

West Wimmera Shire Council Proposed Budget 2021/22

Submission Form

Proposed Budget submissions must be received by Council by **no later than 5pm on Friday 21 May 2021**. Please address submissions to:

**Chief Executive officer
West Wimmera Shire Council
PO Box 201
EDENHOPE VIC 3318**

Email: paulbrumby@westwimmera.vic.gov.au

Note: all written submissions lodged with the Council will become public documents available for inspection by the public in accordance with s.94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

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Please note that separate forms are required if you are making multiple submissions.

Any person/s who have made a written submission to Council are entitled to be heard in person or to have a specified person appear on their behalf before a meeting of the Council.

Do you wish to be heard in person or have a person acting on your behalf before a proposed budget submission meeting in support of your written submission?

- ☒ Yes, I will appear before a meeting of the proposed budget submissions.
☐ Yes, someone will appear on behalf of me, their name is: _____
☐ No, I will not appear.

Submissions will be heard:
Friday 28 May 2021 / time: TBA
Edenhope Community Hall
76 Elizabeth Street
Edenhope VIC

I/we under s.94 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Right to Make a Submission) are hereby making a formal written submission in relation to the 2021/22 Proposed Budget.

Submission should include a descriptions, costings and any other relevant detail.

Please document your written submission within the space provided (if you require more space please attach additional pages to this form).

Summary of Submission

In The WWSC plan there is reference to a Wetland Centre of Excellence. It has been in previous budgets for an amount of \$20,000. I cannot find it in this year's budget but I assume it has never been taken out. I want to reinstate it as a line item.

It has been envisaged that the money will be spent in the front area of the new Edenhope & District Community Centre to advertise and direct tourists and locals to the fantastic array of wetlands throughout our shire. We are often referred to as the Kakadu of the South, the home of lakes and leisure.

In much of our remote shire our Wetlands and Parks are in areas with no mobile service.

It is envisaged that new technology in the form of Apps and Augmented Reality will need to be downloaded onto phones , ipad's and whatever comes along next. That can only be done where there is good service. There are some stunning photos and video's out there that could be part of the concept and on display.

It would direct people to all our attractions locally and throughout the shire.

We need to become a destination, not just a way stop and along with our many other attractions can become a place to stay for a week or two or a lifetime.

Details of Submission

I am requesting that the sum of \$20,000 for a Wetland Centre of Excellence in the Edenhope Community Centre be reinstated or become a line item in the 2021/2022 WWSC budget to be spent on tourism related technology and displays.