From: Farran A [mailto:afarran@bigpond.net.au]

Sent: Monday, 28 May 2018 10:20 PM

To: David Leahy < DavidLeahy@westwimmera.vic.gov.au >

Subject: Re: Submission on West Wimmera Shire Council Draft 2018/19 Budget

To: Mr David Leahy

C.E.O West Wimmera Shire, Victoria

<u>Submission on West Wimmera Shire Council Draft 2018/19 Budget submitted</u> <u>by Andrew Farran, 'Yiddinga, via Edenhope</u>

It is well understood that Council is not responsible for raising the greater part of the revenue required for the Budget and that rates represent less than a third of Council expenditure. The remaining two-thirds, roughly, is provided by Commonwealth and State government grants. It might therefore enhance general understanding if the Budget document were to include Notes on the issues arising from year to year in discussions with and decisions made by its principal grant providers

Roads

This past year it would appear that, exceptionally, the Floods Recovery program and the grants made thereunder accounted for the bulk of capital works undertaken. As a consequence for this coming year the capital works program will be almost halved in comparison.

One might ask where and to whom much of the Floods Recovery program monies were paid. The Budget appears to show that Council has some \$177,000,000 worth of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment available for such works, whether new or for maintenance. Possibly, if governments are good with their promises, there may be another windfall for roads in particular, and for the upgrading of those roads already carrying immense amounts of heavy traffic more appropriate for major highways but where standards are nowhere near those that would qualify for highways.

More might be undertaken by Council with respect to these roads in conjunction with governments, though the nature and terms of those arrangements appear to lack transparency to the general public.

Services

As Council revenue is over-reliant on grants, on goodwill from other sources, and on opportunistic events, and noting the repeated mention of 'initiative' in the budget document (p.7 for example), there would seem to be scope to exploit Council resources commercially by engaging in specific entrepreneurial activity through its Depot and Engineering Operations, where there is currently an appreciable financial deficit.

Given the declining shire population, and the difficulty which many enterprises are having in obtaining skilled labour (permanent and casual) for variable tasks (including on farms), the opportunities for deploying its plant and equipment on a

contract-out basis are there for the asking. At various times of the year many farms have lane grading work to be done but reliable, timely services are simply not available or adequate. This is an ever present need but few if any farms can justify an own-owned grader, let alone employ on staff a specialist driver. If Council could organise itself to provide these and other similar services on a regular enterprise basis it would not only gain useful revenue for the shire, it would be doing something important for the larger good.

<u>Note:</u> I regret that I will not be in Edenhope on 21st June to speak in support of the submission.

Andrew Farran 'Yiddinga' 372 Edenhope-Langkoop Road, via Edenhope 3318 m. 0429 146 589



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Submission by Friends of Lake Wallace on West Wimmera Shire Council Draft 2018/19 Budget - the Matter of a Revised Management Plan for Lake Wallace

As Council will be aware our group, on behalf of a wider public, has been concerned to preserve and sustain the benefits of Lake Wallace, both as a valuable environmental feature in its own right and its contribution to the commercial life, economy, and well-being of the Shire.

In particular at this time we would stress the need for a comprehensive Management Plan for the lake and its immediate surrounds. Such a Plan was prepared and adopted as long ago as 1985 by the Shire for the foreshore and 2001 by DNRE for the wider catchment. Much has changed since then and a revised and upgraded plan is now overdue.

We acknowledge that there are two items in the draft budget for limited works at the Lake and although we support those works they do not amount in any sense to a plan (see p.39 under Capital Works: Parks, Open Space and Streetscapes). We are concerned that there is not a prioritised list of works over time planned for the lake, something that would come from a management plan that included in its body, a prioritised (and costed) implementation schedule. The management plan should include open community consultation with user groups and the wider Edenhope community.

We are aware also that the CEO has referenced the matter of a Plan to related authorities, including Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water and the Wimmera Catchments Authority, but it is clear from correspondence that this has not been followed through. These are matters that would also concern service providers and sporting clubs (including fishing), tourism, and other recreational and leisure organisations and individual members of the public.

As a first step a Plan should be prepared and costed with a view to the immediate costs of its preparation being included in the current Budget. As the second step, provision should be made for its early implementation by stages, certainly by the next summer season. Ongoing implementation budget should form part of the annual council plan and budget process. Budget should include management plans for each of (though they could be in 1 or more document):

- 1. the foreshore;
- 2. the waterbody itself;
- 3. Back Swamp;
- 4. the rural catchment; and
- 5. the urban catchment.

In this submission we can only be indicative and selective as to requirements, but we would outline these as follows in relation to the foreshore and waterbody:

- 1. Comprehensive literature review for the Lake, its water, Back Swamp and surrounds
- 2. Monitoring the condition of the Lake, its water, Back Swamp and surrounds, and keep related authorities informed and engaged (blue green algae being a concern).
- 3. Improved and standardised warning signage (with particular regard for safety risks to swimmers and boat users).
- 4. Maintenance of piers and the provision in place thereat of readily accessible life-saving equipment.
- 5. Upgrading and sealing the perimeter walking/running/cycling track.



- 6. Providing disabled car parking and access to the footpath/track/lake.
- 7. Facilities for sailing and boating, and an improved, safer system for regulating water skiing.
- 8. Prescribing a management system for free camping.
- 9. Provision of standardised signage acknowledging historical features and landmarks, and significant fauna and flora.
- 10. A better system for the protection of lake fauna and flora.
- 11. Provision of toilets at the back end of the lake for walkers and campers and review of other toilets and their promotion around the lake (inc. near the bowling club).
- 12. Standards with regard to the slashing of grass to improve the comfort of users at critical locations and preserve fauna and fauna.
- 13. Construction/maintenance of a sandy beach adjacent to Henley Park.
- 14. Provision of casual, but secure, seating and/or dining at selected points around the lake.
- 15. Car parking at the Bowling Club/Tennis Courts and external lighting.
- 16. Improved retaining wall at the swimming area.
- 17. Prescribed areas for boats and trailers.
- 18. Review of lakeside equipments and fixtures, including seats.
- 19. Review condition of piers.
- 20. Finishing Rushton Gates (including returning monumental plaque).
- 21. Boat ramp signage/buoys.
- 22. Links to Elizabeth Street (see 'Edenhope Social Infrastructure Study') and visa versa
- 23. Tourism signage and promotions
- 24. Pest plant and animal control
- 25. Environmental and social monitoring and research

We believe there to be potential for support from other agencies in the funding of each component of the plan.

We so submit for Council's attention.

On behalf of the Friends of Lake Wallace

by its Chair, Andrew Farran

<u>Note:</u> I regret that due to a previous commitment I will not be in Edenhope on 21st June. However another member of the Friends of Lake Wallace may appear instead.

Friends of Lake Wallace - our Statement of Purpose

- 1. To pass on Edenhope's environment to the next generation in a healthier state than the way we find it today.
- 2. To do something practical about protecting and restoring Edenhope's unique environment, contributing to the health, wealth and wellbeing of our community.
- 3. To undertake sustainability education and awareness raising initiatives.

Friends of Lake Wallace – our Terms of Reference

1. To pursue urgently, all available means of, restoring the viability of Lake Wallace as Edenhope's centrepiece, its major recreational facility, its importance for mental health, sport and tourism and in particular, secure against drought the town's future environmental water supply.

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- 1. An amount be allocated from the signage budget to historical markers to the value of \$3,000 per annum.
- 2. Handrails be placed in public toilet cubicles for people having difficulty using the facilities.
- 3. Douglas Street Kaniva sealing be given a date in the 5 year program to create some certainty as to its future and whether or not it is intended to do this work.
- 4. Commitments have previously been given to residents on Madden Street Kaniva as to the placement of kerb and channel. The programming of this project needs to be determined through the 5 year budget. This can be done in 3 sections over 3 years.

I would like to speak to my submission when it is considered.

BH Meyer
9 Sports Street

Kaniva VIC 3419

Mr Thomas Houlihan Harrow & Dist. Rec. Reserve PO Box 18 Harrow VIC 3317

14 June 2018

Mr Ashley Roberts West Wimmera Shire council Kaniva VIC

Dear Mr Roberts,

We write to put forward a submission to West Wimmera Shire Council Draft budget 2018-19.

- West Wimmera Shire's regular procedure towards volunteer committees of management has been to make a grant for rebuilding of major infrastructure available. As the Recreation Reserve attracts large crowds to Harrow and West Wimmera Shire, we would like to request \$100,000. Please see exhibits 1 & 2.
- 2. Harrow and District Recreation Reserve have been able to secure a successful grant of \$1,000,000 at no expense to the West Wimmera Shire, but to the volunteers over the last 10 years, with deputations to Melbourne, Ballarat, Kaniva, Edenhope and numerous places. \$100,000 would not cover costs. We would like to request \$100,000 as part coverage of costs over the last 10 years.
- 3. A former Director of Infrastructure Development and Works knocked back \$100,000 Sport and Recreation Victoria grant without consultation with appropriate committees and staff. We request West Wimmera Shire take responsibility for the grant of \$100,000. Please see exhibit 3.

We believe these three requests are fair and reasonable in lieu of the fact Council has made a dollar for dollar grant up to \$500,000 available to the Edenhope Hall Fundraising committee for every dollar raised.

We ask Council to reward a community who have hard working volunteers with this budget. Yours faithfully,

Tom Houlihan

West Wimmera Shire Councillor

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From: Robyn Evans < Robyn Evans @westwimmera.vic.gov.au >

Date: 1 February 2018 at 2:35:33 pm AEDT

To: Councillor Email < Councillor Email@westwimmera.vic.gov.au >

Cc: David Leahy < DavidLeahy@westwimmera.vic.gov.au >, Ashley Roberts

< AshleyRoberts@westwimmera.vic.gov.au >, Sarah Ellis

<<u>SarahEllis@westwimmera.vic.gov.au</u>> Subject: IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE

Councillors,

This afternoon I knocked back an informal offer of funding for the Harrow Recreation Reserve. The funding was not guaranteed, scope unspecified and would be based on the amount needed/submitted by Council. I was not prepared to put Council in a 'Kaniva Hub' position again and therefore refused on the basis I am not able to provide costings, scope nor design.

As you know we are all keen, officers and Council, to progress any projects to upgrade the Harrow Recreation Reserve. However at this point we have not been able to engage with the HRR Committee as a whole to develop a master plan, and therefore have no design or costings to be able to provide the 'shovel ready' project proposal.

I trust next time we have a similar opportunity, that we are in a different position.

If you wish to discuss, please let David know and we can allocate a time at Forum next week. If discussed, it needs to be a Council discussion, not individual Councillors.

Regards

Robyn Evans | Director Infrastructure Development and Works West Wimmera Shire Council e gmidw@westwimmera.vic.gov.au | p 03 5585 9900 | OFFICE: 49 Elizabeth Street, Edenhope, VIC 3318 | p 03 5585 9900 | f 03 5585 9950 | ווב נותם הווה מתון שוו



West Wimmera Shire Council Proposed Budget 2018/19

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Summary of Submission
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Details of Submission
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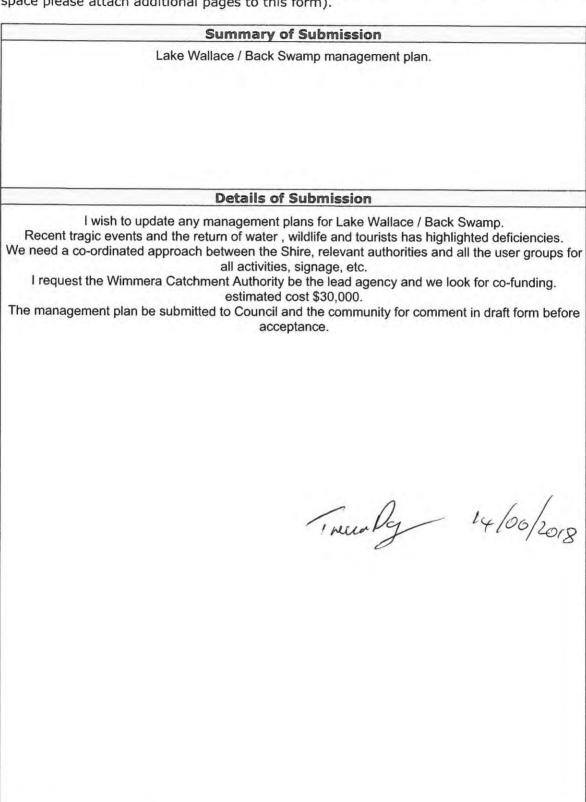
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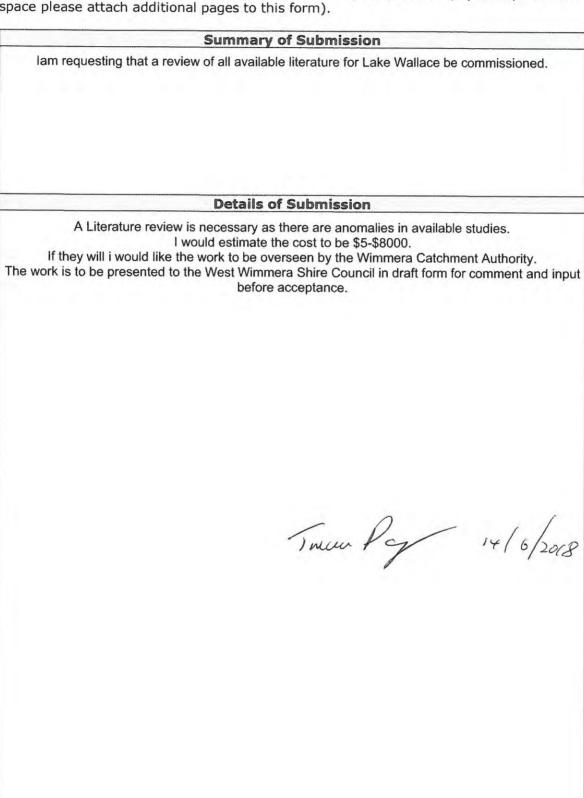
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Edenhope Tourism Incorporated

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Wednesday, 13 June 2018

The Councillors, West Wimmera Shire Council, Elizabeth Street, Edenhope, Victoria, 3318

Subject: Request for Council assistance of the old SES shed at 98 Elizabeth Street, Edenhope.

Dear Councillors,

This letter is to bring to your attention, we believe, some important issues regarding the SES shed at 98 Elizabeth Street.

It is our proposal to use the shed to display the contents of various collections including but not limited to: Edenhope Historical Society, Edenhope Cricket Club, JS Warner Earthmoving as well as items from various private collections. As such we need to encourage the SES to completely vacate the premises.

However, in order to achieve this goal, several issues with the shed must be resolved.

· Utilities.

As the sole user of the site, Edenhope Tourism should be responsible for both the power and water supplied to that site. Currently, the SES invoices us for 80% of their utilities bill. Generous as this is, it actually costs us money. We can obtain a much lower rate as a 'non-profit' community organisation.

· Communication super-structure.

The condition of the communications equipment on the roof of the shed is deteriorating. Specifically, the guy-wires supporting the main antenna are slack and there is loose equipment on the roof.

· Ingress and egress.

The two 'No Standing' signs on either side of the driveway are redundant and they now present a hazzard.

· Overall state of the shed.

The guttering and window frames are deteriorating and there is rust appearing around doors and windows. This deterioration is consistant with neglect.

In the past, our (then) secretary, Judy Berkin has contacted the SES with a view to Edenhope Tourism 'taking over' the shed and using it to display historical items from various sources pertinent to Edenhope's history. The SES has, in writing, informed us that they have no objection in principle to our taking over the shed. We are willing to provide evidence of this.



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We would, therefore, like to ask for the Council's assistance in resolving these issues.

NB: At our last committee meeting it was resolved that Edenhope Tourism will remain located at the old Court House at 96 Elizabeth Street Edenhope for the foreseeable future. The result was 8 votes to remain and 1 vote against remaining.

Kind regards,

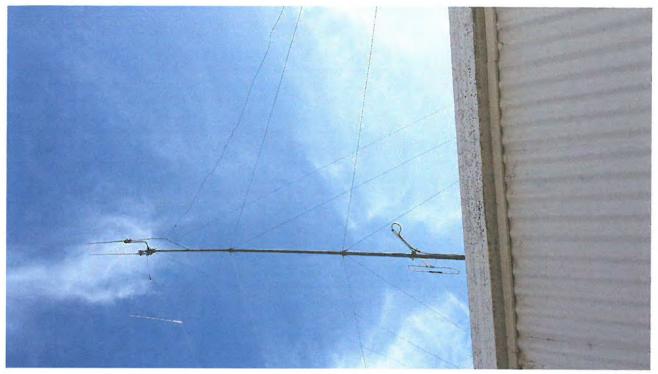
James Sweetin, Secretary, Edenhope Tourism Inc.



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David Leahy

CEO

West Wimmera Shire Council

Submission to the draft West Wimmera Shire Council budget.

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My name is Toni Domaschenz, I am a landholder, newspaper editor, and resident of West Wimmera Shire.

I firstly wish to congratulate the shire for the work put into the budget. In particular it was good to see funding for major projects including the Edenhope HUB and continued footpath repairs and maintance.

I was unable to attend the budget meetings, but as an Edenhope resident and journalist driving on local roads wish to submit the following requests:

- 1. Can WWSC look at constructing a cement (or other sealed surface) footpath from the Lake Wallace Walking Track to the Lake Wallace Pier. I have noticed that residents with limited mobility struggle with the short distance across the grass. I worry about disability access, as have seen one lad in a motorised wheelchair test the ground for stability before he goes out on the pier. This seems an issue of equitable access, and it would be nice if vulnerable people could safely move from the path to the pier. I assume that he does not attempt to even access the pier in wetter months, which lately has been quite a few.
- 2. Road Safety Upgrades
 - a. I would like a review of the upgrades to the Patyah Road through the section called the Deviation (approx. 4kms from the Kaniva Road intersection). I have previously presented an email to Robyn Evans that I believe it is unsafe how the road repeatedly widens and narrows. This in itself is not dangerous, but every point does it different, some shrink to the middle, others to one side. I have noticed that trucks do not seem to time this well possibly as there is no pattern to it, and it is resulting in eating out the points where the road and dirt meet. I would like to know if there could be an angled strip between the types of road, so there aren't pot holes developing as has happened each year since construction and fill with water as it rains.
 - b. A similar problem on the Goroke/Ozenkadnook Road where a similar upgrade has happened on a blind rise.
- 3. I wish to submit an application for further footpaths in Edenhope, as I have done for many budgets. The areas in particular are
 - a. from the Edenhope Kindergarten to the main street, from the schools –
 - b. along Lake Street to Henley Park,
 - c. upgrade the final 200m in front of Lake Wallace Station homestead.
 - d. from Henley Park(foreshore) to Anzac Avenue (this one is listed as a priority in the Social Infrastructure study).
- 4. A few years ago, traders participated in workshops to look at improving streetscapes. I have requested, unsuccessfully, each year's budget since that the 'Bird Life' project could please be funded to improve visual amenity, I am disappointed that this project, a priority of traders, has been ignored for so long.
 - a. I am personally happy to contribute, through my business to a bird, but it really needs to be a whole-of-street approach.
- 5. I would like to see at least one of the town info signs moved to be near the 'Elizabeth Street Interchange' where the bird/aboriginal panels are. The info sign on the Elizabeth St-Wallace

- St roundabout is all but impossible to read while driving (arguably dangerous) but would be easily read near the phone box etc. by foot traffic.
- 6. I would like to see a review of Anzac Avenue street trees/layout from the Elizabeth Street Interchange to the RSL. This is one of our most used streets and presents one of the ugliest streets in Edenhope. Regular visitors include busloads of tourists and it would be nice if the visual amenity was improved, including new trees where possible it would be nice if they could have commemorative plaques or signs near them regarding significant military battles.
- 7. I would like to see funding for a Management Plan for Lake Wallace. This to include rural and urban catchments and the foreshore and water body itself. This wonderful town asset has regained its water and tourism features, and it would be great to harness this with some improvements in usability.
 - a. I would like a literature review, publically available that brings to one asset all the available literature about the lake (environmental and historic), made electronic and at the library and tourism centre, so locals and visitors can learn more about the lake.
- 8. I imagine that the Harrow Recreation Reserve project needs to be added to the list of 2018/19 projects to be implemented.
- 9. In terms of layout of the budget, it is great it is so easy to follow what infrastructure is to be funded each year. It would be good if the same principle could apply for other projects so it is clear whether or not they are funded e.g. rather than the correspondence from Ashley Roberts below that suggested projects could be funded out of larger buckets. I would like to know the answer 'yes' or 'no' and be able to track in the budget if the project can be expected or not, rather than guessing what the manager of each portfolio may prioritise. Major plans and strategies to be funded should be itemised in the budget for clarity to residents. (For instance I did not know there was to be a literature review of Lake Wallace last year that was not to be made publically available).

"With the footpath from the Lake Wallace Walking track to the pier, we'll include this in the Recreational Trails Strategy implementation, which we are setting aside \$ for in the budget"

"The Bird Life idea is interesting – we have not as yet funded any expansion to this, but I will see if we can apply dome of the Eco Dev and Tourism budget to kicking it off again."

10. I note also that Ashley responded on 27 March 2018 the following:

The roads and footpath items all seem reasonable – I will refer these to works and let you know how we go fitting them into the program.

But I have not had a reply.

Thank you for your consideration.

Toni Domaschenz 32 Lake Street, Edenhope, Victoria, 3318

2018/19 Budget Submissions

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	Name	Submission summary	Hearing	RecFind Ref
1	Andrew Farran	General commentary regarding the budget, grants and services, roads and flood recovery program.	No	18/002043
2	Andrew Farran - Friends of Lake Wallace	25 points regarding strategic, operational and capital requirements for Lake Wallace and Back Swamp.	No	18/002062
3	Bruce Meyer	 Signage budget to historical markers - \$3,000 Handrails in public toilets. Douglas St Kaniva sealing in 5 year program Placement of kerb & channel - Madden St Kaniva 	Yes	18/002080
4	Tom Houlihan	Request for funding to assist with Harrow & District Recreation Reserve.	Yes	18/002166
5	Trevor Domaschenz	Lake Wallace/Black Swamp management plan	Yes	18/002175
6	Trevor Domaschenz	Review of literature for Lake Wallace be commissioned	Yes	18/002175
7	Trevor Domaschenz	Outdoor art in West Wimmera Shire	Yes	18/002175
8	James Sweetin - Edenhope Tourism Inc.	Old SES Shed at 98 Elizabeth St Edenhope - assistance with utilities, communication structure, 'No Standing' signs and repair & maintenance of shed.	Yes	18/002176
9	Toni Domaschenz	 Footpath Lake Wallace walking track to Pier Road Safety Upgrades (Patyah Rd & Goroke/Ozenkadnook Rd) Further footpaths in Edenhope Improvement of street scapes Moving town information signs Review of Anzac Ave street trees/layout Funding for management plan for Lake Wallace Addition of Harrow Recreation Reserve project 	No	18/002177