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The General Manager
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9 May 2016

Re: Port Stephens Section 94 Development Contributions Plan 2007
File No. PSC2006-0066v2 Objection: Draft Amendments No. 11

It is with regret that it is learned that Council intends to amend the present Council Section 94 Developer Contributions Plan in part to utilise funds for sporting facilities at Medowie.

This is most controversial as Council's Staging Threshold shows many deserving causes which have been on Council's priority list for a number of years. Some of these are associated with concerns residents have with safety issues and deservedly were placed higher on the priority listing.

The possible use of Section 94 funds for the Ferodale Multi Purpose Community Facility therefore seems an inappropriate use of these funds when other essential works need to be carried out in the Port Stephens area.

Within the Tomaree Peninsula, Council staging thresholds show approximate totals of more than 100, and more than 750 projects in other areas of Port Stephens.

However Council have stated that the items in the existing Works Schedule are prioritised but that the items in the existing Works Schedule need to be amended and that the Ferodale Sporting facility be assigned a priority to meet this 'additional' demand.

It is understood that there are many sporting facilities in need of support and it is not understood why this development should be considered a priority or that the claim of 'additional demand' can be justified when other Bowling Greens are closing due to poor attendance. This type of facility serves only a certain section of the community - it does not serve the community needs as a whole, as is the intention of the Act.

Funding of the project through developer contributions under the existing Section 94 Plan, Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A) is not currently available for the type of facility proposed. The current work schedule outlined in Council's Section 94 Developer Contributions Plan does not include this project as a works item but was recently included early in 2016. CLS 57 - Stage1: February 1st 2016, Amendment: Section 4 – Contributions amending the order of categories, page 19

Council is reliant upon the acceptance of the amendments to the Section 94 existing Plan, tabled in the Minutes Ordinary Council 12 April, in order to achieve the end result.

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The recommendation to:

5) Allocate \$1.5M from the Medowie Section 94 Plan and borrow monies for the remaining \$2.36M and fund repayments through general rate revenue and future Section 94 is of huge concern.

Council must consider the potential risk of adopting this recommendation which may compromise the delivery of existing works within the Section 94 works plan and impact on other services which ratepayers could expect to be delivered through the general rate revenue.

Similarly the proposed endorsement of a total allocation of \$2.888.300 in Section 94 funds including internal borrowing of \$2,208,315 for the purposes of funding the delivery of Stage 1 Ferodale Park Sports Complex Masterplan as summarised in Table 1, CLS 57 - Stage1: February 1st 2016, Amendment.

Stage 1 is only the beginning of a project not dissimilar to the capital outlay and misuse of Section 94 funds Council allocated to the Burubi Surf Club the burden of which has resulted in many other works programmes not being completed.

In conclusion, Council has demonstrated that there is a shortfall in the required budget which will ultimately effect community expectations.

The guidelines for the proposed Council merger require that during a merger proposal period, Councils should only expend monies in accordance with the detailed budget adopted for the purposes of implementing their Operation Plans for the relevant year.

It is therefore considered that Council has not sufficiently considered the potential risk that pooling of funds in relation to the Ferodale Sporting Complex may compromise the delivery of existing works within the Section 94 works plan, and place the Community in an untenable position regarding the borrowing of funds from other sources.

The Soldiers Point Community Group therefore reject the adoption of the Draft Amendments to the existing Section 94 Contribution Plan as it is considered to be not in the public interest.

Yours sincerely,

Cc: Minister Paul Toole

Cc: Kate Washington MP

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Submissions regarding Section 94/94A Contributions

To whom it may concern,

I'd like to express my endorsement of the proposed amendments. Medowie has been sadly neglected for facilities in the past for facilities and taking advantage of the Section 94 contributions that have been made from local developments.

I think the proposed Sports Centre would be a most wonderful asset to the Medowie community.

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Sent: Monday, 16 May 2016 10:19 AM
To: land use submissions
Subject: comment: Section 94/94A PSC2006-0066v2

I make a submission on behalf of the Medowie Sports and Community Club and many more who we have spoken to.

This facility and ancillaries is something Medowie has been waiting for and wanting for many years. The late Ken Muir and co tried to kick this off in its first form so many years ago. It was also proposed by Messrs Keith Lindsay and Craig Baumann and their associates. It has now been with Messrs C Doohan,

and many others for about 7 years. A bowls group led by Mr B Pitcher has been created and have expressed interest in being a regular user of the facility. The time has come to deliver on this project for Medowie.

The facility will be used for adult teaching, for socialising, for a meal or a coffee, for club administration and for community groups like meals on wheels to improve social cohesion of all ages and abilities of people. The facility won't be used for poker machines. On this, the current committee has been adamant and it will be written into the lease agreement. the clubs charter to provide "charitable capital to the people of Medowie" will ensure that people get a regular dividend both from the club and via its lease agreement.

Medowie is on the cusp of its biggest change in 20 years, with population set to double in the next decade. A facility like this will improve the amenity of the town as well as provide for the extra car parking and playground facilities that many groups have asked for.

We recognise that there has been required to be internal borrowings to fund this facility now. We are grateful to the Council staff and Councillors that have agreed to this funding strategy. I am also grateful to those communities that we have borrowed from. I do ask that council repay that funding to those communities as soon as possible.

There are many many other pieces of correspondence supportive of this project on Councils files. Please feel free to consult or review those when preparation of the report for councillors is undertaken.

From:
Sent: Tuesday, 17 May 2016 9:09 AM
To: land use submissions
Subject: PSC2006-0066v2

**SUBMISSION: Port Stephens Section 94 Development Contributions Plan 2007
Draft Amendment No.11**

As the current chairman of the Medowie Bowls Club, I fully support the proposed amendment to the Port Stephens Section 94 Development Contributions Plan 2007. The Medowie Bowls Club has recently been established in anticipation that the Ferodale Sports Complex becomes a reality. Whilst it is hard to generate members for a Bowling Club without any bowling greens, the support and desire from the community is clearly evident.

Non-financial membership forms have been available at some local Medowie businesses. This has enabled Medowie residents to voice their suggestions in what they would like to see in a Community Club that will be for them. Within the first two days of these forms being available, scores of individuals went into Medowie Hardware and Medowie Century 21 for the sole purpose of filling them out and having their say. This was based on a very limited information flow from a recently created Facebook page. There was not a single negative response.

The respondents in these membership / survey forms were very similar in nature as to what they feel the community needs. All wanted a family friendly environment where they could go for dinner and socialise with other members of the community. Local area Clubs, Leagues, and Associations will finally have a venue with decent facilities that they can call their own. This will help them grow and develop which will be a huge gain for the community as a whole. The Ferodale Sports Complex will act as a magnet to attract many more people to participate in local sporting activities which will help improve the community's overall physical and mental health. With Medowie expected to rapidly grow in coming years, this facility will be a much needed addition to the town. Also, with the local population aging, having a nearby bowling green and Club will be very important to keep the older community members engaged and active in the community.

Unfortunately, many in the community are very sceptical that anything will ever happen on that site to it having been on the horizon for such a long period of time. I would expect that once works begins on the site that it will generate an excitement in the town that has not been seen for many decades, if at all.

Whilst I understand that money will be borrowed from other Port Stephens areas in order to fund it, the Complex will become a major asset to the Port Stephens Local Government Area as a whole. Under the funding proposal, the borrowed funds will be paid back as soon as possible as Medowie continues to grow. Borrowing of funds from a different catchment area should not be viewed in a negatively, but encouraged, as Port Stephens works together to improve whole LGA. Residents from other areas in the Port Stephens LGA will not 'miss out', as there will be a new venue for them to utilise and enjoy too.

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Sent: Tuesday, 17 May 2016 1:56 PM
To: land use submissions
Subject: HPRM: PSC2006-0066v2
Record Number: 16/335051

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SUBMISSION: Port Stephens Section 94 Development Contributions Plan 2007 Draft Amendment No.11

I fully support the proposed amendment to the Port Stephens Section 94 Development Contributions Plan 2007. The proposed bowls club will offer much need facilities to this town. Sport is an essential part of our community by bringing the people together in a team environment and by providing activities for the youth and ageing population.

There has been a large amount of support from the community members who desire more family friendly dining and entertainment facilities to keep up with the growth of Medowie. With the proposed age care facilities behind Woolworths the bowls club will offer a center for the aged to participate in healthy activities and stay active in the community.

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Sent: Tuesday, 17 May 2016 10:09 PM
To: land use submissions
Subject: Proposed development

Good evening.

I am a member living in fernbay. I own a property in the first division. We love fernbay but are disappointed by limited resources. We were promised many facilities when purchased. Since then we have now received many of these items.

It would be a better use of the community's month to invest in our community... we need a netball / basketball court for our kids. Plus a skate park and more walk tracks to beach through bush.

Please leave our communities money in our community.

Warmest regards

Sent from Samsung Mobile

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Sent: Tuesday, 17 May 2016 10:35 PM
To: land use submissions
Subject: Fern Bay

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The General Manager
Port Stephens Council
File number PSC2006-0066v2

Dear General Manager

I am against the use of the Fern Bay funds to build a development in the Medowie area. Especially, to build a Bowling Club that does not cater for the whole community. Funds could be used to facilitate the growing population of all ages in the Fern Bay community. We should be focussing on developing facilities for all generations rather than just the over 18 year olds.

Fern Bay is a developing area with lots of young families. There is a need for our community to have access to the funds to develop facilities for our children, families and the older generation that live within the area.

There is a clear need to use s94 funds in order to develop Fern Bay. Some examples are:

- We need bus shelters for our children while they are waiting for the school bus. This could be inside the estate where the busses currently go.
- A bus shelter for the retirement villages.
- A multi purpose court where we could play tennis/basketball/netball. We could look at in the future holding matches here.
- Cycle ways to get safely between facilities and venues.
- A way for the retirement village people to safely cross the roads.
- A skate park
- A community garden
- A fenced dog area

I hope you listen to the Fern Bay community in this application process. This is a community who band together and support one another.

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Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2016 1:08 AM
To: land use submissions
Subject: PSC2006-0066v2

The General Manager
Port Stephens Council
File number PSC2006-0066v2

Dear General Manager,

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction in relation to the proposed use of Fern Bay s94 funds to build a development in the Medowle area, in that this establishment will not benefit the local residents and families that work so tirelessly to try to create a sense of community here in Fern Bay. We are a small but growing community, with hundreds of families moving into Seaside Estate in recent months, and hundreds more to come. It would seem timely that the Fern Bay community benefited from our s94 funds so that we could build the capacity and quality of living close to home, and in turn attracting more families to call Fern Bay home.

Fern Bay is a developing area with lots of young families. There is a need for our community to have access to the s94 funds to develop facilities for our children, families and the older generation that live within our area.

There is a demand to use s94 funds in order to develop Fern Bay. I would suggest that the following initiatives be considered, to the benefit of all Fern Bay, and surrounding area, residents:

- Adequate bus shelters and seating for the growing number of school-aged children using bus transportation in Fern Bay, with Seaside Estate being a priority. A shelter should also be provided outside on Nelson Bay Road to accommodate the elderly communities on both sides of that busy road. A pedestrian crossing in this area would also benefit the senior citizens who often wait for lengthy periods until they can safely cross from the current non-sheltered bus stop.
- OOSH facilities at the local Fern Bay primary school. Our school is desperate for enrolments to build its capacity and attract local children to attend. A major factor preventing many enrolments is the lack of before and after school facilities. An OOSH building could attract a private vendor and inject ongoing and consistent finances into the school and surrounding community. A school is the hub of its community. Fern Bay Public School should be considered in light of how it could best benefit from the use of some of these funds.
- A community centre with indoor and outdoor sporting facilities to bring the community together and foster sportsmanship, community spirit and healthy mindsets.

I certainly hope that you redirect the funds to support the community in which they were intended. Fern Bay deserves this funding to be injected into our local community. I would appreciate you indicating receipt of my email and updating me in relation to this matter.

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Submission re PS Sect 94 Development Contributions Plan

- Stage 1 Ferodale Park Sports Complex Master Plan.

File number PSC2006-0066v2

landusesubmissions@portstephens.nsw.gov.

General Manager

I wish to object to the proposal to place the Ferodale Sports Complex at the top of the Section 94 list. With a community hall and a licenced hotel both within walking distance there doesn't appear to be justification in committing such a huge sum of money. The project appears to have come out of the blue, one would expect a project of such significance would have been at the top of the list for some years after true community consultation. There are many smaller projects on the works list that would serve a widely section of the community than this one which have been slowly working their way up the list over a number of years. In the case of situations like the Fingal Surf club fire I can appreciate the need to queue jump, but that even took a number of years, not months as is the case here.

I question that the Councillors can legally commit such a large sum of money which will take so long to repay with a clear direction from the State Government that no major projects can be started until a decision on the council mergers is made.

There doesn't appear to be a clear business plan on how revenue will be raised to even partly cover the cost of running a centre such as this, the idea being floated about getting a licence would appear to be against the regulations of the use of Section 94 funds.

The idea of borrowing funds either externally or internally from Fern Bay section 94 cannot at this stage be justified with the current financial situation of the Council having declining cash reserves, the lowest in at least 4 years on a project that cannot pay for itself or has benefit to the whole community

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Submission re Port Stephens Council Section 94 Development Contributions Plan – Draft Amendment No 11 and Port Stephens Section 94A Development Contributions Plan Amendment No 8 - Stage 1 Ferodale Park Sports Complex Master Plan - Medowie
File number PSC2006-0066V2 landusesubmissions@portstephens.nsw.gov.

I object to the use of \$2.8M of Section 94 or Section 94A and the inclusion in any Works Schedule for the Stage 1 Components of the Masterplan (as advertised in the Examiner)

I also strongly object to internal borrowing of \$2.2M from Council funds And external borrowing to pay for bowling greens and a carpark which are not in those estimates.

My reasons are as follows:-

1. This project had not been listed in any Works Plan in previous Council Integrated Plans and only appeared in this years plan. This is a prime case of "queue jumping". This means that other very important projects right across the shire with much higher priority miss out on available funding either from Section 94 or internal borrowings. This method of decision making needs to stop. Other projects have waited in line for many many years and this is most unfair.
2. Council is handing over responsibility to an Incorporated organization what is an extremely large amount of ratepayers funds. Who can join that Organisation? Will all Medowie Sports Clubs who want to use the facility have to join the organization to "have a say" in what happens there.
3. Relating to the sustainability of an unlicensed facility with no poker machines for revenue, there should be no comparison with Fingal and Birubi Surf Clubs. Both these have iconic views which people want to go to dine and socialize. Frankly, if I lived in Medowie, I'd much rather head to the new facility at the Dunes Golf course for decent ambiance. This "Clubhouse" (it is NOT A SPORTS FACILITY) will not be sustainable and will be burden on the ratepayers of Port Stephens.
4. The design seems to indicate that in the future it will be licensed to serve alcohol. If that is the plan, please be reminded that Section 94 funds cannot be used for licensed premises.
5. Anything written previously into the Masterplan about this facility becoming an emergency back up is a complete furphy. With the land where it is proposed to be built blocked in for a couple of days during a recent heavy storm event, surely this should sound alarm bells that this is entirely unsuitable.
6. The location of the facility is wrong for Medowie. Already there is an excellent community hall facility not that far down the road. Medowie is so spread out, facilities should be located to the east to balance what is already available along Ferodale Road. Families should be able to walk or ride bikes to sporting facilities and not cross busy roads which have huge trucks using it as a main thoroughfare.
7. An expansion of this facility will result in damming effects and flooding will occur where it never has before. What provision has Council made to be sued for damages?
8. Why are there to be bowling greens and why are they and the carpark being funded separately by borrowing externally? A building without beer and pokies will hardly be a great place to socialize after a game of bowls.
9. If the building is sublet and licensed then the available space to sporting groups will be extremely limited. It is simply NOT A COMMUNITY FACILITY.
10. Why not be catering for increased younger families who are moving to the area? There are adequate facilities in nearby Raymond Terrace for retirees..... even a \$800,000 Mens Shed to come!!! Why bowling greens? If anything that should be funded, it is more netball courts.

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11. Only 1/3rd of this facility would qualify for Section 94 as the plan shows clearly that this is not really a community facility.
12. Relating to commercial leasing, my own observation at Birubi and Fingal is that very little of the huge facilities provided there are actually available for public use and I seriously question whether the income from the commercial leasing will provide for future maintenance and all the costs associated with the size and scale of these buildings. More ratepayer funds to pick up the maintenance costs in the future is all I see, unless the Surf Clubs (and in this case the "Mens Club of Medowie") plan to hold heaps of chook raffles to pay for maintenance..... I don't think so!
13. Why is Port Stephens Council proposing to borrow either internally or externally an amount over \$250,000 during a time of merger. Whatever the outcome of the merger, someone will have to pick up the tab. This should not have been allowed by the Minister and the Councillors who approve this should be sued for making such a decision.
14. The proposal to borrow the \$2.2M from Fern Bay Section 94 plan is disgusting. That area has received a huge influx of residents over the last couple of years and not all facilities are being provided within those resorts and developments. Yes, they have a brand new footpath – leading to nowhere, but what else? A community centre worth the same cost as a "Mens Shed in Raymond Terrace". With such an influx of population at Fern Bay, it should have been twice the facility. What about boat ramps, toilet facilities and the like. Fern Bay is being duded.
15. Why doesn't Medowie have a decent library instead of the other projects already on the Section 94 lists for sporting facilities funded? This is a selfish proposal with the concept started 20 years ago with a group of men driving this who have not moved with the times or considered the influx of younger families into Medowie.
16. I question that, even with a large growth in development in Medowie, the use of these funds on this one project. This will leave all the other infrastructure needed out in the cold for many many years to come. One only has to look at the 2009 list on the Council website (only Section 94 list available!) to see what HAS NOT been funded at Tomaree and which has been on the plans for years.
17. Related to that, when is the payback to come to Tomaree Sports for Section 94 borrowed to pay for Birubi Surf Club and also the payback of Fern Bay Section 94 (with \$750,000 also raided at that time) You can only borrow so much before it has to stop. Where are the written plans on how to pay these funds back? Any business would require that sort of commitment before "borrowing".
18. Where are the financial and business plans for the whole proposal?

At the very least, this whole proposal, including the addition of this project to the Section 94 listing, particularly at a high priority, should be referred back to Council officers for a more thorough research of the potential implications for all the ratepayers of Port Stephens Council. At the very least, the budget needs reviewing as clearly most of the building is not even eligible for Section 94 funding. It should definitely be deferred until the outcome of any mergers are known.

Most of all, the sporting community of Medowie needs to be told honestly and truthfully what they are really getting. They have been completely hoodwinked and the community consultation for this has been appalling. The mindset unfortunately becomes "anything is better than nothing". That is JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH. The sporting bodies will end up with no say if most of the building is sub-let.

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Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2016 1:29 PM
To: land use submissions
Subject: file number PSC2006-0066v2

The General Manager
Port Stephens Council
File number PSC2006-0066v2

Dear General Manager

I am against the use of the Fern Bay funds to build a development in the Medowie area. Especially, to build a Bowling Club that does not cater for the whole community.

I was under the impression that these type of funds could not be used to fund licensed venues, is this correct?

Fern Bay is a developing area with lots of young families. There is a need for our community to have access to the funds to develop facilities for our children, families and the older generation that live within the area.

There is a clear need to use s94 funds in order to develop Fern Bay. Some examples are:

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- A way for the retirement village/school kids to safely cross the roads outside seaside.
- A skate park
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18th May 2016

The General Manager
Port Stephens Council
PO Box 42
RAYMOND TERRACE NSW 2324

RE: Port Stephens Section 94 Development Contributions Plan 2007 Draft Amendment No.11

Dear Sir

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Port Stephens Section 94 Development Contributions Plan 2007 Draft Amendment No.11 (S94 Plan).

After reviewing the documentation on public exhibition please consider my questions and comments, as follows:

- a) Pages 46 & 51 of the Council report indicate that there are limited implications for other work in the S94 Plan "pipeline" and that projects within the S94 Plan will not be delayed:

Equally, proposed Medowie Community and Cultural Facilities within the work plan [redacted] during the repayment period as all works in the work plan proposed have already been delivered. Borrowings from Open Space are also

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considered appropriate as there are adequate funds remaining to meet the short term demand. Longer term items will be funded via future development contributions.

Based on population projections, [redacted] Medowie Community and Cultural Facilities are proposed within the catchment in the short to medium term. Council will continue to afford the right to review the Section 94 works program and the pooling of funds to fund such works as it sees fit. Thus ensuring no existing or proposed works funded from Section 94 will be compromised under the current proposal.

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At present there is no current or future works in the Works schedule to meet this additional demand. The inclusion of the multipurpose community facility and playground would meet this additional demand.

The items in the existing Works Schedule are prioritised. To include relevant stage 1 works, the Section 94 Works Schedule need to be amended and assigned a priority.

There is considered [redacted] where the majority of public infrastructure works have already been funded for the short to medium term whilst further development is already within the pipeline providing for increased contributions into this catchment.

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- b) Further to Council's forecast of no implications and no delays in point a), can Council **please confirm** if the S94 Plan items below *will still be able to be funded* within the nominal 10 year period that the internal borrowing of funds (for the proposed Ferodale Multipurpose Community Facility) is forecast to be repaid?:

Medowie			
SD4	Ferodale Park drainage	\$50,000	1
SD11	Medowie Sports Upgrades – finish off works and new ward allocation	\$15,000	2
SD15	Install Floodlights at Ferodale Sports Complex	\$80,000	3
SD19	Yulong Oval – carparking, netball courts and lighting	\$150,000	4
SD26	New netball courts, basketball and floodlighting	\$100,000	5
SD32	Yulong Oval 3 – drainage works	\$50,000	7
SD41	Grahamstown Dam Disabled toilets	\$25,000	9
SD46	Create disabled toilets at 3 locations	\$75,000	10
SD51	Medowie Skate Park upgrades	\$100,000	11
SD54	Synthetic covering of two courts and drainage works	\$60,000	12
SD60	Turf wicket at Boyd Oval	\$10,000	13
SD67	Yulong Oval – erection of pergola	\$15,000	15
SD74	New courts and carpark for tennis	\$100,000	16
SD84	Kindlebark Oval – irrigation	\$80,000	18
SD87	Ferodale Park – new fields and facility improvements	\$200,000	19
SD90	Boyd Oval – irrigation	\$60,000	20
SD91	Ferodale Sports Complex – irrigation	\$60,000	21
SD96	Medowie Sporting amenities upgrades	\$60,000	22
SD99	Boyd Oval - amenities stage 1	\$50,000	23
SD99	Boyd Oval - amenities- stage 2	\$800,000	24
SD356	Ferodale Sports Complex – new cricket nets	\$50,000	8
SD357	Ferodale Sports Complex – park furniture/seating	\$20,000	25
SD359	Boyd Oval – driveway and carpark upgrade	\$800,000	27
SD360	Boyd Oval – cricket pavilion	\$120,000	28
SD361	Yulong Oval – carpark upgrade	\$90,000	29
SD362	Yulong Oval – disabled toilet	\$100,000	30
Total Estimate		\$3,323,000	

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- c) Council and Medowie Community reps have met five times since December 2013 as part of the process to revise the Medowie Strategy and subsequently establish a Medowie Town Centre Master Plan (aka Medowie Plan both still a work-in-progress).
The result of this planning process has been to develop a Medowie Plan (to guide development over the next 20-25 years), which includes identification of critical infrastructure for Medowie's future.

A public amenities block (near our town centre) is part of the proposed Medowie Plan, for which the location and detailed layout have yet to be determined.

If Council adopts the proposed changes to the S94 Plan and continues with the Ferodale Multipurpose Community Facility (as proposed), will this cause a delay of the proposed town centre amenities block and any other infrastructure projects identified as part of the Medowie Plan review?

- d) An Excel spreadsheet should be populated (and communicated to our community) showing all existing and proposed S94 projects, as well as the forecast completion year (subject to population growth and development projects being realised).
- e) Both Amendment_8 and Amendment_11 of the S94 Plan contain two OS226 projects :

OS226	Ferodale Sports Complex – playground	\$122,300	1
	Shoal Bay Foreshore – road construction	\$625,000	0

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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MEDOWIE

Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
Accruals											
Starting balance (at end of 2016)											0
Land sales (Mur St neighbourhood)											0
S94 (Mur St neighbourhood)											0
S94 (other)											0
Other income (eg. State Govt grants)											0
Total funds available for Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROJECTS											
Public Open Space, Parks and Reserves											
Project 1											0
Project 2											0
Sports and Leisure Facilities											
Project 1											0
Project 2											0
Cultural and Community Facilities											
Project 1											0
Project 2											0
Roadworks											
Project 1											0
Project 2											0
Traffic and Transport											
Project 1											0
Project 2											0
Fire and Emergency Services											
Project 1											0
Project 2											0
Total Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net cash for the period	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

attach2 - Medowie S94 spending forecast - Cash flow forecast

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MEDOWIE

	Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Accruals												
Starting balance (at end of 2016)												
Land sales (Muir St neighbourhood)												
S94 (Muir St neighbourhood)												
S94 (other)												
Other income (eg. State Govt grants)												
Total funds available for Projects		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROJECTS		Estimate										
Public Open Space, Parks and Reserves												
Project 1												
Project 2												
Sports and Leisure Facilities												
Project 1												
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Cultural and Community Facilities												
Project 1												
Project 2												
Roadworks												
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Project 2												
Fire and Emergency Services												
Project 1												
Project 2												
Total Expenditure		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net cash for the period		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

attach2 - Medowie S94 spending forecast - Cash flow forecast

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Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2016 4:18 PM
To: land use submissions
Subject: Proposed new Community Facility Medowie

The General Manager

- I have viewed the various plans to the above and spoke to council staff at the current Medowie Community Centre on 12 May 2016. (I have copies of a number of versions including one with large areas blacked out to hide the cool rooms, walk in storage areas and bar.)

Objections.

- located in the middle of a known flood area. The roads leading to this area go under water as they did in the big storm early 2015 and many times prior to this over the years.
- No use as an emergency evacuation area because of its location (see above)
- Where is the money coming from? Other communities are going to miss out an essential infrastructure because this will take money from Fern Bay and possibly Anna Bay.

- This facility will not cater for the majority of young people in Medowie. It offers them nothing.
- How long will it take for the borrowed money take to pay back and what will not get done in the meantime. eg Upgrade to Abundance Road.
- The plans look suspiciously like a licensed club with walk in cool rooms, a large commercial kitchen and bar. Who are the people this proposed facility is actually catering for?
- Councils are not supposed to have anything to do with licensed premises.

Other Options to spend the money.

- Provide decent public toilets (both sexes, disabled toilet, childrens' change room with change tables and sinks).
- Major upgrade to skate park
- Improve road and drainage on Abundance Road
- Put money aside for a community facility or park out along Medowie road north, closer to the recently released housing area.

Question

- . Over what time period will the money borrowed be paid back?
- . Where is the money coming from? (repeat question)
- . and what is going to not be done in the meantime.

Thank you for your attention

Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2016 5:10 PM
To: land use submissions
Subject: Re - File Number PSC2006-0066V2 - Proposed Ferodale Park Sports Complex

Re - File Number PSC2006-0066V2 - Proposed Ferodale Park Sports Complex

I object to this proposal for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed site floods. This area was underwater in the recent heavy rain.
2. Council cannot use section 94 funds to provide a sports club which will have to be leased and licensed to be financially sustainability. Funding of licensed premises using section 94 funds is not permissible under the act.
3. The bulk of funds for this complex come from internal borrowing of Fern Bay section 94 moneys (\$1.77 million). Fern Bay's is an expanding area and lack facilities. This development is not in the best interest of the Fern Bay community.
4. Borrowing \$1.77 million from Fern Bay's section 94 funds comes on top of the \$750,000 borrowed back in 2012 to build the Birubi surf club. This club is also leased and licensed and as previously stated this is not permissible under the act. These 2012 borrowings have not been paid back into Fern Bay's section 94 funds.
5. There was no clear community consultation regarding funding.
6. The existing community centre at Medowie appears adequate.
7. The Minister for Local Government issued guidelines clearly stating that all Councils listed for amalgamation should minimize future borrowings and liabilities that could be passed to an amalgamated Council to \$250,000. This proposal does not comply with these guidelines.

This is another example of Council spending monies they do not have to satisfy the request of a few while parks, reserves and road maintenance are being neglected. This Council appears to have forgotten that one of their primary purposes is the provision of these services.

Regards

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Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2016 7:28 PM
To: land use submissions
Cc: Wifey
Subject: PSC2006-0066v2

Dear General Manager,

I am against the use of S94 funds being spent on a development at Medowie. My understanding is that S94 funds are obtained via a clause in development contracts, by council, in order to contribute towards the cost of new/additional infrastructure to meet the increased demand arising from the new development. S94 funds was raised in Fern Bay, primarily by the new developments in Fern Bay.

Firstly i'm against the use of these funds within a different community. The proposal to build a bowling club in Medowie is a ludicrous idea. 1) this isn't in our community, yet the funds can be borrowed and will increase our S94 levy across the LGA. 2) this is a bowling club and really doesn't serve the entire community. (I've also heard that it might not be entirely legal and some parts of the development are proposed to be licensed).

Secondly I feel this is an enormous slap in the face by the local council. I reside in the new Seaside Estate at Fern Bay and personally I feel the local council has got off easy with our particular estate. Seaside Fern Bay is strata titled and thus the maintenance of our area is primarily paid for by the residents with additional strata fees. Council got off easy with our estate, yet the new developments in our estate would have no doubt added significantly to the S94 funds. We have a wider community that is in need of other infrastructure and amenities. Have you seen the number of new homes and families in the area? Particularly the growing kids would love a skate park, soccer fields, cricket pitch or some other area to entertain them. This doesn't just apply for Seaside, this goes for the bay way, Fern Bay and Fullerton Cove.

These funds were raised in our community and should be spent in our community. If Medowie wants to have a bowling club, they have their own section to collect funds for this, yes? Borrowing funds with the promise of getting the funds back in 10 to 15 years is ridiculous. People will sooner leave our community if they know that council won't be able to or will be very limited to committing to any new works for a long time.

Our community needs:

- Upgraded shared footpaths (bike and walking) to cater for increased commuting activity. Some bike riders are forced to use very narrow dangerous sections of cycle-way on a very busy section of road.
- Bus stop shelters. Increased population, people travelling on public transport need protection from the elements.
- Skate park for older kids
- Community garden for the elderly people and kids
- Sporting fields and accessories. Soccer, cricket, netball etc.
- Upgraded footpaths connecting Fullerton Cove "The Cove" to existing bus stops etc. At present it is difficult for someone walking or riding to cross the roundabout to the new portion of shared cycle-way / footpath.

Medowie can find their own funds for a bowling club, we have our funds and we want to use them, now, not in 10 to 15 years!

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Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2016 8:12 PM
To: land use submissions
Cc:
Subject: File number PSC2006-0066v2

To the attention of The General Manager, Port Stephens Council

We are against the use of the Fern Bay funds to build a development in the Medowie area.

Fern Bay funds should be used to benefit the residents of Fern Bay. We have lived in Seaside Fern Bay for 6 years now and have seen the estate grow and develop. There are lots of young families, including us. There is a need for our community to have access to the funds to develop facilities for our residents, which include children, families and the older generation.

There is a clear need for us to use the section 94 (s94) funds in order for us to develop Fern Bay. Not for our funds to support a bowling club in Medowie, that does not cater for all ages and especially as it is our funds for Fern Bay - not Medowie!

Some examples that the S94 funds could be used for are;

- walking/bike track that has been promised to our estate
- Bus shelters for all people, including children catching school buses
- A way for the retirement village residents to safely cross the roads
- Traffic lights at the entrance to Seaside Fern Bay, rather than a roundabout, as cars speed thru the roundabout coming southbound from the airport. There have been many accidents already and is a hazard at times entering our estate.

If the funds are not kept and used in Fern Bay, we will be voting at the next council election for councillors who will support and keep the funds within in our area.

I hope you take our opinions into consideration in this process.

We can be contacted on this email or by mobile on ' should you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Kind regards

Telstra 4G network

Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2016 8:25 PM
To: land use submissions
Subject: File No: PSC2006-0066v2 Email of Non Support

The General Manager
Port Stephens Council
PO Box 42
Raymond Terrace NSW 2324
File Reference: PSC2006-0066v2

I am absolutely horrified, appalled and completely confused as to why this proposal has been put forward. Fern Bay currently has no public facilities, venues, sports grounds; community works or infrastructure yet Medowie that has everything are wanting to use our s94 funds to enhance more of their area. I understand that they will pay back the money but 10 to 15 years is absurd! Surely they can support their own community with their own funds?

Fern Bay is a growing community that has many young families and many retirees. We have no works to support the community and as far as I am aware there are no plans to provide these. For a community that is only getting bigger why are the funds not being spent in our own area. The proposal for Medowie is completely and utterly not beneficial for any residents. The money needs to be put back into our community as that is where it has come from. Not only are you not giving the Fern Bay community anything you will be increasing our yearly fees for nothing in return. So in essence we are giving our S94 funds to Medowie and increasing our living expenses for no return? How is this allowed to happen?

The money should be put back into our immediate community. To list a number of areas and items it could be spent on to benefit Fern Bay:

- A skate park which can cater for all ages
- A BMX track/park
- Soccer/sports fields
- Public toilet upgrade
- A preschool to support the huge amount of young children in the area
- Bus Shelters
- A community Garden
- Tennis Courts
- Road Safety crossings
- More footpaths
- A community Centre
- Improved Security to the area

I could go on and on with the facilities that could be built with our s94 funds, the list is endless considering we have absolutely nothing in the area and knowing we have funds that could be spent to improve and enhance is great. What is not great is an area with nothing letting another area with everything use our money which would not be available for another 10 to 15 years!

I am also disgusted that this proposal has not been advertised in our area, I believe that it is a very back door way of acquiring funds. By not advertising this in our area you have ensured that we have not known about it. The process for these kinds of things needs to be adjusted to include not only the benefiting area but also the loosing area.

If this proposal goes ahead, it will cause an uproar within our community now that we are aware that we actually have s94 funds to improve our area. My household is completely against this proposal.

Regards,

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Port Stephens Council

18/05/2016

RE: Proposed Amendment to Port Stephens section 94 development contributions plan – stage 1 Ferodale park sports complex master plan

Dear General Manager,

I am writing in regards to the above proposed amendment. In particular, I am writing to strongly oppose the internal borrowing from Fern Bay of \$1,771,000. I am a new resident in Fern bay, I Currently the Fern Bay community have minimal infrastructure locally despite the increased development in the area. I believe these funds would be best used to improve the Fern bay community. For example:

Foot and bike paths
A local sports field/basketball or net ball courts
Supermarket
Post office
Child care centre/local health facility (I believe a DA is in for this and I would support it)
Bus shelters

As a I would also be concerned if the borrowed funds were used to build a facility which involved the serving of alcohol and gambling. I believe building a bowling club in Medowie does not provide any benefit to the Fern bay community.

Thank you for considering my input on this amendment

Yours sincerely

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Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2016 9:01 PM
To: land use submissions
Subject: File number PSC2006-0066v2

File number PSC2006-0066v2

Dear General Manager

I am against the use of the Section 94 (s94) Fern Bay funds to build a development in the Medowie area.

To build a licenced venue such as a Bowling Club that does not cater for the whole community is not money well spent, especially when this money is intended for use in another community.

The s94 Fern Bay Funds should be used to facilitate the growing population of all ages in the Fern Bay community. We should be focusing on developing facilities for all generations rather than just the over 18 year olds.

Fern Bay is a vastly developing area with lots of young families. There is a need for our community to have access to the funds to develop facilities for our children, families and older generations that live within the area.

There is a clear need to use s94 funds in order to develop Fern Bay. Some examples are:

- Bus shelters for our children while they are waiting for the school bus. These should be within the estate to ensure our childrens safety as many are currently waiting on busy Nelson Bay Rd.
- Multi purpose courts where we could play tennis/basketball/netball/cricket
- Improvement of existing paths to link with existing paths along Stockton foreshore
- A skate park
- A community garden
- Football / Soccer posts for existing fields
- Designated dog parks
- A bus shelter for the retirement villages.
- Cycle ways to get safely between facilities and venues.
- A way for the retirement village people to safely cross the roads.

I hope you listen to the Fern Bay community in this application process. This is a community who are very close and support one another and are very passionate about their area.

Regards

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From:
Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2016 9:36 PM
To: land use submissions
Subject: Submission PSC2006-0066v2

Dear General Manager,

I am writing to you to express my concerns regarding use of s94 funds belonging to the Fern Bay community.

I was at a community meeting and was very disturbed to find out that the monies contributed by Developers could be "loaned " for up to 15 years to other communities.

Here at Fern Bay our facilities are very limited. I believe there is a plan to build a new community centre which will be not much bigger than the current one which was constructed back in the 50's. The community here has grown very dramatically since then with villages like The Cove, Palm Lakes and my own estate Seaside as well as Bayway and all the other residents. I don't know the total population but it is obviously much larger than the 50's.

I think it would be better for the community to consider a bigger community centre which will provide good before and after school facilities as there are many new families in the area with young families or young couples who will be having children in the near future. There are also many empty nesters and retirees in the area who would also benefit from having a venue where they can have gatherings such as Bridge days, quilting groups, tai chi classes or yoga/pilates classes. Young people could benefit from martial arts classes, scouts etc.

The \$1.77 million which would potentially be "loaned " to Medowie for a bowling/ sports club should be used here at Fern Bay. We would be without those funds for up to 15 years which would make it much harder to achieve better facilities here.

I think facilities such as multi purpose courts/ skate parks/ cycleways, improved roads, bus shelters would be a much better use of our funds. It is time that Council remembers that Fern Bay exists and due to the development that is going on in the area there are quite large contributions made into Fern Bay s94 funds. These monies should be earmarked for improvements in this area not loaned out to other areas.

Yours sincerely

Sent from my iPad

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From:
Sent: Wednesday, 18 May 2016 10:27 PM
To: land use submissions
Subject: The General Manager re file number PSC2006-0066v2.

Dear General Manager

Re PSC2006-0066v2

I am against the s94 funds of the Fern Bay Community being used outside the area especially the development of a new bowling club for Medowie.

Fern Bay has very little facilities and moving forward with the amount of housing being built in this area the funds should be spent to better develop the area for the future not a bowling club for another suburb using funds from Fern Bay and only catering for over 18 year olds.

There are more and more retirees plus young families moving into the area with little to no facilities for our children/grandchildren.

The s94 funds could be better spent to develop things for the Fern Bay area. Some examples are;

- a multi purpose sporting field for football, netball etc where children and adults can train and play regular games
- upgrade of parks with play equipment for all ages of children
- bus shelters in Seaside and around the area
- a skate park
- community gardens for all ages to grow and learn
- zebra crossings in the appropriate areas so children and retirees can cross the very busy road safely when getting on/off the bus and going for walks.

We hope you take into consideration the Fern Bay Community before approving this submission and develop our area with the funds raised from our community.

Submission re PS Sect 94 Development Contributions Plan- Stage 1 Ferodale park Sports Complex Master Plan.

File number PSC2006-0066v2 landusesubmissions@portstephens.nsw.gov.

Please find attached my submission in relation to the PS Sect 94 Development Contributions Plan- Stage 1 Ferodale Park Sports Complex Master Plan.

Medowie is growing community in Port Stephens and will need expansion to its community infrastructure however the proposal to fully fund a Medowie Sport club which will have to be leased and licensed to be financially sustainability is not in the interest of the Medowie community. Medowie will have growing needs for low cost flexible community center hall floor space with self-catering options and storage facilities' for user groups the Sport Club option does not meet these needs. With community numbers approaching the 10,000 level there is support for a lounge library. Under this proposal community facility section 94 funding will be quarantined for the next 15 to 20 years at a time of greatest need.

Current Community facilities.

There has been no public consultation to discuss the impact of creating a new multipurpose Medowie community Centre, the community has not seen the detailed plan of the proposed Medowie Sports club that staff is choosing to call a Medowie Community Centre MK11. Recent attendance at Medowie Sports Club confirmed for me there is problem when almost all of the sports representatives indicated they had never seen the Sports Club plans before, this has been a well-kept secret.

The current Medowie community center is not a single community facility, it has been constructed as two independent centers under the one roof, and this has not been considered nor taken into account in the PSC staff's assessment process. The Medowie multi-purpose community facility consists of two independent community halls and facilities with their own entrances, toilet amenities, kitchen facilities compete with food storage and cooking facilities, and preparation facilities etc. The Centre is fitted out with storage facilities to service a range of groups with facilities ranging from walk-in cupboards to dedicated storage rooms and cupboards fitted with racks and shelves. There is separate storage facilities for furniture and a cleaners store room and a cleaning storage room for consumables and cleaning equipment plus an emergency resources store to support emergency events.

On any one evening two large groups can use the Medowie Centre, this leaves access for up to three other user groups for meetings and activities in adjoining offices and meeting rooms. The 355C volunteer committee has provided permanent accommodation for our baby health nursing staff from Hunter New England health for the past ten years.

Attachment 1 Existing community centre floor plan

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1/3 of the building. It is noted that PSC staff have indicated the building will be leased out to commercial enterprise to operate the kitchen café and based on this the Sports Club facility will not be accessible to the community to carry out their own catering etc. or set up for community activities unless they are associated with an event which supports the commercial kitchen catering function. The leaseholders must have control over this facility if they are to generate adequate income.

The design doesn't feature storage cupboards or facilities that could be used by regular user groups. There no easy accessible furniture storage facility to allow for clearing of floor space for groups to run games activities etc.

There is no externally available toilet facility associated with the Sports Club design, this is a standard feature of community facilities on Port Stephens for after-hours use.

Attachment 4 Medowie Sport Club floor plans

The use of section 94 funds for licensed premises.

The design of the Sport Club building is typical of a licensed premise, it has an entrance with a control box for security staff, beverage storage and large scale cooling and freezer equipment, these items are not required in a community facility. Council is not able to fund licensed premises using section 94 funds. Council can only fund community facilities 100% that are deemed multipurpose community facilities when this facility can only offer a maximum of 30% utilization of floor space to community groups on demand for their own purposes. This potentially restricted community functions to seated meeting activities severely limits multipurpose use.

It is doubtful that community groups will be allowed to bring coffee tea drinks or food onto the premises if it is leased out, this would inhibit the lessees ability to run a sustainable business.

Financial Business Model.

The Medowie Sport Club has no business model and no financial plan for its survival as a sustainable operation, this question has been asked of staff and confirmed that this documentation has not been provided. The facility will be handed over to an incorporated group and they will be expected through a leased agreement to pay for all the operational costs, power and water services, maintenance of the building and surrounding facilities, replacement of damaged equipment and upgrade of deteriorating internal furnishing furniture and lighting. They will also have to cover the costs of cleaning services and consumables, pest services, licensing requirements, insurance and inspection for food health requirements. Energy costs will be high, running walk in fridges, freezers, cool rooms and I assume, fully air conditioned premises. Solar panels will cover some costs but most energy usage will be after daylight hours. The existing Medowie Community Centre has an annual budget of around \$40,000 and is currently managed by a volunteer 355C group, it doesn't have a lot to play with. The risk is that if the Medowie Sport Club fails financially then Council will be forced to take over management of the facility and carry the costs associated.

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The existing community facility is marked for replacement however the community has been limited to an \$800K spend 100% subsidized by section 94 funds. This is inadequate funding to build a facility that meets the needs of the community. NB. The Seaside developers have announced they will no longer build a community center in the Seaside Village. The proposed floor area of the new facility is the same as the existing facility hall constructed over fifty years ago for several hundred residents in old Fern Bay.

Borrowing \$1.77 million from Fern Bay's sect 94 funds comes on top of the \$750,000 borrowed back in 2012 to build the Birubi surf club, this has not been paid back to my knowledge. In 2012 there was there no public consultation and no pay back plan presented to Councilors or the Fern Bay community.

Fern Bay has no sports fields or amenities, no netball courts, no skate park, its barbecue and picnic facilities at Vardon rd. need replacement, limited public toilets (the river side unit marked for demolition), no library, one hour of mobile library service once per fortnight, highly limited commercial area no petrol station or supermarket, no boat ramp etc. Fern Bay community is one of the fastest growing communities in Port Stephens with a population of almost 3,000 residents it ranks as sixth out in of the thirteen identifiable villages in Port Stephens the residents believe PSC has forgotten them and they have every reason to say this.

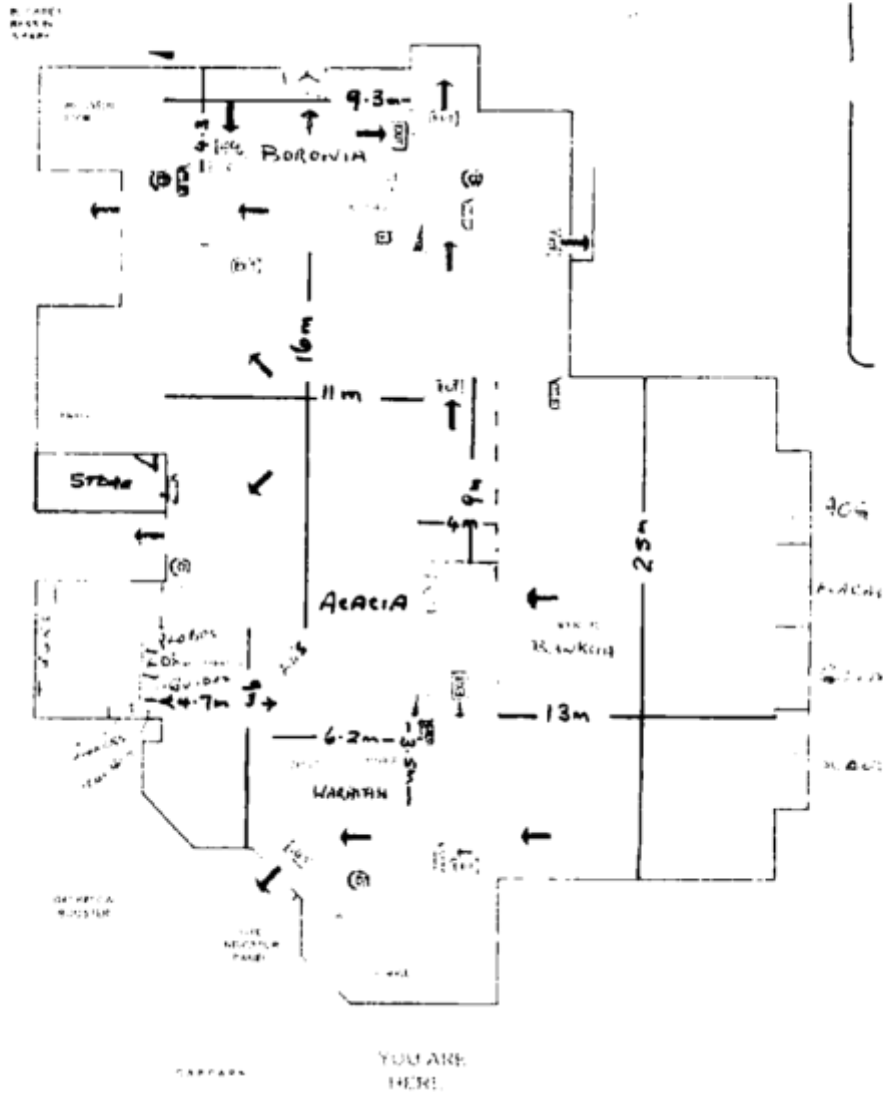
There has been no community consultation with Fern Bay residents over this proposed change to the section 94 plan, Fern Bay residents don't get the Port Stephens Examiner delivered and therefore have not seen the public exhibition ads. This is in contravention of legislative requirements.

Summation

Ports Stephens Council needs to go back to the drawing board on this matter.

- PSC need to meet the amalgamation guidelines and hold off borrowing funds until after the amalgamation decision is made.
- PSC needs to reduce funding of Medowie Sport Club using section 94 to the allowable level of 30% per the building design.
- PSC need to carry out appropriate consultation with the Fern Bay community over its proposed borrowing of sect 94 funds.
- PSC needs to explain the impact of this proposal to fund a Sport Club in Medowie against the Medowie community's ability to create future community infrastructure.

Attachment 1. Existing Medowie Community Centre floor plan



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Attachment 3. Flooding of Ferodale/Yulong Ovals and Ferodale rd. This area is listed in the recent Medowie Flood Plain Strategy as the lowest point in the Medowie flood drainage basin. There are no short/medium term solution to alleviate flooding in this area.



First vehicle to cross Ferodale after water receded. Yulong and Ferodale flooded



Water surrounding proposed club construction site

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From:
Sent: Tuesday, 17 May 2016 7:51 AM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: Funds Sect.94 Fern Bay

It has been brought to the attention of residents of Fern Bay that monies allocated to us under Sect 94 plan, namely the proposed borrowing of \$2.2 million and the borrowed of \$.75 million to fund works in an other area. Why is this happening when we need further infrastructure for our area which for decades has sat on the edge of the Shire boundary and has been forgotten. I have lived here for the past fifty years.

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to the misuse of Fern Bay funds to build a Bowling Club in Medowie. As a resident of Fern Bay, I feel these funds could be put to better use developing our own growing community.

There are several facilities that these funds could go towards to help develop the Fern Bay area, instead of using them for an area that did not raise the funds in the first place.

The funds could go towards:

- The Child Care and Medical Centre proposed for Banksia Park
- Better walking tracks and footpaths between the Seaside Estate and the remainder of the Fern Bay Community
- Better access to the beaches
- A fenced dog park
- Bus shelters for students having to catch the bus into school and for the retirement villages
- A multipurpose area where the community can play sports
- Cycle ways to get safely between facilities and venues
- Improved Community Hall facilities
- Investment into Fern Bay Primary School which will be looking at increased student numbers over the coming years with all the young families moving to the area
- A community garden

Please be aware that the Fern Bay community is a very supportive one and I understand many of the locals feel the same way about the allocation of these funds. We trust you will take our thoughts onboard and reconsider the proposed spending.

Kind Regards,

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Sent: Friday, 20 May 2016 11:39 AM
To: SwitchPC
Subject: The General Manager - File number PSC2006-0066v2

The General Manager
Port Stephens Council
File number PSC2006-0066v2

Dear General Manager

I am against the use of the Fern Bay funds to build a development in the Medowie area. Especially, to build a Bowling Club that does not cater for the whole community. Funds could be used to facilitate the growing population of all ages in the Fern Bay community. We should be focussing on developing facilities for all generations rather than just the over 18 year olds.

Fern Bay is a developing area with lots of young families. There is a need for our community to have access to the funds to develop facilities for our children, families and the older generation that live within the area.

There is a clear need to use s94 funds in order to develop Fern Bay. Some examples are:

- We need bus shelters for our children while they are waiting for the school bus. This could be inside the estate where the busses currently go.
- A bus shelter for the retirement villages.
- A multi purpose court where we could play tennis/basketball/netball. We could look at in the future holding matches here.
- Cycle ways to get safely between facilities and venues.
- A way for the retirement village people to safely cross the roads.
- A skate park
- A community garden
- A fenced dog area

I hope you listen to the Fern Bay community in this application process. This is a community who band together and support one another.

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Sent: Thursday, 19 May 2016 9:55 PM
To: land use submissions
Subject: PSC2006-0066v2

Good morning,

I would also like to place Council on notice that it has failed to properly inform Fern Bay and Fullerton Cove Residents of the plan's public exhibition. Fern Bay and Fullerton Cove residents do NOT receive the Port Stephens Examiner newspaper and hence are not in a position to read of Council plans or notifications as published in the paper. As a result, there is a definite legal argument that the Council has not complied with the guidelines regarding the use of section 94 funds and the need for Community Consultation.

I wish to make the following submissions regarding the content of the Port Stephens Council s94 amendment plan.

In summary:

* The Medowie Multipurpose Community Facility should NOT be funded using s94 funds as it clearly intended on being a licensed premise

* OS301-303 should be removed from the s94 plan as their construction is unfeasible.

* The funding priorities which should be included in the Fern Bay / Fullerton Cove area are:

1. Erection of shade structure over Vardon Road Fern Bay playground
2. Increased funding for replacement Fern Bay Community Hall
3. Installation of 2 multi-sport marked courts adjacent to existing tennis courts at

Vardon Road Fern Bay

4. Construction of a shared bicycle path on the eastern side of Nelson Bay Road
Fern Bay between Bay Way Village and Vardon Road or Braid Road.

5. Allocation of funding (or land in lieu of s94 funds) to acquire land in future stages of Seaside Fern Bay for the construction of a playing field(s)

1. In relation to the proposed Medowie Multipurpose Community Facility I have seen the proposed layout featuring staff toilets, walk in freezer, walk in cool room, commercial scale kitchen and main servery. I have also seen the earlier version of the proposed plans which feature a near identical layout but which has the main servery labled as a cafe / bar, and meeting rooms labled as a dining room and function room, and also feature a bar store and games room.

Notwithstanding the slight modifications to the plans and how the areas are labelled, the form and function of the proposed building remains unchanged. With the proposal for two bowling greens adjacent to the space, the facility is essentially a 'Bowling Club'. I am unaware of another Bowling Club within the Port Stephens and Newcastle City Council areas that is NOT licensed. Port Stephen's Council minutes from the 18th April 2016 explicitly state that the proposed facility is not going to be licensed. If it is not licensed I would assert that the financial viability of the facility is doubtful as it would be difficult for a food service operation to attract sufficient patronage during the day and evening if customers were not able to purchase a beer or wine to have with their meal. I believe that it is Council's intention to obtain a liquor and possibly a gaming licence once construction is complete. Thus circumventing Council's own rules stipulating the use of s94 funds. If Council believes that the Medowie population is sufficiently large and the need for such a facility can be demonstrated then it should be funded without section 94 funds as a licensed venue.

2. Developer contributions from Fern Bay Seaside Village have been flowing to council for the past 8-10 years. Further contributions have flowed to Council within the last 5 years from The

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Cove and Palm Lake developments within Fern Bay / Fullerton Cove. Apart from road infrastructure spending, no money has been spent on upgrades or new facilities in the Fern Bay and Fullerton Cove precinct in the last 10-20 years. The exception is the playground just completed in Vardon Road Fern Bay. The only existing community facilities within these suburbs are two tennis courts and the Fern Bay hall. The funds shared with Newcastle City Council have been spent on a variety of projects in the Stockton area, but again, there have been no new facilities constructed, except for a boating pontoon. The only conclusion from this current state of affairs is that the Fern Bay / Fullerton Cove area is completely under-resourced. It is therefore unacceptable to have a s94 plan that contains NO plans for new sporting fields, tennis courts, netball courts, skate parks or the like. It is also unacceptable to wait 5-10 years until the Fern Bay Rifle range, Stockton Hospital and Fort Wallace sites are developed to the point where sporting facilities could be constructed and open for business.

3. I believe that the s94 plans for the Fern Bay / Fullerton Cove area MUST contain some new sporting facilities that have a completion date within 5 years. This requirement provides for two options. Utilise spare land surrounding the proposed Fern Bay community hall off Vardon Road, and construct additional courts with multi-sport markings for a combination of netball, basketball and tennis. Co-location with the existing tennis courts would provide cost savings as the toilet and club-house facilities are existing (under the proposed new Community Hall). They would also cater to future population growth once the old Rifle Range is developed. Alternatively, or in addition Council would need to purchase land within the last few stages of Seaside Fern Bay upon which to build a soccer / sporting field. This would require a significant investment in the order of \$2.5-\$3.5 million to acquire the land (or receive it in lieu of s94 funds) based on current market values for a 1 Hectare site. Thus the current s94 plan needs to include funding for these Sporting Facilities.

4. The current plans for the replacement Fern Bay Community Centre are completely inadequate. For a Community Hall servicing a local population that has increased by a factor of 4-5 it is inconceivable that the replacement structure will occupy the same footprint. I am aware that the Fern Bay Public School is particularly keen for the hall to be constructed so that a before-and-after-school (OOSH) care program can operate out of it. This would extend to use as an occasional/holiday program facility during school holidays. An OOSH would provide the Council with an anchor tenant supplying a steady income stream that would be operating outside of the more popular 10am-2pm and evening time slots. A new hall would also attract a variety of local community groups who have previously been put off by the existing hall's poor state. For additional user groups to be accommodated a considerable amount of lockable storage cupboards and walk-in storage rooms is required. The current plans do not feature sufficient storage or clear floor space. The \$900,000 budget is simply inadequate.

4. The playground recently completed in Vardon Road Fern Bay lacks any shade whatsoever and this has been exacerbated by the recent removal of further trees from adjacent to the playground which at least shaded the park bench. The new playground was rarely used upon completion in early 2016 as it was simply too hot for play between 9am and 5pm. Now that the weather is cooling off it is heavily patronised and is used by Fern Bay Primary School students every day after school for half an hour prior to the School bus' arrival. My children also use the playground on at least 3 occasions every week. With the school's plan for an OOSH, there is additional playground usage which would justify the erection of a shade structure. The alternative is, that the playground is not safe to be used between November to March each year.

5. The s94 plan contains plans (OS301-303) for a new boat ramp and District park. The map shows these being on the western side of Nelson Bay Road just south of Vardon Road. My extended family has resided in the Fern Bay area for over 40 years, are all keen fisherman, and have closely observed the activities of oyster and prawn fisherman that previously used to operate within the Hunter River near the proposed facility. The water is not deep enough anywhere along

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this stretch of Nelson Bay Road to allow for a boat ramp, unless it was coupled with ongoing dredging and the installation of rock groins. The area is strongly tidal and would not allow for all-day boat launching and retrieval. There is also insufficient land surface to the west of the road to allow space for parking or to construct a District Park. Fern Bay/Fullerton Cove s94 funds have already been utilised for upgrades to the north Stockton boat ramp and Newcastle City Council has plans for further upgrades to the boat ramp near the Sailing Club. Therefore the southern area of Port Stephens Council is already well serviced by boat launching facilities. I therefore believe that OS 301-303 is unlikely to proceed as the proposed location is unsuitable. It is also not required on a needs basis. This money (\$2.3 million) would be better spent elsewhere.

5. The s94 plan contains LR87, RH80 & RH81. I believe that these plans are suitable as there is a definite need to upgrade the Fullerton Cove Road surface. Vardon Road is seeing increased patronage due to the new playground, and increased student numbers at Fern Bay public school. The proposed replacement of the Fern Bay Community Hall will generate further vehicular traffic. Whilst the details of the planned upgrade in LR87 is not shown, I believe that it should feature road widening to provide parallel parking on both sides, installation of curbing on the southern side, solid surface to the carpark servicing the school and community hall, and a zebra crossing outside the school entry.

6. The s94 plan contains as two separate items SD367 (Tennis club new amenities building) and CLS303 (New multipurpose community facility) with funding of \$500k and \$900k respectively. The plan would indicate that these are two separate items, however the current schematics for the community hall would indicate that the tennis club facilities will be co-located within the hall. Discussions I have had with tennis club members show them believing that the existing tennis club room will be demolished along with the hall. Clarification is therefore required. Combining the budgets into one facility would be more pragmatic and would allow the tennis club facilities to be located under the same roof as the community hall. The larger funding bucket would also address some of the issues already listed previously in the Community Hall plans.

7. In early 2016 the developer of Seaside Fern Bay finally completed the bicycle path along Nelson Bay Road between Seaside Boulevard and Bay Way Village. Newcastle City Council has also completed an off-road bicycle path (using s94 funds raised from Fern Bay & Fullerton Cove developments). This bicycle path runs between the the Stockton Ferry Wharf and the existing bicycle path beside the Cemetery ending at Braid Road Fern Bay. I ride a bicycle for my commute to and from work, as well as for leisure and have noticed regular usage of the various paths by pedestrians and bicycles. However given the prevailing speed limit along Nelson Bay Road is 70-80km/hr and its heavy traffic flows, on-road riding is not safe for children or amateur / leisure bicycle riders, and sharing the footpath is not safe for the pedestrians. At an estimated cost of \$100,000 per kilometre (based on Australian Bicycle Council figures) less than \$200,000 of s94 funds would be required to provide the 'missing link' between Braid Road and Bay Way village.

Thank you

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20 May 2016

The General Manager
Port Stephens Council

RE: File number PSC2006-0066v2

Proposed Amendment to Port Stephens Section 94 & 94A Development
Contributions Plans

Dear Council,

As a resident of Fern Bay Seaside, I have serious misgivings to the proposed amendment to the s94 and s94A development plans. As you are aware, under the proposed amendment some \$1.77million of funding collected from Fern Bay is to be redistributed to support Medowie's construction of a 'Sports Facility'. I have a number of objections against this action.

1. The terms of the 'loan' would see Fern Bay repaid some 10 - 15 years in the future. This term is unacceptable. Seaside Fern Bay has little to no infrastructure to support a growing community. Fern Bay requires those funds to support growing our own local infrastructure. A single bus shelter would be an amazing start; teenage appropriate play areas (basketball court, skate park, etc) another. In my particular circumstance I have boys aged Within the term of the repayment, any works that are then subsequently approved and constructed will provide no benefit to them whatsoever. Even if not within Seaside Fern Bay, there are a number of sorely needed public works to improve the safety and accessibility to services for our community.

2. The floor plan for the 'Sports Facility' clearly shows the intention for the facility to be licenced to serve alcohol - if not immediately after construction, then within short order following construction. This is a clear violation of the terms and conditions governing the use of s94 funds. If this is not the intent, then the supporters of this proposal would no doubt be happy to attach a funding caveat (along with Statutory Declarations) that the venue must not be licenced for a period of at least 20 years.

3. Under the floor plan, the open area that would be available for community use constitutes one-quarter of the total floor space, without storage space for community use items (e.g. sports equipment, tables, chairs, etc). At best, this requires recalculation of the amount of Fern Bay funding under s94 (i.e. pro-rata the one-quarter 'loan'). At worst, this adds further weight to the intention of the 'Sports Facility' to become a licenced, commercial venue funded by rate-payers.

In closing, for the above reasons not only do I not support the proposed amendment to allow redistribution of Fern Bay s94 funding to the Medowie 'Sports Facility', but I vigorously object to it. I call on Council to remove this line item from the amendment. Fern Bay will look to establish a Progress Action Group (or similar) to ensure our interests are better catered for by Local Government in future.

Yours,

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Sent: Friday, 20 May 2016 4:54 PM
To: land use submissions
Subject: Fern Bay section 94 funds

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To the General Manager
PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL

I am writing to you to make a formal submission of objection in regard to Fern Bay section 94 funds being borrowed by Medowie to benefit thier community while Our own community goes without.

Fern Bay is in desperate need for new bus shelters along Nelsons bay Road for use by the elderly residents at Bay Way Village and Palm Lakes over 55 community along with a safety pedestrian refuge so those residents are able to cross the road safely. My major objection to Our community section 94 funds being borrowed by Medowie is the application while currently does not consider the licencing of the venue the plans show very clearly there is intent to do so in the future. thus being unlawful use of section94 funds.

Along with the extremely long time frame for these funds to be paid back being 10-15yrs by that time the greater Fern Bay community will have outgrown its current community facilities and I would expect as we have made the contributions our needs within our community must come first.

I would like to submit for consideration

- As a matter of priority a pedestrian refuge implemented on Nelson bay rd for residents living in Bay Way Village and Palm Lakes
- New Bus shelters to be implemented along Nelson bay Rd, near the Cove community gate, at the start of the Seaside Estate.
- New Cycle paths all the way around seaside estate connecting with the Cove, Palm Lakes, Bay way village and Old Fern bay.
- A fenced in Dog park
- a Skate/BMX park as currently there is nothing in our community for children over the age of 9yrs close by.

I completely object to funds being used outside our community until these things listed have been considered and implemented.

Thankyou for you time and consideration.

Fern Bay section 94 belongs in our community NOT in Medowie .

Sincerely

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FERN BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

The Fern Bay Public School P&C would like to make the following submission.

Fern Bay Public School is the locally zoned public school servicing the Fern Bay and Fullerton Cove areas which have seen a rapid growth in the number of families moving to the area. To better meet the needs of current and prospective students, a before-and-after school facility or OOSH is required. The proposed replacement Fern Bay Community Hall adjacent to the School provides an excellent location for an OOSH. For a successful operation, the OOSH would need it's own dedicated fridge/freezer for food storage, and a walk-in storage room for equipment and stores. The current schematics for the Hall do not feature sufficient storage rooms/cupboards for this to occur, and the kitchen has insufficient space for a dedicated OOSH fridge/freezer. **The P&C would submit that Council needs to increase the overall floor space of the venue so that the kitchen and storage facilities can be enlarged.**

The new play equipment installed adjacent to our School has no built shade, and no nearby trees which could provide partial shade in the future. We adhere to the recommendations set out by the Cancer Council under their SunSmart program. As a result, usage of the park is severely restricted in the months of November through to March and during the middle of the day in other months. The erection of a permanent shade structure would allow for day and year round usage of the park and provides valuable physical activity for our students during and after school. **The P&C would submit that Council needs to allocate funds for the immediate installation of a shade structure over the Vardon Road Park.**

Fern Bay Public School has recently completed a Bike Safe education program which promotes safe bicycle riding skills to encourage more children riding more often. Our students reside primarily in Seaside Fern Bay and BayWay Village. Whilst there is a shared bicycle path connecting Seaside Fern Bay to BayWay Village, there is only a pedestrian footpath connecting BayWay Village to Vardon Road where the School is located. Widening this footpath or replacing it with a shared bicycle path would provide a safe and healthy way for our students to ride to and from school. It would also benefit the wider Fern Bay and Fullerton Cove communities in providing a link with the Stockton bicycle path network. **The P&C would submit that Council needs to allocate funds for the construction of a bicycle path between Bay Way Village and Vardon Road Fern Bay.**

The P&C cannot support the proposed lending of \$1.77 million of Fern Bay / Fullerton Cove funds to the Ferodale Multipurpose Community Facility in Medowle when the three above listed facilities are either under-funded or not funded in the current plan.

PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL Information Services	
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File No. 15C2016-0178	Vardon Road
Action by	Fern Bay NSW 2295
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Submission No	Issues	Comment	Recommendation
1	a) Justification	Demand for additional multipurpose community facilities is determined in accordance with the Standards Guiding the Provisions of Council's Community and Recreational Facilities Report prepared by AEC Group. The standards identify the need for an additional multipurpose community facility in Medowie to meet the growing population as projected in the draft Medowie Strategy over the next 20 years.	No amendment required to the plan.
	b) Impact on existing work schedule	There is no legal impediment preventing lending between catchments. Lending within the plan is considered necessary under certain circumstances for the effective delivery of the works schedule. Based on population projections, no other Medowie Community and Cultural Facilities are proposed within the catchment in the short to medium term. Thus ensuring no existing or proposed works funded from Section 94 will be compromised under the current proposal. Having regard for proposed developments within Medowie it is estimated section 94 contributions likely to be received will take approximately the next 10 years to repay any section 94 internal borrowings from the Fern Bay catchment.	No amendment required to the plan.
	c) Council Merger - Concerns the proposal is against Council Merger	In accordance with the Department of Local Government Guidelines, the works were exhibited as part	No amendment required to the plan.

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	Guidelines.	of Council's Integrated Plans requirements and these plans were adopted on 24 May 2016.	
2	Support - Support the proposed amendment	Noted	Noted.
3	Support - Support the proposed amendment however request repayment for internal borrowing happen as soon as possible.	Repayment of internal borrowing is dependant on income received from Medowie Community and Cultural area.	No amendment required to the plan.
4	Support - Support the proposed amendment	Noted	Noted.
5	Support - Support the proposed amendment	Noted	Noted.
6	Use of Fern Bay Funds - Fern Bay has limited resources and money would be better spent on improved infrastructure within Fern Bay such as skate parks, netball and basketball courts.	It is considered there will be limited implications to the existing works schedule.	It is recommended to endorse a review within the Fern Bay area of the 2017-2018 capital works plan and Strategic Assets Management Plan for works as part of the integrated planning and reporting framework with a view of identify any additional works for inclusion in the Port Stephens Section 94 Plan works schedule.
7	Use of Fern Bay Funds - Funds better used for improved infrastructure within Fern Bay such as bus shelters for children and the retirement villages, multi-purpose court, cycle ways, a way for the retirement village people to safely cross the roads, skate park, community garden and fenced dog area.	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.
8	Use of Fern Bay Funds - Fern Bay is a growing community and funds	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.

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	better used for improved infrastructure within Fern Bay such as adequate bus shelters and seating, OOSH facilities at the local Fern Bay primary school, and a community centre with indoor and outdoor sporting facilities to bring the community together and foster sportsmanship, community spirit and healthy mindsets.		
9	<p>a) Justification and Consultation - Object to Ferodale Sports Complex being prioritised in works schedule with limited consultation and justification.</p>	<p>Refer to Comment 1a. <u>Consultation</u> <i>The Local Government Act 1993</i> and other legislation require Council to advertise in a newspaper that circulates in the local area. The various legislations do not require the newspaper to be available free or by payment, nor distributed to householders. Council uses the Port Stephens Examiner which is available either free (distributed to most parts of the LGA) or by payment from newsagencies and the Port Stephens Examiner office and online. The notice was provided on Councils website, Council Administration Office, Council's libraries and Medowie Community Centre. A copy of the Port Stephens Examiner is also available on Council's mobile library.</p>	<p>Refer to Recommendation 1a and no amendment to the plan required.</p>
	<p>b) Council Merger - Question whether Councilors can legally commit such large sums of money in line with State Guidelines until a decision on the Council merger is made.</p>	<p>Refer to Comment 1c.</p>	<p>Refer to Recommendation 1c.</p>

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	c) Serving Alcohol - No clear business plan on how revenue will be raised to cover the cost of running the centre. The idea of getting a license appears to be against the regulations of the use of s.94 funds.	Legislation does not restrict the use of Section 94 funds relating to the service of alcohol.	No amendment required to the plan.
10	a) Justification and Consultation - The project had not been listed in any Works Plan in previous Council Integrated Plans and only appeared in this years plan. Considered "queue jumping" and means other important projects miss out on available funding either from Section 94 or internal borrowings. b) Leasing - Council is handing over responsibility to an Incorporated organization. Who can join that Organisation? Will all Medowie Sports Clubs who want to use the facility have to join the organization to "have a say" in what happens there.	Refer to Comment 1a and 9a. The proposed amendment to the Section 94 plan work schedule is for the apportionment of funding for a notional Multipurpose Community facility. The ongoing use and management of the multipurpose community facility is not a matter for the Section 94 plan.	Refer to Recommendation 1a and 9a. Ensure the funding is consistent with Section 5.2 of the Standards Guiding the provisions of Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Report in the Section 94 Development Contributions Plan 2007.
	c) Financial Sustainability - Question the sustainability of an unlicensed facility with no poker machines for revenue. Considered	Refer to Comment 10b.	Refer to Recommendation 10b.

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	a "Clubhouse" not a sports facility and will be burden on ratepayers.		
d)	Serving of Alcohol - Design indicates it will be licensed. Section 94 funds cannot be used for licensed premises.	Refer to Comment 9c.	Refer to Recommendation 9c.
e)	Design and Location - Question its use as an emergency back up with its proposed location blocked in for a couple of days during a recent heavy storm event. What provision has Council made to be sued for damages?	The proposed amendment to the Section 94 plan work schedule is for a notional multipurpose community facility. The works schedule provides a description of the works for the purposes of funding under the Section 94 plan and is not intended to provide any specific design. The design is undertaken as part of Councils capital works program process.	To ensure that the facility aligns with Section 94 Plan it is recommended that final approval is subject to Council's Section 94 funding request process and Section 5.2 of the Standards Guiding the provisions of Councils Community and Recreational Facilities Report in the Section 94 Development Contributions Plan 2007.
f)	Design and Location - Already an excellent community hall facility down the road. Facilities should be located to the east to balance what is already available along Ferodale Road. Families should be able to walk or ride bikes to sporting facilities and not cross busy roads.	Refer to Comment 10e.	Refer to Recommendation 10e.
g)	Why are there to be bowling greens and why are they and the carpark being funded separately by borrowing	Refer to Comment 10e.	Refer to Recommendation 10e.

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	externally?		
h)	Justification - If the building is sublet and licensed then the available space to sporting groups will be extremely limited. It is not a community facility.	Refer to Comment 1a.	Refer to Recommendation 1a.
i)	Justification - Should be catering for increased younger families who are moving to the area. There are adequate facilities in nearby Raymond Terrace for retirees including a \$800,000 Mens Shed. Why bowling greens? If anything that should be funded, it is more netball courts.	Refer to Comment 1a.	Refer to Recommendation 1a.
j)	Financial Sustainability - Question whether the income from the commercial leasing will provide for future maintenance and all the costs.	Refer to Comment 10c.	Refer to Recommendation 10c.
k)	Council Merger - Question proposing to borrow either internally or externally an amount over \$250,000 during a time of merger. Should not have been allowed by the Minister and the Councillors who approve this should be sued.	Refer to Comment 1c.	Refer to Recommendation 1c.
l)	Use of Fern Bay Funds - Funds	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.

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	should be used within Fern Bay which has received a huge influx of residents over the last couple of years and not all facilities are being provided within those resorts and developments.		
	m) Justification - Funds should be used for library or the other projects already on Section 94 lists? Selfish proposal which does not consider the influx of younger families into Medowie.	Refer to Comment 1a.	Refer to Recommendation 1a.
	n) Justification - Question that, even with a large growth in development in Medowie, the use of these funds on this one project. The 2009 list on the Council website (only Section 94 list available) to see what has not been funded at Tomaree and which has been on the plans for years.	Refer to comment 1a.	Refer to Recommendation 1a.
	o) Birubi Surf Club - When is the payback for Birubi Surf Club?	This comment does not relate to whether the works should be included in the plan.	No amendment required to the plan.
	p) Financial Sustainability - Where are the financial and business plans for the whole proposal?	Refer to Comment 10c.	Refer to Recommendation 10c.
11	Use of Fern Bay Funds - Against Fern Bay funds being used to build a bowling club that does not	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.

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	cater for the whole community. Need for improved infrastructure within Fern Bay such as bus shelters, a multi-purpose court, cycle ways, a way for the retirement village people to safely cross the roads, skate park, community garden & fenced dog area.		
12	a) Impact on existing work schedule and repayment - Can Council confirm if the S94 Plan items <i>will still be able to be funded</i> within the nominal 10 year period that the internal borrowing of funds (for the proposed Ferodale Multipurpose Community Facility) is forecast to be repaid?	Refer to Comment 1b.	Refer to Recommendation 1b.
	b) Will approval of the centre cause a delay of the proposed <i>town centre amenities block</i> and any other infrastructure projects identified as part of the Medowie Plan review?	The Medowie Strategy has not been formally adopted as this time. When the Strategy is adopted it is envisaged that a review of the works scheduled within the plan will occur.	No amendment required to the plan.
	c) An Excel spreadsheet should be populated showing all existing and proposed S94 projects, the forecast completion year (subject to population growth and development projects being realised).	This comment does not relate to whether the works should be included in the plan.	No amendment required to the plan.
	d) Both Amendment 8 and 11 of the S94	Noted	Recommend amendment.

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	Plan contain two OS226 projects.		
13	a) Design and Location - Located in the middle of a known flood area and should not be used as an emergency evacuation area.	Refer to Comment 10e.	Refer to Recommendation 10e.
	b) Impact on existing work schedule - Where is the money coming from? Other communities are going to miss out an essential infrastructure because this will take money from Fern Bay and possibly Anna Bay.	Refer to Comment 1b.	Refer to Recommendation 1b.
	c) Justification - This facility will not cater for the majority of young people in Medowie.	Refer to Comment 1a.	Refer to Recommendation 1a.
	d) Impact on existing work schedule and Repayment - How long will it take for the borrowed money take to pay back and what will not get done in the meantime. eg Upgrade to Abundance Road.	Refer to Comment 1b.	Refer to Recommendation 1b.
	e) Serving of Alcohol - The plans look like a licensed club which Councils should not be involved with. Who will the facility cater	Refer to Comment 9c.	Refer to Recommendation 9c.

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	for?		
	f) Other options to spend the money include; Providing decent public toilets, major upgrade to skate park; improve road and drainage on Abundance Road and community facility or park closer to the recently released housing area.	This comment does not relate to whether the works should be included in the plan.	No amendment required to the plan.
	g) Repayment - Over what time period will the money borrowed be paid back?	Refer to Comment 1b.	Refer to Recommendation 1b.
14	a) Design and Location - The proposed site floods. This area was underwater in the recent heavy rain.	Refer to Comment 10e.	Refer to Recommendation 10e.
	b) Serving of Alcohol - Council cannot use section 94 funds to provide a sports club which will have to be leased and licensed to be financially sustainability. Funding of licensed premises using section 94 funds is not permissible under the act.	Refer to Comment 9c.	Refer to Recommendation 9c.
	c) Use of Fern Bay Funds - Fern Bay's is an expanding area and lacks facilities. This development is not in the best interest of the Fern Bay community.	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.

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15	d) Birubi Surf Club - Borrowing from Fern Bay comes on top of the \$750,000 borrowed back in 2012 to build the Birubi surf club. These 2012 borrowings have not been paid back.	This comment does not relate to whether the works should be included in the plan.	No amendment required to the plan.
	e) Consultation - There was no clear community consultation regarding funding.	Refer to Comment 9a.	Refer to Recommendation 9a.
	f) Justification - The existing community centre at Meadowie appears adequate.	Refer to Comment 1a.	Refer to Recommendation 1a.
	g) Council Merger - The Minister for Local Government issued guidelines stating that all Councils listed for amalgamation should minimize future borrowings and liabilities that could be passed to an amalgamated Council to \$250,000. This proposal does not comply with these guidelines.	Refer to Comment 1c.	Refer to Recommendation 1c.
	Use of Fern Bay Funds - Any funds raised in Fern Bay should stay in Fern Bay. Growing population in Fern Bay need improved infrastructure such as upgraded shared footpaths, bus stop shelters, skate park for older kids, community garden, sporting fields and upgraded footpaths connecting "The Cove" to existing bus stops etc.	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.

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16	<p>Use of Fern Bay Funds - Fern Bay funds should be used for improved infrastructure within Fern Bay such as walking/bike track; bus stop shelters, a way for retirement village residents to cross roads and traffic lights at entrance of Seaside Fern Bay.</p>	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.
17	<p>a) Use of Fern Bay Funds - Against use of Fern Bay funds for development within Medowie. Fern Bay has no public facilities with a growing population. Money should be spent on: skate park, BMX track/park, soccer/sports fields, public toilet upgrade, preschool, bus shelters, community Garden, tennis court, road safety crossings, footpaths, community Centre and improved security to the area.</p>	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.
	<p>b) Consultation - Proposal was not advertised in Fern Bay.</p>	Refer to Comment 9a.	Refer to Recommendation 9a.
18	<p>a) Use of Fern Bay Funds - Fern Bay has limited infrastructure despite increased development. Funds should be used for; Foot and bike paths, local sports field/basketball or net ball courts, Supermarket, Post office, Child care centre/local health</p>	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.

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	facility and bus shelters.		
	b) Serving of Alcohol - Borrowed funds should not be used to provide alcohol and gambling.	Refer to Comment 9c.	Refer to Recommendation 9a.
19	Use of Fern Bay Funds - Fern Bay Funds should be used to facilitate the growing population. Examples include: Bus shelters, Multi purpose courts, improvement of existing paths to link with existing paths along Stockton foreshore, skate park, community garden, Football / Soccer posts for existing fields, designated dog parks, bus shelter for the retirement villages, Cycle ways to get safely between facilities and venues and a way for the retirement village people to safely cross the roads.	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.
20	Use of Fern Bay Funds - Fern Bay Funds should be used improved infrastructure within Fern Bay such as a bigger community centre than proposed, multi purpose courts/ skate parks/ cycleways, improved roads, bus shelters.	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.
21	Use of Fern Bay Funds - Fern Bay Funds should be used for improved infrastructure within Fern Bay such as a multi purpose sporting field, upgrade of parks with play equipment for all ages of children, bus shelters, a skate park, community gardens, and zebra crossings in the appropriate areas so	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.

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	children and retirees can cross the very busy road safely when getting on/off the bus and going for walks.		
22	<p>a) Consultation - No public consultation to discuss the impact of creating a new multipurpose Medowie community Centre or its detailed plan. The current Medowie community center is not a single community facility and this has not been considered.</p>	Refer to Comment 9a.	Refer to Recommendation9a.
	<p>b) Justification - Council report suggests the existing Medowie community facility has reached its capacity. While the centre is busy during mid evenings throughout the week it still has the capacity to provide bookings for new groups or casual users. Saturday's and Sunday evenings can be used for weddings and parties and short notice community events can be managed with flexible user groups who are happy to accommodate emergency activities. The staff has potentially relied on rumors to support an argument that the current facility is saturated in terms of</p>	Refer to comment 1a.	Refer to Recommendation1a.

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	users.		
c)	Design and Location - Any new stand-alone community facilities should be constructed in east Medowie not 100 metres from existing hall in a flood plain zone. Cannot be considered as the community's principle emergency center for emergencies.	Refer to Comment 1b.	Refer to Recommendation 1b.
d)	Justification - 2009 PSC report highlighted need for a lounge library in Medowie. An extension to the existing Medowie community center has always been envisaged. The last expansion of Medowie community Centre allows for an extension east over the car park creating under cover parking and an opportunity to create garage space for user groups bulky items.	Refer to comment 1a.	Refer to Recommendation 1a.
e)	Design and Location - 2/3 of the proposed Sports Club design is taken up with a commercial kitchen facilities. The multipurpose community facility occupies less than 1/3 of the building. The building will be leased out	Refer to Comment 1b.	Refer to Recommendation 1b.

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	<p>suggesting the Sports Club facility will not be accessible to the community to carry out their own catering etc. or set up for community activities unless they are associated with an event which supports the commercial kitchen catering function. The design doesn't feature storage cupboards, externally available toilet facility or facilities that could be used by regular user groups.</p>		
	<p>f) Serving of Alcohol - The design of the Sport Club building is typical of a licensed premise. Council is not able to fund licensed premises using section 94 funds. Council can only fund community facilities 100% that are deemed multipurpose community facilities when this facility can only offer a maximum of 30% utilization of floor space to community groups severely limiting its multipurpose use.</p>	<p>Refer to Comment 9c.</p>	<p>Refer to Recommendation 9c.</p>

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	<p>g) Financial Sustainability - The Medowie Sport Club has no business model and no financial plan. The existing Medowie Community Centre has an annual budget of around \$40,000 and is currently managed by a volunteer 355C group. If the Medowie Sport Club fails financially then Council will be forced to take over and carry the costs associated.</p>	<p>Refer to Comment 10c.</p>	<p>Refer to Recommendation 10c.</p>
	<p>h) Council Merger - Ministerial directions require Councils listed for amalgamation should minimize future borrowings and liability that could be passed to an amalgamated Council, limited to \$250,000. Council is proposing to borrow almost \$1 million externally to fund a bowling green and car park facility.</p>	<p>Refer to Comment 1c.</p>	<p>Refer to Recommendation 1c.</p>
	<p>i) Use of Fern Bay Funds - Question that Fern Bay's section 94 plans are fully funded and will not be delayed. Fern Bay has a high rate of growth in population. Apart from the existing Fern Bay community center, tennis court complex and park</p>	<p>Refer to Comment 6.</p>	<p>Refer to Recommendation 6.</p>

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	<p>reserve off Vardon Rd there are almost no community infrastructure facilities in old Fern Bay.</p> <p>The existing community facility is marked for replacement however the community has been limited to an \$800K spend 100% subsidized by section 94 funds. This is inadequate funding to build a facility that meets the needs of the community.</p>		
j)	<p>Birubi Surf Club - Additional borrowing on top of the \$750,000 borrowed in 2012 for Birubi surf club, this has not been paid back to my knowledge. In 2012 there was there no public consultation and no pay back plan presented to Councilors or the Fern Bay community.</p>	<p>This comment does not relate to whether the works should be included in the plan.</p>	<p>No amendment required to the plan.</p>
k)	<p>Consultation - There has been no community consultation with Fern Bay residents. Fern Bay residents don't get the Port Stephens Examiner delivered and therefore have not seen the public exhibition ads. This</p>	<p>Refer to Comment 9a.</p>	<p>Refer to Recommendation 9a.</p>

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	is in contravention of legislative requirements.		
23	Use of Fern Bay Funds - Funds should be used for improved infrastructure within Fern Bay.	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.
24	Use of Fern Bay Funds - Funds should be used for improved infrastructure within Fern Bay such as a Child Care and Medical Centre, better walking tracks and footpaths, better access to the beaches, a fenced dog park, bus shelters for students having to catch the bus into school and for the retirement villages, multipurpose area where the community can play sports, cycle ways to get safely between facilities and venues, improved Community Hall facilities, investment into growing Fern Bay Primary School and community garden	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.
25	Use of Fern Bay Funds - Funds should be used for improved infrastructure within Fern Bay such as a bus shelters and the retirement villages, a multi purpose court, cycle ways, safe crossing for the retirement village, skate park, community garden and a fenced dog area.	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.
26	a) Serving of Alcohol - Medowie Multipurpose community center should not be funded using s94 funds as it is clearly intended as a licensed premises.	Refer to Comment 9c.	Refer to Recommendation 9c.

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	<p>b) Use of Fern Bay Funds - Apart from road infrastructure spending and Vardon Road Playground, no money has been spent on upgrades or new facilities in the Fern Bay and Fullerton Cove precinct in the last 10-20 years despite increased development and population growth. Unacceptable to have a s94 plan that contains no plans for new sporting facilities.</p>	<p>Refer to Comment 6.</p>	<p>Refer to Recommendation 6.</p>
	<p>c) Use of Fern Bay Funds - s94 plans for the Fern Bay / Fullerton Cove area must contain some new sporting facilities that have a completion date within 5 years. This requirement provides for two options. Utilise spare land surrounding the proposed Fern Bay community hall off Vardon Road, and construct additional courts with multi-sport markings for a combination of netball, basketball and tennis. Co-location with the existing tennis courts would provide cost savings as the toilet and club-house facilities are existing</p>	<p>Refer to Comment 6.</p>	<p>Refer to Recommendation 6.</p>

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	<p>(under the proposed new Community Hall). They would also cater to future population growth once the old Rifle Range is developed. Alternatively, or in addition Council would need to purchase land within the last few stages of Seaside Fern Bay upon which to build a soccer / sporting field. This would require a significant investment in the order of \$2.5-\$3.5 million to acquire the land (or receive it in lieu of s94 funds) based on current market values for a 1 Hectare site. Thus the current s94 plan needs to include funding for these Sporting Facilities.</p>		
d)	<p>Use of Fern Bay Funds - The current plans and \$900,000 budget for the replacement Fern Bay Community Centre are completely inadequate.</p>	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.
e)	<p>Use of Fern Bay Funds - The playground recently completed in Vardon Road lacks any shade which has been exacerbated by the recent removal of further trees adjacent to the playground.</p>	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.

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	<p>f) Use of Fern Bay Funds - The s94 plan contains plans (OS301-303) for a new boat ramp and District park. Believe that it is unlikely to proceed as the proposed location is unsuitable. It is also not required on a needs basis. This money (\$2.3 million) would be better spent elsewhere.</p>	<p>Refer to Comment 6.</p>	<p>Refer to Recommendation 6.</p>
	<p>g) Use of Fern Bay Funds - The s94 plan contains LR87, RH80 & RH81. I believe that these plans are suitable as there is a need to upgrade Fullerton Cove Road surface. Vardon Road is seeing increased patronage due to the new playground, and increased student numbers at Fern Bay public school. The proposed replacement of the Fern Bay Community Hall will generate further vehicular traffic. Whilst the details of the planned upgrade in LR87 is not shown, it should feature road widening to provide parallel parking on both sides, installation of curbing on the southern side, solid surface to the carpark servicing the</p>	<p>Refer to Comment 6.</p>	<p>Refer to Recommendation 6.</p>

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	school and community hall, and a zebra crossing outside the school entry.		
	h) Use of Fern Bay Funds - The s94 plan contains as two separate items SD367 (Tennis club new amenities building) and CLS303 (New multipurpose community facility) with funding of \$500k and \$900k respectively. Combining the budgets into one facility would allow the tennis club facilities to be located under the same roof as the community hall. The larger funding bucket would also address some of the issues in the Community Hall plans.	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.
	i) Use of Fern Bay Funds - Request that \$200,000 of s94 funds would be required to provide the 'missing link' of bike path on Nelson Bay Road between Braid Road and Bay Way village.	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.
27	a) Use of Fern Bay Funds - Unacceptable that Fern Bay be repaid in 10 - 15 years. Fern Bay requires those funds to support growing our own local	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.

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	infrastructure including a single bus shelter and teenage appropriate play areas.		
	b) Serving of Alcohol - Floor plan shows the intention for the facility to be licenced to serve alcohol - if not immediately after construction, then within short order following construction. This is a violation of the use of s94 funds. If this is not the intent, recommend attaching a funding caveat (along with Statutory Declarations) that the venue must not be licenced for a period of at least 20 years.	Refer to Comment 9c.	Refer to Recommendation 9c.
	c) Justification - Floor plan suggests ¼ of facility available for community use. No storage space for community use items. Requires either recalculation of the amount of Fern Bay funding under s94. Adds further weight to the intention of the 'Sports Facility' to become a licenced, commercial venue funded by rate-payers.	Refer to Comment 1a.	Refer to Recommendation 1a.
28	Use of Fern Bay Funds - Greater need for improved infrastructure within Fern Bay such as a pedestrian refuge for residents living	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.

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	in Bay Way Village and Palm Lakes, Bus shelters, Cycle paths, fenced in Dog park and Skate/BMX park.		
29	<p>Use of Fern Bay Funds – Funds better used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An OOSH. Proposed replacement Fern Bay Community Hall provides an excellent location. Council needs to increase overall floorspace to expand kitchen and storage facilities - New play equipment installed adjacent to school has no shade restricting its use. Require immediate installation of a shade structure over Vardon Road Park. - Construction of a bicycle path between bay Way Village and Vardon Road 	Refer to Comment 6.	Refer to Recommendation 6.

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No. & page	Organisation/committee or individual/s name	Project name/title	Short description (50 words maximum) (This will be used to describe your project in public documents.)	Detailed description of project (No more than 150 words)	What is the total cost of the project (exclusive of GST)?	What is the total amount of your funding requested from this grant program (exclusive of GST)?	Total income amount of other funding, including sponsorship, if any. Please list amount, source and status of application in table below.	Other grants - include source, amount and status:	Cash sponsorship - include source, amount and status:	Other cash support (ticket sales etc) include amount:	What will Port Stephens Council grant funds be used for? Please provide itemised list.
1. page 1	Rotary Club of Williamstown Inc	Rotary Medowie Community Carols	Community Carols event to celebrate the festive season in Medowie. It involves members of the community and performers from the local schools singing Christmas Carols.	Project involves setting up a stage and sound system on Ferodale Oval on which to stage the event. Rotary catering facilities will be set up to provide light refreshments. No alcohol will be served. The event will run for approximately 2 hours.	\$10,000.00 This excludes the cost of volunteer labour.	2000	2000		\$2,000.00. Local Medowie Businesses applications pending	6000	Grant funds will be used to offset the hiring of a PA system.
2. page 6	Medowie Netball Club Inc	Replace Post Padding	Replace existing post padding for two courts. Due to the increase in participants, more than doubling in the last 4 years, the existing post padding is deteriorating due to additional usage and requires replacing.	The Medowie Netball Club has experienced significant growth in the last few years. With any growth in participation, wear and tear on equipment will increase. We have identified that our post padding, which is now used more due to the number of teams training (MNC has 30 teams and 22 Net Set Go participants), that the post padding is getting past its use by date, hence we are seeking to replace them progressively, two courts at a time.	1036.37	1036.37	1140	0	0	0	Post padding X 4
3. page 11	Tilligerry RSL Sub Branch	Remembrance Wall - Stage 1	Tilligerry RSL Sub Branch will construct a "Remembrance Wall" located in the grounds of the Tilligerry RSL Sports Club.	A Remembrance Wall will be constructed in the grounds of the Tilligerry RSL Sports Club. Plaques (both civilian and military) will be affixed to the wall to commemorate community members and military service men and women. This wall will draw on the experience of other Sub Branches who have undertaken similar projects. Council contribution will be used as "seed funding" to construct the wall foundations and framework.	10000	2000	2000				Council grant will be used to construct the concrete foundations and the wall framework.

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4. page 16	Port Stephens Church of Christ	Renovation of Youth Hall	We need to replace the eaves , facia and gutter and lights on the Northern side of our youth hall in Salt Ash.	We need to replace the eaves , facia and gutter and lights on the Northern side of our youth hall. Parts of the eaves have already fallen and the deteriorating materials constitute a possible safety hazard. The grant money will be used to purchase most of the materials needed. Volunteers will do all labor. Money raised by and provided by the young people will purchase other materials needed.	1750	1250	1250			\$500 donations from youth	Facia Timber, HardieFlex Eaves, gutters, lights
5. page 20	TILLIGERRY MOTORAMA 2017. IAN JONES - PRESIDENT.	TILLIGERRY MOTORAMA 2017	Tilligerry Motorama 2017 is a fund raising community car show and supporting market shows, held each May on the Tilligerry Peninsula. It is anticipated there could be in the vicinity of 500 vehicles attracting a large number of people, helping local businesses and raising money for the John Hunter Children's Hospital.	The grant is to allow the Tilligerry Motorama Auto Club to hire temporary perimeter fencing around the oval adjacent to the Tilligerry RSL Sports Club to provide safer passage of motor vehicles as well as allowing fund raising. The grant is also for the hire of public toilets for the public. We expect in the vicinity of 500 motor vehicles to attend.	2000	2000	2000	NIL	NIL	2600	Fencing and WCs setting up/removal.
6. page 25	Port Stephens Church of Christ	Food containers for Friendship Centre	Purchase of food containers for a "Meals on Wheels" type food program for needy people in our area.	Our church operates a Friendship Center on Thursdays (10 am to 2pm). It is a place where people who are isolated or in need of friendship come for morning tea and a cooked lunch. Some are not able to come because of disability or illness. Approximately 35 meals (main course and dessert) each week are provided for these people. These are distributed by volunteers. Grant money will be used to purchase food containers and other consumables. This will help to reduce the cost of the take home meals.	750	750	750			\$5 per meal	food containers

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7. page 29	The Food War Incorporated	Updated computer hardware and software	Grant money will go towards purchasing a Microsoft surface tablet with windows 10 , a detachable keyboard and a built-in camera. It will also go towards a all in one HP computer that comes with a "23" inch screen and a built-in Hard drive and modem. Quotes are attached	The Food war is presently going paperless with currently outdated computer hardware , we wish to update our computers with a HP - All in one computer , Which will able to provide us with all our current requirements needed to do our daily running of the store such as ; Printing/Scanning , Emails , Updated version of Microsoft Office , Document location/storage and Internet access. The Tablet will be used for stocktaking , scanning products , community document storage , printing photo's and ease of access during meetings. The portability will help for presentations in meeting relating to the community as well as taking notes and sending emails.	1875.99	1875.99	1875.99	Nil	Nil	Nil	* New all in one PC * New Surface Tablet * Updated Hardware/Software
8. page 34	Tilligerry Community Association Inc	Tilligerry Habitat 20th Birthday Party on Sunday 24th July 2016	Tilligerry Habitat Crown Reserve was declared 20 years ago on 6th July 1996 as the Tilligerry Habitat Trust. We want to remember the people who worked to keep this project going and celebrate the achievements we now see on the site with a birthday bash on Sunday 24th July 2016..	Literally hundreds of people have worked on Tilligerry Habitat over 20 years developing paths and building boardwalks, erecting the straw bale building, raising hundreds of thousands of tubestock, planting them out, manning the building 7 days a week, joining as members, completing maintenance, removing weeds, collecting seeds, picking up rubbish, arranging BBQs and social and fundraising events, fencing the area, rescuing plants from development sites, holding meetings, pressing plant specimens, taking photos, spotting and rescuing koalas where needed, documenting plants and animals etc. Most of these people have been volunteers in different guises. with no paid positions most of the time. The result is that a flattened degraded site sand mined in 1960s is now a lovely place one of the key Port Stephens beauty spots photographed on council's walls, a centre for ecotourism, a demonstration Landcare site where bush regeneration techniques are displayed, a community hub for volunteerism and community groups across Tilligerry Peninsula, a nursery, a Tourist i and community garden. The program for Sunday 24th July will focus on recognising past heroes and getting youth involved with	2500	1190	1190	none	food, trees for tree planting, materials for activities	none	materials for activities (paper, glue etc) and artist Andrew Dodds to prepare beforehand and run same on day- \$500, music PA and MC in the form of John Bryan \$400, plaque Tilligerry Habitat Inc from the Beginning \$90, Worimi welcome \$200.

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9. page 40	Tilligerry Rural Fire Brigade	Replacement Computers	Tilligerry RFB operates from two stations (Lemon Tree Passage and Tanilba Bay). There are three computers between the two stations. The computers are old and all have reached their life. They need to be replaced as they are necessary communication links between the stations and the New South Wales Rural Fire Service.	Tilligerry RFB operates from two stations (Lemon Tree Passage and Tanilba Bay). The future plan is to build one station on the Tilligerry Peninsula. Lemon Tree Passage has one computer that has outlived its useful life. A members laptop computer is taken to station when there is a need. Tanilba Bay has two computers. One is located in the office and the other in the 'training room'. The unit in the office is outdated, slow and sometimes unusable. It can take numerous attempts to get it to operate. It has been checked by a technician with the result that it needs to be replaced. The internet connection has also been checked by Telstra and minor repairs completed to try and assist the connection and speed of the	1900	1900	1900	Nil	Nil	Nil	3 X Desk Top Computers Model VS300AP2016
10. page 45	Country Womens Association of NSW, Medowie Branch	update Branch's equipment and software	The Branch's laptop and printer are old and no longer suitable for current software. It is intention to update to current equipment and to obtain software to enable better record keeping, presentations through Powerpoint and training facilities.	The Branch intends to purchase a laptop computer, a printer, a data projector and associated software. The laptop computer will be used for record keeping such as Minutes and financial records and for the preparation of audio/visual presentations. The projector will be used for presentations to members of issues of Branch and Association interests. The printer will be used to print copies of the Minutes for members and to prepare flyers to keep members and guests fully informed. The ability to develop audio/visual presentations will also provide an opportunity for improved interaction with other branches of CWA and other local Clubs to allow for multi-Club activities.	1800	1800	1800				Laptop computer Data projector Printer Software

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11. page 49	Medowie Assembly of God Inc - Food Way	Food Way	We are a Church based organisation. Our motto is, "God cares and so do we." Everything we do in this project is with this motto in mind. In practically meeting this motto we offer food parcels and hot meals, clothing and emergency relief to the needy in our community.	We are a Church based organisation. Our motto is, "God cares and so do we." Everything we do in this project is with this motto in mind. In practically meeting this motto we offer food parcels and hot meals, clothing and emergency relief to the needy in our community.	We are a Church based organisation. Our motto is, "God cares and so do we." Everything we do in this project is with this motto in mind. In practically meeting this motto we offer food parcels and hot meals, clothing and emergency relief to the needy in our community. We believe that in doing this it shows a practical application of our motto. Our aim is to make our service defunct. In helping people the way we do we want to see people become once again self sufficient. We try not to be a band-aid solution but a place that enables people to get in front of the "8-ball" instead of catching up all the time. Unfortunately our aim is very hard to achieve for in the recent past we have only seen an increase in the number of people we help, not a decrease. We believe this is not a failing of ours, yet a sign of the times and hardships that people face. This project is an ongoing project, still our hope is strong that we one day may see our aim fulfilled.	As this is an ongoing project it does not have a capped cost however for a two month period the cost of running this project is approximately \$3500	2000	2000					Purchase of food \$1600 Electricity \$600 Water \$200 Rates \$250 Fuel \$500 Insurance \$250 Recycling \$50 Vehicle maintenance \$50
12. page 54	Sailability NSW- Port Stephens Branch	Volunteer Ammenities	Volunteers to receive improved communications and additional storage facilities.	Additional volunteers will be able to communicate with base and other sailors, extra copying capacity will enable improved circulation of information Extra locker units needed for extra new volunteers A new pantry cupboard will improve storage of canteen equipment/		1645	1645	1668.6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2x Handheld radios in cases 1x mono , toner type printer 1x pantry cupboard 2 x 4locker units.
13. page 59	Rotary Club of Nelson Bay	Nelson Bay Town Clock	Erect a Town Clock and Community Notice Board in Magnus Street Nelson Bay. This will replace the existing notice board.	Our Rotary Club celebrates its 60th birthday this year and during those years it is estimated some \$500,000 has been dispersed in the local community. Some of these funds have been received through grants, benefactors and fundraising by our club but is recognised that Port Stephens Council has been instrumental in the successful collection and allocation of these monies. The Town Clock would contain a plaque dedicating it to the Mayor, Port Stephens Council.		12000	5000	5000	0	Club Funds \$7,000	0	0	Contribution to the purchase and installation of the clock

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14. page 64	Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Inc	Multi Gym Circuit	The circuit comprises three clusters of Multi-Gym Stations at Nelson Bay, Little Beach and Shoal Bay. The equipment is designed to give a cardiovascular workout as well as helping to improve muscle tone. The stations are located in natural settings and available 24/7 at no cost to the user.	The objectives of the facilities are to encourage individuals and families to take responsibility for their health outcomes and to be an asset to attract new and re-visiting tourists with the resultant benefit to the local community. The equipment will be located on council land, easily accessible and visible, and will require minimal ongoing maintenance costs. The over-riding objectives are to encourage all members of the communities, including the disadvantaged and certain members with a disability, to exercise and take responsibility for their personal and family's health. This in turn will help control the level and cost of health-care to all levels of government, The Nelson Bay station will have four pieces of equipment, Little Beach two and Shoal Bay three. It is envisaged that these stations will also provide an opportunity for social interaction between community individuals.	63000	2000	2000	Rotary Foundation - \$20,000. Department of Infrastructure \$16,000	Club Funds \$25,000	0	Signage and promotional brochures
15. page 69	Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Inc	Nelson Bay Rotary Charity Golf Day	This year will be the 25th anniversary of our Clubs major fund raiser and all funds are distributed to local community projects.	The Charity Golf Day is our Club's major fund raiser allowing us to support and contribute to local community projects and efforts. Last year \$20,000 was donated to the Nelson Bay PCYC to replace the main stadium court surface. The PCYC provide the only indoor sporting facility on the Tomaree Peninsula. The 2014 Charity Golf Day raised approximately \$20,000 which was distributed to Tomaree High School and St Phillips Christian College for Youth Health incentives.	9000	2000	2000	0	0	0	Brochures/flyers Course fees

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16. page 74	Corlette Parks Reserves and Landcare Group (a 355c Committee of Port Stephens Council)	Shelter from the Sun – Roy Wood Reserve	Provide a Sun Shade Shelter for a sun exposed picnic table setting at Roy Wood Reserve. This will improve the amenity of Corlette foreshore and provide protection from sun exposure for our community and visitors. This reserve is popular with families and the shelter will provide additional protection for children.	Our aim is to provide sun shelter to our community and visitors, particularly during the mid-day period when people are exposed to the most risk of permanent skin damage from the sun. 9.9% of cancers in NSW (2009) diagnosed were melanoma. The young, from early skin damage, and the elderly, with existing skin cancer conditions, are particularly vulnerable and need added sun protection. We have adequate picnic tables which are well maintained by Council and our volunteers repaint them annually. At Roy Wood Reserve, a very small yet our most popular reserve, there are tables which are fully exposed to the sun. By providing a sun shelter to at least one of them, we hope to help spread the picnickers across the whole reserve. As funding becomes available in the future, we propose to extend provision of these shelters along all Corlette foreshore reserves.	2700	1700	1700	\$1000 (Held by Building Trades – East Ward Councillor funding Feb 2016)	No	No	Supply and installation of a standard colorbond Sun shelter to the picnic table located east of the toilet block or the table at the far western end at Roy Wood Reserve (to be determined in consultation with Council officers – Total Cost (as per quotation to be emailed) \$2700
17. page 79	Corlette Parks Reserves and Landcare Group (a 355c Committee of Port Stephens Council)	Maps for Salamander Tops Walking Trail	Installation of permanent maps onto existing map stands at 3 locations to guide walkers on the Salamander Tops walking trail, a 1.7km (fire trail) circuit through natural bush area behind houses in Corlette.	In 2010 the then Corlette Hall Parks and Reserves Committee received a small grant to improve access, enhance signage and to control erosion at access points to the fire trail circuit adjacent the bushland area known as Salamander Tops (map to be provided). At that time there were insufficient funds to install permanent signage onto the 3 mapstands which were welded free of charge by a volunteer. Since then volunteers have been re-printing and laminating signage which is located under perspex cover and subject to weather and UV deterioration. With this grant we propose to engage a professional signmaker to provide similar information for permanent signs. They will acknowledge Council contribution and have a small educational component with the inclusion of illustrations of local endemic species.	540	540	540	No	No	No	Artwork (\$110); Printing & Finishing (\$330) (as quoted) – Total - \$440 Marine board/glue for attachment to existing stands - \$100 Total \$540

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18. page 84	Port Stephens Sports Taekwondo Association inc.	Port Stephens Taekwondo Championships	Two day Taekwondo Tournament, drawing competitors from the Hunter Region, State, National & International levels, for all ages and all levels. The Third Annual tournament will be held in Port Stephens on 11th & 12th March 2017 at the Tomaree Multi-Purpose Complex- Salamander Way, Salamander Bay.	The Association is in the process of organising the 2017 Port Stephens Tae Kwon Do Championships. This tournament draws clubs from across Australia to compete at all levels from beginners to the elite competitors in varying techniques, i.e. sparring, self-defence, patterns and breaking techniques, for the benefit of the Port Stephens and Hunter Region. The 2014 & 2015 Tournament was a great success however a majority of the equipment needed was hired due to large costs. In 2016 Port Stephens Sports Taekwondo Association is seeking funding to help purchase equipment to reduce the hire costs as well as help with the ongoing expenses & costs involved to create a bigger & better event. As the event is outside the 2016 calendar year as requested as part of the application, we are applying for elements which can be expended and acquitted prior to December 2016 which will help us run the tournament in the new year.	2015 running costing = \$4,200 2016 running costing = \$5,400 Equipment costing - grant will be used to minimize hire fee's by purchasing=\$22275	To be determined by Council	Community Projects Fund TBC	will be approaching throughout 2016- none confirmed as of date of this application	None confirmed as of date of this application	Event fees from competitors as well as spectators entry fees approx: \$8000 (2016 amount)	With 2015 & 2016 Tournament a great success, through fund raising as well as competitor's entry fees, the association aims to be self- sufficient with the ongoing tournament costs (marketing, stationary, venue hire, referee fees etc.). The Association is aiming to purchase the following items in the 2016 calendar year to minimise the hire fees on equipment for the annual tournament & help create a bigger & better tournament. Successful grant funding will be used towards the following
19. page 89	Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre	Healthy Eating for children	A workshop and recipe book to teach parents the tips and tricks of creating a healthy diet for their school aged children.	The program will be a one day free workshop for parents to learn healthy eating habits from a local dietician. During the course of the day parents will be educated on the appropriate foods for their children via hands on cooking lesson and an introduction to the take home healthy recipe booklet. We'll be focusing on food labelling, how to interpret information on packaged foods and there will be opportunity for one on one discussion for individual issues. The meals and taste testing during the workshop will be meals from our recipe booklet.	1485	500	500	In kind value \$500.00	Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre	donations \$85.00	Advertising \$100.00 Printing costs \$400.00

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20. page 94	Nelson Bay Girl Guides	Tree Safety Project	To remove 3 dangerous trees next to the Girl Guide hall at Nelson Bay	Nelson Bay Girl Guides need to remove 3 large and dangerous trees that overhang the hall and drop large branches onto the play area outside the hall. The branches that have fallen have badly damaged the roof with rain getting into the roof and weakening the ceiling in the hall. The ceiling is bowed and potentially dangerous. We need to hire a tree removal firm to safely remove the trees to enable the Girls, Leaders and community members who use the hall to be safe.	4100	2000	2000			2100	Tree removal
21. page 99	Shoal Bay Community Association Incorporated No. INC9894428	Hop on your Bike to Tomaree	The walk to the summit of Tomaree Head attracts over 200,000 visitors annually. At the base of Tomaree Head there is provision for vehicle parking but none for bicycles. Family cycling groups have become increasingly popular, creating a need for the installation of bicycle racks.	To install two EXPO 7510s CORA, Bike Rack Pty Ltd, near the entrance to Tomaree Lodge. One EXPO 7510s bike rack has a capacity for 7-10 bikes. The bicycle racks would be installed in consultation with Port Stephens Council Management and SBBPC 355c committee.	3025	2000	2000		\$1,025 - Community Fund Raising	0	Purchase and supply of two EXPO 7510-S 316 Stainless Steel Bike racks.
22. page 104	Raymond Terrace Writers Group (RTWG)	Book Publishing	The RTWG would like to publish another book to provide our writing efforts to the public through libraries, schools and possibly book sales.	An A5 book of approx. 100 pages to be assembled from the groups writings. To be edited, proof read and then submitted for publishing.	1300	1300	1300	Nil	Nil	Nil	Printing \$1,200 ISBN \$100
23. page 109	Karuah & District Tennis Club Inc.	A You Beaut New Shed for Karuah & District Tennis Club	New storage shed to replace existing shed	New storage shed (3.130m x 2.785m) to replace existing shed. The existing shed has suffered roof damage and is generally in a poor state of repair. The shed is not weatherproof and is not able to be adequately secured. The new shed will be erected on an existing slab. Please refer to attached quotation for full specifications. The shed is presently used for the storage of sporting, catering and maintenance equipment.	3950	1500	1500		\$2450.00 - Karuah & District Tennis Club funds.		Part funding of new storage shed.

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24. page 113	Hunter Region Botanic Garden	Gardeners Green Tools for Green Thumbs	Gardens belongs to the greater community; providing a space to enjoy and connect with nature. Our volunteer population has grown arising a dire need for more gardening equipment to maintain the Gardens as well as an additional water tank to provide more water during ever increasing hot summer months.	After the April 2015 storm the ongoing clean-up of the Gardens continues to this day. The result of which has been a severe depletion of our garden tools. The Garden tools are required to appropriately equip the volunteers to trim trees/bushes and maintain the gardens. Having the correct tools for the job at hand provides volunteers with a safe work environment and enables them to feel their work is valued and worthwhile. Additionally, the tools ensure the gardens are free from dangerous overhanging branches and obstructive debris on paths complying with WHS. HRBG train volunteers using appropriate garden tools to trim trees and hedges and clear pathways for the greater community to safely enjoy nature. The water tank provides additional water to collect and distribute water to the plants. This has been essential during the dry hot summer months to ensure the plants continue to get the hydration required.	3511	2000	2000	Tree/bush loppers x 5 \$264 Ladders x 2 \$451 Rake - Landscape and garden x 16 \$445 Pruning saw \$49 Cement \$181 Water tank - 2000L Merino round poly water \$596
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25. page 117	Riverside Multicultural Fiesta Community Connect Committee auspiced under Raymond Terrace Community Markets	Riverside Multicultural Fiesta & Community Connect Day Sat 29th October 10am-4pm Riverside Park.	2016 Riverside Multicultural Fiesta will be incorporating Community Connect Day to promote Multicultural diversity and inclusivity in our community. To engage, involve and encourage the local community of all ages, cultures and abilities to participate, come together and share their culture through stories, arts, music, creative industries and develop new skills and interests by participating in free workshops. To provide a free a community event that is accessible for all the community to enjoy. To showcase and promote the artist talents and provide opportunities for local community groups and services to promote their programs and activities to enhance	1.The event aims to encourage, collaborate and engage participation from arrange of local musicians, performers, community groups, ethnic communities, local artisans, small businesses, schools and services enabling them set up stalls, displays, demonstrations and interactive activities. This event aims to build on the success of last years Community Connect Day and will be combining with Riverside Multicultural Fiesta to promote social inclusion by providing a capacity building experience for all members of the community. 2.To Organize and facilitate a range of free workshops to provide opportunities for local community to learn new skills, interests, hobby and leisure pursuits. These workshops will be funded from PSC cultural grant funding and will pay for tutors, insurance, venue hire and promotion. Workshops will include a range of cultural activities in dance, music, physical activities, cooking, language and creative arts. 3.Workshops will be organised in community venues and facilities such as Raymond Terrace Library, Thou Walla Family Centre, Deck Youth Centre and schools. 4.Workshop participants will be encouraged to display and or perform their acquired	9000	2000	2000	PSC Cultural Grant \$3,000,R T Bowling Club Grant \$3,000	Apply for PSC ward funds \$500 RT Markets Stall fees \$500	\$3,000 from Committ ee funds	Event application fee \$350.00 Road closure \$350.00 Promotional material posters,cards,bunti ng,flags,banners,ad ds etc \$600 Volunteer Insurance \$550 Extra bins and power usage \$150.00 Total: \$2,000
26. page 125	Seaham Park and Wetlands Committee (355c)	All-weather shelter over existing picnic table in Seaham Park	To put an all-weather shelter over an existing picnic table within Seaham Park.	The Committee has a three year plan to install all-weather metal shelters over existing picnic tables. Port Stephens Council has approved the specifications for these shelters and three have been installed. A shelter is needed over the picnic table adjacent to the children's playground equipment. This is where parents and carers sit whilst children use the playground equipment. The shelters are made of metal and the frame is made off site and is galvanised then the Committee puts on the roof, erects and installs them. The shelters cost \$4,000 and the Committee seeks \$2,000 from Council and will pay for the other costs including erection and installation from its own funds.	5000	2000	2000			\$3,000 from Committ ee funds	part payment of shelter