

Planning for everyone's future

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE: Planning for the community's future needs, while showing leadership to address challenges well into the long term are the goals of Knox Council's proposed Budget for the coming financial year, 2008/09.

Council welcomes feedback on the proposed Budget, as part of our commitment to working together for better services that reflect residents' needs. Members of the community, local groups and interested parties are welcome to lodge a written submission until 13 June. A committee of Council will then meet to consider submissions at a hearing on Tuesday 17 June, from 7:30pm, in the Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South. Written submissions must be received by 5pm on Friday 13 June, addressed to Knox Council CEO, Graeme Emonson, Knox City Council, 511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South, VIC, 3152.

- Submissions period: 22 May–13 June 2008
- Submissions to be received by 5pm on Friday 13 June 2008
- Submission Hearing: 7:30pm on Tuesday 17 June 2008
- Council to consider adoption of Annual Budget: Tuesday 24 June 2008
- Distribution of Rate Notices: August 2008

People wishing to be heard in support of their submission are required to make an appointment by calling Helen Lee on 9298 8203 before 5pm on Friday 13 June.

COPIES AVAILABLE: Copies of the proposed Budget are available for download from Council's website — www.knox.vic.gov.au or copies for viewing are also available from the Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South; Rowville Customer Service Centre, Stud Park Shopping Centre (Stud Road, Rowville) and local libraries in Knox.

Written and authorised by Knox City Council, 511 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna Sth, 3152

Interested in youth issues?

Knox City Council is currently seeking Expressions of Interest for representatives on the Knox Youth Issues Advisory Committee (YIAC) 2008-2010.

The Advisory Committee:

- Supports consultation of young people and the community
- Explores, monitors and reviews youth related issues, strategies and services
- Engages in advocacy

Copies of terms of reference and Expression of Interest forms are available on Council's website at www.knox.vic.gov.au or contact Tony Justice at Knox Youth Services on 9298 8553 or tony.justice@knox.vic.gov.au

Expressions of Interest close Monday 23 June, 5pm.

Meetings will be held bimonthly on the first Wednesday of the month until February 2010.

Nine Ward Councillors are the local representatives for residents of Knox City Council. A series of short profiles of Councillors and their involvement in current, local issues are being provided progressively during the first half of 2008. Councillors for Scott and Chandler Wards are featured below.

Councillor David Cooper

Scott Ward

Representing the residents of Knoxfield, Wantirna, and Wantirna South.

Seeing community facilities grow in size and capacity is something we can all be proud of in Knox. As Scott Ward Councillor, the unveiling of the \$550,000 Walker Reserve Pavilion redevelopment recently has made the site one of Knox's top sporting facilities. The local clubs raised an astounding \$80,000 towards the project. As we face ongoing drought, Council has also ensured that sustainability of facilities is a priority, with \$485,000 invested in the case of Knox Gardens #1 Oval being totally rebuilt and resurfaced with drought-tolerant turf as well as the installation of large water tanks. Furthermore, the acquisition of bushland in its natural state — and, at long last, the design of the local park at Jenola Parade and Timothy Corner, Wantirna South — all show what can be achieved when a community works together.

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Councillor Monique Davey

Chandler Ward

Representing the residents of The Basin and Boronia.

The sight of young people supporting a key revitalisation project in The Basin Triangle is an impressive sight. As many residents and business operators will already be aware, four enthusiastic Knox Youth Council representatives volunteered their time during recent school holidays to survey ideas on what should occur as part of The Basin Triangle revitalisation. They collected a wealth of ideas and input, which has been factored in to plans for refreshing a more vibrant, useful and attractive part of our picturesque Chandler ward. The Basin is known as a Neighbourhood Activity Centre in Knox, one of 11 such villages where people live, work and play in. The Youth Council survey was just one of several initiatives towards receiving valuable input during a community consultation phase. The broader engagement program has included individual interviews with traders, community meetings and surveys. Well done to the surveyors and thank you to the many people who contributed their ideas and time.

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Lewis Park Skate & BMX Facility Reference Group

The City of Knox is looking for expressions of interest for a newly formed Lewis Park Skate and BMX Facility Reference Group. Prospective candidates for membership should demonstrate an interest, knowledge and expertise in the following:

- Ability to work as part of a team
- The importance of sport and leisure in the building of strong communities.
- Skate and BMX trends and networks.
- A working knowledge of skate and/or BMX and sport/leisure within Knox.

An expression of interest form and further information is available on www.knox.vic.gov.au

Closing date: Friday 4 July 2008.

Enquiries: Heather Callahan Ph: 9298 8335 or email heather.callahan@knox.vic.gov.au

In the face of ongoing drought

The current drought conditions affecting Victoria are the most severe on record. This has prompted some residents to contact Council regarding cracking to their homes. The long term dryness in Victoria is without precedent and the impact of these extreme weather conditions is still being assessed. Whilst there is some evidence of significant deterioration in soil hydration levels, the predominant cause for this rests with the lack of normal rainfall. However, Council understands and respects that some residents will have specific questions regarding their homes. Council is happy to talk with any resident and has a process in place to deal with these issues. Each complaint will be thoroughly assessed and considered on its merits. If you have a concern, please call our Customer Service team on 9298 8000.



Working with children

The Working with Children check is a new system that will affect many adults who work or volunteer in child-related industries. A free workshop will help you to understand the difference between a Victorian Police check and a Working with Children check; to know if you or your members need a either; and how to go about it.

Date: 19 June 2008

Time: 7pm to 9:30pm

Venue: Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South

RSVP before: 17 June to Tracy Vervoort on 9298 8312 or email tracy.vervoort@knox.vic.gov.au

Reporting on Your Grant

Does your group find the task of reporting and acquitting for grants an arduous one and do you get any value out of the reporting process? Council staff will guide you through the simple reporting and acquittal processes for Knox City Council's Community Development Fund grants. Council will provide some practical tips and simple-to-use tools that will help your group report back on the use of grants.

NB: Attendance at this workshop is recommended for groups intending to apply to Council's Community Development Fund. Book now for these sessions as places are limited.

Date: 25 June 2008

Time: 10am to 12:30pm or 7pm to 9:30pm **Cost:** Nil

Venue: Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South

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