

Written statements submitted via Have Your Say

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1. Old Brighton Grammarian Football Club (Brighton Beach Oval pavilion)



BAYSIDE CITY COUNCIL

19 MAY 2021

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I write on behalf of the Old Brighton Grammarian Football Club (OBGFC), its committee, supporters and the wider Bayside Community.

Our club is made up of 200 active players and 1200 supporters and was founded in 1957. We take pride in the role and the difference we make in our community. We recognise that grassroots sport is the social glue, providing both our players and supporter base the opportunity to connect and strengthen community well-being. We are more than a football club, as demonstrated through the number of charities and community initiatives we support, and mentoring roles/peer group support amongst both players and supporters. Our drug and alcohol awareness programs, respect and responsibility programs and our Are You Ok initiatives are just an example of the way in which we add value to our community.

Over the past 6 years club representatives have been engaged in negotiations with Bayside City Council Officers on the design and construction of a new pavilion to service our members, the charities we support and the wider Bayside community.

Council has previously identified that the redevelopment of the Brighton Beach Oval pavilion was a priority and listed it as one of the councils top two projects in previous budgets, with appropriate funding allocated for the redevelopment.

It is acknowledged that Council's standard pavilion design format does not directly address our needs or the needs of the community we support, however there has been recognition that the final design should be fit for its intended purpose. Our aim has been to work with Council Officers to achieve a suitable outcome for all parties. Council has provided a costing assessment to our representatives based on concept drawing only, the parties have agreed that a more precise figure will be determined once more detailed construction drawings have been finalised.

We believe we are close to agreeing on a final design which incorporates a slightly larger home change room that can accommodate our 1.5 female teams as well as our 4 male teams and a slightly larger social room that can accommodate up to 120 people seated, this will allow us to continue the support we provide to our charities, and to expand the offering of the much needed mentoring ? programs to both our players and supporters

These charities include:

1. **Robert Connor Dawes Foundation**– A local charity that supports research into paediatric brain cancer
2. **Breast Cancer Australia** – The recent Breast Cancer Awareness Round raised almost \$2000 for this worthy cause.
3. **The Dylan Alcott Foundation** is another local charitable organisation with the core purpose of helping young Australians with disabilities gain self-esteem and respect.
4. **Thread Together** is driving social and environmental change, helping those in need through new clothes by managing fashion excess. The Victorian Hub is represented by members of the Old Brighton Grammarian Football Club.
5. **Integrated Practical Placement Program** – Run by one of our committee members Jan Davis, it aims to place young people with learning needs or disabilities in workplaces.
6. **Reboot Initiative** - at the end of each year players donate their football boots, which are then distributed to indigenous communities throughout Australia.

Many of the charity events held by the club attract significant club member and community support, seating for 120 people will allow the club to maximise our financial contribution to these charities from our fundraising events.

Councillors, Council Officers, our supporters and the wider Bayside Community acknowledge that the pavilion is in a grave state of disrepair and requires urgent attention – potentially putting both our players and supporters at harm if no action is taken. The Council decision to delay redevelopment of the pavilion until 2026 will also have a serious impact on our ability to continue supporting our charities, significantly disadvantage women in our community who elect to play Australian rules football and pose a significant challenge for our club to make a financial contribution for any additional space above and beyond council pavilion design format. In 2015 council allowed \$2.7M for this project, around 2019 that amount increased to \$5.3 M, by 2026, on current escalation costs that amount of \$5.3 M could reasonably be viewed as being inadequate. This issue alone should justify bringing the project forward.

As a community organization every dollar we raised is raised with the sweat and commitment of our volunteers, we are prepared to make a financial contribution to the project, the amount and timing of this contribution can be an item for continued discussion, but contingent upon final construction drawings and OBGFC being granted a licence as head tenant. Our current pavilion has served us well for 64 years. We need to ensure that the new pavilion serves us equally well for the next 64 years. In doing so, it needs to reflect the role we play in the community, which is more than just football, and doing nothing for another 5 years exposes our players and supporters to unnecessary risk.

We respectfully request that council review its decision to delay this project and maintain its previous schedule of pavilion completion by 2023.

Yours truly,

Shane Young

Shane Young
President
Old Brighton Grammarian Football Club

2. Brighton Little Athletics Club (Dendy Athletics)



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2 June 2021

Bayside Council
Have Your Say
Budget 2021 – 22
Specific reference to the Sportsground Pavilion Improvement Plan

To whom it may concern,

I write on behalf of Brighton Little Athletics in response to Council's annual budget for 21-22. On 2nd June, we were provided with the revised, proposed timeline and scope of pavilions included in the Bayside Council's Sportsground Pavilion Improvement Plan – see below:

Boss James Reserve	Design 21/22	Construct 22/23
Sillitoe Reserve	Design 21/22	Construct 22/23
Dendy Park Athletics	Design 23/24	Construct 24/25
Brighton Beach Oval	Design 24/25	Construct 24/26
Moorabbin West	Design 24/25	Construct 25/26
Sandringham Athletics	Design 24/25	Construct 26/27
Peterson Reserve	Design 25/26	Construct 26/27
Tulip Street	Design 25/26	Construct 25/26

On behalf of the Executive Committee, our consolidated feedback is included below.

- As a club, we find the timeline changes impenetrable and against what we had had committed to us during 2020 by Council (representative Sara Townsend). In fact, the project had kicked off with requirements gathering sessions between Council, Brighton Little Athletics and the Hampton East Brighton Soccer Club. What is the reason for the shifting of dates, the change from Council's commitment to fund the replacement pavilion from 2021 onwards?
- With almost 50% growth in member numbers (330 members prior to COVID), our club is stressing the ability of the pavilion to be fit for purpose. Our major concern is that the facilities lack appropriate change/toilet facilities for our 50%+ female members. Our club has been a fantastic ambassador for female participation for 52 years and our inability to utilise a safe, secure, and fit for purpose pavilion remains a problem, particularly for younger girls and acts as a deterrent for older ones. How can we, in good faith, continue to operate within a facility that is not fit for purpose for female athletes?
- Continuing our priority requirement, we remain active in our community, supporting many schools and external parties with athletic events. The most recent being St Leonards with over 500 athletes competing in recent times and would expect that to continue. Our ability

to support Bayside groups to take further advantage of the Dendy Park facility is limited by the facilities we have access to.

- Finally, why is there no Construction Project on the timeline for 23/24? Can planning for the replacement of the athletics/soccer pavilion at Dendy be completed in 21/22 and construction be ready for commencement in 23/24? Your plan implies no construction for pavilion replacement capital expenditure at all during the 23/24 budget year – surely a missed opportunity to advance a modern, green, inviting pavilion for the residents of Bayside?

Feedback specific to those facilities that have been promoted in priority:

- Boss James Reserve
 - (From web) The Wright-Scarlett Pavilion was last extended in 2002 including an extended social room, players gym, toilets and visitors' rooms. Various upgrades have taken place since then including the bar and upgrade of various older facilities. There are plans for a major renovation of the pavilion soon, with the club in ongoing discussions with the Bayside City Council.
 - Why is council happy to conduct another extension / redevelopment to a pavilion which had one 20 years ago; yet delay it for another 3 to 4 years on a pavilion which has not had one since first being built as far as I understand.
- Sillitoe Reserve
 - It is my understanding that the only club that plays there is Hampton United Cricket Club.
 - If this is the case, why would a pavilion that is being used for only 6 months (summer season) be of a higher priority to a pavilion which has 12 months of the year use – both winter and summer sport?

Sincerely,



Mark Barling
Executive Committee
Brighton Little Athletics Club

Cc: Brian Ballamy, Alice Bennett, Scott Orchard

3. Moorabbin Football Club (Moorabbin West pavilion)



We the members of Moorabbin Kangaroos Football Club are in shock and incredibly devastated by your proposed budget for 21-22FY and what the impact to not just our club, but all future participants due to the unacceptable proposed delay.

- MKFC have been working closely with Bayside City Council for the redevelopment of Moorabbin West Reserve consistently over the last 4-5 years. This has been in accordance with Bayside's charter for "growing membership bases" of sporting clubs.
- In 2018, Klye Chandler (Sport & Rec Bayside) was committed to assisting MKFC in upgrading the playing surface and the pavilion hand in hand to deal with an overflow of participants even before the proposal to include the Women's games at our ground.
- Our Club has applied for numerous grants in conjunction with Mr. Chandler. All applications have been unsuccessful. It was established that the current playing surface could not sustain the level of traffic being experienced.
- \$400,000 was allocated to the Pavilion Renewal Project for Moorabbin West Reserve as part of the **Pavilion Renewal Plan in 2014**.
- On 30 April 2018, one of many meetings between MKFC, Bayside Council & East Brighton Vampires was convened to discuss the inadequacies of the sanitary levels of suitability and compliance for all participants, mainly women. Council did not offer any suggestions or resolutions.
- In 2019, the Bayside Sports Pavilion Improvement Plan was concluded, and Council endorsed plans and funding for \$1.1 million superseding the original \$400,000.
- On 27 November 2019, MKFC secured a grant from the Federal Government for \$20,000 to be matched with \$20,000 of our own funds, to go towards the redevelopment of the change rooms, to cater for female participation. This presented the opportunity for us to establish our first female team as well as the first female Auskick program in Australia. This was intended as a short term "fix" until the pavilion and its facilities were completely upgraded and completed by '23-'24.

- Please see attached letters of support from the Australian Football League and the Southern Football and Netball League.
- When Covid-19 “hit” in March 2020, the project commencement date was continually postponed by Council and then completely cancelled, despite the construction industry continuing uninterrupted throughout 2020. Stronger Communities Grant totaling \$40k was therefore completely lost when bathrooms could have been developed during Melbourne’s extensive lockdown last year. As there were no games being played, this would have caused no disruption to any playing fixture.
- The Moorabbin West Reserve Pavilion upgrade has now been agreed to by Council for over seven years.
- The playing surface redevelopment has recently been completed with the ground being able to be used since end April 2021. So, whilst we can have more participation on the field, the level of support by way of acceptable facilities off the field has further diminished.

These critical works cannot be delayed any further. The proposed completion by 26-27FY is completely unacceptable. Further delays will have a non-repairable impact on our Club, community sport the mental health of our participants trying to cope with Covid lockdowns and our ability to provide an environment, which embraces diversity and inclusion for our female athletes. This goes against everything Bayside City Council stands for.

We expect Council will reinstate and demonstrate in the 2021-2022 Budget the required funds in the agreed and endorsed timeline for the upgrade as per the agreements over the past seven years

4. Hampton Hammers Football Netball Club (Peterson Street Reserve pavilion)

Hampton Hammers Football Netball Club Inc

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We refer to the Bayside Council 2021-2022 Annual Budget Papers in which the Development of the Peterson Street Reserve has now been postponed from this year to at least 2025

The Bayside Sportsground Pavilion Improvements Plan 2019 presents an improvement plan that provides the upgrade of the Peterson Street Reserve in 2021/2022. We were advised by Council that the consulting process for the upgrade was to start this year even with the lockdown last year. **The Hampton Football Netball Club, the players and all supporters are therefore extremely disappointed with the Council decision to postpone the upgrade of Peterson Street Reserve.**

We would like to outline some of the problems we have had to face over many years with all the pavilions having had many problems recently:

1. The clubrooms were built nearly 60 years ago by volunteer labour from Highett YCW football club. Hence the buildings have outlived their use and are now no longer fit for purpose. Even the Bayside Council recognised this:

*Recommendations in the 2013 SPIP for pavilions such as Donald MacDonald Reserve, Dendy Park Athletics and **Peterson Reserve** specify minor DDA compliance improvements but fail to address to existing changerooms and umpire facilities that do not provide female friendly facilities and has required the proposed scope of works to be revised.*

(Review of Bayside Sportsground Pavilion Improvement Plan 2019)

2. Ongoing maintenance problems in the past with all the buildings and well over twenty issues this season so far. This year we have found the following: rats and mice in the roof and walls in all the pavilions with various parts of the pavilions needing continual fixing such as showers, lights, stove etc.

Please find below a list of maintenance issues sent to the Council in **ONE** of many emails. Along with a hot water service not working the following were reported:

I will list all the other maintenance issue's that have not been fixed

- No Lighting in one of the toilet box in lower change rooms toilet block closest to upper oval

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- No Lighting in one of the toilet box in upper change rooms toilet block closest kids play ground
- No lighting in shower block umpires rooms upper oval
- Ceiling vent fallen out shower block and hole in roof open to rainfall upper change rooms
- No Toilet roller in one toilet block upper change rooms
- Not sure if toilet in umpires has been fixed unable to see without lighting
- Rats in ceiling lower change rooms. Nest material and faeces falling from ceiling

All their issues have been report to front desk at council on more than one occasion since season started

Some new maintenance issues rising from the weekend and following up couple other items

- Urinals and showers overflowing on weekend in the lower change rooms
- Ongoing flooding of lower change rooms after every heavy rainfall, as we discovered water damage to honour boards that had stored in trainer/storage room in lower change rooms over the weekend . This has been ongoing problem for least the ten years and council has still not fix the flooding problem every time we have heavy rainfall.

(Email: Maintenance issues not fixed at Peterson st reserve, 11/5/2021)

3. The three Pavilions (social rooms and two change rooms) we use all surround the main oval on opposite sides of the oval. It is important that these be integrated into one building for a range of practical reasons (security, cleaning etc) including the need for less volunteers – very important these days.
4. We have had a failure with the training lights (relatively new) at least three times this season (and many times in previous seasons). We understand from the Energy Company that this is because the power/wire infrastructure underground needs replacing ASAP and if not, the same fault will continue to occur
5. More recently, Beaumaris Amateur Football club had their girls team playing on the top oval. After their first week, they refused to return due to the poor condition of the changerooms and lack of female specific amenities.

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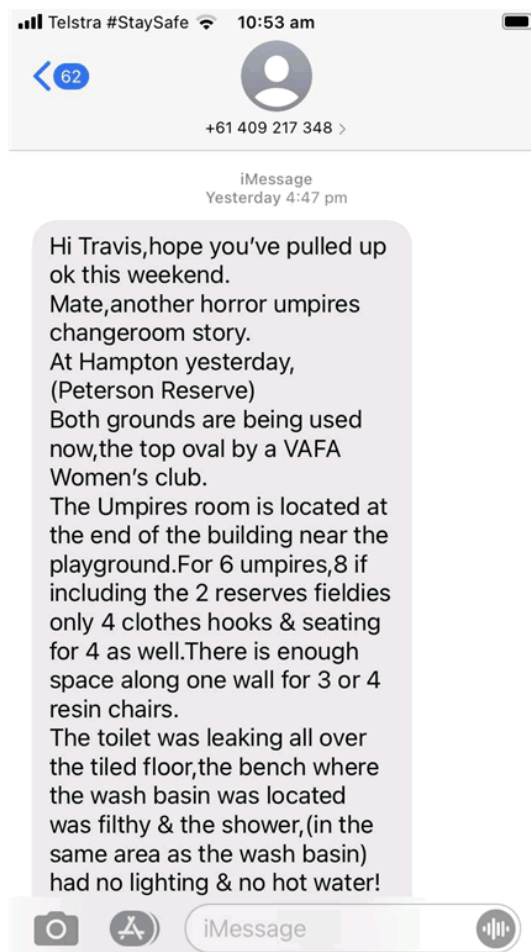
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6. The Umpires' rooms are not fit for use. If both grounds are in use, then there are up to 12 umpires (some female) and only one shower and one toilet available. More recently we received the following from the SFNL umpires:



7. The Social rooms were not built to building codes (see Review of Bayside Sportsground Pavilion Improvement Plan 2019). Further it is very hard to keep the rooms warm in winter with many gaps under the door and around the windows. The toilets are in poor condition – these are often used by visitors and the general public.

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8. Finally, it is very hard to keep the pavilions clean due to their age especially the social rooms where food is served.

In summary, the three Pavilions at Peterson Street reserve are falling to pieces and are simply not appropriate for a present-day Football Club!

What this means for a small club like the Hampton Hammers Football Netball club is that:

1. We are struggling to recruit and retain players when other clubs in Bayside offer much better pavilions and facilities. Many of these have been upgrade by the Bayside Council in recent times.
2. We lost our Supers (overs 35, 45 and 50s) Football teams to another club that has much better social rooms and facilities, Their Facilities cater for the partners and children of the players allowing them to watch the football in all weather and conditions.
3. We have been unable to recruit women footballers and DO NOT have a female football side due to the change rooms NOT being able to cater for women

Again quoting the Council: *All wet areas and toilet facilities will be unisex in design and construction;*

4. We cannot compete with other clubs in recruiting an Under 19's side partly due to our facilities. We lost this side two years ago and have no way of recruiting a new side.
5. The present clubrooms sit around 20 people. Most other clubs have rooms that seat upwards of 100. This means we cannot hold large function at our clubrooms leaving us in a financially disadvantaged position compared to other clubs.

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Based on previous reports,

Bayside Council is committed to providing accessible sportsground pavilions as a means of supporting local sporting clubs and their members to promote active and healthy lifestyles for residents (Review of Bayside Sportsground Pavilion Improvement Plan 2019).

We do not feel that the Council is supporting us in this respect and has made promises in the past that they have not kept.

In 2019, the Club obtained a grant from the Federal Government Stronger Communities Program for a new scoreboard. Having scoped out an appropriate scoreboard we then advised by the Council not to go ahead as Peterson Street was about to be redeveloped. We now have an old scoreboard which is not working at the present time because we did the right thing by the Council only to find out that the Council has not done the right thing by us!

Overall, we believe that the Bayside Council has let us (the Hampton Hammers) down. We must endure substandard facilities now for the next 5 years, be financially disadvantaged, and will struggle to recruit players to our club. If we are to be truly a local club that is able to include the local community then we need to be able to attract all types of footballers including Women and Under 19's. With our present facilities, there is simply no way we can recruit these players and teams and hence will struggle to survive as a Hampton and Bayside Football club.

We would welcome Councillors and Decision Makers to come down to view our facilities to understand how outdated the Pavilions and facilities are.

We would like the Bayside Council to reconsider their Pavilion Improvement plan in this year's budget and return the development of Peterson Street Reserve to the 2021/22 time frame. It is only by providing adequate and updated facilities that a club like ours will be able to survive and provide the active and healthy lifestyles for residents suggested by Council.

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5. Fraser Gibson (Bike paths connecting Cheltenham to Sandringham)

26.05.2021

Bayside City Council Proposed Budget 21/22 - Bike paths Connecting Cheltenham to Sandringham

Dear Councillors,

We (Petitioners) are very concerned that the 21/22 draft budget does not include funding for the Cheltenham to Sandringham shared use paths (SUP's) and protected bicycle lanes (PBL's) in accordance with the Sustainability and Transport managers letter to Councillors 21 January 2021 (below).

We note the Protected Bicycle Lanes Feasibility Study by TRAFFIC WORKS presented at Council meeting 16th February and the Councils response:

1. Not to proceed to community engagement given impacts on street tree removal and car parking removal
2. Explores other ways to improve bicycle infrastructure connectivity along east west and north south routes and engages with VicRoads regarding opportunities on South road

Referring to the Cheltenham -Sandringham connecting path we consider the TRAFFIC WORKS study with its focus on protected bicycle lanes requiring, removal of some trees and carparking, and the significant infrastructure works to widen roads, construct new kerbing and drainage etc. to be unnecessarily restrictive and ignores the opportunities Bayside have for Shared Paths in locations such as Park Road, Reserve road and Tulip Street and Royal Avenue, given the wide road reserves and the adjacent parks and golf courses mostly Council controlled. These have very few crossings, and with flexible design SUP's could be readily constructed. We note SUP's are shown for George and Spring streets. which can accommodate all forms of active transport for all abilities including bicycles, mobility scooters and personal mobility devices etc.

We refer to Council's letter OOC/32/10368 27.01.2021 (copied below) in particular items 1,2 and 4. Wherein the Council resolved to:

1. Advocate to Department of Transport for works on the arterial roads and intersections necessary to connect and
2. Commence planning and implementation of the Cheltenham to Sandringham bicycle route.

Whilst the defined route is excellent, connecting from the Mentone to Cheltenham and future Southland to Highett SUP, along Park road past Cheltenham Park where the station Heritage buildings will be located, then to Reserve Road paths, and to the Tulip Street leisure centre. From there the path will pass schools including Sandringham Secondary, the new Netball facility, to Bluff Road and then past Council offices to Fernhill and Sandringham. A safe and convenient route, with connections could eliminate thousands of short car trips, reducing congestion, pollution, emissions and parking pressures at all locations. A guide to the Budget for the Park Road to Bluff Road section of this vital infrastructure would be the item 10.10-page 493 Table 1 remove parking option 1 and hybrid 3 of \$3.65m This could be achieved by a flexible design using SUP's with minimal road widening, removal of trees or parking. Most of the route could be enhanced with additional plantings, rest shelters, lighting and recharge plugs for e powered PMD's etc.

We request that adequate funds for the Cheltenham to Sandringham SUP + PBL connections be incorporated in the budget, and the Infrastructure and Transport managers and directors engage with the Petitioners and other community groups to develop the preliminary design for briefing consultants and engagement with the Dept. and then proceed to Community engagement.

Yours faithfully,



Fraser Gibson CPEng for PETITIONERS

DOC/21/10368

27 January 2021

Mr Fraser Gibson

Via email: frasergibson5@gmail.com

Dear Mr Gibson

Thank you for your petition to Council received at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 28 July 2020 to implement a new Cheltenham-Southland (Bayside) structure plan. As Manager Sustainability and Transport, I am writing to advise of Council's resolution.

The petition was resolved to be addressed through a report presented to the 18 August 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council concerning Amendment C163bays – Pennydale Structure Plan. The resolution of the 18 August 2020 meeting included additional reporting required, which was resolved at the 22 December 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

The resolution outcome is that Council:

1. advocates to the Department of Transport to prioritise funding for bicycle infrastructure works on arterial roads and arterial intersections to improve the connection between Cheltenham to Sandringham;
2. resolves to commence planning of the works for implementation of the Cheltenham to Sandringham bicycle route;
3. directs Council officers to partner with Kingston City Council and initiate joint advocacy to the Department of Transport to have it prioritise feasibility studies and planning of a path to benefit pedestrians and/or cyclists connecting Cheltenham, Southland and Highett railway stations;
4. continues to incorporate the access and movement strategies into its future works program where possible; and
5. writes to the lead petitioner and advise on the advocacy feasibility outcome.

The relevant Council agenda and meeting minutes are available via the following links <https://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/council-agendas> and <https://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/council-minutes>. As the lead petitioner, it would be appreciated if you could notify the signatories of this decision.

Should you have any further questions regarding this resolution, please contact Mr Henry Lee, Council's Acting Coordinator Transport Planning on 9599 4394 or via email at: hlee@bayside.vic.gov.au. Henry would be happy to speak with you.

Yours sincerely



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