of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council, I would like to extend our thanks for your active participation and input during the consultation process for the 2025-26 Budget.

Your feedback, ideas and suggestions plays an important role in shaping Council's plans and priorities, aligning our efforts with the Community Vision of to create a connected, healthy, and thriving community. Over the consultation period this year, we received more than 50 submissions from individuals and community groups, highlighting various ideas and suggestions from our community.

These contributions are currently being reviewed and will be shared with Councillors and relevant Council officers for consideration in the process of preparing our annual budget.

Each year, Council strives to deliver a balanced budget that ensures financial sustainability while addressing the community's key priorities, including:

1. Funding essential community services
2. Maintaining critical community assets and infrastructure
3. Promoting environmental sustainability
4. Ensuring responsible financial management of public funds
5. Investing in areas of greatest need across the shire.

Although not all submissions can be funded through the 2025-26 Annual Budget, your contributions, ideas and suggestions will kept for consideration in future budget cycles.

As part of this process, a Submitters Delegated Committee is planned to be held on 18 February 2025, for contributors to speak in support of their submissions. This meeting is held online with the specific purpose of providing the opportunity for submitters to present to Councillors on their submission and provide further support to their proposal. It also provides the opportunity for councillors to ask questions or seek clarification from submitters. No decisions are made at the meeting, but the discussion and presentation forms part of the consideration of submissions from the community and further informs the Budget development process.

[REDACTED]

Once again, thank you for your involvement and contributions. Your engagement is invaluable in helping us build a better future for our community.

We will continue to keep you informed on the progress of the budget and encourage your ongoing participation.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Date: 19/12/2024

**FY25/26 budget submission; [REDACTED] submission to MRSC for consideration for funding**

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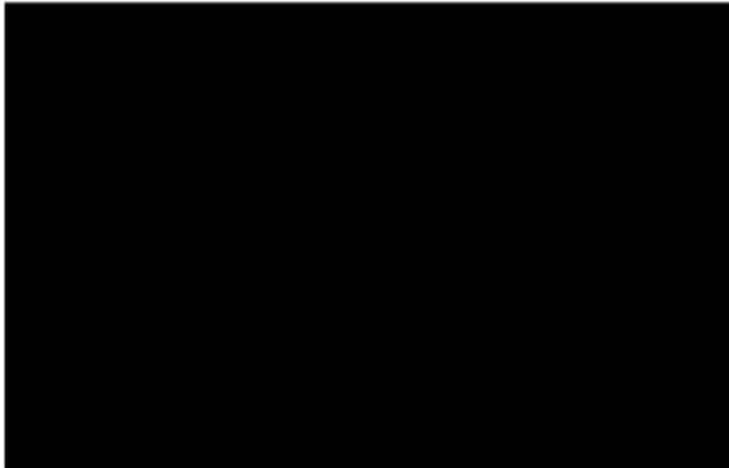
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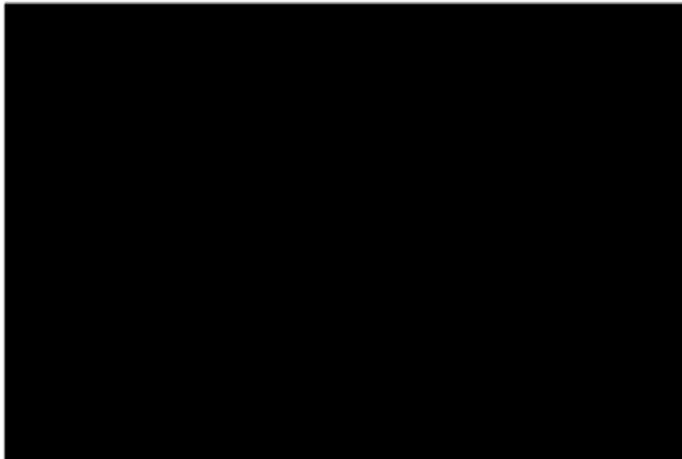
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3. A shared path on Southbourne Rd, from Parkview Terrace to Racecourse Rd. Parents and kids will be safer getting to and from the playground on Parkview, or getting out to Main Road and Sutherlands Road.

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Items #2 and #3 can be done within the 2024-25 financial year, and will make the existing path network better connected on two of the most popular routes the community uses every day.

All of these projects align to Community Vision 2021 – 2031, Council Plan 2021 – 2031, Financial Plan 2021 – 2031.

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Council Plan 2021-2031

Financial Plan 2021-2031

Community Vision 2021-2031

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Specific alignment to: Shire Wide Footpath Plan, Riddells Creek Network Movement Plan, Climate Emergency Plan (post-fossil fuels, active transport and integrated sustainable transport), Disability Action Plan (4. Access to Buildings and Places), Economic Development Strategy (Strategic priority Thriving Townships, township infrastructure), Mobility and Road Safety Strategy 3. A shared path on Southbourne Rd, from Parkview Terrace to Racecourse Rd. Parents and kids will be safer getting to and from the playground on Parkview, or getting out to Main Road and Sutherlands Road.

Specific alignment to: Shire Wide Footpath Plan, Riddells Creek Network Movement Plan, Climate Emergency Plan (post-fossil fuels, active transport and integrated sustainable transport), Disability Action Plan (4. Access to Buildings and Places), Economic Development Strategy (Strategic priority Thriving Townships, township infrastructure), Mobility and Road Safety Strategy Items #2 and #3 can be done within the 2024-25 financial year, and will make the existing path network better connected on two of the most popular routes the community uses every day.

All of these projects align to Community Vision 2021 – 2031, Council Plan 2021 – 2031, Financial Plan 2021 – 2031.

#### Additional Request

Council should fund a master plan for the Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve.

Last budget round Officer's justification for not recommending/funding a number of submissions/projects in the Rec. Reserve was the lack of a master plan. The best way to fix that is to get on and complete one that accounts for the various needs of the user groups; providing the various community groups and clubs that use the space the ability to align their funding submissions to it.

Both the Amess Rd and Riddell South developments will at some point be approved and pay some sort of infrastructure contribution. Which will likely

involve sport. Better this is based on a document like the master plan that sets out what the town needs, rather than what the developer proposes/is inclined to fund.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Budget 2024-25 (the current budget cycle)

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The [REDACTED] Club. I am currently [REDACTED] of the Committee. We are a Woodend based mountain biking club that maintains the trails in the Wombat State Forest and conducts other mountain bike related activities.

**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

All trail users will benefit through the delivery of this project but particularly young children who are at the greatest risk with the current car park layout.

**Please provide your full name (optional).**



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**Please outline your submission to the Budget 2025-26.**

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**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Council Plan 2021-2031

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- [Wombat\\_Carpark\\_Proposal.pdf](#)

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**BACKGROUND**

The [REDACTED] Woodend / Macedon based cycling group that focuses on mountain biking in the Macedon Ranges.

For over a decade, through agreement with DEECA, the club has been caring for and maintaining the 18km Wombat Loop, as well as numerous other less formal cycling trails, in the Wombat State Forest, which is the epicentre of the club's activities.

The Wombat Loop is also part of the Council published Macedon Ranges Ride Guide.

<https://www.visitmacedonranges.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/20042-VMR-Ride-guide-2020-FA-Web-Layout.pdf> (Page 47)



Current Parking Facilities

The existing car park is located on a government road reserve and is nestled between Council (Orange) and DEECA (Green) managed Public Roads. The mountain bike trails start at a sign board located just to the north east of the intersection (Light Green Triangle)



Road Responsibilities

Boldiston Road, Taylor Road, and Fingerpost Road (parts) are on Council's public road register while Fingerpost Road (to the south) is a DEECA road. The state forest surrounding the car park is managed by DEECA, as are the mountain bike trails themselves.

Approximately four or five years ago, DEECA attempted to partner with Council to upgrade the car parking facilities at this location. Unfortunately, after Council had completed a suitable design and the work was put out to market the cost of construction exceeded DEECA's available budget at the time.

The [REDACTED] Club is hopeful that Council can consider re-activating this project as part of the 25-26 budget deliberations. As most of the roads are Council managed and Council is encouraging use of this important recreational asset through its Ride Guide, the club feels that Council should consider this project in order to reduce risk, and that Council has a moral and legislated obligation to act.

This project aligns with Council Plan Strategic Objectives of: Connecting Communities, Healthy Environment, Healthy People, and Business and Tourism.

#### **PROBLEM**

The main problem with the current configuration is that the car park is in the centre of an uncontrolled five-way intersection where vehicles do not have to slow down to safely make the turns. This is particularly problematic when small children are preparing to ride as they often don't recognise the dangers.



High Speed Vehicles

Club members regularly observe dangerous and anti-social driving behaviours from many motorists in the Wombat State Forest. In particular at this intersection vehicles are able to undertake the main turning movements without significantly lowering the speed of their vehicles.

#### **SOLUTION**

Council has already completed a design that solves the safety issues at this intersection and the scope of this project would be to fund and complete the construction works.

The highlight of the design is that the removal of one leg of Fingerpost Road which joins both the mountain bike car park and the mountain bike trails together. This removes the need to cross over the busy road and provides an island of safety for people to congregate in. Also, by introducing two T-intersections all vehicles will generally have to slow down on the approach to the problem area.

The work area is totally contained within the existing road footprint and this can be described as highly disturbed ground. This will limit the environmental and cultural approvals required to complete the work as it should fall into the category of routine maintenance.

**COST**

The club believes that the project will cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Costs could be greatly reduced if Council's unsealed road crews were to complete the works. The club is also in a position to co-contribute to this project.

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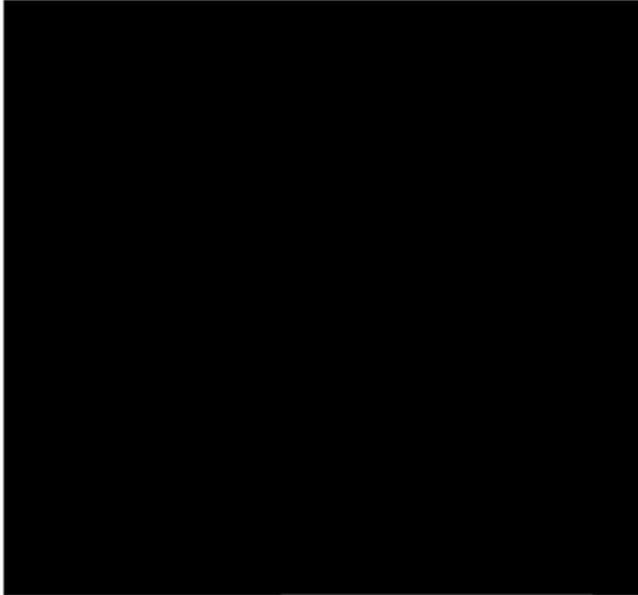
[REDACTED] The Committee of 6 volunteers manages the Hall at Macedon. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

Jubilee Hall is used by a broad cross-section of the community, including dance groups, yoga, Community Group presentations, and fundraising events. It is also a popular venue for birthdays, engagements, weddings, and funerals. As would be expected, community groups and other hall hirers have a wide membership, and the hall's configuration caters to all members of all abilities

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and genders. An important feature of the hall is access to a well-appointed kitchen enabling many groups to self cater for their event



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The [REDACTED] is seeking to replace the two stoves in the Hall's Kitchen. The stoves were donated second-hand approximately 15 years ago, their actual age is unknown. Their age is a contributing factor to the increasing cost of repairs and maintenance but there is also a scarcity of parts for them. We have been advised by our clients that the ovens do not always retain their set temperature and need constant adjustment during their operation. There is a need to replace the ovens at the earliest opportunity to meet our client's expectations. Failure to replace the stoves will have a detrimental effect on our ability to hire the hall in future and contribute to the non-compliance with "Counting down to ZERO

Our plan to reach ZERO net emissions by 2030

Stage 1 – December 2022<sup>n</sup> We have done some preliminary investigations to meet the submission timeframe and know that the Committee will need further work to finalize the submission.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

- Phasing out the use of gas in favour of more efficient energy sources

**Do you also wish to provide general feedback or input to guide the development of Council's 2025-26 Budget?**

Yes

**Please share your general input or feedback on Council's 2025-26 Budget.**

The [REDACTED] would like the MRSC to favourably view our request within the 2025-2026 budget time frame with electric ranges as our contribution to net zero as outlined in:

Counting down to ZERO

Our plan to reach ZERO net emissions by 2030

Stage 1 – December 2022. Jubilee Hall is working with the Mount Players and the Ash Wednesday to undertake improvements that will enhance the Arts and Cultural perspective offered by this important area melding seamlessly with the MRSC Arts and Cultural Policy

**Please attach any relevant files to support your submission (optional).**

- [Counting-Down-To-Zero-Zero-Net-Emissions-for-Council-Operations-Plan.pdf](#)
- [WebPage.pdf](#)

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# Counting down to ZERO

Our plan to reach ZERO net emissions by 2030  
Stage 1 – December 2022



## Acknowledgement of Country

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Council also acknowledges local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander residents of Macedon Ranges for their ongoing contribution to the diverse culture of our community.

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## Executive Summary

Council committed to reaching a Zero Net Emissions status for its operations by 2030 when it adopted the refreshed Environment Strategy in October 2021. Council had already exceeded its original emissions reduction goal at 30 June 2021, having reduced emissions from its operations by almost 30%, from the baseline year of 2014-15.

The term 'zero net emissions' refers to achieving an overall balance between greenhouse gas emissions released into, and greenhouse gas emissions removed from, the atmosphere.

To track progress towards zero, there needs to be a starting point, which has been set as 30 June 2022. To increase accountability for Council's operations, the baseline greenhouse gas inventory will be expanded from the original inventory based on direct emissions, to include emissions from indirect sources, like emissions associated with contracted services for the collection and transport of different waste streams, and emissions associated with the operation of council-owned buildings tenanted to community groups.

Council's new emissions reduction target can therefore be framed as:

**Zero Net Emissions for Council operations by 30 June 2030, from the baseline of 3,260.6\* tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e at 30 June 2022.**

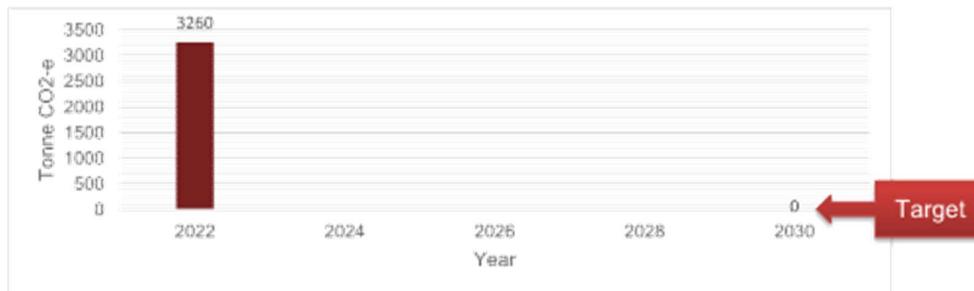
**\*or as retrospectively amended to account for additional indirect sources of greenhouse gas emissions**

This Zero Net Emissions Plan, **Counting Down to Zero**, will guide Council to reach this target, through initially focusing on the following key actions:

- "Getting off gas" at Council-owned buildings, particularly the aquatic centres
- Transitioning Council's passenger fleet to zero emission vehicles
- Working with community groups to reduce emissions from tenanted facilities
- Increasing generation and supply of power through installing solar panels and battery power storage at Council-owned buildings, and potentially through larger renewable energy generation projects.
- Exploring options for creating offsets that provide co-benefits for local communities, economies and biodiversity.

Importantly, **Counting Down to Zero** is designed to be an evolving document. Council will monitor and report on implementation progress on an annual basis through the Annual Environment Report and Council's Annual Report, and communicate progress towards meeting its target for Zero Net Emissions, for example, in graphics like Figure 1. Additionally, this plan will be reviewed every two years until 2030, to enable Council to respond to rapidly evolving technologies and climate programs.

**Figure 1: Tracking Council's greenhouse gas emissions to 2030.**



## Context

### The need for climate action

#### The forecast

Climate change impacts on everyone. The consequences of increasing temperatures, changed rainfall patterns and increases in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events are being experienced more often, by more people, in more locations.

In the Macedon Ranges, forecast climate scenarios indicate hotter and drier conditions with greater variability in rainfall and increased fire danger ([Click here for DELWP climate predictions](#)).

Inevitably, this will mean our lives and livelihoods will be increasingly impacted upon, in terms of health and wellbeing, food production and distribution, water supply, buildings and infrastructure, biodiversity and landscapes, and many other aspects of everyday life. Figure 2 below illustrates these impacts.

**Figure 2: Impacts of climate change on our lives and livelihoods**



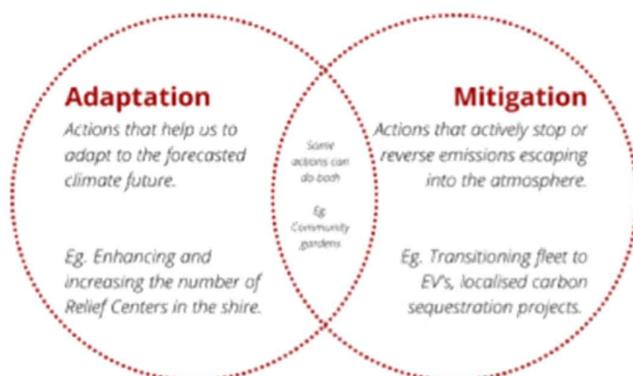
As the level of government working closest to the community, Council has a responsibility to do all it can to lessen the severity of impacts associated with climate change by reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions released into the atmosphere, and by preparing the community for forecast future climates. This plan is a guide for Council to reduce and eventually eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from its operations.

## A declaration of climate emergency

Council officially recognised the urgency to address climate change by stating a Declaration of Climate Emergency at its meeting on 24 March 2021, thereby signalling its commitment to address climate change as a priority matter. Council recognises that action to reduce emissions can be, and should be, taken at every level of society. Council is committed to leading by example when supporting the community to prepare for forecast climatic changes.

Enacting the declaration involves both mitigation and adaptation action to address climate change (see Figure 3). The focus of this plan is on mitigation of emissions in relation to Council's operations.

**Figure 3: Climate adaptation and mitigation**



## Legislative and policy context

A Declaration of Climate Emergency indicates a commitment to both lead in and advocate for climate action, and places climate considerations at the core of all decision making by Council how it delivers services and how it works with the community. In essence, the declaration is a trigger for switching how decisions are made within Council, for the shire and the community.

A key statutory driver for making this switch is in the Local Government Act 2020, in Part 2 Section 1, which requires councils to give effect to the stated overarching governance principles, one of which is "the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks".

**Counting Down to Zero** will guide how the governance principle stated above can be incorporated into Council's work for climate mitigation, namely, to reduce emissions released into the atmosphere. It also supports the intent of the Climate Change Act 2017 with its legislated target for zero net emissions for Victoria by 2050.

**Counting Down to Zero** has a clear line of sight to Council's key policy document, the Council Plan (see Figure 4).

**Figure 4: Council's policy context for Counting Down to Zero**

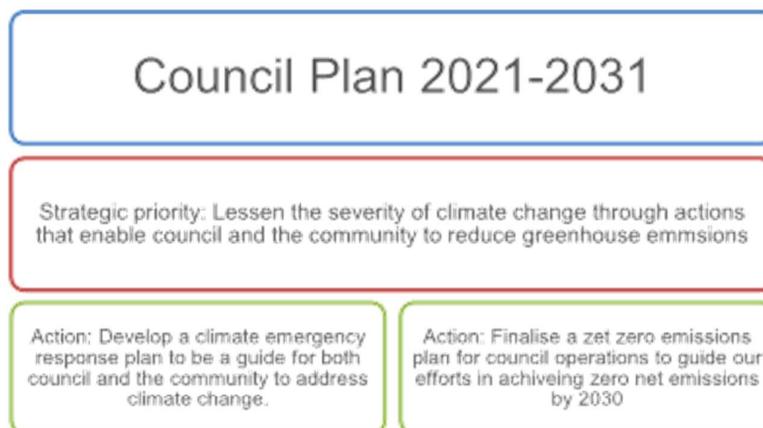


Figure 5 in the following section indicates how this plan will be a key component of the broader Climate Emergency Response Plan, to be developed in early 2023.

## Background

### Our journey so far

Figure 5: Summary of Climate Action in Macedon Ranges Shire (see appendix for full view)



### 25% reduction target

Council’s adoption of the Environment Strategy in June 2016 included adoption of a target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from its operations by 25% by 2020-21, from the baseline year of 2014-15. The Climate Change Action Plan, adopted by Council in June 2017, outlined the works required to reach this target. The target equated to 1,910 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub><sup>e</sup>, from a baseline figure of 7,640 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub><sup>e</sup>.

The target was established based on a limited inventory of sources of greenhouse gas emissions, namely, it only included emissions associated with consumption of fossil fuels that Council directly paid for (electricity and gas at Council-operated buildings, electricity by streetlights, and fuel consumption by the passenger vehicle fleet and heavy vehicle plant). The inventory also included an estimated amount for emissions from waste generated at Council worksites, based on available information about similar sized councils with measured data.

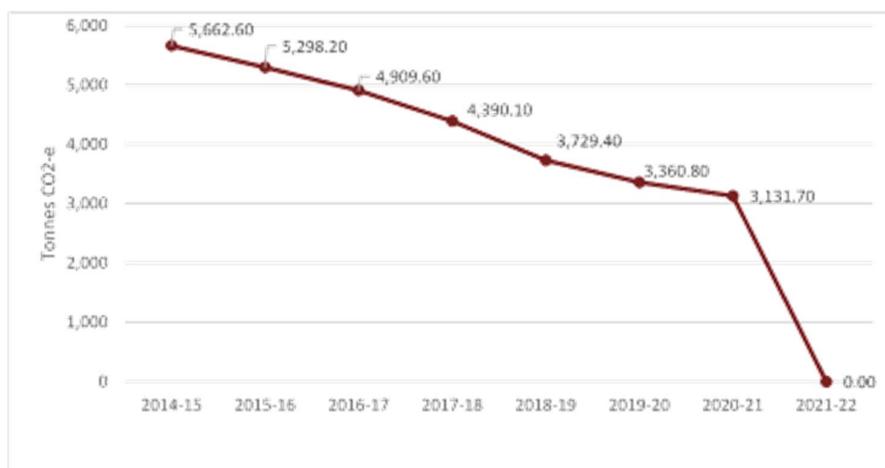
### Our emissions at 30 June 2021

At 30 June 2021, emissions from Council's operations equated to 5,034 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub><sup>e</sup>, a 34.1% reduction from the baseline year, based on its limited inventory of emission sources. As some of this reduction could be attributed to reduced use of work sites and community facilities due to pandemic-induced restrictions, a "business-as-usual" figure was calculated, resulting in emissions reduction of just below 30% (at 5,370 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub><sup>e</sup>). With Council having exceeded its adopted emissions reduction target, the Climate Change Action Plan effectively "expired".

### Our emissions at 1 July 2021

A new electricity supply contract commenced on 1 July 2021, ensuring that Council's electricity requirements would be met through the purchase of 100% renewable energy. The contract was secured through the Victorian Energy Collaboration (VECO), a Power Purchase Agreement involving 46 councils across Victoria procuring electricity from renewable energy generators until 30 December 2030. VECO effectively allows emissions associated with electricity consumption to be "cancelled out", a final step in Council's journey to reduce emissions from electricity consumption to zero, as shown in Figure 6.

**Figure 6: Emissions from Council's use of electricity by year**

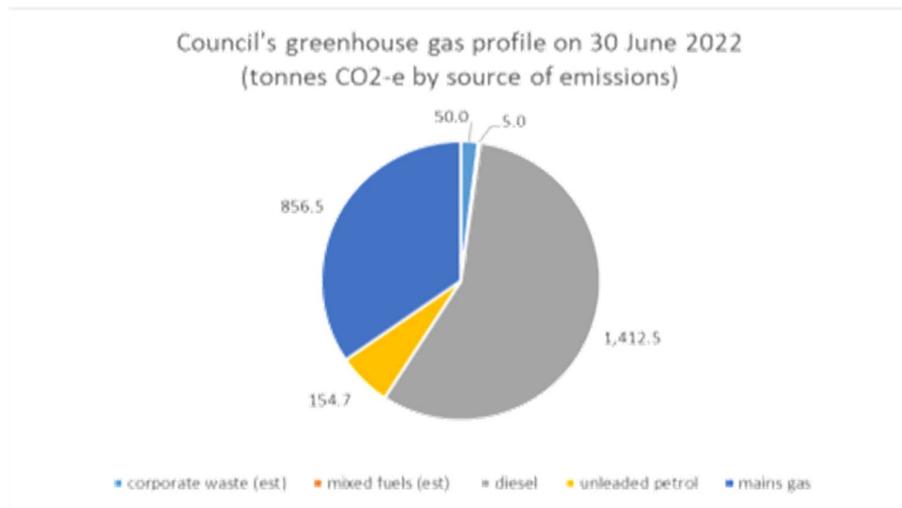


Emissions from Council's operations at 1 July 2021, based on its limited emissions inventory, would therefore have equated to approximately 1,902 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub><sup>e</sup>, with the main sources of emissions being diesel and (mains) gas.

### Where we are now (30 June 2022)

Council's emissions profile on 30 June 2022 is represented in Figure 7, showing total emissions associated with consumption of mains gas, unleaded petrol, diesel, and an estimated amount of emissions associated with consumption of mixed fuels and generation of waste at work sites. The total of 2,478.7 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e represents a starting point from which Zero Net Emissions is to be achieved, assuming a limited greenhouse gas inventory.

**Figure 7: Council's greenhouse gas profile at 30 June 2022.**



## The next step

### A new baseline

A "Zero Net Emissions by 2030" target implies that "zero" is relative to a baseline. Given the expiry of Council's Climate Change Action Plan on 30 June 2021, and the commencement of the VECO contract to supply electricity as 100% renewable energy on 1 July 2021, it is logical to set 2021-2022 as the baseline year from which to measure emissions associated with Council operations.

As noted above, the original inventory of greenhouse gas emissions informing Council's work to date was limited to operations directly controlled by Council.

To increase accountability for emissions associated with its operations, and enable Council to have a wider influence on emissions generated from its facilities and services, it is proposed to expand Council's greenhouse gas inventory to include additional or indirect sources of emissions.

Expanding Council's inventory to include additional sources of greenhouse gas emissions will occur over time as processes are established to obtain data. This means that the total amount of emissions for the baseline year will need to be revised as data on indirect sources of emissions becomes available, and estimates for 2021-22 are accounted for in a revised baseline figure.

### A bigger and better inventory

Expanding Council's greenhouse gas inventory is also better corporate practice, for several reasons:

- To increase accountability and transparency associated with Council operations
- To increase potential for Council to influence or drive action amongst community groups and service providers to reduce emissions
- To position Council to receive accreditation for carbon neutrality under the national Climate Active program, should it wish to do so in the future.

In order to be compliant with Climate Active, and be eligible to obtain accreditation for a carbon neutral status in future years, there are sources of emissions that Council needs to address in defining its greenhouse gas inventory. Sources of emissions need to be considered in terms of materiality, complexity of sourcing data, and potential for Council to reduce emissions from that

source. Preliminary investigations undertaken regarding the potential to include additional indirect sources of emissions in Council's greenhouse gas profile is summarised in Table 1.

**Table 1: Key sources of emissions considered for inclusion in Council's greenhouse gas inventory are listed below, with a recommendation regarding their inclusion.**

Source of emission	Recommendation for inclusion in Council's greenhouse gas inventory.
Emissions associated with fuel used for contracted services	✓ Include in Council's greenhouse gas inventory and baseline emissions profile
Emissions associated with electricity and mains gas consumption at council owned sites operated by community groups	✓ Introduce into greenhouse gas inventory and add to the baseline emissions profile over time
Emissions associated with consumption of bottled gas (bulk LPG)	✓ Include in Council's greenhouse gas inventory and baseline emissions profile
Legacy emissions associated with closed landfill sites	✗ Exclude from greenhouse gas inventory and baseline emissions profile
Emissions from goods and services required to support operations (refrigerants, concrete and asphalt, paper, etc)	✓ Introduce into greenhouse gas inventory and add to the baseline emissions profile over time
Emissions associated with water consumption and waste water treatment	✓ Introduce into greenhouse gas inventory and add to the baseline emissions profile over time
Emissions associated with travel for work, outside of fleet vehicle (air travel, taxi services)	✗ Exclude from greenhouse gas inventory and baseline emissions profile

The following action is proposed to improve Council's accountability for emissions associated with its operations:

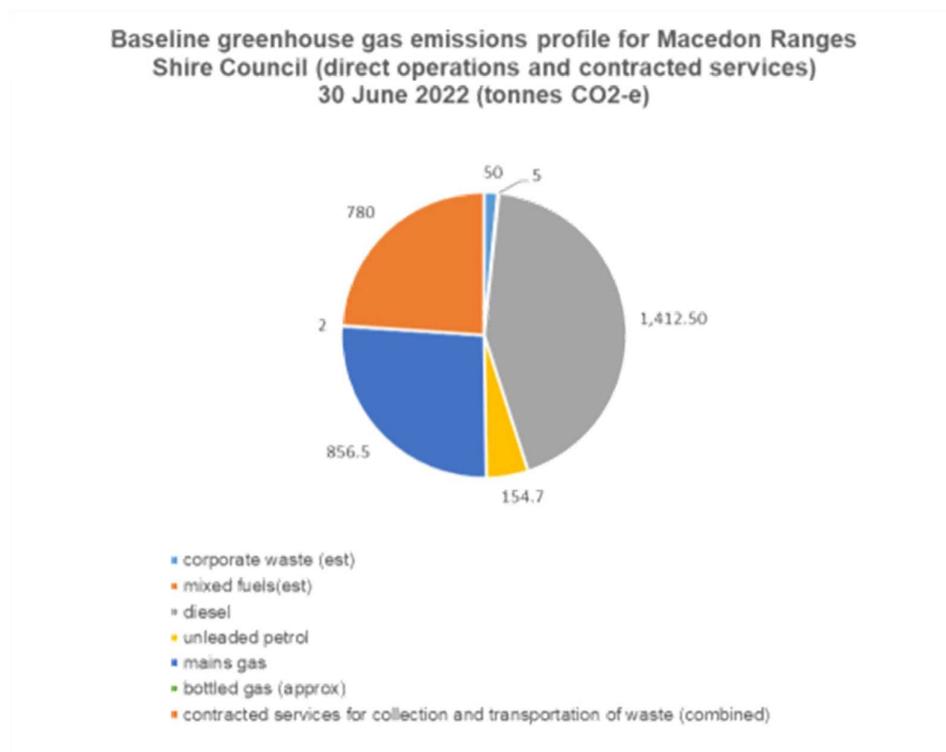
- **Action 1:** Expand Council's greenhouse gas inventory to account for as many indirect sources of emissions as possible, according to feasibility and capacity to do, from 2022 to 2030. Adjust the baseline amount of emissions to account for the additional sources.

### A new baseline emissions profile for Council

Based on preliminary investigations, the baseline emissions profile can immediately be amended to include emissions associated with contracted services to collect and transport waste streams, and emissions associated with use of bottled gas at council operated sites.

Adding these emissions to the profile means that the baseline base level of greenhouse gas emissions for 2021-22 is 3,260.6 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e.

**Figure 8: Council's greenhouse gas profile at 30 June 2022, including contracted services for waste management**



Council's new emissions reduction target can therefore be framed as:

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\*or as retrospectively amended to account for additional indirect sources of greenhouse gas emissions.

## Getting to ZNE

The term 'zero net emissions' refers to achieving an overall balance between greenhouse gas emissions released into, and greenhouse gas emissions removed from, the atmosphere.

While it's the sum total of emissions that is measured, reducing the amount of emissions released into the atmosphere reduces the need to remove emissions from the atmosphere. From this perspective, adopting a hierarchal approach to reaching the sum total of "zero" can be adopted:

1. **Reducing emissions**
2. **Avoiding emissions**
3. **Offsetting emissions**

An additional approach, namely **Influencing emissions**, is also proposed for this plan, to extend Council's intentions to key stakeholders involved in its operations and the provision of services.

### Reducing emissions

Reducing emissions is about works and practices at our facilities and within our operations that minimise the use of fossil fuels, thereby reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions generated from Council's current activities.

Key opportunities for reducing emissions are summarised below:

#### **Electricity consumption and generation at Council managed sites**

The procurement of electricity as 100% renewable energy effectively means there are no emissions associated with electricity consumption at facilities directly managed by Council, including streetlights. However, Council is still committed to reducing electricity consumption through improving energy efficiency at our facilities. Aside from savings gained (or costs avoided) from reduced power consumption, minimising electricity usage demonstrates efficiency in our operations, and responsible use of funds. Options for reducing emissions should be identified and explored in the early stages of planning works at council owned sites.

In addition to works like replacing streetlights and many indoor lights with energy efficient LEDs to reduce emissions, Council has invested in installation of roof top solar systems on 18 of its buildings, totalling just over 350kW. The benefits that these installations can deliver could be better realised if more resources were available to monitor the performance of buildings, for example, to manage time-of-use and to ensure power generation at key sites is being registered.

Another option for reducing emissions is to rationalise the number of assets owned by Council, so that funds from the sale of assets are made available for investment in energy efficiency at more utilised sites.

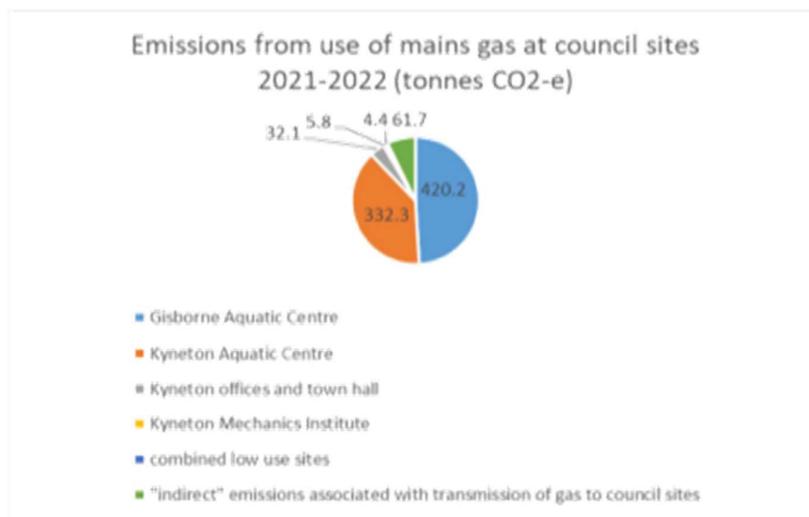
- > **Action 2:** Continue to invest in smaller scale works for energy efficiency (lighting, heating, cooling, and insulation) at key Council facilities and community use buildings where feasible to do so.
- > **Action 3:** Ensure that the performance of works and retrofits for energy efficiency is optimised on an ongoing basis, including regular checks on electricity consumption and generation, and address any maintenance issues as they are identified.
- > **Action 4:** Undertake a feasibility study of Council owned buildings to identify the potential and viability of installing additional roof top solar systems, and consider battery power storage for key community sites in the study. Ensure funds are allocated to ongoing investment in onsite power generation and storage at high priority sites.
- > **Action 5:** Embed climate considerations in all stages of the project life cycle management process and in the preparation of business case documents for projects and works. Consider how design options will impact on Council's greenhouse gas emissions profile, and ensure that Council's adopted Sustainable Buildings Policy is referred to and applied in all works.
- > **Action 6:** Undertake a review of under-utilised and poor-condition assets to identify potential for reducing the number of assets to be managed by Council, thereby reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions accountable to Council's operations.

#### **Gas at Council-managed sites**

Gas is only used at a few sites managed by Council, however it is a major source of greenhouse gas emissions. Figure 9 shows consumption of mains gas at Council sites for 2021-22, totalling 856.5 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-e.

This equates to 34.5% of the total amount of direct emissions from Council operations in 2021-22 (excluding fuel from contracted services).

**Figure 9: Emissions from use of mains gas at Council facilities.**



The graph shows that the two aquatic centres are responsible for almost 95% of emissions associated with mains gas consumption by Council. In 2022, Council investigated alternatives for heating pool water and domestic water at these sites, with the aim of replacing the gas boilers with a low or zero carbon system.

The study indicated that electric heat pumps are the most feasible option for eliminating emissions associated with the operation of aquatic centres, and for ease of ongoing maintenance. Electricity is most easily and most reliably provided as zero emissions (when procured as 100% renewable energy) compared to other fuel sources, and many councils are employing heat pump technology when designing new aquatic centres or upgrading existing heating systems, in the aim of meeting emission reduction targets. The existing atmospheric gas boiler at Kyneton Toyota Sports & Aquatic Centre is close to its end of life, and replacement with a heat electric heat pump should be a priority project for Council. The condensing gas boiler at the Gisborne Aquatic Centre is likely to remain operational for another ten to 15 years, meaning that its replacement can be deferred until 2028-29, so that emissions associated with its operation are eliminated before the target date.

There are several challenges associated with the aim of phasing out gas at some of Council's sites, for example, a potential limitation may be the quantity of power that can be allocated to any one site by the host electricity distributor through the existing mains power infrastructure. Council will need to consult with the host distributor Powercor when planning individual projects for transitioning from gas to electricity. Other limitations may be presented by heritage controls at

many sites, and in the case of the depot at Woodend, replacing the use of cylinder gas (LPG) would require changes to Council's lease arrangements with a private landholder.

- > **Action 7:** Continue planning for the replacement of the gas boilers at the Kyneton Aquatic Centre and the Gisborne Aquatic Centre with electric heat pumps by 2028-2029. Schedule design and installation of heat pumps into the ten year capital works program.
- > **Action 8:** Conduct a scoping study for alternative heating sources at Kyneton Mechanics Institute and Kyneton Town Hall with the aim of replacing the gas heating system with a low or zero carbon alternative by 2027-2028.
- > **Action 9:** Continue to phase out the use of gas at Council operated sites. Replace gas appliances with electric alternatives as they become redundant, or in 2027-2028, whichever comes first.

#### Fuel – direct consumption

Council's direct consumption of fuel relates to its passenger vehicle fleet (diesel and unleaded petrol) and its heavy vehicles and equipment (diesel).

Given the increasing availability and uptake of electric vehicles, it is feasible to aim for reducing emissions from the passenger fleet by replacing existing vehicles with electric vehicles (EV). The transition to EVs by Council and across the community needs to be supported by the installation of charging infrastructure, and Council has commenced the development of a policy to guide and support the installation of infrastructure across the shire.

- > **Action 10:** Replace passenger vehicles with EVs as they reach their end of life, as funds and fit for purpose vehicles become available, or in 2029-2030.
- > **Action 11:** Develop a policy to guide the installation of charging infrastructure across the shire, aiming to maximize benefits for residents and visitors and the regional economy.

Almost 90% of emissions associated with direct fuel use for Council operations is through the use of diesel. While Council can remove the use of unleaded fuel by replacing the passenger fleet vehicles with electric vehicles, there are currently no viable alternatives for heavy vehicles to facilitate a reduction in emissions associated with use of diesel. However, advancements in hydrogen fuel cell vehicle technology and availability of refuelling infrastructure may present a viable low carbon options for at least some of Council's heavy vehicle plant in the coming years.

- > **Action 12:** Aim to replace heavy vehicles and plant equipment with lower carbon options as they reach their end of life, subject to availability of suitable options and available resources.

#### **Fuel – contracted services**

Emissions associated with transport of waste streams can only be reached through a reduced need for transport, through a reduction in the amounts of waste generated in each stream. Council can include this messaging in programs and communications to encourage best management practices for all waste streams, promoting the co-benefits of waste minimisation, for both resource efficiency and emissions reduction.

- > **Action 13:** Continue resource recovery education programs to promote waste minimisation and reduced requirements for waste transportation.

#### **Corporate waste**

All Council worksites are provided with bins for four streams of waste, managed as part Council's kerbside collection service. The current emissions profile assumes an estimate of greenhouse gas emissions associated with waste generated at worksites, based on known data from similar sized organisation (at 2017). The most feasible way of determining the actual emissions associated with waste generated by staff at worksites would be to conduct regular audits of bins. This may be an activity that can be undertaken by a reformed Environment team, with guidance from the Resource Recovery Unit.

- > **Action 14:** Continue waste reduction initiatives within Council, to facilitate best practice waste management amongst staff at all sites.
- > **Action 15:** Conduct audits of waste bins at Council work sites and calculate corresponding emissions to improve the accuracy of Council's greenhouse emissions profile.

#### **Reducing emissions from Council-leased Facilities**

A wide range of community groups use and operate Council-owned facilities, through several different arrangements (lease, licences, and user agreements, including seasonal user agreements for sports clubs). The community groups are generally required to procure and pay for electricity (may or may not include external lights and / or light towers at sports grounds), gas, and water (excluding watering of sports grounds).

In aiming to increase accountability for greenhouse gas emissions generated from management of its assets, Council would need to "bring-in" payment of electricity and gas bills. The electricity accounts could be added to Council's existing contract with Red Energy through VECO, procuring energy from renewable sources, thereby "cancelling out" emissions generated from use of electricity at the corresponding buildings. Additionally, accounts for mains gas could be added to Council's contract for procuring gas, and Council can then work with community groups to phase out gas from the buildings.

However, there are several steps involved in establishing new administrative arrangements to allow Council to account for emissions at tenanted facilities. Two major projects, both involving extensive consultation with stakeholders, are needed to guide the change in administration of community operated buildings, subject to additional resources being provided:

- > **Action 16:** Undertake a comprehensive review of the Leasing and Licencing Policy to enable Council to "bring-in" utility bills currently paid by user groups, with the intent of accounting for and reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity and gas usage at the corresponding facilities.
- > **Action 17:** Undertake a comprehensive review of the Fees and Charges Policy to apply to the different categories of user groups, based on an assessment of costs and charges for electricity, gas and water proportional to a group's use of a site, and reflecting the outcomes of the above investigation. Ensure that the policy is equitable to user groups, and feasible for staff to implement, and that adequate resources are provided for the review and implementation of the new resulting policy.

One category of tenanted buildings which Council could absorb responsibility for in the immediate future is the community halls, managed by ten committees of management working as a network. The accounts paid by the committees could be transferred to Council, and added to Council's existing electricity supply contract, thereby delivering financial savings to the committees, which can then be used to support other community initiatives. Additionally, the committees would be able to claim climate friendly management of the facilities.

- > **Action 18:** Work with the Halls Committees of Management to establish a pilot project to "bring-in" electricity bills in 2023-2024.

## Avoiding emissions

Avoiding emissions relates to new facilities and operations, either constructed by Council or coming into its management. In constructing new assets, Council should aim for a zero or low carbon life cycle, namely, purchasing materials and services for the construction should be as sustainable as possible, and operations of the new or acquired assets should be self-sufficient as possible, to avoid adding emissions to Council's total profile.

Avoiding emissions asks the question:

*How can this new service be provided without adding to Council's greenhouse gas emissions profile?*

Then exploring options for ensuring that additional emissions are avoided.

### Council's Sustainable Buildings Policy

Council adopted a Sustainable Buildings Policy on 22 September 2021. The policy provides a guide to council to manage its large portfolio of over 280 buildings and over 200 minor structures in a way that minimises harm to the natural environment while improving the presence of its built environment. The policy sets minimum standards for different levels of works.

- > **Action 19:** Ensure that the implementation of the Sustainable Buildings Policy is embedded for all levels of works across Council,, through the project life cycle project management process, and through the procurement process.
- > **Action 20:** Ensure sufficient funds are provided to enable application of sustainable design principles in the design and construction of all works to buildings.

### Project planning

In addition to using the life cycle project management process to embed sustainable design features into works, staff will need to allow for potential future upgrades, for example, to retrofit or connect EV charging stations to solar panels, or to add battery power storage to buildings.

- > **Action 21:** Ensure project planning and design for capital works and major upgrades allows for additional emission reduction measures to be added to the asset in the future, as resources and technology become available.

### Decision making

A Declaration of Climate Emergency places climate change as a key consideration in Council's decision-making processes.

Introducing a Climate Impact Assessment to the template for Council reports will help prompt this consideration, through requiring staff to specify the implications of their recommendations to climate change.

As a question, a Climate Impact Assessment can be framed as:

*How will greenhouse gas emissions associated with implementation of the recommendation be minimised and accounted for by Council?*

- > **Action 22:** Introduce a requirement in the council report template for staff to address climate change, in the form of a Climate Impact Assessment.

### Behaviour Change

In addition to avoiding and reducing emissions through planning and delivering projects involving Council owned and managed assets and facilities, emissions from Council's operations can be avoided through simple everyday practices by staff.

- > **Action 23:** Re-form a staff environment group to initiate and promote everyday sustainability in work practices across all units of Council. Include educational activities like learn-over-lunch presentations on topics related to climate change.

### Offsetting emissions

Offsetting emissions involves purchasing accredited offsets (or carbon credits) to "cancel out" any residual emissions associated with Council operations that cannot be reduced through other means. As indicated above, these emissions are mostly from gas and fuel consumed at council owned sites and through use of the passenger fleet and heavy vehicle plant. As the last rung on the energy hierarchy, Council should aim to minimise the need to offset emissions through undertaking as many works as possible to reduce the generation of emissions from its operations.

#### A hypothetical offset scenario

Ideally at 30 June 2030, Council would have achieved a Zero Net Emissions status through a range of actions, and not need to purchase any offsets. Realistically though, based on current knowledge, Council will need to purchase offsets to cancel out residual emissions associated with

several aspects of its operations at that point in time. Table 2 below presents a summary of emissions likely to be offset on 30 June 2030, based on current information and the baseline emissions profile in Figure 8.

**Table 2: Potential amount of offsets to be purchased at 30 June 2030 to meet the target for Zero Net Emissions**

Source of emissions	Baseline at 30 June 2022 (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> *) (a)	Potential reduction by 2030	Offset required on 30 June 2030 (tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> *) (a-b)
Electricity consumption at all council owned and operated sites, and at sites leased by Council for its operations.  <b>Note:</b> Electricity consumption at council owned sites leased to community groups, will be added to the emissions inventory over time	0	0	0 <b>Note:</b> VECO expires 31 December 2030
Mains Gas consumption at all council owned and operated sites, and at sites leased by Council for its operations.  <b>Note:</b> Mains gas consumption at council owned sites leased to community groups will be added to the emissions inventory over the next few years	856.5	850.5 (assume gas removed from all sites except KMI)	6 PLUS allow extra 10 to cover hot water systems at buildings tenanted to community groups
Bottled Gas consumption at all council owned and operated sites.	2	1.5 (assume bottled gas remains at depot)	0.5
Unleaded fuel consumption by passenger fleet vehicles	154.7	154.7 (assume all fleet vehicles are EVs)	0
Diesel consumption by heavy vehicle plant	1,412.5	0 (assume no change to plant or level of usage)	1,412.5
Diesel consumption by contracted services for collection and transport of waste	780	0 (assume no change to quantity of waste to be transported, or to vehicles used by contractors)	780

Mixed fuels (lubricants, oils, kerosene, etc)	estimate 5	0	5
Waste generated at council worksites	estimate 50	25 (assume behaviour change programs are effective)	25
<b>TOTAL offsets required at 2030 (estimated)</b>			<b>2,239</b>

### Purchasing offsets

Offsets can be purchased through a range of means and providers. The carbon credit market is diverse and rapidly evolving, both in price / tonne CO<sub>2</sub>-e and in the merits of offsets on the market. Factors like type, origin, and co-benefits of offsets influence their price. To guide Council in selecting offsets to purchase on 30 June 2030, and every year beyond then, it is proposed that a policy will be developed and presented to Council for adoption by June 2025.

The policy will be based on principles that deliver co-benefits, for example, preference should be given to offsets that promote biodiversity conservation, involve traditional owners, provide social benefits, and support the local economy and regional development goals.

- > **Action 24:** Develop a policy to guide the purchase of offsets for residual emissions by June 2025.

### Creating offsets

An alternative to purchasing offsets is to create offsets. For example, Council may want to explore options for establishing a small-scale solar farm on land like a closed landfill site, which may be more feasible to do as power distribution networks are upgraded, and costs associated with establishing and operating a solar farm become more viable.

- > **Action 25:** Investigate the viability of creating offsets through the generation of renewable energy, for example a small scale solar farm on a closed landfill site or other cleared area of Council owned land.

Council may also partner with neighbouring local government councils to procure or create offsets for residual emissions on a larger scale. A recent preliminary feasibility study led by the City of Greater Bendigo and supported by the North Central Catchment Management Authority, outlined indicative costs and benefits for several approaches to creating offsets.

- > **Action 26:** Participate in the next stage(s) of the Cross-Council Carbon Offset Scoping Study partnership, including any pilot project that may be established to offset emissions at the regional level.

## Influencing emissions

### Tenanted sites

While Council works to improve the energy efficiency of tenanted facilities as resources allow over time, it can also encourage tenants and user groups to adopt practices for reducing emissions. Communications around good practices will need to complement communications around how council may account for associated emissions in its inventory.

- > **Action 27:** Support community organisations to reduce emissions from tenanted facilities.

### Divestment

Council's Investment Policy includes an aim to have at least 20% of its investments with banks and financial institutions that do not invest in or finance the fossil fuel industry. In working towards a zero carbon future, Council can regularly review the policy with the aim of increasing the proportion of its investments with banks and financial institutions that do not invest in or finance the fossil fuel industry.

- > **Action 28:** Regularly review Council's investment policy with the aim to increase the proportion of funds invested with banks and financial institutions that do not invest in or finance the fossil fuel industry, 30

### Sustainable purchasing

Section 3.2 in Council's Procurement Policy outlines the principles and requirements in regards to sustainable purchasing, with an aim to "reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribution towards Council's carbon footprint". Additionally, a mandatory evaluation criteria for the assessment of major tenders relates to environmental benefit.

- > **Action 29:** Ensure that staff have the capacity and support to apply section 3.2 of the Procurement Policy when procuring goods and services and awarding contracts, so that the intended benefits can be realised.

### Supporting the transition

One external limitation Council faces as it transitions away from fossil fuels is in relation to the capacity of existing electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure to deliver additional power loads to sites. Advocating to external stakeholders for policy and enabling mechanisms to support a transition to Zero Net Emissions will help increase support to everyone working towards this target.

- > **Action 30:** Advocate to state and federal governments and host distributors for upgrades to electricity infrastructure, either as the opportunity arises, or in relation to individual sites and project, and for policy and programs that support and facilitate the transition to a zero emissions and climate safe future.

## Keeping the plan alive: Implementation, Monitoring and Reporting

Reaching the new target for Zero Net Emissions involves all units across Council. While different units may have different responsibilities, a central point of coordination to facilitate and support action would ensure the best outcomes. Council will also need to measure the impact of works it undertakes to reduce emissions from its operations on an annual basis, through internal processes, and through its subscription to an external utility monitoring service.

Council will continue to report on works and their impacts through the annual environment report and / or the Council Annual Report. Monitoring and reporting on work undertaken to meet the Zero Net Emissions target, alongside changes in available technology and development of climate action programs, will inform reviews of this plan every two years.

- > **Action 31:** Convert the Sustainability Officer role to a permanent position from 2023-2024 to facilitate the implementation of this plan, to monitor and report on its impact, and to regularly review and update the plan.
- > **Action 32:** Monitor and report on progress to achieve the Zero Net Emissions target through the annual environment report or Council Annual Report.
- > **Action 33:** Review the Zero Net Emissions Plan every two years until 2030.

The next section lists the actions summarised in this plan. The three priority actions for funding in 2023-2024 are highlighted.

## Action plan for Council to get to ZNE

Action	Units in Council	Resource required	Timeframe
<b>A bigger and better inventory</b>			
<b>Action 1:</b> Expand Council’s greenhouse gas inventory to account for as many indirect sources of emissions as possible, according to feasibility and capacity to do so, from 2022 to 2030. Adjust the baseline amount of emissions to account for additional sources.	- Environment	BAU	June 2024
<b>Reducing Emissions</b>			
<b>Action 2:</b> Continue to invest in smaller scale works for energy efficiency (lighting, heating, cooling, and insulation) at key Council facilities and community-use buildings where feasible to do so.	- Facilities Management	TBC - dependent on works required at a specific site	On-going
<b>Action 3:</b> Ensure that the performance of works and retrofits for energy efficiency is optimised on an ongoing basis, including regular checks on electricity consumption and generation, and address any maintenance issues as they are identified.	- Environment - Facilities Management	BAU	2 times / year
<b>Action 4:</b> Undertake a feasibility study of council owned buildings to identify the potential and viability of installing additional roof top solar systems, and consider battery power storage for key community sites in the study. Ensure funds are allocated to ongoing investment in onsite power generation and storage at high priority sites.	- Environment - Facilities Management	\$25,000*	June 2024
<b>Action 5:</b> Embed climate considerations in all stages of the project life cycle management process and in the preparation of business case documents for projects and works. Consider how design options will impact on Council’s greenhouse gas emissions profile, and ensure that Council’s adopted Sustainable Buildings Policy is referred to and applied in all works.	- Assets and Project Management Office	BAU	On-going

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilities and Operations</li> <li>- Engineering and Resource Recovery</li> <li>- Open Space and Recreation</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Action 6:</b> Undertake a review of under-utilised and poor-condition assets to identify potential for reducing the number of assets to be managed by Council, thereby reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions accountable to Council's operations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Asset Management</li> <li>- Facilities Management</li> </ul>	\$20,000*	June 2026
<p><b>Action 7:</b> Continue planning for the replacement of the gas boiler at the Kyneton Aquatic Centre and the Gisborne Aquatic Centre with electric heat pumps by 2028-2029. Schedule design and installation of heat pumps into the ten year capital works program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilities Management</li> <li>- Aquatics and Fitness</li> </ul>	<p><b>Kyneton Aquatic Centre*</b> \$1,180,000 for purchase and installation of heat pumps and associated electrical works in 2023-24</p> <p><b>Gisborne Aquatic Centre</b> \$75,000 (estimated) for design works in 2027-28, approximately \$850,000 for purchase and installation of heat pumps in 2028-29.</p>	from 2023-29
<p><b>Action 8:</b> Conduct a scoping study for alternative heating sources at Kyneton Mechanics Institute and Kyneton Offices and Town Hall with the aim of replacing the gas heating system with a low or zero carbon alternative by 2027-2028.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilities Management</li> </ul>	\$10,000*	June 2026

<b>Action 9:</b> Continue to phase out the use of gas at council operated sites. Replace gas appliances with electric alternatives as they become redundant, or in 2027-2028, whichever comes first.	- Facilities Management	TBC	June 2028
<b>Action 10:</b> Replace passenger vehicles with EVs as they reach their end of life, as funds and fit for purpose vehicles become available, or in 2029-2030.	- Infrastructure Operations	BAU	June 2030
<b>Action 11:</b> Develop a policy to guide the installation of charging infrastructure across the shire, aiming to maximize benefits for residents and visitors and the regional economy.	- Environment	BAU	June 2024
<b>Action 12:</b> Aim to replace heavy vehicles and plant equipment with lower carbon options as they reach their end of life, subject to availability of suitable options and available resources.	- Infrastructure Operations	BAU	June 2030
<b>Action 13:</b> Continue resource recovery education programs to promote waste minimisation and reduced requirements for waste transportation.	- Resource Recovery	BAU	On-going
<b>Action 14:</b> Continue waste reduction initiatives within Council, to facilitate best practice waste management amongst staff at all sites.	- Resource Recovery	BAU	On-going
<b>Action 15:</b> Conduct audits of waste bins at council sites and calculate corresponding emissions to improve the accuracy of council's greenhouse emissions profile.	- Resource Recovery	BAU	On-going
<b>Action 16:</b> Undertake a comprehensive review of the Leasing and Licencing Policy to enable Council to "bring-in" utility bills currently paid by user groups, with the intent of accounting for and reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity and gas usage at the corresponding facilities.	- Property and Valuations	A new role: 1 EFT for 2 years*	2024-26
<b>Action 17:</b> Undertake a comprehensive review of the Fees and Charges Policy to apply to the different categories of user groups, based on an assessment of costs and charges for electricity, gas and water proportional to a group's use of a site, and reflecting the outcomes of the above investigation. Ensure that the policy is equitable to user groups, and feasible for staff to implement, and that adequate resources are provided for the review and implementation of the new resulting policy.	- Property and Valuation	A new role: 1 EFT for 2 years (as in Action 16)*	2024-26
<b>Action 18:</b> Work with the Halls Committees of Management to establish a pilot project to "bring-in" electricity bills in 2023-2024.	- Environment	BAU#	June 2024

	- Arts + Culture	#may require additional resources subject to further investigation	
<b>Avoiding Emissions</b>			
<b>Action 19:</b> Ensure that the implementation of the Sustainable Buildings Policy is embedded for all levels of works across Council, through the project life cycle project management process, and through the procurement process.	- Assets and Project Management Office  - Facilities and Operations	BAU	June 2024
<b>Action 20:</b> Ensure sufficient funds are provided to enable application of sustainable design principles in the design and construction of all works to buildings	- Assets and project Management Office  - Facilities Management	BAU	On-going
<b>Action 21:</b> Ensure project planning and design for capital works and major upgrades allows for additional emissions reduction measures to be added to the asset in the future, as resources and technology become available	- Assets and Project Management Office  - Facilities Management	BAU	On-going
<b>Action 22:</b> Introduce a requirement in the Council report template for staff to address climate change, in the form of a Climate Impact Assessment	- Environment  - Governance	BAU	June 2023

<p><b>Action 23:</b> Re-form a staff environment group to initiate and promote everyday sustainability in work practices across all units of Council. Include educational activities like learn-over-lunch presentations on topics related to climate change.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Environment</li> <li>- Resource Recovery</li> </ul>	<p>BAU</p>	<p>June 2023</p>
<p><b>Action 24:</b> Develop a policy to guide the purchase of offsets for residual emissions by June 2025.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Environment</li> </ul>	<p>BAU</p>	<p>June 2025</p>
<p><b>Action 25:</b> Investigate the viability of creating offsets through the generation of renewable energy, for example a small scale solar farm on a closed landfill site or other cleared area of Council owned land</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Environment</li> </ul>	<p>\$20,000*</p>	<p>June 2024</p>
<p><b>Action 26:</b> Participate in the next stage(s) of the Cross-Council Carbon Offset Scoping Study partnership, including any pilot project that may be established to offset emissions at the regional level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Environment</li> </ul>	<p>\$40,000*</p>	<p>June 2024</p>
<p><b>Influencing emissions</b></p>			
<p><b>Action 27:</b> Support community organisations to reduce emissions from tenanted facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilities Management</li> <li>- Arts + Culture</li> <li>- Open Space and Recreation</li> <li>- Community Development</li> </ul>	<p>BAU</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p><b>Action 28:</b> Regularly review Council's investment policy with the aim to increase the proportion of funds invested with banks and financial institutions that do not invest in or finance the fossil fuel industry. ,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finance and Reporting</li> </ul>	<p>BAU</p>	<p>On-going</p>

<b>Action 29:</b> Ensure that staff have the capacity and support to apply section 3.2 of the Procurement Policy when procuring goods and services and awarding contracts, so that the intended benefits can be realised.	- Environment - Contracts - Accounting	BAU	On-going
<b>Action 30:</b> Advocate to state and federal governments and host distributors for upgrades to electricity infrastructure, either as the opportunity arises, or in relation to individual sites and project, and for policy and programs that support and facilitate the transition to a zero emissions and climate safe future.	- Environment	BAU	On-going
<b>Monitoring and Reporting</b>			
<b>Action 31:</b> Convert the Sustainability Officer role to a permanent position from 2023-2024 to facilitate the implementation of this plan, to monitor and report on its impact, and to regularly review and update the plan.	- Environment	\$100,000 / year*	from 2023-24
<b>Action 32:</b> Monitor and report on progress to achieve the Zero Net Emissions target through the annual environment report or Council Annual Report.	- Environment	BAU	Annually
<b>Action 33:</b> Review the Zero Net Emissions Plan every two years until 2030.	- Environment	BAU	June 2024 June 2026 June 2028

\*Subject to funding availability and Council budget process.

## Appendix



Figure 5: Summary of Climate Action in Macedon Ranges Shire



# COMMERCIAL OVEN RANGES

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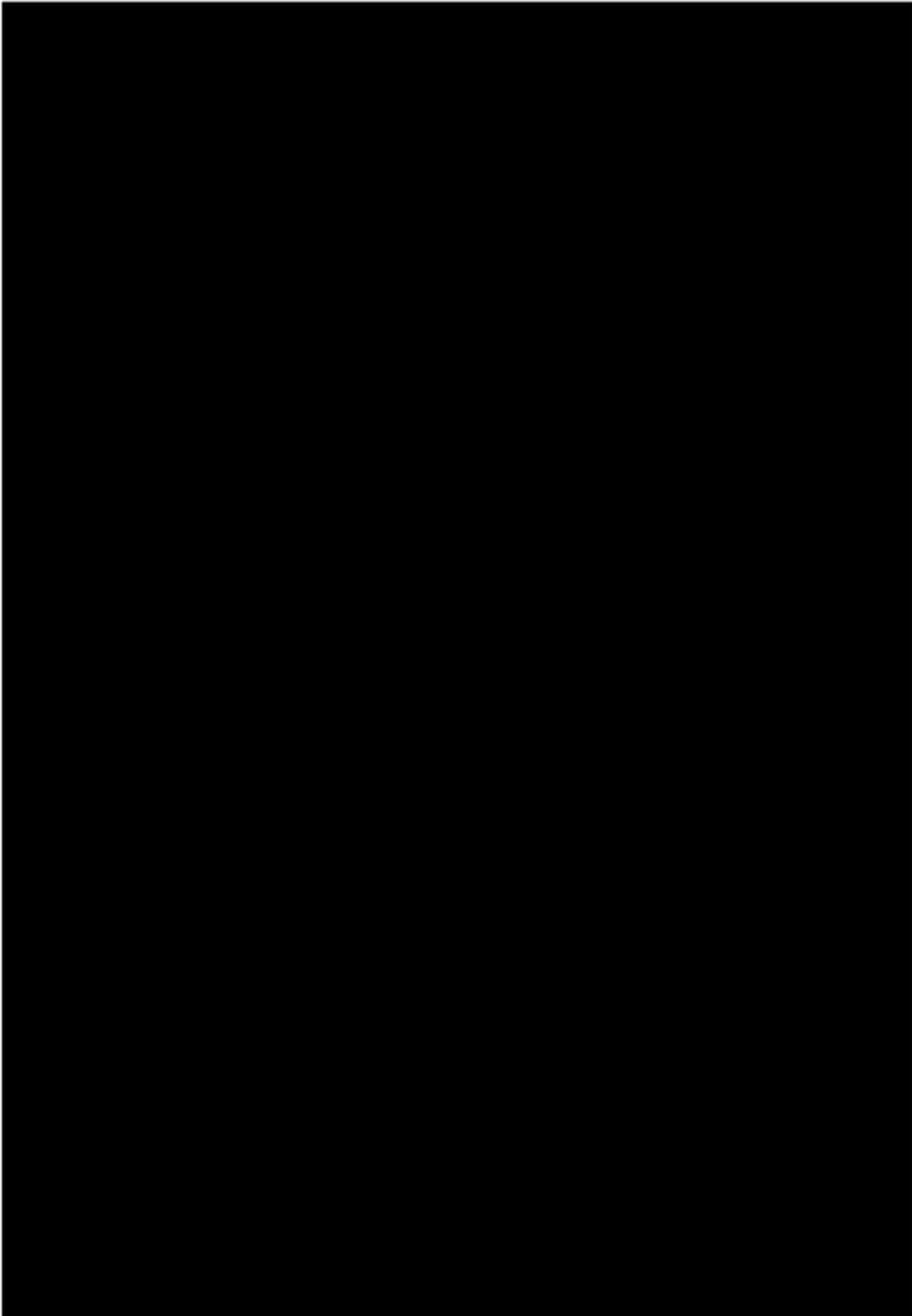
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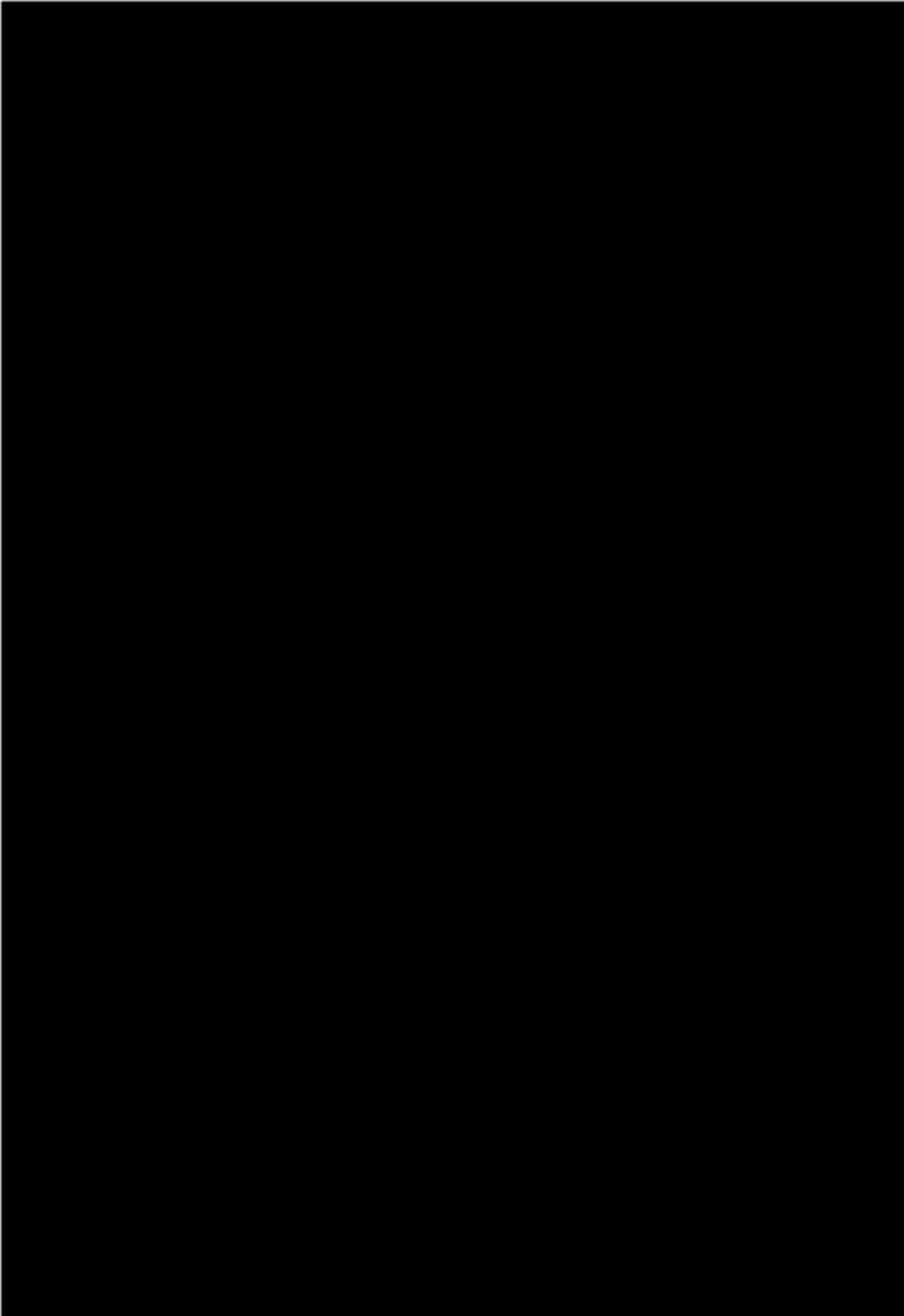
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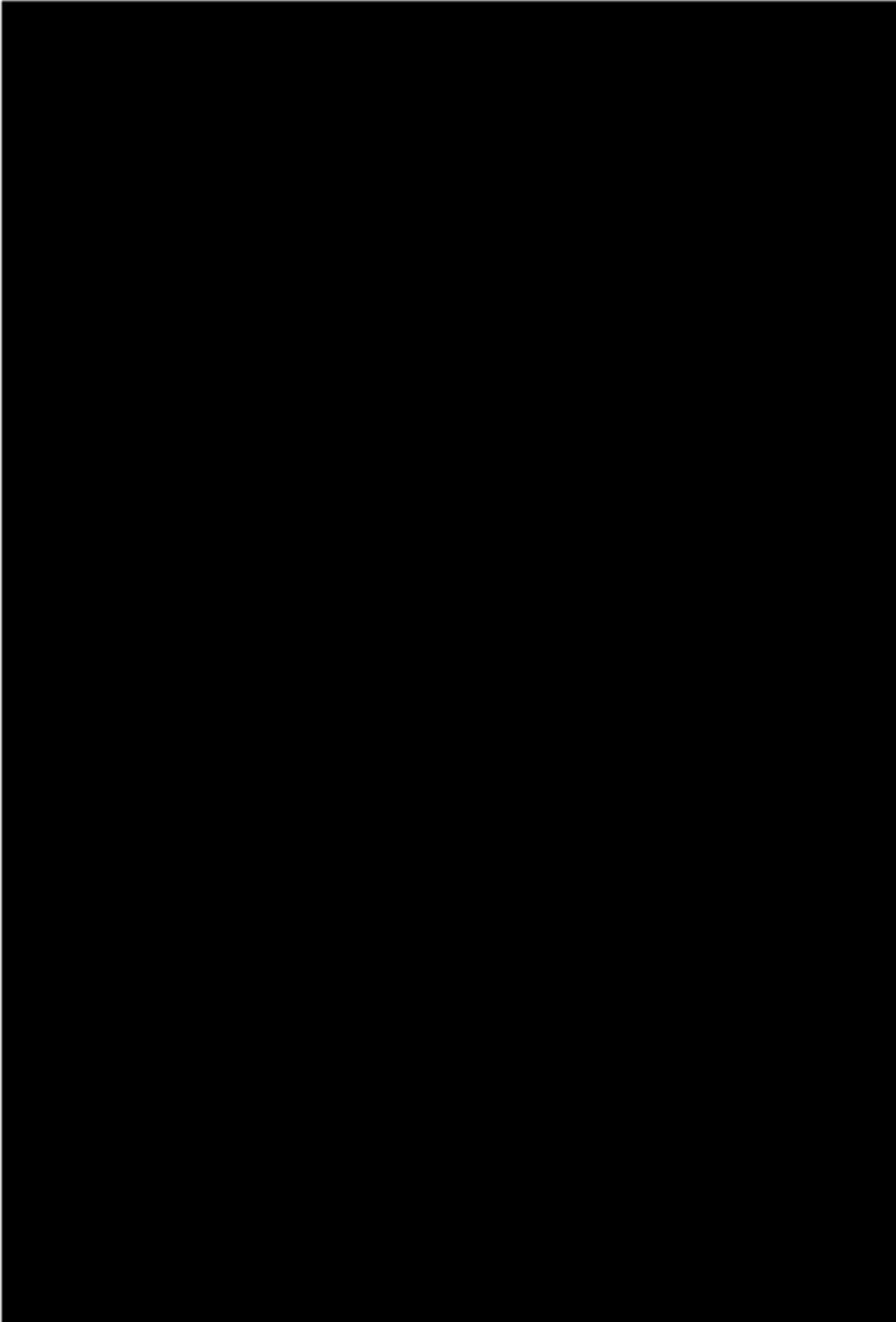
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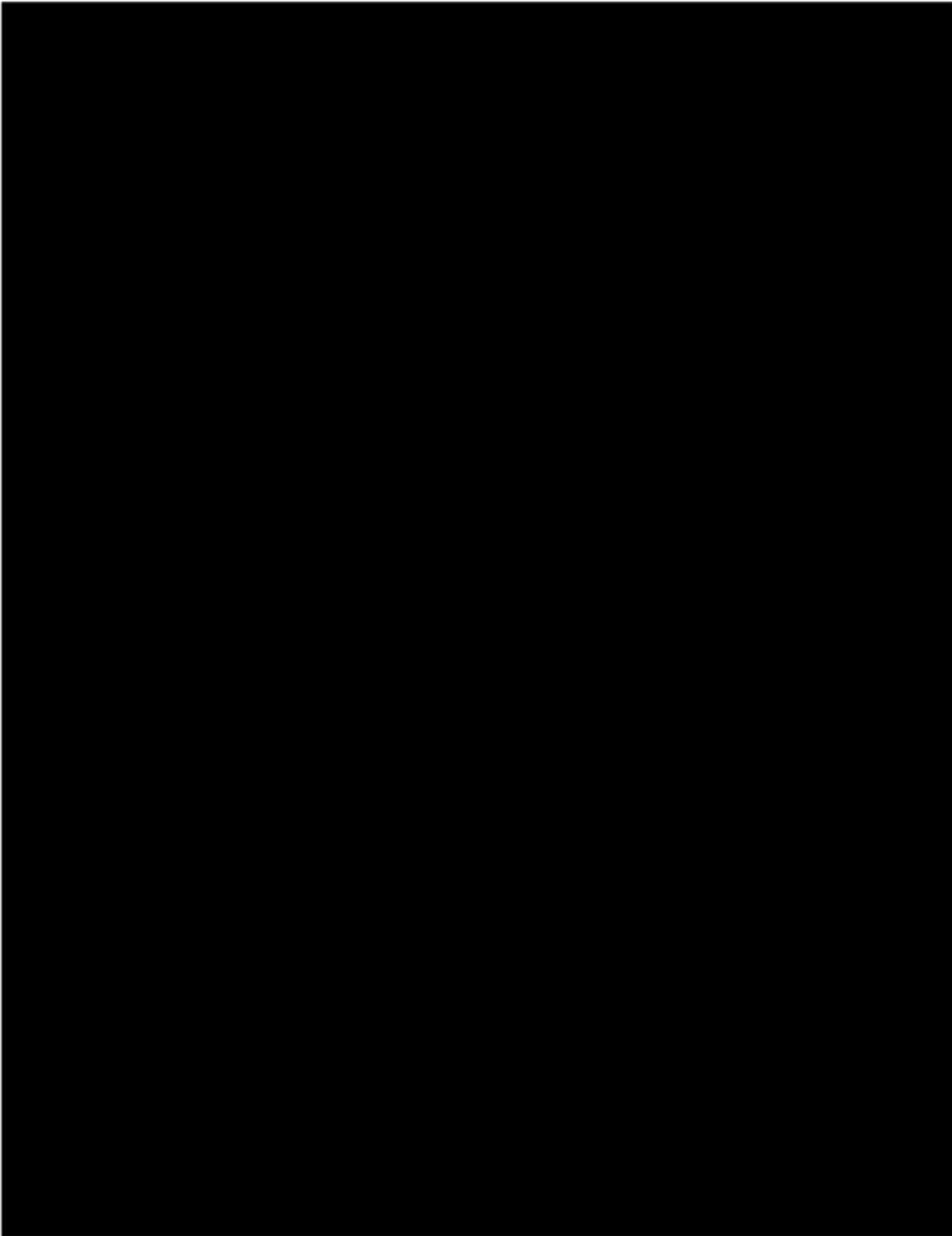
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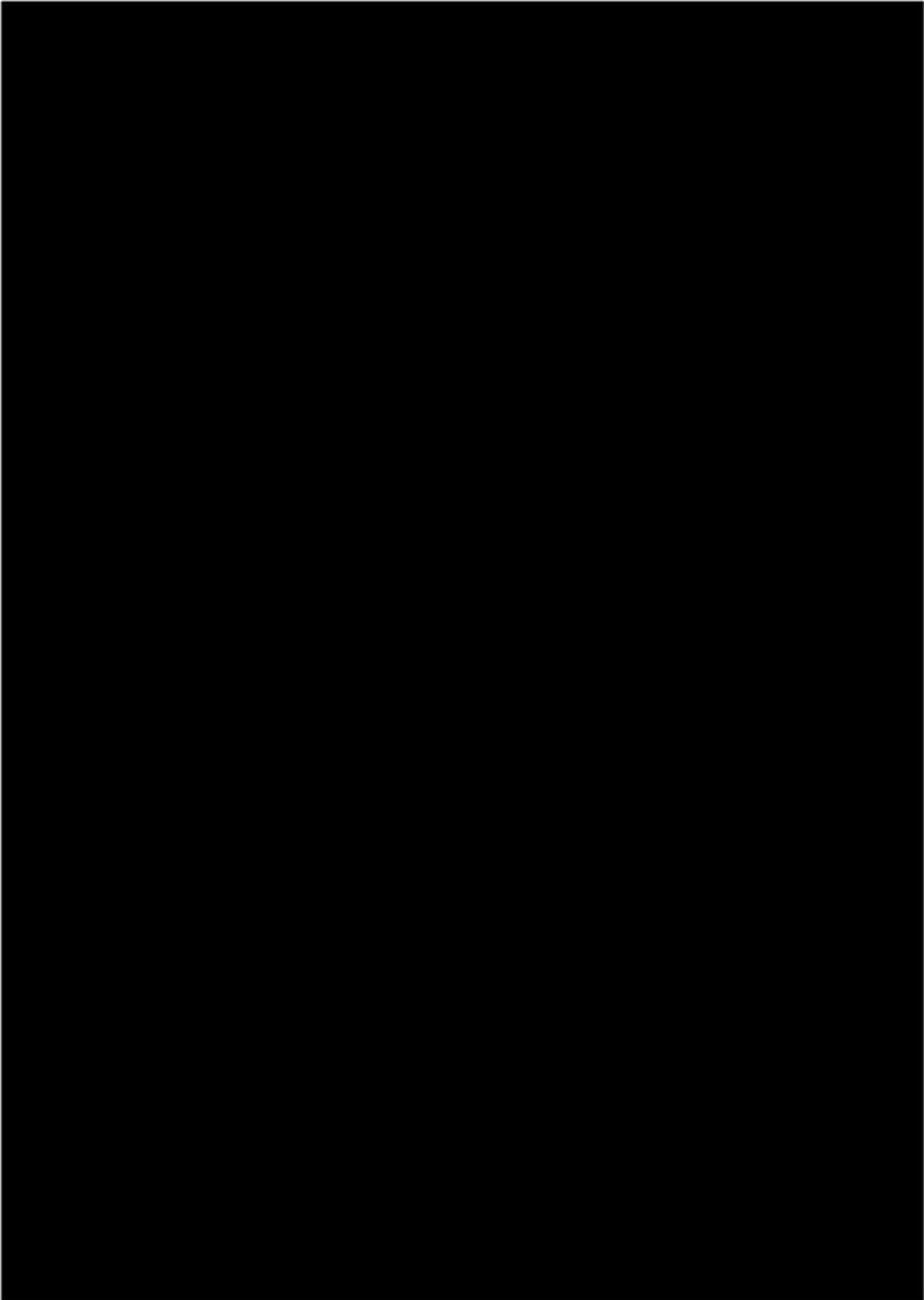


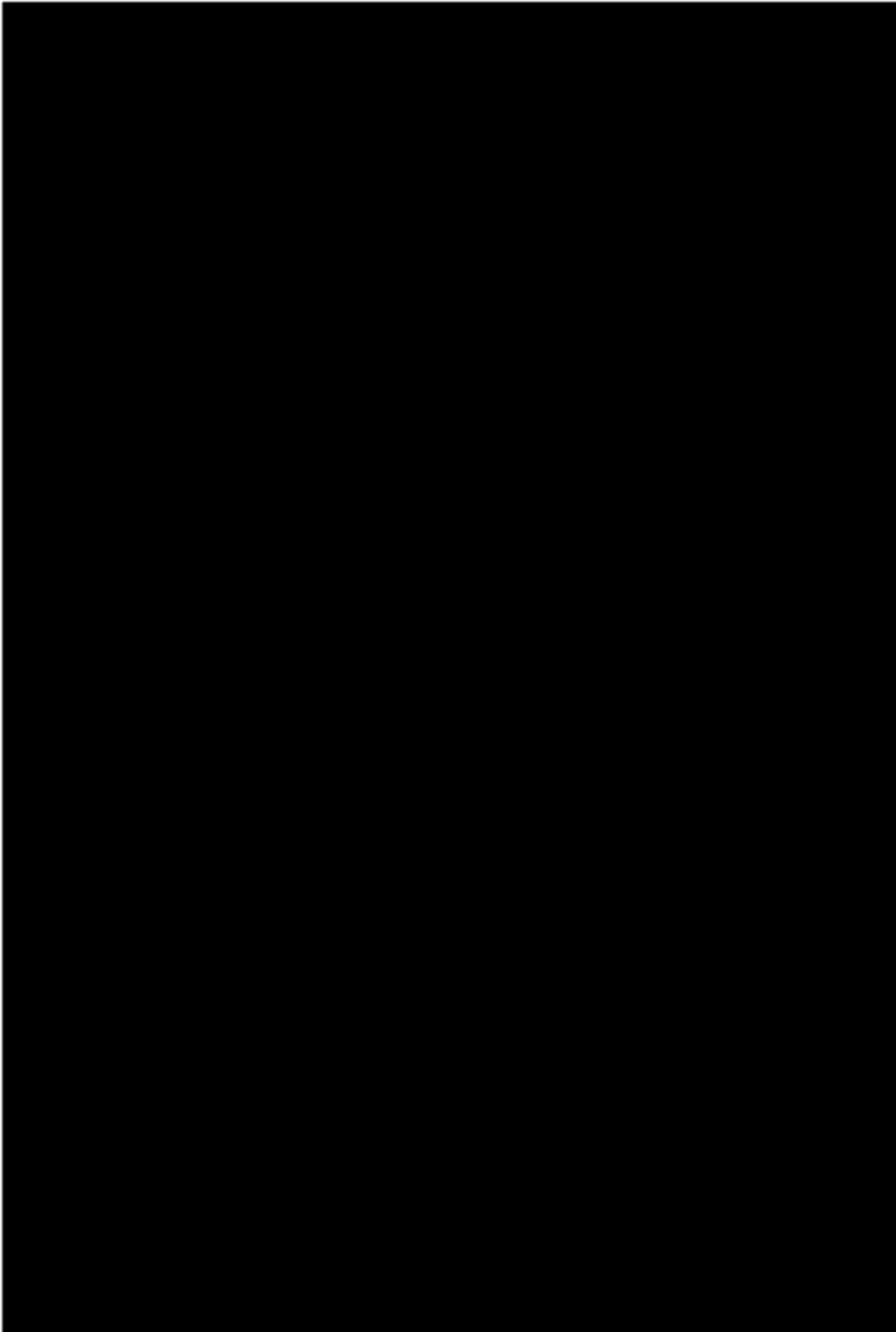


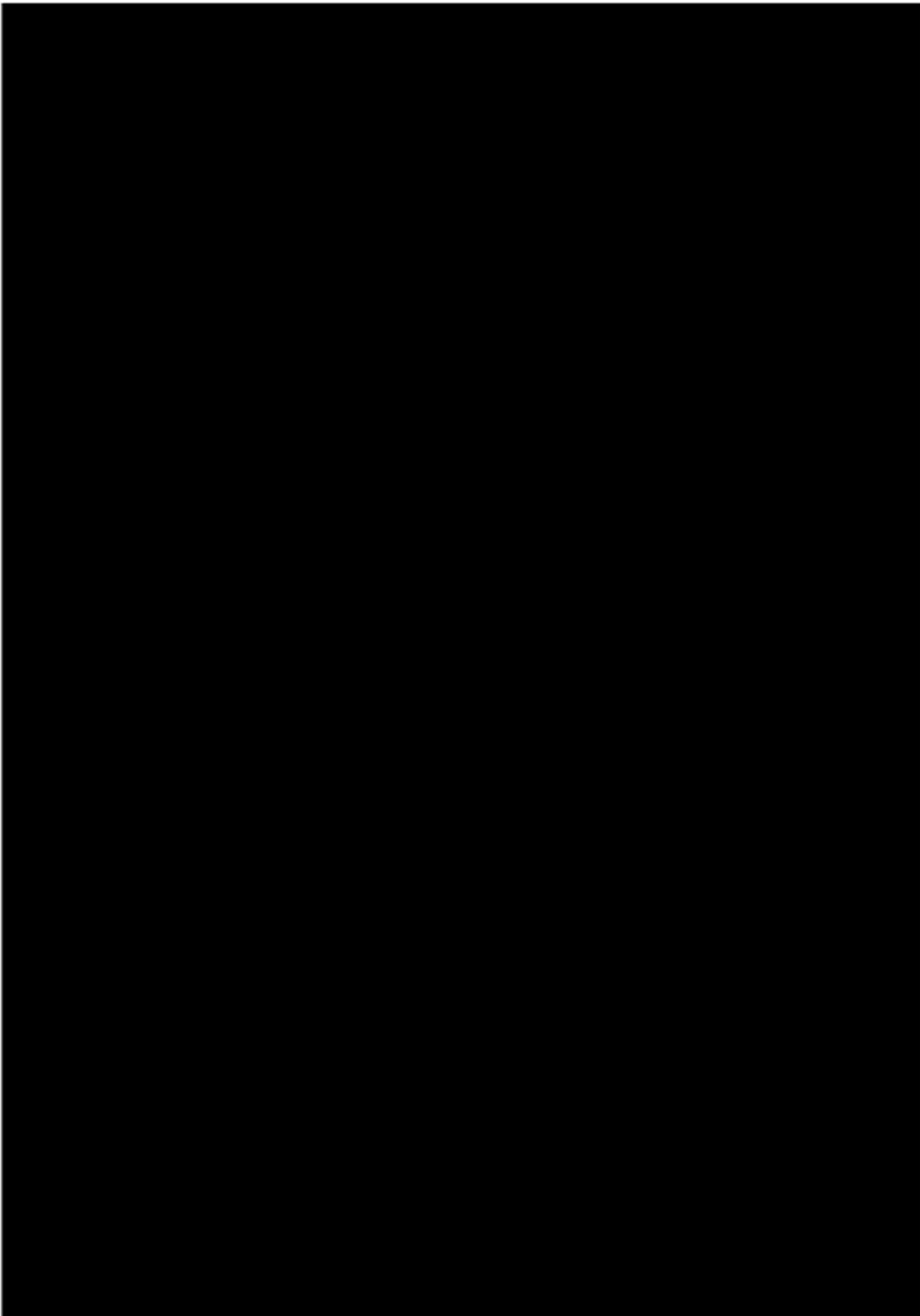


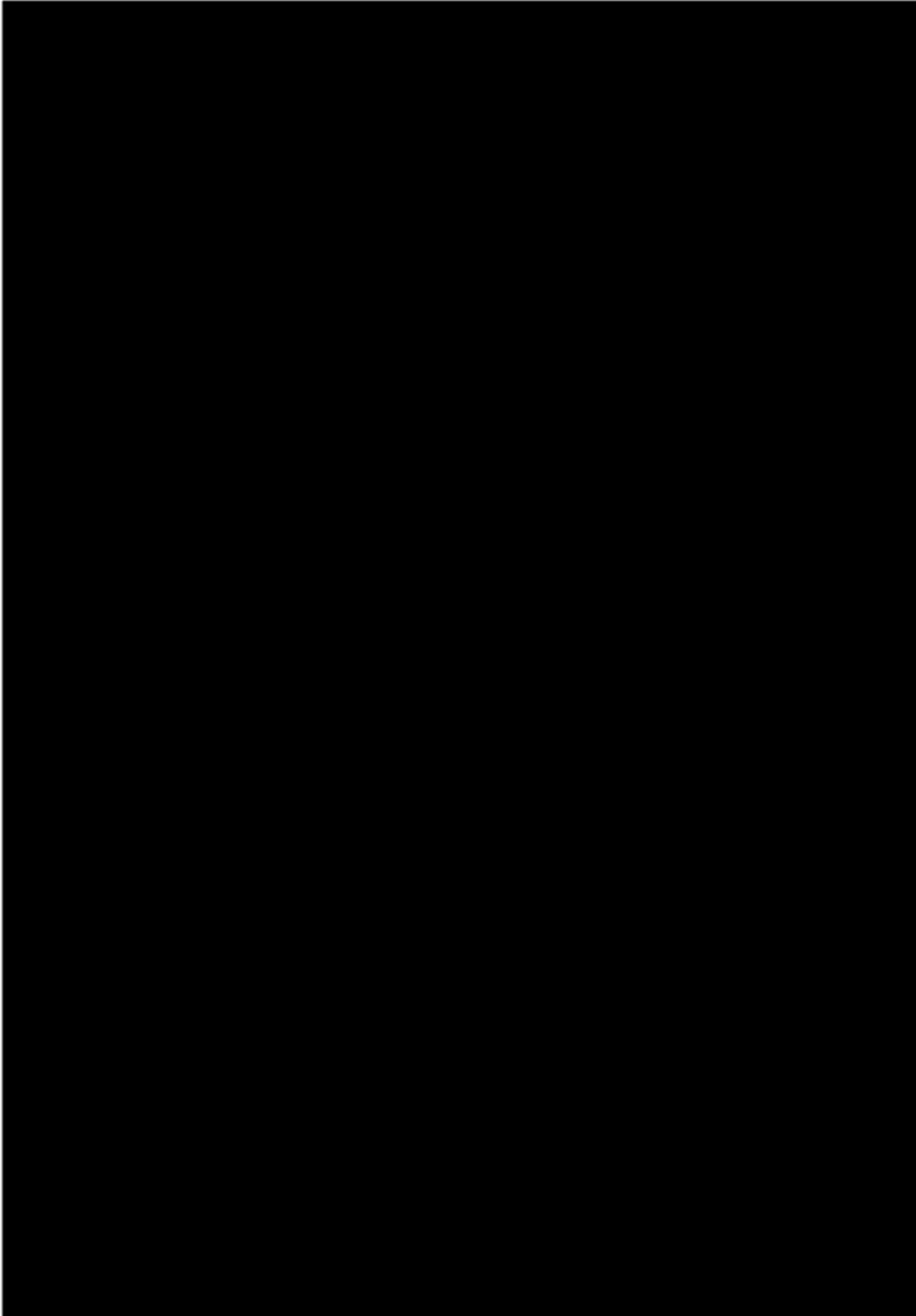


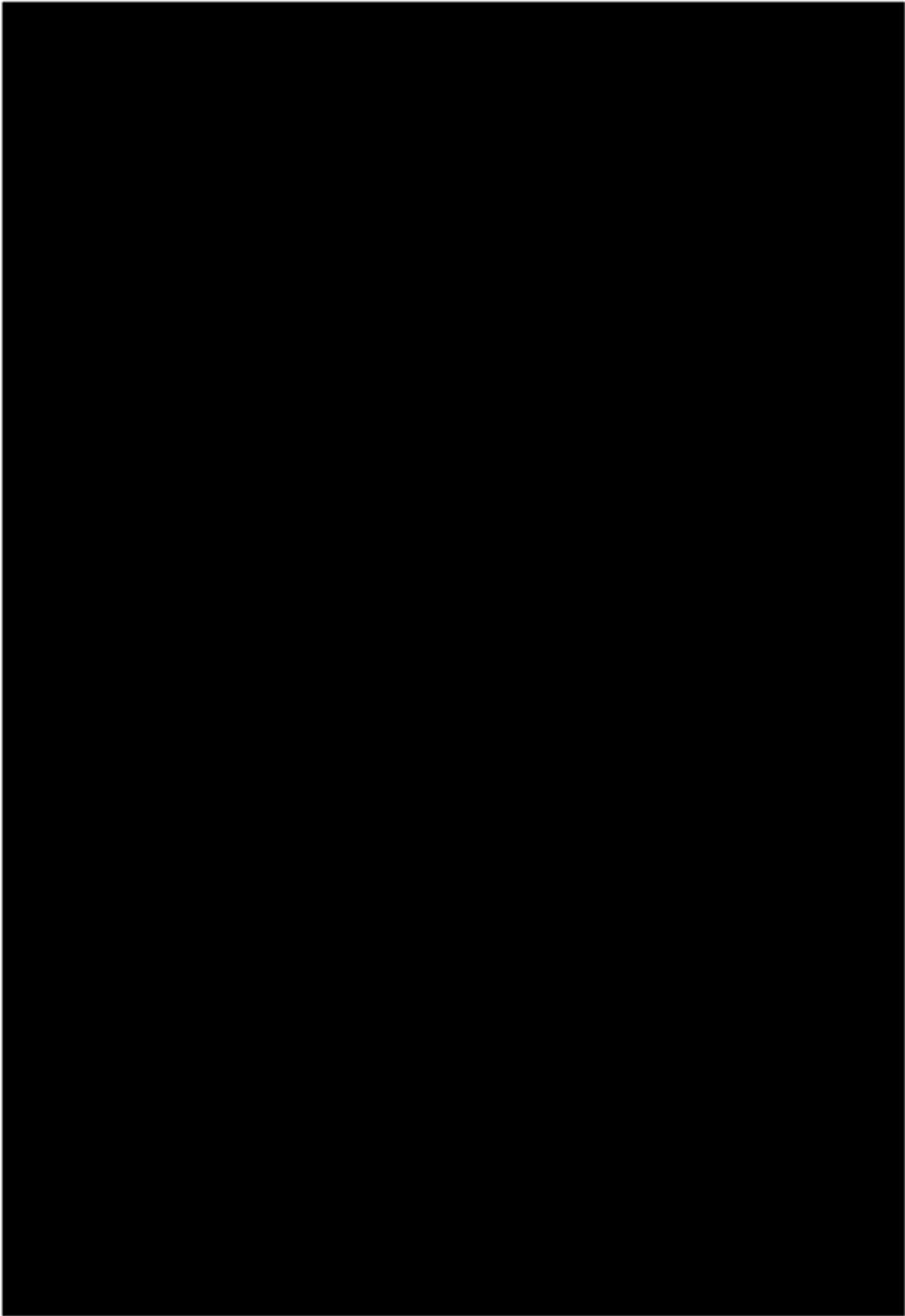


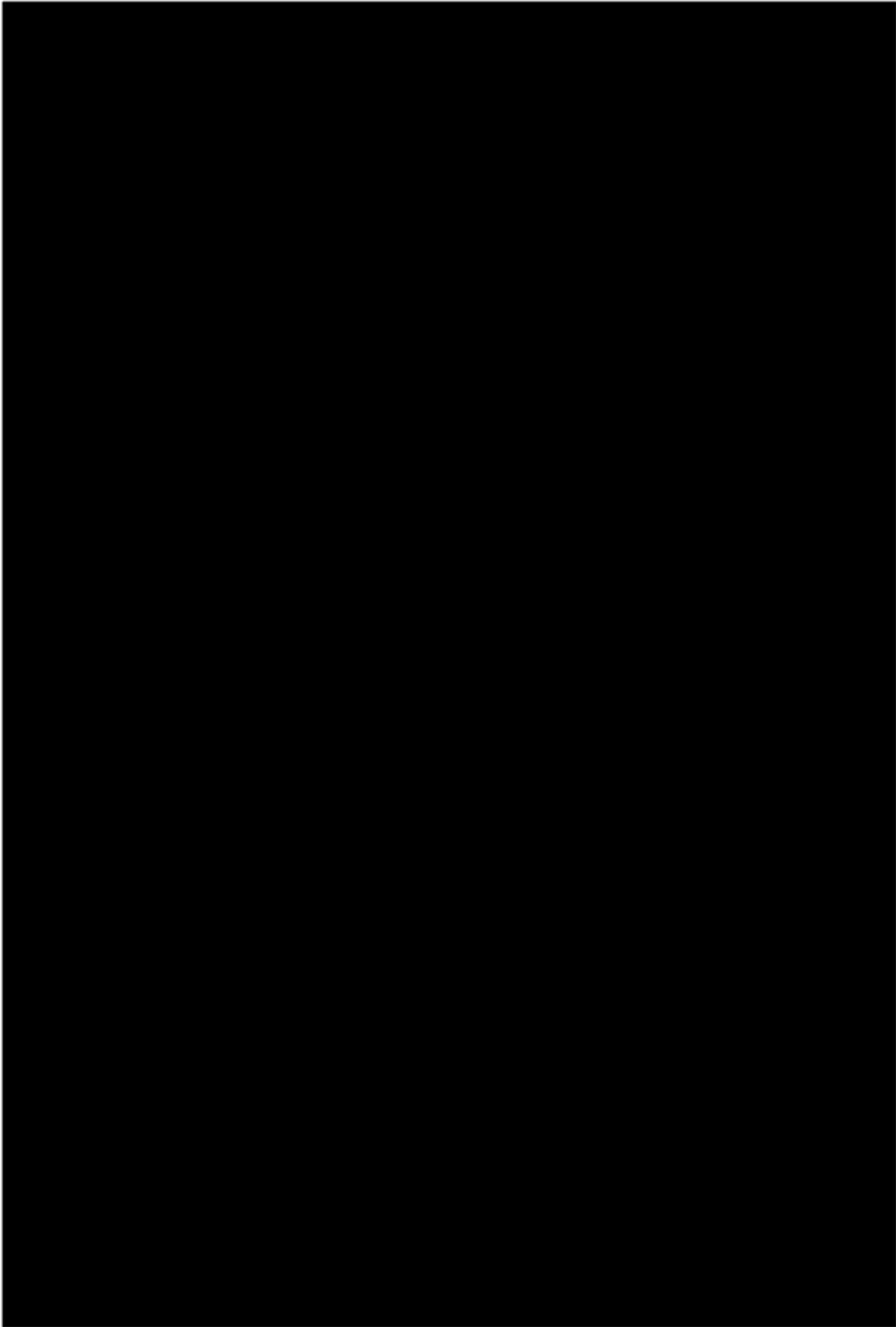














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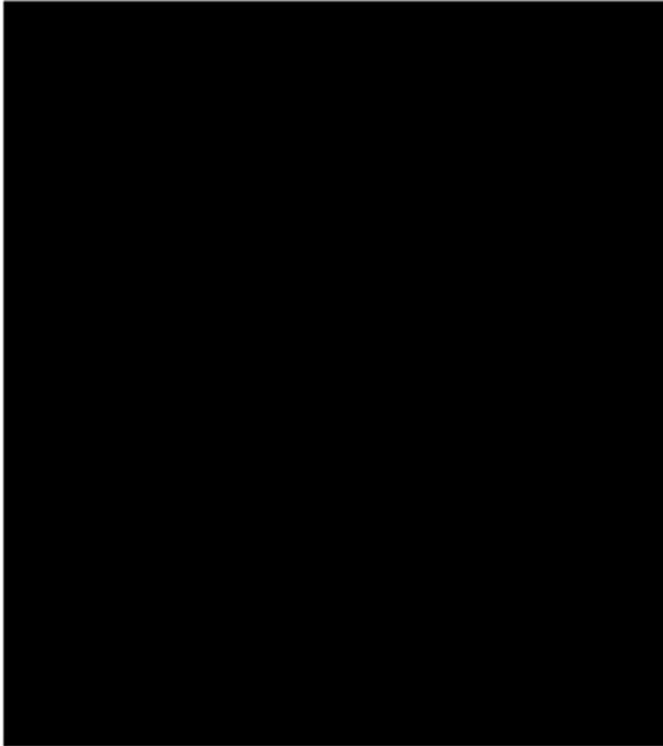
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**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**  
Lancefield FNC's players are approximately 50% male / female, the majority of ages are 17-35yo. The Lancefield Gift in its first year catered for approximately 400 athletes from around Australia ranging from 14-60 yo and are approximately 50% male/female. The Lancefield Junior FNC range from 7-17 yo and are

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approximately 50% male/female. The Lancefield Cricket Clubs members range from 5yo juniors to 50yo seniors and are approximately 60% male 40% female. The Parks Committee provide for all user groups including the above.



**Would you like to:**

Submit a proposal for a specific idea or initiative to be included in the 2025-26 Budget.

**Please outline your submission to the Budget 2025-26.**

I'd like to make a general submission at this stage, given we have only just seen a newspaper article relating to funding submissions closing Dec 1, so as to flag it with the MRSC so a more detailed submission can be provided at public meetings in Jan/Feb. The submission is for the installation of sub surface drainage and re-laying of the surface of the playing field and replacement of the boundary fence and coaches boxes at Lancefield Park as flagged in the

MRSC's Draft Lancefield Park Master Plan. Lancefield Park experiences major issues with drainage resulting in a surface publicly described as a "cow paddock" by other football clubs and being virtually unplayable for a period of time each year. This, at the end of each season, leaves the cricket club inheriting an uneven, unsuitable surface for both their junior and senior male and female teams. The Riddell District Football Netball League have submitted a report to the junior FNC that Lancefield Park is no longer suitable to host finals series, impacting revenue opportunities for the junior club. The inability to retain current, or attract new hosting rights, to numerous major events caused by the poor standard of the ground denies Lancefield the opportunity to draw people to the local area negatively effecting local businesses and the wider community. Upgrading the oval will allow greater use year-round and support current use for both male and female, senior and junior football and cricket clubs, as well as use by other sports including enabling the successful inaugural Lancefield Gift to become a regular fixture on the Victorian Athletic League calendar. The oval is also where helicopters need to try and land to provide emergency medical and bushfire support. In its current state both the air and land ambulances are unable to get onto the oval due to the depth of mud in some Winter months compromising the safety of our Macedon Ranges residents. The current boundary fence features posts that are rotted, uprights that have collapsed to the ground when women have leant on them and wire fence panels that flap back and forth when children push them with their arms. This is a safety concern, not just for the regular user groups but, for the thousands of people that attend both the Lancefield Show and Lancefield Swap Meet each year. The player shelters do not provide cover for the higher number of interchange players and coaches in the 2000's and are no longer fit for purpose. We look forward to being able to provide more detail at a Submitter's Delegated Committee in Jan / Feb.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Lancefield Park Master Plan

**Do you also wish to provide general feedback or input to guide the**

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No

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[REDACTED]

**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

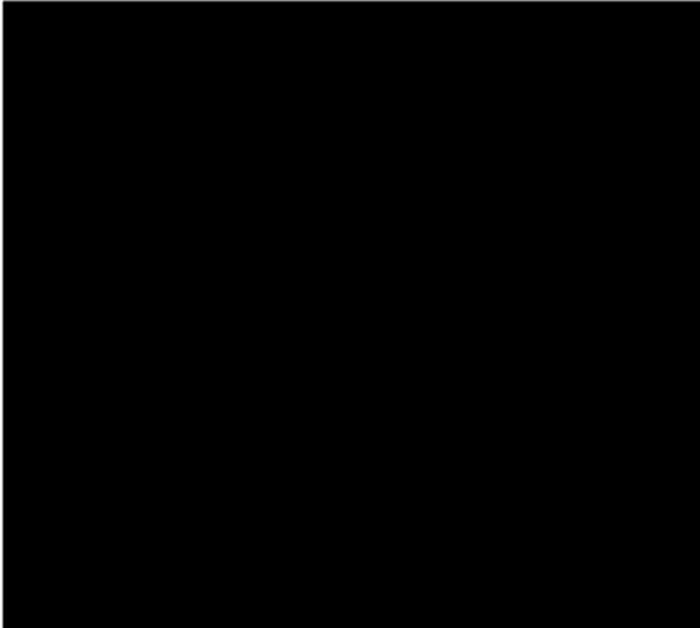
The [REDACTED] is used by a wide range of user groups and hired by external parties.

Current user groups include Bullengarook Adult Riders, Bullengarook CFA, Bullengarook Landcare Group and the Macedon Ranges Spinners & Fibre Group. External parties have used the Hall for children's and adult's birthday

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parties, wakes and family reunions and similar functions.

As such there is a wide range of ages and genders that use the Hall.



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The Hall Committee has funds available that it wishes to use for the benefit of the Hall. The Committee has proposed that it should contribute towards an additional water tank. This should provide additional resilience for the Hall at times when there has been high usage or poor rainfall.

Currently the Hall has two large concrete tanks that are filled from the rear one third of the Hall roof. These tanks service the Hall as well as the public toilets behind the Hall so it is important that water is available at all times.

There have been occasions where the tanks have run dry due to high usage, poor rainfall and in some instances faulty public toilets causing the tanks to be run dry.

The Hall Committee is proposing to purchase a 10,000 to 15,000 litre tank that will be installed to below the current tanks to take advantage of the run off from the lower two thirds of the roof. Currently all of that water is lost down the hill towards the oval.

We are looking to the Council bear the cost of the following:

- the down pipe from the corner of the verandah to the tank (to be located underground hence trenching will be required);
- trenching to lay all pipes underground from the tank to the existing pump house;
- levelling and laying a pad for the tank and depending upon the Council's preference either a sand and crusher dust pad or a concrete base; and
- the plumbing necessary for the inflow of the tank into the existing system.

The Committee does not believe a pump will be required but rather have the tank installed at a level to rely on the natural levelling effect of water and if necessary install a gate valve so that water does not flow out of the existing tanks.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Community Vision 2021-2031

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No

**Please attach any relevant files to support your submission (optional).**

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[REDACTED]

**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

The [REDACTED] has been a cornerstone of our community since 1979, offering dog training services to the residents of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council (MRSC). Our club proudly supports nearly 300 members, with an equal representation of male and female participants.

While we do have some junior members, the majority are adults.

The funding for this project will not only benefit our club but also enhance the facilities in the RCRR for all residents of the MRSC.



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The [REDACTED] seeks funding to upgrade the turf in the Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve. The current state of our training grounds is in disrepair, with dangerous cracks opening up during the summer. This project aims to enhance the quality and usability of the reserve, benefiting a wide range of community members and organizations. This project could be outsourced to contractors or managed by the council. While there is no strict time limit, we aim to complete the improvements before next summer to prevent the hazardous cracks from reappearing. The project has an estimated cost of \$30,000, as indicated by the recreation

team in recent discussions.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Budget 2024-25 (the current budget cycle)

No / I don't know

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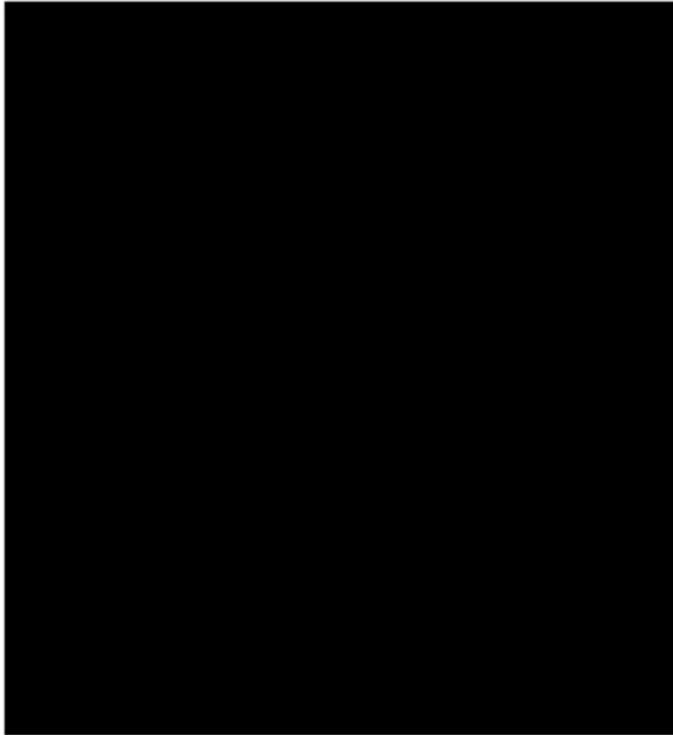
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**Please outline your submission to the Budget 2025-26.**

The [REDACTED] is seeking funding to establish the first off-leash dog park in the MRSC. This project will significantly benefit all residents of the MRSC. While we currently have a fence in our dog arena, we aim to enhance it by adding mesh and self-closing gates.

The estimated cost for this project is \$30,000. We propose that this project could either be contracted out or managed by the council. Although there are no strict time constraints, completing this project sooner rather than later would greatly benefit the community.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

No / I don't know

Budget 2024-25 (the current budget cycle)

**Do you also wish to provide general feedback or input to guide the development of Council's 2025-26 Budget?**

No

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as an individual



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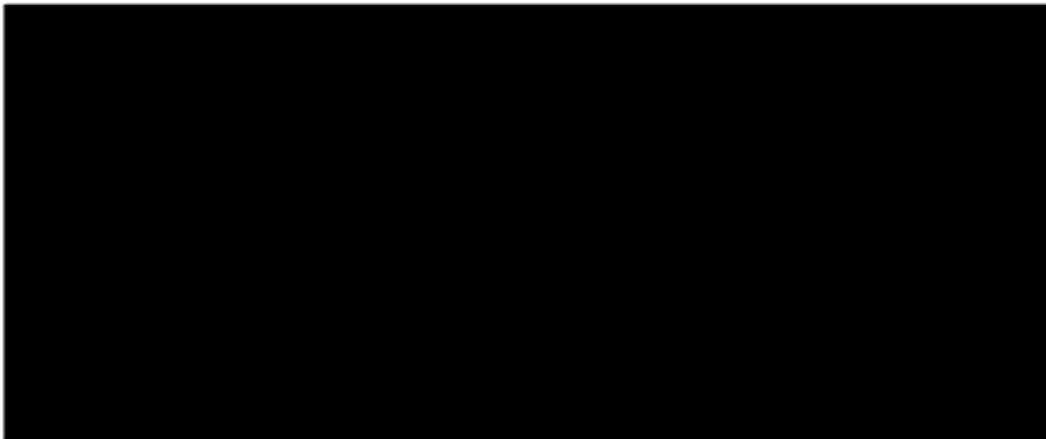
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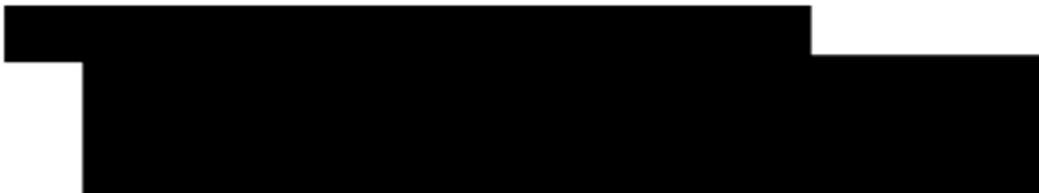
**Please outline your submission to the Budget 2025-26.**

I would like to put forward a request for funding towards a Cardiac Defibrillator.

- \* Business - 
- \* Reason - I run free Group classes for the senior community, and believe it is beneficial to the classes.
- \* Clients within the class - Maximum of 25 clients
- \* Costs for Defibrillator - Estimated between \$1500-\$2500.
- \* No staff or HR to deliver this product.
- \* Serves the wider community location of the Cardiac Defibrillator.
- \* Timeline for idea - there is no timeline.
- \* This would give peace of mind to myself and the senior class if we were able to have a defibrillator.
- \* Attached are a few links for the costs of the defibrillator.

Kind Regards





Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?

No / I don't know

Do you also wish to provide general feedback or input to guide the development of Council's 2025-26 Budget?

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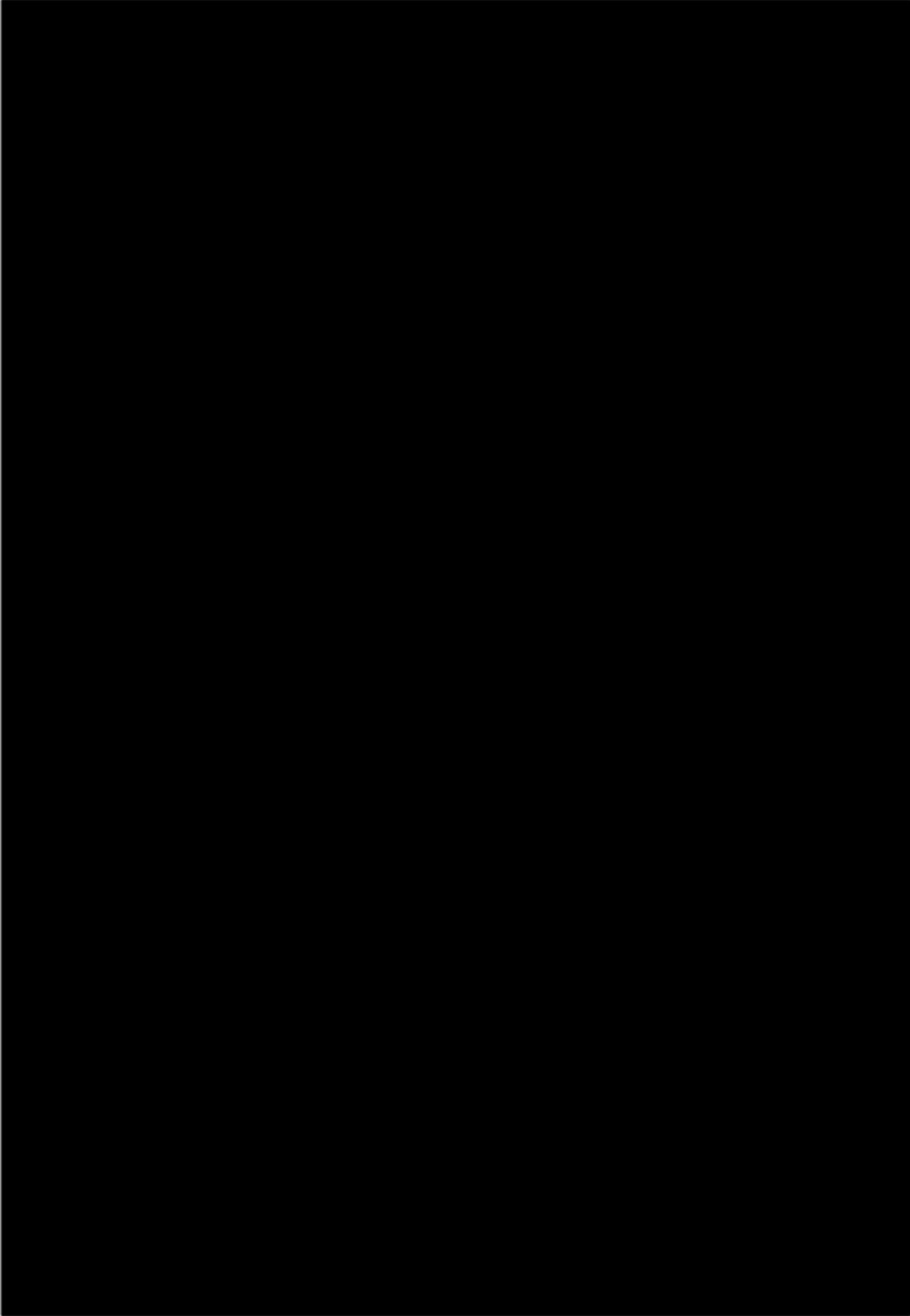
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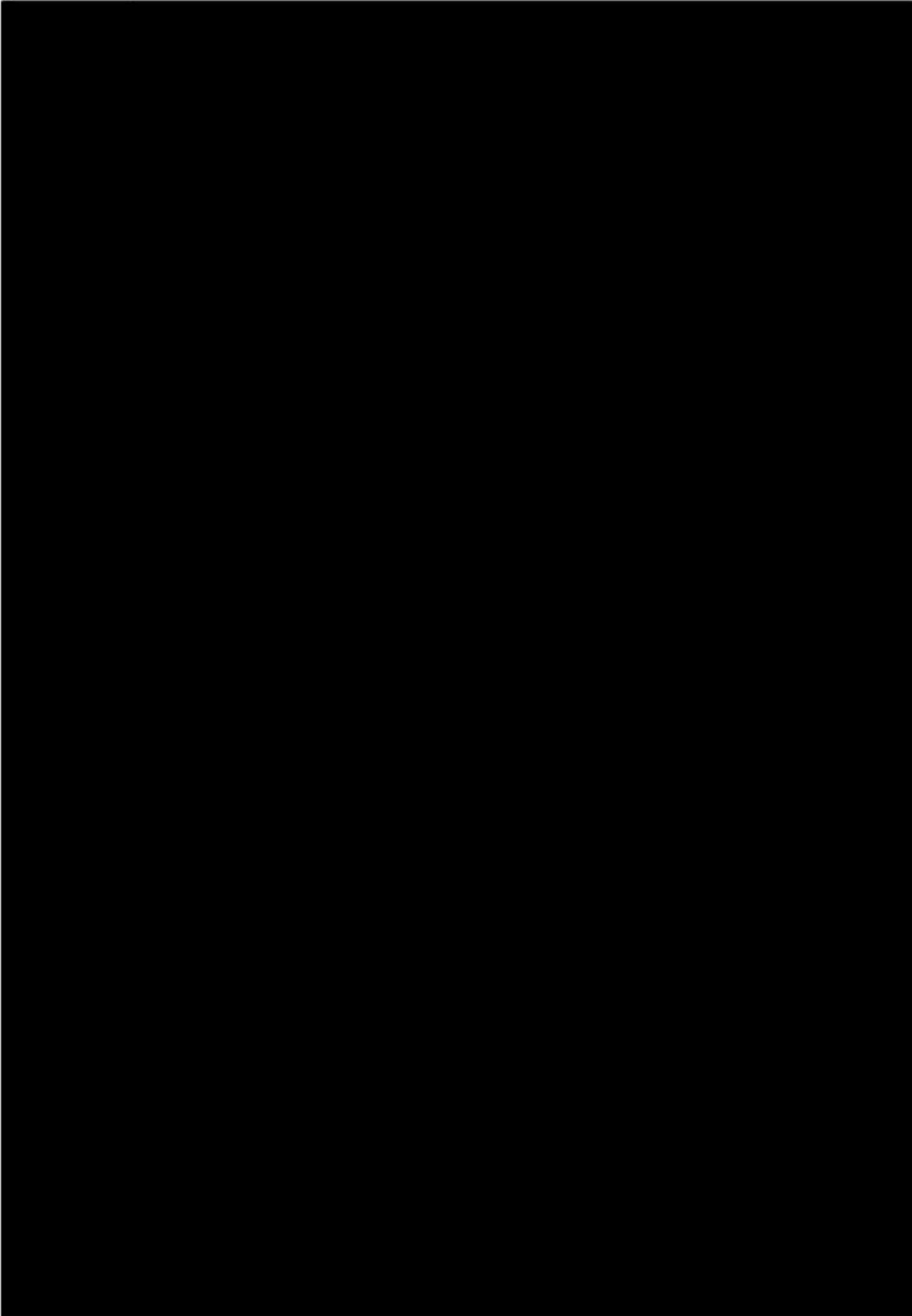
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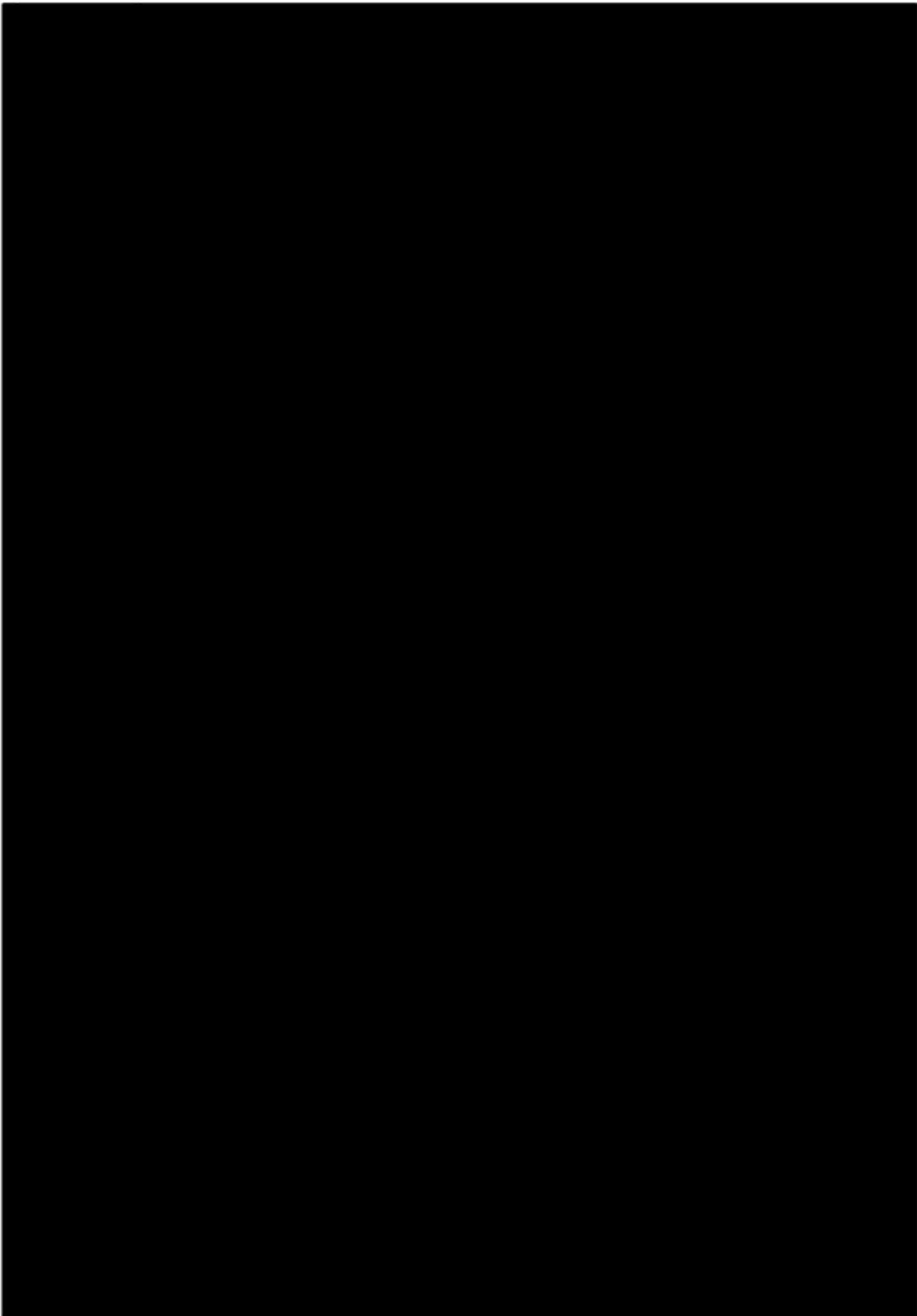


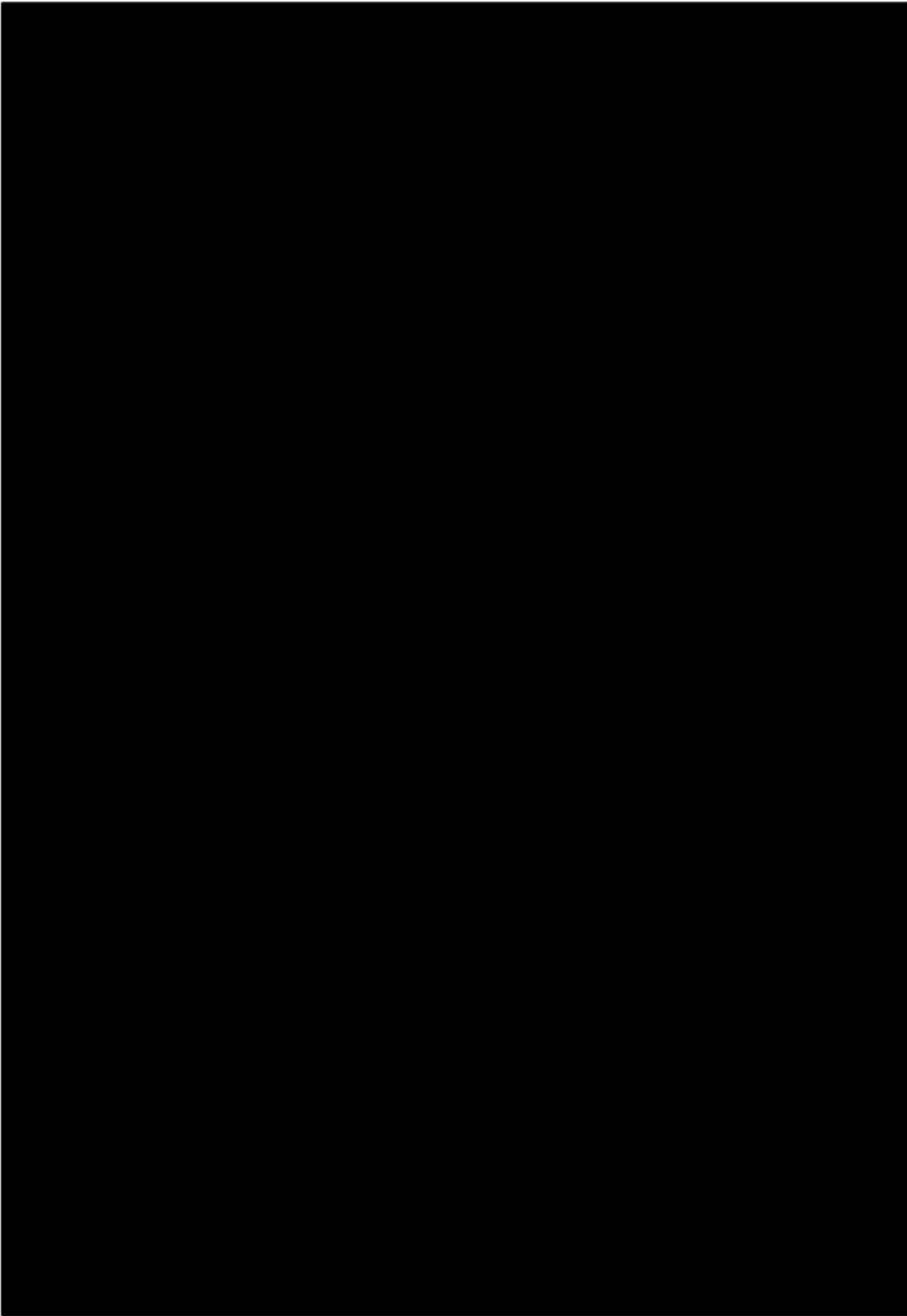
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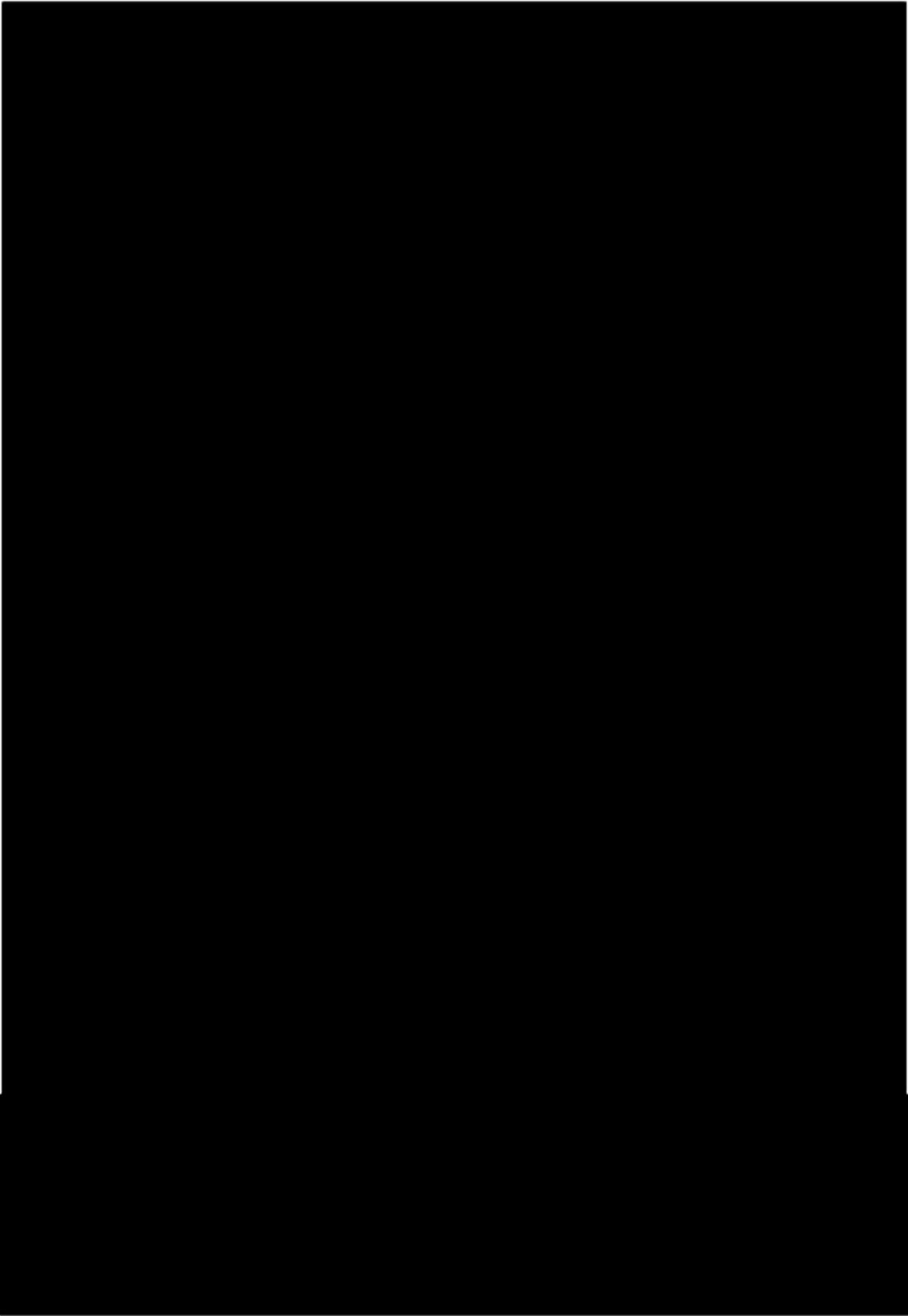


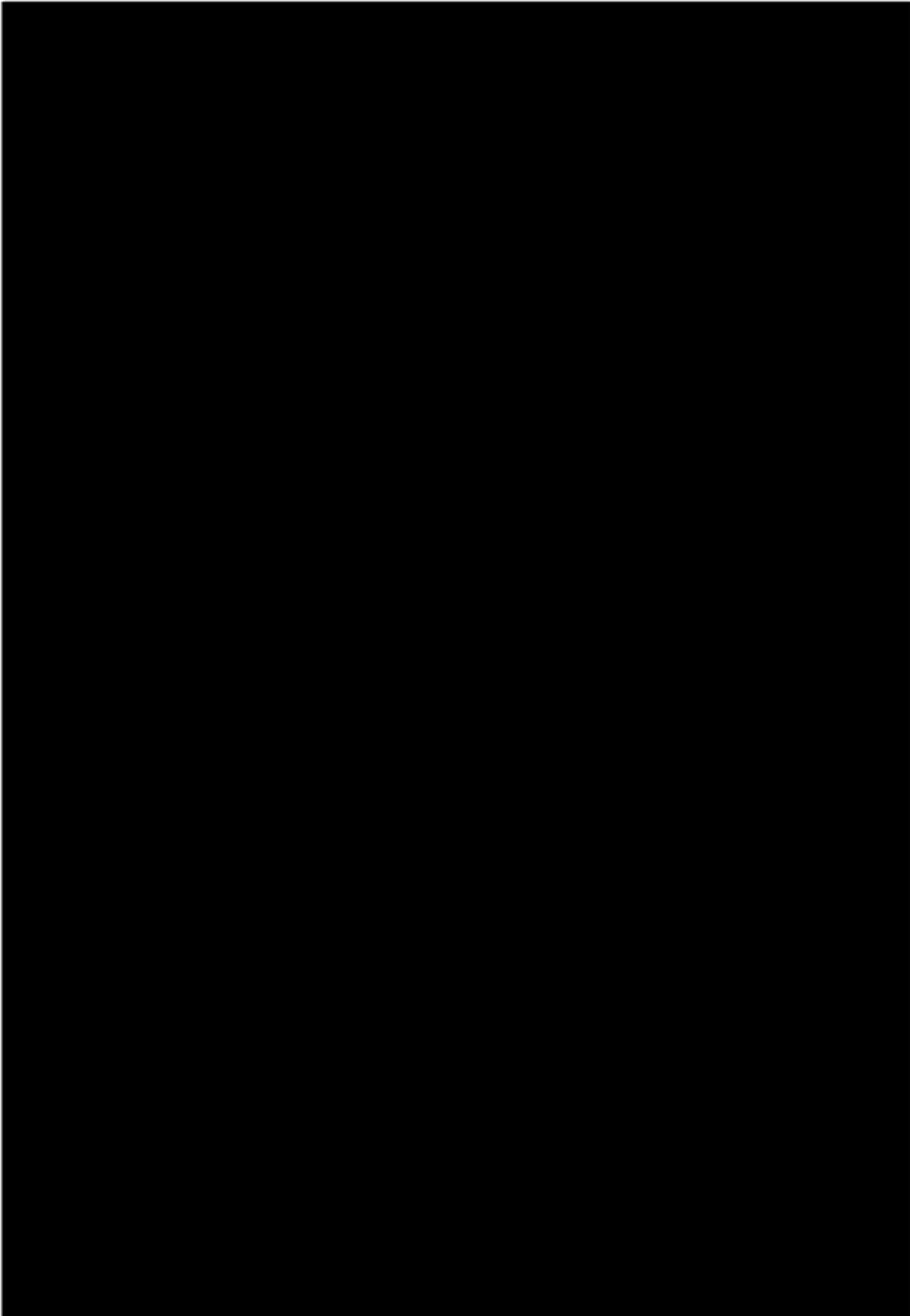


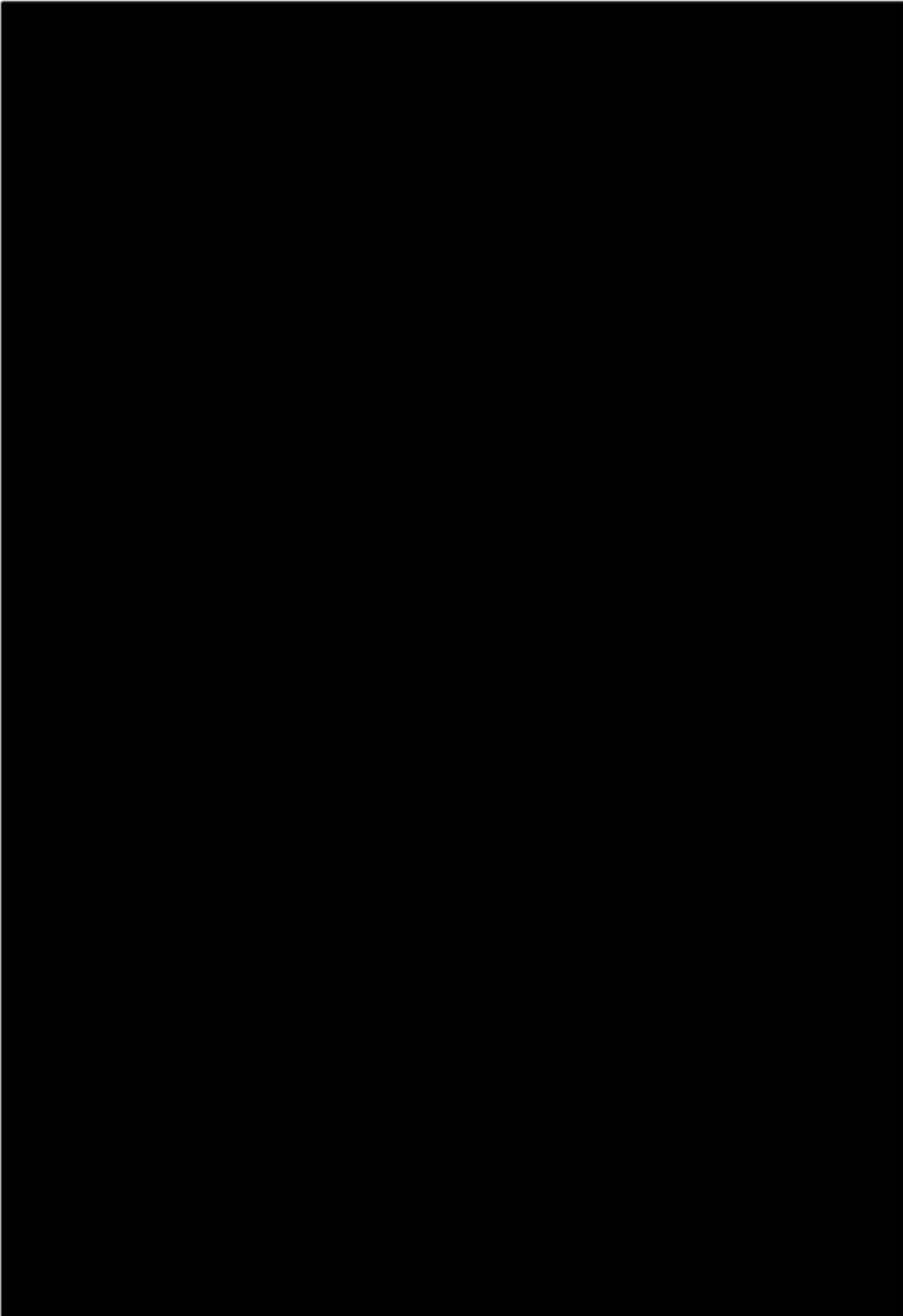


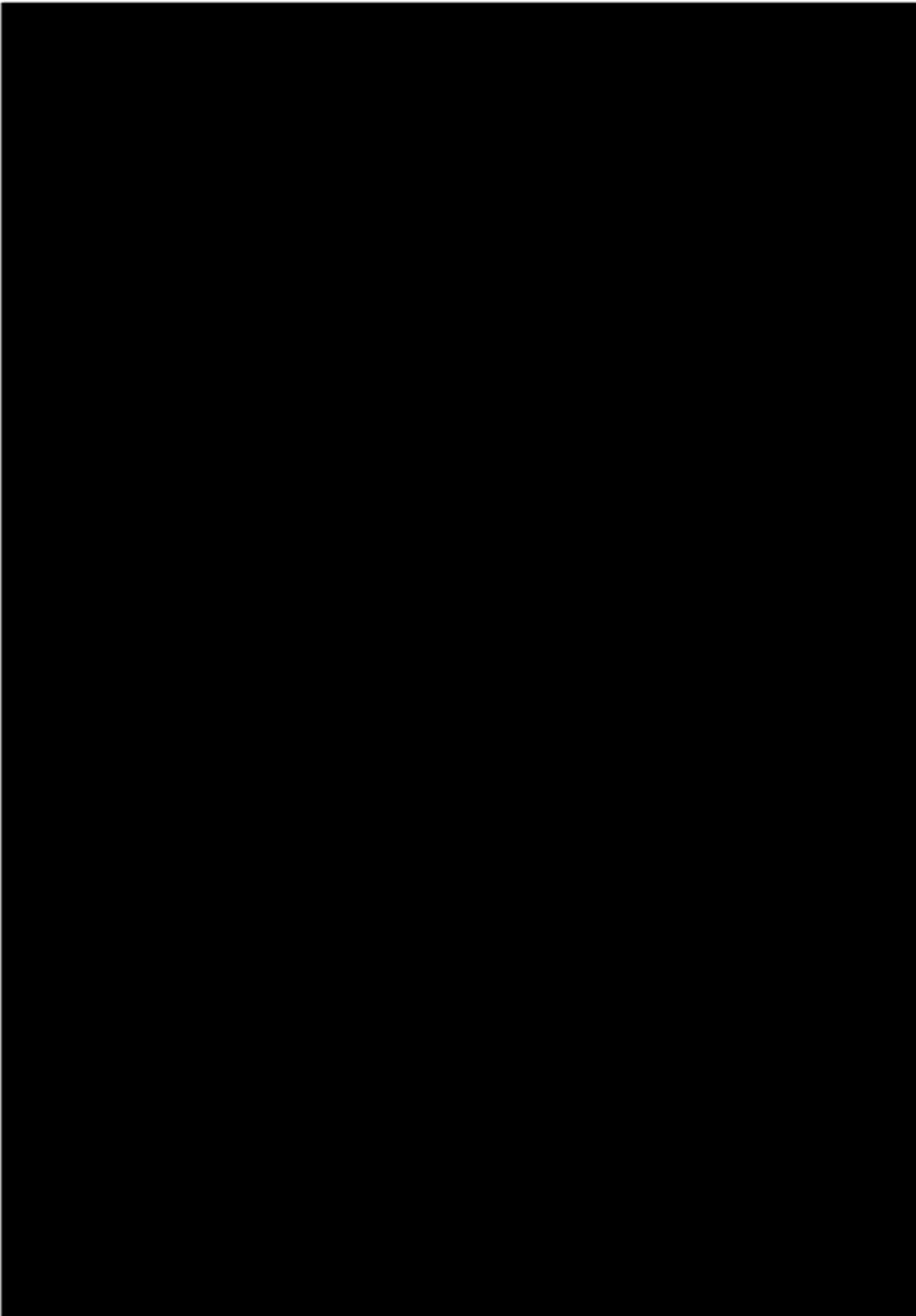


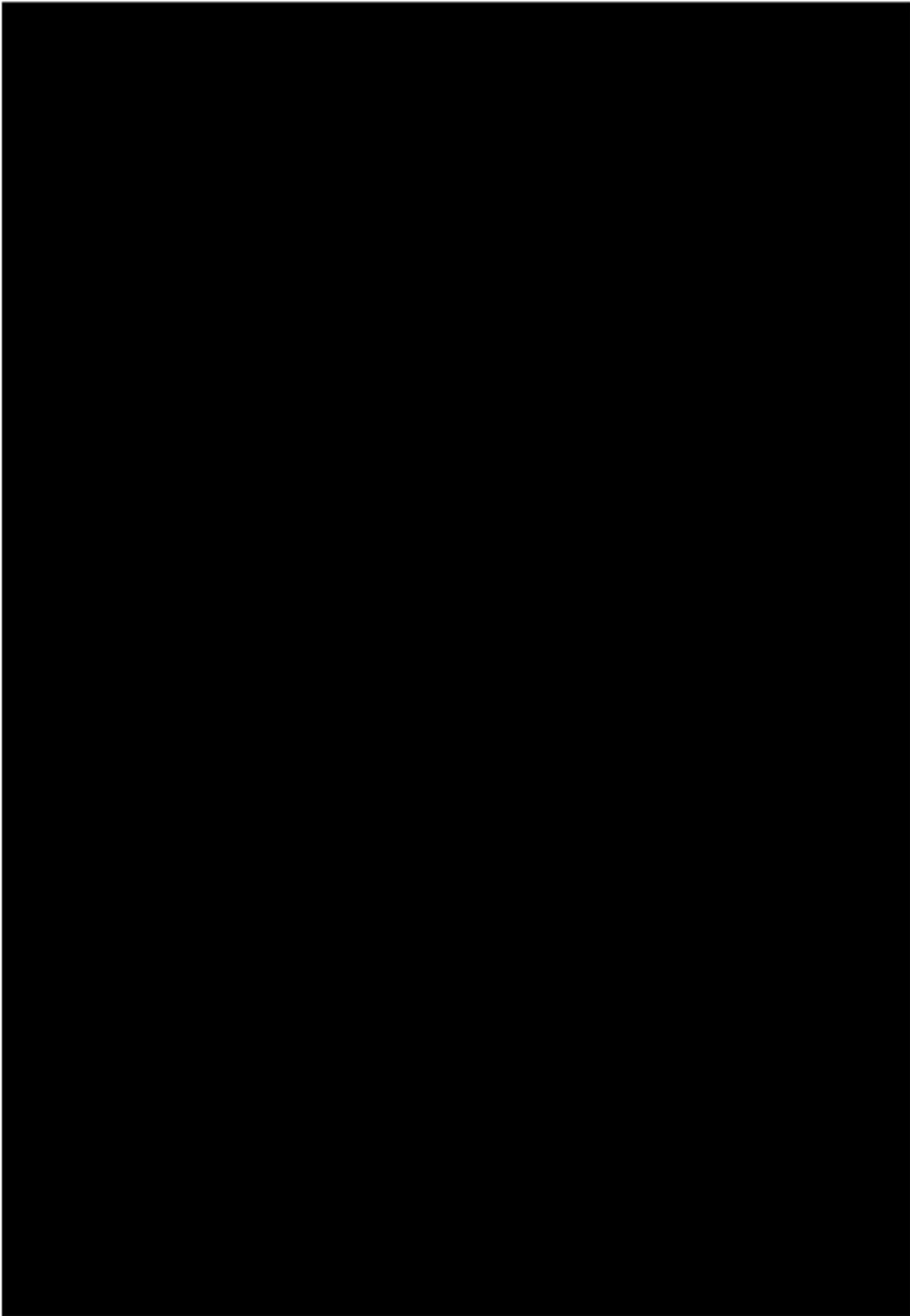


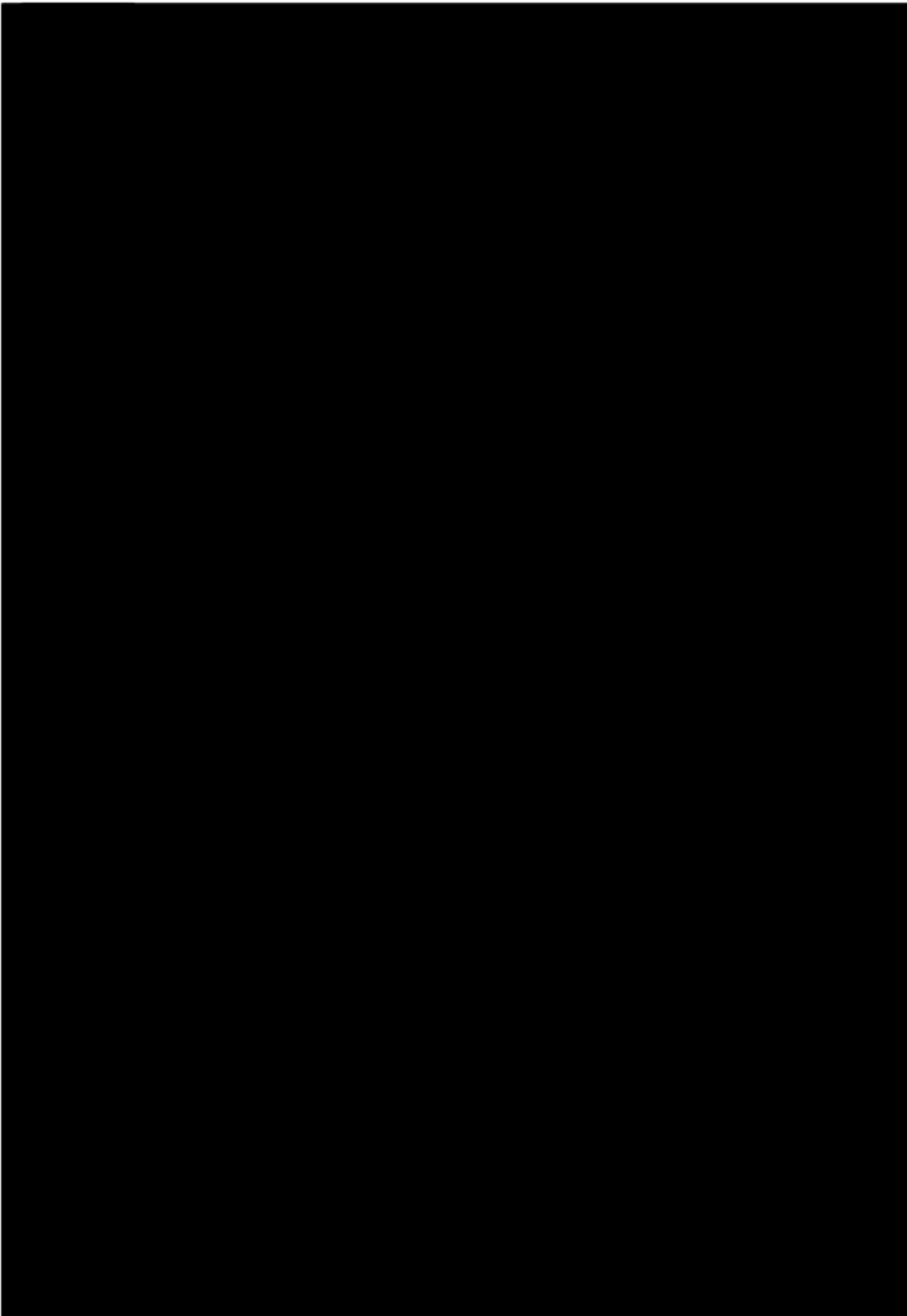


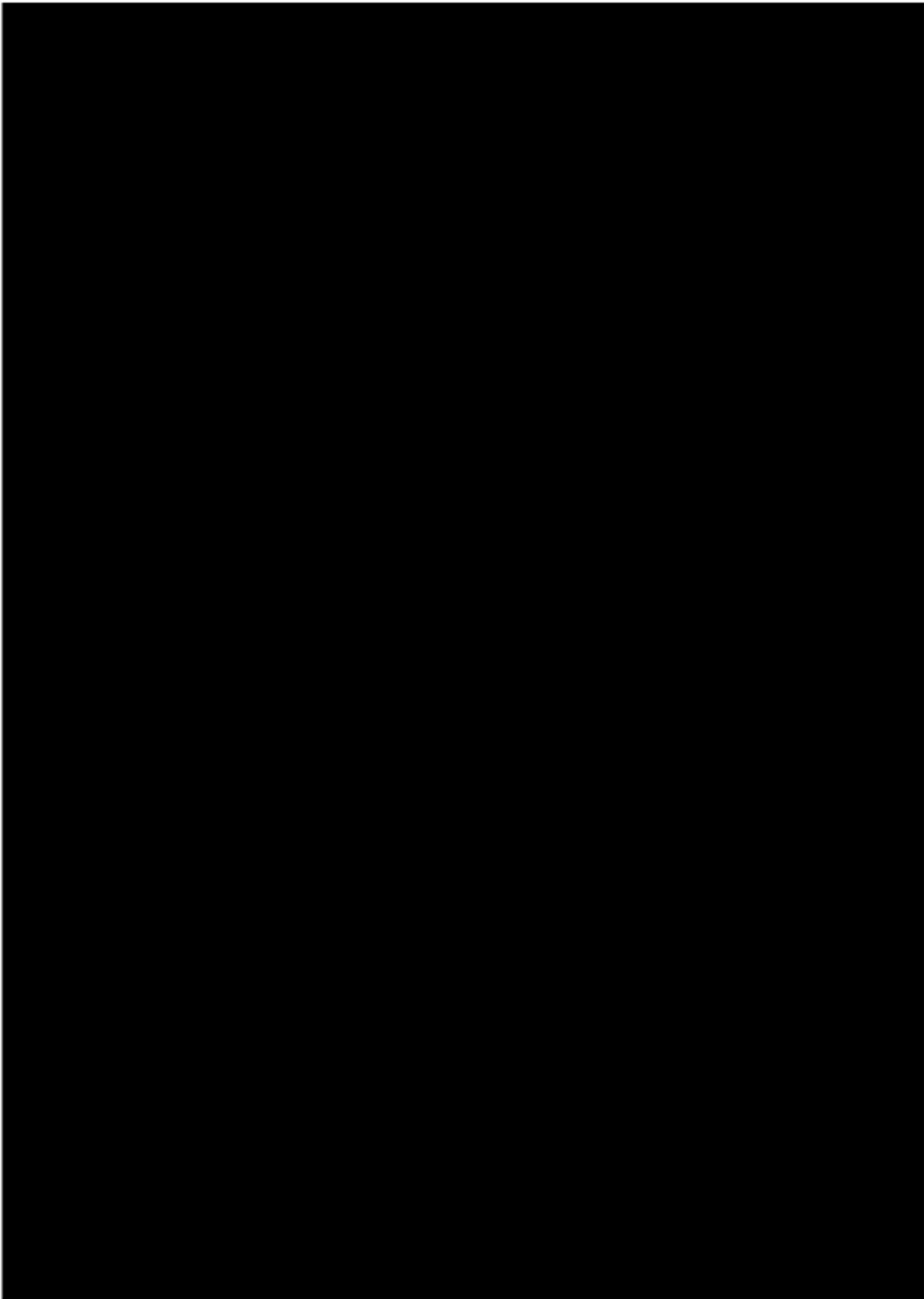












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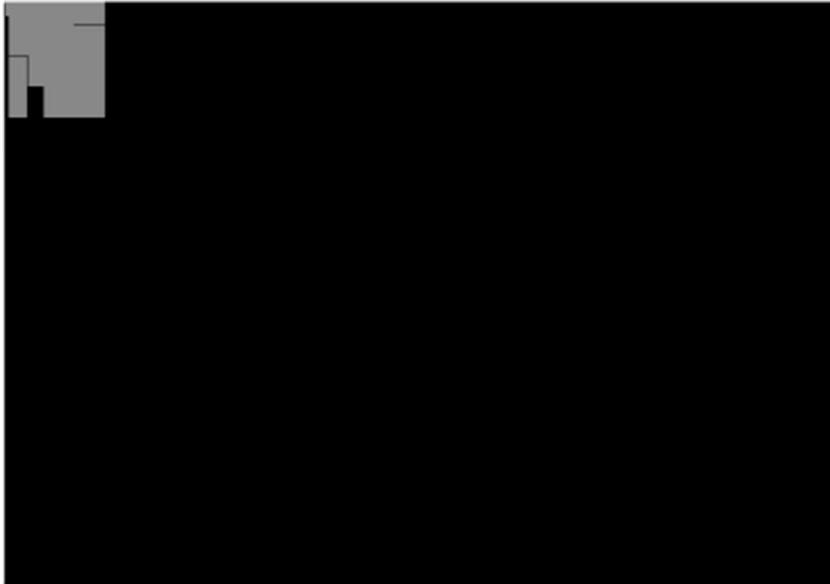
**Please outline the group that you are making this submission on behalf of, and your role within the group.**

[REDACTED]

**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

The beneficiaries of the issues identified in the [REDACTED] submission are as follows:

1. Local businesses (especially Romsey and Lancefield town centre traders)
2. Community members (individuals and groups)
3. Visitors to the region



**Would you like to:**

Submit a proposal for a specific idea or initiative to be included in the 2025-26 Budget.

**Please outline your submission to the Budget 2025-26.**

In relation to the upcoming budget, of highest priority for the [REDACTED] is for Council to allocate funding for:

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The implementation of the Master Plan will not only improve the amenity of the Five Mile Creek and Romsey, it will provide an injection to the visitor economy with the Five Mile Creek complimenting and supporting the Romsey Ecotherapy Park. While we will be seeking grants and donations from other sources as well, we would be grateful if Council could allocate \$150,000 towards further implementation of the Master Plan in 2025/26.

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Town Centre Action Plan projects.

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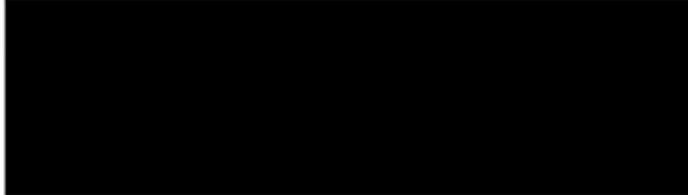
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We thank you for offering the opportunity to engage on the 2025/26 Budget

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**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Community Vision 2021-2031

Council Plan 2021-2031

Economic Development Strategy 2021-2031, Visitor Economy Strategy (2019-2029)

**Do you also wish to provide general feedback or input to guide the development of Council's 2025-26 Budget?**

Yes

**Please share your general input or feedback on Council's 2025-26 Budget.**

Whilst [REDACTED] acknowledges the challenges associated with satisfying competing budget demands, it's submission requests aim to have significant general positive impact in the eastern corridor region and (in the case of the community group permit fee waiver) more broadly across the Shire.

**Please attach any relevant files to support your submission (optional).**

- [241129 mm \[REDACTED\] 2025 26 Budget submission.pdf](#)

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Mr Bernie O'Sullivan  
Chief Executive Officer  
Macedon Ranges Shire Council

30 November 2024

Dear Bernie

**RE: MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL 2025/26 BUDGET**

On behalf of the [REDACTED], please accept this submission on the 2025/26 budget.

[REDACTED] enjoys a terrific working relationship with Macedon Ranges Shire Council and receives great support from Council officers in the work that we do representing and advocating for our members and promoting business and tourism in the eastern region of the Macedon Ranges.

As a volunteer member-based organisation, this support is gratefully received. We look forward to continuing the positive engagement with yourself, Councillors and Council Officers to further progress the endeavours of our member businesses and the broader community.

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To Whom It May Concern.

Please see attached submission from [Redacted] President [Redacted]  
An online submission has also been made.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

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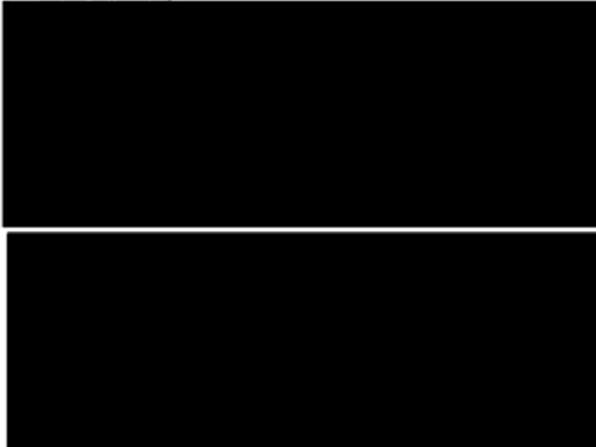
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**3. Council fees on EMRBATA and other volunteer community groups.**

Further to our previous correspondence, the EMRBATA strongly advocates for Council waiving permit/administration fees for community activities that are organised and run by not-for-profit Community Groups such as ours. We are a volunteer-based organisation that spends countless unpaid hours on organising and running activities, functions and events to build the community, support local business and build the visitor economy. Like other volunteer organisations, we are challenged in getting enough people involved and many of our local businesses undertake works in-kind or donate to our efforts as a show of support. As a similar show of support to our organisation and its volunteers who undertake all of these activities to support and improve our townships and the broader Council, we would be grateful if Council could do the same and absorb their internal administration costs associated with items such as issuing permits. Whilst the amount charged for these may seem small, every little bit counts in organisations such as ours.

We thank you for offering the opportunity to engage on the 2025/26 Budget process and we welcome any questions or feedback in relation to the matters raised.

Yours Sincerely



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[REDACTED], is responsible for the running of Lancefield Park Reserves. We are responsible for maintaining the grounds, working with user groups and endeavoring to improve the environs. I am the Secre

**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

Most user groups will benefit from the project by having somewhere safe to store equipment and other possessions and it will mean that the above will all be stored in one place instead of in containers and at people's house.

Having no equipment in the Pavilion will mean the space will be used more

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effectively, can be used for more activities and will encourage new users.



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An extension to the current pavilion is required for storage. This involves adding an extra bay onto the East side of the current building for which we have had drawings and a quote completed.

The project will require building and planning permits.

It is a significant cost which the Lancefield Park does not have the funds for currently and will not be able to deliver without external help through Council Budget or grants.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Budget 2024-25 (the current budget cycle)

**Do you also wish to provide general feedback or input to guide the development of Council's 2025-26 Budget?**

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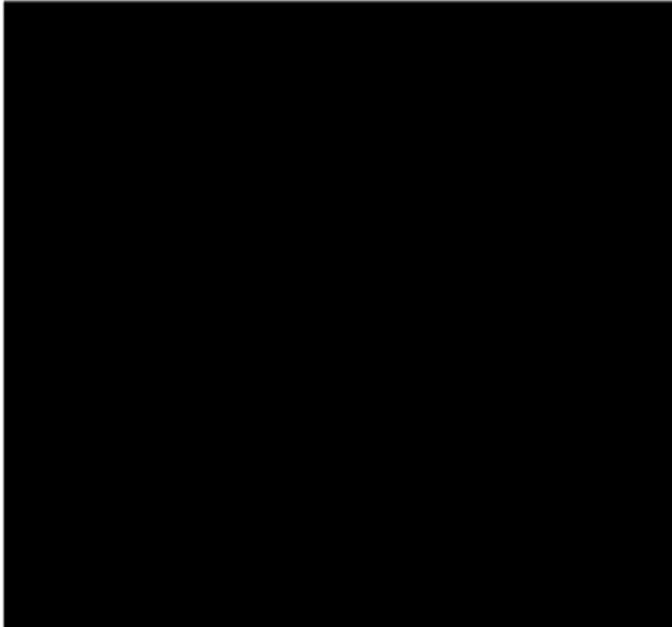
**Can you tell us about the intended beneficiaries of the project? (optional)**

- The 1st Riddells Creek Scout Group is run by volunteers and facilitates mixed-gender groups of Joeys (5-7 years old), Cubs (7-11), Scouts (12-16), and Venturers (17-20).
- 1st Riddells Creek Scout Group has approximately 60 youth members aged 0-17, and 5 member aged 18+. In the 18+ age group, 2 are female, 2 are male and 1 identifies as non- binary. There are approximately 31 males and 29 females in the 5-17 age group. The organising committee consists of 4 females

and 2 males. The leaders consist of 9 females and 5 males. Overall the scout group supports in excess of 50 families from the Macedon Ranges.

- [REDACTED] Group has doubled in size over the past five years. We expect the group to double again in the next 3-5 years in accordance with our strategic plan.
- One of the great strengths of Scouting groups is their inclusiveness. 1st Riddells Creek Scout Group fiercely supports neurodiversity in youth members, leading other local groups such as football.
- Members, leaders and committee members are drawn predominately from Riddells Creek, but the Scout group also serves members from Romsey, Lancefield and Darraweit Guim. Riddells Creek leaders support Scout groups across the Macedon Ranges to initiate and grow their groups.
- Scouts strongly support the local community including Treetops and Rowellan, the Riddells Creek Farmers Market, the Cool Expo, Pony Club, and community resilience events.
- Riddells Creek Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers use the Scout Hall five nights per week.
- The 1st Riddells Creek Scout Group's hall (a Council asset) is in need of upgrading/renewing the facilities to comply with current building codes and standards to provide efficient operations to the community users. The hall is also used by Riddells Creek Dancing School weekly, hosts the 'whole town garage sale', and was used by the production crew of the Robbie William's movie in the Macedon Ranges. The Hall is also used on some weekends by scout groups from other districts, and by Riddells Creek community members. As Riddells Creek grows, the demand for available infrastructure will increase. 1st Riddells Creek Scout Group will continue to support the use of the hall by other community groups and individuals.
- In addition to the hall use already referenced, the scout hall car park area receives regular use by patrons utilising the neighbouring skate park, recreation reserve, dog obedience club area and other large community events. In addition to providing parking opportunities, it also enhances the passive surveillance for the skate park and recreation reserve which are quite isolated from other central community facilities in Riddells Creek.

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- In summary, support for this budget proposal will directly benefit in excess of 50 families in the Macedon Ranges, and indirectly benefits many other community groups and individuals.



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The [REDACTED] hall (a Council asset) is in need of upgrading/renewing the facilities to comply with current building codes and standards to provide efficient operations for community users. This budget submission seeks to renew the driveway and install solar lighting in the car park following some preliminary design planning we understand were being undertaken in 2024/25. It also seeks funding for renewal of the Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve Master Plan.

1. The hall's driveways and car park provide ingress and egress to the hall, and approximately 12 unmarked spaces for car parking. The car park is mainly used

on weekday evenings for dropping off and picking up youth members at the hall. It is also used on weekends for picking up and returning gear that has been used on camps. There are numerous large potholes in the hall's driveways and car park. Some large potholes were filled in 2023 as a temporary measure. However, these potholes have reopened. We have been advised that some planning for future car park works will be completed within the 2024/25 capital works program. This submission proposes fund the delivery of works to grade, level, and possibly spray seal or add crushed rock to the approximately 130 m driveway and carpark. This will improve access and reduce ongoing maintenance. The majority of the driveway is 5-6 m wide, with two sections extended to provide parking. We understand the scoping required for this project will have been undertaken by Council. Council would be well placed to estimate the costs of the driveway renewal scope. We suggest the most appropriate timing would be in the warmer months (summer/autumn) to allow the new base to firm up before the wetter months (winter/spring).

2. There is presently no outdoor lighting around the hall except for minimal lights on the building itself. Solar powered external lighting would improve safety of accessing the hall and car park and security in the area, adding to passive surveillance for the adjoining skate park and neighbouring recreation reserve. This project is not subject to seasonal timing restraints. Preliminary investigations found this project would cost less than \$12,000.

3. Development and future planning of the Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve, which houses the 1st Riddells Creek Scout Hall, is guided by a Master Plan. Riddells Creek has grown by greater than 50% since the existing plan was published in 2009. The demand for sporting and recreational facilities greatly outstrips supply with more netball, basketball and tennis courts required, and more space for the Obedience Dog Club activities. Macedon Ranges Shire Council intends to renew the Master Plan in 2025/26. 1st Riddells Creek Scout Group supports the renewal of the master plan and consultation with the community. We ask MRSC to fund the renewal of the master plan in 2025/26. MRSC have completed the scoping to understand the funding requirements. The renewal of the master plan is urgent as no further development of the recreation reserve can proceed without it.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Community Vision 2021-2031

Council Plan 2021-2031

MRSC submission to Tiny Towns grants

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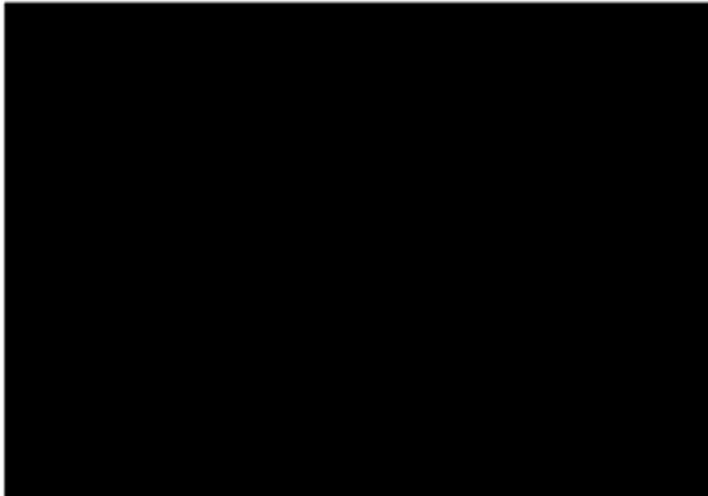
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Upgrade to [REDACTED] Club

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Council Plan 2021-2031

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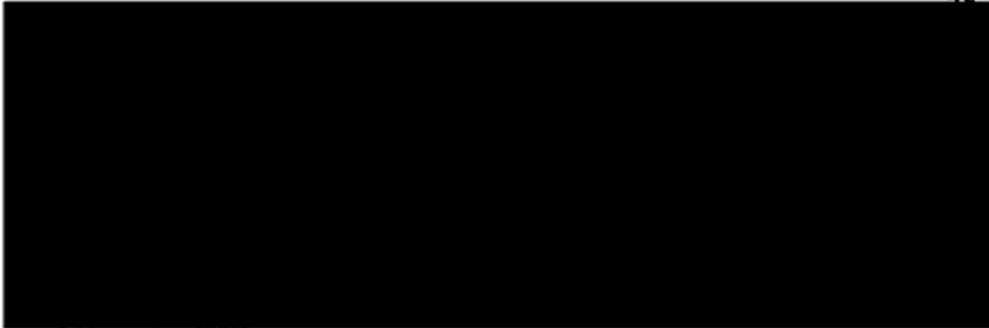
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1 December 2024

**Re: MRSC 2025-26 Budget Submission for 2 New Courts at New Gisborne Tennis Club**



I am writing in support of [redacted] submission for 2 New Courts.

[redacted] provides coaching for children and adults of all ages at New Gisborne tennis club all through the year, from Hot Shots through to High Performance programs (including world ranked players)

[redacted] is currently coaching over 100 students and growing at the club. Based on some class sizes, we really need 6 courts to be in circulation, especially the squad groups.

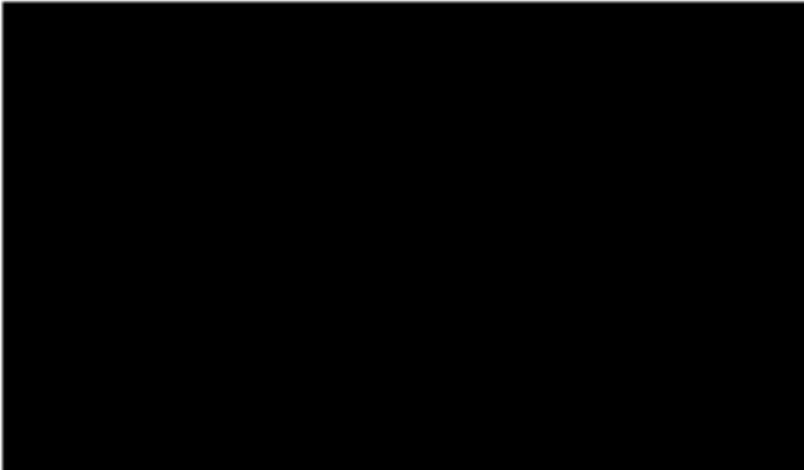
We have 5 junior teams and a women's Wednesday night team and looking to expand to a Thursday night team in the New Year.

The current courts are well past their useful life. Synthetic courts usually have a 10-15 year's lifespan and the current courts are almost double that.

With our current growth, I envisage we have up to 8 junior teams by next summer and 3 Open teams, which would mean we would need 6 courts for the facility..

I wholeheartedly endorse that 2 new courts are added to budget as a priority please.

It would benefit the Club and provide a safe training and playing environment for the community.



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Please find attached submission for consideration for the 2025-2026 Macedon Ranges Shire Council Budget.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

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BK = Business Kyneton  
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1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Manager Finance and Reporting,  
Macedon Ranges Shire Council,  
P.O Box 151,  
Kyneton. VIC. 3444  
via email : mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Re: Budget 2025/2026 Submission

represents tourism, hospitality and visitor economy businesses in the  
Macedon Ranges.

We provide below requests for the 2025/26 budget for your consideration.

**1. Macedon Ranges Thriving Villages Project**

Further to the Macedon Ranges Business Breakfast in 2023, developed and secured State Government funding for stage 1 of the Macedon Ranges Thriving Villages Project. The objective of this project was to bring together local business and community to work, with Council, to ensure that the town centres of the Macedon Ranges prosper and thrive.

In March 2024 Tourism Macedon Ranges launched the Macedon Ranges Thriving Villages Project with a regional workshop attended by 70 business and community leaders from each town and Council representatives. A regional vision was developed.

Town Centre Action Plan Workshops have since been delivered for Romsey, Lancefield and Riddells Creek. Malmsbury is scheduled for first quarter 2025. Funding for this work has been secured from the State Government by Eastern Macedon Ranges BATA, TMR and Business Kyneton. Macedon Ranges Shire has assisted with workshop support. A further application by Macedon Mt Macedon BATA to fund the Macedon Town Centre Action Plan is currently under assessment by the State Government. The output from these workshops are Town Centre Action Plans for each town, with Action Teams forming to deliver the plans.

The following funding has been secured from the State Government to date:

Tourism Macedon Ranges - \$20,000 – to develop the Macedon Ranges Thriving Villages Project and deliver the Macedon Ranges Thriving Villages Workshop and Regional Vision.

Eastern Macedon Ranges BATA - \$20,000 – to deliver Town Centre Action Plan Workshops and Action Plans for Romsey & Lancefield.

Tourism Macedon Ranges - \$10,000 – to deliver a Town Centre Action Plan Workshop and Action Plan for Riddells Creek.

Business Kyneton - \$10,000 - to deliver a Town Centre Action Plan Workshop and Action Plan for Malmsbury.

[REDACTED]

Romsey and Lancefield have now received further funding from Bendigo Bank (\$21,000) to deliver Town Centre Action Plan projects and Riddells Creek and Lancefield have further project funding applications under review.

[REDACTED] seeks Council's ongoing support for the Macedon Ranges Thriving Villages initiative.

The towns of Kyneton, Woodend and Gisborne have made grant applications to fund Town Centre Action Plan projects but have been unsuccessful to date. The cost to deliver each Town Centre Action Plan Workshop and Action Plan is \$13,000 (incl gst). [REDACTED] requests Council fund these important projects to ensure delivery in 2025. As demonstrated in Romsey and Lancefield, these projects pave the way to further funding to deliver projects and investment to support town centres in the Macedon Ranges. Total cost : \$39,000 (incl gst).

**2. Macedon Ranges Business Breakfast**

[REDACTED] recognises and thanks Council for their ongoing support of [REDACTED] successful Macedon Ranges Business Breakfast. TMR has committed to deliver the 2025 Macedon Ranges Business Breakfast with ongoing support from Council as already agreed.

**3. Update to 2017 Macedon Ranges Visitor Economy Impact Study and 2020 Visitor Accommodation Study**

In 2017 Council commissioned the Macedon Ranges Visitor Economy Impact Study and in 2020 the Visitor Accommodation Study (not released). These reports provide valuable information on the Visitor Economy in the Macedon Ranges and identify opportunities to help attract potential investors to the region. We request a post-COVID update of both reports be commissioned. Budget Estimate : \$15,000 each, Total \$30,000.

**4. Removal of Council Permit Application Fees for Not-For-Profit Groups**

[REDACTED] have been advised that Council have implemented permit application fees for not-for-profit groups. This was previously not the case and this action has not been viewed positively by volunteers who give their time to support the Macedon Ranges. While the fees are minimal, [REDACTED] supports their removal to counter the negative goodwill currently being directed towards Council.

**5. Implementation of the Hanging Rock Master Plan**

It has now been over twelve months since the announcement of the sale and transfer of the East Paddock and the release of the Hanging Rock Masterplan. [REDACTED] supports the advancement of the Masterplan with a priority focus on the pre-construction phase, Visitor Information Centre and Smoker's Creek precincts. [REDACTED] requests Council's support and action to ensure these projects are advanced in 2025.

**6. Support for Anzac Day Commemorative Services**

[REDACTED] supports Council's ongoing Anzac Day Commemorative Services support in the Macedon Ranges and the financial support provided to the Dawn Service at the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross.

**7. Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival**

[REDACTED] supports Council's ongoing leadership of the Shire-wide Macedon Ranges Autumn Festival.

**8. Autumn Leaves Management**

[REDACTED] supports Council's ongoing Autumn Leaves Management at Macedon Mount Macedon, and plans to commission a comprehensive traffic management review.

[REDACTED]



**9. Partnership with Regional Tourism Board**

█ supports Council's ongoing engagement and financial partnership with the Regional Tourism Board (and future Visitor Economy Partnership), Daylesford Macedon Ranges Tourism, in 2025-2026

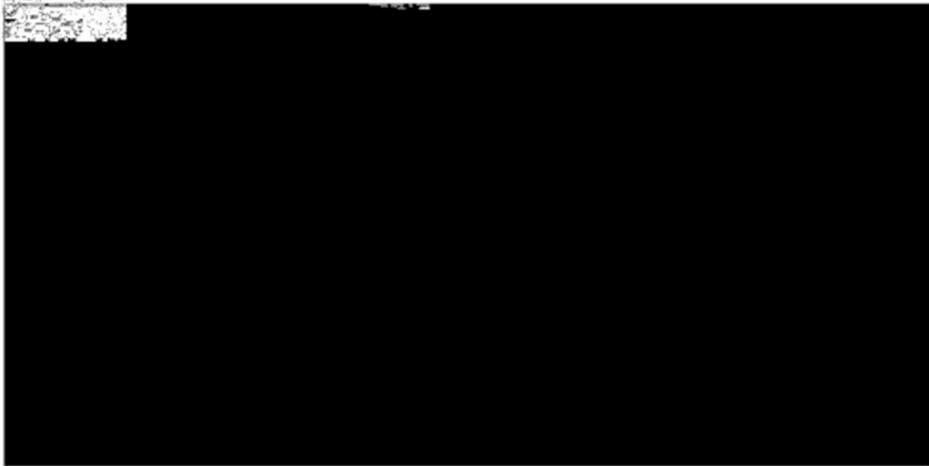
**10. Events and Festivals Grant Program**

█ supports Council's ongoing funding of the Macedon Ranges Events and Festivals Grant program.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

For the Board █



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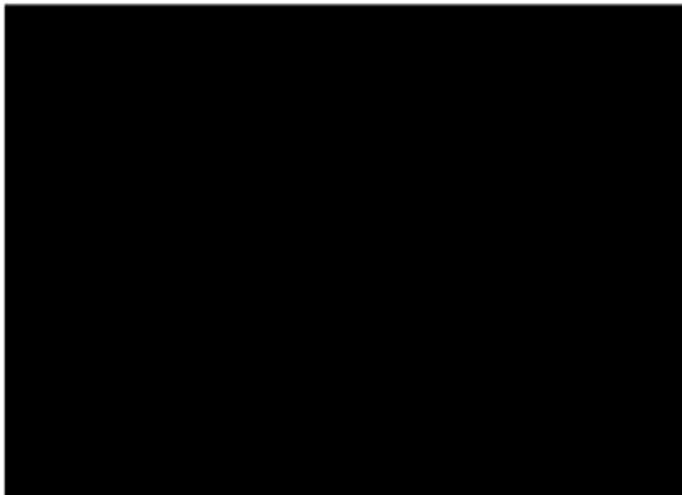
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I would like council to start scoping on-road bike infrastructure, like sharrows and bike lanes, on council-owned roads in Kyneton. The bike infrastructure should be considerate of topography and connect all the following landmarks:

- Barkly Square
- Kyneton Showgrounds
- Piper/Mollison/High Streets
- Every school
- Kyneton Aquatic centre (tennis courts)
- Skate park
- Train station
- Hospital
- Botanic Gardens
- Campaspe River Shared Path
- Industrial area (Salesyard Rd)

Bike hoops should also be part of the scoping.

This can be used as a test case for other towns.

**Does your idea link directly to any of Council's key documents?**

Community Vision 2021-2031

Council Plan 2021-2031

Financial Plan 2021-2031

Kyneton Movement Network Plan. Kyneton Urban Design Framework (draft),  
Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, Sport Active Recreation Strategy,  
Walking and Cycling Strategy

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- [Kyneton Bike Map.jpg](#)

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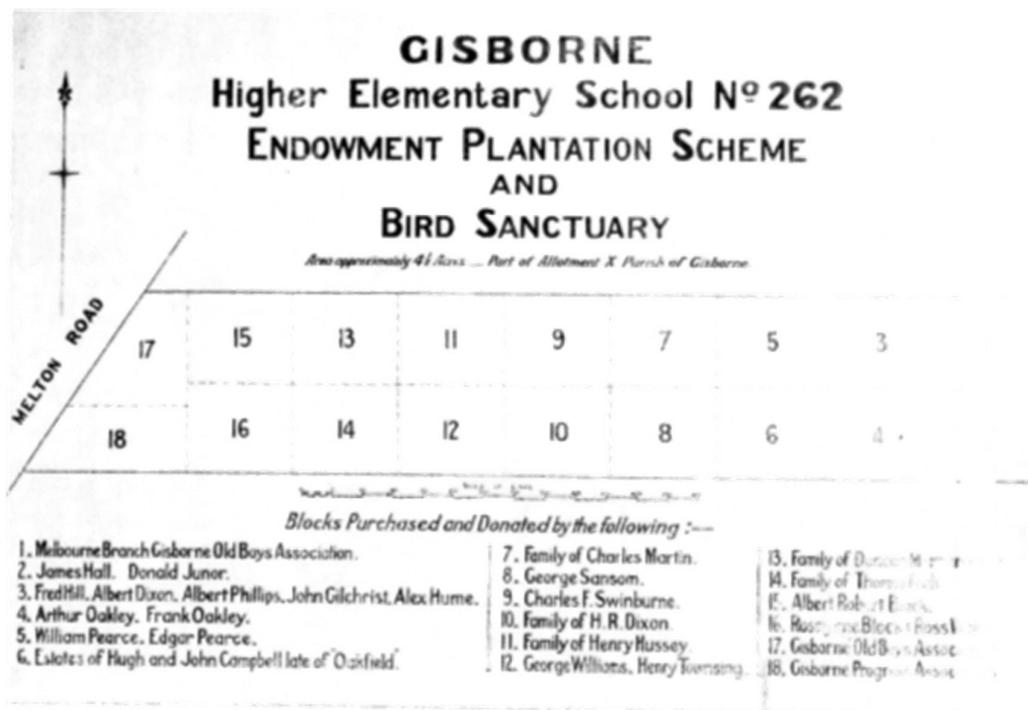
Dear MRSC,

Please accept my personal submission to the 2025/26 budget process.

I would like to nominate the Gisborne Pine Plantation (at 120 Aitken Street, Gisborne) for acquisition by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council from the state government who have listed it as "surplus to requirements".

The land was NOT donated to the state government, but they have subsequently taken it over. I believe it is time that the state returned it to the Gisborne community – at no cost to the council or community as it was donated to them in the first place.

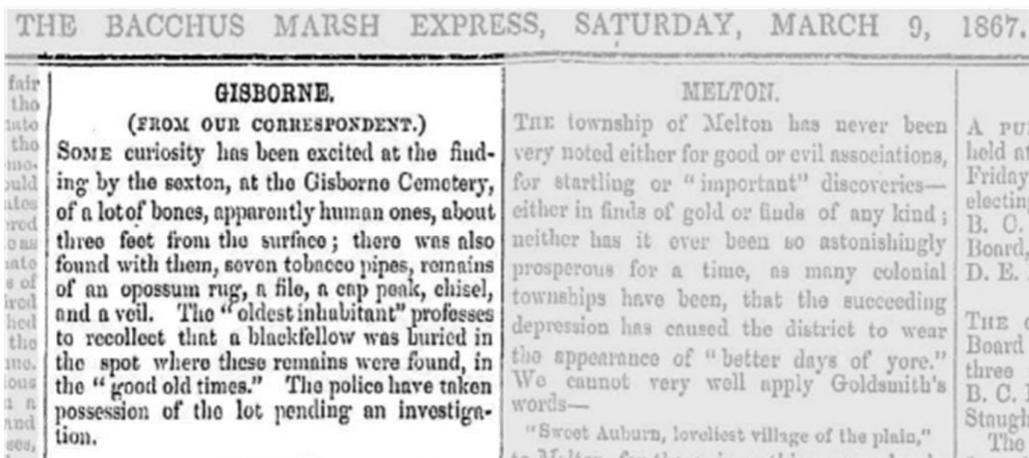
This land was donated by local families and groups to be used as "Endowment Plantation Scheme and Bird Sanctuary". (see below)



The population in Gisborne has increased substantially while not much actual public open space has been secured. We have lost so much publicly accessible and free open spaces to locked up spaces for sports, car parks, buildings and development.

The acquisition of this land is a vital linkage for Gisborne Secondary College school students accessing the residences to the east of Aitken Street, and also a valuable educational asset in the form of partnering with St Brigids, Gisborne Primary School and Gisborne Secondary College in the form of restoring a natural asset.

This site contains Aboriginal Artefacts and may contain the burial site of at least one Elder from the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung. (see below)



This request to action acquisition and restoration of the Gisborne Pine Plantation is supported by many council policies including Gisborne Cool Changes (page 16) where it states as an action: "Lobby for Gisborne Pine Plantation Handover" as both a social and environmental goal.

From the MRSC submission to the state government's Inquiry into Ecosystem Decline in Victoria: "supporting the rehabilitation of important habitat links such as the Department of Education pine plantations".

In the council meeting of 26 August 2020 the Notice of Motion was carried to:

"1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to advocate, in writing by 10 September 2020, to the State Government including Ms Mary-Anne Thomas, Member for Macedon, The Hon. James Merlino, Minister for Education, The Hon. Richard Wynne, Minister for Planning, The Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, to retain and/or return the land at 120 Aitken Street, Gisborne, also known as the Gisborne Pine Plantation, to the community for the purpose of public open space, pedestrian linkage and a significant cultural heritage reflection site, along with (eventual) pine removal and replacement with indigenous vegetation."

I have spoken with a local contractor about the cost of the pine tree removal, and was pleasantly surprised to find the cost of this work was an achievable goal.

This project would be brilliant for the community of Gisborne in many ways. I know of a number of community groups and local residents who would be very willing to assist with and support the project.

I include for your reference the MRSC attachment CW2 from 28 August 2013 which discusses the pine plantation at greater length.

I would be very happy to further discuss and/or conduct a walk-through with officers and/or councillors.





## Gisborne Early Years Hub –Pine plantation site investigation

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### Introduction

The need for the development of an early years hub in Gisborne was identified to meet the future growth of that part of the municipality. Macedon Ranges Shire Council is committed to the development of an early years hub in Gisborne.

Councillors considered a number of sites and reduced the options to preferred sites through considering a range of criteria that included cost, location, availability, timeframe, access, bushfire risk, attractiveness to potential hub partners and likely community support or opposition. The list was narrowed down to two sites for further investigation and feasibility. This report provides information on the site at 120 Aitken St Gisborne.

This site is a 17,964m<sup>2</sup> (approximately 1.8 hectares) block of land at 120 Aitken Street, Gisborne known as the Pine Plantation. This property is owned by the State Government.

The Pine Plantation site is located at 120 Aitken Street Gisborne and goes through to the Melton-Gisborne Road. There are a number of residences and the Gisborne Secondary College is on the south side and the Gisborne Cemetery on the northern boundary.

The Cemetery Trust has highlighted that they are close to capacity and also need to extend to meet future needs with a preference to access the Pine Plantation. The Cemetery Trust has no infrastructure or resources to assist them in their important role.

The development of an early years hub will provide early years primary health and educational opportunities/services with a potential to accommodate resources such as a meeting space, office and amenities for the Cemetery Trust.

The Pine Plantation has the potential to be a suitable site for the development of an early years hub with close proximity to two primary schools and the secondary school. It is located in the vicinity of the existing Kindergarten in Grant Avenue and is situated to meet future growth in the new subdivisions occurring in the south of Gisborne. Footpaths are situated in Aitken Street near the proposed development.

The complexities around the need for the cemetery to extend need to be taken into consideration. The Cemetery Trust has also identified through significant research, 600 plus unknown and unmarked graves of which 200 have been located adjacent to the Pine Plantation. The Cemetery Trust believes that there is a 50 percent chance of old burial sites being located in the adjacent section of the Pine Plantation. Research undertaken by the Cemetery Trust and Council cannot prove or disprove the location of burials on the site. This is a significant risk and needs to be managed prior to progressing any further acquisitions, investigations and developments.

The Pine Plantation in itself is also steeped in historical folklore. The land was privately owned for a number of years, then was transferred to the Department of Education in 1928. A Pine Plantation was developed with funds from various organisations of the day and monitored by the local primary school. Over the years trees were harvested and on Arbour Day school children planted more pine trees.

Anecdotal information tells the story of the 1944 Gisborne fire with the fire going through the Melton Road end of the Cemetery and the Pine Plantation. In 1993 the former Shire of Gisborne granted a permit for the primary school to remove all of the existing trees and replant with more pine trees. This would be consistent with the young trees currently located on site. There are a few indigenous trees located at the Melton Road end, but the site is predominately planted with 20 year old pine trees. Harvesting has also been occurring since this pine plantation was re-established in 1993.

### Site investigation: Pine Plantation, 120 Aitken Street, Gisborne



The land is zoned (PUZ2) Public Use Zone 2 – Education. This along with the fact that there are no overlays makes the site suitable for the development of an early years hub from a planning perspective. It is also worth noting the Cemetery is subject to both Planning and Heritage Overlay's (HO1).

Located approximately 970 metres south of the town centre, the site has sealed footpaths from the town centre to the 120 Aitken Street entrance. There is also the potential to develop linkages to the Gisborne Secondary College.

The site meets the following key criteria for such a centre:

- Sufficient room with a footprint of approximately 4,000m<sup>2</sup> (this includes onsite car parking spaces and estimated set back etc).

- Location in the central or southern areas of Gisborne township to service growth areas.
- Safe access via car, cycling and walking.

The land is owned by the State Government, and has been identified as surplus to requirements in the past.

The Cemetery Trust Board has been seeking to acquire the land for a number of years to extend the cemetery.

A summary of correspondence from the years 2003 -2011 relating to the site is provided on pages 7-8 of this report.

### **History of 120 Aitken Street Gisborne, 'Pine Plantation'**

A parcel of crown land allotment X in the parish of Gisborne was transferred to a Mr John Thomas in 1880. This property highlighted in the title (see appendix 1, Titles for Crown Allotment X parish of Gisborne County of Bourke) encompasses the land currently owned by DEECD as part of the Pine Plantation, the Secondary School and the area of the current residential properties. In 1895 the land became the property of Mrs Anne Benson who is described as a farmer.



The property was transferred to the executors of the Estate Mr Richard and Mr Isaac Benson in July 1909 and was subsequently sold to Mr John Bird the Hotel Keeper in December 1909. On 15 July 1927 the Gisborne Gazette makes reference to the development of a plantation and bird sanctuary on the site, but there is no reference of the owner Mr Bird being involved in discussions. The Gisborne Old Boys Association recommended that the site be allocated into 18 lots for the purpose of donations from individuals and organisations for the development of the sanctuary. In September 1927 the Principal of the Elementary School acknowledged donations for the plantation scheme (see Appendix 2, Gisborne Higher Elementary School Endowment Plantation Scheme).

In October 1927 the owner Mr Bird died, probate of the will was granted to Francis Clareborough and John Power (deceased) on 5 April 1928. The land was subsequently in part transferred to the Department of Education on 31 May 1928. The land description is now referred to as Lot 1 on Title Plan 241165H (Formerly known as part of Crown Allotment X parish of Gisborne – Parent Title Volume 01215 Folio 817) (see Appendix 3).

The site over the years was planted and harvested periodically. Anecdotal information has indicated that school children participated in tree planting exercises on the land in particular during Arbour Day.

In January 1944, the Gisborne Gazette indicates a fire was accidentally lit near the Tylden/Woodend road and progressed through the township of Gisborne. Significant parts of Gisborne were destroyed and current local residents state that the fire also went through the rear of the Cemetery and the Pine Plantation. The Melton Road end of the plantation has moderate growth of indigenous trees. The Fire was brought under control at Diggers Rest after five days of fire fighting. The Governor of the day visited the affected residents and funds were administered to assist in the recovery of the community.

In 1993, the former Shire of Gisborne issued a planning permit for the Gisborne Primary School to remove the trees in the plantation and replace them with more Radiata Pines. A site inspection highlighted that the trees within the plantation are quite young. Given the sensitivity to flora within the Macedon Ranges and the different species of trees in the plantation a vegetation study should be considered.

### **History of Gisborne Cemetery**

Records of the Public lands office dated 1858 outline the approval of the trustees of the Gisborne Cemetery under the provisions of the Act 17 Victoria No.12, dated 30 September 1858 (see Appendix 4 Public Lands Office Gazette 1858).

The Parish map indicates the cemetery was gazetted in 1879 (See Appendix 5- parish map).

Advice from the current Cemetery Trust indicates that the land was surveyed after the gazetted date of 1858 with the land marked out in sections based on religious denominations. The sections are marked alphabetically with A located outside the surveyed. There is no letter O, or N on this map (See Appendix 6 – Layout of the Gisborne Public Cemetery area).

The Cemetery Trust has indicated that they are between 4-10 years off being at capacity in their defined Lawn Cemetery areas. Into the future the Cemetery Trust hope to secure further funding to continue dry scraping of defined areas to identify both the unknown burials and unused ground for future interments.

The Cemetery Trust through their research has identified approximately 600 plus unmarked undetected graves. To date through a process called Dry Scrapping the Cemetery Trust has located 200 graves in the older part of the cemetery and a further 75 in the centre of the cemetery (see Appendix 7 – Aerial Photo of Gisborne Cemetery taken during the drought).

The Cemetery Trust is required to have two records of all plots purchased and burials undertaken. In addition to this, the information has been transferred to a data base used by

the Cemetery Trust. The Historical Society also has access to data bases on Births Deaths and Marriages. Research undertaken at the Gisborne Historical Society would have the figure closer to 800 unmarked and undetected graves.

In addition to the layout of the Cemetery map (Appendix 6), the Cemetery Trust provided a copy of where the known graves are located. (See Appendix 8, Gisborne Cemetery Overall Plan and tree inventory). This map also highlights the alphabetical letters for each section and has a legend depicting if the grave is marked, unavailable, is reserved, has a headstone or plaque. This map did not have the sections of A, B,D,F,P and S recorded.

Records of the Historical Society identified an additional map (see appendix 10 - Historical Society map of Cemetery layout) which is very similar to of the Overall Plan and Tree inventory map in Appendix 8. The difference was that the second map had the missing surveyed sections of A, B,D,F,P and S recorded. These sections were located under the current treed section of the Cemetery with section A appearing to be under the roadway.

Anecdotal information was provided indicating the road was realigned approximately 50 years ago and the Cemetery Trust expressed concerns that there was the potential for people to be buried under the road. Comparisons of the Parish Plan (see appendix 5 and the current property report from [www.land.vic.gov.au](http://www.land.vic.gov.au) dated April 2013), (see appendix 10 Land Vic property report) would indicate that the boundaries have not changed even though the road has been realigned. Further investigation of the records would indicate that some burials were not recorded or burials did not occur. Section A did not have any plots allocated or burials recorded so it is highly unlikely that anyone was buried under the road.

Plots were allocated in Sections B,D,F,P and S but there is no record of anyone having been buried in those areas. It is highly probable that this area was never used by the cemetery, but unless ground penetrating radar is undertaken it will still be an unknown.

In addition to the two maps as referenced in appendices 9 and 10 a large map mounted on a board located at the historical society shows a lone grave site no. 804 on the boundary of the cemetery and the Pine Plantation. It was not part of the allocated surveyed sections. It was allocated adjacent to section S and had been purchased by a Thomas Smith in 1896. Cross referencing of records would have this man buried in section L. At this point in time there is no record to indicate if there is anyone buried in this plot. Unless ground penetrating radar is undertaken it will still be an unknown.

Section O was also found on this large map and it was located in the road/nature reserve. Records indicate no plots had been allocated to O so it is highly unlikely that anyone was buried in Section O.

The front section on the maps adjacent to the pine plantation is marked V&OG. The OG is a reference to Old Graves. On the aerial photo (see appendix 7) this is the area where 200 unmarked graves have been located by the Cemetery Trust. The graves are not laid out in the surveyed format. They are buried where people of the day saw fit. The dry scraping research was able to identify if the grave was an adult or a child's grave and they were able to identify if the grave had been dug by hand or by machinery. The Cemetery Trust has identified approximately 364 unmarked and partial recordings of children's graves. Research of the longest owners of the Pines Plantation is that all are buried in a family plot within the cemetery. Two babies related to this family are recorded as having died in 1871 and 1896

(see Appendix 11 records of burials and grave numbers), but there is no record of where they are buried. Given the way this section of the cemetery has been developed, the Trust members believe that there is a very strong possibility that there are people buried prior to the gazetted date of the cemetery. It is also their opinion that there is a strong possibility of graves being located on the Pine Plantation. The omissions in the historical records highlight that the Cemetery Trust concerns are well founded.

People who committed suicide were not provided with a recorded burial site and were more likely buried in common ground. This was also applicable to many children. Given the practise up until 1980's still births or recent neonatal deaths were often handled by the hospital and often parents did and still do not know where their children were buried. These graves were not given a head stone.

In 1944 a resident who had close connections with the cemetery lost a sibling. The child was buried in the cemetery and to this day there is no record as to the location of the grave, though it is highly probably that this child's grave is somewhere within the cemetery.

There are significant inconsistencies in regards to the allocation of burial sites in the past. Given the omissions within the older records it cannot be assumed that all burials of the past occurred within the current cemetery boundary.

It is routine practise when development sites are located adjacent to an old cemetery to undergo Ground Penetrating Radar to ensure that sites are free of any possible unmarked graves prior to the development of the site. Given the location of the lone grave towards the Melton Road end and Old Graves section at the Aitken Street end of the Cemetery it would be prudent to undertake this study. This is also the case where Aboriginal remains may be located and which will not be accessible after development. Preliminary quotes have come in at around \$17,000 to \$20,000 for the Pine Plantation site.

### **Aboriginal burial**

An extract from the Bacchus Marsh Express in March 1867 indicated that a lot of human bones had been found by the sexton at the Gisborne Cemetery (see appendix 12, extract of newspaper). The bones located at only three feet below the surface, were believed to be human and surrounded by aboriginal artefacts. The bones and artefacts were removed by the police and it is unknown where this person was reinterred. Given the close proximity to the Pine Plantation and the lack of records for aboriginal burials undertaking a cultural study would be considered best practise.

## Chronological list of correspondence 2003-2011

Year	Date	Type	Author	Content
2003	6 August	Letter to CEO, MRSC (Ian Morris)	Julie Hyde, Dept of Education and Training (DET)	Advising that the Gisborne Primary School Plantation site is surplus to educational requirements and would like to offer Council the opportunity to purchase the land at market value, determined by the Valuer General.
2003	18 August	Letter to DET – response to letter 6 August	Odette Leach, MRSC Property Officer	Requests an extension of time in order to prepare a response. Council wish to express interest in this property.
2003	2 Dec	Letter to DET	Gerard Holwell, MRSC	Advising that Council is unlikely to support the rezoning of the whole property to RES1 from PU22 as it appears that a schematic residential subdivision has already been developed for the land. Any changes to the existing zoning would be limited to the Eastern portion.
2003	10 Dec	Email to Odette Leach	DET Property Officer	Education purchased the site in 1928 for use by the Gisborne Primary School as a plantation. With the growth of nearby residential development and the decline in demand for pines the school has not sought to replant the property. Retention of the property will exacerbate problems of rubbish dumping etc and as a result the site is surplus to DET's requirements.
2003	22 Dec	Letter to Minister for Education & Training	Ian Morris, CEO, MRSC	Outlining abovementioned issues.
2004	18 Feb	Letter to Ian Morris, CEO, MRSC	DET, School Resources Division	Response to letter dated 22 December 2003. Valuation was based on Sale of Land Policy and the most probable alternative use of this land. Council have the option of providing a formal valuation that supports a lower figure.
2004	10 June	Letter to Ian Morris, MRSC	Julie Hyde, DET	Letter seeking Council response regarding proposed disposal of the site and Valuer General's assessment.
2004	10 June	Letter to Ian Morris, MRSC	Julie Hyde, DET	Refers to previous correspondence regarding the proposed disposal of land. Requests advice on Council interest in acquiring the site and whether a valuation has been obtained by Council to facilitate negotiations.
2005	9 May	Letter to Stephen Hendy, MRSC	Christopher Ratcliffe, DET	Confirms Council interest in purchasing site and concerns with the Valuer General's valuation as Residential 1 Zone – and that rezoning will not be approved and any likely change would be limited to the eastern portion of the site. Requests Council to confirm alternative use / zoning for the western side – and provide advice on potential purchase in order for Valuer General to review the figure and obtain Land Monitor's approval for sale to Council.
2005	12 Oct	Letter to Christopher Ratcliffe, DET	Stephen Hendy, MRSC	Response to letter of 9 May 2005. Reiterates Council's position; Council does not have any plans which envisage the use of the land in question for Council purposes. It has been suggested that it would be appropriate that the land be made available to augment either the land occupied by the Gisborne Cemetery, or by the Gisborne Secondary College, or both.
2005	24 Oct	Letter to Stephen Hendy, MRSC	Christopher Ratcliffe, DET	Response to letter of 12 October 2005 confirming Council's stance and noting that DHS did not express any interest in the property. The department will be approaching Council in the near future seeking the rezoning of the site to residential zone to facilitate its sale.

2006	7 July	Various letters – refer to comments	Stephen Mahon, MRSC	<p>Correspondence sent to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cr's Letchford, Guthrie and Relph</li> <li>- DET</li> <li>- DHS</li> <li>- 5 private property owners in Pinelea Grove abutting site</li> <li>- Gisborne Cemetery Trust</li> <li>- Joanne Duncan, MP</li> <li>- Gisb Secondary</li> <li>- Public notice in Telegraph Newsletter, 14 August 2006</li> </ul> <p>Notification of public meeting to discuss the status of and future use of the land abutting the Gisborne Cemetery and Gisborne Secondary College. Letter states the land has been declared surplus to DET's future needs and that Council is keen to see it be kept in public ownership, possibly for future cemetery use.</p>
2006	31 Oct	Letter to Bronwyn Pike, Minister for Health	Ian Morris, MRSC	<p>Writing to communicate Council's support for the Gisborne Cemetery Trust's advocacy to resolve the uncertainty surrounding the future use and management of the pine plantation – stemming from a Council decision (25 October 2006).</p>
2008	17 Sept	Letter to Daniel Andrews, Minister for Health	Doug McArthur, Gisborne Cemetery Trust	<p>Request to designate land immediately south of the current cemetery for future cemetery use given considerable growth and lack of capacity. Mentions MRSC support for land to be reserved for cemetery use. A copy of CT's Gisborne ODP submission is attached to this letter – submission suggests DHS should take over management of the land from DEECD and reserve it for future cemetery purposes and the land be rezoned to PUZ5.</p>
2010	14 April	Letter to Joanne Duncan, Member for Macedon	Bronwyn Pike, Minister for Education	<p>Response to previous correspondence. Outlines the property has been declared surplus to educational requirements, has initially been offered to other Govt departments and that the DoH on behalf of the Gisborne Cemetery Trust expressed interest in acquiring the site – subsequently advising that funding was not available. There have been preliminary discussions between Gisborne Secondary College and MRSC regarding a proposed indoor sports centre being established on part of the site. Consequently the disposal process for the land has been put on hold until these discussions are concluded and an outcome is known.</p>
2011	19 May	Briefing notes	Meeting with Martin Dixon, Minister for Education	<p>Briefing provides an overview of issues. Comments on moving forward: Council supports the retention of the Gisborne Pine Plantation site under DEECD ownership and for public use with a portion transferred to the Cemetery Trust.</p>

## Summary

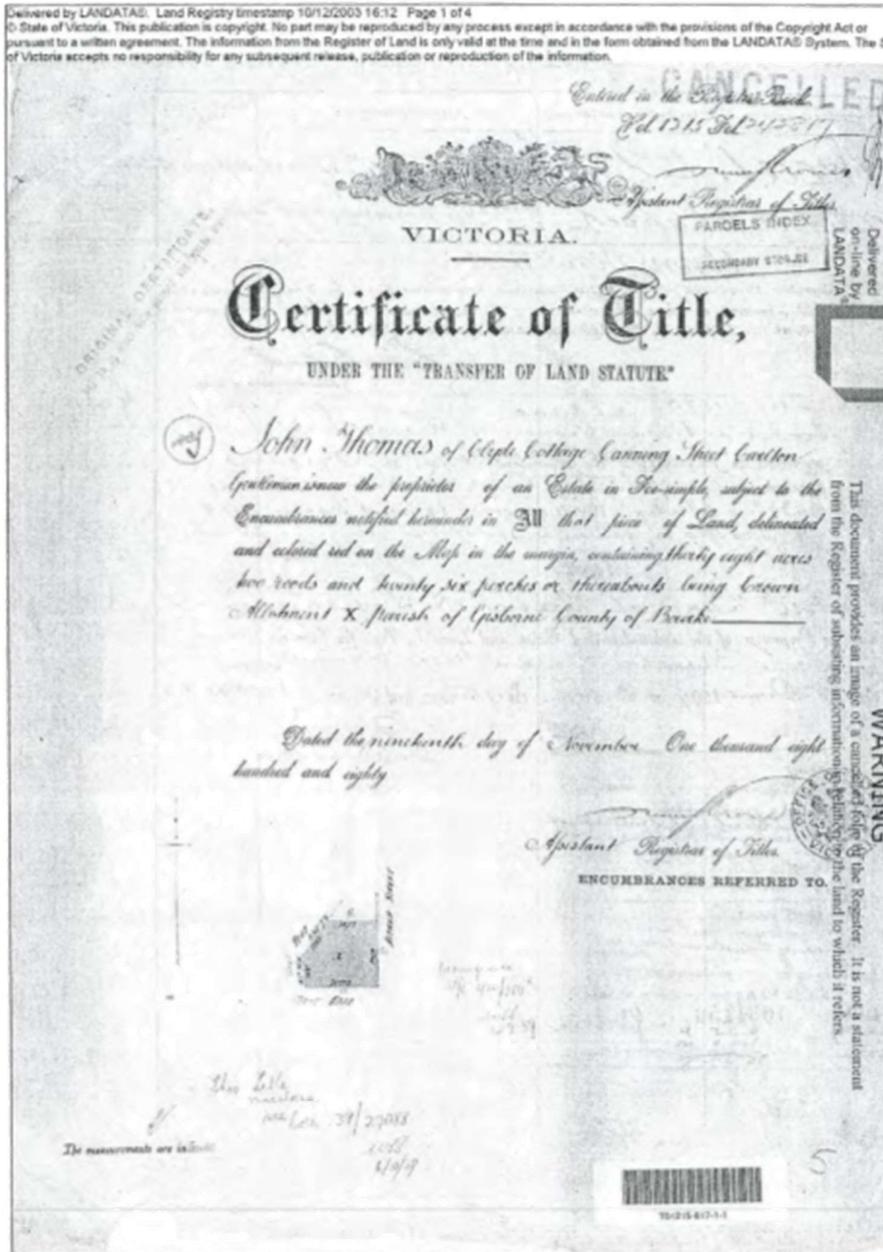
The land at 120 Aitken Street Gisborne (Pine Plantation) has the potential to be a suitable site for the development of an early years hub.

Given the complexities of this land, in particular the links to the Cemetery, a number of pieces of work are required to gauge the feasibility of the Pine Plantation for the development of an integrated early years facility.

Appendices

Appendix 1

Titles for Crown Allotment X Parish of Gisborne County of Bourke.



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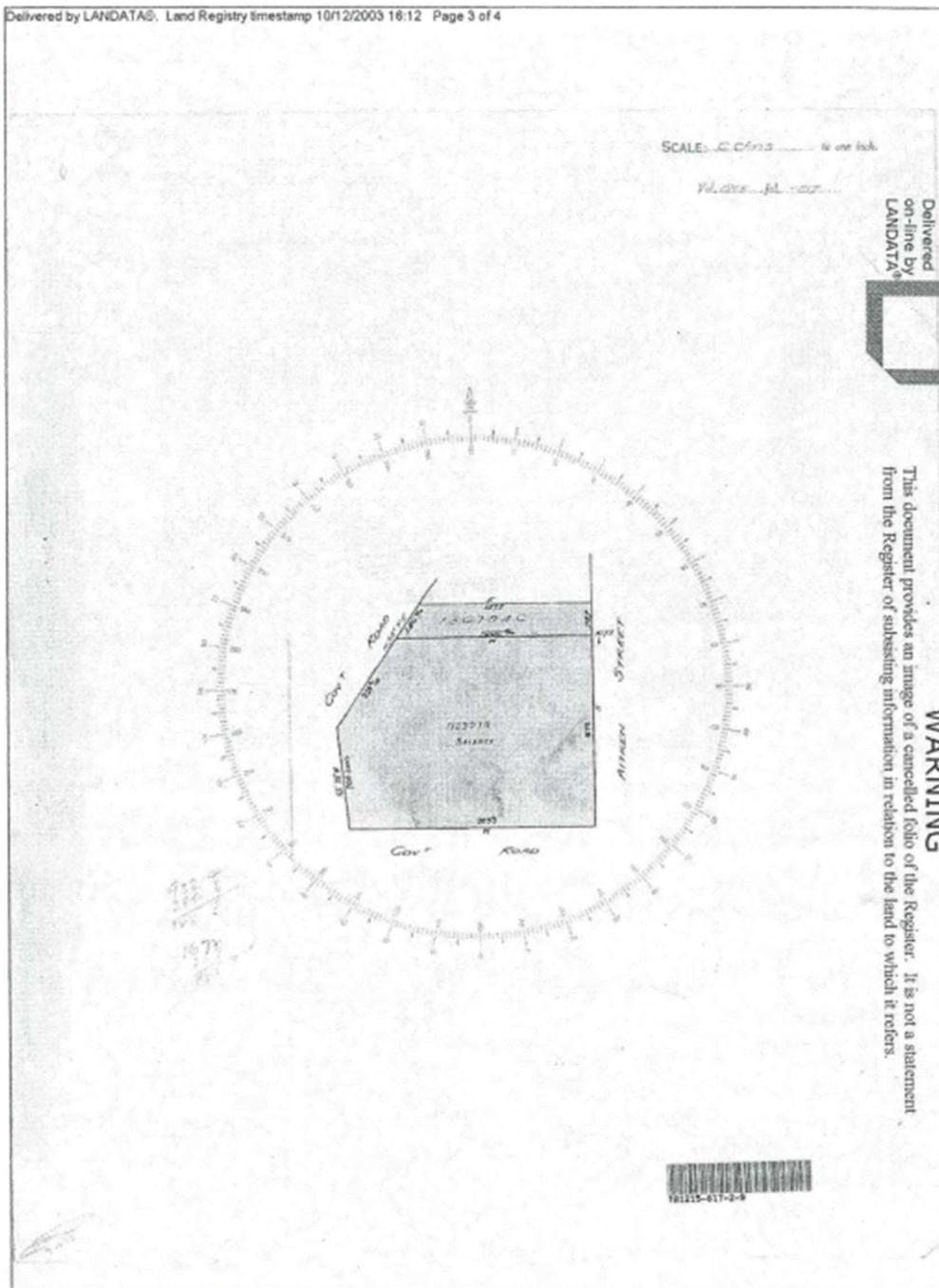
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<i>Caveat lapsed</i>	<i>3rd January 1894 at 12.5 pm</i>		
<p><i>Ann Benson of Osborne Farmer is</i>  <i>now the Proprietor of the within-described Estate and Land, by Transfer from the</i>  <i>within named John Thomas registered on the 3rd day of January</i>  <i>1895, at 12.20 o'clock in the afternoon and Numbered 354319.</i></p> <p><i>Isaac Benson of Kingstons Carpenter</i>  <i>and Richard Walter Benson of Mangateh Slab School Teacher</i>  <i>registered as Proprietors of the within-described Land as Executors</i>  <i>to whom's estate of the estate of Ann Benson (who died on</i>  <i>the 30th day of July 1909) was granted 18th day of September 1909</i>  <i>Dated 16th day of December 1909</i></p> <p><i>John Bird of Osborne Hotelkeeper is</i>  <i>now the Proprietor of the within-described Estate and Land by Transfer from the</i>  <i>within named Isaac Benson and Richard Walter Benson registered</i>  <i>the 16th December 1909 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and Numbered 610173</i></p>			
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TRANSFER OF LAND.

I, FRANCIS WILLIAM CLAREBROUGH of Fisher Street Gisborne Decorator being registered or entitled to be registered as the proprietor of an estate in fee simple in the land hereinafter described subject to the encumbrances notified hereunder in consideration of the sum of Ninety pounds paid partly to JOHN BIRD of Gisborne Hotelkeeper deceased during his lifetime and partly to me by CHARLES FREDERICK SWINBURNE of Gisborne Bootmaker and in consideration of the sum of Ninety pounds paid to the said Charles Frederick Swinburne out of the Public Account of the State of Victoria DO HEREBY at the request and by the direction of the said Charles Frederick Swinburne as testified by his signature hereto TRANSFER to THE HONORABLE JOHN LEMON in his capacity as the responsible Minister of the Crown for the time being administering the Education Acts for the purposes of such Acts ALL my estate and interest in ALL THAT piece of land being part of Crown allotment X, parish of Gisborne county of Bourke and being the land delineated and colored red on the plan endorsed hereon.

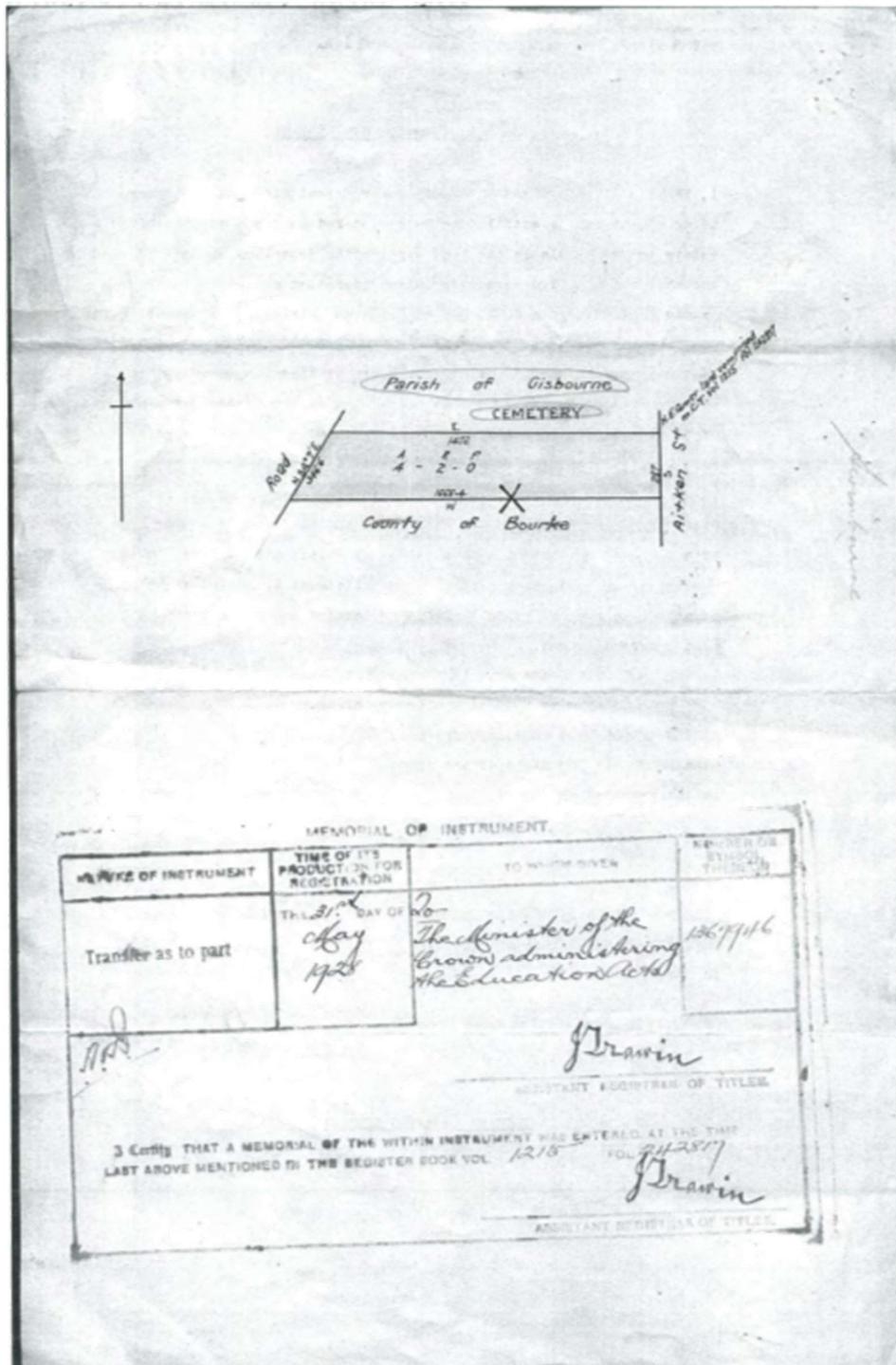
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*Robt. Gullon*  
*Chas. Melkman*

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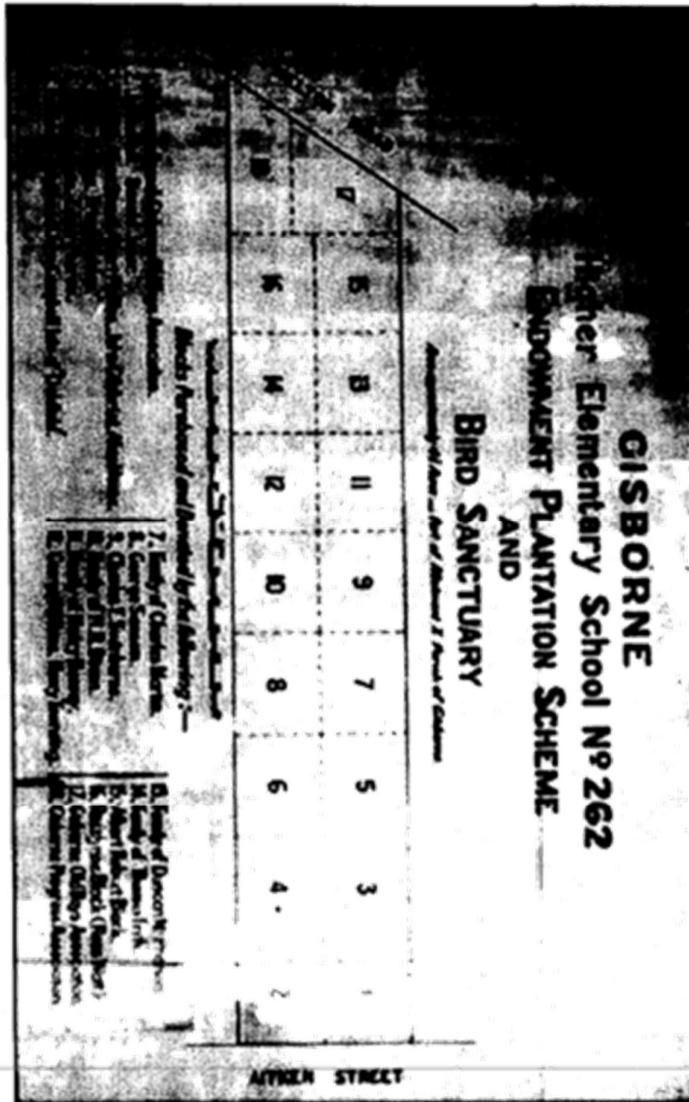
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Appendix 2

Gisborne Higher Elementary School Endowment Plantation Scheme



## Appendix 3

Lot 1 on Title Plan 241165H (Formerly known as part of Crown Allotment X parish of Gisborne - Parent Title Volume 01215 Folio 817)

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Appendix 4

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Public Lands Office,  
Melbourne, 28th September, 1858.

TRUSTEES OF THE GROUND SET APART AT CASTLEMARNE AS A SITE FOR THE USE OF THE FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the appointment of

GEORGE DRYDEN,  
WILLIAM TULLOCH,  
JAMES KIRTON,  
WALTER WILSON, and  
The Rev JOHN SHERIDAN,

to be the Trustees of the ground set apart at Castlemarne as a site for the use of the Free Presbyterian Church, under the provisions of the Act 16 Victoria No. 28.

By His Excellency's Command,  
G. GAVAN DUFFY.

Public Lands Office,  
Melbourne, 28th September, 1858.

TRUSTEES OF THE GROUND SET APART AT WILL WILLHOOK AS A SITE FOR A GENERAL CEMETERY.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the appointment of

GEORGE GEORGE CARRISON,  
JOHN BAYLON,  
JAMES BURNETT,  
WILLIAM GARDNER, and  
ISAAC TOWNSEND,

to be the Trustees of the ground set apart at Will Willhook as a site for a General Cemetery, under the provisions of the Act 17 Victoria No. 18.

By His Excellency's Command,  
G. GAVAN DUFFY.

Public Lands Office,  
Melbourne, 28th September, 1858.

TRUSTEES OF THE GROUND SET APART AT GIBBOURNE AS A SITE FOR A GENERAL CEMETERY.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the appointment of

JOSEPH C. THOMPSON,  
EDWARD HAYDEN,  
JOHN WHITEHEAD,  
WILLIAM BOWENSON,  
NICHOLAS O'DONOVAN,  
MICHAEL BRADY,  
JOHN FARBER, and  
FRANCIS CROSS,

to be the Trustees of the ground set apart at Gibborne as a site for a General Cemetery, under the provisions of the Act 17 Victoria No. 18.

By His Excellency's Command,  
G. GAVAN DUFFY.

Chief Secretary's Office,  
Melbourne, 1st October, 1858.

CONSUL FOR SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

IT is hereby notified that

JANUARIUS BIRN WESS, Esquire,  
has, with the sanction of His Excellency the Governor, resumed the discharge of his duties as Consul for Sweden and Norway at Melbourne, vice Mr. Jaeger, whose professional appointment has ceased.

By His Excellency's Command,  
JOHN O'SHANASSY.

Chief Secretary's Office,  
Melbourne, 27th September, 1858.

VACCINATOR.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint

HARRY BORN, Esquire, Esq.,  
to be Public Vaccinator for the district of Ballara.

By His Excellency's Command,  
JOHN O'SHANASSY.

Chief Secretary's Office,  
Melbourne, 27th September, 1858.

DEPUTY REGISTRARS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint the undersigned gentlemen to be Deputy Registrars of Births and Deaths—

GEORGE LEIGH,  
for the district of Heywood, vice E. McKeand, resigned.  
WILLIAM HENRY TOWNSEND,  
for the district of Mansfield.  
JAMES BORN,  
for the district of Benambidge.

By His Excellency's Command,  
JOHN O'SHANASSY.

Chief Secretary's Office,  
Melbourne, 27th September, 1858.

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, &c.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint

Mounted Constable GEORGE TOMSON (28 29)

to be an Inspector of Slaughter-houses and of Oxen intended for slaughter, &c., in the police district of Geelong, to be assigned at Drysdale.

By His Excellency's Command,  
JOHN O'SHANASSY.

MUNICIPALITY OF BALLAARAT EAST.

BYPASS No. 12.—FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF THE SUM OF SIX THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS SAID OUT OF THE PUBLIC REVENUE FOR THE YEAR 1858, AS AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUAYS IN AND OF THE SECOND YEAR'S REVENUE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF BALLAARAT EAST.

WHEREAS by the Act 16 Victoria No. 18, intituled *An Act for the establishment of Municipal Institutions in Victoria*, it is amongst other things enacted, that every work proposed to be executed by any municipal council by funds raised by aid from the Government, whether by endowment or otherwise, shall be the subject of a distinct and separate bye-law: And whereas an estimate of the grant in aid of the second year's account, subject to the conditions of the said entitled Act: Be it therefore enacted by the municipal council of Ballarat East, That the said sum of £6211 shall be expended as follows—

Forming and metalling Edward street	£ 4 4
Forming and metalling Peel street	1170 0 0
Completing the Main road parapets	185 0 0
Making pitched crossings	254 0 0
Metalling Twentyweight road	94 0 0
Repairing two miles Bakery Hill and Spicers Hill roads	264 13 6
Constructing bridge over Coleridge Creek	178 4 4
Removing weighbridges to Spicers Hill	60 0 0
Repair of Europa street	150 0 0
Repair of town boundary	87 0 0
Making footpaths, Frank road	257 0 0
Repair of Rivers Hill road, and widening bridge	650 0 0
Quarries	100 0 0
Repair of Clayton's Hill road	200 0 0
Repair of Peel street	500 0 0
Making footpaths, Victoria road	500 0 0
Forming Europa street at its junction with Main street	500 0 0
Forming Murray street on permanent levels	171 0 0
	£6201 0 0

The foregoing By-law, No. 12, made by the municipal council of Ballarat East, has been sanctioned by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council.

Enacted on the 26th day of October, 1858, pursuant to 15 Victoria No. 18, sec. 25.

By His Excellency's Command,  
JOHN O'SHANASSY.

EL774.

Chief Secretary's Office,  
Melbourne, 26th October, 1858.

DOG NUISANCE ACT EXTENDED TO WYDDERBURN.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has extended the provisions of the Act 4 William IV, No. 4, intituled *An Act for abating the nuisance occasioned by dogs in the streets of certain towns and on highways in New South Wales*, to the township of Wydderburn, the boundaries whereof are as follow, that it is to wit—

Commencing at the north-west angle of suburban allotment 18, in the parish of Wydderburn; thence by a line bearing west one mile and sixty-nine chains; thence by a line bearing south one mile and forty chains; thence by a line bearing east one mile and sixty-nine chains; and thence by a line bearing north one mile and forty chains to the commencing point.

By His Excellency's Command,  
JOHN O'SHANASSY.

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APPLICATIONS FOR LETTERS PATENT.

No. 147. EDWARD BARNETT, mechanical designer, and HENRY CURVE, builder, both of Ballarat, in the colony of Victoria, have applied for a patent for certain improvements in machinery for levelling superficies earth, parts of which are applicable to other useful purposes, and have deposited their specification and drawings at the Chief Secretary's Office, on the 1st day of October, 1858.

Appendix 5

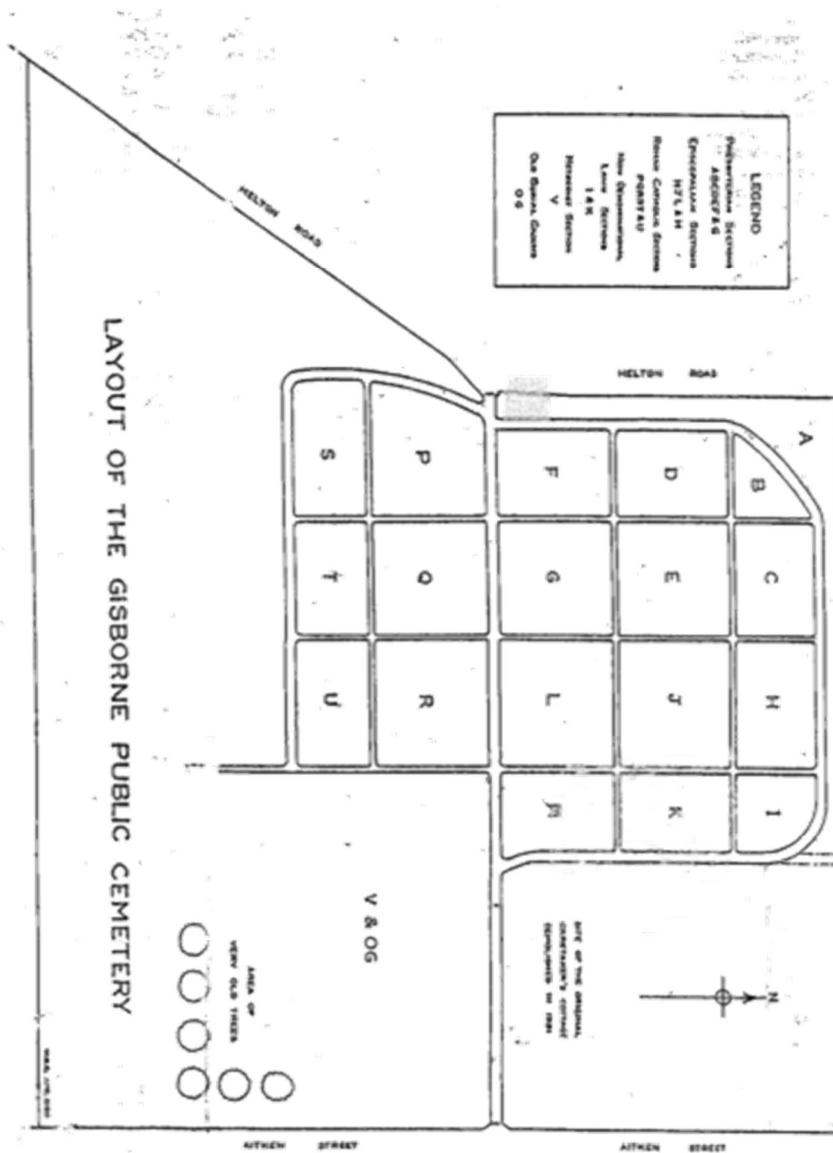
Parish map



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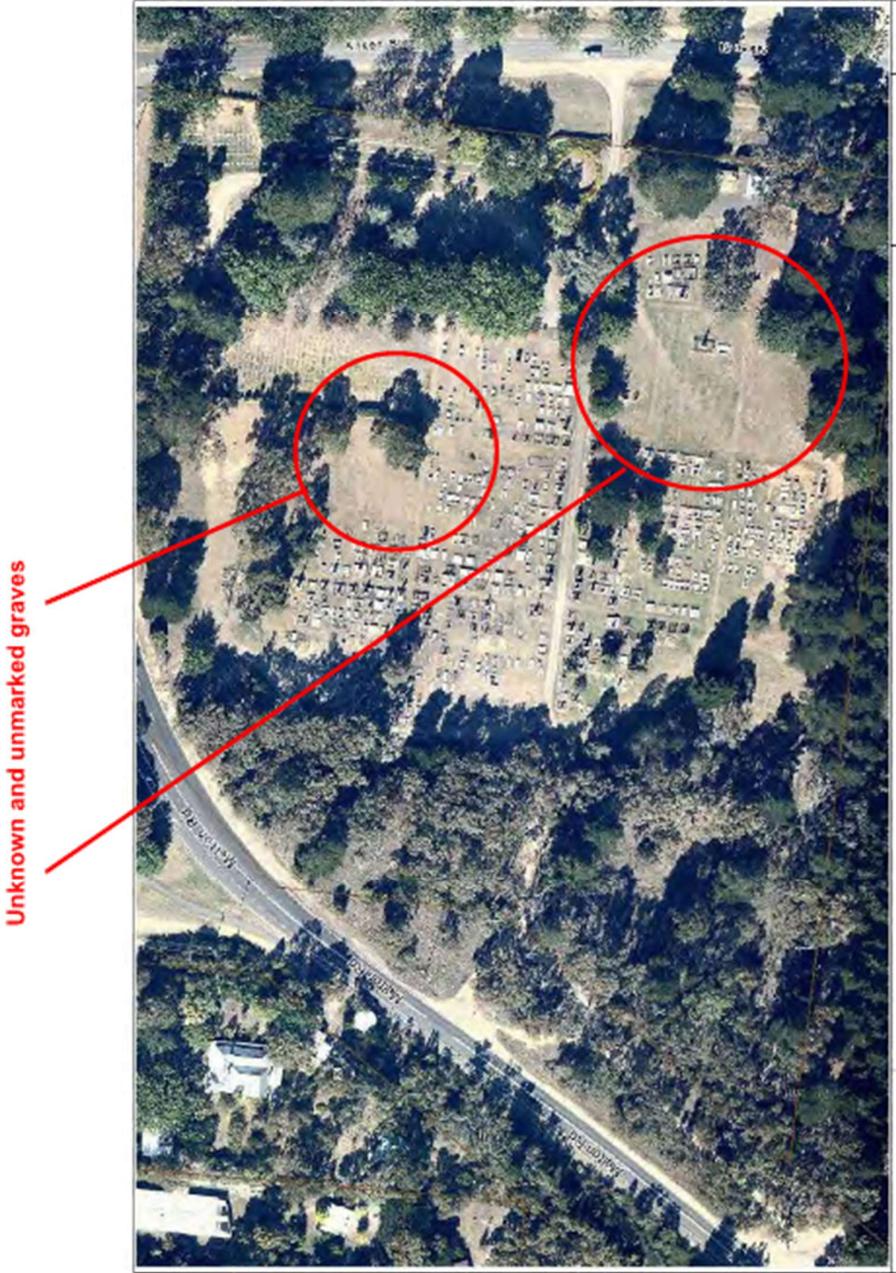
**Appendix 6**

Layout of the Gisborne Public Cemetery area



**Appendix 7**

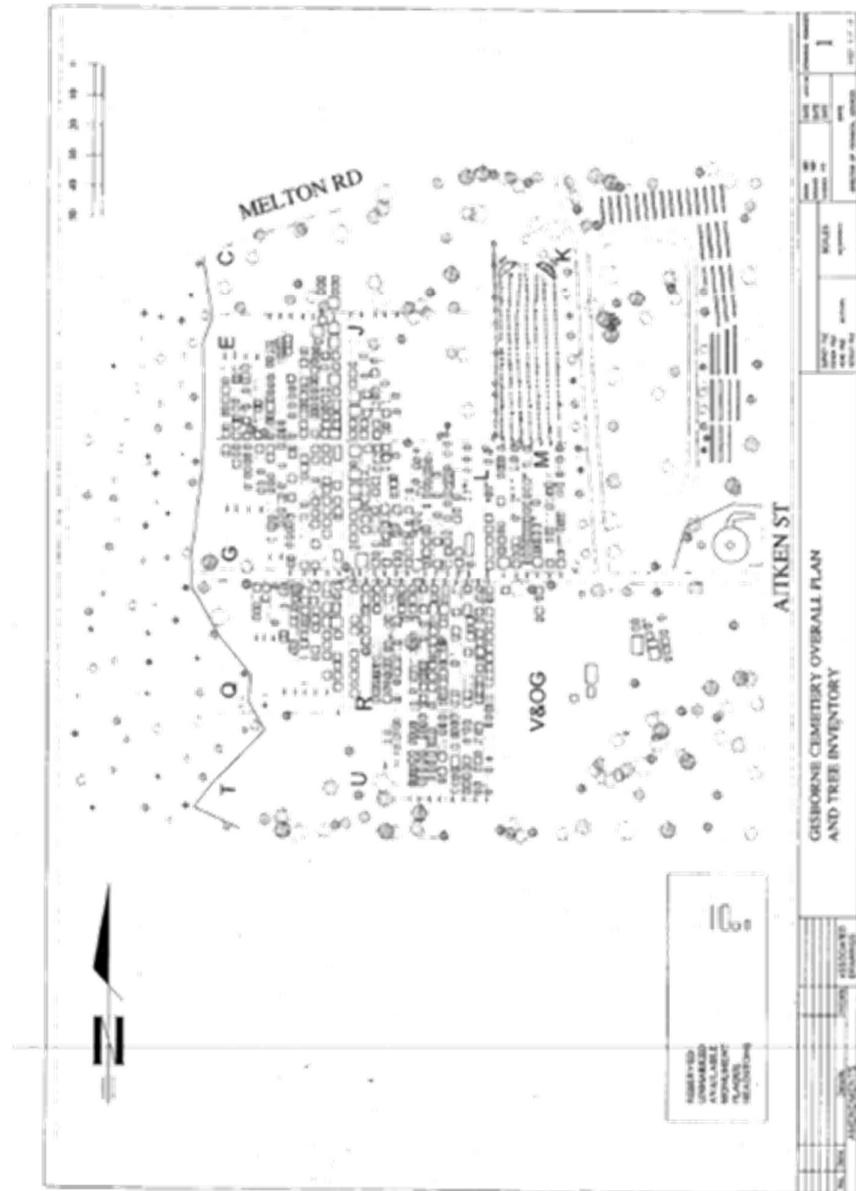
Aerial photo of Gisborne Cemetery taken during the drought



Unknown and unmarked graves

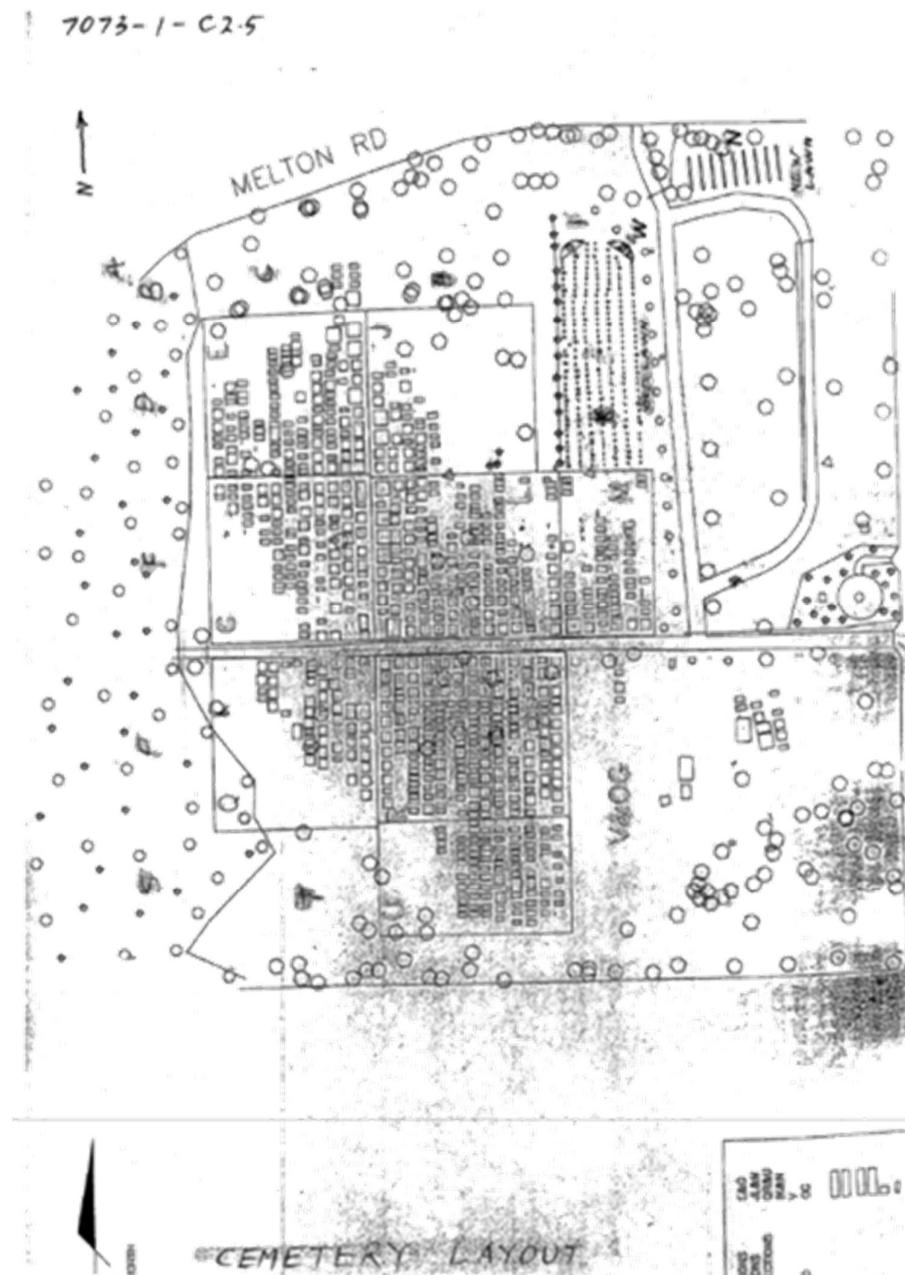
**Appendix 8**

Gisborne Cemetery Overall Plan and tree inventory



Appendix 9

Historical Society map of Gisborne Cemetery layout



Appendix 10

Land Vic Property Report, April 2013

Property Report

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**Property Report** from [www.land.vic.gov.au](http://www.land.vic.gov.au) on 04 April 2013 03:07 PM

**Address:** 110 AITKEN STREET GISBORNE 3437  
**Crown Description:** Allot. X2 PARISH OF GISBORNE  
**SPI (Standard Parcel Identifier):** X2PP2662  
**Local Government (Council):** MACEDON RANGES **Council Property Number:** 1181240  
**Directory Reference:** Melway 678 C5

This property is in a designated bushfire prone area.  
**Special bushfire construction requirements apply. Planning provisions may apply.**  
 Further information about the building control system and building in bushfire prone areas can be found on the Building Commission website [www.buildingcommission.com.au](http://www.buildingcommission.com.au)

**Site Dimensions**

All dimensions and areas are approximate. They may not agree with those shown on a title or plan.



**Area:** 54147 sq. m (5.4 ha)

**Perimeter:** 969 m

For this property:  
 — Site boundaries  
 — Road frontages

Dimensions for individual parcels require a separate search, but dimensions for individual units are generally not available.

For more accurate dimensions get copy of plan at [Title and Property Certificates](#)

**Parcel Details**

Lot/Plan or Crown Description	SPI
PARISH OF GISBORNE Allot. X2	X2PP2662

**State Electorates**

**Legislative Council:** NORTHERN VICTORIA (2005)  
**Legislative Assembly:** MACEDON (2001)

**Utilities**

**Regional Urban Water Business:** Western Water

Appendix 11

Example of records of burials and grave numbers

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GISBORNE PUBLIC CEMETERY 1857 - 31 JULY 2008

NAME	DATE OF BURIAL	AGE	ABODE	STATUS	RELIG	CELEBRANT/MINISTER	COMMENTS	REGISTER NO.	GRAVE NO.
BELL James	1859 - - -		Gisborne		CE	Celebrant Rev R T Cummins		2699	262K
BELL Joy Beils	1904 10 20	72 yrs	Gisborne	Honora Dukes Farmer	Chrst	Rev R Smith		1432	
BENNETT Richard	1804 10 05	83 yrs	Cadernaine	Farmer	Pres				
BENNETT Alison	1921 02 15	66 yrs	Kyneton	Married	Pres	Celebrant Rev Volckman	d 28/10/1911 "by air" w/o Stanley Bennett	1191	52E
BENNETT Ethel M	1895 07 09	75 yrs	Gisborne	Widow	Pres	Celebrant Rev G Hall		2242	279D
BENNETT Stanley	1868 01 16	52 yrs	Gisborne	Retired	Pres	Celebrant Rev Kippax		1957	279G
BENSON Agnes	1879 11 12	48 yrs	Suburparook		Pres	Celebrant Rev J K Hall		481	46L
BENSON Agnes Helena	1871 08 26	2 mths	Suburparook		Pres	Celebrant Rev J Glover		290	
BENSON Ann	1909 08 01	73 yrs	Gisborne	Widow	CE	Celebrant Rev G N MacConnell	d 20/7/1909 w/o John	1006	44AL
BENSON Annie	1830 07 31	79 yrs	Kaw	Spinster	CE	Celebrant Rev CGB Pyler	d 20/7/1930	1345	BL
BENSON Daisy	1879 01 05	87 yrs	Cabbage Tree		Pres	Celebrant Rev J K Hall	d 31/10/79 87 yrs	447	BL
BENSON Dorothy	1903 04 02	75 yrs	Counga	Married	CE	Celebrant Rev J N Norwood	d 1/4/1903	862	BL
BENSON Elizabeth A	1849 10 12	82 yrs	Esmond	Widow	CE	d 10/10/1949 Celebrant Rev J H Allen		1091	BL
BENSON Emily	1900 08 04	80 yrs	Oxford	Widow	Pres	Celebrant Rev Ware		1981	570M
BENSON Fanny Jane	1855 04 29	80 yrs	Gisborne	Widow	Pres	Celebrant Rev F Souler	d 25/4/1932 w/o William John Benson	1742	239G
BENSON Green	1844 02 19	84 yrs	Gisborne	Widow	Pres	Celebrant Rev Rowd		1909	55J
BENSON Jean Catherine	2000 03 31	91 yrs	Gisborne	Widow	Pres	Pastor G Smith	d 22/3/2000 w/o William and Fanny	2650	0279
BENSON John	1901 04 05	67 yrs	Gisborne	Widow	CE	Celebrant Rev A P Chase	d 3/4/1901 No Ann	851	44L
BENSON John Kelly	1903 07 03	6 mths	Counga		Pres	Celebrant Rev J H Norwood		864	BL
BENSON Joseph	1911 05 21	82 yrs	Cheltenham	Labourer	CE	Celebrant Rev G N MacConnell		1005	46L
BENSON Joseph	1854 03 30	53 yrs	Islands	Farmer	CE	Celebrant Rev Martin	d 28/02/1854 54 yrs 30 A Benson	1248	BL
BENSON Kitty Able	1899 09 24	86 yrs	Gisborne	Spinster	Pres	Celebrant Rev G. Smith	w/o Jean Catherine d/o William and Fanny	2643	279G

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GISBORNE PUBLIC CEMETERY 1857 - 31 JULY 2008

NAME	DATE OF BURIAL	AGE	ABODE	STATUS	RELIG	CELEBRANT/MINISTER	COMMENTS	REGISTER NO.	GRAVE NO.
BENSON MarFa	1941 12 05	73 yrs	Mebourne	Spouse	C/E	Celebrant Rev C P Young	d 4/12/1941 69 yrs of Courngall	1571	8L
BENSON Richard	1966 03 06	66 yrs	Gasborne	Retired	C/E	Celebrants Revs L E Friman & J Allen	d 8/3/1956 110 Emby	1505	670M
BENSON Thomas Blackburn	1896 09 22	4 days	Courngall		C/E	Celebrant Rev G Penntcoff		779	
BENSON William	1910 04 29	92 yrs	Courngall	Farmer	C/E	Celebrant Rev G N MacDonnell	d 27/4/1910	1015	8L
BENSON William	1940 07 27	95 yrs	Gasborne	Retired	C/E	Celebrant Rev Doone		1663	8L
BENSON William John	1940 08 20	70 yrs	Gasborne	Farmer	Pres	Celebrant Rev Souler	d 18/8/1940 110 Fanny Jane	1549	230G
BENSON William John	2007 02 16	70 yrs	Kellar	Labourer	RC	John Scott	110 Elaine	2840	1272
BERKERY James F	1961 03 31	27 yrs	Lah	Labourer	RC	Celebrant Rev E Nowlan	Born 15.08.1928 Limerick, Ireland	1716	194U
BERRY Ann	1935 09 16	3.5 mths	Gasborne		C/E		Borned "Free"	1453	
BETHELL Mark Jefferson	2008 04 02	30	North Melbourne		Anglican	Rev David Billinge	aster of Natasha	2884	148Z
BILL Christopher	1879 03 26	55 yrs	Bulwerston		Pres		d 24/3/1879 54 yrs	453	
BINFIELD Alan Francis	1987 10 03	60 yrs	Fempstone	Retired Policeman		J. Calsons		2593	16Z
BINGE Joseph Miner	1904 03 12	74 yrs	New Gasborne		C/E	d 9 Mar 1904 Pauper Cole	Borned "Free"	896	
BIRCO Anna Teresa	1924 08 15	71 yrs	Gasborne	Married	RC	Celebrant Rev Norwood	d 13/1/1924 110 John Blid	1248	262R
BIRCO John	1927 10 19	68 yrs	Gasborne	Gentleman	RC	Celebrant Rev Gibbons	d 18/10/1927 110 Annie Teresa	5259	262R
BISHOP Thomas	1955 01 29	90 yrs	Gasborne	Pensioner	C/E	d 28/11/85 Celebrant Rev J H Allen		1783	338L
BISSELL Olive Cecilia	1981 05 15	96 yrs	Bramton St Gasborne	ex Teacher	Angl	Celebrant Rev W Doering		2396	265K
BLACK Albert R	1933 03 28	55 yrs	Gasborne	French Pol	Pres	Celebrant Rev Barber	d 26/3/1933	1403	242G
BLACK Allan Edwin	1921 11 29	1 mth	Gasborne	Child	Pres	Celebrant Rev Bennett		1204	VOG
BLACK Annie Letitia	1976 09 30	99 yrs	Gasborne	Widow	Pres	Celebrant Rev Thompson	21/2/1878-20/9/1976 110 David Black	2098	242G
BLACK David Ronald Heibert	2001 03 19	80 yrs	Gasborne	Retired Motor Mechanic	Unit	Alan Nightingale		2693	188K
BLACK David W	1944 12 22	81 yrs	Gasborne	Retired	Pres	Celebrant Rev F Souler	1883 - 1944 110 Annie Letitia	1625	242G
BLACK Helen	1923 01 15	46 yrs	Gasborne	Spouse	Pres	borned OG next Ft Black - See WICANIS John	d 14/1/1923	1226	Trees VOG

**Appendix 12**

Extract of newspaper, March 1867

THE BACCHUS MARSH EXPRESS, SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1867.

## GISBORNE

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Some curiosity has been excited at the finding by the sexton, at the Gisborne Cemetery, of a lot of bones, apparently human ones, about three feet from the surface; there was also found with them, seven tobacco pipes, remains of an opossum rug, a file, a cog peck, chisel, and a veil. The "oldest inhabitant" professes to recollect that a blackfellow was buried in the spot where these remains were found, in the "good old times." The police have taken possession of the lot pending an investigation.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 December 2024 6:51 PM  
**To:** Macedon Ranges Shire Council  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Budget submission for 2025 budet

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To Macedon Ranges Shire Council,

[REDACTED] would like to submit the following to the current budget submission process.

RE: Higher Elementary School No 262. / Gisborne Primary School

[REDACTED] wishes to offer support to Council in the return of the community asset 120 Aitken St Gisborne, Gisborne Pine Plantation, now redundant. Purchased by community groups and residents in the 1920's as an endowment planting bird sanctuary, the community allowed usage to the Higher Elementary School No 262. / Gisborne Primary School, in which they planted pine trees for Christmas tree harvesting. In recent times, it is evident within the community this site has not been used for the agreed purpose for a considerable time, evident by size of the trees. Community awareness is raised that this occupation is denying the community a) the sites original outcome it was purchased for. b) the community revegetation time to see fulfilment of the intended usage of purchase. c) the enjoyment and education intended by the site purpose. d) Stated use of habitat is denied (bird sanctuary) e) resulting elevating cost restoring the site, as a neglect towards the agreement, to enable revegetation for the bird sanctuary. It would be considerate that the successive planning include percentage removal of the trees, per annum be reimbursed by the planter, in gratuitous of the site.

Moreover concerns are raised, the state government may appear to have "acquired" this community purchased land, when the education system passed on to the state and for some time, is no longer being used for the agreed purpose. The State Gov declare this community asset, as being surplus to requirement raising alarm of sale without purchase or consent. Further, current problems for the community in its current condition with the planting representing declared weeds, costly to remove and problematic in this location. The intention was to assist Government not cause problem or debt for the community.

In the event of concluding its former agreed use, it is fair and right to restore the original community intention for endowment and bird sanctuary. We ask Council to advocate and assist for transfer of usage as the land was not agreed to be financially transacted, therefore no basis occurs for the community to have buy back their own asset. We support the community to restore this site and be able to fulfil the intended use as conservation bird sanctuary for education purpose, as the original purchaser groups intended at this location.

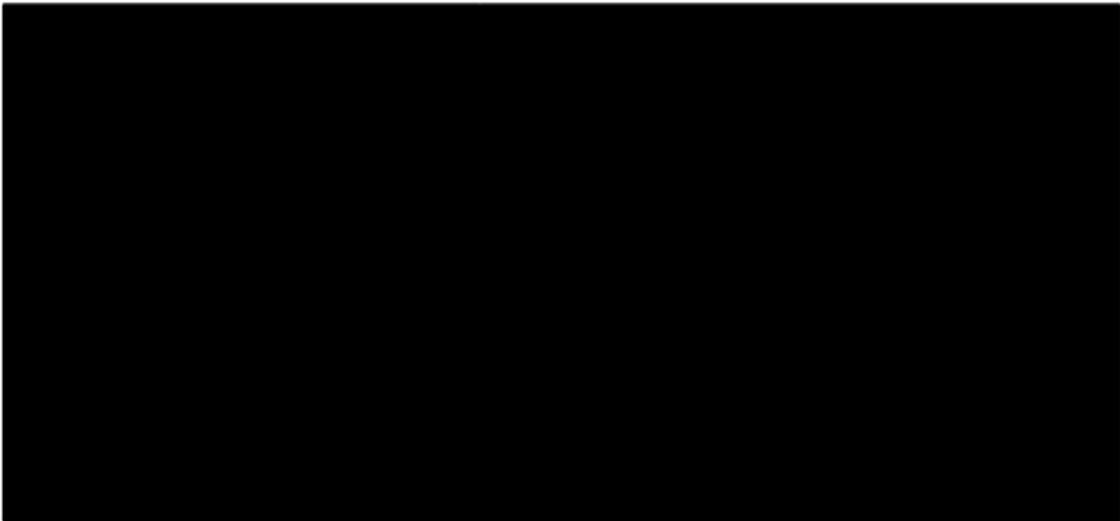
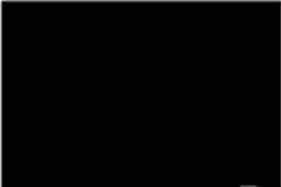
More recently the acknowledgement of the site as an important Aboriginal cultural heritage asset, as well as the ecological link significance in Gisborne and ecological education potential of the site given its proximity to the education facilities has further added to the urgent community requirement to ensure this land is preserved and revert to intended use by community as an endowment planting bird sanctuary a most relevant return of community asset.

Restoration and revegetation can be a joint project with many local environmental groups, schools, MRSC. [REDACTED] has begun the search to support external funding for the ecological restoration assistance.

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Many council documents and policies support this advocacy and action in the return of community property. Given the alignment to this action and the community values we understand there is considerable support within the community to support this outcome. We look forward to your reply and thank you.

Many thanks,



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[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 December 2024 8:12 PM  
**To:** Macedon Ranges Shire Council  
**Subject:** Enquiry - Budget 2025-26 consultation

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[REDACTED] re. the Rangeview Estate in Riddells Creek, ( Swampy Business to regenerate the drainage basins) I had difficulty sending through plans from the Landscape designer as they were too large.  
I have now received them in an appropriate size. I plan to drop in my suggestions and plans to the offices at Gisborne in the morning and hope that they can be accepted.  
Please advise,  
Thank you,  
[REDACTED]



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**SUBMISSION FOR MRSC BUDGET CONSIDERATION – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT 2025-2026**



I initially spoke with Travis on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> to gain advice about my project submission. I completed the submission but had difficulty sending through the diagrams and plans involved. The landscape designer, [REDACTED], then sent me the size applicable but I still had difficulty sending these.

I have been liaising with Justin Walsh, MRSC Sustainability Officer, initially via the Cool Changes program in Riddells Creek then specifically about this project called 'Swampy Business.' This project goal is : **To have an attractive and regenerated environment where all community members can connect with nature and each other.**

MRSC have provided two grants of \$5000 to further this project. [REDACTED] has been working on this project with me. The next stage we are currently working on is Community Engagement – survey, pamphlet drop, info./ feedback in Riddell Roundup culminating in a community event.



These drainage basins and the nearby park are perfect places to be enhanced with nature and safe recreation spaces. Residents who bought properties in the Rangeview Estate were promised a much more attractive and useful space on these sites but this never eventuated.

There are three drainage basins in the estate. Our plan would be to have them improved one at a time.

A 'Friends of Swampy Business' is to be established with the ongoing maintenance (not mowing) carried out by locals in this group on a regular basis. I have already had a no. of residents who want to be involved with this group.

Currently the children's playground and nearby picnic tables have no shade covering. This is a safety issue for all ages. I am guessing that there would not be a new playground built without necessary shade.

I believe that this project encompasses the Council's Community Vision, The Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, The Community Engagement Policy and the Disability Action Plan. It would also benefit anyone in the LGTQIA+ community to interact with others.

I have completed the survey re. The Council's Community Vision.

I have included the plans for your consideration and look forward to ongoing liaison with appropriate MRSC staff.



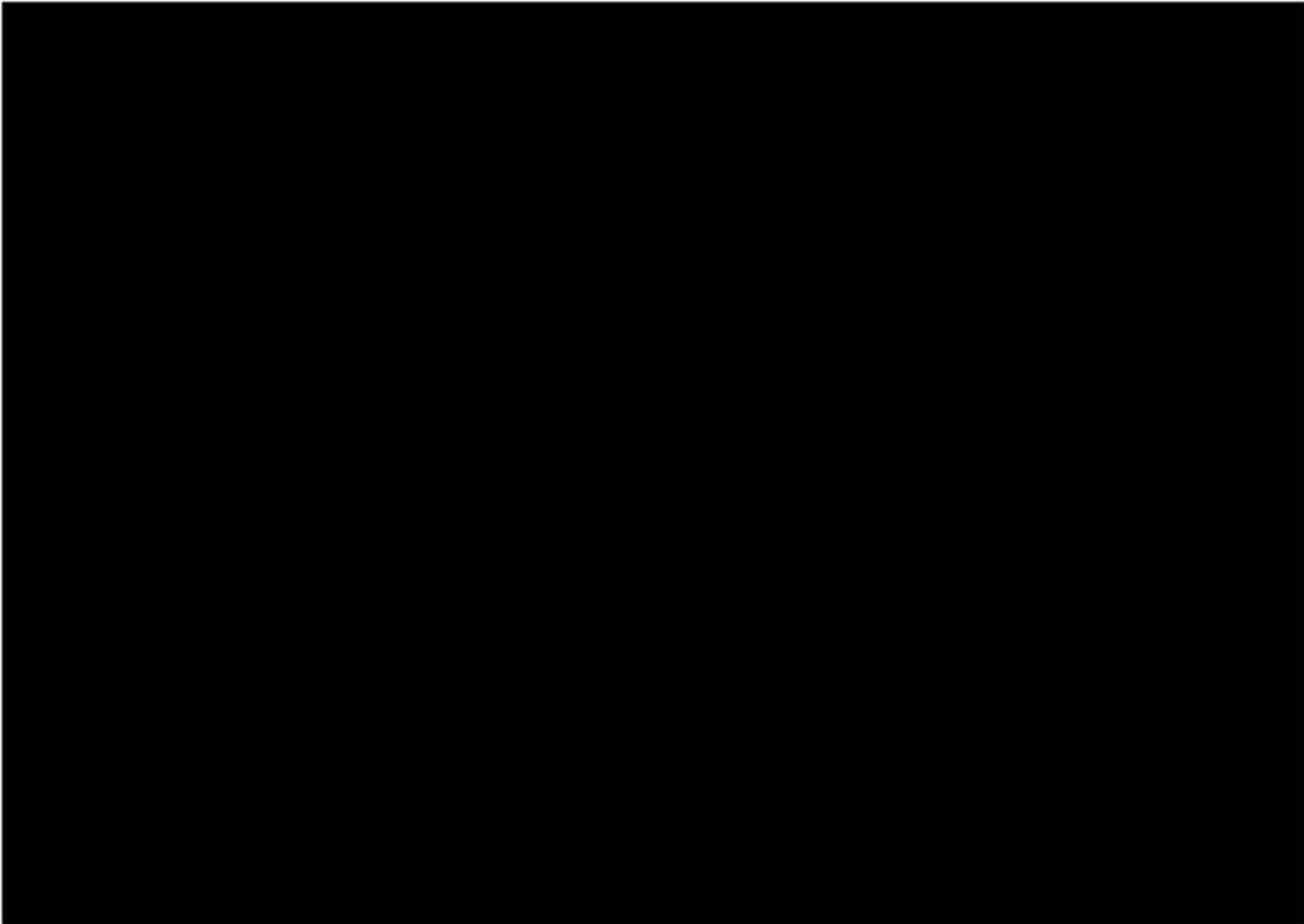
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# Costings for these parts of the 'Swampy Business' project would need to be undertaken by the appropriate MRSC staff.

***Swampy Business:****Extra info:*

- The aim is for this open space to be accessible for all therefore walking/running track would be wide enough for someone in a wheelchair or a mother with a pram/walking a dog, with a toddler etc. The material for the path would be easy for a person in a wheelchair to be pushed. (recycled materials?)
- To ensure safety, all plantings would be low for clear visibility.
- **The playground is currently unsafe with it's position right next to a road with no bollard barriers to traffic.**
- Seating throughout this area would encourage people of all ages to meet and converse or sit in silence and enjoy nature. This includes elderly residents who may be lonely and benefit from the interactions with others in the community.
- Bollards around the perimeter of this space would ensure the safety of visitors.
- This space could be visited by anyone, including the new residents of the Amess Rd. development.
- An area of nature-based play would provide an opportunity for creativity.
- Plantings would attract pollinators and other creatures as a corridor
- The engineering function of the basin/s would not be interfered with. All plantings would be on the upper banks and other open park areas.
- The learn to ride track for younger children would ensure safety as there is currently no footpath along Southborne Rd. linking footpaths.
- A drinking fountain near the playground would be beneficial to visitors
- the ampitheatre would be a great space for community gatherings
- the water quality discharged would be a better quality with the proposed plantings.

**# Please see the design plans included which outline a vision for the first basin and open space to be developed and enhanced.**



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 December 2024 11:12 AM  
**To:** Macedon Ranges Shire Council  
**Subject:** Budget,

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I would like to request that some consideration is made for either hard rubbish collection perhaps twice a year, or a decently subsidized skip hire program perhaps allowed once a year per applicant , Thank you

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 December 2024 2:12 PM  
**To:** Macedon Ranges Shire Council; Bernie O'Sullivan  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] Budget submission key project economic development

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Dear Bernie,

This email is late due to some of our Exec committee travelling overseas and have just replied with their approval to send. I understand it is 4 days out of the Council 's timeline but I do hope you include it in the budget consideration process as it is a very large project that would responds to well to the Strategic Plan 2021-2031. The Friends are keen to work with Council and this premier project has been on our drawing board since adoption of the current Masterplan. Please note also the MOU is signed so we hope we are making progress.

We also wish to thank the Council and staff, wishing a safe and Merry Christmas end of year.

Dear Councillors and CEO and staff,

Please find the [REDACTED] submission to support the current Gisborne Botanic Gardens Masterplan, but also meets Councils Strategic objectives from 2021 - 2031 Council Plan. The project does and once built will continue to connect communities in an informative and educative and enjoyable way across all abilities and ages by engaging with our local botany. Our submission is asking for Council's budget support on the scoping of works for the Meeting Place. This project aligns well with all Council's Strategic objectives in the 2021 - 2031 Council Plan - strategic directives. This building will be culturally enriching, educational and provide on going inspirational.

#### 1. Executive Summary

This proposal seeks approval for a budget of \$20,000.00 to commence the process of getting the 'Meeting place' in the Gisborne Botanic Gardens.

The Meeting Place will provide an all weather venue for local and global community to share and enjoy the virtues of the Macedon Ranges Botany, contributing to its conservation.

A key project for the [REDACTED] for meeting, conservation and educational, facility to enable rich cultural exchange. The building is to respond to Wurundjeri Woi Wurung indigenous cultural influences and provide a centre for Global Conservation, being unique and locally significant.

a) Conservation - Macedon Ranges Botany educational facility and study

- b) Culturally relevant - Provision for exchange with Wurundjeri Woi Wurung on Country and New Zealand Māori, completing the cultural context, permission and engagement of this site. Updating the information of the Gondwana Botanical linkage of Aus. and NZ.
- c) Connection - a place of community connects to celebrate our Macedon Ranges indigenous botany, its process, contribution to global climate over its ancient past and current representatives. - across communities, interest groups, community support groups and local schools in a safe environment supported environment.
- d) Observation - the Building will allow viewing focal points of the living allied plant communities, enabling continued connection to with their process.
- e) Assist revenue creation - [REDACTED], opportunity to support funds and conservation role of the Gisborne Botanic Gardens. Small cafe, gift shop and nursery.

## 2. Background

The Conservatory has remained an idea that is included in the current Master Plan, however the allocated area having now been planted out by Council will need to be aligned to the Master Plan. Since representing Council and the [REDACTED] at the Botanical Gardens Conservation International Global Congress in Melbourne, \_\_\_\_\_, the Friends have improved and evolved the submission of the Conservatory to become the Meeting Place, a more encompassing facility. Having been inspired by the works of [REDACTED] felt a very strong alliance to there vision and this teams ability to interpret and apply their vision.

The [REDACTED] in \_\_\_\_ 2018? Applied for State Government funding for the Building Regional Botanic Gardens. Interest was received back from Economic Develop and Planning however was not received from Operations, blocking the passage of the submission. The funding was significant at \$250,000.00 it was disappointing to not gain Council approval. We wish to work with an appropriate allocation of Council to help the Friends achieve there goal of supporting a Botanical Garden showcasing, and celebrating the Botany of the Macedon Ranges and assist this Botanical class in global conservation including a cultural lense.

## 3. Objectives

Uniquely Australian Botanical modest visitor centre inspiring indigenous cultural connection. The building to have inside and outside meeting space that allows key relevant specimens to be biologically soundly displayed to enable positive interaction. It will have space for the Friends to have potting space and nursery, as well as modest Tea and Coffee facility as is customary in a Botanic Garden, that will enable interest groups to take up the FGBG programs and enrolment. This plan responds to all Councils Strategic objective in the Council Plan 2021 - 2031. This would also be able to encompass a tourist centre reinstating Gisborne as the gateway to the Macedon Ranges. The Meeting Place is Ideally located within close proximity to Council's office incorporating as a tourism venue is most appropriate.

Connecting communities - Healthy environment, Healthy people - Business & tourism - Delivering strong and reliable government.

## 4. Proposal details

2025 - Professional scoping of works - defining the project, laying out of costings, timeline and funding stream. Roles defined, agreed and approvals from Council and consultation with Wurundjeri Woi Wurung and Melbourne Water. We wish to fill out the remaining proposal stage in concert with the appropriate CEO appointed staff.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to discussing further in 2025.



[Redacted]

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 January 2025 4:30 PM  
**To:** Macedon Ranges Shire Council  
**Subject:** Attention: Budget submission

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[Redacted] Woodend [Redacted]

I am shocked and disappointed to see that the safety issues at the High Street and Urquhart Street intersection have not been addressed in the past six years, despite the growing risks to both residents and visitors.

The congestion, confusion, and lack of safe pedestrian crossings, particularly with 60 km/h traffic passing through the heart of town, is appalling. It reflects a complete lack of care for the community. As someone who has returned to enjoy the charm of Woodend, I find this situation unacceptable.

I strongly urge the Council to take immediate action and include the following measures in the upcoming budget:

- Installing a Variable Speed Limit Sign at the town's edge (eg, Quarry Road bridge and 5 Mile Creek bridge), reducing speeds to 40 km/h from 7 am to 7 pm daily.
- Providing proper pedestrian crossings with enhanced visibility and safety features.
- Implementing temporary traffic signals during peak times to alleviate congestion and improve safety.

The long-term upgrades remain in planning, but the lack of interim measures is putting lives at risk. Allocating resources to these immediate actions will demonstrate the Council's commitment to community safety. I request an update on the project's status and ask that these solutions be prioritised in the budget.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical issue. I look forward to seeing meaningful action soon.

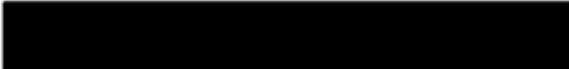
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Budget submission 2025-2026

For many years now  have expressed concern about a number of areas which pose an existential threat to the flora and fauna in the Gardens. Failure to address these problems would not only question Council's commitment to environmental stewardship but could be regarded by the Malmsbury community, and the wider Victorian community, as a failure to maintain a heritage listed asset which is loved, and enjoyed, by locals and visitors alike.

Consequently, Friends have developed a triage system, to assess and select, what we see as the least that is required to maintain the Gardens. The priority list is as follows:

- **Irrigation.** Just under a quarter of the Malmsbury Gardens are irrigated using an automated sprinkler system. We regard completion of the irrigation works as essential if we are to avoid losing many of our trees, a large number of which could not withstand a drought of any magnitude. While irrigation would not address the problem of water supply it would be the first stage in avoiding leaving the Gardens to 'fend' for themselves in the heat of summer. Estimated cost \$200,000
- **Water sensitive urban design plan.** Mid way through this year,  requested that Council arrange for testing of the water and sludge in the Lake. The report confirmed what had become evident, and that is, that the water quality in the Lake is very poor and will, no doubt, continue to deteriorate as temperatures increase. A large amount of organic material in the Lake is contributing to the poor water quality but the underlying cause is the shallowness of the Lake, the result of a build up of sediment over the years. Moreover, this shallowness is contributing to flooding down from the Lake which is now unable to accommodate any large rain events. There is a recorded history of the Lake being dredged at various times but this has not been done for at least forty years. Dredging is canvassed in the Master Plan for the Gardens but the authors' recommendation was that it be considered as part of a water sensitive urban design plan. Estimated cost \$40,000-\$50,000
- **Fountain.** This heritage listed feature, which was erected in the late 1930s was, in part, designed to aerate the water in the Lake. Restoration of the fountain would not only be part of the plan to remediate the Lake but would also form part of Council's focus on maintaining and enhancing community assets.  believes Council has a duty to maintain these historically significant features and  has received many requests that we ask Council restore the fountain to working order. The Acting Senior Team Leader Horticulture has submitted a request to Heritage Victoria for a permit to clear around the fountain and intends engaging a local stonemason to make an assessment of the condition of the foundation of the fountain. That assessment will determine the overall cost of restoration which could range from \$15,000 to \$50,000.

Should Council require further information regarding the above listed priorities FOMGE will be happy to assist,

