



Hawkesbury City Council

attachment 2
to
item 98

Summary of Submissions
Received

date of meeting: 12 June 2019
location: council chambers
time: 6:30 p.m.

From:
Sent: Tuesday, 26 February 2019 3:33 PM
To: Peter Conroy
Cc:
Subject: BUDGET ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Mr Peter Conroy.
General Manager.
Hawkesbury City Council.

Sender:

Dear Sir,

It was resolved at the executive meeting of the Windsor Business Group that we would like to put in an expression of interest for items to be considered in the Councils budget.

- The gas lamps in the Windsor Mall need to be repaired.
- Many of the pavers are broken with money available from both City deal and also Windsor RSL possible to Mall could be resurfaced possibly with cobblestones which would fit in with the historical look of Windsor.
- Global warming shade pergola's should be introduced in the Mall area.
- The Newcastle Project which we addressed to Council last years budget, is still not operational, the Mall would really benefit from this project attracting more Tourism to the area. Shops are empty now, Cooks plumbing on the corner of Baker and George Street would be perfect for this project, there are also more empty shops in the Mall between Kable and Fitzgerald Streets. These could also be considered.
- A loading zone be introduced in either Baker Street or Kable Street, to STOP trucks driving through the Mall. This is currently a Workplace safety issue with huge repercussions to Council if someone is injured within this Council precinct. Alternatively put bollards up to stop vehicular access.
- One of our suggestions in the past to Geoff Organ was that the roadway through the Mall in George Street be painted to show the emergency access vehicles such as fire and ambulance or police have right of way, thus ensuring shop owners do not block this area with tables and chairs, or market stalls of a Sunday.
- More signage for where the public toilets are. Boots toilets are not clearly marked in the Council owned building. More toilets are needed in Windsor.
- Signage to depict where there is disabled access to public toilets.
- The Council owned area outside Gloria Jeans in Riverview is positively dangerous, people are unable to sit at the tables in that area as vehicles back into and knock down the posts separating the table area from the road. These posts are not adequate and Council should consider something safer as these posts are not safe. Council charges Gloria Jeans rent for this area, yet repairs are rarely done making the area unusable. Please fix.
- An RV friendly site should be considered for Macquarie Park, Windsor. This will attract more Tourists to the area. This was given HIGH priority to the Horizons Group and needs to be considered as a part of revitalising Windsor.
- A wharf in Macquarie Park in the area where the Fish and Chips shop is located would be good as the Paddle wheeler could use the river going towards Richmond, rather than have their business deteriorate even further with the bridge works.
- Signage for Tourists to depict the beauty and heritage of the Windsor and District area, so they don't by pass the area without knowing. Along Windsor Road would be perfect possibly near Mc Donalds at Mc

Graths Hill. Show the historical area, the river, the markets, shops, Paddle wheeler. Use it as a drawcard to the area.

- The gateway to the area Mc Graths Hill Flats, to be maintained, grass cut regularly, Jacaranda Trees maintained.
- Howe Park foreshore looks fabulous why not consider Solar Lighting so as to attract more Tourists of a night. Maintain the BBQ areas regularly to ensure they are usable.
- Danger signs warning about the uncertainty of the river and the dangers of swimming with changing currents.
- A permanent ANZAC memorial to be located in Mc Quade Park.
- Funding for events such as Light up Windsor and also the Australia Day event in Governor Phillip Park, Windsor.
- Keep the old bridge over the river for horse and carts, pedestrians etc. Retain the History of the area.
- How are the other Horizons projects progressing ? What is the revitalisation committee up to, can we get a progress report?
- Can we stop paying consultants huge dollars and get on with doing the job? Show the Windsor Way of doing things in the area.
- More parking is needed to attract shoppers to build the economy of local businesses.

Many thanks to Council on some of the wonderful events in Windsor, and also the work that has been carried out maintaining the area. Together we can watch Windsor and District grow.

Yours faithfully,



Respondent No: 4

Login: Anonymous

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Responded At: Apr 18, 2019 20:00:12 pm

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Q5. Submission

McGraths Hill has not gotten much attention in years gone by. I think there are a few improvements that can be done. Resurfacing of Andrew Thompson Drive and Old Hawkesbury Road, these roads are in dire need of repair. A footpath on McGrath Road would be more beneficial than one in Redhouse Cres as people are forced to walk on the road which is a thoroughfare for many cars. A covered play area at Colbee Reserve or Jack Gow Park so that kids can play without the risk of being sunburnt. Also a footpath on Old Hawkesbury Road wouldn't go astray either. "

From: Your Hawkesbury Your Say <notifications@engagementhq.com>
Sent: Thursday, 18 April 2019 10:46 AM
To:
Subject: Anonymous User completed Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020

Anonymous User just submitted the survey 'Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020' with the responses below.

First Name

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Submission

Please put a path from Kurrajong Heights shop to the park and a shade cover over the play equipment.

From: Your Hawkesbury Your Say
Sent: 29 Apr 2019 12:59:26 +1000
To:
Subject: Anonymous User completed Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020

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Submission

Hi After nearly 12 months of discussions with council, in particular Peter Conroy who I have met now on site on several occasions, regarding McGraths Hill outdoor facilities and pedestrian safety I am thrilled to see that a footpath on Andrew Thompson Drive has been included in the draft plan. However I must say that I am disappointed to see there is no allocation of funds for fencing at Colbee Park for an off-leash dog area, or fencing to the Jack Gow Memorial Park on Andrew Thompson Drive. As discussed both of these would be valuable additions to the community. The dog park would allow people to safely walk and exercise their dogs at any time of the day, currently with the lack of footpaths it is not safe on most streets to do this and as the area has no fully fenced parks most residents have to drive to other areas such as South Windsor, Rouse Hill or North Richmond and Kurrajong to exercise their dogs. As previously discussed there is so much unused areas land on both the back oval at Colbee as well as in the already fenced baseball area that could be better utilized as a dog park with only some additional fencing required. In regards to the park on Andrew Thompson Drive, this park has a street on either side of it, yet it not fully fenced, this is not safe for the children who play there and are often seen running close to the roads on either side. A fence across both ends in the line with the existing fencing created by houses would ensure a safer area for children to play and enjoy. Lastly, I noticed in the draft plan the footpath on Red House Crescent. This money could be better spent elsewhere. This road is a very quiet loop which I walk on everyday. This money would be better allocated to footpaths on busy roads such as McGrath Rd and Old Hawkesbury. There is no safe space to walk on either of these roads which are often busy with cars both driving and parked. I

would be more than happy to discuss any of these issues/suggestions. I want to encourage the community to get outdoors and enjoy our area but with the way it is currently it is not safe to do so, it is not safe to walk dogs, push prams, ride bikes, nothing, and with your help we can change this!. Would appreciate a response when convenient. Thanks

From: Your Hawkesbury Your Say
Sent: 29 Apr 2019 09:57:38 +1000
To:
Subject: completed Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020

tpigot just submitted the survey 'Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020' with the responses below.

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Submission

Thank you for putting this document together. I have recently bought into the area and am interested in what Hawkesbury Council is doing to plan for the future. In particular, I am interested in what is planned for the double roundabout intersections meeting Richmond Road, from both George Street and the Northern Road. Travelling south each morning already gets considerably congested, and this will only become a greater problem in future. Would Hawkesbury Council consider partnering with Penrith City Council (as I believe that parts of these intersections lay in the Penrith City Council area), to improve traffic flow in this area? I would imagine that combining both of these intersections into a multi-lane signalled intersection would be preferable in the longer term. One other note, although I am almost certain that this is beyond the scope of local council. Often (usually at least once a week) there will be a mobile speed camera on both the Northern Road opposite John Morony Correctional Complex, as well as on George street outside of Parklea Sand and Soil. This is in addition to the permanent speed camera on George Street barely 200m up the road. Is there anything that Hawkesbury Council can do to reduce the amount of speed camera density on a small stretch of road? Kind regards

From: Your Hawkesbury Your Say
Sent: 29 Apr 2019 22:18:24 +1000
To:
Subject: Anonymous User completed Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020

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Submission

Please add a dog park in colbee Park. Would be a massive addition to Mcgraths hill and also a footpath along Old Hawkesbury rd as every day people are walking dogs and kids are riding their bikes on the rd walking in and out of cars where they could be on a safe footpath. There is plenty of room so please add this.

From: Your Hawkesbury Your Say
Sent: 3 May 2019 15:10:49 +1000
To:
Subject: completed Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020

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Submission

Regards Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020, once again the most pressing requirement of all Glossodian residents has been ignored. That is the disgraceful condition of the main road Golden Valley Drive. This road takes all traffic to and from Council owned Shopping Centre, Glossodia Public School, Community centre, child care centre, the main bus route, and yet it stays a one and a half lane goat track that cars, buses, trucks have to move off the sealed section onto the dirt in order to pass safely. Also, there is no footpath so women and children coming and going to the facilities walk on the road. There are new developments and an increase in population planned for here, and I submit that as a matter of urgency that monies be found in the next available forward estimates to rehabilitate Golden Valley Drive.

From: Your Hawkesbury Your Say
Sent: 5 May 2019 15:41:30 +1000
To:
Subject: Anonymous User completed Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020

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Submission

With significant funding allocated for road surfaces and pedestrian accessibility/safety I was supremely disappointed to see no monies for Bells Line of Road KURRAJONG Heights. The roadside verges from the speed camera up BLOR past the shops and continuing past Tomah Street at the moment are unsafe for pedestrians and cars, school buses. The deep gully and loose gravel from years of erosion from stormwater and traffic means that at present school children and residents have to navigate the verge at their own risk. The verge allows in some areas a width of as little as 50cms. Add to this the fact that here are no dedicated sealed footpaths to direct pedestrian flow in the whole KURRAJONG heights area. We have been residents in the Heights for 38+ years. The population and as such ratepayers in our area has grown significantly and yet we still don't see one sealed footpath in our whole KURRAJONG Heights area and it seems non in the foreseeable future. 26 years ago my children had to navigate their way to the school bus stop, now I see my grandchildren facing the same challenge, on a now busier BLOR which has increased traffic and truck usage. The rate payers of KURRAJONG Heights deserve and demand sealed surface pedestrian safety, the same that is currently afforded to other rate payers in KURRAJONG, Richmond, WINDSOR, north Richmond and the greater HAWKESBURY area. A pedestrian circulation footpath needs to be implemented in the KURRAJONG heights community to connect to our commercial hub and neighbouring residential streets. A precedent is in place and we see KURRAJONG footpath network, Kurmond footpath network etc. Ours is a small submission Unlike the path linking Kurmond to North Richmond running along BLOR. Our submission should not put undue pressure or stress

on your infrastructure budget and would be a great morale booster for local residents to see some monies invested back into the KURRAJONG Heights community. In this for the long haul, 40+ years and still hopeful that some of our rate money will be invested back into our community on items that make a difference to the local residents. Thanks

From: Your Hawkesbury Your Say
Sent: 6 May 2019 16:40:42 +1000
To:
Subject: Anonymous User completed Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020

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Submission

So disappointed to see the draft plan for 2019/2020 and see once again that Yarramundi does not feature on the list for any improvements for roads or any infrastructure. We may sit on the border to the Mountains but it would be appreciated to not be forgotten about time and time again. There are many families in Yarramundi. I'm sure they would enjoy a designated pathway to ride around and walk pets. A skate park could be used by the greater community. A small park .. anything! We are all rate payers and currently have no services provided to our area other than bin collection. The state of the road on Riverside drive is appalling, both the road itself and the overgrowth from government land not being maintained It would be great if council could look outside the realms of beautifying only Windsor and invest our rates into other communities... our communities. Kind regards

From: Your Hawkesbury Your Say
Sent: 6 May 2019 19:28:12 +1000
To:
Subject: completed Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020

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Submission

Local council needs to consider the parking situation at the south Windsor netball courts. Parking is inadequate for the needs of the netballers and residents. Netballers regularly park their cars illegally, blocking drive ways and visibility by parking in no parking zones. This situation creates significant congestion for a residential street and is a safety concern for pedestrians. I am unable to invite guests to visit on a Saturday during netball season as a result of the parking issues which impacts residents quality of life. Council should allocate funding to find a solution, whether by building a car park structure of some sort (look at some of the new designs which are multi functional and provide value to residents and carpark users, such as rooftop community gardens) or restricting parking on the residential sides of the street to residents and providing a permit. The problem is only getting worse, and there are issues on weeknights during training as well. Please find a solution.

From: Your Hawkesbury Your Say
Sent: 7 May 2019 12:27:26 +1000
To:
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Submission

I would like the council to consider allowing Oasis Swimming Pool hours of operation to be from 5 am. This is to assist those of us that must leave the district by 6:15 am. The centre is currently used from 5am by squad training and clearly in use. I am an adult and not a squad swimmer (which you apparently have to be invited into) and feel that there is a missed opportunity for the community to use the centre from 5am. I recently read that Mayor Calvert was looking for ways that Hawkesbury Council could assist with obesity epidemic. This would help me to manage my weight.

From: Your Hawkesbury Your Say
Sent: 8 May 2019 20:17:38 +1000
To:
Subject: Anonymous User completed Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020

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Submission

Consideration of an extension of the footpath in kurrajong village to join up with the footpath on bells line of road into north Richmond. Thank you

From: Your Hawkesbury Your Say
Sent: 14 May 2019 22:17:48 +1000
To:
Subject: Anonymous User completed Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020

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Submission

I support the Council spending funds on improvements to public parkland including the Kurrajong Memorial Park upgrade. The improvements in sport and park facilities provide an attraction for visitors to the LGA and encourage residents to be more active. Providing rate relief for agricultural businesses assists to encourage investment in agricultural production. A separate farmland rating with a further discount for vegetable farmland may encourage new entrants for the Hawkesbury. Being a keen cyclist I also endorse expenditure on cycling infrastructure.

From: Your Hawkesbury Your Say
Sent: 15 May 2019 14:48:47 +1000
To:
Subject: Anonymous User completed Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020

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Submission

Draft Operational Plan Submission - Re:004782 Childcare Building Renewal Works Program. On behalf of Greenhills Child Care Centre, we request the following for consideration within the childcare building renewal works program and any other areas that Greenhills may fit into the council operational plan for 2019/2020. 1. Replacement of existing flooring within the 3 play rooms - including carpet and lino. 2. Painting within the centre building including walls, doors, door frames and wooden skirting 3. Repair and replacement of rubber skirting along walls that require rubber skirting. 4. Painting on the outside of the building including gutters 5. Roof repairs to the tiles and the verandah roof to stop it from leaking and overflowing everytime a drop of rain comes. 6. Covering the interior brick walls with plasterboard (then paint) 7. Fit out of store rooms to replace old and rotting shelving.

From: Your Hawkesbury Your Say
Sent: 16 May 2019 11:55:36 +1000
To:
Subject: completed Draft Operational Plan
2019/2020

just submitted the survey 'Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020'
with the responses below.

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Submission

I am making a submission on behalf of McGraths Hill Children's Centre Inc. In the operational plan 19/20 there is \$161,307 allocated to childcare services. We have been provided with a 10 year building renewal works plan, in this there is no mention of an internal paint. Our service is in desperate need of painting it was last done in the Christmas closure of 06/07, so 13 years ago. I would request that this is favourably looked at and then included in the 19/20 building renewal plan. The other area that is in very poor condition is the tiling of the wet areas. We have previously at our expense updated toilets and cisterns and tap ware including privacy screens. In the 20/21 plan we have been allocated \$52,000 for bathroom fit out, but as I have said its is only the tiles that need to be replaced.

From: Your Hawkesbury Your Say
Sent: 16 May 2019 13:23:50 +1000
To:
Subject: completed Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020

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Submission

I would like to request, in regards to project number 004782 childcare building renewal works program, that council consider NOT making small upgrades to these buildings, rather look at the structural integrity of each building and address the more urgent needs of the buildings e.g. Hobartville Long Day Preschool needs its guttering renewed so the building doesn't flood each time it rains; Mcgraths Hill childcare centre has a hole in the roof and Greenhills childcare centre desperately needs a complete overhaul from the roof down. Thank you.

From:
Sent: 16 May 2019 18:57:55 +1000
To: Hawkesbury City Council
Subject: Submission re Hawkesbury City Council Draft Operational Plan

16 May 2019

To: Hon Barry Calvert
Mayor, Hawkesbury City Council

From:

Re: Submission Re Draft Operational Plan 2019 - 2020

Dear Mr Mayor, Councillors and Council Support Staff,

1. This Submission from _____ refers to the Hawkesbury City Council Draft Operational Plan (DOP) 2019 - 2020. On numerous occasions the ratepayers of Oakville and Districts close to the North West Growth Sector (NWGS) have requested the tarring of dirt roads including Brennan's Dam Road and Commercial Roads and others in the area and these works should be included in the tarring works in the DOP.

2. On 8 April 2019 _____, spoke at an (Extraordinary) Council meeting regarding the sealing of dirt Roads in Oakville, including Brennan's Dam Road and the unsealed section of Commercial Road among others, proposed by Councillor Nathan Zamprogno. (Podcast)

After completing my address to the Council, several Councillors claimed that if consideration was given to Oakville on the tarring of dirt roads, that we would be displacing prior requests from other suburbs. As I was already seated I was not able to rebut the claims but will do so in this submission, but first I would like to thank Mr Mayor for speaking fairly to this matter regarding our right to make submissions to the DOP. (Podcast)

3. At the same Extraordinary Meeting on 8 April 2019 a speaker from the Pitt Town Progress Association also spoke to the matter of tarring Brennan's Dam Road, the unsealed part of Commercial Road and others. (Podcast)

4. _____ wrote to Council and spoke personally with Mr Conroy some 4 years ago when his car wheel (Holden Astra (BUA 208) was badly damaged by a huge pot-hole in Brennan's Dam Road and Council made a small Insurance claim to repair the damage. George specifically requested the tarring of these dirt roads at that time. (On Council Record)

5. The President of the Oakville and Districts Progress Association (OPA), asked on behalf of OPA for these roads to be tarred when he spoke at Council against the huge rate increases (110% to 380%) in Oakville and districts close to the NWGS in July/August 2017. (Podcast).

6. Numerous neighbours have complained to Council about unsealed roads in Oakville including

and many others others who should all be on record.

7. There was a very serious collision on these poor roads some weeks ago (involving a horse trailer) (National Media).

Mr Mayor, Oakville has been unfairly accused by certain members of the current Council of having its rates subsidised by other ratepayers in the Hawkesbury. I strongly refute that baseless claim. These same Councillors protested in red shirts and wanted to sack a previous Council when Bowen Mountain was charged 27% higher rates, and yet they resist all complaints and requests by Oakville and districts whose rates increased by 110% to 380% and who pay (disproportionately) the highest rates in the Hawkesbury even though numerous other suburbs have higher or equivalent per capita incomes (ABS).

Oakville traditionally paid more than double average rates (**up to 2017 we were 2% of ratepayers paying 6% of total rates. Our rates increased in 2017 by 110% to 380% and we now pay 5 to 10 times average rates, that is 2.5% of Hawkesbury ratepayers paying almost 10% of its total rates (ABS).** All this for no services or infrastructure other than refuse collection, a neglect of works in this suburb for decades past and into the future. So it is plain that we never have been, and are not now, subsidised by anyone and are in no way a drain on this LGA, quite the opposite.

Given the facts, it is not unreasonable for us to ask for something as basic as the sealing of high traffic dirt roads without being chided by said Councillors for jumping the queue, and intimating that we have been subsidised for too long. Constant grading of these dirt roads is false economy and the matter needs serious attention for the safety of the community.

Values in Oakville and District have impacted rates more seriously because the Council **changed the recommended Base Rate to increase land value** in the Rating formula. Price rises in this area are due to NWGS speculators driving up values even though we have **no subdivision rights whatsoever, not even for a separate granny flat**. How people are supposed to pay such high rates without any rental means to fund them is grossly unfair and not in the spirit or intent of the *Local Government Act* or Council's *Revenue and Rating Manual* guidelines, particularly when people have to pay land tax as well if their property is in a company name. It is forcing people to move because they cannot afford to pay the rates and do not trust the Council's hardship policy. If nothing else, it would be most appreciated if you could consider our request to invest something in this area as basic as tarring the said high traffic unsealed roads

Thank you for taking the time to read this submission.

Yours Sincerely,

From: Your Hawkesbury Your Say
Sent: 17 May 2019 14:48:10 +1000
To:
Subject: Anonymous User completed Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020

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Submission

Richmond Preschool Kindergarten is one of councils childrens services. We have several maintenance/replacement items that we consider important to be addressed or allocated in the 2019/2020 Operational Plan. These items are * internal painting (last completed 10 years ago approximately) * internal floor covering (the current floor is 20 years old) *roof renewal(allocated for 2022/2023 but leaks are obvious) These items would assist us in providing a safe and aesthetically pleasing service to children and their families of the Hawkesbury. Richmond Preschool Kindergarten Management are committed to maintaining the facilities and do what they can each year without requesting support from council.

From:
Sent: 17 May 2019 16:57:09 +1000
To: Hawkesbury City Council;Barry Calvert
Cc:
Subject: Response to exhibit Draft Operational plan from OPA
Attachments: 20192020 Capital works OPA.docx

Dear HCC Councillors and Staff

Please find attached a response to the draft Operational Plan 2019/2020.
This is a request to be included in the capital works program.

We request fundamental safety considerations for our families, and note we are asking for the same things over and over again, and you are not responding.
Our roads are dangerous, and basic services most other suburbs enjoy and take for granted are not provided.

Best regards

Request to include Oakville Pitt Town and Maraylya in 2019/2020 Capital Works Program.

To the Councillors and staff of Hawkesbury council, with regard to your Exhibited Draft Operational Plan 2019/2020 the Oakville and District Progress Association along with the Pitt Town and District Progress Association would like to request one more time that you include our suburbs Pitt town, Maraylya, and Oakville in the Capital Works program 2019/2020.

In particular we would appreciate you including the repair and sealing of our most dangerous roads, which are main connecting roads to Windsor road.

We addressed council on the 8th August 2017 and asked for Commercial Rd, Brennan's Dam road to be sealed, and for Old Hawkesbury rd to be sealed and opened, but you ignored these requests.

OPA made a written submission to council in September 2017 and asked for answer on when you will seal Brennan's dam road, and open Old Hawkesbury rd.

On the 8th April 2019, the Pitt Town and district progress association addressed council, and asked you to seal Brennan's dam road, upgrade Commercial road, and Mary Bucket spoke against this proposal.

On the 8th of April 2019 _____ spoke to the special meeting at HCC and asked for HCC to seal Brennan's Dam Road, upgrade Commercial Rd and open Old Hawkesbury road.

It is inconceivable that these major connecting roads have been left in an unsafe and unusable state for so many years, when council wastes so much money on unnecessary expenditure.

Here is a picture of a typical road in Oakville. Old Stock route road.

There is no Gutter, the verges are eroded, there is no paving, no lighting, and the council does not mow the grass. It is so dangerous children can't use it to walk to either Arndell or Oakville school, and we have seen 4 foot brown snakes in this part of the road.

As part of the Capital works program, we would request HCC start to maintain these roads.



Brennan's Dam Road

This road is a major through road joining Pitt town and Oakville to Windsor Rd which has been neglected, dangerous and damaging to our vehicles for a very long time.



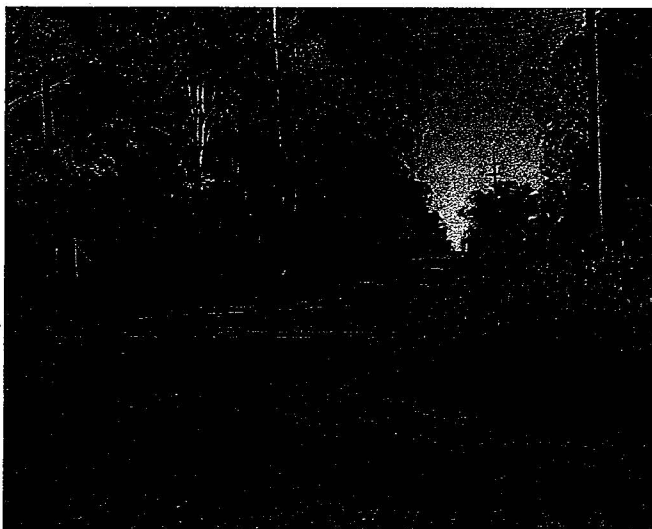
The road is used by trucks and commuters, and it is not safe.

People travel through clouds of dust, the corrugations would shake your fillings out, and rocks are thrown up when passing other cars. It is also dangerous as it is close to Windsor, and people who don't often drive on dirt roads use it, and typically drive too fast for the conditions.

Please include Brennan's Dam road in the capital works program.

Old Hawkesbury Road.

Please open Old Hawkesbury Road, it is a flood mitigation road, and should never have been closed. This road will need work to open it, but as you have been gifted 26 million dollars by the State government to beautify roads, we request you use some of it on roads for our basic safety please.



Commercial road

The state of Commercial road is a disgrace.
It has eroded verges, and an unsealed section.

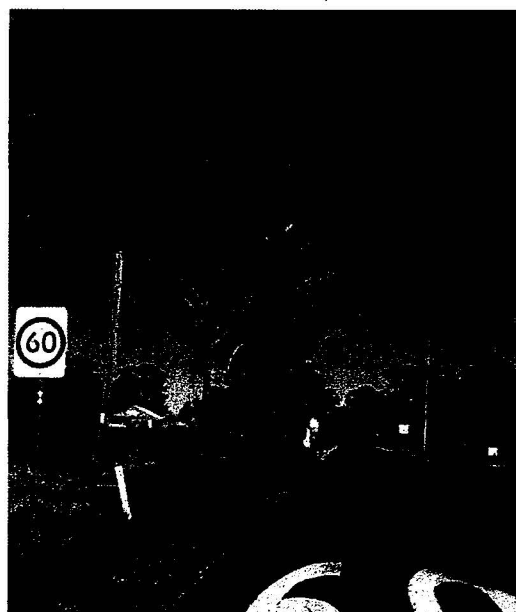
Here is a section of Commercial rd, the sunglasses are there to show the drop off the sealed section.
It is quite dangerous when small cars are forced to leave the road, or veer off the road.

We request they you seal Commercial road and fix the edges properly of the sealed sections please.

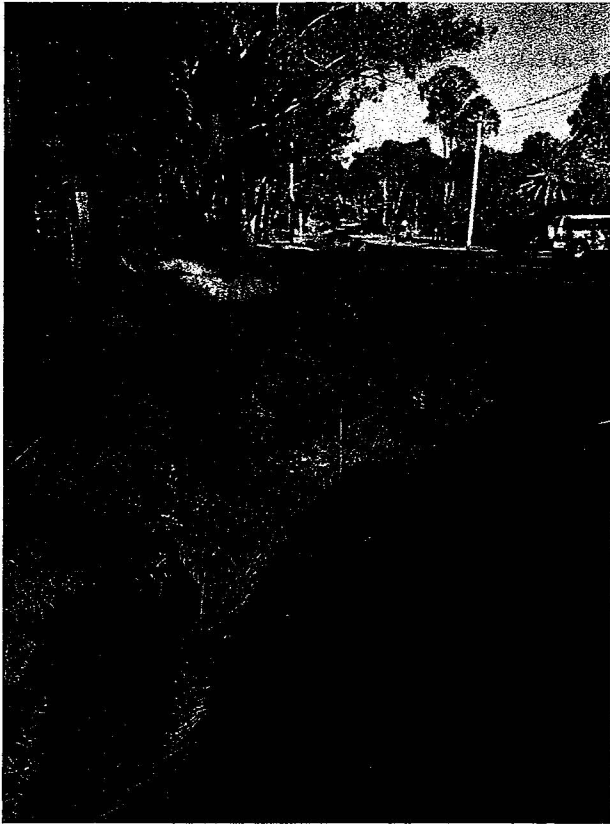


Dangerous trees

There are dead trees on roads close to primary schools, and we question why you are not addressing these as they represent a danger to children ?



There are dangerous corners with deep gutters, and unmown edges in Oakville, that would be easily fixed.



Oakville Oval

Oakville Oval is very dangerous on weekends due to the narrow road, the huge amount of through traffic, the people using the facilities and the lack of parking.

Cars are nosing in to the fence and backing out onto a busy road unsighted.

This oval is used by sporting clubs, including soccer and cricket.

There is an immediate need for a parking lot, and there is plenty of room next to the scout hall and on the east side of the oval to put in substantial parking facility, even if it was dirt.

The small facilities are not big enough for the huge crowds who use the oval now, and there is enough volume to justify a small pavilion and dressing sheds, like the ones funded by the previous council at Kurrajong.

Cars are shown here on a typical Saturday at Oakville Oval, it is very dangerous every week. Here are some photos of the traffic on any given Saturday, Oakville Rd is choked...



The scout car park is full to capacity every Saturday... which means the scouts have no parking for week end activity. Oakville Scout group is the largest scout group in the Hawkesbury.



And the carpark to the east of the Oval is full to capacity, which is why the cars are choking Oakville Road every Saturday, and causing the dangerous situation.



Summary:

Oakville and District and the Pitt Town and District Progress Associations, have repeatedly asked you to include our suburbs, which include Maraylya and Vineyard in capital works programs, and we are specifically asking you for the following, in the case of the roadwork this is the fourth time since you have been in council.

1. Upgrade seal and maintain commercial Rd
2. Seal Brennans Dam Rd
3. Open and seal Old Hawkesbury rd and restore the flood mitigation route
4. Provide basic mowing services, and make the roads usable for pedestrians.
5. Remove Dangerous trees.
6. Open up some space for parking at Oakville Oval in recognition of the real and present Danger every week end.
7. Provide improved facilities at Oakville oval, commensurate with the number of people using the reserve every week.

Mary Bucket suggested in council on 8 April 2019 that with these requests we are “jumping the queue” and other people would miss out, but we would inform Clr Bucket that other suburbs already get mowing, footpaths, street lighting, street sweeping, kerb and gutter, drainage and so on, and we have been asking for safe roads for years.

It is not even safe for our kids to walk on the footpaths.

From your ads in the Courier your reason to publicly exhibit and ask for feedback is to “take our comments into account as part of the Draft Operational plan consultation process”.

These are your words.

The implication of your statement is that you will take into account the actual needs of the community, and reflect them in the actual operational plan, so please do this.

Since 2017 HCC has been extorting rates from Oakville Pitt town and Maraylya, forcing residents to pay up to ten times more than other residents in the LGA, while refusing to acknowledge repeated requests made by those residents for some services in areas as fundamental as road safety and the safety of our children.

Please stop turning a blind eye and start providing the services other areas take for granted in the Hawkesbury. Previous Liberal councils have provided dressing rooms in playing fields like Kurrajong, and we would like you do try to achieve the same standard of service to the community.

This letter represents the views of the people in the progress associations , and we would like to see you start to act in the service of the community, and stop refusing to provide basic services affecting our safety.

Best Regards