

7.1.5 RE-IMAGINING GLEN WAVERLEY A PROPOSED NEW GLEN WAVERLEY CIVIC PRECINCT - OUTCOME OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

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RECOMMENDATION

1. Notes that in accordance with Council’s decision at its meeting on 30 May 2023, community consultation on the project occurred between 12 July 2023 and 23 August 2023 (6 weeks duration) via:
 - a. an on-line survey via ShapeMonash.
 - b. a telephone survey completed by JWS Research.
 - c. The opportunity to provide written feedback.

(collectively “community consultation”).

There were 3,011 visitors and 612 contributions received via the ShapeMonash page and a total of 36 written submissions. The outcomes of the above community consultation are contained in the Attachments to this report.

2. Notes that four predominate themes emerged from the community consultation being:
 - a. Existing facility limitations and need for modern replacement, proposed hall and office accommodation.
 - b. Project cost and funding model.
 - c. Distribution of funds to other projects/suburbs.
 - d. Glen Waverley Activity Centre redevelopment & loss of car parking.

Further noting that there were sub-themes or tags identified in the responses to the ShapeMonash survey and JWS Research telephone survey, and these have been collated and responded to in Attachment 4.

3. Receives and notes the results of community consultation on the Project.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the outcome of community consultation regarding the schematic design report for the Glen Waverley Civic Precinct Project.

COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Sustainable City

Ensure an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable municipality.

Enhanced Places

Improve public spaces and local employment by revitalising our employment hubs, activity centres and neighbourhood shops.

BACKGROUND

Council at its meeting of 30 May 2023 resolved:

“That Council:

- 1) Resolves to submit to public consultation the schematic design for the Glen Waverley Civic Project (Project) and the proposed funding sources for the project being the funds Council will receive from the Suburban Rail Loop Authority’s acquisition of Council’s land at 31-39 Montclair Avenue and 41-47 Montclair Avenue Glen Waverley and the potential sale of all or part of the Central Carpark site.*
- 2) Receive a report on the outcome of the public consultation by no later than September 2023 to enable further consideration of the Project as outlined in point 3 below.*
- 3) Resolves for the purposes of the 2023/24 Council budget to allocate \$2.5 million to progress the next stage of detailed design work for the Project and a further \$5.5 million for the 2024/25 budget, with these expenditures contingent on a further resolution by Council to proceed with the Project following the consultation period. In the event that Council does not resolve to proceed with the Project, these budgeted amounts are to be reallocated or removed from these budgets.”*

And further, with regards to the annual budget considered at the 30 May Council meeting, Council among other matters resolved:

“That an additional Point 13 be included in the Recommendation to Item 3.2 Proposed

Annual Budget 2023-24:

- 13. allocates \$2.5 million in the 2023-24 Budget to progress the next stage of detailed design work for the Glen Waverley Civic Precinct Project and a further \$5.5 million for the 2024-25 budget with these expenditures contingent on a further resolution by Council to proceed with the Project following the consultation period. In the event that Council does not resolve to proceed with the Glen Waverley Civic Precinct Project, these budgeted amounts are to be re-allocated or removed from these budgets.”*

DISCUSSION

Community Consultation

Following Council’s decision at its 30 May 2023 meeting, community consultation on the project occurred between 12 July 2023 and 23 August 2023, for 6 weeks. The engagement activities of this community consultation aimed to provide as much information to the community as possible for them to provide informed responses. The consultation sought to achieve this via:

1. ShapeMonash consultation – interactive publication of the Schematic Design Report and seeking specific feedback via a survey which asked 7 questions- [Reimagining Glen Waverley | Shape Monash](#).

ShapeMonash also included a 360° perspective of the scheme, a document library containing documents pertinent to Council’s history of decision making and the ability for the community to share their ideas on the design with imagery.

Attachment 1 to this report includes the results of the ShapeMonash survey – Re-Imagining Glen Waverley Consultation Report

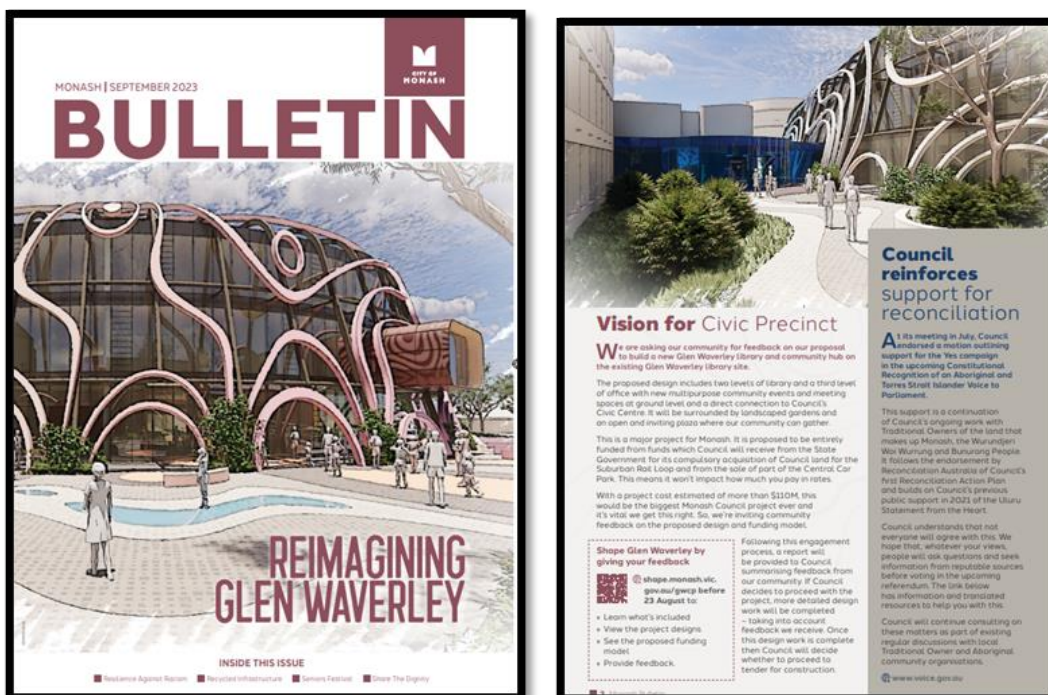
Attachment 2 provides a graphical representation summary of the results.

2. Market research (telephone survey) by JWS Research, which included 400 residents within the Glen Waverley postcode and 400 residents across the remainder of the Municipality. The report with the results of this research is provided in **Attachment 3** to this report – JWS Research Report.
3. A letter and flyer was distributed to all residences in Monash which directed readers to ShapeMonash and encouraged written submissions via mail@monash. **Attachment 4** lists the written feedback received together with officers' response.
4. A community information session was held at 6:30pm on 26 July 2023 at the Civic Centre where Council Officers and ARM Architecture discussed the Project and answered questions from attendees.
5. Meetings with advisory committees being:
 - Environmental Advisory Committee on 7 August 2023
 - Multicultural Advisory Committee on 10 August 2023
 - Gender Equity Advisory Committee on 14 August 2023
 - Monash Youth Committee on 16 August 2023
 - Disability Advisory Committee on 18 August 2023
 - LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee on 28 August 2023
6. Large signage boards (3) positioned within the GWAC (refer ShapeMonash consultation report). Refer image 1 below.
7. Posters placed in our libraries.
8. Ongoing promotion of the project through Council's website
9. Article in the September edition of the Monash Bulletin distributed to all households in Monash on 14 August 2023 (refer image 2 below).
10. Promotion of the online survey on social media.

Image 1 – photos of large signboards (item 5 above)



Image 2 – Monash Bulletin – September 2023 edition



The key messaging used for the project was:

Key Messaging

a) A new modern library for Glen Waverley

The existing Glen Waverley library is more than 50 years old and needs replacement. It is too small and no longer meets the needs and expectations of our community. For example, after school there is insufficient space for kids accessing the library to study and do their homework – with kids having to sit on the floor. This impacts other library users as well.

Libraries serve communities in different ways than they did 50 years ago. They are no longer places to only borrow a book. They are ‘community living rooms’ where people come together to share experiences, learn, be entertained, access online resources, study, hear talks and presentations, access the latest news, share a coffee with friends and take part in fun and stimulating children’s activities.

We want to create one of Victoria's best municipal libraries. The proposed new library is four times the current library space and will be a vibrant mix of noisy and quiet areas – just like the best modern libraries.

b) New community event and meeting spaces

Complementing the expanded library space will be new community events and meeting spaces. Council does not have appropriate spaces for larger indoor community events and pays to rent larger spaces from other organisations.

It is proposed to create a large multipurpose community space which is both flexible and highly configurable to provide for a variety of event formats which can be used by our community. From large 500 person seated events to smaller meetings of 20 to 50 people, this will be a space which will offer fit for purpose meeting places for community groups and residents from across Monash.

c) Additional office space

The project includes some additional office space for Council's Glen Waverley-based employees who do not fit into the existing Civic Centre. For more than 15 years, Council has had to rent space in the adjacent Ibis building for these employees. This costs the community circa \$400,000 in rent each year and it makes sense to relocate these staff to a Council owned facility.

We presented the gross floor area and discussed funding sources:

d) The gross floor area proposed includes:

- 4290 sqm of library (four times the current size) including a children's area with an activity space, parents' room, a youth area and meeting rooms for library users.
- 1010 sqm of community events and meeting space which is flexible and highly configurable to cater for both large events and small meetings.
- 1620 sqm of office space and meeting rooms (removing the need for Council to rent additional office space currently costing over \$400,000 per year)
- 250 car spaces plus secure bike storage.

e) Funding Sources

Although the cost of this project is significant (likely to be more than \$110 million), it will not have any impact on Council's existing capital works program as it is proposed to be entirely funded by two sources:

- a. the compensation to be paid to Council by the State Government for its compulsory acquisition of Council land at Montclair Avenue Glen Waverley for the Suburban Rail Loop project; and
- b. the proposed sale of Council's Central Car Park (281 Springvale Road Glen Waverley).

Summary of Interactive Engagement Activities

1. ShapeMonash

ShapeMonash (online consultation) provided background information on the project, a document library including the most recent Council reports, the feasibility study and the schematic design. A survey asking the following:

1. Do you support the proposed Glen Waverley Civic Precincts project?
2. What is the main reason for your answer to this question?
3. Are there any current community needs or gaps that this project could address?
4. What activities would you like to be able to engage in at the library or in the community events/meeting spaces?
5. If the project proceeds, do you support or oppose funding it from the funds Council will receive from the State Government's acquisition of Council land in Glen Waverley for the Suburban Rail Loop and the sale of part of the Central Car Park?
6. What is the main reason for your answer to this question?
7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share with Council on this project proposal?
8. If you would prefer to upload your prepared feedback, please do so here.

As can be seen from the above questions, a question was not asked on the design of the building. This is because, primarily, the final version of the design is not confirmed. The schematic design stage represents a developed concept only that has considered the surrounding environment and ability of the site to be redeveloped. The design will evolve if the next stage of detailed design progresses.

However, there were numerous comments raised about the design and in particular the façade.

At the close of consultation there were 3,011 visitors, 612 contributions and 3 written submissions, noting that a further 33 written submissions were received and are detailed below in the written feedback section.

The on-line survey results are provided in **Attachment 1 – Community Consultation Report**. All of the written feedback received (36 total) have been collated within the table at **Attachment 4**.

Key findings:

We asked the community about initial support for the project and the funding model.

The community consultation results were almost evenly divided:

- 47% of participants support the project
- 45% of participants opposed the project
- 43% of participants supported funding the project from funds Council will receive from Suburban Rail Loop land acquisition and sale of part of Central Car Park
- 41% of participants were opposed to the above funding model

On supplying *qualitative reasons for this initial sentiment*, both supporters and opposers sometimes moderated their responses with partial support or opposition due to reservations about only one aspect of the proposal.

- 28% of comments on the project agreed there was a need for a modernised library
- 19% of comments on the project expressed concerns over the project cost or a rates increase
- 24% of comments on the funding proposal expressed approval for the library
- 19% of comments on the funding proposal expressed concerns over the project cost or a rates increase

2. Market Research - Telephone survey (JWS report)

JWS research were engaged to conduct the survey. The survey was conducted from 20th to 26 July 2023. It involved an 8minute telephone conversation to residents aged 18 years and over chosen at random to understand the level of engagement and support for the project. The sampling was as follows:

Sample 1 – 400 residents of Glen Waverley

Sample 2 – 400 residents of other areas of the City of Monash

JWS Research defines the online consultation as allowing everyone with an interest the opportunity to provide their feedback. This could include people who have a vested interest, who are not happy about the project or Council and/or who just like to give their opinion on local matters. Because of this, community consultation is not intended to be representative of the population.

Independent market research is a suitable complement to community engagement activities. Market research provides the view of the representative community – not just those with the loudest voice. It can often be the case that the people who do not have any concerns or objection stay silent and may not bother with consultation activities (through for example an opt-in survey).

The market research survey undertaken by JWS Research was designed to capture an audience that is representative of the adult community. The sample size of n=800 has a maximum margin of error of +/-3.5% at the 95% confidence interval. This means that if we were to repeat this same survey 100 times, for a survey result of 50%, we can be confident that 95 times out of 100, the true population result would be included between 46.7% and 53.3%. (The margin of error reduces as results move away from 50%.)

A report on the outcome of the telephone survey is attached to this report at in **Attachment 3**.

Key findings (as extracted from the JWS report):

Support for Project

Support for the project is very high. About three quarters (76%) of residents support the project, and more 'strongly support' (49%) than 'somewhat support' (27%). Among the remainder, 11% neither support nor oppose the project or are unsure, and just 10% oppose the project.

Project Funding

After providing information about project cost and funding, support remains very high, with two thirds (65%) of the population either 'strongly' supporting (33%) or 'somewhat' supporting the project (32%). The proportion of residents who oppose the project remains low, at 19%.

3. **Community information session**

A community information session was held on 26 July 2023. It was attended by approximately 40 people. Council's consultant architect, ARM Architecture, presented the schematic design.

Some of the main questions raised by attendees at the information session are below together with the response provided by either ARM Architecture or Council officer:

What is the extent of building envelope?

The buildable area is defined by midline of the existing carpark to the south, Kingsway to the west, the plaza to the north, and the existing Civic Centre building.

Why a round building?

The proposed curved building is a direct response to the existing site conditions which is a continuation of the language of the Civic Building and the IBIS hotel. The curved figure means the building recedes from Civic building, respecting the scale of the smaller heritage building. It also provides an inviting landscape which draws pedestrians around the building.

What materials will be used?

A materials palette will be developed in the next stage of design should this project proceed further.

Is the children's playground outside?

The children's section has direct access to the external landscape which will be screened and protected. There will be no access from Kingsway into the Children's outdoor area.

How will the connection to the existing building function after hours?

The link will be permeable through the day and secured at some point in the evening. Both the Civic Centre and the new building can be secured separately outside of open hours.

Will the design be obsolete in 50 years?

In line with City of Monash's ESD Policy for Buildings, we aim to design for long term resilience, adaptability and flexibility for at least a 100 year asset life to greatly reduce lifecycle costs.

4. Written Feedback

Written feedback was received via:

- email to mail@monash
- direct to Councillors; and
- via ShapeMonash

At the close of consultation on 23 August 2023, written feedback totaled 36 made up of:

33 – feedback via mail@monash

3 – feedback via ShapeMonash

This feedback is listed in **Attachment 4** along with Officers' response based on the identified themes (listed in Table 2 below). These predominate themes were formed from consideration to the various sub-themes (or tags) from the results of the ShapeMonash survey, telephone survey and written feedback.

Table 2: Predominate Themes

1	2	3	4
Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall and office accommodation	Project cost and the funding proposal	Distribution of funds to other projects	GW Activity Centre redevelopment & loss of car parking
Positive (tags)			
Need for modernised library to meet the needs of a growing community	No cost impact on ratepayers	Good for the Monash community and municipality	Improvements to the precinct are welcome
Need for more community meeting, event and exhibition spaces	Approval of investment		
Negative (tags)			
Not needed, adequate existing facilities	Concerns over project cost or rates increase	Redistribute spending to other suburbs	Overdevelopment in the GWAC
No personal benefit or interest	Oppose sale of Council assets	Use funds for other projects or programs (various)	Need more car parking

Key findings:

Support for the project from the written feedback was low. Nearly all of the written feedback had a negative sentiment. Reasons varied, but the count of predominate themes in the written submissions showed that either theme 2 or theme 3 were the main areas of concern.

Table3: Written Submissions

Predominate Theme	Sentiment				TOTAL
	Positive	Negative	Mixed	Unclear	
1. Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, hall & office accommodation	6	13	1	0	20
2. Project cost and the funding proposal	2	10	1	0	13
3. Distribution of funds to other projects	0	17	0	1	17
4. GW Activity Centre redevelopment & loss of car parking	1	5	1	0	6

Officers' Response to Predominate Themes

Theme 1: Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall and office accommodation.

Many submissions, either positive or negative, raised the limitations of the existing library.

Responses indicated a recognition to the fact that the library was in need of upgrading, did not have sufficient space to provide services for a growing and diverse community and therefore,

welcomed the redevelopment as libraries are an important service for the community. It was understood that the inclusion of the office space would free Council from paying rent. This response was often premised on the proposed funding model to deliver the project being adequate and no increase / impact to rates.

Question 3 of the ShapeMonash survey asked *“Are there any current community needs or gaps that this project could address?”* and question 4 which asked *“What activities would you like to be able to engage in at the library or in the community events/meeting spaces?”*

Responses provided displayed an understanding of the space limitations that Council is trying to address and examples were provided for activities the community would like to see in a new facility. The examples demonstrated our community are looking for a progressive up to date library service and associated spaces. Examples in the submissions included space for “author talks, concerts, café, U3A classes, group activities such as knitting/sewing clubs and engineering or technology workshops.” There were suggestions also provided on the architecture.

To the contrary, the negative responses felt that the existing facilities were adequate and simply needed a refurbishment or that a smaller redevelopment would be sufficient and that there was no need for such an investment in the Glen Waverley. There were comments that Council should find cheaper space to rent for office space or as an alternative seek to reduce staff numbers. There was limited feedback on the civic hall.

Officers’ Response

Library

The Glen Waverley Library is the busiest branch of the Monash Public Library Service. It has a higher number of visitors per day, than the other branches, but less floor space than either Oakleigh or Clayton libraries. It has a nett floor area of 894m² and a gross floor area of 1,140 (includes foyer, facilities etc).

Due to its size, the library is unable to offer a full range of services due to the swiftly increasing and economically and culturally diverse local community.

The ongoing trend of increasing visits to Glen Waverley library and the diversity of services required from a library service means a larger floor space is required to cater for user needs now and into the future.

This library was constructed in circa 1974 and is approaching the end of its useful life. It requires renovation or replacement and modernisation, in addition to expansion to meet current and future service needs. It is not an energy efficient building. It is at capacity and has been for some time. It has competing demand for private and small group study areas, quiet reading areas, internet access, traditional collection storage, access and circulation processes. The library building is not adequate to meet the growing IT and leisure and community activity needs of the Glen Waverley area.

An expanded library space will be aligned to the needs of a contemporary library service which will support increased population in Glen Waverley including community meeting rooms. This need and demand will continue to grow and, in particular, due to the impact of the Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) project there will be with additional growth with people living and working in and around the Activity Centre. The impacts from the SRL project will be better known as the precinct planning work is undertaken by the SRLA.

We know that the Glen Waverley library has limitations with floorspace and is in an ageing condition. There are also other key trends that have influenced the need for additional library floorspace beyond the current building footprint. These are summarised below:

Key Trends

- In three years from 2019, digital downloads have gone from 8% of all borrowing to 26% and are expected to grow to around 30% making investment in and curation of a wide access digital collection is now a priority.
- Digital downloads and borrowings are not decreasing space required for collection loans.
- Over the past five years there has been a decline in resources and support for library services within the education sector and school classes are instead visiting local public libraries, increasing demand for space.
- Libraries are transforming into spaces that include entertainment and gaming areas, science and technology labs, exhibition spaces, makerspaces, recording studios for popularity in podcasts, business centres and conferences rooms.
- Multi-purpose rooms have long been highly valued in public libraries, whether for hosting large public and private events, or flexing into smaller rooms for more intimate sessions. The growing need and demand for the physical transformation of our branches will be considered in all future planning.
- Libraries have an important role to play in advancing equity and inclusion in their communities, particularly in relation to the three key dimensions of wellbeing – education /learning, health and economic wellbeing. They contribute to community health and wellbeing through the provision of safe, welcoming spaces and a broad range of information, services and programs.
- As safe and inclusive spaces, they are often the first place a person will visit to discuss their health and wellbeing concerns. Many library services are now hiring social workers to support community and library teams to continue to be the essential spaces for community and social wellbeing.

Space Limitations

- Insufficient study / meeting space, both for individuals and for small group collaboration. There is competing demand for study areas -the quiet room study area is always full (only caters for seating for around 20 people).
- The study room is not sound proofed.
- Not enough seating/reading spaces (lounge) or quiet study areas, to service the amount of visitors
- No dedicated “event” space for lectures, workshops, internet training, children’s activities.
- No designated program space – limits the amount of adult programs conducted in the library.
- No discrete space for teenagers to feel comfortable.
- Lack of flexible computer spaces to allow for use of private laptops or for small groups to work in collaboration.
- Lack of access to power for visitors to power their devices.
- Children’s area is too small to cater adequately for current storytime groups and School Holiday Programs – noise impacts on other library users

- Current collection sizes are, at times, limited due to lack of space. There is a need to expand shelving and face-out display facilities for all collections and especially for community languages.
- LOTE collection space is very limited particularly for Chinese collection –more shelf space is required. Current loan stats are shown in the table below:

Language/Type	Loan no.
Chinese/books (adult)	19,151
Chinese/periodicals	1,765
Chinese/junior	11,413
French/adult	600
German/periodicals	1,656

Hall

Council has never had a dedicated space for civic events such as citizenship ceremonies and instead hires external venues to perform this function. The Glen Waverley community do not have a dedicated large meeting space for large gatherings, or where larger community groups can meet.

A dedicated town hall for civic and community events will remove the need to hire venues for large civic ceremonies, and the space is proposed to be transitional and able to be broken into smaller meeting rooms when needed. There are also cost savings to Council where it may otherwise venues for larger events such as citizenship ceremonies, which have been held previously at Robert Blackwood Hall at Monash University and the Huntingtower School.

We know that there is demand for meeting room/hall space by our community. Demand for halls increased considerably during 2022/23 where usage has increased by 35% on previous years.

Office

Council's civic centre building was constructed in 1984 which was pre-Council amalgamations in 1995. Over time and factoring in the Council amalgamations in 1995, staff numbers outgrew the capacity of the civic centre building. As a result, in 2007 Council entered into a lease with the owner of the IBIS Building, 293 Springvale Road to lease approximately 1,000sqm of ground floor office space within its Business Centre. This space is conveniently located adjacent to the Civic Centre.

Whilst there are suggestions regarding alternative accommodation, there is no other readily available appropriate accommodation for Council staff to relocate to in close proximity to the Civic Centre. There were also suggestions to reduce staffing levels, which is not a valid option and would see a sharp decline in Councils ability to not only provide for the range of services that it does, but to do so in the best and most efficient way possible.

The rental is to market and is currently circa \$400,000 per annum, and this would be a direct cost saving of Council being able to provide for its own accommodation and not relying on the rental market to accommodate our staff.

THEME 2 -Project cost and the funding proposal

From the survey results discussed above, there is support for the project to be progressed as outlined by the proposed funding model.

The feedback received also outlined there was concern over the cost of the project, the income from the Suburban Rail Loop Authority acquisition of land not being received, the SRL project not proceeding, project cost blow-out and rate increases.

Some feedback opposed the sale of the Central Car Park and concerns over the loss of car parking, the need for public open space or more generally, just not supporting the sale of a public asset.

Officers' Response

The Council resolution of 30 May 2023 states:

"1) Resolves that if the Project proceeds, the Project will be funded entirely by:

- a. the funds Council will receive from the Suburban Rail Loop Authority's compulsory acquisition of Council's land at 31-39 Montclair Avenue and 41-47 Montclair Avenue; and*
- b. the sale of the Central Carpark site."*

Council has not resolved and is not considering any other income sources for the project. Should the anticipated income be less than the required expenditure, under the current Council resolution, the project would be modified to fit the available funds. The project does not rely on rates income, nor does it envisage any increase to rates as a result, noting that rate increases are capped by the State Government and not set at Council's discretion.

Concern over the Suburban Rail Loop East project proceeding and receipt of income.

The Suburban Rail Loop East is a State Government project.

The income from the sales of properties at 31-39 Montclair Avenue and 41-47 Montclair Avenue, Glen Waverley are to be acquired by the SRLA.

The Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 (LACA) applies to freehold land acquired by SRLA. Council is entitled to compensation for that land, assessed having regard to the factors set out in s41 of the LACA.

If the SRLA project does not proceed and the properties are not acquired, a proposed funding stream will not be realised. This will mean that the project will not have the funding it requires as resolved upon by Council at its May 2023 Council meeting. This would leave Council with two options. The first would be to not proceed with the project. The second would be to consider a sale of the two properties on the open market and use the income from those sales for the project.

Sale of Central Car Park Site

The sale of Central carpark and proceeds being put towards a new Library has long been contemplated by Council, and dates back to 2013 where Council, in its resolution at the September 2013 Council meeting, amongst other matters, resolved:

- 5. Note that while Council will need to consider making specific provision for the funding of a Library and Community Hub there is opportunity for this to be offset in full or in part from development of the Central Car Park site for appropriate residential, retail and commercial*

activities (in addition to Library and Community Hub) and also other areas located in the Glen Waverley Activity Centre (the Centre)

Again, consistent with Council's resolution at the May 2023 Council meeting, the sale of the central carpark site is required to fund the project. The Council resolution does not envisage the project proceeding without this sale.

It has also been recognised that the value of the central car park and its contribution to the Activity Centre and its continued vitality is more than as an at grade carpark. The Glen Waverley Activity Structure Plan 2016 (as amended) also recognises the future redevelopment of this site whilst also providing an area for public open space.

The fear over loss of carparking is recognised. Council has embarked on a project to provide for over 500 additional car spaces at the Bogong Avenue carpark. When completed the carpark will provide for over 1000 car spaces and is adequate to accommodate most of the car spaces that would be lost at both the Montclair Avenue and central carpark sites. Further, the SRLA is looking to build more carparking as part of their project to the north of the railway line, and Council is looking to secure additional spaces for visitors to the Activity Centre in this carpark for as long as possible.

Theme 3 - Distribution of SRLA funds to other projects

As with theme 2 above, a number of responses raised concern over the allocation of the proceeds of land sales to this project and, in particular, to a project in Glen Waverley. Responses included that Glen Waverley receives too much investment and a preference for the distribution of funds throughout the municipality on various projects, programs and services including:

- Homelessness and Housing
- Infrastructure (Roads and footpaths)
- Aged care
- Health
- Investment in smaller retail shopping strips

Council supports all of the above, either directly or indirectly (via advocacy), as well as many other community services. Council reports against its activity in its Annual report. This is briefly touched on in the response to key theme 2. Officers' have collated a response for each of the above items.

Officers' Response

With regards to projects in other parts of the municipality, Council's capital works program can be drawn upon to evidence funding allocation for projects across the municipality.

We heard concern regarding the allocation of funds to Glen Waverley, that the funds should be distributed across the municipality and/or onto other services/projects.

Glen Waverley is a critical activity centre and Council will need to plan for the wide range of services desired by the community as the population increases and intensifies. This will be increased should the SRLA project proceed.

Council does invest in its other suburbs with both operational and capital projects across the Municipality.

It is of course open to Council to consider spending any money it receives from the proposed SRLA land acquisitions and the sale of the central car park, if these were to proceed. Council has not currently resolved to consider spending this anticipated income elsewhere and has consulted with the community on this specific project. This sentiment and feedback is available to Councillors and will be considered if they choose to proceed with the project.

With regards to spending in other areas the following comments are made:

Roads and footpaths

The management of civil infrastructure such as roads and footpaths is a core business of Council. Council has ongoing annual renewal funding for this infrastructure. The level of investment we make each year with this infrastructure (as well as buildings) is informed by the results of condition audits matched with the individual asset attributes such as age, material, remaining useful life. The combination of this data is used to inform our maintenance and renewal programs. The majority of our work on roads and footpaths falls within the asset renewal class.

By way of example of expenditure, our capital works expenditure for the 2021/2022FY was \$43,017M of which \$35,243M was spent on asset renewal. \$8M of this was on roads and \$6.5M on footpaths and cycleways. Each year, we estimate a spend of between \$8-9M for roads.

Aged Care

Council is a provider of some services under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) under contract only. Monash Council's current contract with the Commonwealth is until 30 June 2024 and expects to be offered another contract to provide CHSP services till 30 June 2025.

Council is currently seeking clarity from the Commonwealth on the Support at Home program including financial pricing, to understand what our involvement may be in the future.

Health

Council services are in place to support a healthy and resilient community.

The Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 (the Act) recognises the key role of Councils in improving the health and wellbeing of people in their municipality. Section 26 of the Act requires each council to prepare a municipal public health and wellbeing plan every 4 years. Council's Health & Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025 can be found at this link [Monash Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025](#).

The framework for this plan includes three pillars being:

1. Active and health
2. Engaged, confident and connected
3. Safe and respectful

As referred to or demonstrated in responses to Key Themes 1 and 2, community spaces such as libraries and event spaces (halls) are vital contributors to the social wellbeing of our community. They address all three pillars above with spaces to encourage healthy minds, address loneliness with connection, provide spaces that are inviting and pleasing to be in, encourage learning, are

accessible and affordable, a space for the homeless to seek shelter, are accessible to all abilities and are well used by our community.

Investment in smaller retail shopping strips (Local Activity Centres)

There are a total of 55 Local Activity Centres (LAC's) across Monash. These LAC's were purposely designed to allow most residents to access them by foot but on-street parking is also provided. Council recognises the importance of these LAC's to the local community. In 2021 Council, implemented a rolling program to renew these 55 retail shopping strips over a period of time. This is included in the Annual Budget starting with Bellerive Avenue LAC in Mount Waverley.

Homelessness and Housing Affordability

Council acknowledges the dire state of homelessness in Monash and advocates through the Regional Local Government Homelessness & Social Housing Charter, as well as through coordinated local efforts, for the refurbishment and upgrade of existing public housing owned and managed by the State. Housing provision is not a core Council service. Our advocacy is through a number of methods, including providing submissions to Victorian and Australian Government consultations and Parliamentary inquiries in this space as well as direct and proactive advocacy through direct correspondence with local Members of Parliament, State and Federal Ministers and other policymakers.

As well as advocacy, another avenue of support that a number of Councils have entertained is the leasing of public land to housing providers on long term leases for the provision of housing developments. The City of Monash is currently considering such a proposal for its land at 65A Power Avenue, Chadstone. This has been the subject of recent community consultation and further information can be found here [Housing proposal - 65a Power Avenue, Chadstone | Shape Monash](#)

Education

Whilst Council is not a direct provider of early education and care services, it works closely with the Victorian Government and plays an important role in supporting the delivering of early years services (early childhood education and care, occasional care, kindergarten, playgroups, toy libraries,). We have 30 sites from which services are delivered. 29 are leased to service providers and council runs one early childhood education and care service.

Public spaces such as libraries, are an important contributor to the education of children.

Theme 4 - GW Activity Centre Redevelopment & loss of car parking

The feedback to this theme was predominantly relating to overdevelopment in the Activity Centre and loss of carparking for more high rises. Consistent with the outcome of consultation in 2016, some views still remain that Central Car Park should be a public park.

The feedback relating to car parking was consistent with respondents saying there has never been enough car parking in Glen Waverley. Questions were asked such as - Where will the car parking at central car park go? Will it remain on site and become paid parking by a developer?

Officers' Response

Plan Melbourne and the Monash Housing Strategy identify the Glen Waverley Activity Centre (and other larger activity centres in Monash) as a key locations for housing and employment growth. This, in part, allows Council to provide greater protections from inappropriate overdevelopment of our garden suburban areas outside of these activity centres.

To help guide this future growth Council prepared the Glen Waverley Activity Centre Structure Plan (Structure Plan) in 2013.

Council is currently reviewing the Structure Plan given it is 10 years old and in light of the announcement of Suburban Rail Loop Project.

As the population of Melbourne is forecast to grow significantly and state policy is to direct 70% of new housing to established areas, activity centres such as Glen Waverley will be required to accommodate increased housing. In the case of Glen Waverley this increase in population will likely be greater given the proposed construction of the suburban rail loop and new station at Glen Waverley. The SRLA will undertake their own precinct planning and this will replace Council's previous strategic work. It is anticipated that it will seek to accommodate for significant growth in and around the Activity centre. The details however, are currently unknown.

Car Parking

Over the years, Council has made commitments to increase the supply of car parking in the Glen Waverley Activity Centre. The extension to the existing Bogong Car Park (construction commenced in July) is a recent example of increased car parking. The car park is being extended by 4 new levels to provide an additional 523 free public car spaces. This extension satisfies Council's obligation to provide car spaces funded from contributions collected from developers over the years.

As of August 2023, Council has now endorsed a review of car parking management in activity areas including the Activity Centre in order to better understand supply and demand, better utilise the existing parking capacity within each precinct through the use of appropriate parking management controls and plan appropriately. The outcomes of this study and recommendations will be put to Council no later than April 2025.

Key points regarding Car Parking in Glen Waverley Activity Centre.

- There are currently 247 public car spaces at Central Car Park.
- With the acquisition of Council's at-grade car spaces in Montclair Avenue, Council is asking the SRLA to replace the existing car spaces prior to redeveloping that site.
- Given the Suburban Rail Loop impact on the GWAC and the car spaces that the SRLA will be providing, Council is currently reviewing traffic and car parking within the GWAC to understand any additional car parking need as referred to above.

As outlined in response in key theme 2, the Bogong Avenue carpark when completed will provide for over 500 additional car spaces with a total of over 1000 car spaces. This would accommodate most of the car spaces that would be lost at both the Montclair Avenue and central carpark sites, noting that SRLA is providing more carparking north of the railway line, and, Council is looking to secure additional spaces for visitors (as opposed to commuters) to the Activity Centre in this SRLA car park for as long as possible. Whilst the overall number of carparking spaces are important, it is not feasible to continue to provide for more and more car parking. Other parking management strategies need to be looked at to ensure that there is adequate turnover of car spaces within the Activity Centre and well as to encourage people to explore other transport modes when the visit. This is further work that will need to be considered in the future.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As decided by Council at its meeting on 30 May 2023, capital budget expenditure was supported for this Project (should Council decide to proceed to the next stage) as follows:

Financial year	\$
2023/2024	\$2.5million
2024/2025	\$5.5 million

At this point in time, no expenditure has been incurred from the allocated 2023/2024 budget as Council is yet to decide on the future of this Project.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Plan / Strategy	Theme	Goals/Objectives
Council Plan – 2021-2025	Sustainable City	Ensure an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable municipality
	Enhanced Places	Improve public spaces and local employment by revitalising our employment hubs, activity centres and neighbourhood shops.
Asset Plan 2021-2031	State of our Assets	Determine the demand and value of the services our assets provide.
	Lifecycle Management	Understanding and meeting the impact of changing service needs
Council Plan 2017-2021	Inviting Open and Urban Spaces	We want our Civic Centre to celebrate the vitality and diversity of our city by optimising the capacity for passive and active interactions between internal and external spaces.
Strategic Management	Asset Asset Management	To provide assets that support the provision of best value services. Council assets will be accessible, safe and suitable for community use. The approach to asset management will balance competing social, environmental and economic needs for the benefit of current and future generations
Healthy & Resilient Monash Integrated plan	Engaged, confident and connected community	The Glen Waverley library is a place for enquiry, reflection, discovery and participation that fosters social connections and supports lifelong learning.

		Active and Healthy Built Spaces	We want the design to ensure that community needs, both now and into the future are central to the physical design of our buildings.
		Safe and Respectful	The Glen Waverley library will provide opportunities for lifelong learning, accessible design and for everyone to participate fully in community life.
Monash public service strategy	library	Libraries as community living rooms	Development of a contemporary library building will optimise community participation, allowing residents to pursue and share literacy and creative interests.
Glen Waverley Plan	Structure	To provide community, civic and cultural facilities and services that cater to the needs of existing and future populations	Support the re-use of the existing library for Council administrative services and meeting rooms when a new facility is developed.
Environmental Sustainability Strategy		ESD	Promote environmentally sustainable outcomes in urban planning, design and development.
Monash Planning Scheme		Clause 11.03 – Planning for Places – Activity Centres Clause 21.05 – Economic Development Clause 21.06 – Major Activity and Neighbourhood Centres Clause 22.13 – Environmentally Sustainable Development	

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Project aims to provide space that:

1. Fosters connection, learning and engagement and acts as a catalyst for social and cultural interaction.
2. Is adaptable and supports a diversity of activities and events of a cultural, community and civic focus; and
3. Presents as a centre of excellence for all Monash residents as a destination for inspiration, participation and creativity.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The Project does not impact any rights listed in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Because the new Glen Waverley Civic Precinct is considered to have a direct and significant impact on the Monash community, a gender impact assessment (GIA) has been undertaken. Initially this GIA has focused on the consultation and preliminary concept. The GIA will inform next stages including detailed design and will be revisited as the design progresses.

As a result of the GIA, the consultation was strengthened to include engagement with each of the Council's Advisory Committees and advice was also sought from a range of experts. Through the GIA process, comprehensive community consultation and desktop research was undertaken. Key findings that will be important considerations for design include:

- Women make up majority of library users and are more likely than men to be carers of children, the elderly and users with special needs.
- Neurodiverse users and users with dementia have different experience of spaces and the sensory environment. These users are more likely to have women carers.
- Libraries need to be socially inclusive spaces and have multi-purpose areas that can be utilised by our diverse community including young adults, multicultural groups and LGTBQA+ users as safe meeting places. This is also aligned to priorities in *Monash's Health & Wellbeing Plan* and *LGBTQA+ Action Plan*.
- The provision of all-gender facilities is important to users; and
- More attention paid to the needs of carers of children such as enhancing the parents' room, awareness of the needs of neurodiverse users, particularly children, through choice of materials and finishes and layouts of spaces, addition of a changing places space. Location of digital learning facilities near the entrance and within proximity to staff who can assist vulnerable users.

CONCLUSION

That Council notes the outcome of the community engagement activities as discussed in this report and reported in the Attachments to this report.

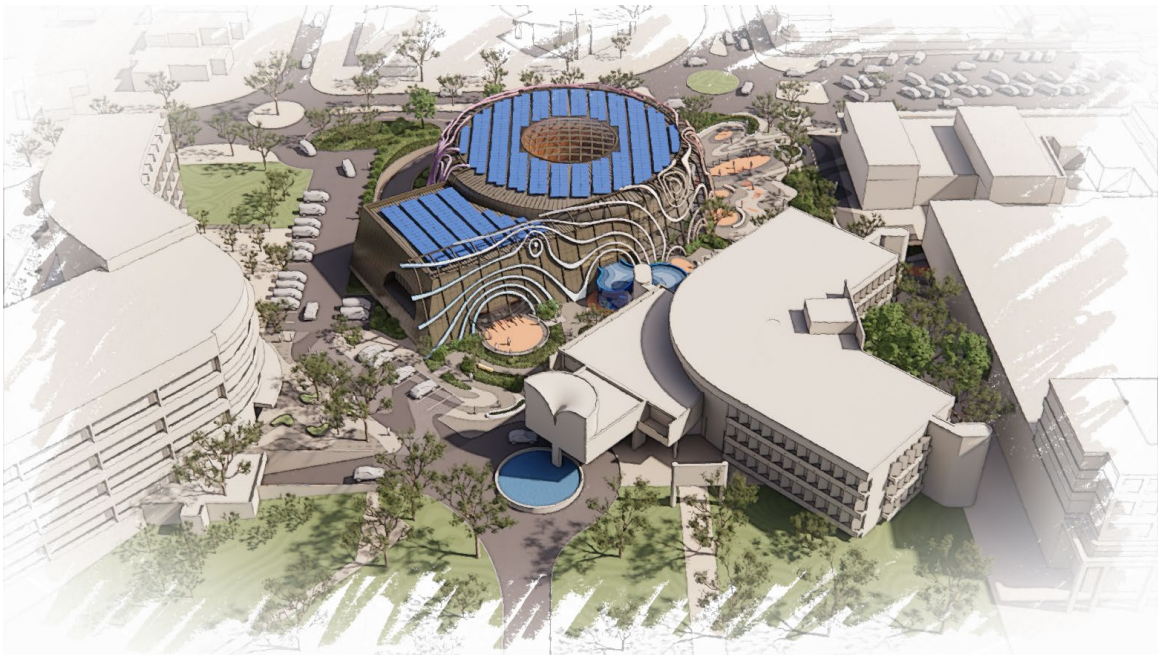
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3. Attachment 3 - JWS Research Report [7.1.5.3 - 24 pages]
4. Attachment 4 - Written feedback and responses [7.1.5.4 - 37 pages]



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Community engagement summary

Monash Council asked our community for feedback on a proposal to build a new Glen Waverley library and community hub on the existing Glen Waverley library site.

This project is a key part of Council's transformation and reinvigoration plans for the Glen Waverley Activity Centre. We want to create a library that meets the needs of everyone in our growing and contemporary community and create new flexible indoor spaces for large community events and community group meetings.

This is a major project for Monash. It is proposed to be entirely funded from the proceeds of State Government compulsory acquisition of Council land for the Suburban Rail Loop and from the sale of part of the Central Car Park. This means it won't impact rates.

The project cost is estimated at more than \$110M, the biggest Monash Council project to date. We invited community feedback on the proposed project and funding model.

From 12 July to 23 August 2023, the project was communicated to the Monash community and views were sought on the project itself and the funding model.

The intention of the community consultation was to collect initial insights and community sentiment but not necessarily a statistically representative sample. A separate market research project was commissioned to survey a random sample for statistically robust population views.

Overall key findings

We asked the community about initial support for the project and the funding model.

The community consultation results were almost evenly divided:

- 47% of participants support the project
- 45% of participants opposed the project
- 43% of participants supported funding the project from fund Council will receive from Suburban Rail Loop land acquisition and sale of part of Central Car Park
- 41% of participants were opposed to the above funding model

On supplying qualitative reasons for this initial sentiment, we found that both supporters and opposers sometimes moderated their responses with partial support or opposition due to reservations about only one aspect of the proposal.

- 30% of comments on the project agreed there was a need for a modernised library
- 19% of comments on the project expressed concerns over the project cost or a rates increase
- 24% of comments on the funding proposal expressed approval for the library
- 19% of comments on the funding proposal expressed concerns over the project cost or a rates increase

The market research found higher support results as representing population views:

- 76% support the project
- 10% oppose the project
- 65% support the funding model
- 19% oppose the funding model



Methodology

A direct mail out to residents and property owners in the Monash municipality was undertaken in July 2023 to ensure that all residents had the opportunity to provide their feedback. The consultation was promoted with large signage in front of the library and within the Glen Waverley Activity Centre, posters in the library and Council’s website, social media and the Monash Bulletin.

Participation was invited by completing a survey and uploading images via Shape Monash. An alternative method provided was to write to Council directly with feedback. An information session was provided at the Council offices on 26 July and meetings were held with Council’s Environmental, Multicultural, Gender Equity, Youth, Disability and LGBTIQ+ advisory committees. A separate telephone survey was conducted.



Community consultation

Participation in the online consultation was voluntary and anonymous. Submissions have been de-identified for reporting purposes.

Over the consultation period, there were over 3,000 visitors to the Shape Monash page, and 615 contributions in total (612 to the survey and 3 to the sharing ideas activity). Participation was relatively low. Of the 75,000 households who received the letter, only about 4% viewed the Shape Monash engagement page and less than 1% provided feedback.



Online surveys were completed by 286 women, 254 men and 52 people who did not specify their gender. Women were somewhat more supportive of the project and funding model than men.

Participation was highest among the 40 to 64 year age group. People under 40 years were the most supportive of the project. Glen Waverley residents made up 38% of participants and had the highest levels of support compared with residents of other suburbs.

Results by demographic groups are shown below:

Table 1. Support for the project by gender and age group

Demographic group (number in brackets)	Do you support the project?			
	Not stated	Support	Neutral	Oppose
Men (254)	0%	47%	8%	46%
Women (286)	1%	52%	8%	39%
Under 40 years (151)		58%	7%	36%
40 to 64 years (303)	1%	43%	6%	50%
65 years and over (141)	1%	43%	14%	43%

Table 2. Support for the funding proposal by gender and age group

Demographic group (number in brackets)	If the project proceeds, do you support or oppose funding it from the funds Council will receive from the State Government and sale of part of Central Car Park?			
	Not stated	Support	Neutral	Oppose
Men (254)	4%	41%	14%	40%
Women (286)	2%	48%	16%	33%
Under 40 years (151)	2%	50%	17%	32%
40 to 64 years (303)	3%	39%	18%	41%
65 years and over (141)	6%	42%	11%	40%



Table 3. Support for the project and funding model by suburb

Suburb of residence (number in brackets)	Do you support the project?			If the project proceeds, do you support or oppose funding it from the funds Council will receive from the State Government and sale of part of Central Car Park?		
	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Support	Neutral	Oppose
Glen Waverley (225)	62%	9%	28%	55%	15%	27%
Notting Hill (5)	60%		40%	60%		40%
Oakleigh East (5)	60%		40%	80%		20%
Wheelers Hill (79)	47%	4%	48%	39%	13%	42%
Mulgrave (60)	40%	5%	55%	30%	17%	47%
Mount Waverley (109)	34%	9%	56%	36%	15%	49%
Clayton (22)	32%	14%	55%	36%	9%	46%
Oakleigh South (9)	22%		78%	11%	44%	44%
Ashwood Burwood Chadstone (28)	21%	11%	68%	21%	7%	71%
Hughesdale (20)	20%	10%	70%	20%	35%	40%
Oakleigh (18)	11%	11%	78%	17%	50%	33%
Huntingdale (6)			100%	17%	22%	61%

A detailed report on the quantitative results online consultation is included as an attachment and the comments included in the online consultation as a separate attachment. All comments responding to open text questions are shown in Appendix 1.

Share your ideas with images and sketches

We invited participants to share their ideas with images and sketches. There were three contributors to this activity and are included as Appendix 2.

Submissions to Council

Participants in the consultation were able to make direct submissions on the project. There were 30 submissions, which were mostly opposed to the project. The submissions and officer response is included as a separate attachment.

Market research

JWS were commissioned to conduct research with a population representative sample of 800 residents. The research project was conducted with randomly selected participants, stratified across population age groups and gender, who completed one on one interviews by telephone. The detailed report is included as a separate attachment.



Appendix 1: Text responses to survey questions

Q2. What is the main reason for your answer to this question? [Project]

Contributions from participants who support the project

What is the main reason for your answer to this question? [Project]
Sounds like it is needed infrastructure, sounds like there are plans to keep budget under control.
needs to be bigger
Love it! GW is long overdue for investment into community, arts and culture. I've often envied other councils and wondered how come Monash council doesn't invest in the same way even though it's a relatively wealthy area. See Bunjil Place in Narre Warren. Fully support this project and cannot wait for the new library!
I support the need for an up-dated library facility and in combining that with public meeting and event spaces, together with a suitable Civic Precinct.
Glen Waverley is long overdue for a new library. My kids started going to the library since they were 6 months old and it been wonderful. I can't wait for a bigger library with more activities for our next generation.
I love libraries! Libraries provide an essential service to all members of the community.
Library would be very useful to the citizens allowing a place to gather. The offices would also be useful for the growing economy. The community can benefit immensely for a communal space.
New development will deliver good service to manash residents. Meet demand of increasing population.
I like the designs, for themselves and for the way they will connect with the recently built apartment blocks and the upgraded shopping centre. I like governments at all levels when they have a focus on infrastructure. It is good economics, creates a mix of functional and lifesyle improvements and keeps a community fresh.
It looks cool and u say it needs an upgrade but I don't really like the outside decor of the building. But the show is good and it is great that I don't need to pay anything.
The Library is in desperate need of a revamp, It's not big enough for the amount of people who visit. It looks old and tired and needs updating to meet the needs of the community and put the Glen Waverley Library on the same level as other Libraries in the area (or seize the opportunity to make it the best in the state)
Leverage financial oppportunity and invest back into our community infrastructure for the longer term and ongoing benefit to all.
We have a significantly more diverse community needing diverse facilities and we need parking for council staff to get rid of them from surrounding street parking they illegally give themselves!
I like the Civic Centre and Library just the way they are, but I feel like I could accept a bigger, newer and creative new version that might be better for the Civic Centre and Library in the future.
It will provide more space for kids after school.
New update will be welcomed. Book groups for all ages accommodated.
Think its important to have a new library as part of a new precinct building that reflects the communities pride in their library - including meeting rooms for people to meet is great. Function/event spaces also important and shows that the library and main council location is a gathering place for knowledge and communities to meet.



I support the building of a new library as I have used a facilities in the past for many reasons, including children's workshops and other workshops for adults however, I am concerned about the car parking facilities around that area . There is no point having these wonderful facilities, but people are unable to park and enjoy them, including parents with children and the elderly.

libraries are very important community spaces

Library is an important community facility, it serves many purposes for the people bringing them together. Also new office rooms for the council workers is great as no need to pay high rent to outside providers. Reading areas are needed, also the room for lectures, information sessions, learning and activities.

I feel that creating a large area for people to do stuff in is good.

I really want Glen Waverley to be a nice place to go to.

The size of current library is not big enough. Hard to book for a study room. When students rushed to the library after school, there were no seat available for community members to find an empty chair nor a space for using a computer.

The library is one of the few free spaces available to the community. It is no longer big enough to accommodate everyone who wishes to use it including students who are studying, business people using the library as a place to work from, families or individuals who just need a warm/cool place to take a break and read.

the current library is too small - it needs more space

There is currently a lack of space for larger community events in Monash. I do hope, however, that the design will included designated silent areas for study.

Having experienced the rebuild of the Clayton library and community centre, I understand the advantages of a new space like this. A community space like this is very valuable.

to keep up with the growing population and revamp the old and tired spaces, equip the spaces to be more sustainable and technologically advanced

Such a beautiful design!

Glen Waverley desperately needs a new, modernised, and larger public library!

Modernise

The Public Library is one of the only spaces in Monash where people can gather without the expectation of having to spend money to participate. It is a fundamental good in a space that can be dominated by the market. It, like all great libraries has moved with the changing times in offering other information support services guided by experienced, motivated, professionally trained, and experienced staff that know a lot more about what a community needs to thrive than some elected representatives.

I was alarmed to see in the Monash August Bulletin Mayor Samardzija stated "my personal view is that, instead of spending the once-in-a-lifetime money ...on one project" which includes a new Glen Waverley Library. Okay perhaps reductions can be found to the other parts of the civic hall, additional office space for staff (which given recent experience with work from home could reduce the need fo additional office space) but I can not support reducing the scope of the new Library.

Great new facility and as long as it does not effect normal spending it is a good thing

We need the larger library and the additional community space.

I agree that our existing library is outdated.



<p>In this century, a library is not just a place for literature but for the community to come together and collaborate. It is a critical "third place" - a space where the community can be that is not the workplace or the home, in which there is no requirement to spend money or engage in consumption. In fact, libraries these days encourage creative output, with many Melbourne libraries having facilities such as maker spaces and 3D printer labs to enable access to cutting-edge technologies without the financial burden. Furthermore, one can utilise modern libraries to further their own learning through a medium other than literature, such as through study spaces or group classes.</p>
<p>While the City of Monash community has many excellent libraries with dedicated staff, we do not yet have a place to rival key libraries found in other LGAs, such as The Realm (Ringwood) or Library at the Docks (Docklands). This project is an opportunity for Monash residents to acquire such a place. With the funding coming from the State Government and the sale of the central car park, there's nothing to lose and everything to gain by investing in our community spaces.</p>
<p>Redevelopment of the area and more community spaces</p>
<p>Library needs to be bigger and offer flexible spaces for community engagement and projects as well as collection of books and future non-traditional collections such as home energy kits that other public libraries are doing</p>
<p>we do need a more modern library</p>
<p>Glen Waverley is a vibrant and growing community who makes good use of the library. I like to see the library busy and bigger - and this plan provides more space, more intentional spaces (adult space, adult and children space, theatre etc). Glen Waverley also likes to celebrate, and this would provide the community with space, both inside and out, to gather and do that. It is also desperate for more car parking - as I'm never finding close car parks when I'm visiting the library.</p>
<p>I've used the library recently, just after school hours actually with my two primary school aged boys, and it was absolutely packed. Certainly too loud for my tastes even though there was nothing malicious about it. The requirements of libraries, as mentioned in the brochure/website, have changed from when I was a kid. Books and microfiche aren't it. Collaboration and community resources bring such value. That said, \$110m is eye watering for a council. Selling off the large car park, I'm also not sure about that. I want to see Kings Way (and more) pedestrianised like Oakleigh's Eaton Mall but with the reduction in private-car-storage-on-public-land-for-free makes me think there would be even more push back. I guess I don't have good answer(s). Like it, though concerned about the cost.</p>
<p>An improved, bigger library is not only going to be an extremely helpful quality of life improvement, but it is arguably required, and will benefit students, workers and all citizens to an extent bigger than I think people realise.</p>
<p>We need a more vibrant and welcoming facility to accommodate the suburb and residents in the present and the future.</p>
<p>More space for the community Currently is old , noisy and very small</p>
<p>Library is outdated and needs an upgrade - good that is funded outside of rates</p>
<p>As a regular user of the existing library building it is no longer big enough to meet demand. People sit on the floor as there is not enough seating and tables. Also as the main library in Monash it tires in comparison to some of the "super" libraries in neighbouring Council areas.</p>



Need to revitalise the precinct
I am in favour of an upgraded library but think the facade needs work. It doesn't appeal and seems needlessly complicated with all the curved formwork in front of the windows.
Current facility is too old for young ages ,especially after school hours. It's fully packed like a market everyday after school.
Building too full, especially after school. Students come from all around the east
The library is old and tired and running out of space. The new building can serve the growing community better.
Will be great to have a community hub in the area, especially a performance space. My main concern though is whether this kind of project can be undertaken in an environmentally sustainable way. I would like to hear more about how this has been factored in to the design.
Support for education and community activities is a must for healthy and safe society.
Agree that library needs replacing & council needs more office space.
It is in need of an upgrade
we need a community space for residents to go with family and kids
To keep up with the growing community and population.
I am a fanatical believer in anything that encourages reading, and any facility that makes books available to the public. The additional public space can only be a plus as can be seen in other Monash centres.
More space for readers, more variety of books especially on World War 2, more variety of the seed library which is an excellent initiative. I have contributed and borrowed seeds. More spots for the activities conducted by the library.
现在的圖書館太陈旧狹小，不付应用。也应该配合Glen整个规划发展改进。長遠看市議會也有更好工作环境。节省市的经费。 「因为语言上困难，用中文表达」抱歉！
Looks good, a gem for the city. Hope the state government money has been unconditional secured, as it could abandon that project so get the money first before committing to the new library. Expand the dvd/buray catalogue.
I have a young family and look forward to an updated space for my children to enjoy the library.
A bigger space designed for better routing and flowing traffic through the aisles whilst also accomodating study spaces and aesthetic updates is something the library definitely needs! With the suburb's growth even in the last ten years the library doesn't quite accommodate the needs, especially not in comparison to Monash's other library facilities.
The existing library is old and limited
We use the library alot.Its small and crowded. It would be great if you could expand the children's book section as well. Kids should be able to come and enjoy reading. Its always very crowded.
The Glen Waverley library needs an upgrade.



The amount of rent payed is not sustainable, plus I have seen how packed the library gets, also having a community centre at the same place sounds like a good idea
I would like to see modern development in the library area with more car parking space.
Would like a new library. Need a space to work and study. And recreational reading or browsing media
The growth of GW and surrounds has seen a need for better facilities within the community. That said, clarity should be provided on how long will the library and surrounds be closed to the public / start end times and impact of construction to the local ammenities.
It would be great for Glen Waverley to have more public space and a bigger library - the current one is too cramped.
The old library is small as mum and def needed an upgrade
Definitely need an upgrade
Agree the children's area is too small. Agree with your other listed reasons
It's a lot of money but I think it will provide a better community in Glen Waverley
As the city grows, the current library does not provide a fit for purpose use for current and future community
Although I understand people saying money could be better spent on other services, I think it is not often you get such a large lump sum and spending it on a library will benefit the community long into the future. I have visited libraries in Sunshine and Dandenong and they are really hubs of learning and engagement - with quiet spaces of course - offering options that appeal to all ages. I think librarians are awesome and our libraries do a great job, but we need to invest in updating and increasing their versatility. I say go for it and good luck.
it will support Monash multicultural community with helping people to find the common ground for more cultural fusion.
This library needs an upgrade
Much needed upgrade for the local community
The current library is obviously not large enough for the growing community.
Its good to build a new futuristic building on this valuable piece of land.
Great way to invest capital for everyone in the community, young and old, diverse backgrounds etc
It is recognised that the Council is short of office space and meeting rooms. It is hoped that some community groups will be offered access to some meeting rooms for their own purposes.
We need to invest in the future of our LGA.
I support the library development but disagree with the funding method. The portion of existing carpark should not be sold. The whole carpark should be kept for future Council owned development whether it be multideck parking combined with open spaces etc. If a portion was sold for multilevel commercial use that would only increase traffic and parking demands on the area. Council needs to identify now how they will manage future parking for the whole of Glen Waverley . If you had to buy up more houses for parking in the future then you are selling some land and buying other land . A new library, a new suburban rail loop, and other developments are going to place enormous pressure on traffic and parking in the future. You need to plan for all of that now . Selling valuable land just for budget reasons could be a big mistake for the future.
There isn't enough space for people who would like to study after school. A large number of students from all different schools gather there to study so there usually isn't enough space. People tend to also be really loud,



<p>disturbing the other library users. It would be nice to have a study space separate from the reading space, and also having a social space separated from a silent study space.</p>
<p>Better utilization of the current library site and carpark space with a modern and multi purpose usage by the local community.</p>
<p>I live in Rowville, but often use the Monash libraries as well as regularly shopping at The Glen and taking my children to extra-curricular activities in Glen Waverley. I would support the library space being improved and enlarged so that it is able to accomodate more events and exhibitions. Living in the outer-suburbs is very convenient for family life, however it would be great if more of the interesting cultural/arts/educational events that take place in the city and inner-suburbs were able to be held in the outer-suburbs as well. Removing the need to always travel long distances into the city for something interesting/different to do on a weekend or in the school holidays would greatly improve the liveability of the outer-East. Glen Waverley is an ideal location for this as it is a hub for the surrounding outer-Eastern suburbs.</p>
<p>To accomodate the increasing population of Monash region, to increase office space for Monash council staff to centralise and save cost</p>
<p>Monash has fallen behind community requirements of modern library services. Glen Waverley is a busy community space which will particularly benefit from a state of art library building.</p>
<p>I agree that the library needs modernization, for the reasons given in the commentary. However, I think the emphasis should still be on the provision of printed works. This is mainly because, for me, the book, as a physical object, is captivating. It enables readers to develop a personal relationship with it: well-written works, especially, can 'speak' to readers. A book is a companion, in a way that a screen can never be. Therefore, modernization should involve an increase in the number of such works, and in the services (e.g., inter-library loans) which enable readers to gain improved access to such works (including works available online from major international libraries). //Moreover, I believe that most knowledge is still delivered in the form of the book.//Finally, books spare my eyes: I cannot sit in front of a screen for lengthy periods without causing eye-strain whereas, very often, I simply cannot put down a book! Yet, I do not experience any harmful effects from this powerful obsession.</p>
<p>Better and improved facilities for our children</p>
<p>Design looks modern and encompasses everything needed to service the community.</p>
<p>Glen Waverley is the main driving hub for Monash with nearly all amenities, services and infrastructure needs concentrated in one area. What is lacking is old infrastructure that really needs an upgrade. As population growth is expected in the coming years.. we need to look beyond just having 1 to 2 stories buildings and move towards more and more skyscrapers to achieve space efficiency and density for the coming years. GW needs this upgrade!</p>
<p>The current library is small and I'd love to see the library expanded and a better children's area, parents room and youth space.</p>
<p>Glen Waverley Library is quite old and does not cater to the needs of the community any more.</p>
<p>A focus on public libraries is always good for the community</p>
<p>The current facilities is old and requires repairs and upgrade constantly resulting in disturbance to communities. The proposed development will not only address a newer, modern and high tech facilities but also enhanced values in properties in Monash surrounding and bringing communities together in festivities and facilities. An outstanding communitiy civic centre where we can be proud of and landmark to the great and resilient residents of Monash .</p>
<p>You have my full support. I believe the community needs places for functions, events and gatherings. The library is also a valuable part of our community. We all age groups have the need for knowledge and education. There</p>



are not many places that you are able to have a get together. From my past experiences people in venues need to be more customer orientated, customer service with a small and friendliness. I hope that the new library and extension of the library will be a better place to go to.

The current library seems too small for the many people who use it.

Current Glen Waverley library is well loved but cannot support the community fully anymore. It's hard to find space and doesn't offer what neighbouring council libraries like Bunjil Place offer. Knox is getting a new library soon too.

The arguments for it (regarding the old library having aged beyond its use and a lack of municipal meeting spaces) make sense and the concept images are appealing.

we need to move and modernise for the future.

It's often very crowded at the library, so I expanding it would be a very good idea.

I fully support the proposal for a brand new library in Glen Waverley, as the architectural design is modern and contemporary, and so it has my seal of approval.. I really cannot wait for this new project to be completed, so that I can borrow resources from the library, and make full use of its facilities on offer.

Glen Waverley is a thriving area full of students who deserve a much bigger library and better amenities.

Upgrading is a good idea.

Development of youth.

To provide better service/ activities for the growing community.

More space, community space. I do not like the curve shapes/snakes around the outer walls... Just the glass/pillars would be fine. Do not want this to look like the southern cross station curves.

This area needs a badly needed revamp and the potential for this area is very large. This proposal will make Glen Waverley a nice destination.

It's long overdue that the aging & small local library being expanded to meet the expanding community's requirements. More people living and visiting Glen Waverley but facilities & parking spots have not improved over the years.

The library is definitely out-dated and the need for office space sounds logical.

The library is now very out dated and the proposal simply just makes sense, especially when you consider the \$400K savings per year for rental at Ibis. This will be a real draw card for the area.

The library is a bit old

It is an amazing concept

The project looks great and it will improve Glen Waverley's community.

I agree that the library needs to be updated, it is not a user friendly place at all. But I'm not convinced that the solutions given are the best use of the facilities.

The GW library is dated, and the capacity does not meet current needs of the community.
The addition of an auditorium is welcome, as there is no such facility in GW, for public or group presentations.

The new library seems so great. I love libraries and this would provide me with numerous benefits.



<p>Provided free public parking spaces are increased, and Monash staff have mandated separate parking. Library and surrounds do feel outdated now and could do with an uplift</p>
<p>Any project that adds to the amenity, general livability and gentrification of any locality cannot but be good for that socio-economic locale at large. The added economic spin-offs must only serve to make for a more affluent neighborhood, with better outcomes for all its denizens. Everyone wins!</p>
<p>The existing Glen Waverley library needs to be upgraded, plus the car parking space around the current library is far not enough under increased demanding.</p>
<p>Current library is fine but small</p>
<p>We need a modern library that offers a place for activities other than borrowing books. There are so many good libraries in other council areas that are spacious and well loved!</p>
<p>I think it is very important to have a safe and welcoming space for our community, especially young people, to have to go and enjoy themselves.</p>
<p>Central Glen Waverley needs an upgrade. The whole central area will be transformed with the coming of the suburban rail loop and the commercial benefits associated with being a hub. It is already a busy and vibrant area and will continue to grow. So we need a community centre, a focus for community events, and area to bring in more events and people to central Glen Waverley. However, I feel this current design lacks some essential elements as outlined below. That is why I support this project rather than strongly support it. I also feel the design is not sympathetic with the current council chambers, despite the glowing terms the designers expounded in their brief on this page. The swirls are not understood to the beholder, and they are too 'busy' for the simple lines of the Seidler civic building. For two buildings which will be attached to each other, and have to work as a whole organism, they are too different. The external colours of the new building are not sympathetic to the current building and environment either. The white of the current building should be echoed in the new building. There was one image in the material I read, of white rectangular external 'pipes' which looked similar to the design on the Southbank Theatre, which I think would be more suitable than the swirls - if there needs to be any external decoration for the lighting design. I do love the lighting and technology which will be incorporated into the exterior of the building. Just ditch the swirls!</p>
<p>The library definitely needs updating to provide for the huge population growth of the area. It will be modern and innovative and put community activities close to each other.</p>
<p>It seems a needed facility. It will save in the long term by reducing the amount of rented space needed. It will contribute to the Glen Waverley 'hub' notion. It would be used by a variety of groups, organisations and individuals.</p>
<p>My only concern is whether the funds could be used to develop social housing stock as an alternative.</p>
<p>Current library is outdated and too small for the many people who use it.</p>
<p>The civilian of Monash need a new community centre and library, the current one is not meeting the demands</p>
<p>Make the building look more spaces for the people to enjoy the library and modern.</p>
<p>The current facilities are obviously inadequate for the purpose. Having previously lived in an area (in Adelaide) which incorporated several smaller libraries into one huge one, I can heartily endorse how wonderful this facility was on so many levels for the community as a whole.</p>
<p>I think this is a great idea for community engagement and I think the building will cover a lot of gaps in the area.</p>



Goodbye of space and encourages good work ethic
Upgrades important community facilities
Glen Waverley Library is too small and old needs replacing.
Facilities needed by the community
I am ttally in favour of an enlarged library... it is critical that we enlarge it to keep in step with community needs.
It makes it more like Bunjil Place in Narre Warren which is a fine example of a lovely place to work and a major event space for the community.
The library needs an upgrade with the kind of spaces which allow it to be flexible for the diverse media from which we now source all kinds of resources from books to digital resources for example. It requires forward thinking taking into account the needs for community interaction to share these resources, from book club gatherings to early childhood reading times, to meetings of various language speakers who can access resources through the library.
I LOVE the design and the building would be a major asset for Monash, both aesthetically and practically.
Currently the library feels a bit outdated and ill-equipped to handle the growing number of users and our developing community
The current library is no longer fit for purpose. So many others councils have upgraded their library facilities years ago.
I am a regular Library user and would like to see more Library space and more car parks nearby.
I think the community is growing and needs infrastructure needed with the growth
It is about time to upgrade the library and develop precincts.
Definitely a needed space, will provide many possibilities to our community.
It needs an upgrade. Times have changed, people have changed, areas need to change and redevelopment.
This is better for the community , more spaces and more outcomes
Better to look for a brighter future than live in the past.
Needed doing anyway, but the bonus of the unexpected funding from the sale of land to Vic. gov. for the rail project , makes it too good an opportunity to miss!
I think libraries are great for the community and a larger one in Glen Waverley will bring more benefits.
Please add a gaming station and Pokémon trading club
It will be very attractive for my kids to come and borrow books.
This library is a very important part of Glen Waverley Community. Yet it hasn't kept pace with the times. It's been the same for over 20 years when I was in high school. I absolutely LOVE this initiative and give my full support. Please make it happen!
Better facilities for my family and my kids



<p>U3A Highvale Inc. is a not-for-profit association run by volunteers for lifelong learning aimed at senior citizens. It has been crying out for a community centre that has sufficient meetings rooms to accommodate some U3A classes.</p>
<p>We believe this project will be very useful to the Glenwaverley people.</p>
<p>future. Also area starting to look tired</p>
<p>The Glen Waverley Library is too small for the increasing number of people who currently use this facility. More space for meetings and community events would be beneficial. The funds provided by the Suburban Rail project should be spent on upgrading council infrastructure, rather than being absorbed into consolidated revenue.</p>
<p>It will bring more engagement into the community and looks very modern and enticing. It will engage many age groups in the community as well. The reason I did not choose 'strongly support' is because I have personally noticed that the number of people going to libraries is minimal and in the times we live in where technology is ever present, i imagine this number will only decrease further. By the time this is built, libraries may outdated!</p>
<p>It will be a good place for enhancing community as well as self upskilling</p>
<p>Modernisation of building a services to support todays requirements.</p>
<p>Good concept/principle overall. Site due for revamp. Building design seems extravagant - should be possible to achieve same goals with less expenditure. Not clear why new library is 4x larger, is demand for library space really that high given reading/lifestyle/technology trends.</p>
<p>we need to maintain green spaces as these are getting used up by other projects around the area, so it would be nice to see a green space included</p>
<p>Our library needs updating and made larger. Good to save \$400,000 per year on renting space for council workers.</p>
<p>the project will increase community connectivity or wellbeing</p>
<p>For the stages of my life through being a student, adult and now a parent, the library and surrounds have served as an important centralised place of gathering, learning and reflection. I feel it was already quite dated in the 1990's so has every reason to be completely rebuilt and as a consequence also "inspiring", "meditative", "modern" and "classic".</p>
<p>The build should be sufficiently modern and future proof for generations, not just using the current design flavours of the the moment.</p>
<p>I believe Monash needs upgrade it is starting to look dirty,neglected & old so improvements would be perfect</p>
<p>Every Community needs Resources 'relatively nearby' to Meet for Social and/or Business Purposes.</p>
<p>I use the library a lot and love the idea of having an event space. I hope that it is not too huge because part of the charm of the old building is how cosy and welcoming it is. Big cast open spaces, like in the Monash council might look good, but they waste valuable space and feel cavernous and make the noise resonate everywhere.</p>
<p>Redevelopment of the library is vital and while I find this design very odd, it looks fit-for-purpose.</p>
<p>it is time to upgrade the library facility</p>



As a student I believe that this will be a valuable addition to the area, hopefully with more spaces for us to study.
Serves the need of a growing population.
I use the library as well.
I think that the present Glen Waverley library is dated, and does not have enough space.
Improved facilities for the city of monash
Regularly using glen waverley library but it is too small now. The high school students took all the spaces even in the kids area.
The library definitely need more space or table for them to study so they dont sit on the floor - OHS issue for other users who want to pass through.
A very exciting and much needed building for Glen Waverly. Can't wait to take my kids there!
Our library and facilities are tired, old and no longer really fit for purpose.
Revamp of library and inclusion of additional community areas
i'm a student and the current library is far too small and loud during after school hours and is difficult to find a seat and desk to work at
Initially I thought it would be better to spread the money around, that a local library doesn't need to be fancy, and only a small proportion of the community will visit if it's their closest library. Thought now I actually think there's a good business case for the extra office space that is needed too and currently costing the council. Also as it doesnt impact the budget of other areas is important.
Best position for the library. Much better use of valuable space to build multi level with parking under. A higher building will not effect any surrounding buildings.
Glen Waverley definitely needs. new library facilities to cater for the future. Please explain why the council is using Ibis hotel I thought that people worked from home
Our community really needs this and I would love to see this happen. We need a space for our children, community and students. As a teacher I cannot emphasise enough how important libraries are as a source of reading engagement.
New role of libraries, versatility and utility of new meeting spaces, not wasting money on rent
Good Council is rebuilding on same site
We certainly need an updated library.
Communal Areas are amazing and make me feel reall
The library precinct is old and embarrassingly small. After recently visiting both Clayton and Wheelers Hill libraries I was embarrassed to think that a similar program wasn't able to be offered there.
Multi-functionality including: - office space for council workers (so rooms do not need to be rented in Ibis) - meeting rooms and meeting spaces - a large hall for hosting citizenship ceremonies (among other uses) - library



<p>I live in GLW and am affected by the total makeover proposal for GLW Kingsway. I am not in favour of selling Central car park. Today there were 69 spaces free at Euneva and Central was overflowing. When Bogong Car park reopens it will still be full from Library, Centrelink, Uniting church etc and Kingsway users. The Asian community eats out and GLW is it. There are two vacant restaurant spaces (ex MS opshop and one Railway Pde, be interesting to see if GLW is saturated.</p>
<p>It is definitely necessary to upgrade the area and it will be good to have it more community focussed as well.</p>
<p>Creates a dedicated future proof hub for learning, social and community activation. With the SRL project enabling enhanced public transport connections with Monash Uni it makes the project even more important.</p>
<p>Library is where both the young and old can gather and learn. Very good for the community.</p>
<p>Libraries are inclusive and welcoming places that all members of the Council can use. Often sporting precincts are favoured and it is time that the City of Monash had a 21st century library.</p>
<p>Encourages mingling within the community and provides a more modern place for students to study</p>
<p>The upgrade to the library has been overdue and there is a desperate need for a larger library and other spaces for the community and of course the need for more parking.</p>
<p>We needed the library expanded. Excellent idea.</p>
<p>For the good of the growing community</p>
<p>There are many commendable items in the proposal</p>
<p>Pleased you are not using 'our money' for this plan.</p>
<p>I frequently use the library, yet I struggle to find a quiet seat to read. The people around me are usually high school students discussing homework or parents with their children. I believe that having more meeting/activity rooms for them would also create a quiet space for readers like myself.</p>
<p>I support this change, although I understand that there was a proposal to build the library on a different site, specifically the central car park east of the Glen Waverley station. I'm curious if this decision was influenced by funding concerns or another issue. There could be potential problems if the old library was demolished, given its frequent use by the community, leaving us without this facility for what I assume would be at least 1-2 years. Additionally, I'm not keen on the design presented in the mock-up. I believe the new building should echo the style of the existing Monash building but with a contemporary touch.</p>
<p>To have a community space like this will really be great for bringing people together. We would love a larger library as well as all the other spaces. This is overall a good plan.</p>
<p>The community urgently needs a new library as the current one is way too small. It's also not in line with modern libraries anymore. It'll be the centre of the community. Pls make it happen :o)</p>
<p>Area is a very bad at the moment needs redevelopment.</p>
<p>The Southern End of the Glen Waverley Precinct needs a strong anchor, particularly at night. An events hall and vibrant expanded library is a good way to achieve this</p>
<p>The space now is too small</p>
<p>Sounds like a necessary project, considering the growth of Glen Waverley over the last 50 years.</p>
<p>Good to add further facilities for community engagement</p>



<p>If it's just another library then the current one serves it's need. Getting residents to use the library in a more engaging way, then I'm for it. Besides, Glen Waverley could do with a face lift.</p>
<p>The library is a central hub for activities and is well utilised. It is often very busy and clearly needs expansion.</p>
<p>I personally love going to the Monash Public Library, and so this huge renovation will definitely make the experience even better, which is a huge plus for me. The library adds to the Hub built in Glen Waverley, and it is not just a place for reading books but also for socialising, holding meetings, tutoring, doing homework, doing office work, causal entertainment etc. As long as this project satisfies these various needs for people to use the library, I believe that it's going to be very beneficial to the greater community. Adding more features like glass windows that can make the space feel bigger and more connected, and a small lecture theatre or a place where networking sessions can take place would further enhance the space.</p>
<p>The current library is old and needing of updating. I value the library & its benefit to the community Costs subsidised by reasons stated & wont raise rates.</p>
<p>Keeping up with time</p>
<p>I agree that the library is small. Not smaller than certain libraries elsewhere in Monash but definitely not one of the biggest libraries either.</p>
<p>Our community expects beautiful, functional buildings that allows people to meet and learn.</p>
<p>Glen Waverley is the key hub in all of the City of Monash and has always lacked a meaningful community Centre. Glen Waverley Library is the most widely used of all Monash Libraries and its current size is totally inadequate. It makes sense to incorporate additional office space in the development, given its proximity to the main municipal office, and in the process save ratepayers nearly \$400,000 per year. The construction of an underground rail station as part of the outer rail loop, together with multi level apartments and increased urban consolidation; the presence of the Glen Shopping Centre; the proximity of a major high school with its exemplary education standards; the major restaurant and cafe strip all contribute to elevating Glen Waverley in its status as a major regional hub. All the above are compelling reasons for ensuring the works proceed as envisaged and are not derailed. THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR ITS LONG TERM VISION. I UNDERSTAND THE MAYOR HAS SPOKEN AGAINST THIS DEVELOPMENT. IF THIS IS THE CASE- VERY DISAPPOINTING.</p>
<p>Library needs to be updated but unsure why we need the extra floor with offices. With WFH the council should need less office space, hopefully the council has implemented hot desks and can utilise just the offices available in the existing council building and cancel the IBIS rental. I support only the library update and the extra money could be better used for other activities/ needs in the community.</p>
<p>The library is always full when my kids want to study there after school so they go to a different library. Plus having a lecture hall the community can hire would be so useful.</p>
<p>Because haven't made any changes for now and future loong due its good.</p>
<p>I've already completed thus survey but want to clarify something so am nit giving any more comments here.</p>
<p>It would build the community even more</p>
<p>The current library is simply too small for the students. There are not enough tables so I never even consider using it as a study space. Hope the future generations can enjoy a better space.</p>
<p>As a Glen Waverley resident and rates payer since 1997, I fully support the concept of a new library and community hub. One concern, however, is the council's resolution when the actual costs exceed the expected \$110 million (the inevitable cost blowouts). That is, where will the council obtain additional funding if the final</p>



cost of the project exceeds the funds received for the SRL land and Central Car Park. I am hoping it will not be by increasing rates and/or reducing other important capital works.
The facility needs to cater for current & future needs, and GW is growing exponentially!
I think the ideas are good but the design is horrible. It would be of great benefit to look at the Geelong Library which is simple, modern and elegant. The wavy lines on this present design seem to have no meaning apart from making the onlooker feel quite unwell!
The current library is getting old
Good idea for a new Library. How ever I find the external design ugly. Looks like a camouflaged wooden silo/tank. Don,t like the metal scrolls either. Sorry. Kind Regards Judy Perry
I am a long time user since young, it's running out places for students, kids and other age group people to utilise this place. friends that grow up together we often talk about when is this will expand. now that i am trying to take my children to the library has find it extremely hard to find a spot to do some activities. strongly strongly strongly support for the needs for us.
GW Definitely needs a bigger and user friendly library. The design looks impressive. The availability of more work spaces for council staff in the new building will save residents having to pay rental.
It would be great to have a safe and welcoming space for children, teenagers, families and young and older adults to gather and to borrow books, get together and enjoy time together in a beautiful environment.
The Monash Library is an important community resource - more than a library.
I do believe that this is a great plan. However, I feel worried about the perception of this grandiose building by the public during such a time of economical turmoil. Many families are struggling financially, many families are defaulting on their home loans and others loose their rental, being unable to secure proper housing. I do acknowledge the efforts Council is putting into affordable housing. However, I am afraid with all the things ongoing, people would feel revolted. Also, I am concerned that with the rising building costs, by the time the building is underway, it will be waaay over the budget. What happens if the budget doesn't cover in the end?
I think the concept is good, but believe some refinements may be necessary. See my comments further below.
Vastly improved facilities for the Monash residents.
The various spaces for different groups to use, moving the car park underneath also open up more space for use
I think the area is in need of updating, as it is at the heart of glen waverley, and the end of a major transport line. Personally I do not have much need for many of the spaces proposed in the building, but I can see how they would increase the use of the building.
An upgrade to the Glen Waverley Library is well overdue.
The library needs any extensive upgrade it's always too full without any room. Our community need before facilities to learn and grow and book rooms for community occasions.
the library currently is not a viable study space, as it's become largely a hub for primary school-aged children and there's no enforcement of library etiquette. I'm wary that this may not be improved, but the general layout of the building and plans for noisy and quiet spaces, as well as a dedicated children's area, gives me some hope.



A nice upgrade would bring excitement and encourage more people to go to the library
Yes updating the library and creating more office space and providing a link to the existing Civic centre but please not this building. It looks like a giant Christmas pudding, dark and not at all in harmony with the elegant Civic Building we have. As for those ugly scrolls!! Oh please NO!
The provision of a performance space addresses an important gap in the services from Monash council. It's important that there is a venue for citizenship ceremonies but it's also important to have a venue to bring our community together. We represent Oakleigh Brass, a council-supported community musical group, with members aged from mid-teen to mid-80s.
The current library space is inadequate for the growing community's needs. It lacks a large civic space, for ceremonies, shows, concerts and so on.
It should also cater for 'quiet' activities, impossible in the current situation.
Love the design and amenities incorporated into it.
Council is playing catch up with other councils with similar facilities
Libraries play an extremely important role in the community, and so it is important that the Glen Waverley library be the best that it can be.
Monash needs a contemporary library that meets the needs of its diverse community. The current library is outdated, small and has insufficient space for programs, collections, children services and meeting spaces: formal and informal. Council must take the opportunity to support this project now after various iterations. Now is the time.
I feel that Monash currently has no sense of a "city centre" and this proposal would go some way to fulfilling this. Older municipalities do, and some other newer ones are addressing this: look at Bunjil Place in Casey. Sometimes things need to be done "because they are good" without descending into "business cases" etc. It's well-known that neither the electric grid nor the telephone would have succeeded if they had been subject to a business case: they were disruptive ideas.

Q2. What is the main reason for your answer to this question? [Project]

Contributions from participants who oppose the project

What is the main reason for your answer to this question? [Project]
Mount Waverley district desperately needs attention
Whilst council has made the financial case for its staff to move offices, is there not somewhere locally that the staff can be relocated at a lesser cost to council? Has council made attempts to relocate these staff to cheaper premises? Do these staff need to sit in Glen Waverley or could they sit in another area of the LGA? Is it certain that the state government would commit funding to the project/has the state government indicated the amount it will pay in writing? Why does the civic precinct need to be in Glen Waverley and not in other neglected parts of the LGA such as Ashwood?
The project will run over budget and we will invariably have an increase in rates to fund it. This will also not benefit those who live at the other end of Monash in Ashwood. The council invests too much money on that side of Monash. Also do not invest in libraries. Sorry they just not relevant any more. We are also heading into a recession. If you have spare cash, bank it because you will need it or just use it to counter future rate increases.



Many communicators live close to the train station and work in the city. Many people are struggling to find a parking spot and make their lives easier. Council wants to sell the parking land rather than find a solution to the parking problem. It is very disappointing to see that the council does not care about parking issues. It would be helpful for one day only if one of the counselors drove around parking early in the morning and gained some experience with how difficult it is to find a parking space.

We live in a digital world. Many people, from young to old, can use digital devices. From my experience as an educator, it is rare for people to sit in libraries to read books in this digital world while they can search everything they want even by using their mobile phone. There is a possibility that they will come and borrow the books, but they will not sit and use the library.

It is needed that there is a well-fitted and good library for the university and schools, not for the community, and I believe that 110M would be better used in other ways and would be more beneficial to Monash residents.

A revamped, modernised library would be a huge welcome and supported, however this will be a monstrosity in the heart of Glen Waverley which is already being greatly over developed. This amount of money will be better suited in other areas like better street lighting to reduce the increasing number of car burglaries or more sustainability projects.

I feel like the council should buckle down and help the community with cost of living pressures vs focusing on building a large complex of this nature. The money could be better put to use on solar rebates for people in the council region or improving existing facilities and keeping the money in the kitty. The office cost is marginal compared to the cost of these works which will no doubt go over budget.

Glen Waverley already has too much funding. Please put more funding in Clayton or Oakleigh.

How about City of Monash Council actually request rate payer feedback BEFORE plans like this are reported to the media????? The same farce occurred with the new Glen Waverley Tennis Centre at the north end of the Glen Waverley public golf course. I, for one, am over these ambush tactics used by the Council to deliver a fait accompli. The Council is not really requesting feedback from rate payers. It's the "here is our solution, like it or lump it" Council attitude that has got to stop now!!

Can't understand the need. This Council always indicates it doesn't have money. This seems like a waste of money. How about you fix waste, roads, reserves, sports lighting, pavilions, all the existing infrastructure that needs updating.

It is a waste of money in these hard times. This project should be left and reviewed in 2040.

The allocated funds could be used more wisely in other areas.

I just think that the money would be better spent on other higher priority projects. It seems like an ego driven extravagance that at the proposed scale is not really necessary. Surely you can build a replacement new library and with additional office space for council staff at a third of this price?

This is monstrosity of a building that represents a gross waste of money.

There is no need for a 500 seat hall, and what feasibility has been done regarding the current staffing accommodation arrangements? None I am sure.

While the project is a great, does it need to be "four times the size of the current library". It may be beneficial for the local area of Glen Waverley, but for those residents who don't reside in Glen Waverley, it will not impact. Could there be consideration of upgrading multiple libraries in the council so that more have access to modern facilities that allow for modern use of libraries. Offices in multiple public buildings, like the Oakleigh



Library, would allow for council to conduct meetings within the greater area of the council boundaries and for members to experience what ALL locals experience.

Unbelievable waste of money! Was voted down previously for a very valid reason. Where do you propose people park? The design does not incorporate carparks. It removes 250! And from an area that has already been stripped of 300 odd car parks due to SRL! Fat cat Labour supporting Councillors at their very best ...corrupt corrupt corrupt!

Sounds great on paper but is an absolute waste of funds. Such a grand project and will date in the next 50 years. Build things to last for multiple generations not just for 50 years! This thing will get outdated in 5 years max. Look at Springvale Library hub for example. Underused and under-utilised. Dandenong hub same thing. Rather than constructing such a large indoor complex it would be worth investing in outdoor spaces. People already spend half their lives indoor - offices, WFH, family life. People need a space for fresh air and to spend their lives away from breathing recycled air! \$100M is a truck load of money that could be spent more wisely.

Rather than wasting \$110 million of money that should go to the ratepayers of the entire Council area, you are concentrating it on one small section. If you want to save money on renting out a hotel for office space, why don't you rent some actual office space in the vicinity. Better still, allow some workers to work from home (as seems to be the case for most administrative workplaces). That way you would not need the extra office space, saving ratepayers \$400,00.00 per year. Perhaps the windfall gains Monash will get from the compulsory acquisition of Council land could be used for reducing rates, improving waste collections services, such as returning to a weekly general garbage collection. Perhaps it could be used to better our roads with more frequent and widespread road repairs. Some money could be used to help services for the needy such as Meals on Wheels. Whilst you are at saving money, perhaps less could be spent on overseas junkets by Councillors who think they have the right to use ratepayers' money as they wish. More money could be spent maintaining the walkways and bikeways of the municipality. Scotchman's creek walk could do with quite a bit of weeding and the introduction of lighting would be welcome along its entire length.

The fund is better off being used for something else, e.g. sporting facilities. One obvious example is how overcrowded the Monash Aquatic Centre currently is.

I've never been to the GW library or Civic Centre or Central Car Park and do not go to the GW precinct (except if at station to connect to bus); I've never shopped or dined there. Ratepayers' rates must NOT be used to satisfy the dreams/whims of current councillors and executives: they'll be gone eventually and leave a funding debt to ratepayers and not be accountable for cost blowouts (this comment is despite intimations there's no cost to ratepayers): history shows that governments' (at all levels) promises don't deliver and burden shifts to the ultimate underwriter - ratepayers!

Too fancy

Unless I have missed it, there is no information about whether other libraries in the Monash Municipality will be affected by this project. It is often the case that a major centre like this is completed and then it is put forward by Council that the smaller facilities are no longer viable and are closed. Monash is such a large area that it would not be practical to expect everyone who lives in the Monash area to attend this new facility so I would not want this massive amount of money put in to the one facility and leave the others with nothing. I would also like to know if the original project was going to be this big or it was expanded when the 'windfall' turned up.

Stop spending our money of such extravagant monuments to bureaucracy. Stop this project NOW !

How about just delivering the basic services and stop charging those that don't use facilities and services but rather charge those that use them on a "User Pays" basis.

I don't use the pool, library, baby centers or any of the other Monash facilities and I'm sick paying for them.



Dear sir/madam

I strongly oppose use of \$110m in this manner.

Facilities in this precinct are already better than in other parts of Monash. The Oakleigh library is smaller and older with minimal facilities. The Mt Waverley library also has minimal facilities.

Council has nowhere for 400 staff? These are better located outside Glen Waverley. Decisions are being made by people working in the north east corner of a quite large area, with evidently lower understanding of other areas.

I rarely go to this locality as parking is too crowded. Therefore I am surprised council is planning to provide less parking.

I encourage council to locate a department outside the Glen Waverley precinct.

It is an extravagant waste of funds and will be of little benefit to residents living in the western part of the City of Monash.

Why do we need a fancy precinct? I am a rate payer in Oakleigh I will not get to use the precinct. How many people from the wider extremities of the council region will use this precinct? What % of rate payers will use these facilities? As usual Oakleigh treated like the poor relative. What about the Oakleigh library?? What fancy meeting rooms do we have in Oakleigh?? Get that it might be funded by 2 reimbursement sources. The issue is how that money could be better spent?

As much as I accept the importance of libraries in our community I agree with our Mayor that a more modest ,less expensive plan should be adopted.This windfall should not result in Architectural magnificence where a wider spend would be a more democratic way of the council improving our City

Too much money wasted in Monash to support minority groups. Senior women like me who still work and pay rates and taxes have been forgotten by the majority of people in positions of responsibility. How about equity and equality. You have a few white elephants around Monash already. Give us relief in our rates not more retric and stupid bins. More hard rubbish, more discount for rate payers at the sporting facilities.

I don't & won't be using. I think money could be spent more wisely on things we really need. Or cheaper rates.

The buildings already exist.pyt that money into an age care facility or anything.

I live in the little brother neighbour hood of Ashwood which appears to becoming neglected at Glen Waverley benefit.

for the amount of money to spent on one project when the money could be spent on the whole of the city. This project would not aid the majority of the rate payers of the city only really the people of Glen Waverley.

Taking away the carparks makes the area less accessible and therefore won't be used as much.

I strongly oppose the sale of any of the central car park. All of this area should be used as an open park (No cars) for all the citizens of Monash, in particular the residents of all the high rise apartments.

There is no real information to evaluate the project - for example, what is the payback period for the investment in office space? Leaving this as OPEX seems like a reasonable financial decision, rather than rushing to push it to CAPEX.

From the little information that is available, it is an overcapitalisation on non-urgent items (such as council office space, a 500-seat theatre, and accompanying "party deck") which does not address the real issues in the



Glen Waverley activity zone - namely the traffic flow through Kingsway. Just because there is money coming in does not mean it all needs to be spent on this vanity project.

Your planning department is ruining Glen Waverley with over population. It's becoming unliveable. But let's face it, you don't care as long as overseas buyers keep coming in and bumping up property prices. This was going to be my forever home, but not any more. Schools are full, trains are full, roads are full, hospitals are full. And what? The solution is one new train line (SRL) that really isn't going to ease anything. Thanks for destroying this place.

money should be better spend on building homes for homeless people!

Since the Victorian Government has pulled out of the Commonwealth Games citing costs, do you really think you will be given the funds they tell you they will give you in compensation for land acquisition? I very much doubt it. There is no way you can trust the Andrews Government - Victoria is bankrupt

Way too big and expensive. More important pressing issues than a new library or one quite so big. It could be updated but not so quite huge and expensive. I remember when the old library was updated to this current one and that was way less than 50 years ago. It still looks to be in great condition and instead of such a large building maybe connect the council and library and allow extra space between the two or on top of the library. A way of extending and adding a bit more space on a smaller scale. Many people use the library but even more remotely and digitally now so as time progresses I can see the digital options increasing.

I am sure there are better ways to spend rate payers money. I also received my latest rates notice and can see a significant increase. It is hard enough to pay all of these increases when our salary is not increasing to accommodate all of these increases. I just don't think the new precinct and library is beneficial as it is a service that a select group of residents use. How about upgrading our Hospitals and Aged care facilities first before upgrading a library. I would think that is better use of funds. Having spent some time in Monash hospital recently I am sure funds are more needed in this sector. Or how about extending the rail line from Glen Waverley to reach more suburbs which would be a great benefit.

Too much cost. Doesn't look good. And will take too long.

The funds would be better spent on hubs spread throughout Monash rather than 1 ginormous hub in Glen Waverley. There's already not enough parking and terrible congestion in Glen Waverley. The proposed library space is too large. Better a library half the proposed size and spend more money upgrading the various sport and recreational facilities in other areas of Monash - this will offer better accessibility to all Monash residents and provide more opportunity for health, sport and recreation focused amenities and activities

With such high density of population in and around the area due to the number of apartment buildings I would strongly recommend the retention of the Central Car Park Space to be retained as a green space, our own Central Park! With native trees, ponds, garden beds - this would bring tourism as well as provide a place of quiet recreation. Psychologists say that our urbanised society needs green space. The 'central' character of this space would be a high light of the area and continue to allow the variety of birds which roost and flock to the area to remain. I have observed flocks of hundreds of Rainbow Lorikeets roosting on the trees in the central car park. It is a shame this proposed development takes little consideration for the retaining and/or augmenting the Beauty of having an open space amongst such an intense crush of humanity. Surely the Beauty of Central Park in New York could be replicated here at Glen Waverley.

The facilities could be built for much less cost in a building that does not look like Shirley Temples castle. I would prefer a less pretentious building and more money spent on services for the community. People are hurting severely financially. We really need something more practical.

I do not want the central carpark closed or sold off. The council tried this a few years back and it was rejected by residents. We need more free parking not less and with 2 other car parks going due to the SRL removing another makes no sense.



<p>I don't think that spending over \$110 million dollars on the one project is a great use of such a large amount of money. It will mainly deliver for living in Glen Waverley and not all residents of the council. I'm not opposed to improving the library, but putting ALL the funds into such a huge project for only the benefit for a small area of people isn't a great use of the council's funds.</p>
<p>For \$110 million, the project delivers narrow benefits and short term benefits only. Building a costly civic precinct in an already congested area is not well thought out and does not reflect long term planning. \$110 million if invested in funds returning 6% p.a would deliver council returns of \$6million p.a, far more than the \$400,000 it is paying for rented office spaces for council employees. The spending of \$110 million is not justified for brand new office space, an oversized library and community spaces which already exist throughout the Monash municipality.</p> <p>Better invest the \$110 million and spend the returns on upgrading/ refurbishing existing facilities that are spread throughout Monash. It doesn't make sense to over develop the Glen Waverley area which is already congested and over developed and lacking parking. If managed wisely, \$110 million can be something of a Sovereign fund, delivering returns to benefit all generations of future Monash residents. Please don't pilfer \$110 million soon as council receives the funds ... long term planning, possible with the help of experienced financial managers will ensure Monash turns \$110million into much more than that.</p>
<p>Office building are left empty everywhere across the globe, and soon will happen in Australia. Council can utilise them, and rent some cheap office easily in this market. Why buuding new offices. This central location can be used for something much more!</p>
<p>Feels like the balance of investment is unbalanced across Monash. I feel a simpler design and redistribution of funds more fairly split across the suburbs would be fair</p>
<p>I don't need our council to build nice looking buildings, they should be focussing on providing services for the community and delivery good value for money. Spending \$110 million on a single building does not constitute value for money and should not be a priority for this council at this point in time.</p>
<p>The current library is good enough. It should be built is other less congested area eg ashwood.</p>
<p>The existing library is already serving its purpose and may not require extensive renovations or replacement. Investing such a substantial amount in a new facility could be seen as unnecessary and costly.</p> <p>The funds allocated for the new library could be better used for other pressing needs, such as building new schools, expanding the existing schools, expanding the online digital library which can easily and freely accessed by everyone, healthcare, infrastructure, or social services. It's essential to consider the alternative projects and services that could benefit from this financial allocation.</p> <p>A new library will likely come with higher maintenance and operational expenses than the existing one. This ongoing financial burden may not be sustainable in the long term.</p> <p>It's crucial to evaluate the potential benefits of the new library compared to the existing one. If the improvements are minimal or negligible, the substantial investment may not be justified.</p>
<p>May I ask where will the library be during the construction before 2028? Do we still have some free carpark position after upgrade? How long the new building can be used? How to make sure the new building can be finished on time without delay and over budget?</p>
<p>Waste of money</p>
<p>The money should be spent more evenly throughout the municipality. My observation over the years is that the greatest portion of funding is spent in the Glen Waverley area, and many other areas in the Monash Council are the "poor cousins". I live in Oakleigh and can't recall when the Oakleigh library had improvements.</p> <p>When core business is not been met, such as very poor road surfaces needing to be mended, then how can such an elaborate facility be justified.</p>



<p>A one-off \$110 million windfall, and what does the council spend it on? Homeless people? NO Home care or non-profit residential care for aged residents? NO Support for residents on welfare? NO Converting Monash to renewable energy? NO Of course the council spends the windfall on itself!!</p>
<p>In case you didn't know, times are HARD, people are struggling to survive and eat. Have some compassion and save that money and HELP the community by reducing the rates people pay. Give back to the people in cold hard cash. We do not need newer more extravagant things. we need to survive. These new buildings will outlast our lives but we need money to survive, not enjoy feasting our eyes on some state of the art building. Give back to people, give to the poor, give free food with that money, build housing for the poor etc. Please, go back to being human.</p>
<p>The hideous architectural design</p>
<p>I believe just because the council receiving compensation from the State Government does not mean that the money should not be spent on a completely new library. Use some of the money to refurbish the library but a lot of the money needs to go on other council activities. I am elderly and struggle to get any services such as home help from the council. The roads need to be attended too. Some sporting facilities need upgrading. I believe the money should be spent not just on one project!</p>
<p>just don't waste money in this hardest time. instead of wasting money reduce tax or electricity water gas bills. and why it is only Glenwaverly? why not Rowville library. why not wheelers hill library. why not Oakleigh library. this is all politics. you want to please one nationality because that nationality represent glen waverly. this is very bad. dont bring dirty politics to this country.</p>
<p>We are happy with the current Library and community hub buildings. I don't think we need spend a lot of money on the buildings.</p>
<p>The existing library is not aged. It does not need renovation.</p>
<p>It is a criminal waste of scarce funds, given the new generational change in learning practices and their preferences for online education and interaction.</p>
<p>What a waste of taxpayers money. Its just not necessary</p>
<p>No thanks - VIC are in massive debt already !! Stop spending tax player money!!! Come up with something that will help reduce the rate & help family in the area now. We are all struggling enough with high cost of living already !!</p>
<p>110mil for a library is an absolute joke! Seriously how can it cost that much? You could build 10 facilities for that amount which would cater for a lot more people. How many actually use a library? I'm guessing 100mil is for wages because contractors take the absolute micky and do sweet fa most of the time and then charge a ridiculous amount for over time.</p>
<p>You could spend 10mil upgrading the old library and build other facilities instead.</p>
<p>Like you say to it will be likely more than \$110million too!</p>
<p>kingsway already struggles with parking and getting rid of 2 parking lots is not smart.</p>
<p>Relying upon funding from the Government arising out of the Suburban Rail Project is fraught with significant risk. There is a distinct possibility that the SRP will be either suspended or scaled down/deferred, leaving the</p>



<p>Council with a \$110M cost that is not supported by external funding. This is not a political reaction - this is reality!!</p>
<p>makes no sense in the library being made 4 times larger when we are moving to a digital age where books are moving to digital. It appears to be a gross waste of rate payers money.</p>
<p>It's a big expense for a project like this. I see the State Government will be providing most of the funds, but these funds can be spent on many other facilities in the council area.</p>
<p>Monash has already lost land through the compulsory acquisition and should have tried to compensate that loss by transfer back of some other land within Monash. Monash is now considering the sale of more land (the central car park) to pay for the project. With the extension of the Bogong car park, if Council believes parts of the central car park is not required, then turn it into green space - do not sell it off. Once these lands are gone, there gone forever. If money is the issue, budget this year an amount and again over the next years until Monash can afford this project. Maybe consider reducing the size of this project?</p>
<p>Isn't Monash council staff shortage?</p>
<p>I support investment in libraries. However the sale of land provides a once off windfall. Glen Waverley is the primary civic precinct and accordingly that is where Council owns the most land. The argument that the entirety of the proceeds from land sales should be spent in Glen Waverley does not stack up, as the whole of Monash contributed to the purchase and upkeep of these pieces of land. Glen Waverley is one of the wealthiest areas in Monash and already benefits from excellent facilities.</p>
<p>Money could be better spent on general infrastructure in Monash. Perhaps a less ambitious revamp could be considered. Don't think part of central carpark should be sold.</p>
<p>A lot of money being spent to re enforce that Monash is Glen Waverley Centric. Again, Oakleigh, Hughesdale and Clayton miss out. Would it not benefit all ratepayers to have the main Civic Centre in Notting Hill or Mount Waverley for example? In the centre of the municipality.</p>
<p>A waste of money</p>
<p>More important issues in our region to deal with than this ridiculous waste of ratepayers money it is insane. People struggling post covid and someone comes up with this stupid idea and then want more money from out rates. A Sick JOKE!!!</p>
<p>The money could be better used elsewhere.</p>
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<p>No mention is made of the higher operating costs the ratepayers will have to pay every year to service, administer and maintain this greatly increased space. The only mention of operating cost is an annual saving of \$400,000 from relocating employees currently using leased offices. How many extra staff will be employed to provide the functions, including their management, and at what cost? How much extra energy to run this precinct, and at what cost? How much higher will the cleaning and maintenance costs be?</p>
<p>I was in the Casey council area when they proceeded with Bunjil Place, a similar project to this. All large projects blow out in costs and by the time it is built it could be double that quoted. Such a large amount of money to spend on one place, and although the building may need improvements, I think it could be done in a lesser cost. In the present financial climate I would either defer a decision or move to a more diverse solution.</p>



too big, libraries will become less relevant in a digital age
What a money waste should use more on Clayton or oakleigh instead
Not needed
Glen currently has a decent size of modern library, this is waste of money to rebuild another one. Every suburb in monash has got it's own library except Mulgrave. Can you invest in Mulgrave instead? We are paying the same amount of rate, why Mulgrave neighbourhood does not deserve a proper library? Please make your decision more reasonably, otherwise We vote for someone else!
Waste of money
Vic government has cancelled commonwealth games so their budget helps Victorian through tough times and services where needed. \$110 million could better spent on medical facilities and or people who are struggling through these tough times such homeless etc.....
The library is certainly very small. However I am quite concerned that during construction, for the next few years the current library may be unavailable to be used. This will impact a generation of students and people in the community. Also worried there is too much construction happening around kingsway which will affect the small businesses
I feel it would be better to do a smaller upgrade to the Glen Waverly Civic Precinct, and use the rest of the money to upgrade other places. Such as: - Small upgrades to all the libraries, stopping the Mount Waverly one from leaking - Upgrade Bike/Walking Paths and connections, such as the new connecting path on Sailsbury Rd and Huntingdale Rd Small upgrades which positively impact peoples daily life, seem better then one big project only a few people near by will use
Rising build costs/interest rates. Potential for project costing to increase. Why can't we be in surplus and reduce rates? There has been a reduction in services- to second weekly general waste collection and this should reflect on our rates. Is a lot of the library services are now accessible online. How many staff at council are centre based v WFH? People seem to meet online instead of in person.
I'd like to see more TREES and less CONCRETE - have we learned nothing over the years? A swanky architectural design is only part of the issue. Hard surface to spread heat in summer. Our climate has changed but there ARE some things we CAN still do to mitigate this. I don't think this design fits that bill, IMHO
The Civic Precinct should be moved to a central location in the City of Monash, namely the land owned by Council near the corner of Ferntree Gully Road and Blackburn Road in Notting Hill. The will provide residents of the city a central location from where they can access city services so that residents in Oakleigh/Mulgrave/Ashwood etc. don't have to drive all the way to the Eastern part of the City to access council services. Easier access means less congestion from road users trying to get to Glen Waverley
This central location can have a NEW office building constructed on land already owned by Council. This area already has access to public transport (bus) and will have train access in the future from the development of the Suburban Rail Loop station near Monash University. Access to the Monash Freeway is readily available with 3 access points at Ferntree Gully Road, Blackburn Road, and Forster Road. The new location will also be much closer to the Mt Waverley industrial areas, Technology Precinct, Monash University, Monash Health Precinct and much much more. Moving to a central location for Council offices is about equity and inclusion for all residents and business's in the city.
The current office location in Glen Waverley could be maintained once the new building has been constructed. The Glen Waverley office building location could provide for



1. a new library
2. a council service center
3. overflow council offices
4. meeting rooms, community spaces

The current library location would therefore be excess land and could be torn down to make an outdoor community space or square which would enhance the Glen Waverley Activity Center. Or extra car parking could be provided to enhance the Kingsway trading area.

This plan would also reduce the need to rent expensive offices for council at the Ibis locations.

I don't oppose this civic precinct in principle, no doubt they need a new library. It's the cost, that I object to. It seems to be a ridiculous amount of money (more than \$110m, how much more?). I understand that there will be no increase to the ratepayers, but surely there are a number of projects that can be completed with that amount of money.

There is no big value to the common public in this project. With more people working from home and it appear to be the trend now and in future. building office for additional car parking, children play area, library in an office environment is not worth the \$110 million proposed cost. Now that it is only a proposed cost, when it gets built am sure the cost will minimum double up. Also if the council decide to stop after the design stage, few millions would have been spent already / wasted and the money spent will be at the expense of public funds. Also the return on investment is atleast 300 years compared to the rent current paid every year and the investment cost of \$220 million assuming the cost of project gets doubled during the construction stage.

the project does not need to be this grand. Money could be better spent over several projects.

Money better spent on other essential services and improving parks etc.

How will the council recover the car park space lost through the sale of this land area?

Dear Manager,

The idea of building a new facility to serve Monash community is commendable. However, i think building a library is not in the interest of community and do not serve the current trend of users. People don't go to library for information anymore, they search internet, social media and websites. Thus building a library is a white elephant and of no functional use at all.

I suggest to better use of tax payers money, Monash Council should build a functional facility that serve the need of the community. ie IT and internet center, sports hub, event & activity center, etc. Monash Council should ask the community what they need and not just assume it. Like building a useless library in this case. Hope it helps. I'm available for further clarification of needed.

Regards,
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Financial

Too much money being spent on an exterior.

ARCHAIC!!!

Universities have \$10 million libraries, not large wedding cakes. Education this century is online, not through books. Drive to the corner of Highbury Rd and Springvale Rd and you can witness the significant difference between council funding - 'Whitehorse class' verses 'Monash shantytown'. Monash parks and reserves have



<p>children screaming out for toilet and BBQ facilities. Build a \$10 million library and office space, but distribute the other \$100 millions so we can all benefit from it!</p>
<p>Money needs to be spent on aged care hospitals and education. The library is fine as is. I don't know anyone that uses this facility.</p>
<p>It's a waste of money and is not needed.</p>
<p>Meaningless waste of money, when there are more pressing concerns to address.</p>
<p>Physical libraries will be defunct in the future as people get used to ebooks and open source AI. Google knows everything..</p>
<p>Heavy traffic flow zone and not good to have a library near the shopping centre</p>
<p>I do not support this amount of money being spent in the Glen Waverley area ie one corner of the Monash area. There is no discussion about alternative solutions that have been explored eg Office space - has working from home and hot desking been tried, has moving one group of employees to another location in Monash been considered? Libraries - all the schools and units in the area have libraries - has providing librarian is school libraries after school or doing a deal with uni libraries to use their spaces been considered, Meeting rooms - there are hundred of halls and meeting rooms in Monash that could be used, that are mostly under utilised already - has creating a website that allows rooms to be added and booked been considered. Glen Waverley is already hard to get parking and the removal of the car park in the centre makes it even harder. No-one who lives outside Glen Waverley but who lives in other suburbs will travel to use the Glen Waverley library. All the other libraries in Monash are easier to park at than Glen Waverley. There are many many buildings in Monash older than 50 years - how old are the minders and maternal health centres? That age doesn't justify replacement. With less and less people reading hard copy books maybe Glen Waverley could have less books in the library and store them at other libraries and only bring them over when people book them. That would free up some space for collaboration. I believe much more use of existing facilities should be considered and the money from the sale of land should be spread across Monash locations so more Monash people can benefit.</p>
<p>The money needs to spent wisely on the upgrade of various community infrastructure. There is nothing wrong with the council building.. I agree that the library should be upgraded</p>
<p>Now is not the time to spend this kind of money, rising costs and economic uncertainty should spell prudence!</p>
<p>Definition of Library- you want to re-write the meaning of Library.How can anyone study in a library where people are chatting and sharing a coffee with friends. Your performance is not admirable when you have to start imposing a levy of\$52/year for recycling.Your excuse State govt. has increased the charges. Can you guarantee when your costs BLOW out you wont give the same excuse? A state govt. which is forced to cancel an international event like Common wealth games because the costs have changed so much, you are making plans for several years with an estimated cist of more than 110 million . An unstable time for real estate, bank interest rates and you are trying to sell this ridiculous plan with huge financial risks. when the costs blow out you will reach for the rate payers pocket Try to concentrate on your basic job which is to manage rubbish collection without imposing extra LEVY. Very sneaky when there is a cap on rate increase you just extract the money by imposing a levy. What gives you the right?</p>
<p>We are in difficult times when people out there are struggling to pay bills and also to pay rent maybe the council should be putting money into helping instead of accepting money from Dodgy Danny.</p>
<p>Our view is that Council is over-reaching during this very difficult time for ratepayers and residents, and we urge you to cancel it altogether, or at the very least, to postpone the project indefinitely.</p>



<p>Surely, Council's purpose is to help and support the local community by providing the essential services that they need, particularly in times of great financial stress such as now. We can't understand how spending so much money unnecessarily could be beneficial to those you are there to help.</p>
<p>We do not believe that the cost will be covered by money received from the sale of land to the State Government and the Central Car Park, as you say. How can you possibly claim this when you only have estimates, not a fixed price?</p>
<p>We know this project will only increase the burden on ratepayers for many years to come and essential services will suffer.</p>
<p>The State Government did the same thing with prolonged and excessive spending on capital works and infrastructure at the expense of the people who can least afford to pay for their poor decisions and wastage. Regardless of the expense, they ploughed ahead for years with their own perceived ideal "wish-list", and they are still doing it. Victorians are now paying the high price, not just in higher taxes, but also with their lives by not being able to get an ambulance or a hospital bed when needed.</p>
<p>If Council needs additional office space, then it should reduce costs by culling the ever-increasing number of staff that Council employs. Council should be looking at ways to tighten its belt and reduce costs, as your ratepayers have had to do. We already have an excessive administrative bureaucracy.</p>
<p>We are appalled that Council is proposing this project and wasting further money planning it. Again, we urge you to reconsider and not to go ahead.</p>
<p>Waste of money 💰 could be spent on our hospitals and roads our nautre strips are awful and tress</p>
<p>Obscene waste of tax payer funds</p>
<p>I oppose this development because is to be funded by the compensation for taking over the central carpark by the SRL, which will be a failed project due to over expenditure and lack of financial control by the state government. The planning looks good the financing no good.</p>
<p>See my comments below in relation to funding. If they were addressed my answer would change.</p>
<p>What a waste of tax payers money there is a lot more that could be done for our hospital system and ambulance</p>
<p>The cost of this project is far too expensive for what it is, and would suggest saving some money by downscaling</p>
<p>We need more secure parking for the trains and cafes/restaurants. The cafe's/restaurants are doing well in that area, so why not make that a draw card for Glen Waverley. Besides, that design looks like a squashed snail with worms, or a dog poo. I am neither slow or sh..! That design does not represent us rate payers. The roads could do with some attention too!</p>
<p>Council should not sell any assets, especially car parks. Any sale should be approved by voting by all Monash voters.</p>
<p>Costs way too much. Existing library is more than adequate.</p>
<p>Funds should be spread across other suburbs and not just one suburb benefitting.</p>



<p>Why do we need to spend \$110 mil now? Does the council have surplus funds? Does not the existing library do the job? What is the the urgency of this project?</p>
<p>Spending this much money on one project is irresponsible. A library that big is unnecessary, and there is no need for a civic hall (there are multiple suitable venues within Monash), and no need for office space for staff (council has been renting office space without issue for years, and commercial rents have been falling - why the need to build more space when there's ample office space around Monash?). Selling central car park to fund this is terrible - central car park needs careful thought around how it will be used by the community in the future, not just sold off to the highest bidder to fund an unnecessary project.</p>
<p>Cost and relevance. Will likely affect future rates. Small percentage of community would ever benefit from this development.</p>
<p>I feel that the present library design and structure is still well suited and any changes will incur a cost , which in these times would be prudent to avoid.</p>
<p>Absolute waste of money and also selling extremely vital land that is needed by us glen waverley residents to access kingsway and the station. Instead of developing overpriced fancy looking buildings absolutely no one wants, put those funds back into integrated development opportunities with SRL. We are getting much less car parking, loss of accessibility and complete disconnect with the SRL as Council is clearly working effectively with the state government.</p>
<p>110 million dollars wasted</p>
<p>Library is just a free after school care. Money can be better spent. 400k to rent space for 15 staff seems exorbitant. I am sure you could to find cheaper and also with WFH, need to rethink office space.</p>
<p>The round shape looks like an inefficient use of space. I would suggest a rectangular shape with vertical walls as a more efficient design.</p>
<p>It appears the architect has tried to design some seats. Monash University has some similar architecturally designed seats, and my experience from this is that architects in general have a poor grasp of the details of the human form in all its variations and that seating might be better left to experts. In the central space, it appears we can 1. face into and confront the central void, or 2. sit on a convex seat which separates even people sitting next to each other. Both of these options are made worse by the obviously uncomfortably proportions of the seating and the nearly unusable tables.</p>
<p>Personally, I enjoy the warm/ intimate space that the current Glen Waverley Library has. I understand that the community is growing and needs will have to be met in some ways but I'm not sure the current design accomplishes that in the best way. In terms of connectivity and community I feel that the bigger space that is proposed may be intimidating and promote a sense of distance whereas the current library feels closer in atmosphere. I also like how the current library is specifically dedicated as a library and it's easy to know the purpose and location of everything within that space. It feels like a safe community space. I also don't like the proposed architecture Design, simpler and elegant is better. If the changes do happen since everything is proposed to be in one space how can you adequately support the needs of the community while that space is out of use?</p>
<p>With high inflation costing everyone, I think it is just a wrong time to proceed with this project. Moreover, using all the fund from SLR on one place, it's just not sensible. Instead of spending at Glen Waverley library, the council should consider expanding the Mulgrave library so that the locals could have a better facility and it can be used when required for the relocation of Glen Waverley library in the future.</p>
<p>Given the cost of the project, I do not think the money are well spent</p>



<p>I am completely appalled that Monash Council would even consider such an expensive development, given what Victoria went through during the lockdown, businesses were destroyed, mental health problems faced by many in the wider community, current cost of living pressures, to name just a few issues. If anything council should consider lowering rates and just sticking to the main issues that we expect them to do, for example, rubbish, roads and small infrastructure buildings, such as local sporting club facilities.</p>
<p>Complete waste of money that could be put elsewhere in the community.</p>
<p>- Glen waverley is over congested. Please place the library elsewhere where it's easy to access with plenty of parking. - The cost is too high. I would rather see more funding goes somewhere else. Monash council needs a lot more playgrounds especially in Wheelers Hill.</p>
<p>Too disgusting and wastage of taxpayers money. Even if you are selling stuff to get money for this abomination that money can find much better purposes for us the rate payers than being used for councils ego boost.</p>
<p>Money should be spent on roads, age care and education rather than this unnecessary library. The present libraries are perfectly adequate . All government projects go well over budget so this would end up far over budget. Absolutely oppose</p>
<p>Timing of this is completely wrong. Many residents in Monash struggle to meet daily expenses. Things such special assistance should have priority</p>
<p>Unnecessary, don't need to build more offices</p>
<p>Although I appreciate the need for more office space for staff etc, other smaller community hubs are needed locally within walking range to develop community interactions and friendships across cultural differences, e.g. at Tallyho oval.</p>
<p>The \$110M could be much better spent on various smaller community projects. \$110M could go a long way, and just spending this one project seems a bit excessive. Although it is true that the library needs upgrading, a wonderful result could easily be achieved by renovating for a much cheaper price, such as \$20M. This money is needed elsewhere in the community, such as local parkland, community festivals, and smaller building projects.</p>
<p>Stop wasting our money building grandiose palaces. Go rent an office block if you can't fit staff in.</p>
<p>As a resident of 35 years in Monash who lives about as far as you can get in Monash from Glen Waverley I have been to the Glen Waverley Library once but the Wheelers Hill Library many times I dont see the Glen Waverley Library and meeting areas as my library and community centre it is for the residents of Glen Waverley The money would be much better spent on a range of projects throughout the city If the council needs more office space and the Glen Waverley Library needs an upgrade this could be done with a much less grandiose and expensive project than this proposal</p>
<p>The cost of it. Rates will rise. Money can be used for more pressing needs</p>
<p>While you have stated that no additional funds will need to be gathered from tax payers to fund this operation as it comes from money provided by the state government as reimbursement for acquired land and the sale of a car park, I don't believe that in any way renders this project essentially free to the taxpayer. It is obvious that money could be used elsewhere for a purpose that better helps community members. Can the funds not be used to offset council taxes that people pay? Most people are struggling financially due to inflation and through savings on tax they could use additional funds to purchase healthier food options or pay for activities outside that promote health and wellbeing. Why spend money on something aimed at keeping people indoors needlessly?</p>
<p>Using the carpark between Coleman Pde and Railway Pde Nth will tend to make the artea more like a concrete jungle. This area tended to be a break from the eyesore group of flats at the railway terminal and could be used for parking instead of the crowded spaces under The Glen. The Council is strict in its preservation of leafy areas</p>



but does not seem to be worried about the crowded atmosphere it will create along Springvale Rd. Those living in the high-rise appartments will feel quite comfortable with the change, are they the ones being accomodated? With regard to the pictorial depiction of possible human bodies, by cosmetic curves that are almost akin to graffiti: As a resident for 40 years, I look on the current council buildings with the "M" logo as my suburb's headquarters. These decorations suggest the interior of the building will be more likely to be an aqarium or amusement centre than council offices. Are they an attempt to camouflage the offices? We should be proud of our achievements and not hide from the fact that this is where our local area is governed from.

i don't want my mulgrave taxpayer dollars to provide a huge improvement to an already well-supported full library, while Mulgrave has to accept a single room in their community centre as our "library". i think this proposal is a spit in the face of every mulgrave resident. it is grossly unfair and providing an even better quality of community life to a select group of Monash residents that already have a surplus of community infrastructure. i want the funds from the sale of the land to the suburban rail loop to be used to bring mulgrave facilities up to par with the proper, brick-founded Glen Waverly, Clayton, Wheelers Hill, Oakleigh libraries. Frankly this is enough BS to inspire me to run for office and demand an accounting of the value of all of Monash's tax reciepts and its allocation amongst the different parts of Monash. this is unacceptable and i will work to stop it.

I can see the need for extra office and community space but to increase the size of the library by four times has to be excessive. Our population is not increasing by a significant amount. Certainly a renovation and small expansion of the library can be justified but the scale of the project is way larger than what is actually needed. What came first I wonder? The need for a fourfold expansion or a prominent design attractive to the Council heirarchy. Are we attempting to compete with similar imposing edifices such as Casey's Bunjil Place?

Unnecessary spending of money when there are already adequate spaces fulfilling these needs. If there is so much money to spare, why are rates increasing? Return some money to the people and improve other features like streets that need speed humps for safety. No response to these requests to increase safety and deter the rally car drivers who love speeding through side streets at 100km/hr. The council needs to get some perspective instead of building a showy piece for someone to list on their CV as their personal achievement.

This is a huge investment in something we (most of the rest of Monash) do not require. Almost seems like it's corrupt (are we paying a developer here?) - please invest in our schools clubs and existing infrastructure. This is unreasonable misuse of funds. It's also very ugly.

This is a very expensive project and there are much needier projects for this expenditure. The Library can be updated for far less and still function as well.

I am writing to express my concerns and opposition to the proposed investment in a new library/office space in Glen Waverley. While I understand the need for updating the library, I believe that the scale of the proposed project is not appropriate for the area. Glen Waverley is already heavily saturated with restaurants and shops, and the lack of parking exacerbates the existing issues.

I question the decision to build such a large library/office space in Glen Waverley when there are other areas within the Monash council, such as Clayton or Mulgrave, that could benefit from similar development. It seems unfair to concentrate all the resources in one location when there are other regions that may be in need of community infrastructure.

Additionally, in this digital age, the demand for traditional library services has significantly decreased. Modern libraries, like Melbourne City Library, often serve as communal spaces with cafes, offering free Wi-Fi and a place for people to work or study. I worry that the proposed library might suffer a similar fate, with limited actual library activities taking place. It feels like we are investing in something that should have been done years ago and might not align with the current needs of the community.

Furthermore, the decision to create a fixed office space instead of renting office facilities for Monash council staff appears ill-advised. With the increasing trend of remote work, building a new office space seems wasteful



and unnecessary. The world has experienced a significant shift in the way we work, and many organizations, including the council, have found that remote work can be efficient and cost-effective. I urge the council to consider the benefits of allowing staff to work from home if their roles predominantly involve handling calls from the community.

In conclusion, I support progress and development, but I believe this investment plan should be reconsidered. Allocating resources to more suitable locations within the Monash council and reevaluating the necessity of a large-scale library/office space would be a wiser decision. Additionally, embracing remote work options for council staff could lead to cost savings and increased employee satisfaction.

Thank you for considering my concerns and taking the time to review the proposed plans. I trust that you will carefully weigh the impact of this investment on the community before moving forward.

I think a project of this scope is too large and expensive for Monash.

Whilst aesthetically pleasing, the need for extra office and or meeting spaces/community living rooms could be achieved as a stand alone less expensive project in an alternative location.

How about using the money from your land sale to provide rate relief during these difficult financial times (for a number of families in the area) instead of building this monolith that only few will utilise?? My rates have gone up \$500 from last year! You are a local council in the city of Monash - not Brighton!

Two reasons:

- 1) with such a costly project, I would like to be very sure that there will not be a cost-blowout which will cost ratepayers. I am not assured by phrases such as "it is Council's firm intention that the cost of the project must not exceed the funds which Council will receive for the Suburban Rail Loop land and the Central Car Park." What contracts will Council put in place to ensure any price increases are not passed on, as with several Victorian Government projects?
- 2) the City of Monash seems to have a strong focus upon developing the Glen Waverley/Mount Waverley parts of the Council area. The Oakleigh area rarely rates a mention in the Monash Bulletin and has very limited public meeting spaces. Its library is dated and small. Since these windfalls are very rare, and development can rarely be funded via Council budgets, I would suggest that Oakleigh, which is still a thriving area, should be considered for a community hub as well, and the Glen Waverley project be scaled down to accommodate this.

That money go towards fixing footpaths roads more help for the elderly street landscaping.
Im a hard worker like others and I hate my rates being wasted on pointless things.
If they want it those rate payers in that area should be paying for it.
Why do we need library as all is on internet.

Many more worthy projects to spend money on, like public housing.

Glen Waverley is already one of the most developed suburbs compare to other suburbs in Monash council. They should put more budget and facilities to other suburbs like Huntingdale for better communities. In Huntingdale, we only have small shops, no library, no supermarket, no swimming pool, the kids play ground is very limited with facilities and very small etc. we have to travel to neighboring suburb like Oakleigh just to go to the bank and go to supermarket. They should address some of the important facilities for other undeveloped suburbs as well before putting more money into Glen Waverley.

As a resident here I think the money could be spread across the community - Glen Waverley has completely changed and is over developed. Loss don now character and ghost town vibe. I think that there are other places across the community that need the much needed funds and or space For example - Shopping precinct: Hamilton place , library : mount Waverley library - parks : residents have been asking for a dog park)



It's such a large amount of money to be spent on something that isn't needed to be this gigantic or over the top. There are so many schools, hospitals, roads, footpaths, playgrounds that could all use some of the allocated funds that are currently not being looked at at all.

I strongly disagree with this proposal. There is nothing wrong with the current library and could be renovated instead
 . Can't justify spending that much when your rate players are struggling

I agree that redevelopment of the library and upgrade of the Council offices is required. However, the proposed is extravagant and far too expensive.

Feel a more modest design well below the \$110 million figure should be investigated. The proposal appears to have been designed to meet the available funds from the windfall, rather than what could be provided. The balance could be utilized for upgrade of Monash roads, car parking and other facilities.

Absolutely unnecessary waste of money. Just update the current facilities within the council. Funds could be better spent, on removing parking railway parade and Coleman Ave and creating a green space for the area and enhance outdoor dining experience of restaurants boarding the area as we as along kings way which seems to be declining every time I visit.

I have been a resident of Monash almost my whole life. My family moved to Mt Waverley in 1984, and lived there until moving to Wheelers Hill in 1995. As a young adult, I travelled, lived overseas, came back and eventually my husband and I bought our first home in Mulgrave, wanting to stay in the areas I knew my whole life and loved. I had spent my entire childhood on bicycle tracks easily accessible right outside my home, I went to libraries with my dad midweek to hang out, and on school holidays met up with friends and local pools. Only when I moved to Mulgrave did I realise the Council treated us differently. There are no libraries here, no public pools, no great parks, no brand new playgrounds, no easily accessible bike paths. Mulgrave is like the black sheep of the family. And we still pay Council rates, we still get charged like everyone else, but while everyone else in Monash gets a civic centre, public spaces, libraries, aquatic centres and indoor basketball centres, park lands and restaurants zones, Mulgrave get the pokies at the local shopping centre. How dare you spend over \$100million UPGRADING what is already one of the best public spaces and libraries in Monash. Yes, it is dated, and yes, it could probably use an upgrade. But who is in charge of deciding how money is distributed around the subdivisions of Monash? Who keeps deciding that Mulgrave doesn't deserve anything?

You might say we do have a library, I'm attaching a photo of it. And below are their opening hours. It's a joke, and you all know it. Mulgrave is a massive subdivision, filled with families and children, and it's growing every year. It is shameful for you to keep ignoring us.

Hours of operation Mulgrave Library:
 Wednesday 2–7 pm
 Thursday 1:30–5 pm
 Friday 9 am–1:30 pm
 Saturday 9 am–12 pm
 Sunday Closed
 Monday 10 am–5 pm
 Tuesday 10 am–5 pm

As much as this would create an image of sorts? What's important is that the money is spent in areas that lack the support and services that the City of Monash lags behind.. our community deserves better than fancy over the top library and community hub that offers no real support for its elderly, youth, disadvantaged, disabled, and mentally ill community.,

Fancy building lead to overspending and costly maintenance which will only benefit to all the related parties.

The proposed design seems like overkill for the community needs. While I support an expanded library (perhaps to just double the current facilities size), the community events space duplicates suitable facilities elsewhere in



Monash, expanded parking is available elsewhere in the Glen Waverley activity precinct and a direct connection to the Monash offices seems to offer little value to the community (not value for money). This proposed design is a solution looking for a problem. Monash Council should find better ways of servicing the community than building such an expensive and overdesigned facility.

110mil in 21st century for library - are you serious? stop dreaming of your architectural epitaphs

It is absolutely abhorrent that council proposes to utilise funding from the compulsory sale of land to upgrade its offices and replace a perfectly functioning library and carpark with a different set of offices, library and carpark.

This is an unnecessary waste of well over \$110M+ (and recent press about the Commonwealth games cost blowout has highlighted just how wrong initial budget are), and it will end up costing rate payers far too much. It's insane that a rental cost of \$400k is used to try and justify the foolish and unnecessary spending of over 250 times that amount.

This is not the time nor the place for such distasteful extravagance, utilise your existing offices and allow employees to work from home more often if you want to save on rental costs.

I think the windfall from the Suburban Rail Loop is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and to have the entire amount (and then some!) to be spent on a single project in just one area is not representative of the fact that Monash Council represents residents across several suburbs.

While I generally support an upgrade and modernisation of ageing facilities, I think throwing the entire budget at a single project is short-sighted.

A big waste of money, could be better used on Waverley netball club which doesn't even have a usable car park. Thousands of kids and parents using this facility weekly.

Hi,

I do not oppose the replacement or upgrading of the Glen Waverley library, but as a resident of Ashwood, I very rarely attend the Glen Waverley activities precinct; it's simply too far away. I have much more convenient libraries at Mt Waverley or Ashburton I can visit.

I feel the large windfall received by the council from compulsory acquisition might be best used for the whole Monash community, rather than just concentrated in one area.

1. The plan does not provide return on investment or cost benefit analysis i.e. \$ earned in benefit for the \$ spent, also how much would the operation and maintenance will cost per year over life span to people of Monash and anticipated impact of it including analysis of current operational capability ? Financial feasibility study & economic model is required before proceeding
2. What considerations have been made to upgrade existing library instead of building a new one is missing from feasibility study , viability of project needs to be understood
3. The investment of \$110 million is too much for for a library and community centre, what are the alternative proposals considered to better utilise funds from sale of land ?
4. How much council expenses would be covered for \$110 million for which council is currently raising money via rates paid by residents, can council can give back discount to rate payers by reducing the yearly rates paid by utilising money from sale of land instead?
5. The hybrid working provided by council to its employees should reduce the amount of office space required, has that study been undertaken to overall reduce the office space anticipated in centre?
6. the proposed sale of Council's Central Car Park will mean that public car parking space will be privatised reducing the capacity of car parking in a busy area, thus adding cost to public's pocket to pay for private car park
7. Changes to people's behaviour and with people moving towards audiobook should be considered while drafting the space requirement , maybe more audio book library would be beneficial requiring less space compared to a big library space for books
8. The feasibility study is a desktop one comparing similar centres around Melbourne rather basing it on facts and actual number for the space required base don number of users, population using it, previous data available for users & events occurred justifying the need of space etc.



Extremely expensive, not a high priority given all of the City's pressing needs (such as public housing and green, open spaces)
Waste of money, will run over budget like the Tally Ho project which was poorly executed, timing was appalling - just after 2 years of lockdown - wasn't done properly and had to be fixed at the cost of another summer where the grounds couldn't be used, more ratepayer funds wasted and for what? To please the soccer club. No consideration for AFL players, Council should be ashamed. There's no reason to think this project will be any different. Contractors will be Labor Party's union buddies, project will be shoddy like all the others and we'll be paying for it for years to come.
It looks like a spaceship and appears to be costly
There does not appear to be any justification for the proposal, so feasibility study or business case for it. The feasibility report appears to instead be an architectural brief.
It's ugly.
The design is somewhat to complimenting the surrounding Monash City Green initiatives of neighbourhood character.
In its current format, there should be more consideration for carparking, whereby it can facilitate more future use, 3rd or 4th basement.
The estimated budget of \$110M for a 12000m2 is equivalent to ~\$9000/m2. This is significantly higher than a normal big span tall commercial build A grade office tower. If the budget is indeed \$110M, the return of only 12000m2 is too low.
The building is already good as is, so why waste money trying to recreate it. Rather use the money for other developments
Victorians are struggling with increasing cost-of-living pressures. If you have funds available we would prefer it to go to every residents that pay rate in the area. NOT ONLY LOW INCOME!!!! High income families are struggling with increasing of cost of living too. Discounts on things like your Council Rate for the next 2 years, lower your rate, energy grants, kids activities grants and help to manage debt. Again please included everyone NOT JUST LOW INCOME!!!!
Nothing wrong with the Glen Waverley. Keep the money stop spending tax payer money!!!
It's impact on traffic and green space.
Not the time to spend money included VIC gov money!! We all know Victoria Government Are In Debt We All Suffer!!!
Seems like a waste of money, I've been 30 years and putting it there is gonna cause a lot more traffic
There are many other projects in the community interest that could be put before this. We have endured a huge struggle out of Covid and I feel that council could better put back into the community,
I would like to see the funds used to benefit the broader community and not concentrated in one precinct.
Some of the funds should also be applied to enable rates to be fixed at current levels for at least the next three years and then not have rates catch up the missed increases - that would be a real benefit to all.
What is the purpose of this facility?
Isn't the money better spent to improve sporting facilities, grounds and play areas for our children! Especially



<p>the substandard and NOT private offering available I have seen at sporting locations for girls / women - Brandon Park Reserve to name a few!!</p>
<p>This money can be used to fund councils other projects and also to ensure other regions of Monash council is equally developed rather than only concentrating on Glen Waverly. The Mount Waverly and Clayton, Oakleigh East area has been widely neglected. Mount Waverly library and its precinct need to be revamped to current standards.</p>
<p>cost of the project at this stage & cost blowouts.</p>
<p>I'm really torn on this one. It's an amazing project and the new library would be awesome. But the majority of Monash residents and ratepayers wouldn't get any benefit from it, because Glen Waverley isn't part of daily lives - we go to our local library branches and use local meeting spaces. This amount of special funding isn't likely to land in the council's lap again for decades, so it seems a bit unfair to blow it all on a massive project that would really benefit only a portion of Monash citizens. And it always seems to be Glen Waverley that gets the cool things. Areas like Hughesdale seem to be forgotten a lot of the time.</p>
<p>I believe this "windfall" should be spent in greening Monash. We have lost so much vegetation over the past decade from housing and townhouses that consume a whole block of land. Street trees have become more important than ever before as we need their canopies for shade. It should not take a year to replace those trees that have been removed due to damage or age as I have observed in Mt Waverley. There are still are number of trees that are "past their use by date". Trees take a number of years to mature so action is needed now before temperatures rise much more.</p>
<p>The building cost seems extremely high. Can the building be simplified and costs taken out. We do not need an ART Statement but a functional building that can provide an extended library function. Why do we need a 500 seat auditorium. With digital age upon us, Most kids do research using laptops and computers so books is not their primary resource as would be in the past. Library of future may not need to be large. Car parking solution needs to be more than the proposed 250 car spots (will it be public parking or Council reserved parking). Carparking is a major issue</p>
<p>Not required. Project benefit only a few. Proceeds should benefit all by reducing rates</p>
<p>The reason why I oppose the building of a new library in the current form in the belief system of hardbound books is that we are moving into an electronic age where computer access printing facilities a much more important. It should be strong considerations using digital book formats with large monitors rather than the traditional reading format in traditional formats of books and magazines. This investment in old technology should be considered a waste. Considering the amount of space the reliability of keeping books because they do wear out and have to be replaced and the huge expense in keeping an old format. A library for the format of keeping information for clients and having a Librarian handy is important but the concept of keeping large amounts of books things been borrowed and returned is both the silly and outdated way of thinking. I hope the counsellors realise it we are moving into the modern age and we need computer terminals with large screens and we do need the help of a librarian and small courses in teaching people how to navigate the internet and use online material. Keep in mind the advent of chat GDP and other large-scale AI tools are also going to be dominating and helping people in the future. I hope you understand but this is about modernising and realising that we need to move forward in the community. I'm not a post to the concept of a library I'm simply opposed to the amount of money being spent on the physical paper format. I think there should be an emphasis on using scanners and other recording devices to be able to capture the past and historical information.</p>
<p>Too expensive Not beneficial enough Make better use of the white monstrosity Monash Building Find a less expensive option</p>



<p>Money would be better spent on other infrastructure and improving current maintenance programs.</p>
<p>The carpark should not be sold. If the council has enough money with the money from the State government rail project, use that to upgrade the library and civic centre, rather than an expensive knocking down and rebuilding the whole thing.</p> <p>The building and design does look fantastic. No doubt it will be a great asset, but can the council really afford this?</p>
<p>Lets face it, it is a very fancy proposal. It seems there are people in the council who like to build a monument for themselves with that proposal. I am convinced there are simpler design options which fit the purpose for library, office space and car parks.</p> <p>Re financing, council proposes it will be entirely funded by two sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The compensation to be paid to Council by the State Government for its compulsory acquisition of Council land and the proposed sale of Council's Central Car Park. <p>What if the compensation and sale of land are well short of the \$110 million?</p>
<p>Can some part of this extra large fund (AUD 110 million) be diverted to DET for uplifting the quality of high schools in Monash?</p> <p>There are no enough number of SELECT High Schools on Monash yet.</p> <p>I think the community in Monash needs good High Schools, even more than having a state-of-the-art (fancy) library and precinct.</p>
<p>I think the funds could be spent on more important things,</p>
<p>Update for sure. But with an appealing design. The drawing above labelled "Active Frontage" is horrendous. There are enough eyesores in Glen Waverley now - The Glen shopping centre facade, and the apartment buildings. The tall buildings block out the sun too.</p> <p>It used to be a nice area.</p>
<p>There is no supporting business case behind this. The investment of \$110M to benefit how many people?What work has been done on the social impact benefits? There are so many things that need to be done around Monash, to concentrate such a spend on one project that will only benefit those that can access it, is just irresponsible. The cost base of \$15,700 a sq meter to build again is just so far off commercial rates on significant builds. This has been poorly presented - it is a sales document with no feasibility to support it.</p>
<p>RESPONSE TO CITY OF MONASH PROPOSED NEW CIVIC PRECINCT</p> <p>My husband and I are both long term, proud residents of Monash. Accordingly, we submit our views on the abovementioned proposal.</p> <p>Our major concerns are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding from the state government, in the form of compensation, may not be forthcoming due to the dire financial position we have been plunged into by the Andrew's government. Further, should the opposition be elected, they have vowed to shelve this ludicrous and costly project. • We suggest that this proposed redevelopment is grandiose and extravagant, especially considering spiralling cost of living. • What is the life expectancy of a physical library, considering the volume of information available "on-line", eBooks and streaming? • We feel that these funds, if available, would be better invested into our roads, drainage, graffiti removal, parks and garden maintenance and sporting facilities. <p>In my opinion, its far too expensive a project for a library and I have no doubt that the final cost will be over the budget. I'm totally in favour of good practical libraries as they provide a very important community service. Its also misleading to say that it wont have any impact on other capital projects, if the monies from the compensation and the sale of the car park weren't spent on this project then these funds would be spent on other perhaps more useful capital projects. This project will only serve very local residents as its highly unlikely residents will travel to GW when they have a closer library to them. Also with many families currently struggling</p>



with the cost of living increases perhaps part of the refunds could have been set off against the recent increase in domestic rates of 3.5%. This %, i believe, was capped so I have no doubt that it would have been higher without the capping.

This project is too expensive and excessive. The main problems you are trying to solve are the outdated state of the Glen Waverley library and its lack of capacity, and the lack of an event space for Council. The solution should be focused on an expanded library rather than additional extras such as a cafe (there are plenty of cafes along Kingsway) and children's play areas (there are other playgrounds elsewhere). Focus on the problem being solved. Perhaps converting the current Council building could be converted into a library. The current library building could be refurbished into office area for staff. Couldn't the current council building be renovated to house a hall?

This would be a more cost effective solution. The current council building is spacious enough to be refurbished into a space similar to the proposed building, likely at a fraction of the proposed cost.

Enclosing the current library area with the circular structure could present issues with insulating the building, and lack of ventilation to prevent spread of diseases.

Would there be enough car parks for the number of people expected in the event space? This may end up with the same issue as the community hall near Clayton station, lack of parking.

Will the new building be made to passive building standards?

Will wood and other materials from the demolished building be reclaimed and re-used in the new build ? e.g. wooden beams, slabs etc.

Huntingdale shop need more parking. Also, it should be shared around to other suburbs.

More housing wood be better then that rubbish

The building is out of place to the surrounds and from observations and discussions appears to be a building that will get hot requiring a lot of a/c

The building is being built to a green star rating and should be built to passive standards meaning it requires a series of measurement and verification steps in place.

Why is this facility needed? can the library be relocated to the council building and a new smaller 2 or 3 story building be put in the footprint of the library

Fiscal restraint is needed when other assests such as MARC require maintenance and upkeep.

Do we need a thaetre at this time when we have done OK without one in the past.

The community feedback was for a bigger library to cater for the rising demand, and NOT for a costly mega project which will remove a vital open car parking space that will add to the urban heat island effects. The attraction of going to the Glen Waverley shopping centre/library for family with children is the relatively ease of finding free parking spaces near shops outside of the Glen Shopping Complex. Less free car parking space outside of The Glen may impact on small businesses away from the complex, leading to reduce diversity of shops and traditional street-based businesses.

In view of the Vic Gov cancelling the Commonwealth Games due to cost, I have absolutely no confidence in the same Gov providing the money promised. Will rate payers end up paying the bill ?? The amount of money spent on the project is outrageous, and need not be!

The Architectural design of the project is one of the ugliest designs for a building I think I have ever seen, and I do not think this design is a good fit for this Precinct.

Hugely expensive, in Glen Waverley again again again again (there are other suburbs in this council!!!!) - would you spend all that money in Oakleigh or Clayton? How do you justify it's location. Also, how do you justify the huge cost, given the cost of living crisis and high rates rises council inflicts on residents? This just doesn't pass the pub test at all, it's going to be huge blight on greed for Glen Waverley if this goes ahead, the legacy of greed will live on

I think the money could be more wisely spent in Monash.

Considering the amount of people who are working and doing their leisure activities without books these days, I



<p>believe that an up grade to the library would be beneficial but \$110M spent and an incredible new facility is just ridiculous. View Monash with ordinary ratepayers eyes and you will certainly see more down to earth ways to spend \$110M that will benefit a lot more people.</p>
<p>funds could be better used to improve roads and footpaths and to redcue rates</p>
<p>High expense and part of the project appears unnecessary. Build what is absolutely necessary eg meeting space for council staff and larger library space, not space for community events.</p>
<p>The money from the land acquisition and car park sale should be spread to all areas of the Council not just Glen Waverley. Local libraries should be upgraded.</p>
<p>firstly while the brochures with rate notices etc try hard to say that it might go ahead ? it seems to me that the council has already made up its mind to go ahead , and is simply trying to sell it with a public awareness campaign via letterboxing brochures etc however the cost is outrageous \$110 million at least ???also we are getting a major part of the funding from the underground loop project ...will that project go ahead ? if not then this project could not ??? the external design is a bad example of architecture it looks poor and does not engage in any way with the existing building ,as for the general purpose ,yes to the carpark, yes for the community spaces and council areas as for the increase to the library areas and usage ..i would question the library content ? as surely libraries as we know them as surely becoming less of a resource as they once were ? as the google internet makes for quick reference rather than getting reference material from a library so for me as a ratepayer of 22 years I would not agree to this project in its present form ..thankyou for reading Harry Oriander 5 Pinoak close Burwood 3125 0499562816</p>
<p>I'm all for improving the facilities but the design doesn't fit in with the landscape nor does it reflect the community. To be honest it looks like a monstrosity. Remove the squiggly lines in the outside and not only would it be more cost-effective but it will blend in better with other buildings in the street and can still be culturally inclusive with indigenous artwork and decor.</p>
<p>The funds could be far better used to support the community.</p>
<p>We cannot support this spending on the library, although this is State Government money it would be better purpose for needy and more meaningful affordable housing. The Monash municipality for it's large catchment surely would have a need for some social housing. An there are other arears in the Council areas other than Glen Waverley, spread the funds out. Robert & Marie Mortensen</p>
<p>I think it is nauseating the amount of money going in to one area/one building/one precinct. Has GW not received enough upgrades and improvements? Why not a humble office place for the council workers and a simple refresh of the library. Have you actually seen other parts of Monash?</p>
<p>Monash roads and infrastructure is in such a bad state. Rather use the money to fix the roads and catch up with outstanding work. This is NOT a priority. Community safety and crime also need to be addressed. We have adequate administrative facilities and libraries.</p>
<p>The "windfall" could be better used to help residents who are struggling, such as a reduction to rates. The library could be updated rather than rebuilt and even an upgrade to council offices which would reduce the cost. The remaining money could be better spent.</p>
<p>It's a waste of money, council better reduce rates and other essential that will help families are struggling cope with the price increase on everything...!!</p>



<p>I think the library should be converted into offices for the Council as well as some public meeting areas. The central carpark should be developed with underground parking levels and the new Civic Precinct built there. It is in the middle of the shopping precinct and the 2 multi story car parks. We could have new shops, open space as well as the library and theatre. A better location for all.</p>
<p>Why is it always Glen Waverley? The greater majority of large projects are spent on Glen Waverley. Do not need such a spend on/next to council offices. Share it with Mt Waverley, Clayton and Oakleigh!!!!</p>
<p>Council has the opportunity to upgrade the existing Library facility for < \$10mill- as well other Council facilities can have a makeover Rates are continually increasing - how about Council sits on the \$110mill (as we all know the final price will be double) and eases the rate increases. What is being proposed is a State Govt responsibility not local council wasting our funds</p>
<p>Current libraries are good enough , and council workers don't need brand new offices. These days noone really attends libraries anyway , apart from toddlers for storytime, or new migrants who need internet connection. Better invest in other things elsewhere, there is enough money Put into suburbs having Waverley in their name.</p>
<p>This does not benefit me as a ratepayer in any way. There is a cost of living crisis- use the money to lessen rates</p>
<p>Design looks creepy with snakes crawling all over it and it seems far too costly. Would rather see a modest update if needed .</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The design is an abomination and an insult to the existing council building designed by Harry Seidel. Even the architects of the Ibis building were sympathetic to the design and built something sympathetic/compatible to the council building. 2. The proposed cost will blow out and will ultimately cost the ratepayers far more than anticipated. 3. This building will cater to a small majority of the population of the City of Monash. It does not serve the communities of Mt Waverley, Syndal, Clayton, Ashwood or Huntingdale. 4. The rationale that the GW library is outdated is a furphy. Mt Waverley library is older and is currently being refurbished (externally to my observations) 5. There seems to be a small group within council that wants to divest the community of the Coleman Pde/Railway Pde/Kingsway carpark. Once sold, this open space will become yet another high rise ghetto which will remove valuable car parking utilized by the patrons of the many restaurants in Kingsway.
<p>There is way too much emphasis on the central location of Glen Waverley. Given this windfall of money, it should be spent across the 4 wards of the Monash municipality; not just one.</p>
<p>Any money received as compensation should be spread equitably within the City of Monash and not solely at Glen Waverley. Other areas in the municipality such as Oakleigh urgently need a new library and community Centre.</p>
<p>Money should be spent on projects that benefit more Mona'sh residents The suburban rail loop will negatively impact Monash residents and compensation should be used in a way to benefit more residents.</p>
<p>Not appropriate project for the council level. The design by the ARM Architecture is too cost- inefficient, expensive, appealing to get first hand attention, and is not suitable for the local council. This design might be OK for the State government project.</p>
<p>This is a significant sim of money and the resource does not need to be this substantial. Surely that money could be better allocated and the library project scaled back.</p>
<p>Cost too much</p>



Spending a windfall \$110M on a single project such as this is just ludicrous! The main benefactors of this scheme are clearly only the nearby residents, whereas other outlying council ward residents would receive almost no benefit at all, and claiming otherwise just does not wash. It would also not be practical for the many schoolchildren in these wards such as Mulgrave and Oakleigh for example to travel to a library in Glen Waverley. How can it be justified to spend this enormous amount of money on a project which is so clearly beneficial almost exclusively to Glen Waverley residents when every Monash resident is clearly morally entitled to their fair share of this money? This proposed project basically means that outlying wards are subsidising a great new library for Glen Waverley.

There are better way to invest these money. A new library is not what the people now except for those who would enjoy a new council office. Deeply disappointing if this goes ahead. This initiative doesn't represent what is needed in the community and is not wanted by residents.

As a rate payer, I believe the funding could be better spent fixing our roads, footpaths, upgrading our public amenities such as parks and gardens. In a tough economic climate you could consider easing rates. Realistically, who uses the library these days. Then the other consideration is parking. Monash's escalation of high density living around the glen and Kingsway what is council doing about parking and congestion overall in the area.

\$110 m for a single space in one location seems very excessive. I recognise that improvements are needed but spending this much money seems ridiculous. Is there a more modest approach?

There is no parking around.
In the moment, the glen charge \$20-30 for parking over 5 hours.
All council parking are time fixed, we always have to move car during meal , in the middle of something.
we need a car park , which is pay as we stay so we can enjoy the facilities with the stress of parking ticket.

The cost is extremely excessive for a new library/community space. I feel Council could still build a new space for far less money.

I believe the money would be better spent elsewhere. Whilst I think it's sad, libraries are no longer utilised the way they used to be, and this trend will continue.

I believe that rebuilding Glen Civic Centre is not a priority in the city's urban planning at the moment. Glen Waverley has always been the most developed and well-equipped area within Monash City. I think investing money in an already affluent area is unfair to residents in other underdeveloped parts of the city. Instead of building a new library, the government should prioritize spending on widening roads, urban cleanliness, and maintaining basic infrastructure, such as streetlights. As a resident who has lived in Monash City for four years, I increasingly feel that there is an imbalance in development between different areas, which is not fair to every council rate payer.

Far too expensive! No problem with upgrading the the existing Library but \$110 million is an absurd amount of money for a council to be spending!

why dont the council fix up the isore corners on Ferntree Gully Road and Jells Road. Both corners opposite the gallertyand opposite the Rogue Squire. The corner across the road from the gallery has been like that for 20+ years. The other corner opposite the Rogue squire is now all boarded up and squaters are staying there. These corners are a priority over the new proposal as this has been like this ugly isore for far too long. Come on council get your priorities right. This new \$110million dollar building at this stage when everyone is suffering with no pay rises and increases interest rates on mortgages and increased rent.

Are you kidding me??... state are not having commonwealth games in Victoria as we have so much debt and you guys want to spend this money???



ABSOLUTELY DONT AGREE. I hope you will be transparent about the number of people who vote NO to this and don't go ahead with it.
Funds can be used for multiple libraries and facilities and not just one
A complete waste of taxpayers' funds. We do not need castles erected for a few only, but improved facilities evenly provided in the area.
Car parking does not reflect the increase usage Children's outdoor lay area so close to Kingsway - child/traffic
The visual design (outside) looks awful!!! Looks like some over grown weed or a building from the 50s. Doesn't look modern or something worthy of the 21st century. Not a building that you can be proud of. Please re-design the look of the building.
We oppose in the strongest possible way, the wastage of this once in a generation windfall revenue on a single project in a single precinct. The opportunity should be taken to use the funds for wider support of infrastructure in the City of Monash. There is far more to the city than Glen Waverley! As an example, we raise the following events of the Positive Ageing Lifestyle Program that are being held in City of Monash libraries: Glen Waverley 9 Oakleigh 5 Clayton 6 (plus 4 in the same building) Whealers Hill 5 Mount Waverley ZERO
Waste of money upgrade what exists
I think they're better things to spend tax payer money on. There is no value in spending hundred million dollars on a nicer, looking Library, which is perfectly functional.
too much money
Would not benefit my community
Waste of funds that could be use for capital works in other areas of Monash council.
Money be better, spent creating something new rather than demolishing, an existing functional building
Council should be using the significant funds to be gained from the states compulsory acquisition of Monash land, for immediate required and significant/delayed works and projects around the city of monash, and not just the civic centre. This is a rare opportunity (once in a lifetime) for council to address monash city service shortcomings and tackle essential and valid community projects which are delayed and also may never 'get off the ground', for maximum benefit for all ratepayers. Council has the rare chance to extract maximum value out of the funding, by using this funding to benefit maximum ratepayers in the community, not just in and around the civic centre (and this is questionable). The proposed project will benefit few, provide little community benefit, apart from those in the high rise apartments and this is even questionable. The project could be considered a 'white elephant' and would only benefit a few at most. Monash council should be ensuring all other major and required works (including essential and recurring works) are delivered before they consider such a large and significant project, and . In fact Monash council should be sticking to ensuring its services are delivered (with projects that deliver clear community benefits) with any wastage minimised. Futher, council should be looking at all other options to cater for council required in-house office space and decrease its footprint on ratepayers to fund. It appears that Monash require further funding to support works,



recurring and project in the community rather than 'office' space. Also with state government now looking to increase its involvement in town planning, there may be less need for council to waste surplus precious funding on this supposed need.

At best council should consider a refurbishment of the library and some minor works only.

The money could be better spent.

Q2. What is the main reason for your answer to this question? [Project]

Contributions from participants who neither support nor oppose the project

What is the main reason for your answer to this question? [Project]

I live in Clayton I no got nothing to do with the Glen Waverley to me is rate pay wasting many

Your proposal was very confusing. You give images of the car parks near Waverley RSL and east of Glen Waverley Railway Station with no proper explanation of what you intend to do with these areas. One would think that you would instead have provided aerial images of where the new complex will be placed. You need to stick to the subject at hand and not confuse readers by providing image locations for other planned projects that have nothing to do with the library development.

You seem to assume everyone knows where the current Glen Waverley Library exists or is prepared to open all the pdfs you provided. However, at no point are you saying you are utilising that piece of land for the development. Anyone looking at this without thinking too much would believe you are relocating the library to the car park west of Waverley RSL and making it part of that new complex.

My husband and I finally worked it out by looking at the planning images hidden under the "Share your Ideas with Images." Why don't you have a tab with the word "Plans?" That would have been more helpful. And by the way, only ONE of these images provided the street names, and I had to go to Google maps to work it out. I then see it will be on the corner of Bogong Avenue and Kingsway to replace the existing library.

It would have been helpful for you to provide that information in your skeleton proposal on this page, so you don't confuse people. You need to make this so easy that a seven-year-old can understand, particularly in such a multicultural area where for many, English is their second language. Dumb it down, people.

As for the building itself, it looks like an ugly birthday cake. I'm not a fan. I think you are planning to spend a lot of our ratepayer money on making a hideous building. I am not opposed to the project itself. It will be great for the community. However, think about how much all these eternal twisty "enhancements" will bump up the price. The dome shape itself is enough. You don't need those ugly, impractical swirls on the outside that do nothing to enhance the look of the structure and, if anything, will impede the view of those looking from the inside out and will probably end up graffitied at some point, creating a future maintenance issue. They are totally unnecessary and will obviously make the structure cost much more than it should.

To sum up –

- 1) Make your page simpler so people understand exactly where you plan to create this structure.
- 2) Remove the image of the car parks you provided for a different development so you don't confuse people.
- 3) Provide an aerial view with the streets showing where it will be constructed – don't hide that under the "Share your Ideas with Images" tab.
- 4) Remove the ugly decoration around the building and save the ratepayers from wasting that money on designers, builders and engineers to create them. You did a similar thing with the Caloola sporting complex with



<p>weird external silver “enhancements” which was totally impractical when money was desperately needed on more important things of which my list is long. Don’t make that same mistake here.</p> <p>5) With the money you save on those ugly external decorations, put it towards something more useful like developing the tennis site on the corner of Atkinson and Timmings Streets, Chadstone to create three more desperately needed tennis courts to extend Oakleigh Tennis Club that is bursting at the seams with members and needs to expand. I can’t find a project the council has funded for the suburb of Chadstone. Here is a good place to start.</p>
<p>The only thing I care about as a member of the community is how you're addressing climate change and conservation. So please replant enough trees to make up for the destruction of the current trees in that area as a result of building this and to offset the costs of construction.</p>
<p>We don't ever use the current facility</p>
<p>it looks like a five year old tried to bake a cake, and then put some random silly icing strocks on its sides. but if this will help to eliminate the hipsters in melbourne eastern suburbs, we'll take one for the team.</p>
<p>While I see the need for the facilities, I am concerned that the design will worsen congestion in the area.</p>
<p>I am supportive of improving the Glen Waverley library and surrounding amenities but am unsure if a development of this scale is necessary and the best use of these funds. I would like to see an assessment of the actual community requirement for this space to support the scale and understand what other infrastructure or community areas within Monash could benefit from part of these funds. My other concern is that this redevelopment would further widen the gap between Glen Waverley and other suburbs within the council given the significant commercial investment that has also gone into the area.</p>
<p>I am concerned the scale and cost of the proposed redevelopment will reinforce a largely centralised and car-dependent dynamic of library and community services and entrench advantage in a historically well-served precinct. I live in north Clayton, do not drive (I am vision impaired) and have to allow 45 mins-1hr travel time to access Clayton or Oakleigh Libraries by foot + bus. Notting Hill and Mackie Rd Neighbourhood Houses, and Mulgrave Library, take much the same time because of the walk involved - they're some distance from a direct bus route. I would commend to you the notion of 20 minute neighbourhoods with a library depot/meeting room at local shopping centres such as M-City, Pinewood, Brandon Park and Huntingdale in addition to your traditional large libraries housing resources of intellectual and social capital.</p>
<p>I don't use this library. I love mine at Wheelers Hill.</p>
<p>Redevelopment of the library site and the sale of the land to state government should not impact the number of car park spaces. The details do not outline the net loss of carparking to the area.</p>
<p>The library facade is not in keeping with the civic centre. This should be redesigned.</p>
<p>It will be good to see the library redeveloped.</p>
<p>i think the size of GW library now is just fine, it's very cozy and comfortable. people here are actually reading and studying. i highly doubt that once the new fancy library is done, there will be more “unrelated” people in it. in additional, the construction could be years, it will majorly affect our lives: parking, noise, and where to borrow a book? in ONE word: THIS BUILDING IS TO FANCY TO BE A LIBRARY and beyond the function of a library. it's nice but totally not worthy and necessary!</p>
<p>Expenditure of \$10 million for this multi purpose building seems to be an extravagance; Council should consider alternatives with a view to substantially lower the cost. In regard to funding, Council will need to ensure that the money from the Suburban Rail Link Project plus from the developer of the carpark will in fact be realised bearing in mind that the SRLP may never be built. (The State</p>



Government has built up massive debt and questions are currently being asked about the viability of this project.)
I think you guys missed point. The most important thing is the contents and resources of the library matter the most not the appearance of the building. Compare the contents and resources between Monash public library and Whitehorse, our library is very poor. That's why I hardly use your library even though I live in Monash council area. It is very disappointed. Frank
I understand your reasoning, however with the increased spending on schools and infrastructure builds of late and over the last few years, do they not have their own resources to rely on. Many schools have their own libraries and auditoriums to cater for their own students. There are many libraries dotted around Monash. With the renting of office space that is a whole different issue and should be done separately from any public civic centre which includes libraries. \$110 million dollars today is and is not a lot of money but i can't help wondering with all the fancy decorations only for visual and not functional how much is that costing and could this be re-imagined and some money going to other urgent public needs. If i am honest i like the idea but i think you are justifying it in a very simplistic way and i am not sure all other avenues have been exhausted to meet the needs you say. Maybe just a little too much group think going on and a little more lateral thinking is required. One other point I want to make the outdoor area looks so predictable. If it goes ahead you should think about having an area that can open up and close to the outside weather permitting. Sitting on benches in the hot sun surrounded by pavers and sparse trees is not very appealing. Finally I would not like ratepayers to be out of pocket for this due to poor management. Thank you for the opportunity to have a say.
Support upgrade of new library development however the external design is not aesthetically pleasing as it looks like an upside down strainer.
I agree that a new library should be built. The added use of office space and community spaces all sound good. However, I would prefer that some cost is saved and used to upgrade other libraries and community spaces in the Oakleigh / Hughesdale area. The Oakleigh library is small, dark and uninviting. There is very little natural light and is not a very nice space. Money could be save on the Glen Waverley build by 1. Change the facade of the building to a less extravagant outer. Nice garden plantings and open window spaces would be adequate. 2. Remove the curved shapes of the building to reduce cost - money to be shared with other libraries in Monash 3. Modify the size of the building so that some of this money could be spent on improving and enlarging the Oakleigh library. 4. Community spaces are virtually non existent in Oakleigh. 5. There is no community centre in Oakleigh.
It is necessary to provide infrastructure judiciously researched for on-going needs.
Don't think it's necessary but also additional civic areas are always beneficial as long as they are maintained properly
It's a pity that giant octopus came from outer space to crawl all over the building and that square box coming out of a building of curves is rather strange.
Unsure about funding and also size of project.
I agree this development would be good for community engagement and builders tenancy, Would also like to see local rate payers moneys going to affordable accommodation as most of the council run places have been sold to private investors. Shall be following the cash flow from this development. Thanks for letting me have my say . Hope this doesn't go into the non response ethos . Regards Ian



<p>The cost of the project is large. All large projects tend to have cost blowouts. Such a large investment in one location comes at the cost of implementing smaller changes, improvements or initiatives throughout the entire municipality.</p>
<p>I agree that the library needs more space, in particular for holding a larger book stock of nonfiction with more depth and retaining fiction written more than 5 years ago. At present wanting to revisit old favorites or read classics is almost impossible, as is reading more than superficially about nonfiction topics.</p> <p>If your image is the proposed design, I am very surprised that, in a warming climate, there is so much glass cladding the building and so much paved outdoor space. I find it extremely ugly.</p>
<p>It's a "Let's Build it and spend \$110 million....and let's hope they will come" approach.</p> <p>First and foremost, I acknowledge the council's efforts to enhance the community's access to education, knowledge, and cultural resources through the development of a library facility.</p> <p>However, I have some reservations about the proposed project, and I believe it is essential to consider the following concerns:</p> <p>Concerns if the Facility is Underutilized:</p> <p>Limited Impact: If the library facility is not adequately utilized, it may not fulfill its intended purpose of benefiting the community. This would result in a missed opportunity to promote literacy, lifelong learning, and community engagement.</p> <p>Waste of Resources: Allocating a significant amount of taxpayer money, approximately \$110 million, towards a facility that might not be fully utilized would be a waste of valuable resources. These funds could be directed towards more pressing community needs and projects that would have a more immediate and tangible impact.</p> <p>Maintenance Costs: An underutilized library facility would still incur ongoing maintenance costs, further burdening the council's budget and potentially diverting funds from other essential services.</p> <p>Lack of Return on Investment: If the facility fails to attract sufficient visitors and community engagement, it may not generate the expected returns on investment, making it difficult to justify the substantial financial commitment.</p> <p>I strongly urge the council to carefully assess the potential impact and cost-effectiveness of the proposed library facility before proceeding with the project. It is vital to ensure that the project aligns with the community's needs and that the allocated funds are utilized in the most effective and beneficial manner possible.</p>
<p>I support a new library and some civic meeting spaces on this site. As for the theatre and external spaces for large gatherings, I'm actually not sure what these are and how often they occur and therefore whether spending on those are justified.</p> <p>I would prefer some of the funds coming Council's way through SRL land acquisition and the sale of carpark to be put into making existing areas in Glen Waverley more appealing visually and more functional. Kingsway and areas around the train station look awful. Mini skyscrapers look awful.</p>
<p>As printed books become less relevant in the digital age it is questionable if it is wise to extend the library. It is also strange that the library is free whereas your other facilities (Aquatic Centre and Golf Course) are quite expensive.</p> <p>I am concerned that you need more space for office space, I suspect that, like many organisations, your staff is increasing without strict budget management. Exploding headcount means increased rates, do you have comparative staffing headcount for the past 5 years say, including temps, contractors and part time?</p>
<p>Its not necessary to this extent. A revamp is great but this feels like a lot. What sort of research/consultation has been done previously to prove that these spaces would be used? From my childhood the library was hardly used</p>
<p>When 'long term'... community proposal plans' are presented to ratepayers, one has to question.....'is feedback genuinely taken on board....or is it just purely a.....formality' by council? Much has evolved over time, in how 'creativity & design' has shaped our suburb, but, as a long term rate payer, I still can't see anything ...'really different or attractive enough in the design'! An absolute 'eyesore' is the exterior of the 'Eureka parking block w what looks like....'pick-up sticks'.....awful! Going past the new Monash Heart Hospital...fantastic for us all.....but shocked once again by the ugliness of the exterior'! Then looking at the proposed Library, Council Rooms</p>



Project.....with a ridiculous 'snaky swirl' on the exterior.....seriously? What on are the architects thinking? This is 'our suburb'.....school could be more creative!

Could not support or oppose until more finished and chosen impressions have been released,

Needs more study/working area

- The library could be upgraded but does it need to be cost this much?
- If this project does go ahead, then should include as much recycled materials and minimise waste.
- I like the idea that you put office space there to save on the rent from the Ibis building
- For the multipurpose community space - does it need to be able to house 500 people. How many events does Monash hold per year that have 500 people attending?

What disruption will this cause to users of the library? Will you set up a pop-up library elsewhere?

I like the proposed design of the new Glen Waverley library and community hub. I oppose funding for the redevelopment with compensation to be paid to Council by the State Government for its compulsory acquisition of Council land.

This question 1. presupposes that the project as it stands in this media release is what is supported or not. As the former Councillor who actually proposed the above-mentioned feasibility study in the first place - in a 2018 motion that Cr Lake proceeded to hijack - I see that the question itself is biased. Note that Cr Lake was [from 2015] pushing to have a 6 storey library on the Central Car Park – using his commissioned Masterplan as the basis for that overdevelopment where he wished to sell / deliver/ give over 4000sq m of the Central Car Park to developers for the build of a couple of high rise apartment towers. The relocation of Office workers currently in the Ibis Ground Floor was suggested by me in my 2018 motion to save up to \$600,000p.a. as this current location includes car parking for the said workers. Since 2020 WFH has changed the way employees work. In addition the State’s takeover of planning from local government makes current staffing levels questionable. An extended less grandiose library rebuild in situ should not require funding from both the SRL compulsory acquisitions AND the sale of the Central Car Park. The expanded Library could be designed within a budget that allows it to be financed via the SRL land acquisitions alone. The Central Car Park sale is unnecessary and would severely disadvantage traders and visitors especially since the SRL is removing 300 car parks for the SRL station precinct. The proposal to sell / or deliver the 7000+sq m Council owned Central Car Park [which was originally purchased with contributions from traders for convenient parking (and previously had a height restriction covenant to ensure it remained at ground level)] - to developers was well publicised as the desire of Cr Lake in the previous two terms of Council. The media timeline on shape Monash conveniently ignores the fact that Council voted AGAINST THE SALE of the Central Car Park and an associated mega Library in 2018. The design of this library would be better suited to a location that one could value the shape and attributes of the building - but it will be squeezed between two buildings - its best aspect is from above. The circular nature lessens versatility. The stair case becomes the hero (as in The Realm Ringwood). Glass facing West will dazzle motorists coming from the west; particularly the suspended room which will get hot and subject to glare particularly in summer.

Asbestos is not a problem when left alone.

Many buildings are useful even if they are 50 years old. One day this design/ build will be 50 years old - shall we assume its use by date will be in the 2070s? At \$110million to \$130 million that's not good economics. The brief to ARM architects should have been we have \$x to spend - design accordingly...not design first and then decide to sell everything leaving no stone unturned. The developers of apartment towers should be forced to provide community spaces and library equivalents to their residents it should not be up to ratepayers to provide living rooms. The school could take more responsibility for after school care which has historically been passed on to library staff. Many students using the existing library await their parents to collect them to take them home to a suburb out of the GWSC school zone...otherwise at 12yrs + they could just go home to study. The 250 car parks are not all deemed for patrons of Library complex and Kingsway - more likely Council staff spaces. There will be a massive deficit in car parking.

Making this site a construction zone for years at the same time as Bogong rebuild and the SRL works and the



Central Car Park - [if its sold] and the Euneva West Multi Deck means construction workers will take over all car parking in the GWAC and neighbouring streets. Add noise, dust ,pollution ,vibrations, contamination, heavy machinery, and traffic mayhem - the result will be economic doom for traders. The Council will have contributed to the state government's misguided SRL plans to ensure the complete destruction of a vibrant GWAC.

There are other suburbs in Monash than just Glen Waverley! What about Mulgrave or Wheelers Hill, instead of all the Aged Care facilities & Freeways, build something in the area that people will use. The traffic getting to GW from Mulgrave is already a nightmare on a good day.

I think Monash is in desperate need of a "big" performing arts centre (not just a library with a community hall).

The emphasis should be on a large performing arts auditorium rather than a library. All our adjacent municipalities have performing art centres, including Boroondara, Whitehorse, Knox, Greater Dandenong, Manningham, Maroondah, Casey, Glen Eira, Kingston and Frankston. Monash has a couple of tiny halls. (We can't take claim for Robert Blackwood Hall as that is for Monash University).

I agree that the Library needs an upgrade and that the refresh will be good for users of the space. However the scale and amount seems excessive as there are a number of other community spaces and groups that may be affected by this and could benefit from some money being invested in them. i.e if Council runs large scale indoor community events, other organisations may lose income from rental or may have to compete with these events.

Whilst this is an admirable solution to problems such as parking and meeting rooms, library reforms generally seem to happen at Glen Waverley whilst the other libraries are put into the Cinderella basket and forgotten about.

The most exciting thing to happen at Mount Waverley for instance is the construction of new toilets! The branch libraries need to have attention paid to them.

Do not proceed with this project until money from Government is in the bank. The Govt is broke.

Utilizing more than \$110 million dollars is too excessive. Renovate and upgrade building and spaces however work better and utilise less funds! Especially when there are public schools, teachers, public hospitals and other areas that need more attention in our local area.

A new library and office space is required in town waverly, but it would be better for everyone in Monash if the funds from the SRL were spread around the council instead of being spent in just one place all at once.

I also have concerns of a project of this scale running over budget.

The proposed civic precinct project has merit though it is unlikely I will use it. My main concern is the funding plan.

I think that this is an opportunity for thinking on a grander scale. I also wonder what plans there are for the development of the central car park once it is sold. I fear that it will become a high-rise development.

It seems like a lot of money for just one suburb space. Your council covers more than just glen waverley area.

I think the library needs updating, car parking is an issue. It's a lot of money to spend on this project though, surely it could be downsized a bit and money spent on other necessary projects too. I'm a long time resident of Waverley but do not use the library due to the parking. I love the Wheelers Hill library but the selection of books there are limited.

The idea to develop new library and community events and meeting space is good. However spend \$110M just to build three levels building is far too expensive. The design is ugly and expensive to build, for example, the protruded middle hanging portion are expensive to build and not much use, also ugly appearance. The metal patterned frame outside decoration is very ugly and also waste money and expensive to maintain in future as



well. The metal frame decoration make the building look like a jail and inside people look like rope fastened on them. The middle is hollow, waste space and more cost to build.
To spend \$110M that much money should build a better designed building and facility.

Q3. Are there any current community needs or gaps that this project could address?

It is great for council residents in Glen Waverley, what about the rest of the LGA? How does this project benefit everyone in the LGA including those that live in Ashwood or Chadstone?

110m is way too much

- opening sport facilities for young people and attract them by providing them a free access to the facility and equipment , Tennis court , badminton, mini golf, soccer, Chess,..

-Stephensons Road, corner of Caterine Avenue and Hardner Road, desperately needs a traffic light.

Many school students cross the road to reach the bus station while cars are passing with 60 K. Also, there is a newly opened childcare nearby, so mums and young children are crossing the road and putting themselves at risk.

- more parking spaces around train stations
- better roads and pathways within Monash areas
- road maintance within streets , too many holes and pumps
- Maintaining local parks
- Maintaining local trees , trimming ,edging, ... in many streets
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Mentioned above

Clayton library uplift.

Clayton Rd shops, near Clayton station uplift.

Yes lack of community feeling and community programs at the current library. Lack of arts and culture

If councillors actually spent time talking to people in their wards, they would find out!!! The only time one hears directly from councillors is when election time comes around and the message these councillors deliver are nothing better than motherhood statements. How about demonstrating some actual civic leadership and seek people's opinions face-to-face? The councillors may be surprised.

Car parking is not addressed and should be. The limited spaces isn;t enough.

Library's are a waste of time . I haven't used a library since I have had the internet.

Provision of public event gathering areas and meeting spaces.

As for the external aesthetic design of this proposal, I am in a quandary as to the designer's guiding principle to have this un-functional spaghetti coverings on an expensive structural support framework, which does nothing to provide thermal control sunshading, nor design compatibility with the adjoining integral 'Seidler' designed Council Offices.

open space for volunteer run program

This build reminds me of the new Springvale Library, which is cool and epic. But, it is so noisy there, the sound reverberates throughout the whole building and you can hear a conversation going from the second floor! Please consider implementing noise cancelling foam panels or other preventive measures to keep noise at a minimum.

Parking and traffic

no specifics. I look for development under the councils remit, both public and private that promotes use of the rail services

This sale of these assets should be used to address crumbling infrastructure and other assets around Monash not just Glen Waverley. This is a pure white elephant of a project.

Homelessness

more space inside the library. For studying and also for library events



Upgrade of footpaths, outside of Glen Waverley
Yes....carparks. community consultation has been bypassed.
Outdoor parks and urban forests will be of more value for long term sustainability and generations. Think about regenerative design space. The design concept proposed will detract natural wildlife and add to more pollution. In 50 years it will be knocked down again.
Rather than wasting \$110 million of money that should go to the ratepayers of the entire Council area, you are concentrating it on one small section. If you want to save money on renting out a hotel for office space, why don't you rent some actual office space in the vicinity. Better still, allow some workers to work from home (as seems to be the case for most administrative workplaces). That way you would not need the extra office space, saving ratepayers \$400,00.00 per year. Perhaps the windfall gains Monash will get from the compulsory acquisition of Council land could be used for reducing rates, improving waste collections services, such as returning to a weekly general garbage collection. Perhaps it could be used to better our roads with more frequent and widespread road repairs. Some money could be used to help services for the needy such as Meals on Wheels. Whilst you are at saving money, perhaps less could be spent on overseas junkets by Councillors who think they have the right to use ratepayers' money as they wish. More money could be spent maintaining the walkways and bikeways of the municipality. Scotchman's creek walk could do with quite a bit of weeding and the introduction of lighting would be welcome along its entire length.
Multilingual facilities
Some more nature like more trees, flowers, plants etc and outdoor spaces for reading, presentations, sports, committees and chat areas.
a small outdoor basket ball or table tennis playing area
I won't use it and don't want a cent spent on it.
I believe there should be less stairs and more ramps.
Your aging population needs easy access to entertainment precincts.
I believe the theatre should have ramps like The Robert Blackwood Hall at Monash Uni.
Needs of people outside Glen Waverley.
quiet study spaces important as a balance to other library areas - importance of access to meeting rooms to be open to students during peak study time - not just for income from hirers.
Importance that Children's areas are accessible for parents with prams etc - preferably ground floor
The \$110,000,000 could be used to upgrade all libraries in the City rather than improve one in Glen Waverley.
It would be nice to have some greenery a bit of parks and open spaces around the area as well
it would be great to have a MakerSpace style area that has hands-on activities to expand the community offerings
What about Oakleigh, what about the less well off in the council area? What about support programs??
Seek and ye shall find!
More electric car charging stations.
Bike friendliness, I would like to get around by bike and providing sheltered bike parking would be nice.
Meeting rooms for 5 or 6, sometimes 10-15 meet meet to discuss things for a group meeting.
Working, straight women who do not have access to facilities, programs etc in the community due to working during the day.
Too much red tape to run activities.
I can only speak about Oakleigh as I do not travel to Glen Waverley. Cleaning the graffiti from all of the city.
Spending more on sporting grounds which would assist the men, women and children of the city. More employees to assist in cleaning the city. More to be spent on footpaths. Better parks. Spend on the requests that people have been asking for years.
I don't think a 500 seat meeting room is necessary but instead more smaller rooms for playgroups, english classes, mum's groups.



Meeting rooms for business and leisure groups. It would be great to make the library a true community hub and foster greater collaboration and connectedness across all the different sectors of our community.
the teenagers need their own space in the library
Yes, getting cars out of Kingsway, and creating a sensible traffic flow around the area.
There are many various not-for-profit community groups in crafts, board games etc Will you be able to offer free or very low-cost use of the facility for this purpose?
There's a huge need for performance space in Monash eg for concerts and drama performances. The Clayton CC is already in very heavy demand. Are there plans for lighting design for such uses? If not, could this be considered?
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Open spaces and places to sit & be without the need to purchase a coffee, etc
Not unless it can provide more roads , schools, trains or hospitals.
Upgraded community spaces for hire with more outdoor areas such as Burnley Backyard
we don't need new library!
Kingsway should be pedestrianised because there are very few parking spaces there anyway. Keep a few disabled spaces and loading bays. Turn the rest of Kingsway into a Piazza.
Spaces for community groups to meet.
Kindergartens
More public shade and seating outside, preferable plants or at least stormwater friendly rather than large flat concrete looking spaces above.
the main challenges that local community is dealing with is the ridiculous cost of living around the area and massive rise of entertainment / restaurant costs around kingsway area. when you add the bigger issue of unaffordable real estate in the glen waverley area, the next generation has no chance of maintaining themselves locally.
this volcano cake project is not going to tackle any of these local community issues unfortunately.
if making glen waverley out of reach is the aim, then this one succussed beyond expectations!
Meeting rooms for U3A
We need a community space like Whitehorse-Manningham has at Nunawading for activities such as U3A.
Traffic in the area is terrible, and the current design appears to only facilitate arrival by car from most directions. It's crucial for the exterior planning to address infrastructure that makes it safe for *children* to walk and and cycle to these resources. Where are the safe crossings for pedestrians? Where are links to current cycle paths/lanes? They aren't there along three of the sides of the development, so far as I can see.
Right now, we live somewhere where it is easier to walk to the library than drive, but lack of safe crossings (where cars must give way to pedestrians) make it very difficult with young children.
Further digging into car-centric design immediately adjacent to new transit infrastructure is short-sighted and will make the entire vicinity less useful. I strongly encourage the planning committee to consider reducing the above-ground parking areas and adding protected crossings with lights for pedestrians and clear cycle ways with sufficient cycle parking.
Should include more carpark space then this plan. Add an indoor tennis court facility.
Add a bus station hub and more bus routes so commuters can access via public transport.
Increased car spaces in the civic precinct should be a high priority when planning new developments.
Library and other facilities must have soundproofing acoustic insulation
- Students at Monash high schools, notably the Glen Waverley Secondary College, often cannot use the current public library due to overcrowding and lack of private/quiet spaces
- Lack of local maker spaces and 3D printing laboratories
Yes, please address spreading the funds to improve facility in other areas of Monash instead of Glen Waverley which is becoming too congested



More parking spaces and better traffic flow around the area
A renewed library facility is fine, but loss of open space is a scandal...especially as it will bring loss of nature and it's environment.
not sure, maybe hot meals and beds for the homeless.
I know it sounds silly - but will there be spaces in the library that charge laptops and phones? Not just the rare powerpoint somewhere.
Will there be the opportunity for community groups to book spaces for meetings or social group get-togethers?
Is the prayer room big enough? I would not know how much space is needed, or if two rooms are needed (one for males, one for females?) would the genders prefer to pray separately?
I see the toilets look gender-neutral - what did your research say on that with the attitudes in Monash? It works for me - but does it work for everyone?
Generally speaking kids need a "third place". They have a home, they have a school (adults often have work).
Many kids will have a third place is that is a relatives, grandparents, after school care, friends place etc.
However I feel these are not community minded places. A "third place" that pre-teens and teenagers can go to that is engaging and safe is important. If they accidentally learn something, all the better.
Free car parking centrally located.
Parking in the area is bad enough already, how is this project going to make coming to the visit the area more attractive to people from Monash that don't live in the immediate area?
With libraries in surrounding suburbs, why doesn't the council use some of the windfall to update the library at a more modest cost, and reinvest that money into creating outdoor enclosed play spaces with multi-sport options. For example, a fenced off basketball court with soccer goal cages. I've seen this done outside Dandenong Station, in Aspendale Gardens, and it gives the kids something to do and gather around.
The community needs more outdoor sheltered areas. Nothing too complicated, just areas, maybe with some tables and chairs, with shelter or shade from rain and harsh sun. Not too different to what is currently out the front of the library's main entrance, just with bigger tables and a more substantial shade. I believe the library is a great place to have this kind of an area due to its location.
- There are other suburbs within Monash which need something of a 'hub' or precinct of its own to benefit those small business and local residents.
- Halls and facilities outside of Glen Waverley can do with extra parking, maintenance, upgrade
- Residents outside of Glen Waverley can benefit from more accessible facilities closer to them and avoid coming into the congested and overdeveloped GW precinct
- \$110 million should be invested, and the returns used to improve existing facilities, infrastructure and offset increasing council rates
Promote more green and sustainability in the project
More discerning for students to study at the library. Usually no find place to sit during weekdays
Happy with library expansion, and additional parking.maybe something else too. But not office
Ensure there are areas in library for working - both quiet space and for joining on virtual meetings
Need for more community meeting places in the area.
Dedicated area for teenagers to gather after school.
More study spaces for the community
More communal space
More space for kids and students
Meeting spaces
More parking space as 2 large blocks of parking space will be occupied (sold or used).
Private discussion room for library user to book for private study from 2 occupants to 6? More rooms for students to book for private study and community who want a quiet space
Multicultural hubs, study spaces for children and digital skills learning spaces
Might be nice to reduce council rates, or subsidize some of the council service charges...



A playground indoors and outdoors
maybe the car park?
A space for toddlers to play and parents to hang out as well as a space for older people to socialise.
Perhaps an ESL centre
There should be a cafe managed by the council inside the library with a beautiful view of swans swimming in the pond outside the library. I have seen such views in some libraries in the US . It's a pleasure reading with such views.
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Not that I know of - build and the uses will arise.
Space for author talks or to promote local authors
I'm concerned the focus on this project will worsen gaps in service elsewhere in the municipality and not align with best practice in urban design which is moving towards active transport and local resourcing/provisioning at neighbourhood scale
The project sounds like it hits a lot of the needs already. The gap that I personally experience is how small the library is and I would love to see it expanded!
Parent rooms (feeding and change)
The design is way too elaborate and expensive, and in these fiscally difficult times this issue needs to be addressed.
This project? NO
Have greater services to feed and house the needy or disabled or even though doing tough.
Enable re-cycling goods, get your recycling right!
Need updated library books with availability for the children of Glen Waverley. The library books are just as old as the library. The moonee valley library where I used to live has better more updated books
I normally put them on reserve and wait- with the number of children in the area it is important the books get an upgrade
community veggie garden, sustainability
Parking
Car parking for free
Also. More study spaces with free wifi and tables, quiet area to read and spend indoors on a rainy day
The new library and community hub should be open later in the evenings, particularly on weekends, to give more non-commercial options for people, especially young people, to meet or relax, and make the most out of the investment in the new infrastructure.
Is there any meaning behind the design? I went to the city of Casey council and their building was designed like an eagle and had some meaning behind it. Does this design have that indigenous background to it?
More indoor community event space would be desirable. Particularly for monash library school holiday programs.
Please see Chatswood library as an example of multi-use space.
Sustainability needs to be the number 1 priority. There is no point in building it if it isn't in line with the council strategy. I hope the Sustainability team is heavily involved to make sure the building is net zero, better yet, carbon negative!!
Great to hear about bicycle enclosures. There should be great end of trip facilities for staff to encourage cycling to work.
Switch to e-library cards. They are so wasteful! Keeping physical cards only for those that truly need them.
Would love more seating in the outdoor area outside the library as an outdoor community gathering space. Trees and greenery would make it even more inviting. Good place to sit and read a book on a nice day or to have a chat with friends or eat a picnic lunch with your kids after going to the library.



YES. look at the area near station and shops. how dirty is that area. so congested and eye sour. and on top of that build apartments to please certain people.
More computers & printing facilities people could access
ART!! It is a time of struggle for a lot and definitely for artists!! Help them and provide rotating free spaces to hang art and promote their work!!
Parking that could be a need that needs to be carefully considered and not paid so all community can go to the library
Performance space for community theatre and choral groups
Again No thanks - VIC are in massive debt already !! Stop spending tax payer money!!! Come up with something that will help reduce the rate & help family in the area now. We are all struggling enough with high cost of living already !!
this is key project to bring propel of multi cultural and multi racial community together to be active and stronger and effective.
A squash court
Which way do the major windows face? In an era of rapidly worsening anthropogenic climate change, the most important thing about this new building is that its future operation needs to be carbon neutral. Are all windows double glazed? Are there substantial well-designed window protection shades to allow in maximum winter sun to passively heat the building, and to prevent summer sun heating it. Are there well-designed pergolas on the west and east sides of the building to carry deciduous vines to shade those windows? If the answer to any of these questions is "no", or "not sure", then the entire design needs to be scrapped and begun again. Anything else is criminal activity against our descendants.
I would like to see rooms available for local U3A groups to meet and have classes.
I think the proposed library floor area can be much less than what it is. (4 times the current library is too much) All the books are going online and I cannot see the usability of this floor area in the future - say in 20 years. Number of car parks proposed (250) is going to be a drop in the ocean. It is very hard to find a parking spot around this area and imagine when the new building is operating its going to be chaotic. Further more you are selling the central car park so it will make this even worse.
So I propose to reduce the library floor area and increase the number of parking lots.
larger library with more facilities for children - from babies (more storytime in diverse languages - not everyone is chinese), students - free tuition/help for kids who are struggling at public schools, older people - more assistance with jobseeker, assistance with emergency accommodation, food vouchers, soup kitchen etc. a one-stop shop if you like.
There needs to be a huge emphasis on indigenous/first nations people. The library/precinct should all be named and themed throughout with an indigenous flavour. In Monash, no one cares about our first nations - they cant see past their teslas. so we need to make a great stand, so at least a conversation is started among locals. "what's that name?" "why is the building shaped like a goanna?" otherwise, like everything else in monash, it will turn into a suburb of beijing.
As above, provide meeting rooms to groups other than Council.
The library is definitely in need of an upgrade but I would be aiming for a less ambitious project
Yes. Small businesses such as activity groups or exercise classes are struggling to fund spaces at reasonable prices. They charge the community so little to run classes yet need to pay for a venue.
You need free bookable venues big enough for these groups.
a study space (silent and social)
Child minding area for parents who are visiting a community function, where it is not appropriate to bring little children.
Make the project smaller and use the funds for other purposes such as reducing costs for ratepayers or using the funds for other more urgent projects.
More health care services
Not aware of any - maybe gone too ambitious.



Can you assign a staff to have a check how dirty and messy it is on Lerina Place Wheelers Hill? The construction ruined the environment!
Most important is the car parking to accompany the increase in footprints. It's a nightmare looking for free parking in the area currently
There should be opportunities to join .e.g., online book clubs, in Australia and overseas, to enable discussion, via Zoom or Skype. As I see it, this is one of the great benefits conferred by online technology: it enables discussion, and interaction, in real time.//Online resources would also promote greater understanding of the world and its people, by giving everybody the opportunity to explore vast fields of knowledge, in an interactive way.
There are always things for Councils to do so it is important that Council spends its money wisely eg Council could embark on a program to progressively remove gum trees that line declared main roads like Waverley Road and replace them with suitable trees (assuming they can be found) that don't interfere with electricity power lines and which don't become a hazard for motor traffic as they mature.
More council facilities - a proper recreation centre for example, in Oakleigh or Clayton.
I have none that I require or can think of. I believe most schools / communities can address their own needs due to all the funding they have received over the years and the building programs that have happened.
I don't believe we have or are utilizing all of our existing resources for community needs.
Use the funds from the State Government to reduce the Monash rates over coming years
The design is ridiculous over the top extravagant and ugly and unappealing making money for someone at the expense of others being rate payers and tax payers
There needs to be more community halls/rooms, small and big for special functions, associations meetings, group meetings or community meetings or etc. I see community meetings but doesnt state how many rooms there will be.. only can see 1 massive 500 seater hall.
This rooms/hall could be for rent which could add additional income to council. If we are going to make it better, lets make it great.
and more parking spaces..
In the overall picture, No.
hope the new space includes a children's play area suitable for toddlers and preschoolers. There are not enough indoor community spaces for the 2-5 age group and I'd love to see the new library space include this
Certainly, stop paying rent for office space and make improvements on the present space.
Parking and access for elderly/disabled shouldn't be overlooked
More break out spaces for small groups classes like chess or knitting or foreign language learning and a closed up room for children activities like singing and dancing (noisy) , located away from reading spaces (quiet) .
The community needs more function rooms for hire.
Looks very good, I think council office space could be smaller.
Something that should be enhanced in the design is more alfresco spaces. Our climate and greater awareness of seasonal infections warrants more natural light and air at public gatherings. Blending the indoor with the outdoor are both surprising and inviting.
I would like to see a cafe included in this proposal, perhaps similar to the one which operates in conjunction with the Monash Art Gallery in Wheelers Hill
If there's just a space for private study, like private booths, that would be amazing. Since there are kids around, when you want to try reading or just do your own work, it can get a bit distracting.
For the 500-seat hall ,there could be a projector at the front. If that area is for presentations, it would be a good idea to have a big screen, so the audience can see.
An theatre similar to the one at Clayton Library
I think it should be made possible to cut through towards the traffics lights at the Ibis corner, leading into the small neighbourhood streets. We should encourage people to walk, and it is currently most logical to avoid the big street by walking from the station along the shopping street, cut through the square in front of the library,



then dare your way through the shady path between library and parking garage entry and then go downhill to the street light. If that vanishes, pedestrian traffic is impacted.
Parking
Mulgrave please. No public facility at all!
The design is perfect
Fixing roads
We could use the additional funding for other projects
Definitely a better library and better parking.
Parking has always been the main issue in Glen Waverley Kingsway area. Local residents get put off from visiting the area as other suburbs' residents / visitors have already occupied the parking spots. The local have no choice to go to Chadstone, Forrest Hill and other surrounding shopping areas.
Not sure how old the Civic centre is, but I wonder if it would cheaper in the long run to demolish the whole lot and build a whole new facility similar to what Dandenong Council did.
Library service
I don't use any services in Glen Waverley as I reside in Mulgrave.
Stroller walking
Being able to hire out the area after the library closes for functions would be a great way of generating revenue for the council. To that end it would also need a kitchen facility and quite frankly more parking. As with the closing of both the car parks noted parking in the area will be stretched to the limit once again
Will there be facilities for access to this precinct for cyclists? i.e. will there be a cycle/shared path that will take you there, with places to secure the bikes?
The new library seems big so there will be more books.
More free public parking please, in and around the library - the area is already so difficult to get parking in, both during the day and into the evening/night
There is a current gap that there is no central square for residents in Glen Waverley. Conversion of the library space to a central square will greatly enhance the liveability and useability of Kingsway while improving aesthetics.
The entire Monash community needs more accessible council offices which the new location would provide along with road, rail, and bus access. The business community would also have improved access along with students.
A new office building in the Notting Hill could be custom designed to fit councils needs for the next 50 years while the current location is old, not big enough, and unsuitable.
I don't think the library space, nor building space for community and meetings is lacking today and I feel it is being proposed as a selling point to the public to get the nod from the common man.
I'm sure there are several
None or little. We are living in the digital age, no one goes to library.
Adequate carpark space around glen Waverley CBD
Like any large space where large numbers of people gather, an improved VISIBLE Police presence must serve to reassure public of their safety.
It's more important for what's inside the library. The architect seems to be too eager to impress. There surely could be an appealing appropriate design that doesn't have to be that extravagant.
It appears that my council rates are not enough. Drive around the Glen Waverley garden inspired suburb and witness some 'shabby' looking streets. The green corridor is disappearing and the vegetation overlay has gone. Clean up Kings Way, clean up the streets and parks.
Aged care



Groups always need space for activities, especially the seniors . . The Hub built by whitehorse council in nunawading is fully utilised n appreciated.
Meeting space and study areas. More, even just casual reading areas when students have occupied all the available spots
I'm hoping there will spaces for different age groups so it will keep people coming throughout their different stages of life
The road is already overflowing, having to meet community needs in the location makes it questionable
I am a committee member of the council supported Monash Chorale, a community choir performing predominantly classical music at various venues around the Monash area. We receive council grants each year to go towards venue hire, usually churches, as there is no performing arts space within the council area suitable for large music events. Musician friends play in the Monash Concert Band, also Monash council supported. This band also receives grants for venue hire. I mention these musical organisations to point out a glaring need for a performing arts space, which could be rectified by making the meeting hall space in the proposed building a multi-purpose performance space, with a stage, preferably with collapsable/storable risers for a choir/band, a proscenium, lighting facilities over the stage, etc. I'm sure there would be many more music, theatre and dance groups within Monash who would also like to have access to a dedicated performing arts space.
I couldn't see from the on-line design images whether there was more than one meeting hall space. I would hope that there are various halls/spaces of various sizes, or there is the capability of creating many different size spaces from that large space.
I recently went to Bunjil Place in Narre Warren for a theatre performance and could see how well this building works for bringing people to the area, for supporting high quality theatre and music, and providing council offices too.
There's only one glaring issue and that is parking, which is dominantly the whole problem of Glen Waverley. Purpose built car parking is there but for seniors it is too far to walk and maybe a safety issue. This is one of the reasons most of my peers avoid GW like the plague
Yes but I am not convinced other solutions have been tried or considered. Nor do I think it is fair the money from the land sale should benefit just one area of Monash.
A performance space.
A social enterprise/meeting point where individuals who might be experiencing loneliness might meet and engage in communal activities.
Restriction of high rise developments that will change the nature of the suburb,
Aesthetically.. it's embarrassing. It's an architectural eyesore and fail.
I do not like the outside appearance. Concerned that it will be functional. Hope that design considers function over form! Make sure that it has space to accommodate resources already provided and that people who work in the building are given opportunity to give feedback throughout design process.
You have gone overboard.
The community will like you to reduce the number of your staff so that you dont spend \$400,000/year to hire extra office space. Reduce your gigantic needs.
Limited toilets
No gender neutral toilets
Limited plants
More use of space for studying and socialising
A large community theatre/hall and a library that is modern and fit for purpose.
better library facilities
community meeting space
Perhaps a large useable theatre/ auditorium which we lack in Monash.
The need for a space that can be adapted for community gatherings, but likewise, musical and other arts performances for audiences of up to 200 would be just wonderful. Thank you, thank you, thank you! I like the look of the tiered seating in the pamphlet visual. Tiered seating can be retractable so that the space is flexible, but for concerts, this is perfect! There may be community or organisation presentations, that would require appropriate audio visual capacity for example. These facilities do not have to be expensive these days. There is



therefore a need not only to think of the ways in which this large space can be flexibly fashioned into smaller spaces, but also to think about acoustics - sound dampening to the outside and between spaces, but resonance for a large open space. (Sorry, people only think with their eyes - even at the Opera House! Better now.) And for this space to be aesthetically pleasing, rather than just a cold, lifeless rectangle would make it enticing for so many. Again, the image in the brochure looks fantastic.

Having enough spaces to not have council requiring to hire external venues is also highly advantageous logistically and financially.

The large space could be rented out for all kinds of activities so that money is coming back to upkeep, so that it is self-sustaining.

It is non-essential and is unnecessary, particularly in this difficult financial climate.

The proposed design looks like it would address many current gaps with providing community spaces for groups to meet including cultural groups, history or special interest groups. Community sport or school presentations. Meeting rooms for student or collaborative work, quiet areas, areas for kids and families. Another area needed could be tech - 3D printing and even sewing machines. I think Docklands library has sewing machines. Areas for school kid tutoring sessions, teaching adults IT. Traditional library services. Areas for people to work with working from home.

Jells Park - Need to replace viewing platforms

It looks great

New rsl

We are overloaded with aboriginal stuff, how about focusing on celebrating the rest of the population - we are a very multicultural council but I've never seen anything celebrating the large contingent of Europeans, Indians, or those who made this all possible the Brits!

I am concerned that as big project obviously a lot of disruption will happen to normal functioning. One of the greatest areas of concerns is lack of parking space during peak hours. If the central car park is sold off a lot of car park will be taken off. In addition due to construction work a lot of traffic disruption is forecasted. How is the council addressing this issues? Where will be the traffic and car park be diverted. Is there any option of using an alternative parking and using shuttle buses during the interim period.

Mount Waverley lacks a proper bicycle trail

Fix the roads!

There are ample community needs that the money proposed for this project could be spent on right across Monash, not just on one project. There is no need to build a civic hall or office space - these already exist in Monash. We need to build things we don't have in Monash, such as early child hubs, quality playground upgrades and investment in our green spaces.

I can't think of any but this development seems so over the top for this area. Surely the money can be better spent elsewhere.

DONT BUILD IT, NO ONE CARES ABOUT THE LIBRARY. HOW ABOUT DOING SOME SMART MULTI-USE DEVELOPMENTS AROUND THE STATION WITH THE STATE GOVERNMENT???

space for events that are income producing like Casey council at less cost

Affordable accommodation

Make every council area a precinct. Glen already has enough

Have only been a resident for a short time, so not really able to comment

A bigger space means that there needs to be enough resources (giving a higher budget to the book, DVD, game catalogues, etc.) to also fill those spaces otherwise it'll be just be empty space.

I think there needs to be more creative ways to engage with the arts in the Monash area as a whole. I did appreciate the mention of a studio/ makerspace/children's or youth space in the proposal. However, I'm not sure having a central space where everything is in one location fits that need appropriately. Spaces can be underutilised and even the current proposal might be a lazy solution in having this one civic area to fit all these



different activities when it might not be a space issue but a promotion/ support of local artists that's apart of the issue. The proposal of one size fits all might not work well when there should be dedicated spaces and also the staffing/ learning opportunities/programs to make this happen.
Glen Waverley Civic Precinct is overly crowded. Council should consider using the funds for other locations.
Arts, crafts , engagement at a central hub for GW.
The design is way over the top. Totally unnecessary.
The community doesn't need the external facade to look like aboriginal art.
U3A Highvale Inc. has always been envious of how well U3A Nunawading Inc. is catered for with a Nunawading Community Hub provided by Whitehorse City Council. It forms one of the larger groups that make up the dynamic hub community. Likewise U3A Waverley Inc. is able to make good use of the Batesford Community Hub. The venue is able to house all of the U3A classes. U3A Highvale Inc. is a poor cousin of our neighbouring U3As, which hopefully will be ratified with the proposed project.
It needs more children play area/playground (indoor and outdoor)
The entire site should be all ability friendly. Suggestions include;
Parent rooms to toilet children
Breastfeeding rooms
Wheelchair accessible
Deaf and blind accessible
Nuerodivergent accessible eg autism friendly areas with reduced lighting and sound
Elderly accessible
Celebrate the cultural diversity in the local area
The plan is lacking greenery. Why so much cement outside in what could be a wildlife corridor? (See Monash Gardens for Wildlife.)
None what so ever
Community meeting spaces.
The MWCIS, at Mt Waverley needs more space, a new design to ensure the safety of the volunteers eg another exit, as well as the comfort of our clients. Volunteers need more interview rooms, a space for an op shop and a coffee shop for clients with seating and awnings to protect them as they wait. This could be set up in the new GWav structures.
Yes, instead
Study spaces for students that are open till later hours, water fountains, sports area.
It may offer some phone charging stations and fast internet access hot spots as well as cafe areas
The redevelopment of the library precinct should include
A. Technology hub - computers with people who can assist - internet access, genealogy study, research, participation
B. Parking - must be adequate and safe (this is for the whole precinct
C.. "classrooms" that can offer learning classes similar to neighbourhood house classes. These could also facilitate special learning and participation for elderly groups, disabled, youth groups, new parent groups, those new to Australia or those isolated or LBGQT. Classes like learning English, learning skills, networking, socialising, group therapy, womens gathering and support including business women network/mentoring, etc.... These classrooms could be available to hire/rent/book for approved activity and audience. Quite a number of groups could really utilise a space like this. Monash can be a leader in their offering to the local community
D Maybe rooms to hire for personal events
E adequate catering and a choice of cafe to sit at
F love to see local art from schools so the schools can have excursions, awards, etc... particularly since we need children to achieve success and pride in completion of work and display of it.
G consideration for all year round access under cover or out of the elements (hard to take ppl in wheelchairs through rain)....
H ability to observe our many celebrated public holidays and observances celebrated by our communities - festivals, RSL, Christmas, et....



I. I really am sad to see skills like crotchet, knitting, cooking being a lost art. Perhaps Monash can look at having a show like the Royal Melb show where residents might enter jams, preserves, hand craft for awards like a mini show. This could be developed with lessons to those wishing to learn how to make the above or other categories.
Lots of ideas and i hope these are useful

Suitable event & meeting spaces esp for community or charity groups.

No? It expands a library that few people even use. I don't believe that is because of the size, style, or structure of the existing library, people have amazon for books and a phone for internet. They don't need or use libraries in general.

Community needs listed above.

There is a need for more community space that includes youth of all backgrounds and interests. We need to care for green spaces better and we need better social behaviour. None of those are addressed by this showy project. It only shows corruption.

Your over investing in one part of Monash and grossly underinvesting in others.

This feels like a question geared to creating extra justification supporting the project.

Better Use of Funds Elsewhere:
Community Initiatives: Redirecting a portion of the proposed budget towards community initiatives could have a broader and more direct impact on promoting education within the community.
Infrastructure Upgrades: Investing in improving existing community infrastructure, such as additional carparking, recreational facilities, parks, or public transportation, would benefit a larger segment of the population and enhance overall quality of life.
Social Services: Allocating funds towards social services, mental health programs, or affordable housing projects would address pressing community needs and improve the well-being of residents.

allowing space for groups to meet up, having a games area

Meeting rooms in the library for community groups to use

See above re need for community spaces in Oakleigh.

a good Project management and cover all aspects of risks

Being a place where live music or small theatre could also be enjoyed with food trucks or temporary events would be really fantastic.

Short Term 'High Quality Meeting Rooms' to help conduct Business.

Book clubs, a French book club would be great

There is some specific feedback in my attached PDF.

I think enough \$ has been spent in GW and more should be spent elsewhere. Less to more kind of thing (ie mount wav library def needs updating)

The library is definitely needed but all the other aspects including a 500 seat hall aren't needed!

No - money could be better utilised in other ways x

More effort needs to be made to completely revitalise Kingsway from the library to The Glen. It's not pedestrian or bike-friendly enough and too car-dependant. Walking out from Glen Waverley station into this urban environment is unfriendly and in some parts there are too many lanes for vehicles. This is an intimidating atmosphere for many people to walk or cycle around.

The civic and amenity gains from this proposal will be substantially mitigated if it isn't part of a broader urbanist strategy to make Glen Waverley more amenable to the rapidly densifying characteristics Glen Waverley will face with the SRL.

Definitely a major emphasis on car parking for both workers and visitors to the precinct.

Resolving the eye sores at the intersection of Jells and Ferntree Gully is road. Both sites have great potential for land mark developments with views on offer and support affordable housing yet left to bring the whole area down.



need more free parking space
Yes, you could address the lack of a community civil centre and library for the residents of Mulgrave.
This space could be used for community driven activities and services .. it doesn't have to be grand just sustainable service provision for the needs of our vast multicultural community in this municipality
Some other Councils include a number of large, coloured boxes in their library to facilitate recycling of smaller items (e.g . the library in Carnegie main shops has this in the entryway for recycling batteries, etc.). A community groups noticeboard would be helpful so that these groups (e.g. Rotary, Lions, scouting, cycling groups, etc.) can advertise their purpose and contact information.
Please re-evaluate community need for brick and mortar library, and if the is one, build cloud one at 5% of cost.
No. The community needs are already met by the existing buildings.
I think it would be better to plan for a more modest, less gratuitous upgrade to the area, and have money left over to improve or develop bicycle infrastructure across the City of Monash area. I believe the world is moving away from car dependence and toward a transitable-cycleable-walkable spaces, so I think City of Monash would serve its residents well by getting ahead of the curve and start investing now.
If not planned already, larger and more study rooms for students. The new meeting rooms inclde spaces for 20-50 people, but smaller rooms for study groups of 2-10 would be practical and extremely useful, especially for local high-schoolers. More sound-proof, and better contained rooms than the small booths currently offered would be well appreciated!
Community activities need space. Ie language classes if it has been offered.
We must get 'Kingsway' designed imaginatively.....interesting, different from other suburbs.....for the future!
I don't see a gap but see a need for improving existing facility rather than building a new one
They could redirect the funds to better, more necessary projects
RECYCLING, particularly soft plastics. We have a functioning library, why not Invest in something to help the environment rather than relying on private enterprise to sort out the problem. Or petition Dan Andrews to get rid of the level crossings on the Glen Waverley line so we can have a train line that's fit-for-purpose. One train every 30mins after 7pm is archaic, barely any express trains - and even then it's limited express - how will that service the SRL and the increased population you seem hell-bent on bringing to this area?
Consideration of STEM and technology programs
It doesnt
Definitely need more spaces.
A play area or playground for younger kids would be good as well.
Chairs with backrest for the kids area would be good too.
Conduct a feasibility study and then create a design and business case for it. Coming up with a design and then asking the community how they will use it lacks due diligence.
The current library is way too small and there is no where for community get togethers
New meeting rooms and event spaces are desperately needed and it would be even better if it provided a civic theater/ auditorium
The community needs a library that looks nice. This is not addressed by the currently proposed project.
With this large scale development being proposed, there will be significant increase in local traffic both from access and parking demand.
Single carpark entry will choke the Kingsway access. This is currently a notorious area with significant traffic during, even normal hours.
How does council plan to address this increase traffic issue during events?



The building also appear to have lack of lift access for nearly 400 people during events.
Modern community theatre that can be used for multiple purposes including meetings, seminars, local schools and community groups.
Modern library that meets the needs of a modern community
Nothing wrong with Glen Waverley library!!! Keep the money & increase more FREE activities in the library for teens and parents in the area would be more welcome.
Roads and public transport
Tracks for walking
We would visit the new GW library for books - we usually go to Mount Waverley library but would be happy to drive a few extra minutes to go to Glen Waverley instead.
The Brandon Park sporting facility desperately needs an upgraded facility, hosting both a soccer & cricket club it is very engaging within our community. The facilities are completely sub par and need an overhaul and this would be of much greater benefit to the community.
Up grade library but less extravagant.
Suitable changing facilities at sporting grounds / venues around the community! Off the back of Women's World Cup - there is a increase of interest in female sports and we need to ensure feel they are included and just as important as the boys!
No, Glen waverly has had several projects already in pipeline.
Yes The central car park should be turned into a park with trees and bench seats for people to sit and enjoy having lunch or just to sit and relax Unfortunately there is hardly a blade of grass anywhere in the centre of Kingsway so please don't miss this opportunity to have a central park with, benches trees and grass a place to sit at lunch times
A regular repair cafe is desperately needed in Monash.
Does it have flower spaces for bees to pollinate?
Co-working and maker spaces; encourage entrepreneurs!
We should utilise the facilities that already exist in the suburbs of Monash and not have to travel to Glen Waverley.
Car parking that could better utilise scarce funds
Current needs met
Do we need more interpreters for migrant locals? Help with reading?
I am not sure if it answers the community needs at this stage as the artists' impressions need critical evaluation from many experts in areas of design, with the goal to reflect a worthy building to enjoy to look now and into the future (from every angle); to offer best design in all areas (furniture etc) building materials chosen, colours, gardens etc.
Yes. the plans presented appear to lack any meaningful green space other than some trees and little outside sitting areas. Also a cafe within the complex would seem like a reasonable addition if you were serious about making this complex inviting for all.
If you are intending this project to be used for community activities, etc., access to food/coffee etc would be a logical inclusion.
Please make sure water taps and vending machines are available around.
Space for children, teens and adults for self-learning, training and quiet reading. Spaces for laptops with power outlets.
I would like to see an improved precinct in the Kingsway. If the roads became a plaza without cars like Oakleigh has! the Library building wouldn't look trapped in the smallish space between the ibis and council offices. Then also there could be more access to tables, chairs, gardens etc to include all the community inside and outside
Car parking



<p>Community groups and sporting clubs who are tenants of Council facilities need to raise money to fund things like new scoreboards etc. The money from this project could upgrade every single community facility in Monash which would benefit a wider audience.</p>
<p>I would like to see a stronger focus on sustainability including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - re-using / recycling existing building site materials - obtaining recycled materials for the build - passive heating/cooling concepts including: double glazed windows, optimising north face of building to allow sun to enter building in winter and blocking sun in summer, materials which provide thermal mass - solar panels - community vegetable garden - gardens fed by recycled rain water +- sewerage - composting facilities - strong focus on multiple recycling streams within the building with focus on zero waste - no gas - all electrical appliances are energy efficient e.g. energy saving light globes - recycled rain water to be cleaned and used for tap water +- drinking water
<p>Clear some of the commuter parking off the streets will make them safer for residents. The proposed bus interchange will merely attract more and will need a multilayer car park for the commuters. LOT bigger than Syndal's!</p> <p>The State Gov't control of planning may see the area close to GLW station expanded to allow denser tenancy. Needs to be opposed as unfortunately they will have vehicles and the number of bins makes siting and collecting difficult. Who will pay for the supporting infrastructure?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There needs to be more green space. If you could incorporate more trees and gardens around the building and even on top of a building. I see you have solar panels which is great, but what about a roof top garden or have a vertical garden on the walls of the building. (ideally Kingsway needs to be a lot greener - more trees and gardens) - More trees around to provide shade for people outside and to help shade the building in the hot sun in summer. - Drainage and water run-off. Nature Based Solutions such as garden beds to capture and filter water should be considered. - You need to have more space for bicycles to be parked, EV chargers, good parking for the elderly and families with young kids especially coming to things like story times
<p>Reading hall</p>
<p>You need to build a park in the central carpark - there is a lack of open space and green space. Forget selling off more public land to private developers. We need green space for amenity and more importantly for carbon capture and resilience</p>
<p>Nil. All relevant stakeholders will benefit</p>
<p>Again the question assumes the project as described - without alternative options. It doesn't address car parking deficits in Kingsway. The hall will be useful for events. Moving staff from IBIS building is good as this lease has cost Council \$6million. Noting that the site of the IBIS was sold to Wilbow (Bowness) for a mere \$2.5m c. 2005.</p>
<p>If can incorporate some sports hall will be perfect</p>
<p>I would like it to be finished in two to three years please</p>
<p>I personally do not like the architectural design of the building. It's an EYE SORE. Do not like the wiggly lines or the shape of the building. If was more square build rather than rounded areas, there will be more space indoors. There are so much outdoor space it's far better utilised to make the indoor larger (ie need a larger building with more floors) rather than having so much space for walkways. Waste of space. I appreciate greenery and lovely garden but too much or precious space has been allocated for concrete walkway. There should be one floor designated just for adults and quiet space for study or reading, not kids or teenagers with hot smelly food. One floor just for community area for socializing and a CAFE (an must) , another for the office space the council</p>



desperately needs, and one floor for teenagers and one floor for very young toddlers, one floor for meeting rooms hire and presentations etc and area for ad hoc office space for start up who need cheap rooms part time to utilise as office spaces. There should be an area dedicated for community kitchen and a community garden for people to take part and attend to like the CBD. A building design that is nice to look at an feel and very light and airy, also and outdoor surface on the building where you project illuminations on special occasions like Christmas, new year, Chinese new year, etc Eg a canvas for illumination, biggest trend at the moment.
More parking. Rooftop cafe and garden. Much larger building, maybe additional floor or two. More books. It's an unattractive building. Would like to see a more practical and better looking architecture. Less weird, more conventional and functional. Nice and special and full of natural light. Quiet space for adults only. Outdoor walking footpath with current design could do with a large glass house so when it rains people are covered and still feel outdoors and if have events outdoors, rail will not spoil it. Area where we can have glass enclosure and can be opened up in summer. How great would markets be outdoors and yet covered from rain in winter?
Yes - there is a community need and gap for a "large" performing arts centre that this project could address.
A large performing arts centre that will attract performances and bring even more business to the Glen Waverley precinct.
I think more weight should be given to a performance space for local amateur performing groups
The concept has limited detail about the ability to multipurpose the facilities. There are no public traffic flows to allow for any real analysis of the project.
Parking is very important around this proposed area. Is there a lift in the building ?
Will the parking near the Ibis and parking in front of Civic Centre be removed ?
Larger library. No need for cafe, no need for children's play area. Undercover areas for table tennis would be good, too windy but these are desirables, not essentials.
More parking and/or better public transport access to the library. The whole Glen Waverley precinct is disjointed with the library somewhat disconnected from where people are. Perhaps the carpark opposite Glen Waverley station towards Springvale road could be refurbished into a new library instead.
More meeting room for small groups (2-3) or medium groups (10-12).
More green spaces, pedestrian friendly public area, a children playground, free car parking spaces - like the Carnegie Library precinct which manages to become a family friendly community space without having to expand into an expensive white elephant project.
New design, less costly project.. much less.
More green space... grassed areas, there seems to be a lot of concrete and a few trees. Where can you sit outside and enjoy the day.
Better car parking for train transport to the city.
I believe that the revitalization of Kings Way is in order. I fondly remember the days during COVID when outdoor seating replaced car parks. Kings Way would likely flourish without cars. From what I understand, this was part of an original plan that has probably been long forgotten. It might not be feasible due to the potential shortage of parking in the future, especially with the development of the Suburban Rail Loop occupying the southern parking lot. I feel that incorporating these changes with the redevelopment of the library would be very fitting.
I don't know if community really wants this, I can see council do so they can use some brand new, most expensive (to construct) office space in Melbourne
Parking
Nope. I think the Council has done a good job identifying all the key elements.
Library, green spaces
There will be a significant loss of canopy trees due to the redevelopment, so ensuring the height/ species of trees selected will be important as well as the quantity replacing those lost.
The library and its forecourt should act as a viable third place for the local community to gather both during the day and night
Maybe if there's more private study rooms people can go into.
YES SOME SOCIAL HOUSING AND WIND DOWN THE POKER MACHINE CONTENT AROUND THE CITY



Indoor stadium to play pickleball, badminton, table tennis and basketball. The venue can double up for function room hire
More space for sitting and reading
Ensure enough car parks
I am sure that consideration of people with mobility issues will be addressed. There also needs to be excellent lighting for the visually impaired and for safety reasons. I also believe that there should be a dedicated youth space with support from youth workers and social workers. This comes from my experience as a student wellbeing coordinator at a Secondary college
No. Better utilise existing resources, rather than develop new ones. Smaller facelift for the library is all that is needed.
Unsure about the need for the community spaces. The area may not be used enough to warrant the cost. Wouldn't it be better to rent existing conference places at the adjoining IBIS and for larger groups School/ Church halls? School/Church theatres etc.
This area is too far for Oakleigh communities to be addressed.
I think it's good there are 2 levels of parking because a big beautiful library like this will draw lots of people. How about the rest of us who live near Princes Hwy in Huntingdale that can't get a decent night sleep on Fri and Sat nights from the ongoing hooning issues? Set up speed cameras along there? Something? This has been an ongoing issue for many years.
Have you seen the areas around Clayton and Huntingdale station? The filth, the rubbish, the accidents near the train stations with obscure roads. You don't need to hog all the money. It should be shared by all of Monash not just the council and GW (again)! Why not provide some relief to rate payers? Any reduction would help.
No. Need to address present issues
My question is - what provision are you making for interim use of library books and facilities? Glen Waverley branch is very big and we need to have access to its resources while this extensive build is taking place. Are you re-housing the library somewhere else? I think you need to communicate this.
I live in Wheelers Hill, and commute to the Hawthorn Artists' Society, which is located in the town hall on the corner of Glenferrie and Burwood roads.
It would be wonderful to have a Monash Artists' Society, and an ideal location would be in the new building.
Roads, footpaths, parks, with some of the money.
Yes, make spaces not only accessible for disabled children and young people especially but not only accessible, inclusive make sure children and young people esp wheelchair users can join the community in these spaces with displays etc at eye level for them.
Glen Waverley desperately needs more car parking spaces during peak times. However, I would 'not' like to see more surface and above ground parking taking up already limited land.
One aspect among many that I like about the proposed design is the underground carpark. In my opinion, surface parking spaces underutilises the land for other purposes, notwithstanding the unattractiveness of surface and above ground parking. My hope is that all of Glen Waverley's surface carparks will in time be replaced by underground parking to allow the extraordinary opportunities for creating open green or other public spaces.
Glen Waverley has no need for such a hub. It has more than the other sections.
The area does not offer an advanced technology space. A library of the 21st century should be focused towards the future.
a white elephant for someones amazement and ego - it is not needed
Will there be a big undercover open space for outdoor activities even group exercises like TaiChi?
Again - the Geelong Library - has a heritage floor which is very interesting.
This project shouldn't exist in the first place. Waste of money



More EV chargers, currently there's only 1 available and given our push to zero emissions this should become a major consideration
-dont know of any community needs EXCEPT we need more free parking near the railway station if we are to utilise the train system to get into the city ,as it takes several hours to visit theatre or restaurant etc and 2-3 hrs minus commuting time is not long enough parking time
Do Not think council should have sold its car park if it means we have to pay to park. Would go elsewhere than to the glen waverley precinct if I had to pay.
None for me personally but the community needs and gaps identified by council appear to be valid.
Waverley needs a world-class concert hall for at least 1,000 people.
i have to say this is a very good proposal. but if it's possible maybe more outdoor activities area for people also. some social inclusion support for people needed at time of visit.
Whilst the council needs more space for employees and function spaces, this could be addressed by de-centralising and spreading facilities across the whole municipality.
Safe spaces indoors to meet together, make new friends, learn from.
Unrepresented groups can apply for use.
Yes, there are lots! And they don't lie in Glen Waverley.
*More bike paths across the whole of Monash; and definitely no more car parks
*A community bus linking residents to not only shopping centres but taking them to the railway stations and other public transport across the municipality
*Invigorating small shopping areas that are local to where people live (NOT the big hubs) and so they are in walkable distance
*Money spent on urgent responses to the climate crisis eg how to stop urban deforestation within Monash & extend the Vegetation Protection Overlay areas
I think this is a nice design.
Yes have the monies spent equitably. Glen Waverley has adequate facilities
YES. 250 car spaces for Parking are NOT enough since this project is aiming for 'Large indoor community events such as large 500 person seated events ". Also, extra parking spaces require for Council's Glen Waverley based employees who work currently other places.
No spaces for the Visitors!
No doubt every resident living within each individual Council ward and dozen or so suburbs within Monash's eighty odd square kilometres could come up with a suggestion or two relating to a need in their local area. For example, a one million dollar project within each square kilometre would still leave \$30.000,000 to be spent on a central project in Glen Waverley, which would certainly be more acceptable than what is currently being proposed.
Some of the spaces could be designed for community use, eg. hosting seminars, arts/ cultural exhibitions, etc.
Preserving the culture as opposed to completely transforming our heritage into something that is unrecognisable as 80% of shops and cafe's now have non english advertising and signage.
Car parks are needed! Go to GW on any given night and anyone will struggle to find a park. Adding more events space will just make this worse.
I'd also like to see improvements for our youth and disability residents. Money can be better utilised for services for mental health & the disadvantaged particularly our elderly & disability residents.
Meeting rooms for community groups that include appropriate video conferencing technology
The community need is not spending so much of council's money on a building. The community needs to know that council know how to be frugal and not just spend money simply because they have been given it.
Light rail
Sporting facilities
Recreational facilities like bike/skate parks



<p>Currently the area around Kingsway is dominated by car parking, which makes it unaccommodating to pedestrians trying to use the space. Although it may be unreasonable to make Kingsway entirely car-free, a communal space for pedestrians would be a great addition to the area.</p> <p>This place can only benefit Glen residents who have already gained access to the most comprehensive facilities amongst Monash City.</p>
<p>Space for ideation and silent areas to study.</p> <p>the library currently does not provide a space to study, and community members older than ~12-14 avoid the building due to its overwhelmingly young demographic. library etiquette is not policed. this should be addressed in the operation of the new library.</p> <p>as above. This new building is absolutely not a top priority now. Fix the Corners of Ferntree Gull and Jells road intersections first. These corners on ferntree gully road and jells road intersections have been neglected far too long. 20+ years. Spend the money here instead</p>
<p>Can't spend the money on this.</p> <p>lack of community space</p> <p>more community areas ie community meeting space</p> <p>Increase areas for Wavlink Neighbourhood House</p>
<p>When our society population get older and long life than before, the new building should install more lifts and escalators , rather waste lots of space to build many many stairs inside.</p> <p>No more so than other community halls.</p> <p>Building/improving more of these would be far cheaper & would p/rovide more benefits.</p>
<p>storage for school bags</p> <p>Bicycle accommodation</p> <p>Council staffing accommodation - is this equipped with hot desks all the same fit outs, sit/stand desks</p> <p>Link with what current Civic centre - consideration of security access</p>
<p>Monash needs a mid-size performance space. The theatre in Clayton is too small, and the largest venue (Robert Blackwood Hall) is too large and not owned by council.</p> <p>Another gap is that Monash performance venues lack up-to-date audio/visual equipment, such as video projection and good sound systems, e.g. for spoken word and solo singers.</p>
<p>I don't mind submitting my name: Virginia Barnett</p> <p>Yes. Spread the project around the city. The Mount Waverley library is in a terrible state and is in need of a major upgrade so as to provide the facilities for events, meetings etc.</p>
<p>Outdoor auditorium</p> <p>Disability meeting and support needs for community access</p> <p>The neighbourhood is neglected, many, public open spaces, play areas, footpaths,</p> <p>Particular importance are the schools and access by the children. Ferntree Gully Road and Springvale Road are extremely dangerous for school children in the neighbourhood, as there is inadequate road crossings provided</p> <p>Particular helpful idea would be to build is over pass walk bridge for schools like Brentwood or Wheelers hill primary on Springvale rd and ferntreegully rd.</p> <p>We also need more public sports grounds, Volleyball, basketball, tennis courts to engage a youngsters in sport for better healthier living.</p> <p>Community Health facilities also needed.</p>
<p>public services eg schools, pools, parks etc</p> <p>Better footpaths and access to schools better bus stops</p> <p>less concentrated development in an already very busy area.</p> <p>Provide better access to schools, road, crossings improved, cycling parts, upgrade to swimming pool and sports grounds, like providing volleyball and basketball courts</p>
<p>Design does not appear at all integrated into the wider precinct, with the existing building or the Kingsway mall environment. There is an evident lack of wider planning and how such a high visitation facility provides appropriate visual, pedestrian and other linkages and accessibility including public and private transport options. Where is the parking? Monash with high car ownership</p>



Library space, both for people to physically attend and for new and existing book stock.

The other functional rooms proposed to be used for community events is also a good idea - there are very few options in the area right now.

More space for children storytimes and parental support of early literary. This is compromised in the current space

Informal gathering space and community meeting rooms.

Place to read newspapers or study quietly

CALD resources are limited at current library. An enhanced library could accomodate this and larger non-fiction collection

Few self service machines in current space

Virtually no space to display artwork or display new titles in all genres

Current Parents room is too small

Longer library opening hours including scope for 24/7 access at this branch to support study and those working non standard hours

No gaps

Project is a 'white elephant'.

Any benefits could never support the costs given what could be gained from this 'war chest' funding to tackle works and services around Monash city (not just the civic centre).

A clear cultural centre with a mid-size general-purpose recital hall is something Monash needs. Its current non-theatre performing spaces are too small, I feel.

Q4. What activities would you like to be able to engage in at the library or in the community events/meeting spaces?

I think council needs to make this space of benefit for all residents in the LGA - perhaps free mandarin classes in the library for City of Monash residents or the like? It could become a cultural hub for those that speak different languages, people with disabilities to be able to engage in activities, members of the LGBTQIA+ community to have a safe space etc.

Public Lectures, community meetings, local hobby club activities

free sport activities for young people

free school term acitivity

free regualr monthly market for selling local goods and support local bussiness

LGBTQIA+library activities

Arts performances, community meetings, programs for school children

Library's are a waste of dollars.

Ability of all Monash organisations, art exhibitions, schools, musical events, to hire spaces for regular and AGM's, Public forums, awards presentations etc.

I would love to use this library to study or hang out with friends. There should be a clear divide between quiet study spaces and hangout areas.

Studying at the library, borrowing books and going to community events

I'm unlikely to have a personal connection but I imagine a place where both the life choices and the technologies of the young generations will be high on the design and operational criteria.



I would like to borrow a book and possibly be able to read it in peace like a normal library nothing more.
Monash has no need for this town hall it is a pure waste of money.
Reading books Homework
Author talks, family events, an inviting space to study alone or in small groups
Talks, workshops However, access to spaces such as this proposed library throughout the entire council area would benefit those that who would not be able to access the Glen Waverley area for whatever reason, i.e. transportation, would not necessarily go to Glen Waverley area.
Office working / creative spaces/ studios. These things are expensive to hire and use from places like WeWork. With remote work gaining popularity and being a norm, if libraries can play an active role in enabling this then I think it's helping the broader community and not just those who want to visit a library for a day out. Libraries can have a creative energy if done properly. Perhaps instead of just designing another traditional library this is an opportunity to redefine what a library feels like and looks like.
Storytelling, presentations/acts, art, book history classes for kids and special carnivals or festivals.
I live on the fringe of Monash, nowhere near this facility and I cannot think of a time when I would use it. One of the sale points is saving \$400,000 a year on renting office space, a trivial amount when you are committing \$110 million dollars to one project.
music performance, art show, presentation
Absolutely NONE !
Book groups. Toy Library Playgroups for Pre-Schoolers
None. Glen Waverley is too far away from home to be of any use, and the locality is very congested already. Why make it worse?
Borrowing books, attending author events etc.
As a resident of Hughesdale for over 30 years I have been to the Glen Waverley library only once and are unlikely to use the new facility.
Would love a u3a Centre similar to the hub at nunawading which is wonderful fir the community especially for the over 50 Also for the library to continue to offer community workshops for all ages
makerspace - 3d printing, CAD, sewing, laser cutter etc
General information sessions, lectures of different topics, reading newspapers and magazines, checking things on internet, meeting people for discussion of certain topics, borrowing books
Watching plays and shows in the hall, and free wifi.
Learn to do things, such as new technology, cultural celebrations together.



It will only cater for the so called minority groups.
Kids playground
I have no intention of using this library. As I mentioned I live in Oakleigh and would use the library in Oakleigh.
Playgroups English Classes Mental Health First Aid Workshops Resume / Career Advice
Yoga, meditation, art and other leisure classes, sharing circles, support services
quiet reading
Borrow a book.
Board games
Drama and music festivals. Literary events.
Community activities
I won't use it. GWAC is too busy
Won't ever go there.
Workshops at the library for different parts of the community, more technological focused spaces in the library and community spaces, edible/community garden at the area,
we don't need more activities.
TEDx conferences including TEDx Youth conferences, and group tuition offered by tuition centres. Rooms could be rented by the hour or by the school term or by the year.
Wellbeing activities.
Cafe catch up
Anything to encourage reading, shared activities with younger people and teens, and spaces for older people to learn to use newer technology with support from staff and volunteers. More ethnically reflective spaces to show the different cultures can come together in a shared purpose of a library.
car parking searching activity - as it will be impossible to find one.
Talks and activities eg. craft, cooking, etc.
freedom to use any time
U3A
visiting the library with my children.
Work or study desks.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Makerspaces - 3D printing labs - Engineering or technology workshops - Technology workshops for those with lesser to none technological skills, such as the elderly
<p>Library need not be so big. Activity spaces should be spread throughout Monash and upgrade the existing facilities. Waverley Basketball Centre and Batesford Hub parking is not sufficient on the weekends and evenings when the facilities are in full use- more parking needed in places other than Glen Waverley</p>
<p>Community group events Movie screening</p>
<p>free use by volunteer organisations using it to meet and not make money. e.g. Lions or Rotary. Bring connections and enable inclusion to more walks of life.</p>
<p>Various - according to need</p>
<p>I would like to borrow books from the library and attend an event in the event space.</p>
<p>Book club for adults,</p>
<p>English-Second-Language lessons I suspect would be popular. Allowing commercial operators to offer lower-cost ESL resources / instructor led. Smaller 2-5 person "pods" that students can collaborate in.</p>
<p>Laptop/Mobile phone charging capabilities :-)</p>
<p>Living in the Mount Waverley ward, I wouldn't be going to Glen Waverley. Its hard enough to get there and find a carpark to begin with. A community space at a place like Phoenix Park in Stonnington makes sense, as its outside a playground and has parking facilities. What purpose would a community meeting space have in Glen Waverley that would generate sufficient ROI?</p>
<p>Number one is studying. Having a larger and more adaptable study space at the library is a must in my opinion and will not just benefit students who need it but also help keep students out of other areas in the library if that is a problem for the public (as a student I'm not sure if this is the case or not). More socially framed areas could also be beneficial, perhaps study rooms for up to 5 people with a whiteboard or something similar that can be used for collaborative study.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - more physical and recreational activities throughout the Monash municipality would benefit more residents than just focusing on one civic centre in Glen Waverley. - bring the activities to the residents in their own suburbs - Notting Hill, Hughesdale, Mount Waverley, Clayton, Mulgrave, Oakleigh etc - make activities more accessible by delivering them in the residential suburbs outside of Glen Waverley, where most of the Monash residents and rate payers are living - There is no need for a new library nor event spaces in GW when there are plenty of event spaces throughout Monash already.
<p>Kids reading Quiet room for studying</p>
<p>Study, meeting.</p>
<p>It's too far away</p>



Listening to presenters
Lifelong learning technology sessions Local history talks Author talks
Workshops Access to study rooms
event , educational program for kids and citizens.
More community engagement programs like learning new languages. Job ready workshops in the evening, exercise program, movie screening, short film competition.
Would love to see support for the arts, e.g. writers' groups, creative workshops, book and cinema clubs, etc.
Community events with family and friends
Personal meetings, community awareness programs, school events etc.
Not sure...
Kids activities Playgroup
Free movie time
Story time for kids and Chinese story time for kids.
Teaching English as a 2nd language, something I am highly qualified to engage in, and something I am highly motivated to get involved in. But where?
Australia Day is an important event which needs more space . A cafe where people can meet and spend time. More computers to access .
开展更多適合不同年龄, 兴趣爱好 · 文化的专业活动。
Access printing, get IT support for government and other administrative tasks, borrow print and music media, be coached on online library resources, connect with community through community events and social meetups, access education entertainment and psychosocial support, and work with others towards sustainability goals.
Children activities. Parent groups.
I would love some spaces to accomodate the arts. Music is something that's not specifically catered for in the area.
More activities for children between 10-15.Its hard to book when there are activities for kids. Always booked out. It would be great to have more spaces for children to participate in holiday activities.
Is not convenient to my abode to use the proposed facility. Also, when I have ventured to the area it has been a nightmare to park, consequently making the precinct an undesirable destination.
Maybe community meeting spaces could also serve as shelters for the homeless.



Empower people with free workshops and enriching them with free skills. Offer jobs in Council.
Co- Working spaces
Art classes, community exercise classes
More library events. More frequent visits to library
Lectures, movie or film shows. Art shows. Book signings. Community events or festivals.
I would like to start a family in the future and the library would be a valuable place to bring my kids.
Vomiting when I look at the architecture
Concerts, community events.
Activities for all ages. Potentially a neighbourhood house too.
Group activities such as knitting/sewing club, workshops and presentations, study spaces
More bilingual story times (mandarin) Support and meeting spaces for LGBTQ parents and kids Gardening/seed library
Meetings, guest speakers
what is the meaning of the word library. a collection of books and periodicals held in a library. of course modern times you can use it for events. it should be relevant to books and children (students)
No change to existing service offerings.
More computers & printing facilities people could access
ART!! It is a time of struggle for a lot and definitely for artists!! Help them and provide rotating free spaces to hang art and promote their work!!
Markets education elderly support
I'm old, I like to read books. Like, with paper and hard covers. But I also go to courses and community events. I personally don't need them but I love to see kids with tutors learning, parents with kids at story time, youngsters playing games or doing homework. I am happy to see the library continue as a centre of learning and information gathering and sharing, with a broader range.
Vouchers for kids sport & school uniforms for any kids that play rate in the area would be more helpful !!!! It's sickening that we pay high tax & we work extremely hard but never get any benefits due to high income!!!!
books with various languages, various topics, various cultures. lectures on self building, setting up local business, cooperation.
Use of the library It needs to Hi-Tech We need to be able to loan kindles
U3A classes. A range of professional development opportunities and information sessions offered to a range of people in our community.



Community functions like get togethers, meetings, conferences,
listed above. school holiday program - bigger and better. language programs/classes (not just chinese) well lit outdoor spaces (no dark corners etc) will help with safety for women and children. Table tennis tables, lawn games type space
First Nations speakers and author sessions. Free cultural capacity training
Computer space for digital mentoring is essential as the elder citizens are having to adopt unfamiliar technology.
I don't tend to use the library. However I have covered community spaces in the question above. I think we need a few free outdoor basketball courts for kids as well.
Studying/tutoring, reading books, accessing devices
Rooms that can be used by local community groups for monthly/weekly activities.
With an aged population in the area, engagement is low and this looks like a gross waste of money.
Unknown at this stage
Space for performing arts and theatre. Make it a cultural hub.
Keep community clean
More self sustaining lifestyle workshops like mushroom growing, permaculture, making our own health supplements, composting,
Tech workshops, book discussions, social discussions (the voice) etc
Presentations and lectures by specialists in a large variety of fields, would provide interesting entertainment and develop the knowledge of the public of subjects we do not even know exist as an area of knowledge. The library could also obtain recordings of such events, and make them available to researchers, or people who want to improve their knowledge of the topics discussed. These presentations or lectures may be delivered in international forums, such as the British Library, or universities, e.g., the Sorbonne, Harvard University. Participation in real time in international forums should be available. The library should provide assistance, via online resources, to clubs and associations dedicated to education, such as language studies associations, science associations. Libraries should also be places where individuals can pursue interests and hobbies, e.g., building model aeroplanes, learning how to paint, doing craft work.
Borrowing books
i cannot think of any that i can't already do at the local library for me personally. And having been on school boards in the past many activities were done in house utilising the schools facilities after-hours and weekends when it was not being used. I don't see why this is not done more and why we think we need this huge centre? Maybe a smaller one will suffice??
Libraries will be obsolete in the future only a small amount of people go there



<p>TV room for educational and documentaries for my kids. Rooms for group studies, assignments doing my CPA studies. Rooms for clubs, association meetings.</p>
<p>None that I can't already do.</p>
<p>None that I can't already do.</p>
<p>Current program like story and baby times, school holiday programs, author talks should continue but I'd love to see craft and art workshops and displays. Both for adults and children. Children's entertainment like puppet shows and music events like disco too</p>
<p>Personally, I live in Oakleigh, so rarely use the space mentioned but it could accommodate an entertainment stage for plays, community shows, etc</p>
<p>family history & author talks</p>
<p>More computers catering to reading, research materials as well as materials and technologies for university students. Currently, only school students uses the reading room while university students finds lacking in facilities like reading space and research materials.</p> <p>Also more seats / benches outside the library and greenery for communities to gather, meet up , chit chat, have lunch , outdoor open space for taichi or line dancing classes, surrounding greens, plants and shades . drinking water fountains nearby and flower beds to beautify open spaces.</p>
<p>There has to be one function room to run Bingo for the community. During Covid, a lot of our elderly customers suffered loneliness and depression. Myself and staff members ran an online bingo where we were able to see them face-to-face and keep them entertained. We get mini phone calls regarding on-site Bingo at mini venues, do not respect the elderly.</p>
<p>Quiet places to read the newspaper etc. Take my grandchild to story time. Borrow books. Hear informative talks.</p>
<p>Big events, more study/work spaces, s Nice library space where local community groups (friends and like minded not organised groups, although thats good too) can gather. Cultural events like overseas music groups coming here in the hall. All the events are in Bunjil Place these days.</p>
<p>More free spaces for chatting, for exchanging different opinions in a respectful atmosphere, for reading groups and role-play games.</p>
<p>to hear presentations from writers, journalists etc</p>
<p>Using the computers, private study, possibly community events that is being held in the hall room.</p>
<p>I would like to use the computers there, the community meeting spaces, and premises designated for book/author talks.</p>
<p>Fund-raisers for local schools and community groups Hiring of meeting spaces</p>



Borrowing a larger range of books Community events ie cyber safety talks, book launches, youth events
Readings and small talks
Playground, Park, room for community activities, swimming pool, senior people activity.
Don't waste your money on crap like this
Community getting together.
Meeting rooms
I would like some space where around 10 -15 people can come together and do some wellness programs like Yoga, Thaichi etc. For example i would like to run a yoga program with very minimal fee, if i can get space to do that it will be good for the community.
Use of the community meeting rooms and the library in particular.
kids activities and multi culture activities not only on the weekdays but also on the weekends to meet the needs as more and more family choose to work fulltime to be able to afford increasing living cost
None- I don't visit libraries in person. Utilise their online services.
Book club, coffee meeting place, any type of cultural activities
Presentation/book readings by local/international authors in the auditorium Presentation on topics of interest to the community in the auditorium on a regular basis (e.g. monthly) organised by Council. Allocating one of the library rooms for games/puzzles for new/interested participants would be great to create opportunity for residents to meet and develop new friendships.
Reading and borrowing books.
People need guaranteed privacy and fast wifi for interviews or important meetings, so perhaps private cubicles could be made available, as well as large meeting spaces that could be booked for free, for events such as book club meetings or movie nights etc
Once the council moves out of the Glen Waverley location, there will be massive spaces available for residenets to utilise in the old Glen Waverley office location for community functions, meeting rooms, library, etc.
The project is not worth going ahead in my opinion in the large interest of the people living in this council area.
library should be a library
None. There are plenty venues.
Detail explanation how it would benefit the community and would not impact what so ever on the council rate.
refer to my comments above.
Any venue that attracts serious, young artists to perform publicly, showcasing their craft, must serve to provide an outlet to budding performers/artists
I have no idea.



I don't have time to be reading a book. What community events would I be able to attend? What meetings would I be able to attend? I prefer to meet with friends and family in the parks and reserves.
Definitely not drag queen shows for kids!
Book clubs, kids activities,
Not interested the current facility's are fine
Sports ,dance, art n craft.. availability of rooms for hire at reasonable rates
Calligraphy, drawing classes, seminars on health issues and etc
I wonder if schools would be able to rent out the 500 seat hall for various activities including concerts, graduations etc.
If you can move the library to a less traffic location, you could fill all the community needs
*Music, theatre or performance arts events. Lectures, meetings While I used to be a regular visitor to the library, I'm less likely to use a library now that e-books and on-line search engines are so accessible. I would bring children to the library if there were school holiday events, but that's all.
Author chats, small group activities, various subject information sessions, immunisations
None as it is too hard to get a park in Glen Waverley
A repair cafe.
Nothing in particular.
Kids areas, playscapes, dog off leash areas, interactive library activities
Quiet study, performance, lectures, workshops - tech, art, science, meeting rooms - small and large
It easy the poeple can go for there meeting place.
I mainly depend on the e-library now, but from previous experience, it would be good to see the facility made available on a regular basis for school groups, parents with pre-school children, as well as a place for groups of seniors (from retirement villages and care facilities) to meet, as well as a space for themed art displays and the like.
In the library main activity is to learn and have a peaceful environment. Not to engage in social activities. There are plenty of places all around for that.
LGBTQIA+ activities and groups
Social engagements
Author talks, story times, talking books, concerts, cafes, U3A classes, family history, local history, community meeting rooms
More programs can be held in the library and more space to be able to sit and use my laptop or read a book. I like the cafe - would love to be able to have a coffee and sit and read.



If large enough presentation of important civic activities including theatre,
One would hope that diverse cultural communities in Monash could use such spaces for gatherings of all descriptions. But there are a multitude of events, from art exhibitions to award presentations for example - small and large happenings that would be catered for. Access for those with disabilities is, of course, essential. (Is there a kitchen envisaged?)
What I want of course, is music!
I am happy with the current library. I do not think it should be changed.
public speaking/rotary
Study, reading, work on laptop. Meetings with coworkers. Student tutoring learning. Information classes. Coffee area. Gallery viewing. Kids story time. Community group meetings. Social inclusion activities and access for people with disabilities and minority groups or disadvantaged groups. Recycling or tinker Centre.gift shop. Charging stations.
Quiet Library space, borrow other language magazines
Library or sports!
Community meetings, art exhibitions. Library for reading and lending
More meeting rooms for hire / shared workspaces, etc.
Add a toy library
I like the library and its collection of books.
Make it an integrated development with SRL. Multi-use developments near the station should be the priority, not rubbish high rise residential developments and waste of money architectural dreams.
To be able to access meeting rooms. To watch performances and shows.
More festivals More foods More cultural events More history and storytellers More legacy and legendary speakers People who inspire us People who can host and inspire people who are in need to help
Climate change and more encouraging native trees and fauna in the area . Encouraging the students in this area to have environmental input and some power of input .
Read books.
No, it is far away from my place.
Pokémon trading club
I never attend.
A host of activities is possible, such as: - Talks



- Forums - Presentations - U3A classes - Social gatherings for seniors in the community
Children activities
Author talks Book club meetings Story time for babies and children Tutoring in small groups or 1:1 Studying Maternal information sessions
Yoga and chair based exercises for senior citizens. Movies can be shown at the Hall free of cost.
Music events, literary lectures.
Book clubs, cross cultural activities, lunches with guest speakers, exhibitions, op shop for support of everyone in need,
Reading books and studying, and I don't need anything new to do that.
None. The library is more than adequate as are community meeting spaces
I like the idea of a hall for people to rent and run events. Sports activities and facilities
Internet access
Some of the above for sure
Meetings Exhibitions - art, photo, historic, cultural etc Fairs/markets - antiques, collectables, books, music etc Conferences/conventions
People should be getting out into open spaces and performing physical activities with each other, cardio and vitamin D as opposed to promoting them to sit in a bigger library than what previously exists for god knows what reason.
Activities that are possible in the current buildings.
I love libraries. If you have money- support librarians, fund after school tutoring , make libraries have stronger connections with existing societies such as the RSV - so much to do with so much money...
Whatever is proven and tested that will fulfill the needs and benefits of the community. I rely on the Council to carry out the proper due diligence to put together the best business plan formula based on the successful case studies they find and apply to this development such as the following: Interactive Workshops: Engaging workshops on various topics like creative writing, coding, cooking, gardening, arts and crafts, etc. Guest Speaker Events: Inviting renowned authors, artists, scientists, or community leaders for talks and discussions. Book Clubs: Regular book clubs for different genres and age groups, promoting reading and lively literary



discussions.

Cultural Festivals: Organizing cultural events to celebrate diversity, featuring music, dance, food, and traditions from around the world.

Maker Spaces: Providing spaces equipped with tools and materials for DIY projects, 3D printing, and technology experimentation.

Film Screenings: Hosting film festivals, classic movie nights, and documentary screenings.

Language Exchange Programs: Facilitating language exchange sessions to promote cross-cultural communication and language learning.

Health and Wellness Programs: Offering yoga classes, meditation sessions, and wellness workshops for community members.

Career Development Workshops: Assisting job seekers with resume building, interview skills, and networking events.

Children's Storytimes: Regular story reading sessions for children, encouraging early literacy and a love for books.

Teen Events: Tailored events and workshops for teenagers, fostering creativity and personal development.

Community Discussions: Forums for open discussions on local issues, fostering community engagement and problem-solving.

Environmental Initiatives: Collaborating with environmental organizations for eco-friendly workshops and awareness campaigns.

Technology Training: Workshops on digital skills, internet safety, and using online resources effectively.

Art Exhibitions: Showcasing local artists' works and hosting art-related events.

Volunteer Opportunities: Connecting community members with volunteer opportunities in various causes.

Gaming Tournaments: Hosting video game tournaments and board game nights for friendly competitions.

Music Performances: Concerts and music performances featuring local talents and diverse musical genres.

Parenting Support Groups: Creating a space for parents to share experiences and gain support from others.

Intergenerational Programs: Encouraging interactions between different age groups through activities like mentoring and storytelling.

Community Gardens: Establishing community gardens to promote sustainability and provide fresh produce.

Home Repair and DIY Workshops: Offering sessions on home repairs and maintenance for homeowners.

Local History Exhibits: Showcasing the history and heritage of the community through exhibitions and talks.

Art and Craft Fairs: Organizing local art and craft fairs to support local artisans and small businesses.

Educational Lectures: Holding educational talks on various subjects, including science, history, and technology.

Financial Literacy Workshops: Providing workshops on budgeting, investing, and financial planning.

Cooking Classes: Hosting cooking classes to promote healthy eating and culinary skills.

Family Movie Nights: Regular movie nights for families to enjoy quality time together.

Community Cleanup Events: Organizing neighborhood cleanups to enhance the local environment.

Food Drives and Charity Events: Initiating food drives and charity events to support the less fortunate.

Fitness Classes: Offering fitness classes like Zumba, yoga, or aerobics to promote physical well-being.

Parent-Child Bonding Events: Creating events that foster bonding between parents and their children.

Photography Contests: Hosting photography contests to showcase local talent and creativity.

Pet Adoption Drives: Collaborating with animal shelters for pet adoption drives and pet care workshops.

These activities draw inspiration from successful initiatives in libraries and community events around the world, aiming to cater to diverse interests and needs, while promoting learning, creativity, social interaction, and community building.

book club, games afternoons, craft activities

Normal library use in a modern facility. Community meetings or not for profit meetings at low rent.



I will not be using this space as it is quite far from my home.
yes, I would like to be part of community members and support the project
none as I have no need to use it, but I am made to pay for it
Author talks, story time, community events, learnings about different cultures, philosophy, religion.
Any reason to meet someone new, enrich our society as a whole or contribute meaningfully would be wonderful.
Short Term Meetings - as the use of Video Conferencing has increased and not all Homes have enough Room for Private, more-so 'quite uninterrupted meetings', the ability for Rate Payers to prove their 'Residency' via Licence for Free Hire would be very welcome. For 'Non-Residents' a small out of pocket fee to Hire, these Monies Raised could help to pay down the debt.
Workshops about all sort o activities, crafts... not only during the day, but on evenings as well. Language clubs where people could chat in another language.
Library - attending book club meetings. For my age and current life stage, I will not be a frequent library user. But when I was at school and uni I was. I think the library needs to focus on students and also on older people who want to feel connected with the community. Community events - I'm not sure what these are/which are available, I don't currently attend any.
I would be interested as to what groups council proposes.
Library, reading to my children and having space to also study away from others alone too.
None -..... but by asking the question in the way it is being asked , it assumed that you you have activities you'd like to engage in..
Don't believe at all that the cost or part of the cost won't be born ti any of us in one shake or another...council are on a slippery slope promising this...
Clearly I DO NOT AGREE TO THIS
Holding meetings in the library.
Meetings , personal study , ability to provide courses particularly language and computer related skills for those less able to afford or understand. Activities identified in the current plan, but in more modest modern premises
None .. these is an old fashioned idea get in with the times .. a couple of Internet cafes around the city of Monash will be fine?
Quiet space for reading - reading nooks. Wellbeing space. Multi-sensory spaces. Meditation space. Greenery. Spare for Art! Exhibition space - more of a focus on the visual arts, Glen Waverley is lacking



<p>Many libraries seem to cope quite well with a single, medium-size multi-purpose room, where different events can be staged. With portable dividing walls in this room, the larger space can be segregated for smaller events as needed. The addition of video/PC projectors onto the walls, whiteboards, speaker podiums, Android Chromecast (or similar), etc. for this room would be good.</p>
<p>Use the library as a library. The end.</p>
<p>As I don't live within walking or cycling distance of Glen Waverley, I'm unlikely to be able to make use of the proposed project.</p>
<p>Children's story time.</p>
<p>Use the library spaces and resources.</p>
<p>The libraries do a great job! Maybe, more 'education sessions' ie computer support for our diverse cultures and the elderly. The Wheelers Hill Photographic complex.....could be used to include....'live performances' as in the past. We are lacking the need for something like the...Frankston Cultural Centre??</p>
<p>You could do some study in the existing library to determine whether this is an expensive boondoggle.</p>
<p>How will an expensive new building work more efficiently than the existing one?</p>
<p>Technology workshops and access to robotics and 3D printing</p>
<p>The library should feel like a welcoming community space for all peoples including First Nations and International Immigrants</p>
<p>Holiday school events Children events Language activities Gardening</p>
<p>The one time I tried to visit the current Glen Waverley library it was unexpectedly closed with no notification, apparently pandering to the scare tactics of bigots, despite a huge police presence. I'd rather whatever changes are necessary to ensure current facilities are available for use than ill-considered plans for new facilities. Mostly I visit the Clayton library, as I'm not part of the minority of Monash residents that reside close to the Glen Waverley library. I take my child and browse books, read books, borrow books, attend baby time, story time and other activities.</p>
<p>Book clubs for all ages.</p>
<p>Many of the digital type activities that have evolved rapidly in the last few years and our present library does not have the space for.</p>
<p>I would like to be able to study in an area that does not look like an airport drizzled in white chocolate.</p>
<p>A local gallery with diverse cultural aspect with community group events, including open space for health activities e.g. taichi, yoga, radio tasio...</p>
<p>Library - small collaborative study groups - quiet study space - comfortable reading area</p>



- youth engagement area (e.g. gaming consoles) - larger organised activities (preschooler reading time, lego club, art/craft)
STEM-inspired activities such as building a robot / coding (for TEEN) in ALL libraries in Monash areas. FREE Craft delightful class /activities for Mother's day & Father's day, Christmas. Not only for little kids. Please encourage more teen & adult to go to the library with better activities. FREE teen focused creative activities, events and workshops
Activities for young people with school attendance issues
Getting a coffee
Children and retiree based activities.
Revamp the library in a way that it matches to other Libraries in the council. Why do you want to spend so much money to revamp Glen waverly library. Council needs to concentrate on revamping all libraries across the city.
Having a great family area at the library branches is a good idea - my kids are in primary school and we visit the library often, but it was a real lifeline when they were babies. Would be really useful if library branches could be co-located with toy libraries, maternal healthcare centres, and libraries for tools/kitchen gadgets/etc.
Personal reading, tutoring or teaching spaces, community meetings.
I have no need to travel to Glen Waverley to utilise anything on offer as there is a good library in Mount Waverley and a neighbourhood house.
None. Kids use electronic source for information.
Just borrow books
Library: Quiet activities out of school hours.
I would like to see theatre. Film viewings.
Please make sure projectors and collaborative areas to study/revise for exams are available
Education, training, quiet reading, work on laptop
Lectures from authors, community leaders, art gallery, community groups for members of the community.
I do not use the library
None. This project should not happen.
Meetings with friends, borrow books, community events e.g. screening of films followed by panel discussion, study, community garden
I am President of the Waverley Philatelic Society and hire a room at the Mt Waverley facilities. We have been there for many years and moving to GLW is unlikely. I suspect the Garden Club and Bushwalking clubs ditto.
Information sessions and workshops Storytimes and holiday sessions for kids Study areas for students and others in the community - both indoor and outdoor I saw there was a basketball court on the grounds - that is a good idea and you should keep the table tennis



<p>tables. I see many people using these. Space outside to sit and relax, or eat or meet with people (ideally under the shade of trees)</p>
<p>Whatever will be on offer as long as can park our cars!</p>
<p>Public libraries perform a fantastic function for all members of the community. Storytime for kids, internet and computer classes and access for the disadvantaged and elderly in the community, a safe space to read and be out of the elements and many more essential services. However, will this new building really improve this? It is going to look fantastic, but how practical it will be is another story. I am very used to working in buildings that look impressive from the outside and are very impractical to work in, often losing usable space for the sake of a 'wow' factor foyer or other 'nice to haves' that don't actually fulfill the function. How many librarians and council staff were consulted on the design? Were any negative views actually listened to by the architects and designers?</p>
<p>Covered in initial brief</p>
<p>Campaigns and community activities including for political aspirants not aligned to the "ruling Labor party" . Or alternatively - all politically motivated events banned,</p>
<p>Education, Health and well being activities. Including books, art museums, arts and craft halls, sports hall.</p>
<p>Book Club Family History Classes</p>
<p>cooking, art classes, gardening, movies, more large prints, more rooms for more items, gallery, more variety of dvd's., more theme night eg trivia night and more animal farm days, love to see kangaroos, lama/alpacas, donkey, miniature pigs and goats and special breed chickens. This is great for all ages not just for kids. I also would love to have farmers market and a craft market on the library grounds at least once a month. Love to see the library spend a more money on theme decorations eg Christmas decorations that wow's indoor and out, New years light shows, winter wonderland evenings in July/Aug. I also would like some shops supporting Australian made artists or retailers - a small space where the community can shop while at the library area. Everyone loves shopping and perfect match of crowds and retailers. This supports small Australian made businesses.</p>
<p>Love a cafe, specially a rooftop one with umbrellas for shading. Area for courses, art classes, book clubs, language classes, how to classes.</p>
<p>activities for young children , young adult /students Business group meeting senior reading groups meeting</p>
<p>All the usual activities at the library and the community meeting spaces. What is missing is a large performing arts space to accommodate popular act such as bands, orchestras, ensembles, choirs, ballet, plays, musicals, etc.</p>
<p>I am still, at 85, an active performing musician. For almost 30 years a member of Monash Chorale and 23 years a player with Oakleigh Brass, I have experienced the lack of a suitable performing space within Monash. None of the council owned premises have a large enough stage area for groups such as the above. Our groups do not require seating for huge audiences, but adequate performance space is a must. Our audiences are usual less than 200, so, I repeat, seating for up to 300 would probably be sufficient for most local amateur organisations within the community.</p>



The council has always been financially supportive of both of these groups and no doubt also of many other similar choirs and bands within the area.
Not enough detail on the room use is given, can the rooms be broken down into 100 Sq meters rooms for multi purpose arts and cultural training facilities who knows ???
Activites that would encourage older residents and residents to be inclusive of race and not targeted towards a minority race. We feel ostracised. Monash has lost it's focus for older residents.
Community events or meetings of community groups such as toastmasters. Isn't there a community centre on Stephenson's Road, corner of Bayview Avenue?
Toastmaster meeting, afterschool tutoirals.
Safe space for children and elderly citizens, desk spaces for working from own laptop and after-hour well lit sheltered space to access WIFI, small discussion rooms in the library, quiet spaces/room, community lounge room like that at the Kathleen Syme library in Carlton.
Depending on the size of the building, I would like to see private study rooms and conference rooms introduced with a booking system in place. Additionally, I'd appreciate the introduction of more classes aimed at improving the digital literacy of the community.
Nothing, are you trying to get residents to create a justification for this huge money sink? A sure sign you shouldn't be doing it!!!!
Libraries are for quiet working stations and feel that additional events would interfere with the quiet work environment.
My family will come to borrow books and read here. I would be using the bookable meeting rooms. We would be interested in any kids activities and any music events.
Have more help finding books (more attractive displays of collections, hot picks, etc) Areas to hang out that are quiet and other ones that can be noisy. No dark or patterned floors, relaxing natural decoration tones (wood/greens).
None, I do not live near the proposed library and would not use it.
I like the cafe idea.
Both independent and collaborative study and work
Cafe/snacks
VIRTUALLY NONE BECAUSE ITS JUST TOO FAR AWAY FROM MY HOUSE
Book club meetings, seniors gatherings, indoor sports
Should be suitable for community meetings at low cost
Having a gaming room with PC's or just the feel of an e-sports room would be a huge plus as gaming is one of the major activities that is popular amongst people. I also would like to see an impressive library in terms of the design of the library shelves, that would be exciting.
Borrowing of books, reading of books in beautiful surroundings, attendance of community events.



Community engagement for all ages
More books.
Writers' reading and discussions on new literary works. Guest speakers on current events of concern to various groups within our community. Events that engage preschool kids in books and learning. Foreign language films.
Nothing. Would rather the money go towards the community to care for people, eg, aging community member services such as transport needs.
I traditionally only use libraries for book borrowing
Private study for my teenagers. Hire of room/lecture theatre for charity/church meetings.
People meet at the plethora of cafes and restaurants. Not in random spaces. Refresh existing community halls around Monash.
Is there any possible the new Library could have a makerspace where people could use sewing machine do handcraft or make 3D things by 3D printer? Just like the makerspace at the dockland library. And it would be great if the new library could have a studio room. Thanks.
Painting and drawing
School holiday programs that are inclusive for all children and teens, young people with disabilities and wheelchairs inclusive with their able bodied siblings and peers.
I would love to attend free guest speaker events in the hall.
Monash has sufficient community neighbourhood facilities , school halls and sports grounds/ pavillions to accomodate community requirements
More community hobby classes like art, sewing, line dancing, etc
Cultural or hobby events, festivals, food stalls, markets, exhibitions and galleries,hosting community groups
Story time
would like safe places for young people to meet after school at all local libraries but this looks too big and imposing
None for me personally.
I think the community events/meeting spaces should become a world-class concert hall for at least 1,000 people.
group meetings for study, educational, work or social gathering, special event celebration such as some diversity cultural events
It will be a good meeting place to catch up with friends - both in doors or outside
I would like to see more events put on in the outdoors area between the library and the Council building. It would be more cost effective to have marquee type structures to accommodate weather conditions than knock down and rebuild the existing library
Language learning. Hobbies, arts & crafts groups



Learning activities Reading book clubs Interesting talks/information for the public Children’s activities- eg., reading groups, playgroups, homework club, chess or board games, acting, etc.,
As I strongly oppose the precinct project, I will not be answering this question.
Programs about popularising books and reading. Nowadays, there is too much emphasis on online stuff. More engagement for the elderly is needed, along with programs and enrichment, especially for those who cannot speak English and often stay at home. Multicultural events are also important.
Some “learn to” programs...like learn to “woodwork “ learn to “sew” etc.
This is not the State level activities, but the Council level!! The council level needs to have small or medium sized activities at the library or community events. Big infrastructure seems to attract people initially, but it often causes financial problems for its ineffective management. Big space but no people to engage properly!
Nothing I would use there as I hardly go to Glen Waverley due to parking and traffic congestion. I prefer to try and use the facilities closer to home.
My engagement with the old library has only been book borrowing, but I accept that other ratepayers will have different requirements of a new library.
My library needs are modest and confined mainly to library books and perhaps the use of a computer relating to a Genealogy program.
Function facilities for hosting special meeting groups/club meetings. A library that preserves our heritage/history and culture that is eroding. A library with a cafe where you can grab a book and read and take time out in a quiet reflective space. A book club.
Would you envisage that sporting clubs and community groups could use the facility for club meetings and celebrations such as presentation nights for footy clubs?
parking is not enough. A community spaces means a lot of car.
Nothing at costs \$110 million
I don’t believe any activities will be utilised, they will at first and when the novelty wears off they will be empty
Local community group meetings. Tutoring rooms.
studying, quietly reading, holding meetings/study groups with small groups
N/a - not a priority now. Fix the cnr of Ferntree Gully Road and Jells Road intersections first.
youth groups
Libraries in area are fine as they are
Increase access for people with disabilities. Increase meeting space for choirs and other performance areas
I want to learn new knowledge and attend lots of workshops or presentations, lectures in the library.
The same as all other libraries



<p>browsing/reading and borrowing books, audios theatre shows/films local meetings Council staffing accommodation</p>
<p>I'm lucky to belong to the lovely Wheelers hill library!</p>
<p>Oakleigh Brass welcomes the possibility of a musical performance space of this type and size in the City of Monash. A central space would allow us and others to collaborate and develop new styles of event for the community as a whole.</p>
<p>An enlargement on what is already offered in the library space: interviews, shows, readings, book launches, classes, information sessions.</p>
<p>Literary events. Films. Small concerts. Information sessions such as those held by webinar during the lockdown. We went to see the movie "The last daughter" at Ashburton library. Where was Monash on this issue?</p>
<p>Moonlight cinema</p>
<p>History of the area exhibition</p>
<p>People with disabilities more in community. Reading time for them some get together for them while out with their support workers</p>
<p>Not likely to any more than for a book read the newspaper</p>
<p>just read</p>
<p>Hi, just read books the newspaper Sunn Sunn do anything else in the library?</p>
<p>It could be useful to explore the design as providing flexibility of space use including use by both council teams and the community to maximise the potential of the facility.</p>
<p>Perhaps listening to music on headphones or in enclosed rooms; or viewing DVDs etc in separate rooms</p>
<p>Homework club Author talks for large groups Children programs including STEM initiatives outside school holidays Community spaces for groups like AA Mental health programs Parenting programs Quiet study</p>
<p>None and if I did any benefits would never support the cost of its delivery.</p>
<p>None whatsoever.</p>
<p>Small/medium musical group performances.</p>
<p>See above. Amenities must include a day care center and something like a Gym for indoor fitness activities. Outdoor landscaped park with play & exercise equipment should be provided.</p>



Q6. What is the main reason for your answer to this question? [Funding]

Contributions from participants who support the funding model

Have to pay for it somehow. BUT I HOPE the car parking will be addressed and there is no loss of space. It is already chaos at Kings way now with both those carparks in full use especially in the evenings. ALSO I hope there will not be a flow on effect to local streets with more Council limitations put on parking than there already is (eg all day changing to 4 hr or less).
We need a new library and being part of suburban rail loop allows residents to have better access in transportation. It's a win win situation.
i want library!
Loaded question. Of course if it is going ahead I don't want my rates to increase to fund it. So I support using the money from SRL.
I'd be surprised if anyone answers this question any differently
I strongly support use of the Rail Loop funds. I dont know the impact of selling the central carpark hence my overall response of support. If sale of the central car park led to a development with as many public use parking spaces as at present I would strongly support
I don't need to pay anything
Anything to get Glen Waverley's library up to scratch
Free money from a crap SRL project
The price for the renovation of the library and Civic Centre is quite significant and the government paid the whole lot of money, this is a super big project, so why not use it?
The found should be used in the area where further development is required to benefit the community.
Happy that rates won't change
I would not want to see rates increase to fund this, but I would love to see money that we are expecting used wisely
good use of money - gives to the community
Money will be well used for the benefit of the whole community
Suburban rail loop will bring new business opportunities and more people to Glen Waverley area. The infrastructure will ease the connections to other suburbs.
Better than having Council take out a loan
put the state government money to good use
A good use of the funds
Good use of funds for project that benefits the community
Why not? Seems like the most sensible use of funds.
That area needs to be rebuilt
Is a better commitment to a one-off spend then being absorbed into the many different projects which the council needs to provide for the community? Don't wan to get to the end of 5 years look back and not be able to see something for all that money. A new library would be a proud legacy.
It is extra funds that was made available
This is a reasonable use of these funds. I would personally approve of selling the entire central car park. To avoid extensive increases in annual rates if Council was required to fund the development from its own resources.
It will be part of the precinct investment
not sure we should sell part of the central car park, never seems to be enough parking in Glen Waverley, but yes fund this project with funds from the acquisition of the council land for the rail loop.
It's a great investment in services for the members of Monash



Makes sense not to dig into pre-existing budgets and this way other areas of Council don't suffer as a result of this project.
It is a good investment from the money by state of government. Promoting education
Because a new library is desperately needed in the community
Try not to borrow funds for this project but ensure any car parks sold is replaced with other car parks
Makes sense to reinvest the funds from the compulsory acquisition for the SRL into community infrastructure.
Mult-level underground parking is suitable for the new Glen
SRLA help reduce traffic congestion and this fund is to build up the community and this project met the brief
It makes sense to use these large sources of income for significant developments however I do wonder whether the 250 car spaces proposed will sufficiency offset the loss of so many car spaces, particularly if you are proposing to increase the capacity of the activities centre.
As this will not affect funding required to other council operations.
Not impacting existing program / capital works is a good outcome.
Got to get the money from somewhere
anyway, do not get the money from the residents in Glen Waverley.
This way we don't have to pay higher council rates.
The Monash Council already does a tremendous job with the income it derives. It's a pleasure to live here. The rail loop is inevitable so make it pay.
居住在这里儿十年居民在有生之年希望看到本地区有所发展！
Good use of the money rather than using on operational expenditure.
It's a great use of money and resource for our community.
I think it's a good use of the funding, that will benefit the whole council.
The community will benefit a lot.
Please don't let the rate payers suffer more by having to fork out more money for rates and projects we do not want and/or has a direct impact on our pockets.
The money is going back to support the community through social, built capital etc
The Central Car Park is prime real estate, being next to a train station and major activity hub, it makes no sense for it to be left as concrete pavement when the land could be improved as multi-storey retail and/or residential development, for the benefit of both the Council and the broader community. The existing car park also encourages more car traffic through areas bustling with pedestrians, increasing pollution and the risk of accidents.
It won't effect my rates
Win win
significant impact on the community.
why not? We have given valuable realestate and should receive something in return.
It is money offered without having to increase rates.
I support the growth and assists in our community that we can all use. Spaces to which promote activity, such as basketball courts, should be free. I'd pay from my rates for that.
I am supporting as long as there will be enough parking under the new proposed Library complex.
Question is: who are you selling the central car park to? Would we lose our free parking use? How will we benefit? Will it be a loss to council use for future community use?
Will council's sale end up in situation like the short sighted Jeff Kennett's fire sale of public buildings? Ending up in public space shortage few years later? Public lands should be preserved for public use and public expansions
Makes sense to use these windfalls to build long term community focused projects
It should be an useful source of the funds required to develop the library project.



Don't think council should spend "our" own money on such a project.
If Monash sells an asset or assets. Monash should be paid accordingly and money used for investment purposes in the area where it was sold. Good time to upgrade the area in preparation of the suburban rail loop.
So long residents are not paying to fund for the development costs (no rates increase please). Monash residents all enjoys the new facilities , better life standards while paying same rate. It is time!
It is strongly needed in the Glen Waverley area
I don't like debt which would mean future rate hikes.
It's money well spent. These buildings don't get build all the time and it's a good investment in the community. Library is a space that promotes sharing and sustainability. In this day age where costs are rising and people are time poor libraries are places that support people and also brings people together. We need to spend money on things like that too. It's not always about roads and rubbish.
The funding is there and comes all at once so it makes sense to use it for a once in a lifetime project of renewal.
I feel it is a good way of utilising this money.
I feel like the project is a good idea. Car parking could be an issue though, especially with kingsway being extremely busy with cars.
I think the funding for the new library has to come from the latter sources, because at the end of the day, it is right for the State Government to assist with it.
This is good usage of the money giving back to the community whom the land is being taken from and with the rail loop nearby it has potential to attract even more users due to accessibility.
I am German. We have museums that are centuries old. If you need to replace a building after only 50 years, you should be sure that someone else pays for it - and that you don't have to replace it again in 50 years.
It is a no brainer. You only get one chance at this and especially when we know that the Andrews Government likes to tear up contracts, lets do it before he chances his mind.
The money has to come from somewhere
It makes sense to divest assets which are no longer required or is required for important State initiatives, and utilise the proceeds on assets which promote a sense of community, and adds much need facilities to the area.
Because it seems good.
Growth for local area
If this project proceeds as planned, it will need bold ideas and even bolder actions from the governing bodies to ensure it servers the community in the explicit reasons it was created for in the first place.
I'm living in Monash area.
It will improve and expand the library
We don't want to see too much rate rise to pay for the project
However I would like to see some of this money go towards improving library and community facilities in Oakleigh where exisiting facilities are poor.
Not all of the money should be used on one project.
When there is a large visionary project, large funds are required. Be brave! Believe in it and the residents of Monash will come to believe in it too.
(I was very sorry to read the mayor's comments in the August edition of the Monash Bulletin arguing against the project. Not what I would have expected of the city's leader.)
I would market it as more than a library expansion. Many residents like me don't use libraries any more. I'd emphasise the other spaces within the building and how they can be used for so many other activities.
My main reason would be because ratepayers could not afford to fund this and it would be detrimental to other capital works for the City of Monash. You will sell Central Car Park for partial funding but cause another headache of where to park (as previously mentioned)
As above. My hesitation is whether the individuals who answer this survey represent a true cross-section of the community. Would other socio-economic groups want the funds to be used differently than someone like us who are relatively economically advantaged.
Highly value library as a community resource and see it as an investment in the people of Monash.



The council rates are going up every year significantly, I will be a major concern for the residence if the rates are affected more by this project if the fund is not sufficient from the proposed sale of SRL and central car park. There might be other use of the money for other projects needed more by the residence of Monash

Good use of the money

A much needed public facility

We need to spend the money on infrastructure that the community can use - not just always about keeping the rates down.

doesn't need additional monies to be raised

Get on and make it happen

While it is not replacing the lost parking. Glen Waverley is a major transport hub and we can't afford to waste space on parking.

If the funding is to come from these sources and if we are also ensuring that Monash is financially able to support those in need despite this outlay, then it really is win-win.

Seems reasonable.

Use it well on this proposal

Good use of funds, great that the council is not looking to borrow money.

The population is growing and lack of carparks and transport make Melbourne public transport lacking. Not like Hong Kong or the London under ground our public transport is nor advanced

Will negate the need for a Council loan to fund a necessary project.

To avoid burdening the council with debt.

It seems a sensible to fund the construction.

It is hoped that the projected cost is accurate. The Victorian government is notorious for project overruns and budget blowouts. Their projects are often poorly underestimated and never delivered on time. It would be good if Council's capital works program bears no resemblance to State programs, in terms of project management.

The budget should be adhered to as much as possible. If it can't, what can be cut?

it has to be funded from some source

we expect that Council has looked at all ways

furthermore sold an asset for an asset good government

The funds should be spent on facilities that will benefit the Glen Waverley community.

Opportunity to provide more services and opportunities to the Monash residents. I've lived here for 47 years and think it's a wonderful place to live. The parking in Glen Waverley precinct is hard if weather is poor or you have a disability person with you.

Makes sense to draw from these funds.

Should still consider opportunity costs - what else could be paid for by these funds, rather than automatically allocate the maximum amount to this initiative.

It is better than creating debt for ratepayers.

because the council has promised minimal impact from this project on council rates and therefore they will need to rely on other funds

SRL funds are a windfall, so using that money isn't biting into any other funds or causing us to go into debt. Not sure about selling the central car park? Who would it be aimed at? Another property developer? More high rise living??

The Suburban Rail Loop is an exciting project and is to be supported whilst at the same time, it would be of utmost importance that council also places provisos or caveats onto the acquisition of the land to ensure planning, decisions and executions pertain to council's Imagine Monash 2040 plans. Short sighted decision making would be very disappointing indeed.

Every Local Community needs to re-invest and update.

I believe the SRL Project is a case of 'overs' for the time being as the State has a plethora of Current Major



Projects and the SRL would usurp even more trades, plus we need to see where current expenditure will 'end up' and understand exactly how we are paying for all of this?
We all want the best Roads, Transport, Hospitals, Schools, etc - but Hospital Waiting Lists are 'exceedingly long in wait times' - money for Health first as an immediate priority. Major Project Infrastructure Works need to be staged, not all at once.
I do not want to pay for this project through my rates.
The ratepayers should not foot the bill for this extravagant project
The SRL is a good project and the up-zoning around stations is vitally important. I am concerned about the SRL's lacklustre station designs but this is a state government matter.
Obvious
Financially, were the project to proceed, it would be sensible to fund it from those sources. However, is the part sale of the Central Car Park worth the lost opportunity to use the WHOLE Central Car Park to some better purpose for the residents of Monash? I'm not sure that the FULL options for the use of the Central Car Park for some other purpose have been explored.
Council needs to fund more projects in Monash as population grows.
I prefer the Council to make positive use of the fund generated from the State Govt's acquisition.
Giving space to a much needed functional centre
We need to renovate the facilities
So that the residents will benefit in the long term.
Good use of the funds
Project achieved in a financially sustainable manner
If not from these funds, then how? - I strongly oppose any increase in rates to pay for the project - in fact the decision to proceed should be premised on it being funded from the State Government funds.
Except the sale of central car park
Seems sensible.
seems logical. Not sure where else the council will raise this money.
Communal hubs are never not worth it. They should be done once and well.
Any funding received should be spent on upgrading community facilities used and accessible to all.
As a long term resident I'd like to see money spent in Glen Waverley rather than Clayton and Oakleigh
I would only strongly oppose if there were other significant projects which I thought would be more beneficial.
Equitable
Good use of funds.
Benefits the community
As long as there will be another free car park built to accommodate the larger growing crowds I am not fussed. As long as it's not coming out of rates, as they are very high at the moment.
The proposal sounds eminently sensible
I have lost faith in this council. It is too woke. I have lived here for 50yrs + I hope the proposed building will be for all and not just for some.
The funds should be invested in Monash.
I prefer the fund to be spent on a shared facility that everyone can use.
Compensation for what government has acquired and dont want rate payers to fund this as rates will increase.
I think this would be a great use of the money, along with pedestrianising the whole Glen Waverley Precinct. I don't support the sale of more than 66% of the Council's Central Car Park and no buildings taller than 52 O'Sullivan Road
It's about time we make this area more attractive and functional in terms of public transport.



Funding from the sale of local facilities such as the carparks should be reinvested in the local community
Win win. Rail loop is good for community and real estate value. If council has wisely considered how to use the additional funds then I support it
This is a good practical use of the funds.
Doesn't increase rates
Saves on rent costs to external businesses
Obvious commercial approach to funding.
So long as additional parking is provided for the loss of parking space. The Metro rail network should also provide more parking for rail users.
The project is funded by the sale of community assets in the heart of Glen Waverley and the relinquished assets are being replaced by much higher value built assets also in the heart of Glen Waverley, which will be of much greater community benefit than the land assets given up. No ratepayer will be charged via any new charges or additional rates.
A PERFECT SCENARIO
As stated I understand the need to upgrade the library but the excessive cost to provide extra spaces that I think are available elsewhere is not a good use of the funds.
To avoid costs on ratepayer.
I do not support this project going ahead from rate payer's. Funds should go to all of Monash not just constantly building up Glen Waverley.
It makes sense
I strongly believe funding libraries is an effective and responsible use of the funding.
I support the project 'only' if it is entirely funded by the two sources. That is, the funding must 'greatly' exceed the estimated cost to allow for cost blowouts.
It's inevitable that state government will acquire hot properties, and therefore we should get some funding from it
This solution means that it will not be financed by rate payers.
as my understanding this will be able to cover the project, and won't impact to us rate payer at all.
and I am sure you organisation will make the correct decision on how to spend the funding
Yes. It is good that there will be sufficient funds from the sale to cover the cost of building. Looking forward to using the new modern library.
As long as our annual council rates don't increase.
If all goes well, this will be a nice addition to Monash, and could attract residents who frequent the buzzing restaurants in the area to attend cultural events and engage with the facility.
I assume that the Council has done its evaluation and this is their preferred option, so I am happy to accept it.
The residents are not lumbered with long term financial burdens like increased council rates or extra levies.
I think it's great that the funding is mainly coming from the state government, however it is unclear to me as to what the land sold in the central car park will be used for. I feel that it would create a better public space if it was commercial or at least mixed-use buildings, and partner better with the public square.
Need to state government support not to raise further council rates (it's not the lowest council rates anymore!)
it's a good use of funds, and a much needed upgrade. it is apt that the funding comes from
good use of the funding
Community access rather than parking is most important
The most important council shouldn't levy from residents from council rate fees for this project. I don't want and don't have money to pay this project if council increase council rates for it.
We think this is a sensible allocation of funds with broader community benefit.
As an established area other than road maintenance there isn't much to do except upgrading what we have
Will not impact on rates
Time to seize the day and undertake this project before it becomes more costly.

Given the suburban rail loop is a bit of a windfall yet disruptive, some symbolic and significant civic response seems appropriate.

Contributions from participants who opposed the funding model

there has been no confirmation in writing that the funds will be fully available through the state government and the sale of the carpark. I would suggest that council release the advice its received to reach this conclusion so members of the community can make an informed decision.

Bank the funds. Don't spend them for the sake of it.

can't sell Central Car Park, where do we park then?

Many communicators live close to the train station and work in the city. Many people are struggling to find a parking spot and make their lives easier. Council wants to sell the parking land rather than find a solution to the parking problem. It is very disappointing to see that the council does not care about parking issues. It would be helpful for one day only if one of the counselors drove around parking early in the morning and gained some experience with how difficult it is to find a parking space.

waste of money

I feel like the council should buckle down and help the community with cost of living pressures vs focusing on building a large complex of this nature. The money could be better put to use on solar rebates for people in the council region or improving existing facilities and keeping the money in the kitty. The office cost is marginal compared to the cost of these works which will no doubt go over budget.

The suburban rail loop joins communities within the council. The civic precinct only benefits those that are around it and choose to use it.

How about the Council pays down debt?? And what has the Council done to have the new SRL station fully integrated with the current Glen Waverley Metro station/bus terminal? I suspect nothing given their cosy relationship with the current Labour state government. It defies logic that the new underground SRL station will be built across Coleman Parade from the Metro station. Did any councillor take the time to check out the traffic chaos that occurred during the recent works that resulted in part of Coleman Parade to be closed??? I'll wager none of them did!!! I live in Wheelers Hill and drive to Syndal station to catch the train and during those works, the traffic around that area was an absolute nightmare. It was a potent of things to come once "Teflon Dan" Andrews hideously expensive SRL hits Glen Waverley.

You should spread the money and cover more projects that will impact more people within the municipality

The funding can be better used for better car parks and safer roads.

I support funding only from recompense from the State Government of the sale of Council land related to the Metro UG Rail Project. The question of the proposed sale of the central Car Park is entirely another contentious matter.

As is vaguely stated in the funding proposal, the sale of the Central Car Park land will have "a central public square established on part of the site adjacent to Kingsway (details and size not disclosed), and the remainder of land will be sold". No details are provided as to what will be the permitted Zoning/usage of that 'remaining site' and no details of how all lost car parking spaces will be required to be replaced, increased, located or funded!

I do not support the sale of part of the Central Car park, there is not enough parking at the moment. As an older female i do not feel comfortable parking in the high rise carpark opposite Glen Waverley Secondary College. Council should look at more pressing problems. Driving along Coleman Parade at night towards the station is a nightmare, the intersection needs upgrading as cars turning into Kingsway completely block the intersection.

This money should be spent on better projects across the whole of Monash.

Removing the car park is a horrible idea.

Be sensible about a new library it is not an entertainment park for kids!!



How is the State Government affording this? They have just stripped over \$350m from public health and who knows how much from Education
Rather than wasting \$110 million of money that should go to the ratepayers of the entire Council area, you are concentrating it on one small section. If you want to save money on renting out a hotel for office space, why don't you rent some actual office space in the vicinity. Better still, allow some workers to work from home (as seems to be the case for most administrative workplaces). That way you would not need the extra office space, saving ratepayers \$400,00.00 per year. Perhaps the windfall gains Monash will get from the compulsory acquisition of Council land could be used for reducing rates, improving waste collections services, such as returning to a weekly general garbage collection. Perhaps it could be used to better our roads with more frequent and widespread road repairs. Some money could be used to help services for the needy such as Meals on Wheels. Whilst you are at saving money, perhaps less could be spent on overseas junkets by Councillors who think they have the right to use ratepayers' money as they wish. More money could be spent maintaining the walkways and bikeways of the municipality. Scotchman's creek walk could do with quite a bit of weeding and the introduction of lighting would be welcome along its entire length.
Tell 'em their dreaming" to quote Mr Kerrigan. Fix up other things ... such as Huntingdale Rd at underpass at Jordanville station where the road narrows to a single lane ... and pedestrians can be skittled by motorists that drive through the second pedestrian crossing while there's a red light: council has ignored this issue, it can't be bothered pursuing this.
No matter how it's funded - the people pay.
Stop the project NOW!
The source of funding should not affect the decision process for which projects proceed. There are other projects which would add more value to Monash residents overall.
Further, funding from the rail project may dry up due to financial pressure on the state government as people are increasingly unable to pay the record taxes imposed by the Andtews state government.
The Central Car Park should not be sold for development, it is useful as a car park and provides essential open space in the Glen Waverley area which has been overdeveloped with high rise buildings.
Secondly the SRL funding is uncertain as the State Government is in a perilous financial position and the entire project could be cancelled as they have just done with the airport rail link.
Labor has stupidly gone on a spending spree and I think Melbourne Councils should, whatever their affiliation, remember that if Victoria is to be a great State, forebearance now could benefit us all in the future.
Suburban rail loop is more important.
Rate payers are struggling to survive and the CEO wants to waste money on buildings when there are already many under utilised facilities across monash
With the government that is in now everything gets out of hand with pricing! Way over budget when we need more hospitals and housing. Also I shouldn't have to make so many donations to help research for cancer etc
Waste of money
Spend my contribution and all the other contribution in the suburbs in which Monash council received rates rather than an already significant suburb becoming more imposing
Not being used for the whole of the city.
Taking away the carparks makes the area less accessible and therefore won't be used as much.
The project should proceed using only the funds from the State Government NOT from the sale of the Central Car Park
As above, the use of all of these funds for this project is excessive. I support a more appropriate, modest use of the funds.
It's a waste of money and rates have sky rocketed recently
You could spend the funds on conservation and reforestation instead.
The money should be used to reduce rates.



<p>If you are relying on funds from the State Government's acquisition of Council land in Glen Waverley, I am very concerned Glen Waverley will be compromised. We cannot trust the State Government after they pulled out of the Commonwealth Games - a disaster. Also parking will be compromised, it is bad enough now. How can you justify this?</p>
<p>because you have asked the question so politely that i couldn't resisted to answer it.</p>
<p>Even if the funds come from the State Government the residents will still pay for it at some point with increased rates and taxes. I feel it is not needed , perhaps a renovation is more financially responsible as opposed to new development.</p>
<p>It's financially neutral. We need the new facilities and funding through the sale of other assets makes sense.</p>
<p>The money is better spent by spreading the benefits throughout the Monash region, instead of concentrating on the already congested Glen Waverley</p>
<p>selling Central Car Park to be overly developed when already very dense living within the area and a lack of green space nearby and thousands of birds that roost every night in the trees. Previous redevelopment plans did not include maintaining any flora or fauna. You can't get back useful land that you sell off now.</p>
<p>Loosing such a valuable space is a crime ...</p>
<p>Funding from SRL I strongly support. Funding from selling the carpark I strongly oppose.</p>
<p>Kings Way is a dismal inhospitable car sewer. I want to see Kings Way (and more) pedestrianised like Oakleigh's Eaton Mall but with the reduction in private-car-storage-on-public-land-for-free makes me think there would be even more push back from this sort of improvement.</p>
<p>My partner and I happily cycle to Eaton Mall from near Monash Aquatic. We don't travel to Kings Way happily, only to go to the cinemas.</p>
<p>Do not want the central car park sold.</p>
<p>Use the money to reduce annual rates, give back to all residents not just the ones who use the library.</p>
<p>These funds come from assets of the council, and the benefits should be seen across the whole council, not just the Glen Waverley ward.</p>
<p>A new civic centre is not a good use of \$110 million</p>
<p>Not fair on other suburbs of Monash</p>
<p>As above. Should not be a priority for the council. This money could be better spent on community services</p>
<p>Misallocation of funds: The funds received from the State Government's acquisition and the sale of the car park may have been designated for specific purposes, such as improving transportation infrastructure or enhancing public spaces. Using these funds for a new library could be seen as diverting money away from the intended projects, which could have a more significant impact on the community.</p>
<p>The funds received from these transactions should be managed prudently, and it's crucial to prioritize spending on essential services and infrastructure that directly benefit the community. Using the money for a new library, without a clear and urgent need, could be perceived as imprudent use of public funds.</p>
<p>I do not support the Suburban Rail Loop, as I believe it is going to be a "white elephant", go over budget and place Victoria in even greater debt.</p>
<p>Same as above. Funds being used to show off wealth rather than help people in need.</p>
<p>Car Parks are needed! I have seen to many hubs get rid of the car parks which cause a lot of problems and traffic. Traffic is bad as it is</p>
<p>The hideous architectural design</p>
<p>Use the money to help ALL residents.</p>
<p>the country is not in a position to waste money. look at the prices of simple day to day items.</p>
<p>If the car parks are sold, there are definitely not enough car parks for shopping. People will go to other shopping center.</p>
<p>The funding could be spent more meaningfully.</p>



There are never enough all day car parks when you use to when travelling on the railway to go to work
No thanks - VIC are in massive debt already !! Stop spending tax player money!!! Come up with something that will help reduce the rate & help family!!!
To access the facility we need better parking
The suburban rail loop will require more parking
The area around the current building is already tight and difficult to manoeuvre
If it comes from federal then they will make us pay elsewhere! We're already all struggling with bills.
we cannot sell car park land when glen waverleys biggest problem is car parking.
As stated above I agree to use money from State Govt for rail loop, but disagree with selling part of east carpark
The state government should fund this project if it proceeds as it does for many other projects around the state and not the ratepayers of Monash
I want it to be bigger
See above for my reasons.
Spend the money on replacing the lost land.
Maybe put some towards the project and budget the rest over coming years if necessary.
Isn't Monash council staff shortage?
Car parking is essential and already insufficient!
Because this new project will have only benefit a group of people. Not everyone goes to the library. Not everyone is in a community hub, Not everyone can get about. There is more to life than a library.
I think it is selective and somewhat narrow minded to spend all of this money when you cannot ensure how many people will really benefit. Where I read kids sitting on floors seems an exaggeration to me and a poor justification. It is emotional rhetoric justification and not based in fact. From all the population in Monash, what percentage will truly benefit and why.?
Tax payers and ratepayers do not want to fund any unnecessary projects as this one a waste of money and resources and is unenviromental. You cannot budget and constantly look for projects that are pointless.
The money should be used for the broader community. Sports and recreation in Monash is in desperate need of improvement. The seizure of the land Glen Waverley Tennis Club is built on, the closure of Mt Waverley Tennis Club
should never have happened. Clubs are suffering because of lack of funding from Council, not forgetting the 9 year delay for Council to honour their promise of court restoration at Glenburn Tennis Club due to tree root damage, which
was highlighted in Monash Tennis Plan 2017/2021 Page 7 item 2.4
Sport and Recreation in Monash is in urgent need of Council funding. The closure of Mt Waverley Tennis club and Glen Waverley Tennis Club should never happen. The 9 year delay in council honouring its obligation for the repair of courts suffering from tree root damage at Glenburn Tennis Club is disgraceful. Ref- Monash Tennis Plan 2017/2021 Page 7
Item 2.4 A lot of Tennis Clubs in Monash suffer from for poor lighting and facilities. All sporting clubs in Monash should have had these problems addressed before money was allocated to the Jells Park Tennis Complex.
It is misleading to claim the capital cost of this project will not have any financial impact. Council has a responsibility to employ the funds arising from the nominated sources, which are both effectively selling existing Council assets, in the most beneficial ways to the ratepayers of Monash.
Is the implementation of this grandiose scheme the best use of the funds? A basic option is to invest the funds and use the earnings to support the general expenses of Council.
This amount of money should be spread across various council areas and needs
too big, libraries will become less relevant in a digital age
Waste of money
Money should respond in hospitals
Money should be spent on services that benefit the whole community



Pls ensure accurate cost estimates and no overrun as community are already impacted by high inflation, rates increase. With all the construction going on with SRL, the big Ong parking project, this project can be considered after the completion rather than to run concurrently
The local should not be worst off by future increases of council rates if tge funding is sourced from Council funds or assets. The current ever increasing costs of living is the main focus in everyone’s mind, so the local prefer to keep old library than increasing the living costs (future council rates).
feel it would be better to do a smaller upgrade to the Clen Waverly Civic Precinct, and use the rest of the money to upgrade other places.
Such as:
- Small upgrades to all the libraries, stopping the Mount Waverly one form leaking
- Upgrade Bike/Walking Paths and connections, such as the new connecting path on Sailsbury Rd and Huntingdale Rd
Small upgrades which positively impact peoples daily life, seem better then one big project only a few people near by will use
Use the money to support vulnerable people in the community. People with disabilities, elderly etc. Invest more towards people in our community who are struggling to eat, heat their homes, afford transport. Invest in programs like community kitchens & gardens (using existing facilities in the community) to support & engage the most vulnerable. Link in with schools- a lot of families are unable to fund the basics at the moment.
Council is only proposing one solution, there are no choices provided. You are asking a yes or no question around the issue of development or no development. You should be offering the community choices, not just one choice.
I do not believe this is a good project for all residents of the City of Monash, it seems like Glen Waverley residents will be gaining from the sale of land, but nobody else.
Same reason as above
The council will be better off spending money on roads if any fund is received from State government as many roads in the council area are not at the top standards with most of the road edges having very rough surface. With the quantum of increased traffic in Melbourne roads relaying of roads frequency should be between 3-4 years and not the current standards / frequency which could be 5-7 years. I am talking about relaying roads and not patch work.
money better spent elsewhere
You will be lucky to see the Suburban Rail Loop project in your life time. The assumption is false.
Unnecessary train line
Spend the money on more kindergarteners and park facilities. The whole area of Kingsway needs to be cleaned. Too many takeaway Chinese restaurants and grocers that look very unattractive.
Waste of money that could be used on more important projects.
I think the money could be spent in other ways to better support Monash residents.
The project is not necessary to proceed
Hope the funding is used properly by relocating the library to another spot
I do not think it is fair the money from the land sale should benefit just employees and one area of Monash.
Anything that involves significant building will blow out in costs and will impact our rates for something we will not use.
As discussed above the monies should be deployed for building the infrastructure in the council
It is claimed “the compensation to be paid to Council by the State Government for its compulsory acquisition of Council land in Glen Waverley for the Suburban Rail Loop project”
In light of the State Government’s precarious financial situation, it is difficult to confidently rely on any funding coming from this source. There is not any guarantee that such funding will be forthcoming or the Suburban Rail Loop project CAN continue.
Really? Less parking? Who thinks less parking is a good idea!



There is no guarantee that you will be able to complete the whole project with that money only. Your calculation of the amount of money you will get from those land sales are vague. It can vary and a huge project like this should not be undertaken on estimated costs only when the market is volatile and unsteady.

The Monash Council to me is making decisions to spend millions of dollars on this project even though it's coming from the state government when that money should be put back into our ailing health system which needs urgent funding as well as the ambulances and paramedics.

\$110 million is TOO HIGH and it is only an estimate. The final costs are unknown, and I don't believe the costs will be covered by sale of land to the State Government and the Central Car Park as you claim. Ratepayers and residents cannot afford to pay for this unnecessary project.

Obscene waste of tax payer funds

The question is inappropriate without full disclosure of:

A) Council's financial position

B) the alternative uses to which the money potentially receivable from the State would be put if the project were not to proceed.

C) Council should quantify the amount expected to be received from the State and the sale of the council land. What valuations of the land have been obtained?

D) Has the State Government in fact acquired the land and paid the compensation? Or has it merely promised to pay as and when the rail project proceeds? It would be foolish to commence work on the project based on a mere promise by the State Government that it was proceeding with the rail project. The current State Government should not be trusted to keep its promises. Not do they bind future State Governments. It would be disastrous for Council to start a project in the expectation of receiving State funds only to find they do not arrive. The proposed \$400k rent savings would not be worth the interest expense if Council were forced to borrow to cover for the State renegeing on its commitment.

E) Council should clarify how it has arrived at a figure of \$110 million for the project and what steps it has and will take to ensure the project will be completed for the budgeted cost. What experience does the Council possess in managing a project of this size? The record of government authorities in Victoria completing projects within budget is disastrous.

This information should be made available to residents.

Just not needed nothing is wrong with what we already have ,you really want too waste our money seriously ,do something worth while with it like updating our hospitals

If you get money for rail, how about putting some back into the parking for it! If you sell the land, make sure its not for another high rise development site. We live out here for the green spaces, if I wanted concrete, I'd move back into the city.

Sale of car park is not appropriate

Spending more than \$110,000,000 on a library that is completely insane.

Funds need to be spent in other areas too and not concentrated in one suburb

It's eventually going to fall on our heads and pay for the project.

This money needs to be spent on much-needed facilities and services right across Monash, not on one project. It is short-sighted and irresponsible, and totally out of touch with what the community wants from council.

The funds from Suburban Rail Project and Sale of Land should not to be spent on one major project.....I would like to see station carparks to be improved i.e. to encourage people to use trains there could be a small bus picking up passengers from designated stops on a specific bus routes particularly during peak hours.

Kingsway also needs to be "cleaned" up and parking improved.

why try and change something that is good and already working well ?



Waste of money. This is definitely going to blow out more than 110million, I know for a fact! Go and co-develop something we actually want with the state government instead of selling land we need in glen waverley.

sale of car park so someone else gets the profits that could be made to offset council spending every year is like selling the house so you can pay rent.

There should be more Financial input from the stakeholders local and overseas beneficiaries.

Waste is waste.

The State Government has just cancelled the Commonwealth Games and the rail to Melbourne Airport has been put on hold so there is a high possibility the SRL will be delayed.

the money can be spent on other more worthwhile project

I don't think the current carpark should be sold. As an older female i am not comfortable parking in a multi level car park. Perhaps the Council should consider leaving it as a free car park for the public as a small gesture to the rate paying community rather than cashing in and cashing out on an unnecessary and unwarranted piece of infrastructure.

With such high density of of population in and around the area due to the number of apartments buildings I would strongly recommend the retention the Central Car Park Space to be retained as a green space, our own Central Park! With native trees, ponds, garden beds - this would bring tourism as well as provide a place of quiet recreation. Psychologists say that our urbanised society needs green space. The 'central' character of this space would be a high light of the area and continue to allow the variety of birds which roost and flock to the area to remain. I have observed flocks of hundreds of Rainbow Lorikeets roosting on the trees in the central car park. It is a shame this proposed development takes little consideration for the retaining and/or augmenting the Beauty of having an open space amongst such an intense a crush of humanity. Surely the Beauty of Central Park in New York could be replicated here at Glen Waverley.

Use the money better for tax payers in these tough times.

Money should be used to fix Monash's badly maintained roads

That money should benefit everyone throughout Monash

It's an opportunity to invest in more local zones, catering for older age groups, that want more local activities with less noise and less traffic. It's a once off opportunity to create social connections at a local level thus a more cohesive community.

While I like the fact that this money will not be coming from our rates, and instead from the sale of council owned land, this huge amount of money can be spent in much better ways for the community.

Waste of money when business and community are doing it tough. You will over spend.

Vic govt are in huge debt which we pay off.

You are getting rid of car parking and privatising so it costs us MORE.

With a change of government this money may not even be available as the rail loop is a very long term project I would not want to see council and rate payers subject to any costs for this project If there is a surplus of windfall funds become available they should be invested for the future or used in a more diverse way through out the city not on one large project which does not serve the needs of many residents who live away from Glen Waverley

i want the funds to be spent on a gorgeous, architect-designed library for Mulgrave, to replace the "library room" at our community centre.

What is the certainty the rail loop will go ahead anytime soon. Budgetary constraints are already delaying projects and the Opposition have not committed to this project. If we commit to the spend and the money doesn't come through what then? Rates will have to be impacted. A more modest and responsible project should be considered which isn't reliant on this money.

The costs will blow out (as always) how will that be funded? This money can be so much better spent and more equitably spent across the council not just for the few near Glen Waverley library

Stop selling off land for stupid things.

I would want to see the completed Business Plan first addressing the points highlighted below.

Another major concern is the significant Cost blow outs other Government projects are having, resulting in Taxpayers paying millions of dollars for incompetent people's mistakes.



The listed risks and concerns below need to be addressed:

Financial Risk: The substantial investment of \$110 million in the proposed library represents a significant financial risk for the Council. If the project fails to attract sufficient usage or generate expected revenue, it could result in substantial financial losses for the community.

Low Demand: There is a risk that the proposed library may not meet the anticipated demand from the community. If the usage of the library falls short of expectations, the investment may not be justified, leading to underutilization of resources.

Changing Technology: Rapid advancements in technology may impact the relevance and appeal of a traditional library, potentially reducing its attractiveness to the community. E-books, online resources, and digital platforms may provide alternative avenues for accessing information and resources.

Operational Costs: Beyond the initial investment, ongoing operational costs, such as staffing, maintenance, utilities, and supplies, must be considered. If these costs exceed the projected budget, it could strain the Council's financial resources.

Competition from Existing Libraries: The proposed library may face competition from existing libraries or cultural centers in the area. Failure to distinguish itself and offer unique services could lead to an underwhelming response from the community.

Changing Community Needs: Community needs and preferences may evolve over time, and the proposed library may struggle to adapt to these changes, resulting in decreased relevance to the community.

Environmental Impact: Large-scale construction projects like the library may have adverse environmental impacts. The Council must consider the ecological consequences and address concerns related to sustainability and eco-friendliness.

Social Equity Concerns: The allocation of \$110 million to a single project may raise concerns about social equity and fairness, as other critical community needs and services may be overlooked or underfunded.

Inadequate Planning and Research: Insufficient research and planning for the proposed library may lead to flawed assumptions about community preferences and requirements. This lack of understanding could result in an unsuccessful project.

Opportunity Cost: The \$110 million investment in the library could be utilized for other community development projects that may have a more significant and immediate impact on residents' lives.

Economic Uncertainty: Economic fluctuations and unforeseen events can impact the Council's financial position and community priorities, affecting the feasibility of such a large-scale project.

Cultural and Historical Concerns: The proposed library's construction may raise cultural or historical preservation concerns if the site holds significant heritage value that could be lost or compromised.

As mentioned above, overspending in Glen Waverley for a dire result and other parts of the community could use the funding instead.

Council and government projects always seem to blow out in costs no matter what so I feel in your own words 'likely to be more than \$110 million' will be come closer to \$200million.

Agree with funding being provided from the land sale.

However, spread the funds received over the upgrade and other aspects of Monash.

Facility of this nature and scale is just not need and waste of a significant amount of money. Current facilities exist and could be update for a faction of the cost.

This isn't a necessity for the city Monash

Council will just happily spend all the funds and still have no money!!!

110mil in 21st century for library - please wake up.

Necessity and cost

Provide the residents and ratepayers with more options on how to spend this windfall, and ensure that council offices are part of the answer.

As I mentioned above, I think this sum of money is a significant but singular injection of funds into the City of Monash budget, and I think it would not serve the residents to have all that money go into a single project.

Windfalls should be shared amongst the whole Monash community with a number of smaller projects.

1. The plan does not provide return on investment or cost benefit analysis i.e. \$ earned in benefit for the \$ spent, also how much would the operation and maintenance will cost per year over life span to people of



Monash and anticipated impact of it including analysis of current operational capability ? Financial feasibility study & economic model is required before proceeding

2. What considerations have been made to upgrade existing library instead of building a new one is missing from feasibility study , viability of project needs to be understood

3. The investment of \$110 million is too much for for a library and community centre, what are the alternative proposals considered to better utilise funds from sale of land ?

4. How much council expenses would be covered for \$110 million for which council is currently raising money via rates paid by residents, can council can give back discount to rate payers by reducing the yearly rates paid by utilising money from sale of land instead?

5. The hybrid working provided by council to its employees should reduce the amount of office space required, has that study been undertaken to overall reduce the office space anticipated in centre?

6. the proposed sale of Council's Central Car Park will mean that public car parking space will be privatised reducing the capacity of car parking in a busy area, thus adding cost to public's pocket to pay for private car park

Project should not go ahead.

Council's poor planning and deals with Chinese developers have ruined Glen Waverley irrevocably. Stop overdeveloping - we don't want to end up like Box Hill.

There is no feasibility study or business case for the proposed development.

Any loss of land by Council should be balanced by a gain of land, with Council considering spending any profits of sale of land on the acquisition of land.

The proposal does not appear to serve the greatest need of Monash, and no case study for this appears to have been made. Other likely more critical options include social housing, green open space, support services.

The library is ugly.

This is Inefficient use of funds

Victoria's debt is set to soar to almost \$200 billion with the record debt making it the most indebted state in the country and its residents among the poorest!!! We pay higher taxes or fewer services. Just stop spending TAX PLAYER MONEY!!! We need a break!!!

It's a waste

I oppose the sale of the central car park. The only area that should be considered for sale is the end near Springvale road. Glen Waverley is a fast growing multi-level residential area and a central green space is required. The Central Car Park should be developed as a large green park.

This doesn't make any sense to me? \$110m is just a silly amount of money!!!

Why not offer funding or subsidy for kids activities like swimming, football etc to families who may be struggling due to current economic climate.

The funding received for council land does not need to be diverted to only one region. In this case you should use this funding to maintain and start smaller projects across the council.

This money would be better spent upgrading and utilising local facilities throughout Monash for the benefit of all residents not just those in Glen Waverley.

Car Parking is already in critical short supply at present with peak period demand for restaurants. What is the plan for replacement car parks from the loss of the Central Carpark as well as parking adjacent to the RSL.

Proceeds from acquisition should be used in rate reductions

These fund should be used to increase all day rail parking

This additional money could be better spent on improved road, footpath and building maintenance and more facilities to encourage junior and female sports participation.

Getting rid of the two largest outdoor carparks around Kingsway will be disastrous. The lack of existing carpark spaces particularly in the evenings at weekdays and weekends is already a reason for people to start avoiding Kingsway precinct; this will only be worse.

The carpark should not be sold off to developers. Once the land is gone you can never get it back. Why not build a smaller building on the carpark that could fulfill the needs of this project and include more green space? It strikes me that the council is envious of other councils with their signature buildings, such as Casey with its grand library and even Dandenong with its newish town centre and library.



<p>Do not make the mistake of selling off council land that is more valuable than the money you are going to get for it now. Costs of any building project will increase far higher than the money you will get now for sale of this land.</p>
<p>I do not believe the State Government can be trusted to pay compensation for its compulsory acquisition of Council land. The current State Government or Opposition could cancel the Suburban Rail Loop project.</p>
<p>Again the question links the Library build explicitly to the sale of the Central Car Park - the questions should be separate - and as Peter Panagakos said at the ONE ill-timed Information session on 26th July - the Council doesn't know how much it will get from the two sources of funding. So -how do you claim it will be covered by the two sale options? And having the Bogong Ave Car Park closed the day of the Information Session smacks of things to come. 23 people got to go to the session most probably because of the lack of car parking.... and there Council goes wanting to sell 257 car parks in Central Car Park and 99 in Kingsway ...instead of the promised extra 800 car parks (refer to Cr Lakes 2020 election spin) they were promised.</p>
<p>Unless Council articulates the amount they expect from the SRLA and the developers and their financiers - the proposal to spend \$110 ++million including \$8 million on consultants is purposely deceiving.</p>
<p>Can some part of this extra large fund (AUD 110 million) be diverted to DET for uplifting the quality of high schools in Monash?</p>
<p>There are no enough number of SELECT High Schools on Monash yet.</p>
<p>I think the community in Monash needs good High Schools, even more than having a state-of-the-art (fancy) library and precinct.</p>
<p>Just because Council is selling assets doesn't mean we have to spend it all in a hurry and on a single project. The whole area needs more parking - we are putting in more infrastructure but taking out parking?</p>
<p>I feel that this large amount of money could be better spent on multiple projects right throughout Monash, such as smaller local infrastructure and organisational support. The Library could still be redeveloped in a more conservative way.</p>
<p>The whole project is too expensive, over the top and tries to put on too many additional things that do NOT address the key problems council is trying to solve. The large event hall will likely present other issues such as congestion, lack of parking. Council should look into other solutions, think more creatively and use any funds to fight climate change and/oro mitigate impacts of climate change. The funds could be used in far better ways.</p>
<p>Housing first</p>
<p>We need existing car parking spaces - selling off car parks is not ideal. The new facility with a 500 seat hall will struggle with car parking as is.</p>
<p>The Central Car Park should not be sold and more free parking spaces should be made available both for rail commuters and family with children and senior citizens or those with disabilities. Funds from the State Gov should be used to upgrade a range of council facilities in other locations NOT just to be spent for this white elephant project in a single location. Furthermore, considerations should be given to see if the existing library can be renovated/expanded/retro-fitted to house the Council Office; and/or to retro fit and renovate the Civil Centre to turn it into the bigger library and community centre.</p>
<p>The whole project is too grand and expensive for Glen Waverley.</p>
<p>How about council spend a bit of money cleaning up Kingsway. It is a disgusting mess and an embarrassment taking visitors to Glen Waverley for a meal, coffee or just a visit. Shops need paint work and cleaning up, rubbish everywhere. Its horrid.</p>
<p>What a terrible waste of money, just because the state labour govt his handing over a truck load of money (no wonder they can't afford almost all their projects any more), doesn't mean it should be wasted. Council should show some financial accountability and not waste it on a facility that is not going to be used by residents, but rather the monash council themselves, again</p>
<p>given the cost-of-living challenges, funds could be better used to provide relief to ratepayers and imporve roads</p>
<p>The money should be used to upgrade local libraries that are more accessible by the local communities. I believe Council will try to close these facilities once the project is complete using the reason that the funds are needed to maintain the new facility.</p>



The Central carpark should not be sold off and retained to be turned into green space as the area lacks that at the moment. Selling off the site would be a travesty if it were developed into more apartments. It is an asset to council and should not be sold off.
REFER ABOVE
Developers will build high rise apartments in the middle of the shopping centre. It is already overcrowded with high rise. Plus there is a lack of parking to service the restaurant district already. Lack of parking is one of the reasons we don't go there for dinner anymore.
Firstly, do not sell the car park, develop it. Secondly, it is too much money in one project. So many other, smaller scale projects could be completed with this money.
Spread the funds out over all Council areas
The Labour Govt is broke, money in bank first or no Library
Money from the acquisition should be used for much needed repairs and safety rather than squandering on unnecessary luxuries
The amount being spent on one part of the community is too great. Only the surrounding residents will really benefit and there are other areas in Monash than Glen Waverley.
Council is being paid for the sale of some assets to the SRL rail authority and using the monies to build a new library and office building. No provision has been made to replace these assets (parking spaces) that are being sold. Rate payers in Monash will be called upon to pay for these replacements at some later date. It is a redevelopment that is probably needed and worthwhile, but do not claim that it will not impact on Council rates in future years.
Use some monies from the proposed sale for this or a similar project but also build up the Council's assets for the future.
It doesn't say how much of the central carpark will be sold off and how high the towers will be that will be built on it.
As above. Build it somewhere else.
see above - totally unnecessary spend
Council should support rail loop instead of making money on selling their lands. Give lands for free.
Would rather have more free 5 hr parking near all the railway stations
Car parking in Glen Waverley is already very difficult. Council should use the funding to replace the lost parking spaces. There is little point constructing additional facilities if people can't park nearby.
The central car park has been "earmarked" over the years for sale for various projects. This area should not be for sale as it provides a buffer between the apartment development of the Glen, the Ikon building and the Novotel. Once sold, it will become another high rise building and create a closed in atmosphere in the area. I would like to see environmental study/modelling done for wind and estimated temperatures for any proposed development in this area.
The money would be better spent across the municipality, not just in Glen Waverley which is a most unappealing and unattractive soulless suburb, full of high-rise, crows and litter.
See above, there are greater needs within the community to be addressed rather than a new facility.
See above reasons. The project should not go ahead as it is a significant waste of money that won't benefit enough people.
Fundamental problems should be cleared prior to proceeding the project. It's obvious that at present and future, Glen Waverley needs more space for car parking. However, it sounds backward ; losing the current spaces for 'Suburban Rail Loop and Central car park' and proposing only '250 car spaces'. I'm only old civilian, not a specialist for the big project like this.
How many times the" larger indoor community events" like 'citizenship ceremonies' are held in a year???
\$\$\$ for the design of the building by ARM Architecture are too expensive, isn't it? We don't need the fruitless surface attractive project as our daily household are very tight financially and be unable to participate any expensive activities.



Allocate some of that money but not all - there are many other projects that could also be undertaken with this sum of money.
The council building is really not that old that we need to spend \$110 million on it. Spend it on upgrading hospitals/medical centres, schools and public spaces. Perhaps upgrading of Kingsway to make it cleaner and family friendly for all citizens not just certain ethnicities.
Do not sell the car park! It is desperately needed!!!
This is totally inappropriate to utilize SSL money to fund this project... SSL has already started and impacted people's daily lives. It's vital to ensure the project can be completed on time.
Budget for a Library is over the top.
Use the money to fix the cnr of Fentree Gully road and Jells road first.
Increase rate of living etc.
would like the current & future residents get value from council expenditure/
We should use the funds to finance other projects around Monash as well and not use all the funds on the proposed Christmas pudding monstrosity.
To think the central car-park land (abutting S'vale Road) has to be sold is extremely shortsighted, when in fact, as has been campaigned for over and over, this should be turned into Open Park Space - where else can inhabitants of these high rise places go for exercises and just outdoor activities. I think a green space is just as important as a library.
As stated above. The issue is not that it will not have any financial impact. The point is the the funds should be used for the benefit of the entire community. Some residents are not able to travel to libraries outside their area for events.
I don't want the ugly building.
It's not a good investment for the greater community
too expensive, tax money could fund something else
Will not benefit community
The funds could be used for much more capital works around Monash council and not just in one concentrated area.
Sale of land money should go back to community, not be used as a justification to just waste it
The project should not get off the ground with council ensuring first ensuring all other required projects, particularly outside of the civic centre, and in particular the outskirts of the Monash council are funded and accounted for (hence ensuring max community benefit is achieved). And services are delivered as required. This is a warchest which should not be wasted on one project and a 'white elephant' at that. Further it should be considered that such a project delivered in times where there are a shortage of workers and companies able to deliver such projects will likely result in an inability to deliver within cost requirements.
Its still coming out of our hip pocket.

Contributions from participants who neither supported nor opposed the funding model

As long as the funding doesn't come out of council rates.
I will never use the facility as I live nowhere near it so I would prefer a smaller cost/project for the library and some of the funds be spread across the municipality perhaps in improving the other libraries in the municipality.
Great to use income to Council on this project - they are external opportunities that have created income to great to use then to create something that benefits the whole community.
Okay?
I have concerns about the sale of the car park. In my earlier feedback, I state that the images you provided of the car parks are confusing. If your plan is to sell those two car parks, then I oppose. Where are people who attend Waverley RSL and other facilities in the area supposed to park. Again, the image you provide indicates



we will lose those car parks. Car parking in Glen Waverley is difficult to find. We can't afford to lose those spaces without others being provide first.
Unsure what other options there are.
yes
Funding can be used else where, given the huge debt Vic gov is facing.
I don't think I really understand enough about this issue to form an opinion.
I don't agree to building a new library at the already super congested glen Waverley
Sinking windfall gains from generational land use change into one capital-intensive project in Glen Waverley risks diverting Council time and expertise from planning to meet wider municipal needs and goals
I don't care as long as I need not contribute to it with rate increase.
Don't do a budget blowout!
I want the SRL to happen. The library comes second but is also important to have
As outlined.. will this represent a significant loss of car parking?
Selling carpark is okay but the money should be spent to build parking areas to compensate for the loss.
Don't know enough about it
N/A - I am not a Monash ratepayer.
I don't support the sale of land to fund this project.
I don't know enough information to comment
It all comes down to money and I doubt that we're ever told the truth anyway
I am not bothered by where the funds come from, rather what happens with the funds.
I prefer the funds be used to build more car spaces. No matter how many new car spots are available there will never be enough.
Don't mind the sale as long as it is maintained/improved
not familiar with the current plans
I am concerned that as big project obviously a lot of disruption will happen to normal functioning. One of the greatest areas of concerns is lack of parking space during peak hours. If the central car park is sold off a lot of car park will be taken off. In addition due to construction work a lot of traffic disruption is forecasted. How is the council addressing this issues? Where will be the traffic and car park be diverted. Is there any option of using an alternative parking and using shuttle buses during the interim period.
I really don't care to be honest.
If it goes ahead then it has already gone against what I want so it then doesn't matter.
I think the train lines are more beneficial to the community and allow important transport for many people. This community centre would also be heavily beneficial, hence my answer.
Not sure about priorities
It's irrelevant. The value of money doesn't change based on where it comes from, its value lies in what it can be used to produce. If you use the money acquired from these sources on this project, any additional projects will come out of taxpayer money. If you use taxpayer money for this, additional projects will likely comes from these sources of money. In the long-term it will not matter the order or matter in which money is used, rather than what it is used on.
I don't have enough information to answer this question properly.
What alternatives are there? What else would the Council use the funds from SRL for if not for this?
And I assume you mean the sale of the central carpark will be to developers for another mini skyscraper full of poor quality small apartments which will not be filled with people who live here for a long time. I don't support that. I would prefer the Council keep that land and use it for the new library or theatre or another community-minded use or to make Glen Waverley more beautiful.



It is not that we are not supporting of creating a new library, it is we don't think it's necessary to do in Glen Waverley where it is already a nice suburb that have everything for a community need compare to other small suburbs where the lack of facilities are more obvious.
The sale of central car park space will impact the availability of free car park space for daily business in Glen center, including banking, short trip for grocery, picking up/drop off people in train station.
I would really love greater transparency in how the Council in general distributes it's funds to the community it serves. I would like to see how funds are equally, or at least per capita, distributed to the residents that live in the subdivisions, and have justification for the choices made.
Want to see the above addressed first!
The business case for this \$110M project in its current format is not sound. If council has \$110M budget, it should be able to afford more built area including deeper basement for added parking.
Not sure about the impact on quality of life of Australians
Is it necessary and preventing councillors from doing their job? Why not spend \$50 Million only and put back more into the community.
I strongly oppose lavish headquarters when the grass roots community is in need.
inadequate car parking for such a project.
I would oppose it being funded from 'regular' Council funds, so if it absolutely has to go ahead, then I support it being funded from the SRL and carpark projects. But - as stated above - I think the huge amount of money could be used to support multiple projects around Monash, so a far bigger number of residents benefit.
Could council come up with design at half cost so rest could be allocated to the establishment of artists in residence perhaps or at least studios for artists to work.
I think it's good to use some of the money from these sources however some of the money could be used for other projects as well. I.e creating more green spaces. i.e. funding for other Monash libraries
If the Central Car Park is sold and then developed there should be strong consideration what will be developed there.
More public transport would ease road congestion, but GW already has a train station. Mulgrave & Wheelers Hill need a train station more
Choose a simple design fitting the purpose. Council should go back to the 3 R's: Roads, Rubbish, Rates
I noticed recently more rubbish on foot paths, nature strips and roads. Also many foot paths are obstructed by overhanging vegetation. Instead building fancy monuments, use the money to enforce by law 3 (overhanging vegetation) and the rubbish issue
The project ALSO needs to include a LARGE performing arts centre 🎭
My biggest concern is parking. I stopped going to Glen Waverley library quite a few years ago when the hotel was built and that end of Kingsway because it became more difficult to get parking plus the shops I liked all disappeared and became mostly restaurants. I haven't yet found how the parking is going to improve with this project (I will keep looking.) I was pleased in the past to be able to park, pop into a shop or the library easily.
I'm not quite sure of the impacts this would have on the Suburban Rail Loop and the project.
Yes use the funds from the acquisition of land however that doesn't mean use all the funds for this project - this is an opportunity to prioritize and use some funds for other more pressing projects.
With the way the State Government is spending money, I would be surprised if the SRL actually goes ahead. In which case where else would the funding come from?
I do not trust the current State Government to adequately recompense Monash Council for land acquisition. What happens if the SRL is 'axed' for lack of funds? Victoria is bankrupt - and trading while insolvent! Why sell part of Central Car park? Rather, build a Council Car Park and then sell the 'air space' above.
Couldn't this money be distributed more evenly around the council areas. Upgrading some of your existing spaces in other communities



I think \$110m is too much to spend on this project, there are a lot of projects that could do with some money, please share it around.

The selling of the Central Car Park in Glen Waverley just makes life more difficult for the people wanting to shop in Glen Waverley, and no doubt would probably reduce the takings of the businesses situated in that area. I don't think the location of the other relatively far-flung car parks are all that friendly for shoppers carrying their shopping back to the car.

We need money for future maintenance.
Please look at the budget for future maintenance.
Also building cost can suddenly rise, please don't use up all the money.

I don't care where the money comes from. \$110 million on a local council building is ridiculous and absurd.

I still believe the funds should be used elsewhere.

Self funding is always ideally, is it the most effective use of funds

Council may need to allocate more funds than obtained from the sale to deliver an appropriate high quality durable facility that meets the community needs into the future and adequately addresses precinct integration

Q7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share with Council on this project proposal?

More information needs to be provided for the community to have a say.

PLEASE DO NOT HAVE THOSE LINES/CIRCLES AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING. It looks 'indigenous' and the City of Monash does not need to get on that bandwagon any more than it already has! An all new futuristic design that is encompassing of all cultures that live in Monash is preferential to a design that singles out one.

just needs to be bigger, doesn't need to be fancy, 110m is way too much

with great respect, I feel this project has been planned for a wealthy area such as Glen Waverley where residents have enough money to take their kids and families to a holiday, private sport centres or any beautiful shopping areas.

Would the council consider building such an expensive project in a disadvantageous area within Monash area?

Yes, I do. I've lived in Wheelers Hill for over 30 years. In that time, the council's only major project in this area has been the ridiculous tennis centre which should have been located at the southern end of Jells Park, close to Ferntree Gully Road and Eastlink. The Council decided on the location at the north end of the Glen Waverley golf course and has managed to significantly impact the charm of this spot. Thanks, City of Monash Council, for nothing..

Spend the money on something else.

Whilst Council has stated that it has been planning the sale of the Central Car Park land for some 10 years, it must be remembered that Council had previously planned for the replacement of the Monash Library on this Central Car Park land, and public outcry at the resultant loss of open space and car parking at that time, resulted in that proposal being overwhelmingly squashed.

So Council should tread warily with the proposal to sell this Car Park site, as the citizens of Monash have long memories, and a strong affinity with this large public open space in this ever increasing density area .

Please start and complete it asap

Completely opposed to it, given the financial situation of many residents in Monash it is a total waste of money. This ring rail is an absolute waste of money and Monash City Council should be opposing the rail with all means. By selling land for library money is an awful result for the people of Monash. My view on this awful rail loop has never been canvassed. Stop being compliant with the Andrews government and start representing the city of Monash's people. We don't need a new library and we don't need this expensive rail loop. Try fighting and go to the mattresses FIGHT



Yes Build something most modest and then use the remainder for other projects.
Or better still how about banking the money. Just because you got a windfall doesn't mean you have to spend the lot immediately

This is good work

Shame on the council for suggesting this horrible idea. What a pointless blight on the landscape it will be.

The town hall is a pointless project with no merit. A pure white elephant.

Be sensible about a new library it is not an entertainment park for kids!

Some councillors must be getting cozy with the proposed development if this is what they think is a good idea for the community.

Please invest more in the libraries!

Consider the whole geographical area of the council, not just one smaller area for refurbishment as not all residents access Glen Waverley.

Stop! Consultant. Stop show bagging. Have a conversation with the local people
I'm interested to understand what led to this grand proposal of a redesigned and reconstructed library and what research was done to illuminate community needs and expectations

A typical waste of ratepayer funds. If the Council has any debt, some or all of it could be repaid saving ratepayers interest costs. As the cost of living is increasing, councillors should be mindful of doing their part in reducing this, where possible. Having \$110 million dropped in your lap should be a good place to start, rather than wasting it on unnecessary upgrades.

If we are going to use the money, use what we need, not what we want. And if that is all of the money, I suggest you use all of it otherwise if nobody needs the leftovers in the future, the leftover paid part would be kinda wasted. But obviously, this is just my opinion about if everything is going to be used, if not, the flow chart will be different.

I grew up in this council area and my parents have lived here 67 years.
Great to see improvements that benefit. Y Mum and Dad.

I acknowledge the problem of having council staff in rented buildings but it is a lot more efficient to pay \$400k per annum rent than construct new buildings with a cost of \$110m. I am sure there is a lot of available office space throughout the City of Monash.

how can the space/project capture views and ideas from the original custodians of the land and from multicultural backgrounds

I like to see outside areas with benches, chairs and tables where we could sit and eat/drink and watch and be part of life in our community. Maybe also play some games such as chess, petanque or other outside games.

Better car parking at the Oakleigh train station, as it can get very busy sometimes.

Consider people who are arriving by bike.

Local residents need a modern library!

Do not participate in positive discrimination and get your staff on the ground not just to listen but to a hear what peoples needs are. I have watched for 40 years staff pushing their own agendas

Spend wisely it's our tax money!

The council need to look outside the Glen Waverley area and travel to Oakleigh, Huntingdale, and Clayton to have a look at the whole city.

This project is LONG OVERDUE.

Build a less grandiose library and offices for less money and we have both a new library AND a chance in the future to have a WONDERFUL CITY PARK OR SQUARE

please support this proposal - it is well overdue

Will there be adequate and accessible parking, suitable for events of 500 people?

Monash desperately requires fit for purpose halls that can be used as rehearsal venues and storage facilities for



local theatre companies. Fleigner Hall is bursting at the seams, with 2 companies having to rehearse there at the same time. I'd like to know when this issue will be addressed.

Yeah, I'll be voting in new councillors next election

The outside of the building is an eyesore of epic proportions. It's just plain awful, if built, it will put Monash on the map as having the worst monstrosity of a building in Australia, perhaps the world.

It's easy to see why the "survey" does not include a question " Do you think the building design is good, bad, or ugly"; like most surveys the questions are designed to give the answers the surveyor wants, and not the real answers.

Ensure ample parking for people coming to use the facilities. Make the building as environmentally friendly and sustainable as possible

STOP wasting money

Too much money is being wasted by Council on trivial things. We need our roads repaired as soon as possible, housing permits are out of control with McMansions being built fenceline to fenceline - no green overlay any more - what happened to that threat we received just prior to Covid lockdown?

Upgrade seems overdue, so very good to see this proposal.

Build a kindergarten attached to the library. So convenient for city commuters and addresses demand

I confess I am a current frequent user of the library so can't help but find it, the resources and the staff amazing and want more people to access it.

yes, but we would be here all day, and am sure you wouldn't want that.
surely i have put a smile on your face :)
have a nice day.

Council should be addressing issues like carparking, health, education, etc. more than just a new and bigger library. I've been to several branches of the library over the years and never seen an excess of people or overcrowding that warrants this huge building or decision.

Yes, use funds in areas that more of the community will benefit from. Only a select group of people use the local library, and 100 million dollars is a significant amount of money to spend.

As long as estimates are accurate and no further injection of funds will be required which would take away from normal activity

In an area that will be a transit hub, we shouldn't waste any valuable land for car parks. Parking decks, preferably below ground, are far preferable because then the land can be mixed use (ex: apartments above a deck). I think the city should sell the entire car park to a developer who will make better use of the land.

The way to reduce already severe congestion in this area is to invest in high density housing and active transport infrastructure in this area. The SLR station should be connected to existing cycleways through the city, and some of those many need to go through this development. That should be considered. Such paths aren't expensive compared to roads and will ultimately save the city money.

Council will need to progress very cautiously with this proposed development.
It is evident that our State government's financial viability is now concerning.
There remains the risk that the proposed SRL project may not proceed or be disbanded by the present or future State Governments.
Monash Council will need to ensure it has watertight Contracts, that the funding of the Victorian State Government for the purchase and acquisition of the Council's assets, is irrevocable and locked in concrete.

In this century, a library is not just a place for literature but for the community to come together and collaborate. It is a critical "third place" - a space where the community can be that is not the workplace or the home, in which there is no requirement to spend money or engage in consumption. In fact, libraries these days encourage creative output, with many Melbourne libraries having facilities such as maker spaces and 3D printer labs to enable access to cutting-edge technologies without the financial burden. Furthermore, one can utilise modern libraries to further their own learning through a medium other than literature, such as through study spaces or group classes.



While the City of Monash community has many excellent libraries with dedicated staff, we do not yet have a place to rival key libraries found in other LGAs, such as The Realm (Ringwood) or Library at the Docks (Docklands). This project is an opportunity for Monash residents to acquire such a place. With the funding coming from the State Government and the sale of the central car park, there's nothing to lose and everything to gain by investing in our community spaces.

The Monash rate payers are not just from Glen Waverley precinct- most in fact reside outside of Glen Waverley - please upgrade and increase the amenities outside of Glen Waverley

You've had over decade to budget for a new library and civic centre and yet still have no budget for it (just using proceeds of forced and optional sales).

I think it should be powered by solar energy.

The library is hard to find / see / observe. Its hidden. I went past it for many years without realising it wasn't council offices.

Here's a laugh.. Replace the carpark you want to sell with the library. Put the cars underneath, build the library on top. :-)

Don't do it, it's still unclear if the SRL will go ahead given the current debt crisis the government has. What's will happen to these early planning works if the SRL is scrapped, how much money are residents now paying for these early planning works.

The council is lucky to be receiving such a huge amount of money for this sale.

To put all of those funds directly into the one project that doesn't benefit everyone in the council is a terrible, terrible waste of our funds.

Please please do it. This is one of the greatest Council ideas and would be a huge step forward for our community. HOWEVER please do not completely remove access to the current library before the VCE exam period. If you're going to take time for construction and this means that the library will be out of action, please take care with time and either wait until December 2023/January 2024 OR do it much sooner (which I can't imagine is doable). Apart from that one asterisk, this is a great idea and I really hope it gets approved and actually goes through.

Please consult with think tanks / external expert financial advisors on how best to manage and invest \$110 million instead of spending it away irresponsibly

Council has tried and failed before to get a new super library. Please make sure it happens this time! The community needs it.

Improve facilities in other suburbs eg ashwood, chadstone

Given the scale of the funding allocation, it's vital to engage in a transparent and inclusive public consultation process to understand the community's preferences and needs better. Public input can provide valuable insights and ensure that the decision reflects the collective interests of the community.

Please ensure that during construction that we can still have access to library books and services.

The building is hideous! God knows what purpose the weirdly spiral cladding serves except to make the building look like it's being consumed by something alien. It's arbitrary and confronting. Not to mention that it will be dated in next to no time.

Big negative the architects....but on the plus side, there's a promising future for them in cake decorating.

Any project of this scale, cost and complexity can't be considered in isolation. Changing demographic needs residential density and transport infrastructure must also be factored in. What is the catchment for the proposed redevelopment? Will Council support better bus services? Will funding these new community spaces in Glen Waverley deplete revenue that could have been potentially shared with (struggling) Neighbourhood Houses elsewhere?

And I understand Clayton has been mooted as a satellite CBD to be developed within the likely lifespan of this proposed building. Will Council be able to give appropriate consideration to Clayton's needs or has its attention been hijacked by this project, Council's biggest to date?



I love the design and the natural light that is proposed in the plans!
I strongly oppose the project in its current format, especially when other suburbs are not afforded improved facilities.
If the state gov't cancels the Commonwealth Games as a potential financial loss, they might also cancel the suburban rail link. The state auditor said that project will be a huge financial loss.
Please only build what is necessary, there is no need for state of the art this and that. Besides the building, the technology cost for the processes will need to be considered plus all other costs. The grander and the more you want your project, it may likely lead to more cost blowouts. PLEASE REMEMBER MOST PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING AND TRYING TO SURVIVE. MONEY IS LESSER FOR EVERYONE COST OF LIVING HAS GONE UP. HAVE MERCY ON EVERYONE....referring to the low and medium class citizens. GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY by reducing rates, giving free meals, food, etc.
Looks like kids will be tempted to climb up the curly steel railing designed. Accidents and compensations, mind you.
Please ensure there is good access to streets and that the traffic flows with adequate car parking.
Personally, I really don't like the design of the proposed building
I would like to suggest that our library to have more TAMIL language books please. We are pretty much few of the council to have Tamil books I would like to see more of it
Not at the moment. I want to see the detailed plans of the building.
I'm in support of this proposal however I have concerns over disruptions during construction. Would like the Council to explore all options to keep disruptions and side effects of construction such as noise to a minimum. A lengthy construction period not only increases disruption for surrounding residents and businesses but increases the costs of the project which ultimately will be borne by the Council and ratepayers.
The architectural design is hideous
The redevelopment should blend with the existing civic centre.
Make sure to include LGBTQIA+, aboriginal, sustainability, youth, cultural groups, elderly and women's committees/advisory groups.
Council needs to consult better with residents.
a library should be a place to read, borrow books rare articles etc. it should serve the community as one. remember this is australia. what ever your nationality, if you have australian passport, you are an aussie. any project should be for aussies not for single country.
Please don't waste funding.
Waste of tax payers money
Car Parking. The precinct currently does not service the traffic flow or parking needs of the community. The project claims to add 250 car spaces. Are these additional to current supply? Does this include the loss of car spaces from the Central existing car park. I am keen to know exactly how many spaces from the existing are being lost and how many new are being created.
It is certainly needed and the space needs to be utilised better but I do have concerns over congestion in Glen Waverley and parking
Stop spending tax payer money!!! Come up with something that will help reduce the rate & help family in the area now. We are all struggling enough with high cost of living already !!
hope this project help the local community to develop more common ground for more integration.
Please improve the parking and the flow of traffic
Just do your homework and preparation and listen to input from the community so that the new library is able to cater for a wide range of people. Our current libraries in Monash are doing a good job servicing our needs but this is an opportunity to broaden what is offered even further. It is good that you are asking for input. Make sure you are catering for ALL ages.
Don't do it!
Regarding the library I read 1 book per week from Mt Waverley library. I read printed books unless travelling and note that some Authors I follow do not have complete sets in print in your catalogue. I realise there are



funding limits . Are there any schemes where different Councils and maybe State Govt could share catalogues . For example could I join several libraries to search their online catalogues

Provide a business case for spending \$110mil or ratepayers money on a project that is completely opposite to where the world is heading with the move to the digital age by making a library 4 times larger than at present. This seems illogical and as a ratepayer I would like to see the business case for this.

Not at this time but maybe more in near future.

Though I am nit currently a Monash resident, I have been before now and hope to be so again in the future

Will there be 24/7 access to key resources?

I consider libraries as places for each individual to develop knowledge and understanding of the world, other people, and himself or herself, through every means that the library's finances allow. This should include promoting the creation of clubs and societies for the study of the languages and culture of other peoples, including ancient peoples, and the opportunity to develop knowledge and expertise in scientific fields, and in many unusual and esoteric fields.

As I suggested, Libraries should also be places where individuals can pursue interests and hobbies. Printed works, e.g., books, journals, and magazines, and audio-visual resources (CDs, recordings), as well as online resources, complement each other, and should be available.

All this should break down barriers between individuals and groups, and increase the happiness and well-being of each citizen.

Think it is too expensive and over the top.
Overly ambitious.

Think of more than the Glen Waverley residents!

From my project management background, I would really like to say if you do proceed, really look at the \$\$\$ as from my experience the builders etc can always sharpen their pencil and I would really like to know if what they ask is truly value for money in terms of materials , quality and service delivered.

I have managed multi million dollar projects and when it comes to large sums of money a lot can get easily lost in the details and especially costs when it is not your own money being spent.

On another note, why not utilise the money for the poorest of the poor in our area. I.e. public housing etc.

In your own latest council meeting minutes it stated how horrified you all are at homelessness.

Here is a 110 million chances to do something about it.

Thank you.

How long will it take to build and where will the library be relocated during construction

I have lived in Monash for 40years and have never used the current library.

Very unlikely I would ever use the new facility if it is built.

Do not commit to the new project until you have the funds from the State Government in the bank. The State Government have form cancelling contracts!

I would like to sack the lot of you involved in this the ceo being the first. You seem to have nothing better to do but spend our money. Bad planning, ugly architecture , ruining our suburbs with over development. NO TASTE. This crazy proposal is not environmental . A waste of money except for those greedy people who will profit from it at the expense of all of us in monash !!! It stinks !!!

A worthy project but others come first

I hope that the staff working on the floor in the building have been consulted particularly in relation to their workspaces. Having worked in libraries for over 30 years I understand how important the design of the workspace is to minimise the handling of thousands of items. Senior staff in their offices are not the best ones to consult regarding workflows.

It would be nice to see money not being wasted in this venture and those in public office accountable for their expenditure!

Design is beautiful, high tech and futuristic looking ! Make sure the exterior cladding materials is not combustible.

As I have mentioned above. I offer my services as an events coordinator, professional bingo operator.

Please feel free to contact me for further information on 0409507746

Kind regards, Janette Bradfield



I am concerned that there will be insufficient parking spaces available, particularly disabled parking to go to the library and nearby shops and restaurants. We need short term spots for buying takeaway food.

Let's get started already. We have been talking about it for too long. While we are talking other councils around us have been actually building. We missed the opportunity to build it while costs are lower in last few years. Things will cost more as we delay more.

Further to my alfresco comment - extensions of or cutaways to the existing design could do this. Those rounded coral-pink spaces depicted in images could, for instance, be covered by curved shell-like awnings.

too big, libraries will become less relevant in a digital age

Pls don't just focus on Glen Waverly

Does it produce its own energy? Collect rainwater for the toilets? Has enough plants on the outside that it need minimal heating and cooling? If not, then the something was missing in the brief to the architect. If it has, then that is not advertised enough by your PR team.

Think of something more usefully please.

Not fair using this money for this

If the Council considers to use the council fund or assets, the local must be involved in the decision making as we (the locals) are the ones impacted by the future council rates (source of council funds & assets).

Great idea and can't wait to see construction taking place. Well done Monash.

I really like the idea but the outside pink wave design is ugly.

I think it is important to consider easy parking, easy access. specially Springvale road is a busy road

I think this proposal is really insensitive to the needs of the community in this current climate.

Please support the vulnerable community well and spend more money on enhancing emergency relief/aged care services/welfare services. Utilise current council facilities throughout the Monash council. Not everyone needs to be at one facility or meet in one region of the council.

Please consider more and easier parking access

I am not a fan of the design of the external frontage of the building. Does it represent any particular imagery or have cultural significance to the area? I agree there needs to be some artistry to the facade to create interest, but I do not like the one proposed at all.

Please ensure that more free parking spots are made available for cars in and around the library

You ask below whether I am a resident of the City of Monash. I have been in the past, but not currently. I have a business in the City of Monash.

I sincerely feel the project is not worth going ahead for reasons mentioned above.

This appears to be an ego thing for the council - " look at our building"

Cut staff, cut the budget, reduce the rate.

Overall positive, if council design such a way that carpark spaces will remain same and better traffic flow around Glen Waverley station.

refer to my comments above.

I would love to know if my thoughts and feedback are actually published and considered.

Not in favour of this at all

I do not support any proposals that this council initiates as I believe they are corrupt and refuse to listen to or acknowledge its constituents views and opinions. In fact I feel that many council members treat us with contempt and do not deserve to hold their positions.

Yeh you can stick your proposal up your ass what a waste of money

Please resume the weekly garbage bin collection as before, rather than fortnightly.

How this project is going to affect the community accessibility to the library while it's been built?

Please remember that the city of Monash services MANY residents and not all of them live in Glen Waverley.

Please share the money so that facilities are improved in other parts of Monash.

Oakleigh library facilities are poor and should also be upgraded.



<p>Also I would like to see all libraries open on Sundays. Many people only have time to go to the library on the weekend.</p>
<p>To make it easy to access please relocate the library and provide additional community space elsewhere. Travelling the Springvale road near Glen is always crowded and expanding near the shopping centre makes it hard even for car parking. It will also be harder to manage near the shopping centre again to heavy traffic flow</p>
<p>Be prepared to spend money on traffic movements also. There is nothing worse than having a costly white elephant with people not visiting it due to difficulties with busy roads and not enough parking. Local streets may have to be widened or the roundabouts enlarged to cope with a lot of people arriving at one time for a performance or meeting.</p> <p>And even though the initial building cost is high, keep rental costs for the community activities spaces low enough and flexible enough to attract groups to use them (like the Monash Aquatic centre does).</p> <p>And again, ditch the swirls!</p>
<p>I think it will be a fantastic project and fabby for the area but Glen Waverley is already bursting at the seams. I hope it will a successful project for the Council and community, one day!</p>
<p>I would be very interested in receiving a copy of the Feasibility study and the study which explored other options for the money from the sale of the land.</p>
<p>Please consider options that enable more Monash residents to benefit from the sale of an asset.</p>
<p>I am concerned that the less wealthy in Monash might be less able to benefit from such a proposal. I would like to see the results of a survey that is designed to understand the needs of Monash residents who are single and/or in lower socio-economic groups. Would they be so ready to support such a project?</p>
<p>Concentrate on essentials not on ideologically based pursuits.</p>
<p>The design is a complete fail and it would be an embarrassment for Glen Waverly. Our Monash council building is brilliant example of contemporary modern architecture (it has not and will not age) and I believe all projects of this caliber should be designed with the future in mind. This design is already out dated.</p>
<p>Make sure it is accessible for people who have disability. Book return should be drive through or have a drop off car park.</p>
<p>Would like to see a more transparent process of architect design and construction tendering</p>
<p>Come back to your senses.You are not kings and queens.</p>
<p>I really like the idea of planting indigenous plants around the library and civic centre area. The all gender bathrooms and prayer rooms are also a great and inclusive idea.</p>
<p>Please ensure that the Mount Waverley library is retrofitted to be able to offer better, modern levels of service.</p>
<p>Just do it!</p>
<p>Make sure DDA walking and also cycling access to this area and the rest of the shopping /transport precinct is good enough to induce a reduction in parking demand. This should be included in the project scope.</p>
<p>Harry Seidler's architecture of the Council offices embodied in the Monash logo is important, even if most people would not realise his contributions. To create a library/community building with the wonderfully adventurous architectural design proposed would be a great asset. To have some kind of performance space available to the community - beyond the large facilities at Monash University, which would cater for smaller arts and community events, would also be superb. I'm really excited by this proposal!</p>
<p>Please do not go ahead with this project.</p>
<p>Definitely consider future needs. This is a long needed project.</p>
<p>Do it for a tenth of the budget</p>
<p>This would be a fabulous draw card</p>
<p>Please note I have a deep commitment to education and learning. There is nothing at all wrong in wanting to build a better library. It is a very important social good and a decent idea. But Council must demonstrate it has the financial capacity and acumen to execute the project, given that sound public finance is essential to the welfare of all and in the State of Victoria public finances are in disarray.</p>



Don't waste our money on rubbish and your own comfort,nothing is wrong with what is already in Glen Waverley ,it has and still serves it's purpose.
Don't build it.
Transparency in use of funds
Why does Monash Council keep overspending in Glen Waverley? This money you expect to receive belongs to all ratepayers. I do not benefit from this at all. Fair enough to maybe upgrade Glen Waverley library, but not by spending so much. It doesn't make sense, isn't Mount Waverley library just as old as that library? We are all struggling with the cost of living, I can't believe council is considering something so outrageous.
I feel this is an unnecessary and frivolous expense that we could well do without.
The present library suffices the needs so I dont see a need to make such a massive change and as a consequence spend a hume amount of money.
DO NOT PROCEED.
there seems to be an error ?? or purposely done ?? 1st choice moved from stongly oppose to strongly support automatically by this software >>> highly suspicious and it has been tested several times with new log ins now. need to fix urgently
Will improve the value of houses in Glen Waverley
More transparency on major developers and there influencers on council funded feedback generated responses.
The public release of tender acceptance of the companies.
For me transparency is the key .
In general I like the idea of improving the library. I just dislike this design.
Great idea!
Consider whether the service and utility of this project could be delivered more cost effectively and/or in a different way. The architectural imagery suggests a degree of extravagance.
You should probably explain what will happen to the current library and it's services when construction is done. (Will there be a temporary site?)
This project should be postponed till when the inflation has come down and the Council has the funds from the State Government.
My reason for logging into this survey: The depicted design is just awful. Looks like a giant squid has taken over. Too ornate, not classy or inviting.
This development is way too extravagant for a local Council. It is more in keeping with some of the large structures in the ACT. I am very disappointed that Council would even consider it. They are obviously totally out of touch with how cost of living pressures are impacting everyday Monash residents, we feel we are not being listened to.
The proposed project is a long time coming. The claim that it won't impact how much residents pay in rates is assuring.
The project is too expensive. Money not well spent
Where is the garden space? This should be prioritised.
Stop this wastage.
Oppose the unnecessary rail loop. This project will cripple Victoria and is absolutely unnecessary..
Councillors appears to be not understanding the problems people are facing
What an awful idea, an out of touch council
To reduce the impact of global warming, and the urban heat island effect more parks and trees are needed everywhere. Solar panels needed on all council buildings, with those buildings built to minimise energy consumption.
If you build it get all councillors to agree they will all resign if it goes over budget.
It is very hard to get even a very little bit on money for small local projects like the repair of council owned local tennis club fences compared with this massive expenditure on an unnecessary expensive single project



The pick up and drop off at Novotel under cover is great for dropping off disabled people and business people alike. Parking and safety have to be well considered.

It would be best if you didn't try to push projects or endeavours with the underlying implication that they are free for taxpayers due to specific reasons, but allow people to decide whether something will be good or not purely based on how good of an idea it is and how likely it is to be beneficial to community members. If you say this project is entirely funded by sources outside of taxpayer money, and another project like creating a communal area with a basketball and tennis court and other activity spaces outside (a much better idea for people's health which is a big issue) is funded through taxpayer money you are not allowing people to fairly evaluate these options as one of them is given the illusion of being essentially free in some people's eyes while the other has a much higher perceived felt cost.

See you at the council meeting on wednesday

You do not have my permission to spend 10 million on such a ridiculous proposal. Any money received from the State govt is just money stolen from tax payers by an inept and corrupt government.

Keep doing great things, but don't be tempted by corrupt developers.

Refer to the points raised previously.

Could the money be better used elsewhere?

yes, the library also needs to expand it's book capacity as it has minimal graphic novels or books for lgbtqa+

STOP SPENDING GOOD MONEY ON RUBBISH

I dont like the current design/sketch up.

Abstract designs and architecture and facades are exciting but subjective. Please strive to make the design modern, highly functional, classic and more minimalistic with room for creative flair by having temporary lighting or signage, not expensive facades or art installations which take away from function. The building should not be subjective or love hate. Please go with something classic, clean and non experimental / wishy washy!

Parking is always a struggle

A Library that has many Meeting Rooms, with Online Hire for Local Residents, once they are verified on the Council System, I.D'd for want of a better expression, then Locals can have access to Meeting Rooms that have Video Tech built in for users.

Please have some green spaces with plants and trees, maybe an indoor outdoor area inside and plenty of outdoor spaces to sit and read! Thank you!

I don't find the design appealing. The building doesn't look modern and it doesn't blend well with the existing civic centre. The site plan overall doesn't look like a cohesive design, it's too fussy. See the attachment for specific feedback.

Don't do it!! Gross waste of funds that need to be used elsewhere.

Hope that council is transparent as I suspect most rate payers will be giving a definite "NO" to this.

The proposal to sell the car park is good, but given its centrality and geography with the commercial precinct, the council must take lengths to encourage any development on the precinct to be amenable to that reality.

I'd like for as much housing supply and densification as possible given the housing crisis, and this *must* be a main priority. But the shape of the site makes it difficult for this. I'd like a balance to be struck. Multiple 12+ storey buildings can still work if there is a public square/park in the middle of that lot.

As it stands, that car park is an eyesore and it has hollowed out the commercial and civic value of the nearby stores. It's akin to visiting a landfill site. It's split in half that whole strip of small businesses. Selling the car park for more housing and shops is a worthy proposal, but it must be done right.

Instead of building a Taj Mahal council precinct, investigate redevelopment and accommodating the future with a less expensive option

Whatever plan is adopted, ensure adequate access by road , and plan ahead for parking capacity that will continue to increase.



make sure there are more free parking space for short trip car users.

I would like the representative for Mulgrave to address this issue, albeit ridiculous that she doesn't live in Mulgrave.

Look around at what your community needs and provide the support and services that go along with it..

Any fanciful design will look awkward after 10 years. It just creates more excuses to spend and spend more residents money.

While the proposed external design of the building is striking, it does not fit in with the building surrounding it, making it look out of place.

Please stop wasting budgets - they are not your own. You are elected by locals to be responsible. Just an idea that you may have this proposal showcases absolute disconnection with the reality.

I am disgusted that the proposal was even put forward at this time. Council is out of touch with the reality of its residents.

I believe the world is moving away from car dependence and toward a transitable-cycleable-walkable spaces, so I think City of Monash would serve its residents best by getting ahead of the curve and start investing now.

Climate change is an existential threat that humanity faces in the coming decades. To address this (and the rights of future generations), I would like to see the council use this project as a landmark statement of intent. That is, through a design that "treads lightly", some key functions of a community can take place in a more or less carbon neutral manner.

This could be achieved via the use best practices in sustainable construction. Namely passive-house "fabric first" construction techniques that enable a building run on minimal energy and provide greater comfort for users. Please see: <https://www.passivhausassociation.com.au/project-register/glenroy-community-hub>

Also where possible, the use timber instead of carbon intensive concrete. Please see <https://ash.com.au/blog/cost-engineering-mass-timber-vs-concrete-steel/>

Yes, the upfront costs will be more to build in this manner, but over time this investment will be recouped in saved energy bills.

Expand areas in library for baby and children activities, and also quiet study areas for high school students.

I would like the library houses to be extended to something like 9 am to 9 pm everyday. I think the use of technology might help towards supporting these hours with the current / reduced staff.

Please..... rethink the 'design'..... please!!

This is public money, please use it wisely, not just on the biggest, grandest building that councillors can think of.

Listen to the community and stop making deals with developers

It would be nice to see a genuine community asset that has a long legacy and not some black folly

Please build some play area for the younger kids.

Could Council please provide justification for the barrage of targeted advertising for this proposal when there is a lack of business case or detailed feasibility study (as opposed to the architectural report labelled as a feasibility report) and lack of other options considered that could more greatly benefit the community.

Yep, include multilevel parking

Please cancel this project. It is a waste of money and looks bad. I would much prefer that you spend \$110 million on my university fees and student debt. Thank you.

Just stop spending TAX PLAYER MONEY!! Nothing wrong with Glen Waverley library!!! If you have funds available we would prefer it to go to every residents that pay rate in the area. NOT ONLY LOW INCOME!!!! High income families are struggling with increasing of cost of living too. Discounts on things like your Council Rate for the next 2 years, lower your rate, energy grants, kids activities grants and help to manage debt. Again please included everyone NOT JUST LOW INCOME!!!!

Discounts on things like your Council Rate for the next 2 years, energy grants, kids activities grants and help to manage debt. Again please included everyone NOT JUST LOW INCOME!!!!



Discounts on Council Rate & kids activities grants for everyone would be more helpful. Please included everyone NOT JUST LOW INCOME!!!!
STOP SPENNING TAX PLAYER MONEY!!!! Victoria's debt is set to soar to almost \$200 billion with the record debt making it the most indebted state in the country and its residents among the poorest!!!
Keep the money & do something else to help with lower council rate and cost of living for the next 5 years!!
Stop spending - keep the money to help the local with lower council rate for the next 5 years!!! Victoria Government Are In Debt We All Suffer!!!
HOLD OFF for the next few years!! Nothing wrong Glen Waverley Library. Increase FREE activities for teen & youth would be much appreciated. Lower council rate for everyone not just low income families would be helpful! Thanks
We need to ensure that we are not changing the character and nature of the suburb.
HOLD OFF for the next few years!! Practical help with costs of living for ALL resident would be helpful.
Do what is right!
While I support the need for an upgraded Glen Waverley Civic Precinct in general. Cost involved (more than \$110m) is way too much to be spent on just this project. Coucil should investigate an alternative design option with a reduced cost. Money from the car park sales proceeding and the compensation to be paid by the state should be spent/distributed to initiatives that impact all Monash residents.
Current chronic shortage of carparking with a better carparking facility. Multi story car park next to Glen Waverley Secondary School is too far and at night a safety risk thus is significantly under utilised. Ideal would be to build a multi story carpark in the central car park which was part of the previous civic plans.
Do not want central car parking to change. Do not want part of it sold, would lead to more high rise. No more high rise please. We do not need green space where car park is now.
If the design shown for the library is the final one, I urge the Council to rethink. The twirly bits look like a demented octopus, or the kraken waking, and will date very soon. Let's have something plain and elegant, please.
Yes? Design is ordinary. Swirling tendrils overkill, unnecessary, allow birds to land and resultant mess provide costly council clean.
Exterior building: statement outside or is it preferable to let the inside speak volumes? GW. concrete jungle. Top Australian landscape designers assist in look of building. (Visual flyer) like apartment block. No desire to see into building given view. Consider more simple, clean building material that is stone like and sparkles in the sun. Light sandstone colour. Contrast rust. Colours that sit good against blue of sky etc. Inside showcase Aboriginal artwork on grand scale. (graphic). Kids areas cylinders shape seats (better suit playground). Choose seating colors and retro seating in mid 20th designs, varying heights, so each own chair, own space.
Outside - If lower height plants are needed soft clumping grasses that flow easily with winds would delight. No to tough strappy plants that overgrow into too dense clumps. Interior colours wish-washy with the addition of white. Resemble colours used at Mon. Uni bus interchange (eyesore ... choice of color alone)
Surrounding the building ... TREES not scrappy shrubs. Deciduous trees (the seasons)...(an avenue) Why not? Perfumed plants? Build anything but glass. A building that asks me, I wonder what is inside... light from above. If glass was main component of building (without tendrils)... Neon lighting artwork? Affordable world class restaurant?
I can only assume that the council has taken responsible steps to ensure that this is and environmentally positive complex which at the very least should incorporate solar panels.
I'm surprised by the design it looks like it's covered in snakes
Pay the top level staff less money as they are over paid
Just because it is additional to budget, spending the entire windfall on a single, frivolous project is wrong. Why not use the money to increase budgets on existing council programs to better the entire city of Monash? Local roads are in poor condition, footpaths are being half repaired, (grinding or bitumen being used instead of replacing sections totally). Council currently requires tenants of sporting facilities to pay for scoreboards, facility/asset upgrades etc. Surely part of the \$110 plus million dollars could pay for those things rather than asking the community volunteers the raise money, write grant proposals etc?



<p>Need an overall GLW plan and timescale. The planners are making a submission to Council in SEP23 and am unable to attend to hear their submission. A Public copy would be appreciated.</p> <p>I am concerned that VIC debt will force Andrews to clip aspects of the project or even put that on ice. What contingency for that please? You have very core promises - just like the Games?</p>
<p>Yes the building looks wonderful in the artist drawings. I predict that the end product will look nothing like this as cost overruns and changes have to be made as the artists conception cannot be achieved within budget and for the actual benefits it delivers.</p> <p>Above all, the selling off of valuable council land in the heart of the Glen is very short sighted and short term thinking.</p> <p>The costs in this proposal do not stack up at all.</p> <p>The council will waste resources knocking down the old building when refurbishments would be far more economically and ecologically sustainable and then you could keep the carpark for future needs.</p>
<p>Over 360 individual questionnaires filled out by residents were tabled by me as a Glen Waverley Councillor in 2018 where only one person chose the library option and sale of Central Car Park. The other options were 1. leave as-is or 2. create a large public park with [or without] one *iconic store like Apple or Samsung/ or Lego on the site and car parking below. The overwhelming majority favoured to transform the Central Car Park into a public park, with a single *significant store below ground and up to three levels of underground car parking beneath...their reasoning articulated that freely accessible open space is non existent in the GWAC. In addition a resident of Campbell Place also created a petition which also showed hundreds of Glen Waverley residents wanted to save the Central Car Park. There will be a massive loss of open space and tree cover in the GWAC should the proposal go ahead. Concrete everywhere will add to the effect of urban heat islands and will raise the temperature in the GWAC. It also adds even more non porous surfaces. One wonders how serious is the Council in addressing climate change?</p> <p>And with the recent IBAC report Operation Sandon published one needs to ensure that Councillors are distanced from developers and financiers. A register of Councillors' interactions with developers/ financiers including perceived or real conflicts of interests should be available to the public - ratepayers and media. There is a lot of money at stake.</p>
<p>Build more car parks</p> <p>Stop spending all the rate payers money in Glen Waverley, Mt Waverley, & Oakleigh. The traffic conditions on Jacksons Rd are ridiculous, missed opportunity for more lane when the housing estate was built at Waverley Park</p> <p>One question not related to the project.</p>
<p>Under `Gender`, what BS is this `prefer to self describe`?</p> <p>Can some part of this extra large fund (AUD 110 million) be diverted to DET for uplifting the quality of high schools in Monash?</p> <p>There are no enough number of SELECT High Schools on Monash yet.</p> <p>I think the community in Monash needs good High Schools, even more than having a state-of-the-art (fancy) library and precinct.</p>
<p>Good opportunity to add more to the existing proposal. It would be great if during this time of the council had funding for cleaning up Kings way. It's looking very sad. There needs to be more plants or trees planted, upgrade of the footpath and re-vamp the way Kings way is looking. Some shops are really dragging the precinct down. With this new library area, the rest of the street needs to be upgraded to match.</p> <p>Although a performing arts centre at this location would be well serviced by public transport (i.e. buses, existing train and the new SRL) it should also have nearby car parking spaces.</p>
<p>There is nothing than hasn't already been covered in the above replies, thank you</p> <p>I find what has been provided is simply a sales document and does not go into any of the real community benefits that should be evaluated. Would a spend of \$10M x 10 projects across the Council benefit more people. I support the need for a new library - but please spend \$15M on it and be practical about build costs</p> <p>Parking is a huge issue surrounding the current library. As a result I do not come up to the area. Most of my friends do not also use the current library and actively avoid coming to Glen Waverley.</p> <p>Letter box written info for those who do not use a computer would be helpful.</p>



Use first nations design. Use recycled content materials. Ensure building has low energy requirements. Consider rooftop garden. Even under the solar panels (agrivoltaic). Why can't you use places like the EIBC as function space? Surely there are other event spaces and Council can bargain for a better price to access event spaces? Does Monash University have space? Deakin University in Burwood campus? Commercial office space that is no longer in full use?

Look at other alternatives - why do we need this building- just to compete and keep up with other councils? Why can we look at excavating and putting well designed offices underground in front of the existing building with well designed light bays with a garden above. The proposed design is an eyesore - do we need a "jeffs shed" building in Monash?

Pouring hundreds of millions into a mega community centre in Glen Waverley is an unfair distribution of resources which should be shared. What is needed at the Library/Civil Centre precinct is a pedestrian, children and residents friendly shared facility, with greenery/water features with educational functions, not ANOTHER mega complex. Residents/shoppers need more free car parking spaces not more concrete buildings.

Please scrap it, use the money more wisely. By all means update / upgrade the library but not at this outrageous cost.

Use rate payers money wisely.

It's disgusting, the most expensive waste of money for self gratification. I'd never heard of this project before, and now, according to the timeline, we're already years into it -how is that even possible? Or is this just a create way of pretending you've already been telling residents?? I don't trust council to tell the truth on this, or to spend the money wisely.

If this goes ahead, which it just shouldn't, let's watch that \$110M grow to 2 or 3 times that, and then increase our already high rates

Project appears excessive and over the top. Focus should be redesigning library and parking space not additional 'nice to haves'

It is too big and too costly for the benefit. I acknowledge the saving in office space rent but couldn't current Council buildings be upgraded for less cost to accommodate more staff.

I don't think the architecture was very appealing.

For the precinct to thrive, walking access must be retained at all hours by either external or internal walkways

I think that a locker bay where people can put things in it for more than a day would be good for those who come often.

Perhaps if the \$ spent on the fancy facade be spent on 'neighbourhood houses' instead, that are in desperate need of funds since covid, would make even more people happy. Also I think \$110 million is wishful thinking.

The current library building fits very well with the architecture of the council building, mid century architecture. This building should be protected and enhanced as opposed to being torn down.

The proposed design is absolutely terrible. Zero architectural integrity or design principles. It would put Monash on the map for all the wrong reasons. Please reconsider this design and appreciate the existing building for what it is.

THIS COST ALONE IS OUTRAGIOUS MORE THAN ANY OTHER COUNCIL PROJECT ACROSS MELBOURNE I THINK

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2) The artist impression of the building looks good. Just need to make sure that the design does not look tired after a few years. Seen it happen too often.

3) The building will be a stand out surrounded by tired looking streets and shops. Some shops have modernised and built upwards 3-4 floors. Others are old and run down. Need more consistency in the commercial area of GW

Please keep consulting with the community

Go for it.

Are you going to supply the books for the library too?

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<p>underground parking as cities do in Europe. I would also like to see the parking in Kings Way removed and the creation of a mall with outdoor dining areas, trees and young children's play areas in full view of their parents dining outside. The current station needs to be linked underground with the new rail system and the old station needs to be upgraded and improved architecturally. Beautiful spaces create calmness. Cars should not dictate community sites. These areas will be linked with the new library and civic centre.</p>
<p>Our community is changing as are learning needs. The times of community gathering physically together are decreasing. Complete small upgrades in a range of facilities and you better meet the needs of a wider range of community members.</p>
<p>Proceed with the works ASAP and do not tolerate any obstructionism particularly from Councillors who could potentially try to transfer some of the proceeds to works within their own ward. Given ratepayer population ratios and the fact that there are only two Councillors from Glen Waverley Ward there is potential for the community development project to be derailed</p>
<p>I do not like the proposal aesthetically, seems to be grandiose and an architects folly.</p>
<p>As above. Do not only spend money in Glen Waverley.</p>
<p>I like the aesthetics of the building. I hope it is a green building using solar panels/water/energy wisely. It's a disgrace that the council is spending so much money on a showcase when many of their residents and ratepayers have been financially strangled by interest rate increases and are struggling to buy necessities for daily life.</p>
<p>If it is going to take a number of years to reach tender the cost will have increased accordingly and there is no mention of where that funding will come from.</p>
<p>Yes must include water features like small water fall or flowing water near library with small rain forests like in Melbourne museum And glasses must be with solar panel can generate energy. Sound proof.</p>
<p>I'd just like it communicated what the interim plan for Glen Waverley Library's resources is. It is going to take a LONG time and I'm hoping we won't be without all these resources during this time.,</p>
<p>What will happen if the SRL project is cancelled or deferred for say 10 years, as is likely to happen if a recession occurs? Does the Council still get its money? Are the resumed (sold) assets still available as parking areas or for the use of the public?</p>
<p>Priorities projects that bring the community together such as the Emerge festival that was free and accessible and appropriate for all ages and abilities in the community. Free outdoor events such as this are wonderful allows all to come together- simple and effective! Add some coffee and donut carts as they do in stonnington with their Glow Winter arts festival - simply brilliant!</p>
<p>Technically not a resident as we are near the border of Whitehorse & Monash and utilise many monash services and spaces.</p>
<p>Please consider bus routes and public transport access in general when planning.</p>
<p>Please think of alternatives that could be done with the central carpark. Maybe sell off the library site if more funds are required to develop it?</p>
<p>The creation of a central public square as part of the proposed project also has great appeal for me and my family. I am assuming this is the car park currently bounded by Railway Parade North and Coleman Parade. I can envisage that this space will become the heart and focal point of the city, especially if an open green space is maintained. Ideally, it will have a perimeter of trees, shading a track for jogging and walking; with a central open space allowing for festivals, regular markets, and other community gatherings.</p>
<p>Stop building palaces for yourselves in Glen Waverley. -Transparent tender process of project -financial accountability to remain within budget - maintaining or even improving parking, bicycle and pedestrian accessibility - improving community access to library resources, arts and culture</p>
<p>as noted above</p>
<p>There is no genuine reason for this to proceed when existing facilities can /should be upgraded at a capped amount</p>



Project is waste of money. Why not investigating into school, street lighting, creating more green spaces and public events for everyone. Why not decreasing our rates instead? It is not time to spend that much on another library serving small local group and extra office space (wfh is the future!)
At least discard the snakes writhing over all the windows
The proposal to sell part of the central car park makes no sense at all. I strongly oppose this proposal.
I hope this project will be happening soon. it's very important for all of our people.
I hope Monash consider the needs for this change. I don't want our children have to go far to use a Library.
This will be a safe, contain space for us as parents to know where my children or elderly parents would be spending their time.
Our friends and family believe it is a heartless and careless act if you don't support this project.
It will be an economic and environmental disaster. There will be cost overruns that all ratepayers throughout the municipality will have to subsidize for many years, with little return for those outside the Glen Waverley boundaries.
Not to mention that the proposed building looks totally out of place between the current council building and the Ibis. It is an architectural blob. Brown and pink? Serious? It looks like crap.
Councillors need to be able to speak their truth about this proposal and not have to toe the party line.
The building design is brilliant - BUT the metal overlay is expensive, a distraction against the pure lines of the building.
The new library building should acknowledge/reflect the simplicity of its Roy Grounds neighbour.
Please delete unnecessary embellishment!
This is a lot of money from the state government which should NOT be spent only in the Glen Waverley ward!
The north of the borough where we live has seen no marked improvement at all in recent years, only a wearing away of the protections to the natural environment which we love and value so much. There is also no interesting restaurants, no culture, nothing. This proposed project would not benefit our family one iota.
Everything we do is outside of Monash, as the views of the majority of long term residents is not factored into decision making. We will be making sure that our state representative knows our feelings on the way this large amount of money is being spent, and that we are completing against this centralised project.
I request the council consider funding shortfalls in other areas of responsibility as a proper use of compensatory funds.
Please contact the State project organisers, nearby suburbs or other councils and discuss if they already have the similar and more effective project. If so, Glen Waverley council can join or work together with them.
It's a bit over the top.
I have 4 comments.
1. I have read the Architectural Concept several times and find it difficult to understand. I am not an Architect. I accept that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but in this case I think the external of the building would look much better (and cheaper) without what I can only describe as a bowl of spaghetti poured over it.
2. I have no data to support my view but I would have thought the bulk of attendances at the library would be people perusing and borrowing books. If this is so, this facility should be relocated to the Ground Floor.
3. The Site Plan does not appear to show the existing ramp to the below ground car park under the Civic Centre. It is not clear to me how this interfaces with the new ramp to the below ground car parks under the proposed library and whether this imposes any traffic management issues.
4. There appears to be no designated disabled car parking for the proposed library. Ground level parking would be unsuitable as it is remote from the entrance. I would expect to have seen some disabled parking adjacent to the lift lobby in Basement 01 and/or 02, but all car parking bays appear to be of uniform size.
The fancy lacework building design could be difficult or expensive to maintain long term.
Pls look into a more modest option and don't sell all the land we need for car parks
Good to have a new library but just no need to be fancy.
I've been quite happy with Monash council over the last 18 years I've lived here. But this announcement of library/community building that costs such an obscene amount in today's current cost of living crisis is



completely tone deaf and I'm honestly surprised that council ever thought spending \$110 million dollars would be acceptable. Build a new building for sure, but not at that amount of money
As a student at the nearby Glen Waverley Secondary College, I commonly use the library as a study area after school. While works are being completed on this area, I will probably have to find another space to study at, and am wondering if another space exists. Apart from that, the only other concern is the above-mentioned use of the central car park space.
Please do not waste money on this kind of unnecessary projects.
The \$110 million should be spent on multiple projects across the Monash area.
Planning since 2014 but no action has been taken further, now is the time to get momentum and get things moving!
while the square meterage of the library is increasing, much of that space will be dedicated to community services, rather than traditional library services. I hope that the purpose of a library is not overshadowed in this design by novel community-focused facilities; the design should increase, and certainly not reduce, the capacity of the library to store books, and provide more tables and spaces for individual study. While the latter is addressed in the design proposal, the former is not, and both should be prioritised moving forward with the project.
I OPPOSE THIS
I would like a smaller development with funds to go performance art, neighbourhood house and existing libraries. Council needs to provide funds for community arts , libraries and neighbourhood house not just sport facilities and
The building design should consider it can be extended outward or upward easily in future if need to. More parking space should be provided considering more and large group of people will attend for library learning and events.
Do not believe this council proposal is in the best interests of the residents!
Yes by selling off some of the Central car park no doubt more ugly high rise buildings will be built. Council needs to look very carefully at the height and scope of the proposed buildings. More car parking yes, public space yes... but more high rises?!
Oakleigh Brass are keen to participate in any community forums for the future development of this project.
The cost of \$110m is far too high.
The library plans are impressive and I like the circular appearance - there are many benefits attached to a circular building as was made apparent at the information evening. But the cost needs to be reduced. I think the proposed connecting walkway to the existing council building detracts from the impressive stand-alone Siedler building; doesn't blend at all and must surely block off foot traffic altogether.
The CAD descriptions made it harder, not easier, to understand. But it could all be modified. We do need a new library.
Just get it done please
Is this development part of the smart cities initiatives. If so I am not in favour
Seems there is very little return on investment mindset in this project.
I think you gotta look at a big picture rather than just one focal point being the only solution for better livability in the council
Refocus your efforts on things we actually need
the design is ugly and will look like an eye sore in the future.
It's really not a good use of the funds in one central spot just to show off and neglect everything else in the neighbourhood, which is crumbling
It would likely be useful to adopt Passive House certification for the project to ensure the environmental sustainability performance outcomes and appropriate construction standards are delivered through rather than business as usual results of the "tick box " tools such as Green Star. Question building office space in such an expensive building. Life cycle analysis may reveal the rent is cheap compared to the construction and ongoing cost. Better use of project funds for precinct integration and community use than office accommodation particularly when office utilisation can be low with WFH.



I would be curious to know at some point if there are similar plans to upgrade other libraries in the area, such as Mount Waverley.

Ensure potential noise from children's program is addressed in design of children's area.

Plan for sorting machine for returns in staff back room

Front concierge area essential. Was missed at Clayton Community Centre.

Reconsider central staircase looks too much like Bunjil Library and not accessible by all

Library AH chute on Kingsway is essential and must be accessible for those in scooters and wheel chairs

Space for art work, photography in the library and linking area to Civic Centre

Provide public staff pods on both floor for staff management

Have lots of display shelves for all collections and comfortable furniture for individuals and groups

As I have said, this is a 'warchest' not to be wasted, and the chance for council to truly deliver for all ratepayers,

not just a few. For example, delivery of long required car parking and service road to the Waverley District

netball courts (and covered courts), which commands a significant community benefit, servicing hundreds if not

thousands of netballers and schools. This provides clear support and access to womens sport and community

around Ashwood and other suburbs and schools. Also taking significant traffic off local roads to the courts.

The warchest also provides the chance to increase and improve on bike and walking paths and neighbourhood

centers etc and other community amenity (including provision and servicing of appropriate trees).

More effort needs to be directed to all council areas and not just major effort and costs directed at the Glenwaverly civic centre.

The building design looks atrocious, can you not get a classically trained architect to design something pleasing to the eye and inspiring?

Whatever the design, its longer-term maintainability is important: beautifully designed buildings can become shabby if they are hard and/or expensive to maintain.



Appendix 2. Share your ideas with images

Participants were provided with the opportunity to upload their ideas and images relating to the design of the building to Shape Monash. Three people engaged in in this activity.

Contribution 1: Building Facade

The proposed light bronze wavy facade feature is too "confusing" and this does not elicit a calm atmosphere - it does not project any unique design or useful structural/artistic element. I noticed there is another architectural feature [dark bronze] behind this outer structure. No wonder this is contributing to confusing the mind and sight visually and is somewhat disconcerting or disturbing to the mind's eyes.

My proposal is to delete the outer metal structural feature [light bronze] but retain the inner metal structural feature [dark bronze - change this to light bronze if you like] and redesign it to serve as a single structural feature. This proposal has the following attributes: significant cost reduction by eliminating the outer structural feature, additional ground space available for public utility and project a "less cluttered facade" which is more pleasing to the eye. The current proposal for the outer facade feature is overkill - additional cost incurred without contributing to the overall building aesthetic.

Contribution 2: Central Green Park for Glen Waverley

Once in a lifetime opportunity for the City of Monash to respond to the needs of the community and make a difference to the lives, health and well-being of the people who live and work here. If some of the car park needs to be sold to raise funds for the library development it should be at the Springvale Road end and ensure enough space is left to develop a lovely park - green, not paved!



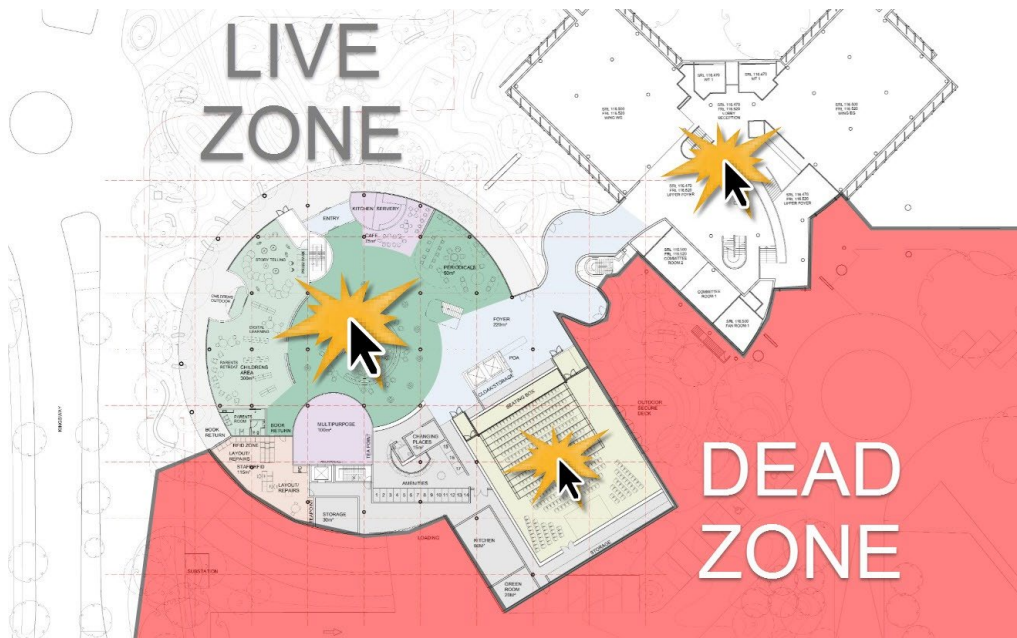
Contribution 3: Dead and Live zones



Posted by mikatoa

1. Existing Library forecourt currently fails as a destination spot. The back of the library is currently carpark and a dead zone. The new design just replaces the existing but doesn't fix the urban connectivity. The back of the library is still a dead zone.
2. Kingsway is a food destination and this to be continued into the a new public space so that there is functional connectivity. Otherwise most people will just cross the road to the other side of Kingsway unless they are going to the library. So Live Zone turns dead when library is closed and theatre is not in use.
3. New Library can be located along Springvale road to activate the street but also backs into a shared public space and youth zone.
4. Entry to basement carpark could be from Springvale road to keep Kingsway street front free from crossovers.
5. Trying to fit the council office, library and a multipurpose theatre on this site is problematic and challenging. I've said before that Glen Waverley needs a public square as all the open spaces are now used as carpark space. The theatre could be located (Dan Murphy carpark?) some where in area and this site used for a sizeable public space. Could be Glen Waverley's Fed Square and could be used for celebrations such as the Chinese New Year celebration or watching a world sporting event. A space that fits multi use and multi modes.
6. Design overall needs to keep it simple, modern but fits with Seidler's architecture and should age well. Unfortunately, ARM's design is already aged when they produced their renders.
7. Library vs Theatre. It's a difficult one to design.
8. Urban planning. Revisit the previous proposals. They are simple urban proposals and they work.

Thank you for your time.



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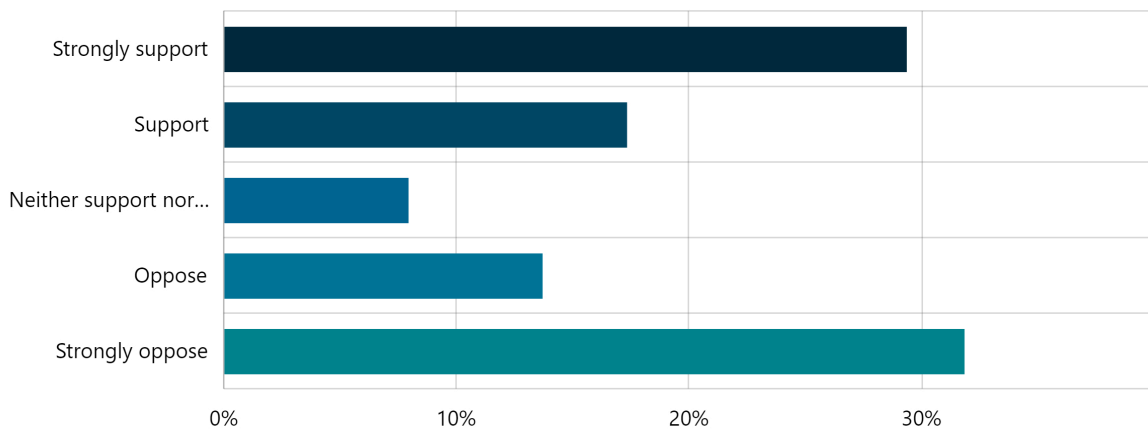
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Contribution Summary

1. Do you support the proposed Glen Waverley Civic Precinct project?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 5 | Answered: 607 (99.2%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Strongly support	29.32%	178
Support	17.30%	105
Neither support nor oppose	7.91%	48
Oppose	13.67%	83
Strongly oppose	31.80%	193
Total	100.00%	607

2. What is the main reason for your answer to this question?

Long Text | Skipped: 53 | Answered: 559 (91.3%)

Tags



Tag	Percent	Count
Need a modernised library	30%	170
Concerns over project cost or rates increase	19%	104
Put some or all funds to other projects	18%	99
Redistribute some or all funds to other suburbs	11%	60
Good for the Monash community and municipality	10%	58
Not needed / adequate existing facilities	8%	45
Approval of investment	8%	42

Featured Contributions

Vastly improved facilities for the Monash residents.
Contribution 7 of 7 | 18 August 2023

Sounds like a necessary project, considering the growth of Glen Waverley over the last 50 years.
Contribution 6 of 7 | 12 August 2023

The money from the land acquisition and car park sale should be spread to all areas of the Council not just Glen Waverley. Local libraries should be upgraded.
Contribution 5 of 7 | 11 August 2023

Money would be better spent on other infrastructure and improving current maintenance programs.
Contribution 4 of 7 | 3 August 2023

The cost of it. Rates will rise. Money can be used for more pressing needs
Contribution 3 of 7 | 24 July 2023

It's a waste of money and is not needed.
Contribution 2 of 7 | 21 July 2023

The library is definitely out-dated and the need for office space sounds logical.
Contribution 1 of 7 | 21 July 2023

3. Are there any current community needs or gaps that this project could address?

Long Text | Skipped: 202 | Answered: 410 (67%)

Tags



Tag	Percent	Count
Community meeting spaces	11%	47
Need for more car parking	10%	42
Space for socialising or recreation	9%	37
Large event space needed	8%	34
Spaces for youth and children	5%	20
Space for private study or work	5%	19
Technology and maker spaces	5%	19

Featured Contributions

The area does not offer an advanced technology space. A library of the 21st century should be focused towards the future.
Contribution 7 of 7 | 17 August 2023

Definitely a major emphasis on car parking for both workers and visitors to the precinct.
Contribution 6 of 7 | 26 July 2023

Perhaps a large useable theatre/ auditorium which we lack in Monash.
Contribution 5 of 7 | 22 July 2023

I would like to see rooms available for local U3A groups to meet and have classes.
Contribution 4 of 7 | 20 July 2023

Ensure there are areas in library for working - both quiet space and for joining on virtual meetings
Contribution 3 of 7 | 19 July 2023

the teenagers need their own space in the library
Contribution 2 of 7 | 18 July 2023

it would be great to have a MakerSpace style area that has hands-on activities to expand the community offerings
Contribution 1 of 7 | 17 July 2023

4. What activities would you like to be able to engage in at the library or in the community events/meeting spaces?
 Long Text | Skipped: 228 | Answered: 384 (62.7%)

Tags



Tag	Percent	Count
Meetings or classes or workshops	35%	133
Performances and events	24%	91
Traditional library activities	20%	75
Technology and maker spaces	12%	47
Space for socialising or recreation	12%	45

Featured Contributions

It will be a good meeting place to catch up with friends - both in doors or outside
 Contribution 5 of 5 | 17 August 2023

Library, reading to my children and having space to also study away from others alone too.
 Contribution 4 of 5 | 25 July 2023

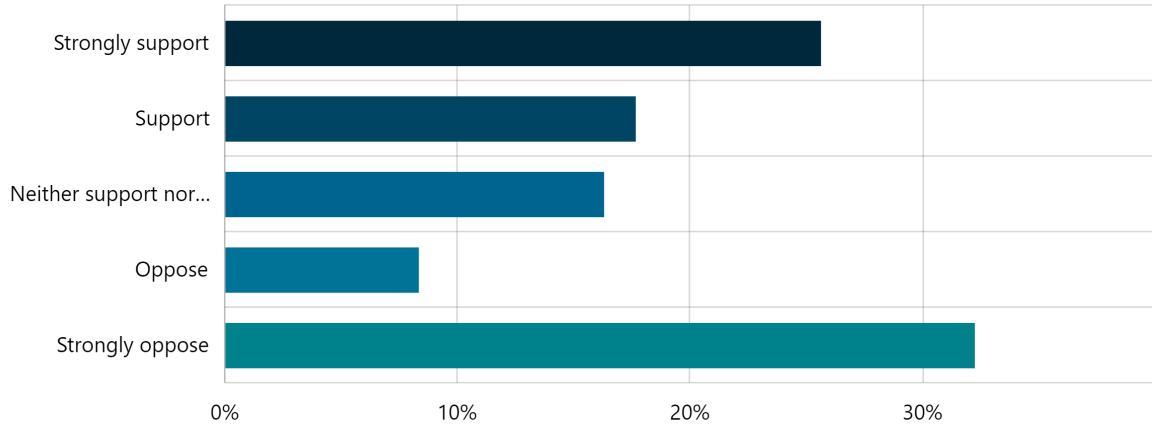
- Makerspaces - 3D printing labs - Engineering or technology workshops - Technology workshops for those with lesser to none technological skills, such as the elderly
 Contribution 3 of 5 | 19 July 2023

music performance, art show, presentation
 Contribution 2 of 5 | 16 July 2023

Public Lectures, community meetings, local hobby club activities
 Contribution 1 of 5 | 13 July 2023

5. If the project proceeds, do you support or oppose funding it from the funds Council will receive from the State Government’s acquisition of Council land in Glen Waverley for the Suburban Rail Loop and the sale of part of the Central Car Park?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 22 | Answered: 590 (96.4%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Strongly support	25.59%	151
Support	17.63%	104
Neither support nor oppose	16.27%	96
Oppose	8.31%	49
Strongly oppose	32.20%	190
Total	100.00%	590

6. What is the main reason for your answer to this question?

Long Text | Skipped: 156 | Answered: 456 (74.5%)

Tags



Tag	Percent	Count
Approval of investment	24%	108
Concerns over project cost or rates increase	19%	86
Put some or all funds to other projects	19%	85
Oppose sale of Council assets	9%	42
No cost impact on ratepayers	8%	38
Need for more car parking	8%	35
Redistribute some or all funds to other suburbs	7%	33
Good for the Monash community and municipality	7%	30

Featured Contributions

The residents are not lumbered with long term financial burdens like increased council rates or extra levies.
Contribution 8 of 8 | 18 August 2023

I oppose the sale of the central car park. The only area that should be considered for sale is the end near Springvale road. Glen Waverley is a fast growing multi-level residential area and a central green space is required. The Central Car Park should be developed as a large green park.
Contribution 7 of 8 | 30 July 2023

Highly value library as a community resource and see it as an investment in the people of Monash.
Contribution 6 of 8 | 22 July 2023

It's money well spent. These buildings don't get build all the time and it's a good investment in the community. Library is a space that promotes

sharing and sustainability. In this day age where costs are rising and people are time poor libraries are places that support people and also brings people together. We need to spend money on things like that too. It's not always about roads and rubbish.
Contribution 5 of 8 | 20 July 2023

I am supporting as long as there will be enough parking under the new proposed Library complex.
Contribution 4 of 8 | 20 July 2023

Selling carpark is okay but the money should be spent to build parking areas to compensate for the loss.
Contribution 3 of 8 | 20 July 2023

The money is better spent by spreading the benefits throughout the Monash region, instead of concentrating on the already congested Glen Waverley
Contribution 2 of 8 | 19 July 2023

Even if the funds come from the State Government the residents will still pay for it at some point with increased rates and taxes. I feel it is not needed , perhaps a renovation is more financially responsible as opposed to new development.
Contribution 1 of 8 | 19 July 2023

7. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share with Council on this project proposal?

Long Text | Skipped: 259 | Answered: 353 (57.7%)

Tags



Tag	Percent	Count
Concerns over project cost or rates increase	20%	70
Need a modernised library	11%	40
Put some or all funds to other projects	9%	31
Redistribute some or all funds to other suburbs	6%	22
Need for more car parking	6%	22

Featured Contributions

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Contribution 11 of 12 | 16 August 2023

I like the aesthetics of the building. I hope it is a green building using solar panels/water/energy wisely.

Contribution 10 of 12 | 15 August 2023

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Contribution 9 of 12 | 14 August 2023

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Contribution 7 of 12 | 11 August 2023

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Contribution 6 of 12 | 7 August 2023

Do not want central car parking to change. Do not want part of it sold, would lead to more high rise. No more high rise please. We do not need green space where car park is now.
Contribution 5 of 12 | 2 August 2023

Please consider more and easier parking access
Contribution 4 of 12 | 21 July 2023

Great idea and can't wait to see construction taking place. Well done Monash.
Contribution 3 of 12 | 21 July 2023

Council has tried and failed before to get a new super library. Please make sure it happens this time! The community needs it.
Contribution 2 of 12 | 19 July 2023

The Monash rate payers are not just from Glen Waverley precinct- most in fact reside outside of Glen Waverley - please upgrade and increase the amenities outside of Glen Waverley
Contribution 1 of 12 | 19 July 2023

8. If you prefer to upload your prepared feedback, please do so here.

File Upload | Skipped: 606 | Answered: 6 (1%)

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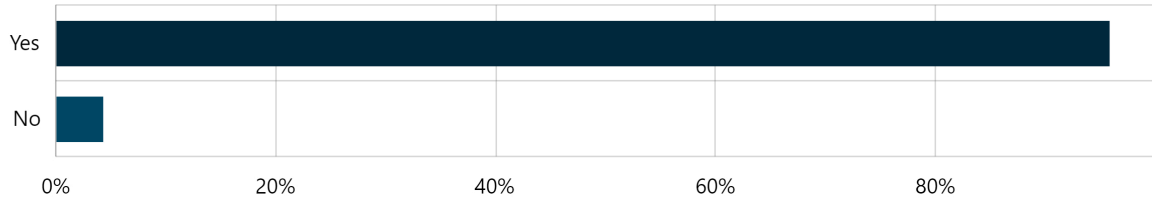
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9. Are you a resident of the City of Monash? Required

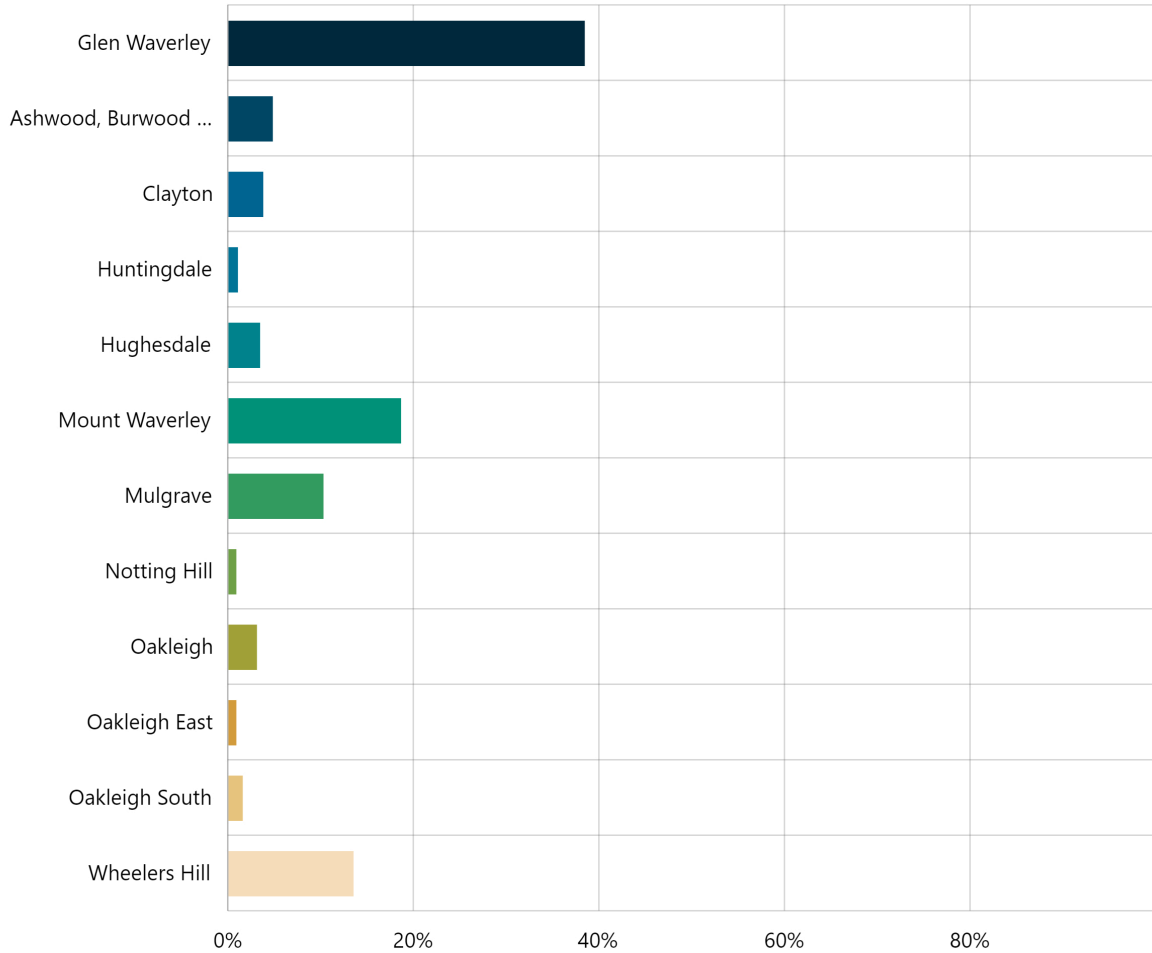
Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 612 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	95.75%	586
No	4.25%	26
Total	100.00%	612

10. What suburb do you live in? Required

Select Box | Skipped: 26 | Answered: 586 (95.8%)



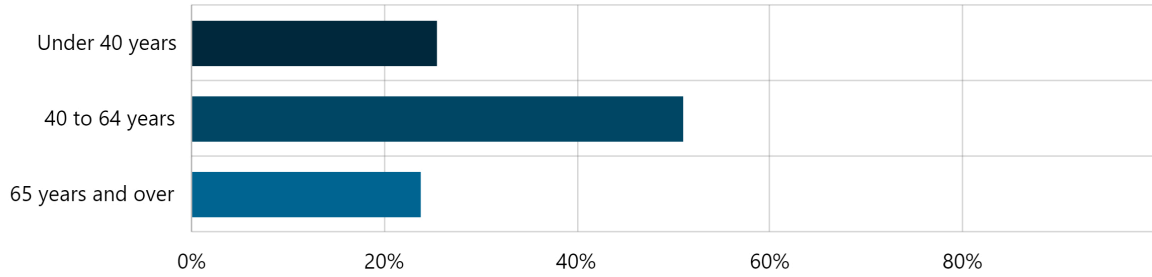
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Glen Waverley	38.40%	225
Ashwood, Burwood or Chadstone	4.78%	28
Clayton	3.75%	22
Huntingdale	1.02%	6
Hughesdale	3.41%	20
Mount Waverley	18.60%	109
Mulgrave	10.24%	60
Notting Hill	0.85%	5

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Oakleigh	3.07%	18
Oakleigh East	0.85%	5
Oakleigh South	1.54%	9
Whealers Hill	13.48%	79
Total	100.00%	586

11. Your age group

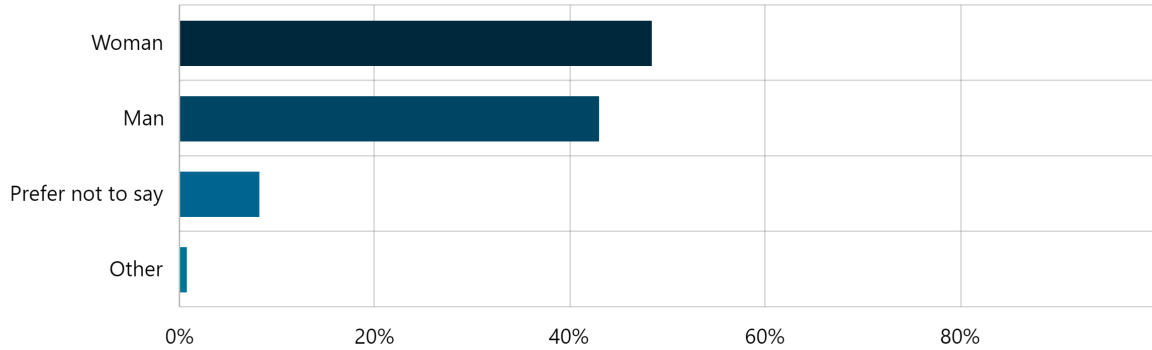
Select Box | Skipped: 17 | Answered: 595 (97.2%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Under 40 years	25.38%	151
40 to 64 years	50.92%	303
65 years and over	23.70%	141
Total	100.00%	595

12. Your Gender

Select Box | Skipped: 20 | Answered: 592 (96.7%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Woman	48.31%	286
Man	42.91%	254
Prefer not to say	8.11%	48
Other	0.68%	4
Total	100.00%	592



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City of Monash

August 2023



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Background, objectives and methodology



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Background and objectives

Monash City Council is considering replacing the Glen Waverley library with a larger and improved offering, including a civic hall space (which is not currently available). The new building may also accommodate some Council staff currently in rented offices.

The compulsory acquisition by the Suburban Rail Loop Authority provides the opportunity to fund a large part of the project. This research determines the level of awareness and support among residents following the distribution of information about the project to all residents (via letterbox delivery) on 17th July 2023.



Methodology

Quantitative Telephone survey

n=800 residents of the City of Monash aged 18 years and over

- Includes an oversample (n=400) residents of Glen Waverley and n=400 residents of other areas of the City of Monash
- Survey quotas on age, gender and location, and **weighting applied at the analysis stage to actual age / gender / location proportions based on ABS census data.**
- The maximum margin of error on the total sample of n=800 is +/- 3.5% at the 95% confidence level.
- Differences of +/-1% for net scores are due to rounding.
- 8 minutes in length.

Conducted from the 20th to the 26th of July 2023

The research was conducted in compliance with AS-ISO 20252.

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Executive summary

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Key findings

More than half of residents are aware of the proposal	Just over half (55%) of residents are aware of the proposal. Awareness is higher among residents in Glen Waverley (68%) compared to residents living elsewhere in the City of Monash (51%). Awareness among residents aged 65 years and over (73%) is higher when compared to all residents.
Three quarters of residents are initially supportive	Support for the project is very high. About three quarters (76%) of residents support the project, and more 'strongly support' (49%) than 'somewhat support' (27%). Among the remainder, 11% neither support nor oppose the project or are unsure, and just 10% oppose the project.
Support remains high with information about costs and funding	After providing information about project cost and funding, support remains very high, with two thirds (65%) of the population either 'strongly' supporting (33%) or 'somewhat' supporting the project (32%). The proportion of residents who oppose the project remains low, at 19%.
Supporters focus on library improvements and community benefits	The majority, who support the project, give two main reasons for their support; the need for the library to be renovated and community benefits. The minority, who oppose the project, have a variety concerns, including preferring the funds be spent elsewhere, that ratepayers will end up paying, or the provision of parking.
High levels of support to include office space in the new precinct design	A proposal to include office space in a new community precinct building that would reduce rent costs paid by Council receives support from more than three quarters (77%) of residents.

Upon provision of a description of the project, over three quarters of residents are in support



Awareness of new Glen Waverley library and community precinct higher among local residents

More than half of Monash residents (55%) are aware of Council's proposed plans to build a new library and community precinct to replace the existing Glen Waverley library on Kingsway. Awareness is significantly higher among residents of Glen Waverley (68%) compared to those who live in other suburbs of the City of Monash (51%).

Awareness of the proposal is significantly higher among residents aged 65 years and over (73%).

Initial support for the project is very high

When presented a brief overview of information about the project and a few of the features the new building might contain, just over three quarters (76%) of residents support the project. This includes almost half (49%) of residents who 'strongly support' and a further 27% who 'somewhat support'.

A small group, just one in ten residents (10%) oppose the project (either 'strongly' or 'somewhat'). A similar proportion (11%) of residents neither support nor oppose the project, and the remaining 4% are unsure.

Support among residents of Glen Waverley (80%) is *not* significantly different to other City of Monash residents (75%).

Support remains high with information about project cost and funding

After further hearing information about the project cost and sources of funding, support remains high (65% of residents), albeit 11 points lower than initial support (76%).

The proportion who oppose the project remains low, less than one in five residents, (19%).

The proportions of residents who neither support nor oppose, or are unsure, are virtually unchanged.

Supporters are focused on the need for library renovations and its positive impacts on the community



Expanding or updating the library is the top reason for support, along with benefits to community

After hearing about the project cost and funding, residents who support the project cite various reasons for their support, the two most notable standouts being:

- the current library needs renovating, updating or enlarging (33%)
- it is important and positive for the community, particularly children and young people (29%).

Other reasons given for supporting the project include :

- it is a valuable investment of funds, that will not impact on ratepayers (10%)
- community spaces are needed (10%)
- it provides new infrastructure that is required to meet demand from population growth (10%).

Residents of Glen Waverley are *more* likely to focus on the need for the library renovations (48%) compared to other residents (29%). Residents of Glen Waverley are *less* likely to focus on the community benefits (21%) compared to other residents (32%).

Objections to funding, potential rate rises, and reduced parking are the top reasons for opposition

Among residents who oppose the project, the top three reasons are:

- a belief that the funds would be better spent elsewhere, such as on other libraries, or on other Council areas of responsibility (31%)
- a concern about the project's cost, or that residents will somehow fund the project (24%)
- the loss or deficit of car parks (23%).

The next most frequently mentioned objections include:

- the chosen location, overdevelopment concerns, and a preference for open space (14%)
- it is unnecessary (adequate amount or condition of libraries already in the City of Monash) (14%)
- sale or privatisation of public land or assets (13%)
- doubt that the State Government will follow through with funding (8%).

Concerns about overdevelopment/preference for open space/choice of location are significantly *lower* among residents who live Glen Waverley (4%) than residents who live elsewhere in the City of Monash (17%).

Support is high for a community precinct that contains offices for Council staff



More than three in four residents support a precinct with office space

After learning about how the proposed precinct will provide offices for Council staff and free up rent payments, support is very high, from more than three quarters of residents (77%).

There are very similar levels of support among residents of Glen Waverley (74%) and those living elsewhere in the City of Monash (78%).

There are no significant differences in the level of support by age or gender.

The proportion who 'strongly support' the project (50%) is nearly twice as large as those who 'somewhat support' (27%).

Opposition is very low, just 14% of residents.

The most popular proposed features for the precinct are space for children and quiet areas for study and research



Nine in ten residents (89%) think quiet areas for private study and research are 'extremely', 'very' or 'fairly' important with 68% rating it 'extremely' or 'very' important.

An almost identical amount of residents (88%) think that space for children's activities are important.

The importance of the remaining proposed features ranges from 83% to 58%:

- spaces for community groups to meet (85%)
- a bigger and more modern library space (83%)
- community events space such as an auditorium (75%)
- a café (58%).

When asked about other features that might be considered, two thirds (64%) of all residents had no further suggestions. Those who did suggest other features provide a wide variety of suggestions with none garnering significantly higher mention than any others. A few take the opportunity to revisit the need for sufficient and accessible parking.



Detailed Findings

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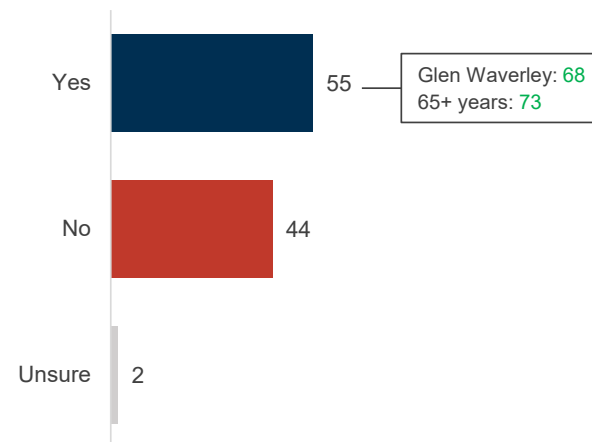
A little over half of residents aware of plans for the new Glen Waverly library and community precinct



Aware of potential plans (%)

The City of Monash is seeking community feedback on a proposal to build a new Glen Waverley library and community precinct to replace the existing Glen Waverley library on Kingsway in Glen Waverley.

The proposal is for a new modern library along with flexible community events and meeting spaces for community use.



Awareness among residents in Glen Waverley (68%) is significantly *higher* than awareness among residents in other suburbs of the City of Monash (51%).

Significantly *higher* than the total at the 95% confidence interval.
 Q1. Prior to today, were you aware of any potential plans to create a new library and community precinct in the centre of Glen Waverley? /
 Base: Monash residents (n=801).

A large majority of residents support plans for the project, almost half 'strongly' support



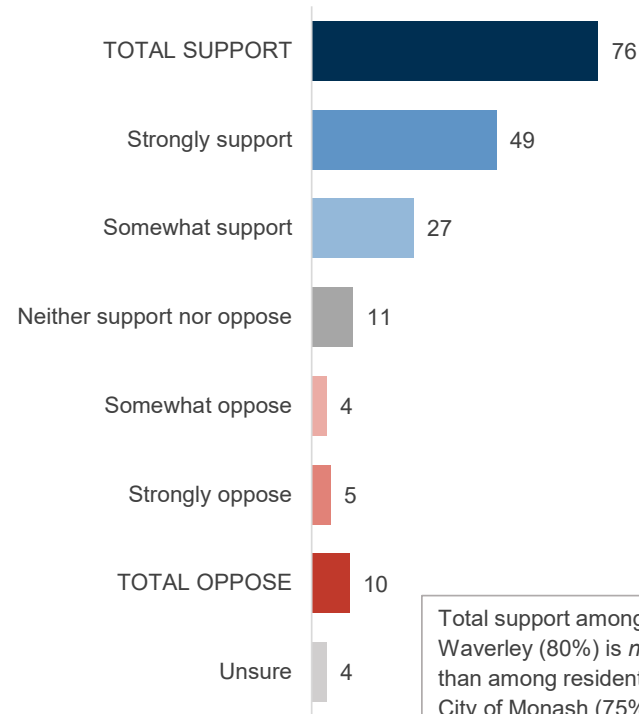
Initial support for project (%)

The key driver for this project is because the existing Glen Waverley library is more than 50 years old, and Council believes it needs to be replaced.

Council believes it is too small and no longer meets the needs and expectations of our community. For example, more than 20,000 people visit the library in some months and there is typically not enough room for school kids accessing the library after school – with kids having to sit on the floor. This impacts other library users as well.

.Council wants to create one of Victoria’s best municipal libraries where people can come together to share experiences, learn, be entertained, access online resources, study, hear talks and presentations, access the latest news, share a coffee with friends and take part in fun and stimulating children’s activities.

Council believes there is also a need for a large multipurpose community space which is both flexible and highly configurable to provide for a variety of event formats which can be used by the community.



Total support among residents in Glen Waverley (80%) is *not* significantly different than among residents in other suburbs of the City of Monash (75%).

Q2. With this information about the new library and community precinct, do you support or oppose this project?
Base: Monash residents (n=801).

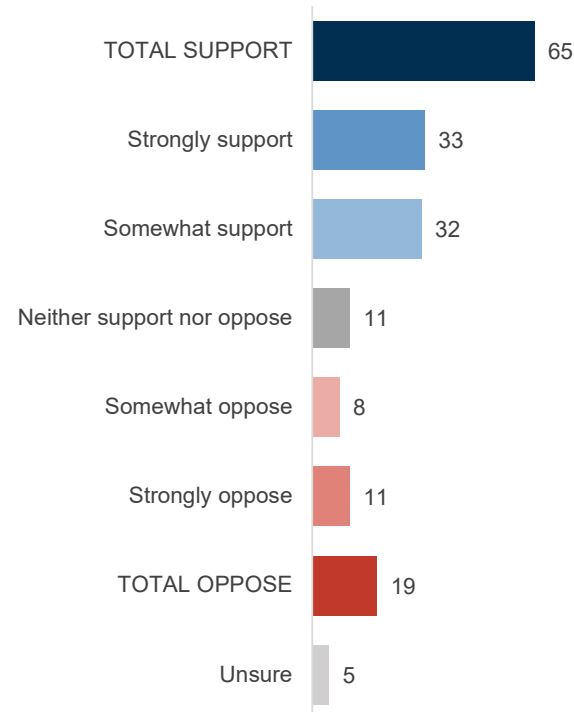
Upon consideration of information about project funding, most Monash residents continue to support the project



Considered support for project (%)
(post information about funding)

The cost of this project is likely to be more than \$110 million. However, it will not have any impact on Council's existing capital works program or other priorities. This is because it is proposed to be entirely funded by two sources:

- 1. compensation to be paid to Council by the State Government for its compulsory acquisition of Council land in Glen Waverley for the Suburban Rail Loop project; and*
- 2. the sale of Council's Central Car Park adjacent to Springvale Road. Council has been considering the sale of part of this land for some time to fund a new library and civic building but has not yet resolved to sell it. It is proposed that the existing car parks will be replaced, a central public square will be established on part of the site adjacent to Kingsway and the remainder of the land will be sold.*

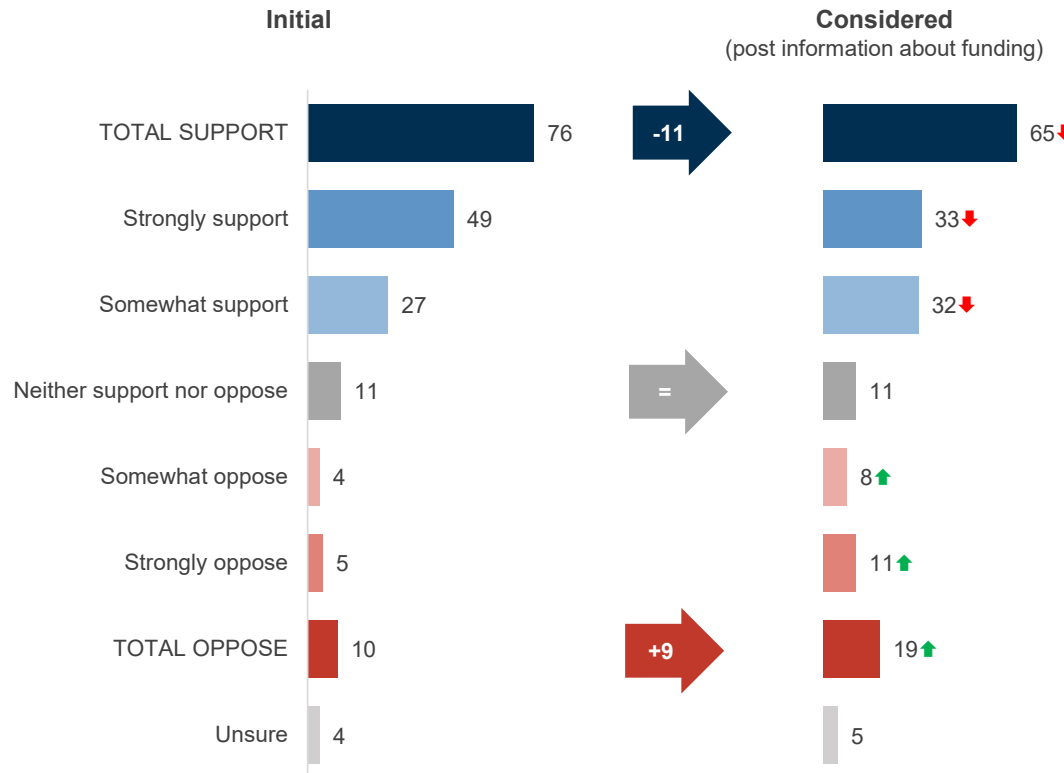


Q3. With this information about how the project for a new library and community precinct will be funded, do you support or oppose this project?
Base: Monash residents (n=801).

Whilst there is some drop off; support remains strong upon consideration of information about project funding



Considered support for project (%)

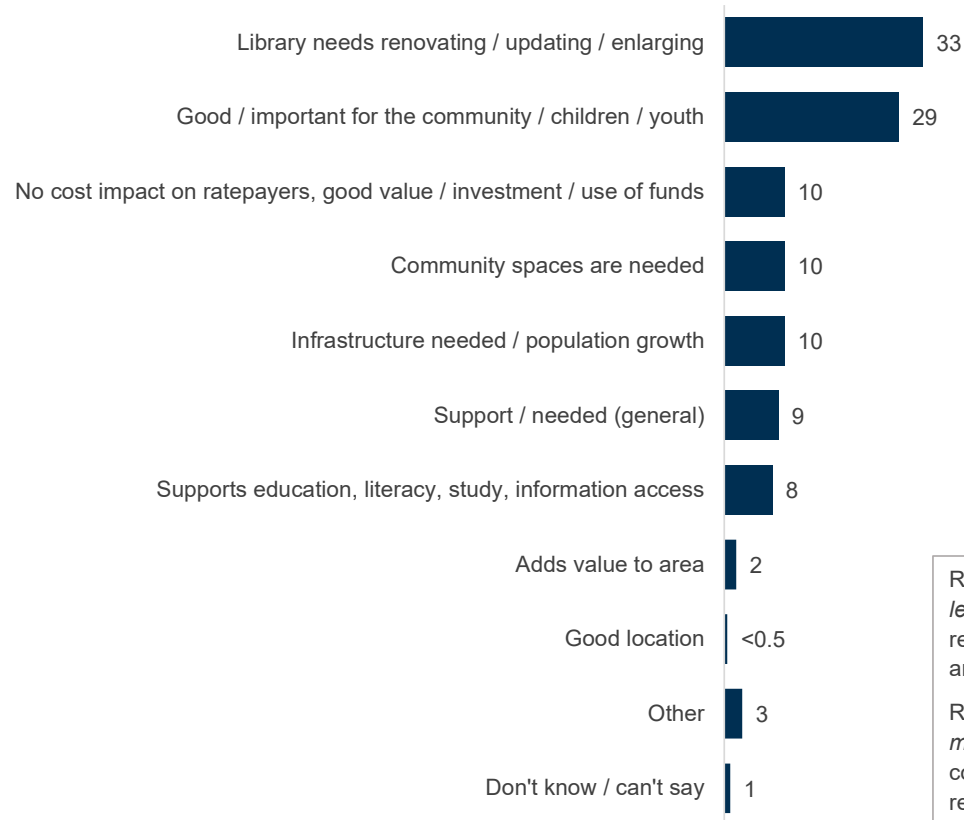


Significantly higher ▲ / lower ▼ than the initial measure at the 95% confidence interval
 Q2. With this information about the new library and community precinct, do you support or oppose this project? /
 Q3. With this information about how the project for a new library and community precinct will be funded, do you support or oppose this project?
 Base: Monash residents (n=801).

A third of supporters say the library needs upgrading or expanding, and three in 10 say it benefits the community



Top reasons for support of project (%)
(unprompted, open response)



Residents of Glen Waverley are significantly *less likely* to mention that the library needs renovation, compared to other residents (33% and 48% respectively).

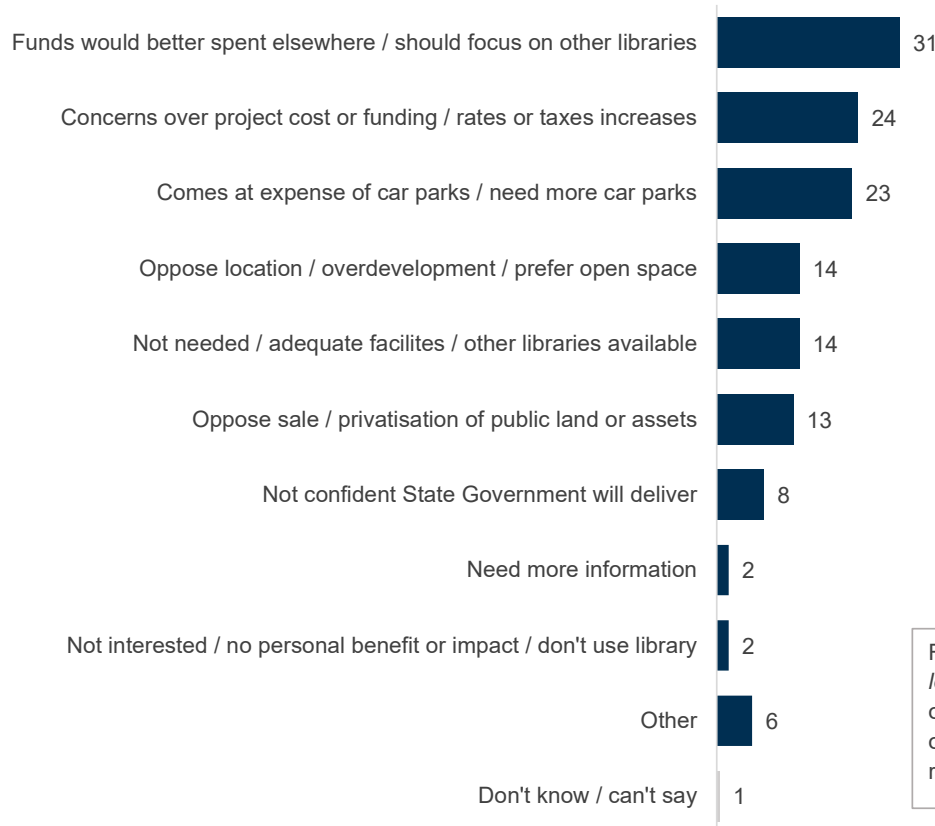
Residents of Glen Waverley are significantly *more likely* to mention community benefits, compared to other residents (29% and 21% respectively).

Q4. What is the main reason you now support this project?
Base: Monash residents who support the project (n=509).

Funding decisions, possible rate rises, and reduced parking lead concerns among residents who oppose the project



Top reasons for opposition towards project (%)
(unprompted, open response)



Residents of Glen Waverley are significantly *less likely* to mention concerns about overdevelopment, preference for open space or choice of location, compared to other residents (4% and 17% respectively).

Q4. What is the main reason you now oppose this project?
Base: Monash residents who oppose the project (n=163).

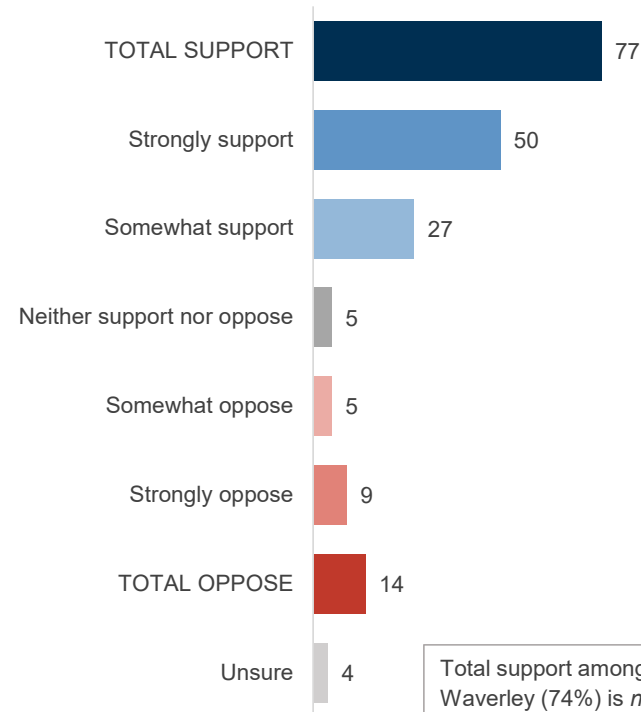
More than three quarters of residents support the precinct Council offices



Support for inclusion of office space (%)

It is also proposed to include some office space in the building for Council's Glen Waverley-based employees who do not fit in Council's existing Civic Centre.

For more than 15 years, Council has had to rent space in the adjacent Ibis building for these employees. This costs the community more than \$400,000 in rent each year and Council proposes to relocate these staff to a Council owned facility to for this money to be spent elsewhere.



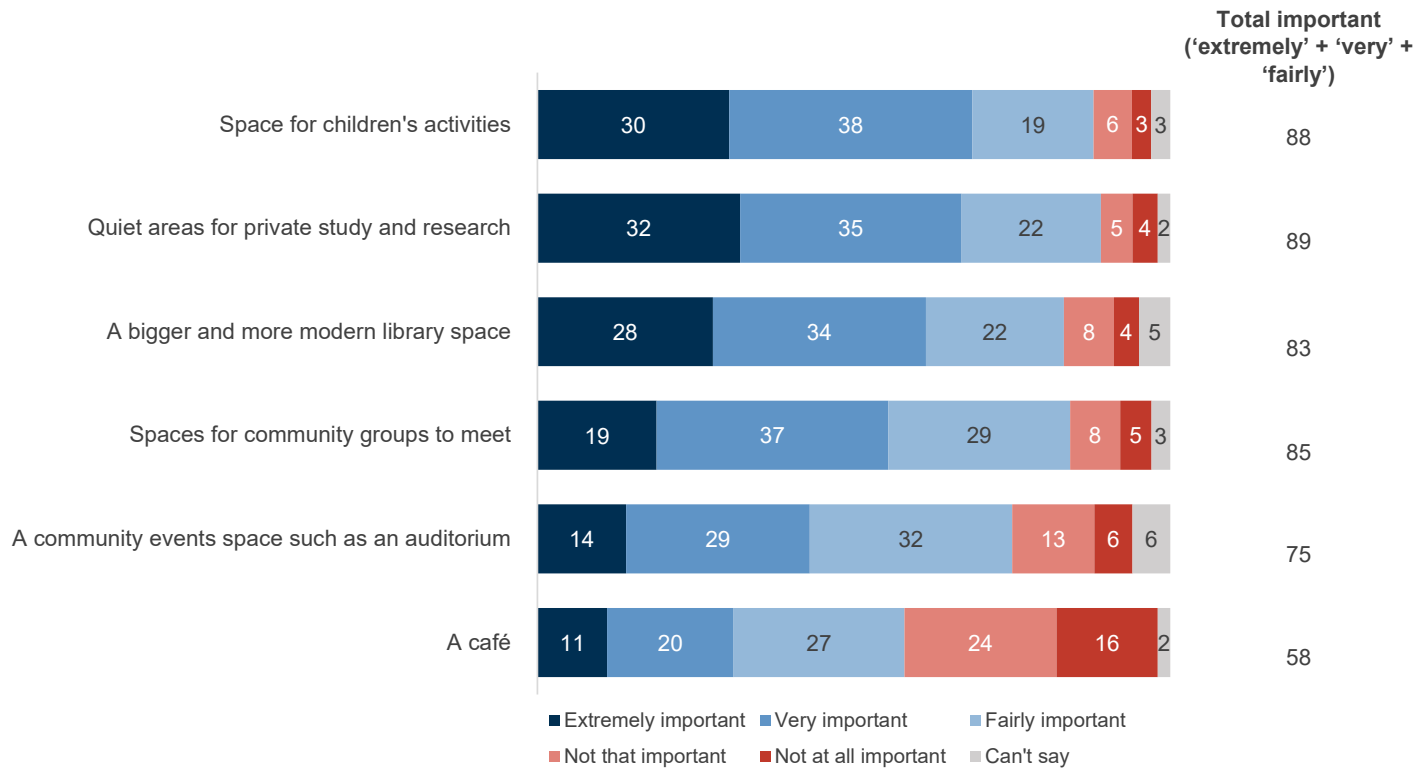
Total support among residents in Glen Waverley (74%) is *not* significantly different than for residents in other suburbs of the City of Monash (78%).

Q5. Do you support or oppose including some office space in the new library and community precinct building to save the annual rent costs paid each year by Council?
Base: Monash residents (n=801).

Space for children's activities and quiet areas are ranked by residents as the most important project inclusions



Importance of potential inclusions in the precinct (%)



Q6. What would you most like to see included in the new library and community precinct?
Base: Monash residents (n=801).



A minority of residents suggest other project inclusions

All residents were asked to suggest other features for the new community precinct.

Two thirds (64%) did not provide any additional suggestions.

Among those that did suggest features there is a wide range of ideas, with none mentioned by more than 5% of all residents. Suggestions include:

- Access to internet, Wi-Fi, computers and other tech
- Sufficient parking
- Green space, outdoor space or community garden
- Ensuring accessibility, disability friendly
- Childcare
- Space for art displays
- Health services (GP, mental health)
- Co-working spaces
- Activities for older residents
- Computer lessons or assistance
- Charging for devices or electric cars
- Ensuring a sustainable design for the building

“Have a flexible workspace for the public to have access to as well to allow work from home residents a quiet space occasionally.”

“Modern technology, more workstations, better internet connection.”

“Collaborative working areas, charging stations, student and tutor studying, sensory spaces (quieter), rooms for older adults’ education, access to tech (3D printing, computers, accessible Wi-Fi).”

“Really important to have enough parking, especially since its just 3 hours and then you have to pay. It’s harder for low-income people.” (Demographic category)

“Home library services for elderly residents, so that older people can still use the library’s services.”

“Consider interactive IT environments where people can experiment and work with new technology. Robotics opportunities and virtual reality; just to excite people about technology. Focus on science technology and engineering education opportunities. Also, renewable technology and energies. Solar panels, batteries and carbon neutrals, also double-glazed windows. Energy efficiency is of extreme importance and should be taught to others.”

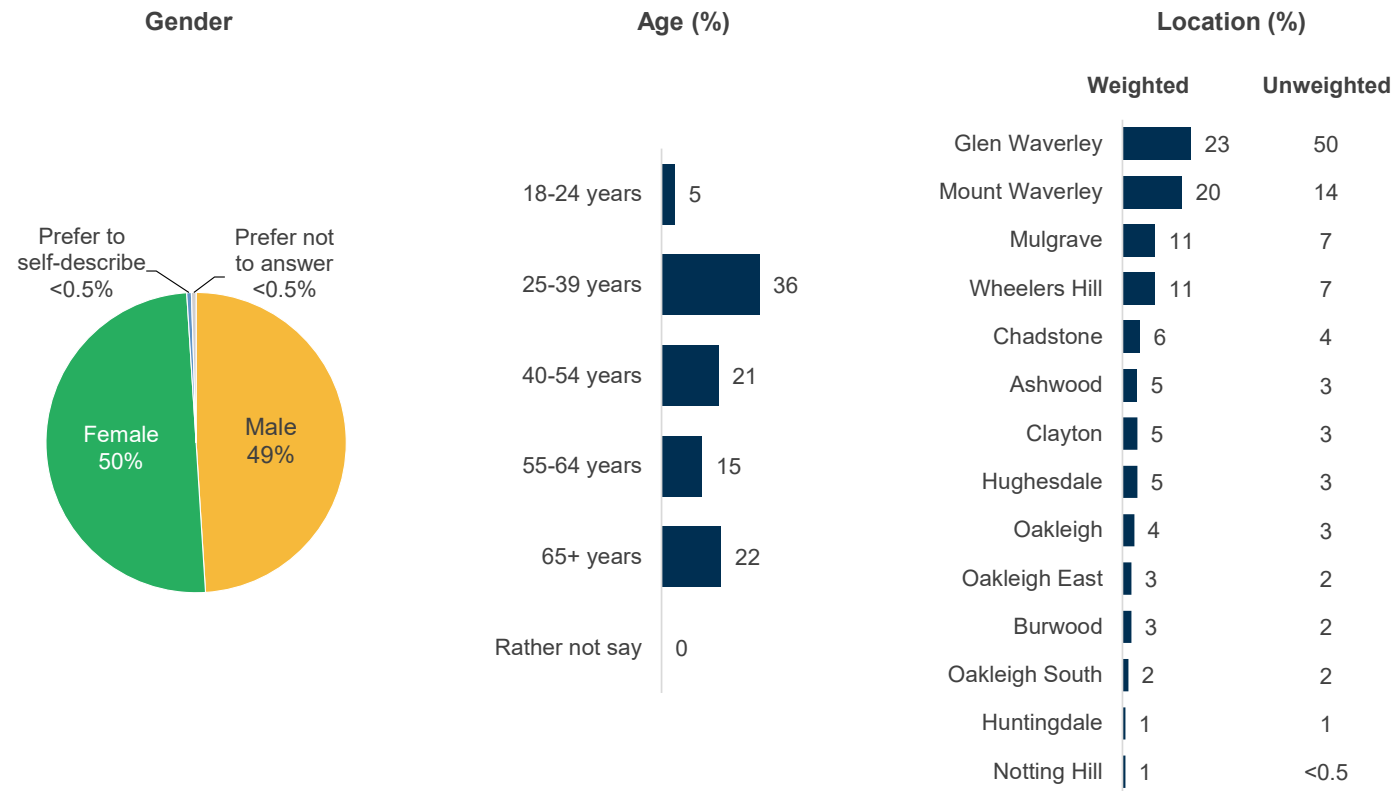


Appendix: Demographics

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Demographics



Data has been weighted to reflect the demographic makeup (age / gender / location) of the population.

S1. Could you please tell me if you identify as male, female or you prefer to self-describe? / S2. To which of the following age groups do you belong? / S4. Which suburb do you live in? Base: Monash residents (n=801).

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Theme 1	Theme 2	Theme 3	Theme 4
Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation	Project cost and the funding proposal	Distribution of funds to other projects	GW Activity Centre redevelopment & loss of car parking

No	Type	Comments	Sentiment	Theme /s	Officers' Response
1	Resident	<p>110 mill for a bloody library.....are you serious, people are doing it tough and you want to waste taxpayers money.</p> <p>Great governance, hope ALL councillors are chipping in [or better get still, take a friggin pay cut to fund it] you greedy self-indulgent bastards, instead of slugging locals AGAIN AND AGAIN.</p> <p>All councils should be disbandent.</p> <p>Your all blood sucking parasites.</p>	Negative	2	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' comments to Key Theme 2 – Project Cost and funding proposal.</p> <p>There is a nil cost impact to ratepayers by delivering this Project.</p> <p>At its meeting on 30 May 2023 Council resolved the following:</p> <p><i>"1) Resolves that if the Project proceeds, the Project will be funded entirely by:</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>a) the funds Council will receive from the Suburban Rail Loop Authority's compulsory acquisition of Council's land at 31-39 Montclair Avenue and 41-47 Montclair Avenue; and the sale of the Central Carpark site."</i></p>
2	Resident	<p>I heard recently on TV that the Council was planning to spend a lot of money on a new library at Glen Waverley, or that more sportsgrounds were being considered.</p> <p>Surely these are adequate at present.</p> <p>Due to the current financial situation of many people, wouldn't it be better to</p> <p>a) Build more housing here for the homeless in greater Melbourne, or</p> <p>b) Reduce rates, or</p> <p>c) Do more to reduce the unevenness of many footpaths in this city?</p>	Negative	1 & 3	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted. Council has released the schematic design for the proposed Glen Waverley Civic Precinct Project to the community for feedback.</p> <p><u>Adequacy</u></p> <p>With regards to your comment regarding adequacy please refer to officers' response to Key Theme 1 – Existing facility limitations and need for modern replacement,</p> <p>The library was constructed in circa 1974 and approaching the end of its useful life. It requires renovation or replacement and modernisation, in addition to expansion to meet current and future service needs. It is not an energy efficient building. It is at capacity and has been for some time. It has competing demand for private and small group study areas, quiet reading areas, internet access, traditional collection storage, access and circulation processes. The library building is not adequate to meet the growing IT and leisure and community activity needs of the</p>

Attachment 7.1.5.4 Attachment 4 - Written feedback and responses

Theme 1	Theme 2	Theme 3	Theme 4
Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation	Project cost and the funding proposal	Distribution of funds to other projects	GW Activity Centre redevelopment & loss of car parking

No	Type	Comments	Sentiment	Theme /s	Officers' Response
					<p>Glen Waverley area. An expanded library space will be aligned to the needs of a contemporary library service which will support increased population in Glen Waverley including community meeting rooms.</p> <p><u>Build more housing/homeless</u> With regards to your comment regarding building more housing here for the homeless and doing more to reduce the unevenness of many footpaths in the City, please refer response to officers' response to Key Theme 3 – Distribution of funds to other projects which includes the following</p> <p>Council acknowledges the dire state of homelessness in Monash and advocates through the Regional Local Government Homelessness & Social Housing Charter, as well as through coordinated local efforts, for the refurbishment and upgrade of existing public housing owned and managed by the State. Housing provision is not a core Council service. Our advocacy is through a number of methods, including providing submissions to Victorian and Australian Government consultations and Parliamentary inquiries in this space as well as direct and proactive advocacy through direct correspondence with local Members of Parliament, State and Federal Ministers and other policymakers. As well as advocacy, another avenue of support that a number of Councils have entertained is the leasing of public land to housing providers on long term leases for the provision of housing developments. The City of Monash is currently considering such a proposal for its land at 65A Power Avenue, Chadstone. This has been the subject of recent community consultation and further information can be found here Housing proposal - 65a Power Avenue, Chadstone Shape Monash</p> <p><u>Footpaths/Infrastructure</u></p> <p>The management of civil infrastructure such as roads and footpaths is a core business of Council. Council has ongoing annual renewal funding</p>

Attachment 7.1.5.4 Attachment 4 - Written feedback and responses

Theme 1	Theme 2	Theme 3	Theme 4
Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation	Project cost and the funding proposal	Distribution of funds to other projects	GW Activity Centre redevelopment & loss of car parking

No	Type	Comments	Sentiment	Theme /s	Officers' Response
					<p>for this infrastructure. The level of investment we make each year with this infrastructure (as well as buildings) is informed by the results of condition audits matched with the individual asset attributes such as age, material, remaining useful life. The combination of this data is used to inform our maintenance and renewal programs. The majority of our work on roads and footpaths falls within the asset renewal class.</p> <p><u>Rates</u></p> <p>With regards to your comment on reducing rates. Please see response to submission 1 above.</p>
3	Resident	<p>I have commented on the SRL plan regarding the anomalous drawings existing re the Kingsway, Coleman pde, and the Library proposal. I am rather certain the Gov't is not going to change its mind and incorporate a tunnel between the two stations etc. Especially after withdrawing from the Games.</p> <p>I think there is a <1% chance the SRL and the Games will end up in the same bin. Danny's pet project which I think is a thorough waste considering the bus services available and still will be required eventually to get people to a stations etc.</p> <p>Consequently a better plan showing the Kingsway, Coleman and Railway Pde Nth traffic flow could be presented as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>The Library drawing indicates cars not vegetation in the Kingsway.</p>	Negative	4	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p><u>Kingsway/Coleman</u></p> <p>Your comments regarding Kingsway, Coleman Parade and Railway Parade traffic flows are noted. This work is required as part of the proposed changes within the Glen Waverley Activity Centre and will be progressed in due course. Council is currently reviewing Kingsway with a view to a redesign of the streetscape. We are anticipating releasing concept plans to the community for consultation in early 2024.</p> <p>Ultimately, the proposed Civic Precinct Project would include its own traffic impact assessment and consideration to how the landscape treatments would fit with its surrounding environment such as Kingsway.</p>

Attachment 7.1.5.4 Attachment 4 - Written feedback and responses

Theme 1	Theme 2	Theme 3	Theme 4
Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation	Project cost and the funding proposal	Distribution of funds to other projects	GW Activity Centre redevelopment & loss of car parking

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		<p>I presume the library will be temporarily housed somewhere?</p> <p>My chief query is the Central car park that should be excavated and multitiered etc.</p>			<p>Preliminary considerations have been given to relocation of the library. This matter will be considered further as the project progresses.</p> <p>Your comment is consistent with the vision of the Glen Waverley Activity Centre Structure Plan 2016. Please refer to Officers' response to Key Theme 4 – Glen Waverley Activity Centre Redevelopment & loss of car parking.</p>
4	Resident	<p>Good afternoon</p> <p>I think the funds would be far better spent by putting them into services in My Aged Care as this area is severely neglected.</p> <p>Regards Jan</p>	Negative	3	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p><u>Aged Care</u> Please refer to Officer's response to Key Theme 3 – Distribution of funds to other projects which includes a discussion on Council's role with Aged Care and noting that aged care is a Commonwealth Government responsibility but to which Local Government contributes. Council is a provider of some services under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) under contract only. Monash Council's current contract with the Commonwealth is until 30 June 2024 and expects to be offered another contract to provide CHSP services till 30 June 2025. Council is currently seeking clarity from the Commonwealth on the Support at Home program including financial pricing, to understand what our involvement may be in the future.</p>
5	Resident	<p>You invited feedback on Monash Council's plans to build a new Glen Waverley library and community hub.</p> <p>Our view is that Council is over-reaching during this very difficult time for ratepayers and residents, and we urge you to cancel it altogether, or at the very least, to postpone the project indefinitely.</p> <p>Surely, Council's purpose is to help and support the local community by providing the essential services that they need, particularly in times of great financial stress such as now. You cannot be oblivious to this. We can't understand how spending so much money unnecessarily could be beneficial to those you are there to help. We don't believe</p>	Negative	2	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>We note your concerns regarding the economic situation. This Project has been planned for many years and one which recognises the services requested of our community with improved library provision and community meeting spaces. This will only increase as the population of GWAC intensifies. Please refer to officers response to submission 2 above regarding adequacy.</p>

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		<p>this is doing your job well.</p> <p>We do not believe that the cost will be covered by money received from the sale of land to the State Government and the Central Car Park, as you say. How can you possibly claim this when you only have estimates, not a fixed price? We know this project will only increase the burden on ratepayers for many years to come and essential services will suffer.</p> <p>The same thing happened with the State Government - prolonged and excessive spending on capital works and infrastructure at the expense of the people who can least afford the poor decisions and wastage of the current administration. Regardless of the expense, they ploughed ahead for years with their own perceived ideal "wish-list", and they are still doing it. Victorians are now paying the high price, not just in higher taxes, but also with their lives by not being able to get an ambulance or a hospital bed when needed.</p> <p>If Council needs additional office space, then maybe it is time to reduce costs by culling the ever-increasing number of staff that Council employs. Council should be looking at ways to tighten its belt and reduce costs, as your ratepayers have had to do. We already have an excessive administrative bureaucracy.</p> <p>We are appalled that Council is proposing this project and wasting further money planning it. Again, we urge you to reconsider and not to go ahead.</p>			<p><u>Essential Service</u> Please refer to Officers' response to Key Theme 2 – Project cost and the funding proposal which discusses Council's allocation of funds to core service provision role from rate allocations. This is reported on annually by Council and includes services such as: Property maintenance and insurance, aged and disability services, children, youth and family services, libraries, arts & culture, recreation and aquatic centres, waste collection, street and public facilities cleaning, local lows, buildings, roads and footpaths, parks and sportsgrounds maintenance.</p> <p>Noted. Whereas we understand your concerns relating to the State Government spending, Council has no control over this and can only advocate for spending considerations.</p> <p><u>Office Space</u> Council's Annual Report has a dedicated section that details Council's staff composition including the number of full time and part time staff. The 2021/2022 report identified 548 Full time and 171 Part time staff. This is an increase from 4 to 8 EFT in each Budget Cycle over the last four years. Council's civic centre building was constructed in 1984 which was pre-Council amalgamations in 1995. Over time and factoring in the Council amalgamations in 1995, staff numbers outgrew the spatial capacity of the civic centre building..</p>
6	Resident	I have just read the Council Bulletin and agree wholeheartedly with you about not spending the funds on one project, i.e. the Glen Waverley Library and precinct, but on community projects and facilities, including providing bus services (maybe 20 seater or similar) during peak times, to pick up rail users to stations rather than fighting for car spaces. There could be designated stops in and around streets	Negative	3	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to the response to submission 2 and also to Officers' response to Key Theme 3 - Distribution of funds to other projects.</p>

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		near the stations.			With regards to your comment regarding Council providing bus services, please note that public transport is not a service Council provides and such a request is better addressed by the Department of Transport and Planning. A link is provided here Buses Department of Transport and Planning (dtp.vic.gov.au)
7	Resident	<p>I would like to see the money spent toward some things that are needed by the wider community.</p> <p>Aged care services are lacking in having our house drains cleared. We are unable to climb ladders anymore and this is vital to us.</p> <p>Health care schools need councillors especially in primary schools to help with struggling children.</p> <p>Valuable businesses have closed down at the smaller shopping centres.</p> <p>I feel that you have destroyed the Glen shopping centre by allowing all those ugly highrise buildings to be erected there.</p>	Negative	1, 3, 4	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to the response to submission 2 and 4 and also Officers' response to Key Theme 3 – Distribution of funds to other projects. Within the response to this key theme 3, you will also find responses to health care and education and our program to deliver improvements to smaller local retail shopping strips. Libraries are important spaces to contribute to the education of primary school children and as referred to in Key Theme 1 – Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation.</p> <p>Key Theme 4 - GW Activity Centre Redevelopment & loss of car parking includes comments on the growth of the Glen Waverley Activity Centre. We understand your sentiment and Councils strategic planning team must carefully manage the community amenity of this location whilst recognising it has been identified by the State Government as an Activity Centre under Plan Melbourne. Plan Melbourne 2017–2050 (planning.vic.gov.au)</p>
8	Resident	<p>I am emailing you about \$110 million proposal to upgrade the GWCP project. I am totally against this plan for the reasons stated below.</p> <p>1 . This is a total waste of rate payers money since the council offices and GW library were rebuilt in the last 30 years to my knowledge. We have lived in Monash for the last 45 years.</p> <p>2. Rebuilding or refreshing the existing buildings are a total waste of resources and money and will contribute to greenhouse gas</p>	Negative	1, 2	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to the response to submission 2 above and Key Theme 1 - Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation which provides information regarding the condition and limitations of the existing library.</p>

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		<p>emissions. I thought Monash was trying to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions!!!</p> <p>3 Our rates have gone up a great deal and with mortgage payments rising very quickly plus the cost of food etc rising rapidly..... how are the people of Monash going to pay for this fancy project.</p> <p>Lastly I would like to see LESS BUREAUCRACY at Monash council and less people employed in paper filling, this certainly would save the rate payers a lot of money.</p>			<p>With regards to your comment on greenhouse gas emissions, the current building is not an energy efficient building. A new building would be designed to meet at least a 5 Green Star rating system. The building would include a Building Management System which Council can use to analyse and report on its performance.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' response to submission 1 above and Key Theme 2 - Project cost and the funding proposal.</p> <p>Please refer to the response to submission 5.</p>
9	Resident	<p>I was horrified to hear that Monash is even considering rebuilding their offices , plus Library, plus.... does no-one there realise we are living in extremely hard conditions some families finding it difficult to shop and yet you can even contemplate such an expenditure plan.</p> <p>This extra money could always be spent on reducing the rates.</p>	Negative	2,	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to the response to Submission 1 above and Key Theme 2 – Project cost and the funding proposal.</p>

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10	Resident	<p>Having read all of the currently published information, and your personal comment in the 'August' Monash Bulletin, I am fully in agreement with your stated view that this "once in a lifetime money"....."could be better spent on infrastructure right throughout Monash." Obviously, the priority should be to spend some of those windfall funds to the replacement of the lost Myrtle street public car parks, and this is underway with 500 additional car space extension to the Bogong Car Park.(Cost not disclosed).It is also proposed that the Central Car Park will have a Public Square (size not stated), established on part of that site adjacent to the Kingsway (Western End), and the remainder of that land sold, to supplement the Civic Precinct Proposal funds gained from the compulsory acquisition of the two Myrtle Street Car Park sites by the Victorian State Government. (Value of funds not disclosed !).The sale of most of the Central Car Park land was previously proposed by Council in 2015, in their "Invitation for Expression of Interest – Contract No 2015101" which then called for development of this site Zoned Commercial C1Z, allowing successful bidders to develop mixed use retail, commercial and residential, incorporating a new Monash Public Library, and car parking to replace existing 257 car spaces lost, plus all additional car parking required by the permitted development scope. It is assumed that such provisions are still applicable to developers, should Monash now sell the central Car Park.It should be noted that Commercial Zone C1Z allows building heights in excess of 10 storeys !It should also be noted that the 2015-2017 Council proposal to relocate the Monash Library, and sale of the Central Car Park Site was soundly defeated by public opposition at that time.This Central Car Park is a vital open space asset to the Glen Waverley City Centre, and in my view, the current C1Z Zoning should be revoked and replaced with Retail and Commercial use only, of a maximum of 2 storey height limit, with surface and under-ground parking only. Also a substantial Public open air Plaza should be provided at the Kingsway end of this site as the central Public Civic Square Precinct !. As for Council's deemed needs for a larger Library and Community meeting space facilities, what would be wrong with extending the substantial current Library by 3-4 storeys to provide these needs, whilst still maintaining the library to continue functioning during the construction period. The existing Library Plaza and</p>	Negative	2, 3, 4	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to the response to submission 2 above and also Key Theme 3 – Distribution of funds to other projects which discusses Council's infrastructure expenditure throughout Monash.</p> <p><u>Lost Car Parking (Myrtle St query)</u> With regards to the lost carparking (Myrtle S), the SRLA are required to replace the lost carparking prior to commencing construction of the Council land they are acquiring for their Glen Waverley station so essentially, there will be no loss of carparking. Please also refer to Key Theme 4 – GW Activity Centre Redevelopment & loss of carparking which discusses car parking and providing for the growth of the Glen Waverley Activity Centre.</p> <p><u>Cost of Bogong Car Park</u> At Council's meeting on 30 May 2023, a public report (item 4.4) was presented regarding awarding the tender for the construction of the extension to the Bogong Car Park. The tendered price is noted in recommendation 1 of that report at \$39,204,515.90.</p> <p><u>Public Square</u> The size of the public square envisioned to be provided at the Central Car Park is yet to be resolved by Council. An area of 1,400m2 was originally considered during the 2016 Central Car Park proposal.</p> <p><u>Sale of Central Car Park</u> The process for selling Central Car Park has not been determined by Council and will be considered further whilst considering the outcome of this consultation process. However, any sale will impose conditions on a purchase to provide a public plaza as part of a redevelopment.</p> <p><u>Redevelopment</u> A new build as opposed to a redeveloped library is preferable. . Extensive investigations are required regarding structural integrity of the existing building and the capacity of its foundation to withhold an extension. The existing library was not originally constructed such that</p>
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	<p>underground car parking would also not be needed to be replaced - a further cost saving. Are the current library spaces being effectively used ? – viewed from the lower ground level windows, the spaces seem to be cluttered with Council archive type paper records storage ! Not a good use !Current proposals for the Civic Precinct/Library advise that the estimated development costs will exceed \$110M, and such rubbery estimating could lead to an extremely costly blowout on completion. What briefing has Council given to the design architectural firm and costing consultants to contain all works scope within a (not publicly disclosed) maximum budget, (less car park space loss replacement costs) so as to not impact on Monash citizens’ rates increase liabilities ? Council has to date flooded the multi media with details of their Proposal, but I believe the abovementioned “Grey” areas still need also to be conveyed to all Monash Citizens, to enable a truthful and frank disclosure of what are the real alternatives to expenditure of the State Government financial acquisition windfall, and the real resultant outcome from selling our vital Central Car Park public asset.</p>		<p>it could be extended in such a manner. Any redevelopment will be required to address car parking provision to provide no net loss and increase to service the needs of the use.</p> <p><u>Cost estimation</u> As part of the design process, quantity surveyors are engaged to cost the proposed design. Council relies on these costs estimates to understand affordability and value manage as needed. Please refer to Officers’ response to Key Theme 2 – Project cost and the funding proposal which discusses how the \$110m was determined and is proposed to be funded.</p> <p>With regards to briefing architects, as noted in the documents included in this community engagement process, Council’s has taken a methodical approach to the design with firstly completing a feasibility study which then informed the next stage design service. We are aware of the space we need having completed needs assessments over many years. Armed with the space requirements, the feasibility study was aimed at understanding the capacity of the civic precinct site to be redeveloped.</p> <p>With regards to the value of funds to be received from the SRLA, this is a commercial in confidence matter that cannot be publicly released as it may jeopardise Council’s negotiating position.</p>
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Attachment 7.1.5.4 Attachment 4 - Written feedback and responses

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11	Resident	<p>ratepayer in Monash since 1981 living 27 years in Glen Waverley Ward and the remainder in Mount Waverley.</p> <p>I would like to advise that I agree with the major re spending over \$110m on projects that are more of a monument to councillors than of use to ratepayers. Some of the proceeds from the sale of the land could well be spent on many small projects such as fixing the roads and sports facilities with the remainder used to pay down debt.</p> <p>In my own case the tennis club which I belong to (Glenburn Tennis Club in Glen Waverley Ward) is well overdue for court replacement but has missed out again on being included in the council budget process. In the meantime the courts are deteriorating plus the surface is ruined with root damage from council trees on the perimeter due the council delaying installation of root barriers.</p> <p>We don't need a new library or council building.</p>	Negative	1, 3	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' response to submission 2 above and Key Theme 3 – Distribution of funds to other projects which discusses Council's allocation of funds to other projects.</p> <p>The Glenburn Tennis Club has been identified as a project priority. Whereas Council has not agreed to provide funding in this year's capital works program, officers' will continue to support this project and submit it for funding consideration in Council's budget planning process 2024/2025.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' response to Submission 2 above and Key Theme 1 – Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation</p>
12	Resident	<p>Thank you for asking my opinion. I do not think such a lavish library building is needed. If the library needs refurbishment surely it can be done on a less lavish scale. The contents is the requirement not the grandness of the building. I strong object to this massive expenditure.</p>	Negative	1	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' response to submission 2 above regarding other projects and also to response to submission 10 above which contains an explanation on the inability of the existing library to be redeveloped. Please also refer to Key Theme 1 – Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation.</p> <p>With regards to your comment on the building, please note that the schematic design presents a developed concept to demonstrate the ability of the site to be redeveloped with the spaces Council requires.</p>
13	Resident	<p>I am opposed to the development as the funds and developments for the precinct of Monash Glen Waverley can spread further than in one spot. Glen waverley has a healthy community and residential area. I am sure that a design like the one proposed could be better spent on other pockets of Monash in need of TLC upgrades more urgently. To my understanding the only residents that approve of this development is those who reside close by and within the suburb of Glen Waverley as they are to benefit enormously by increased value</p>	Negative	1, 3	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' response to submission 2 above and Key Theme 3 – distribution of funds to other projects which provides information of Council's allocation/distribution of expenditure to other capital projects/programs across the municipality.</p>

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	<p>to their homes and surrounding areas which is already the case anyway! I really don't think it's important enough!! City of Monash should consider to spread the love to more deserving areas within the municipality of Monash like Ashwood that needs its own communal hub maybe on high st Rd or maybe in Cleveland Rd shops. The shops near Jordanville station could definitely use a lift that could potentially draw more commuters to utilise the station more as well as parking at the station needs work with a Syndal station style revamp!!Holmesglen shopping precinct, still looks the same as it did in the 80's, it caters to thousands of commuters and students from the tafewhy hasn't their been better infrastructure in the area to accommodate the potential??Springvale Rd Princess HWY shopping precinct could do with a facelift and better parking facilities that would prohibit cars enthusiasts from gathering there maybe by multi level parking like the one near Glen waverley station! At Clayton shops there is a lack of an inviting atmosphere in the streets a face lift would go a long way here and parking is still an issue at the back of the shops why? Multi level parking might help!</p> <p>Clarinda shopping precinct is so outdated and in need of a face lift badly.....it's so outdated! 😞 Huntingdale Rd shops in Huntingdale and East Oakleigh could have a facelift as well with more eating areas on the footpath. There seems to be people gathering there but no real buzz so a facelift here would boost consumer spending there! As well a sense of community and belonging this is so important today since covid people are suffering mental illnesses and need that feeling of belonging a place to gather with the kids and dog for coffee and they need to be where ever there is small shopping hubs! These spaces are the lifeline for locals!</p> <p>I thought the idea is for council to use the funds saved from rate payers and alike to increase or lure the local people in visiting and spending time and money at their local shopping precincts or hubs throughout the the City of Monash not just Glen Waverley!! Sorry I don't agree on this plan!!</p> <p>There are many little hubs in smaller pockets of Monash that could do with a lift and keep their local business's running!!</p>		<p>Key Themes 1 – Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation which provides information to explain the need behind this Project .</p> <p><u>Local Shopping Strips</u> Key theme 3 also includes information on Council's rolling program to invest in renewing infrastructure in local shopping strips such as those you have mentioned. In particular, the Springvale Road/Princes Highway shopping precinct you refer to is the "Gateway" retail area. Council has given this area particular focus over the last year with site investigation work and concept designs to improve the streetscape and safety. We are currently in the detailed design stage and at this stage plan to commence construction next financial year.</p> <p><u>Jordanville Station</u> Any improvement works required at Jordanville Station should be directed to Public Transport Victoria.</p> <p><u>Clayton</u> We support your feedback regarding Clayton. The Clayton Structure Plan provides a number of recommendations that go towards improving the amenity of the retail area with better pedestrian connections, new public spaces and encouraging active uses (public events and markets) in spaces such as the proposed Cooke St shared space and plaza.</p> <p>Like Glen Waverley, Clayton has been impacted by the Suburban Rail Loop project. The Suburban Rail Loop Authority (SRLA) is currently undertaking initial and Early Works in Clayton, which comprise utility relocations and site establishment. Following this, Main Works will commence, which include tunnelling and station construction, and are scheduled until 2030.</p> <p>The SRL East project will deliver streetscape improvements on Clayton Road, adjacent to the proposed station area and north of the elevated rail. Further, Precinct Planning the areas around the proposed SRL stations is also part of the project, with a potential start date of late 2023. SRLA will likely be the planning authority and would undertake</p>
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	<p>It's not about big is better anymore it's about bringing alive the smaller hubs with trendy cafes and a sense of community for them as well. Like in Elwood shops and Oakleigh Mall and Carnegie shops!! I would like to see City of Monash put the funds to better use and support the creation of a healthier wealthier City of Monash all round!! I'm sure there are other areas of Monash I have missed and if I dig deeper could find them for you but I'm sure you already know so do the right thing and spread the wealth around to all areas of Monash. The low socioeconomic areas that I have touched on are where community spirit needs to be not Glen Waverley! The City of Monash Precinct in Glen Waverley has plenty of time and money to implement this plan when it's supported those areas which need it most FIRST!</p> <p>Ideally City of Monash should be the First and Only council to put its most vulnerable areas first and then brag about it in the media after wood. Then who doesn't want to live within the municipality of the proud Monash Council! 😊</p> <p>Personally I would wait for the railway extension to be completed and then look at lasting changes and options for the Glen Waverley Precinct! Now is not the time! Keep it real and with the times please!</p>		<p>comprehensive stakeholder engagement with the community and Monash City Council. The Precinct Planning process would result in Structure Plans for the areas that would guide future development, transport, community infrastructure, open space and streetscape improvements.</p> <p>Council considers that the existing Clayton Activity Centre Precinct Plan, which identifies future growth and improvements in Clayton should be a key input into the SRL East Precinct Planning process, as well as comprehensive community consultation.</p> <p>Your comment regarding low socioeconomic areas is noted. Libraries play an important role in this area and as responded in Key Theme 1 under Social Wellbeing.</p> <p>Refer to response to submission 7 above which comments on the growth of the Glen Waverley Activity Centre.</p>
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14	Resident	<p>Reading your message in the August bulletin, I generally agree with your views of spending on more modest and widespread upgrades of existing infrastructure. I don't find the existing library lacking in any way other than perhaps that it doesn't have an accompanying gallery like the MGA. But you can't have everything. I can't comment so much on additional council office space except that with the post-Covid alternative work arrangements, I'm surprised there aren't opportunities to utilise nearby existing vacant office space, assuming it exists. Just a few days ago I received a call from a survey company seeking opinions about exactly this infrastructure issue. The surveyor made no mention about costs and alternatives but did ask my opinion about a lot of potential extra services I assume would derive from a large infrastructure development. While I agree with many extra services, I do wonder if they can't be delivered without the big spend. My bottom-line concern is the survey elicited positive responses from me which might be interpreted as being FOR big development, when in fact my responses only indicate that I'm FOR service provisions that were discussed, NOT for huge infrastructure projects. God knows, we have enough of those from our bankrupt and opaque state government. While I'm having a rant, a couple of additional issues... First, I'm saddened to learn the righteous right are reducing the reading sessions for kids by transgender people. This must be opposed and the sessions supported. It creates tolerance, diversity, understanding and most important, literacy and fun for children. Second, well done for creating the non-smoking zones particularly along Kingsway. Unfortunately there are people still disregarding the signs and laws, sometimes being pretty aggressive when it's pointed out. Can you enforce the laws any more strongly and at random times?</p>	Negative	1, 3	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' response to submission 2 above and Key Theme 3 – distribution of funds to other projects which provides information of Council's allocation/distribution of expenditure to other capital projects/programs across the municipality.</p> <p>Key Themes 1 – Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation which provides information to explain the need behind this Project .</p> <p>Response to submission 5 above comments on office accommodation and staff numbers.</p> <p><u>Telephone survey</u> The telephone survey was considered an important inclusion in the community engagement process for this Project especially given the proposed funding model. The questions were designed to determine the level of awareness and support among residents following the distribution of information about the project (letter and flyer) sent via mail on 17 July 2023. It was an 8minute estimated duration and was not designed to elicit information. Your sentiment has been noted. It is difficult for Council to deliver improved services without having the necessary supporting infrastructure.</p> <p>Thank you for your comments regarding children's storytime, non-smoking zones.</p>
15	Resident	<p>I have lived in Mulgrave since early 1967, and have always been conscious of the fact that Mulgrave has constantly been the poor relation with regards to the considerations of firstly the Waverley and now the Monash Councils. To hear about this proposal shows that little has changed.</p> <p>Even the name, Glen Waverley, reflects the fact that it is primarily the</p>	Negative	1, 3, 4	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' response to submission 2 above and Key Theme 3 – distribution of funds to other projects which provides information of Council's allocation/distribution of expenditure to other capital projects/programs across the municipality.</p>

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	<p>Glen Waverley residents who stand to benefit most from this crazy proposal, given that they live nearby. This isn't jealousy by the way, merely a statement of fact. Seems like it's all about Glen Waverley, Glen Waverley, Glen Waverley!</p> <p>Other far flung areas of Monash don't benefit from being close to this proposed new library, with residents from Mulgrave for example facing at least a twenty minute drive to get to Glen Waverley, with other areas facing similar drives. 250 car spaces for (now how many?) residents and retail shoppers?</p> <p>We are aware that the Glen Waverley Library was built back in 1976 and we have been there no more than a handful of times since then, only as the Mulgrave branch is quite limited in what it can offer in services and time slots, although the staff there are always extremely helpful.</p> <p>Why build a library four times the current size for the nearby residents and leave Mulgrave residents with a miniscule library by comparison? Other areas such as Wheeler's Hill, Clayton and Mt Waverley have far larger areas than Mulgrave, but would still be poor relations by comparison.</p> <p>Why would you spend all of these proposed many millions of dollars on basically a single project which largely only benefits those residents lucky enough to live relatively nearby? Surely most of the 110 million+ dollars should be "owned" by the non-Glen Waverley residents in all the other parts of Monash?</p> <p>Why would you propose spending 110 million dollars (and well over?? How much more?) which relies mainly on receipt of these funds from a State Government which has already spent literally billions and billions of dollars more than the State has, and continues to spend like a drunken sailor?</p> <p>Why would you sell a large chunk of the Central Car Park and spend all the money on the one project? And where do these cars now get parked, certainly not in a nearby and convenient car park for the</p>		<p>The library will service a greater catchment than just Glen Waverley.</p> <p><u>Car Parking</u> Refer to officers' response to submission 10. Increased parking is already being provided in the GWAC. 523 additional spaces are under construction at the Bogong Car Park which is directly adjacent to the Civic Precinct Site.</p> <p>Your concerns regarding the Mulgrave Library are noted.</p> <p>This is addressed in Key Theme 1 – Existing Facility limitations and need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation</p> <p>Refer to officers response to submission 2 regarding adequacy..</p> <p>The use of the funds is a reinvestment into publicly owned assets.</p>
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	<p>shopping public.</p> <p>As for the money spent annually for the last fifteen years on office space for Council, why wouldn't you build a purpose built separate commercial facility, which then saves the annual rental cost, and could be eventually sold (at a profit?) or replaced in thirty or forty years when it needs to be?</p> <p>Even Council's "Reimaging Glen Waverley" leaflet only promotes the concept as being a Glen Waverley project, with virtually no mention of any benefits for residents outside the immediate Glen Waverley area. Saying it's for every one of Monash's many residents really doesn't wash!</p> <p>Would this ludicrous grand proposal have even have been conceived or have seen the light of day if the mega amount of money from the Suburban Rail Loop had not been mentioned? (Or perhaps offered?)</p> <p>Cr, your article on Page 3 of the Monash August 2023 Bulletin where you suggest the money could be better spent on infrastructure throughout Monash and a far more modest Glen Waverley library redevelopment makes far more sense. (NB The current building isn't falling down).</p> <p>Or, here's a wild thought, investing the money (or a fair chunk of it) in a safe, secure and fruitful account might provide a piggy bank where meaningful (not little) future projects might be funded without having to borrow funds or draw on the ratepayer.</p>		<p>The income from the sale of Central Car Park has long been considered by Council to fund this Project. Refer to Officers' Response to Key Theme 4 – GW Activity Centre & loss of car parking which discusses car parking in the GWAC.</p> <p>Council has been planning for increased office space for some time. Adding a level of office to this proposal ensures the accommodation is within the realm of the civic precinct for efficiency of service delivery.</p> <p>This is noted.</p> <p>Yes, the Project has been in development since 2013.</p> <p>Noted. Please refer to Officers' response to Key Theme 1 - Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation which includes comments from our library team regarding the physical limitations of the existing library.</p>
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16	Resident	<p>Absolutely appalled that even more money is being poured into the fabulously well supported GlenWaverley library, because it has high demand of "more than 20,000 people in some months".</p> <p>The Mount Waverley library has low patronage for a reason - it is virtually just a study room. The stock is laughable. There is very little reason to go there. Recently there was to be an upgrade of the Mount Waverley library - how exciting; turns out it was the roof and the toilets.</p>	Negative	0	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Your comments regarding the Mt Waverley library are noted.</p>
17	Resident	<p>You asked for feedback on your proposed civic precinct. I think this may be something for the future, say 10 years ahead, but in this present environment I think this is money would be better spent on the homeless, mental health and roads.</p> <p>We all have to make do with what we have and when I visit Council I see spacious surrounds with nothing falling down around your ears. The design looks spectacular. I just do not think it is vital for such luxury in this present environment. I also hope you have your funding tightly sealed as I think Victoria is in so much state debt it ill be a long time before we recover.</p>	Mixed	1, 3	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' response to submission 2 above and Key Theme 1 – Existing facility limitations and need for modern replacement and Key Theme 3 – Distribution of funds to other projects which includes discussion on homeless, health and roads.</p> <p>With regards to your comment on the design, please note that the schematic design presents a developed concept to demonstrate the ability of the site to be redeveloped with the spaces Council requires</p>
18	Resident	<p>Agree with Mayor Samardzija - "better spent on infrastructure right throughout Monash" and "more modest and less expensive" expansion of library faciities.</p> <p>Regarding the \$110 million cost - remember previous publicly funded projects - the final cost always ends up way more than the original "guesstimate".</p> <p>Leave Central Car Park alone - do not sell it - it's not just a good car park and open space BUT it is a woodland of many nice trees absorbing carbon dioxide. I am amused by the pretty picture on the flyer - it looks like something Jom and Rhonda would try to twis on Tony at NBA (uTOPIA abctv)!</p>	Negative	2, 3	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' responses to submission 1 and Key Theme 2 - Project cost and the funding proposal and submission 2 and Key Theme 3 – Distribution of funds to other projects</p> <p>Trees Council recognises the importance of trees and their canopy in mitigating urban heat island effect and improving amenity in urban environment, especially in Major Activity Centres such as Glen Waverley. We have an Urban Landscape and Canopy Vegetation Strategy which can be found here Monash Urban Landscape and Canopy Vegetation Strategy City of Monash</p>

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					Currently we are planning to undertake a city wide tree canopy modelling to prioritise investment in tree planning and facilitate delivery of the City's 30% increase in tree canopy cover target by 2040.
19	Resident	<p>We find the library near The Glen hard to access and park at, so we use Wheelers Hill (better access would be great).</p> <p>Please take a look at Castle Hill Library in Castle Hill, NSW they have an awesome 'wooden castle' built in the kids section (complete with cushions for comfort) – such a massively popular feature. We could do with something like that.</p> <p>Millicent Library in South Australia has awesome padded cubes that kids gravitate too.</p> <p>Sunday openings would be great – accommodating families that can't make weekdays.</p> <p>Lots of vaulted ceilings, big windows for natural light.</p> <p>A plant wall, garden space, water feature for children to take books into/relax in</p>	Positive	1	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Your design considerations are welcome and can be considered further should this Project proceed. Please refer to Officer's response to Key Theme 1 – Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation.</p>
20	Resident	<p>Hi Monash, I am keen to understand one of the details of the sale of the central car park. .</p> <p>Does this sale mean that the new owner will be able to set parking charges for this currently free car park?.</p> <p>There is normally a problem with parking in this area and I am keen to understand if your expansion of the multi level car park on Bogong will completely offset the exact number of free car parking spaces that will be lost of free parking in the central car park?.</p> <p>Will any of the new car parking under the library be free parking for library users or will it all be allocated to library and council staff? . If the under library parking does have a number of new free non council staff parking spots under the new library, does this offset the number of non council staff free parking that are behind the library currently that will be lost due to the new library's increased footprint?</p>	Negative	2, 4	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p><u>Car parking</u></p> <p>Please refer to Officers' Response to Key Theme 4 – GW Activity Centre Redevelopment & loss of car parking.</p> <p>In this response, there are some key points regarding car parking in the GWAC. Should Central Car park be sold, the use of the land will be determined by the new owner. Council will continue to provide free public car parking at its other multi deck car parks at Bogong and Euneva as well as its on street car parks.</p> <p>The additional car spaces provided by the extension to the Bogong Car Park satisfies Council's car parking obligation to provide car spaces funded from developer contributions. The proposed new at-grade</p>

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		<p>Also I just wanted to say that as a member of the recent ratepayer advisory group, we did state quite clearly we were against the council selling off assets. I understand that the state government has compulsorily taken council land for their rail project, but selling off the central car park goes against our stated thoughts. As this project was already on the planning table by the council when we gave our submission, council would have been aware this sale would jar against the groups stated comments.</p> <p>We strongly feel that is a shame that this was kept from us or that someone could not have commented that it might not be possible to refrain from selling assets is the plans needed to be so confidential that we couldn't be told about them. Some form of foreshadowing would have been appropriate. I am sure you can understand that the shock of this sale to flies in the face of our recommendations. Some of the group feel that as our wishes were outrightly ignored it gives the impression that the ratepayer representation process was merely ticking a box on consultation and effectively a waste of time and money.</p>			<p>spaces/basement car spaces below the proposed civic precinct will be free parking for visitors.</p> <p>Consideration to allocation of spaces to library/council staff will form part of the next stage of the Project should it proceed.</p> <p>Car spaces that are provided as part of a redevelopment of the Site will need to satisfy Monash planning provisions. Any shortfall will need to be addressed.</p> <p>Thank you for your comment regarding Council selling assets. Please refer to Officers' Response to Key Theme 2 – Project Cost and funding proposal which discusses the sale of Central Car Park site.</p> <p>Your comments are noted.</p>
21	Resident	We strongly object to building on such a lavish scale. The library is "contents" and a "taj Mahal" at Glen Waverley. Use the art gallery it is underused.	Negative	1	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' response to submission 2 and Key Theme 1 – Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation.</p> <p>With regards to your comment on the design, please note that the schematic design presents a developed concept to demonstrate the ability of the site to be redeveloped with the spaces Council requires</p> <p>The site of the Monash Art Gallery is not suitable for the scale of this redevelopment.</p>

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22	Resident	<p>Could Council please elaborate on its proposal for the Central Carpark? While I support the idea of a library upgrade in principle , I would need to balance this against loss of parking in the Central Carpark, which, with the lack of information provided on this matter, I do NOT support.</p> <p>I would far prefer a less showy, less costly building that would not rely on losing that parking space.</p> <p>On the matter of rates, I feel that it is unfair to base the amount we have to pay on our property value. We are a pensioner couple who have lived in the same modest house in the Glen Waverley Secondary College zone for 42 years. We do not benefit more from council services than other people in the municipality paying far lower rates. I am opposed to further increases to our personal rates bill in order to fund a building that is more lavish than absolutely necessary.</p>	Mixed	2, 4	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' comments to Key Theme 4 – GW Activity Centre Redevelopment & loss of car parking which includes a discussion on existing and proposed car parking in the GWAC along with responses to submissions 10, 15 and 20 above.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' response to submission 1 and Key Theme 2 – Project cost and the funding proposal which discusses the sale of the Central Car park site and no impact to rates.</p>
23	Resident	<p>Just received your ratepayers letter and am furious at the capital works amounts program which once again features the largest amounts to be spent on Glen Waverley. Enoughs enough. After reviewing the last several News Bulletins from Council there is a very clear picture of Ratepayers finances simply being exploited by the Councillors for Glen Waverley.</p> <p>Recently you made phone calls to residents in regards the future of a new library worth a ridiculous amount of millions once again to feature in Glen Waverley. I didn't receive one however two of my neighbours did and they made it more than clear this was a total waste of money that this time the residents are typically struggling financially to pay their bills. Council suggesting that the Library amounts wouldn't affect ratepayers is just not true. Many things were answered such as why the library isn't necessary right now and why once again it should be proposed for Glen Waverley. It was mentioned that Council has lost track of what they were voted in to do. Council is about looking after All the residents, roads, gardens, permits and I have to say Hughesdale is always lacking in all those departments .The people who are working in these very cushy jobs</p>	Negative	1, 3	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to the response to submission 2 and 5 regarding allocation of funds and Council expenditure on services and also comments to Key Theme 3 – Distribution of funds to other projects which discusses major projects planned for other areas of the municipality.</p> <p>With regards to your comments regarding the library not being necessary, response to submission 2 above discusses need and response to submission 7 discusses the growth of the GWAC. Also refer to Key Theme 1 – Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation.</p>

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	<p>leave a lot to be desired. If and when it comes about you will find most of the residents will vote to remove Councils as they are wasting valuable ratepayers money</p> <p>Politics does not belong in Council yet it continues to fester without real input by day to day residents. We are sick of the constant notion that everyone is on board with the Voice, Indigenous people are a part of our Community no more or less than everyone else. So stop discriminating against All Residents. I don't need to be welcomed into my own Country and I most certainly don't need to say sorry for something that happened well before my time. These episodes have happened in just about every country in the world and then some. But you many ignorant people sitting on that Council need to go home and get stuck into solid reading about our history, No one came here to intentionally hurt anyone. Thats right instead of being one of the sheep in your very Labor based Council , read.</p> <p>As to the so called Green Member, nobody can tell us anything about what he really has brought to the the table. Certainly nothing Green. I recall when the first of many lies in regards to the overhead train lines going through without people actually wanting it . This pathetic member did absolutely nothing in regards to saving the thousand trees and bushes that were ripped out . Having a heritage station removed and placed on the the other side (Murrumbreena) of the road, what a waste. Don't bother giving us the State did it. Not a wimper from this guy.</p> <p>Further, I am totally sick and tired of Council using monies that's not theirs to promote , anything that has to do with Genders. Nobody I know cares what these people are interested except when its shoved into our Council .</p> <p>Not appropriate. Then there is all the money spent on selective days to suit the Chinese the Greeks the Indigenous to name a few and yet You people on this overpaid Council are attempting to remove Australia Day..</p> <p>You councillors have lost the plot and simply sit there as yes people</p>			<p>Comments not related to the Project.</p> <p>Comments not related to the Project.</p> <p>Comments not related to the Project.</p>
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		getting paid. If there was half a chance to get rid of all you I and my neighbours would Vote in favour.			
24	Resident	<p>First of all let me thank you for the opportunity to provide you with some feedback in relation to the proposed new Glen Waverley Library and Community Hub.</p> <p>DESIGN OF LIBRARY</p> <p>May I start with the proposed design of the new library and say that to my eyes it looks like a can of worms engulfing an igloo. The design proposal should be sent back to the drawing board with a request that the design be more in keeping with the local area. I wonder if the designer was thinking of the tunnel being built for the great Train fiasco. You could look for some guidance to the new Arts area in Narre Warren.</p> <p>LIBRARY</p> <p>Regarding the proposed Library being four times the existing size, I wonder where all the extra people are going to come from and the main solution that occurs is that it is being built primarily for the residents of the high towers (in the pipeline). Without considerable effort, there will be no way that people from the outer areas would be able to drive into the library and actually find a parking space but then have enough time to actually do research or read or meet friends.</p> <p>As you would expect with the affluent high risers most would have their own computers and may never turn the page of a book. So what's your point? If indeed it is expected to be a library, the computerisation of the services would be at considerable cost with upgrades due every few years.</p> <p>One can only assume that the community hub is to be the primary focus for the works and that it is really being set up as extra space for the council staff. If this is indeed the primary focus then it is a very expensive project for minimal benefits to the residents of Waverley.</p>	Negative	1, 4	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>The schematic design provides a concept only.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' response to submission 2 and Key Theme 1 – Existing facility limitations and need for modern replacement. The response provides useful data on the current statistics of the GW library and Council's considerations with planning for the future for this service as well as the Hall and Office Accommodation.</p> <p>The focus of this Project is on community space and providing for improved services now and into the future. The schematic design for the library captures the various community spaces that Council has requested to be included (ie. collection area, adult reading area, children's area, makers space, youth area, meeting spaces, large hall).</p>

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		<p>In regard to the extra space for community facilities I would once again point you in the direction of what they have achieved in Narre Warren. However a facility of that nature requires high level management skills and ongoing promotion. The focus would be very different to the small meeting rooms (with dividers) being proposed. I also wonder if there has been a study completed to find out if the areas have been requested from the ground up or whether you just think it's a good idea? So how much would be actual library compared with meeting spaces?</p> <p>PARKING Parking, the bug bear of attending any function in Glen Waverley! Even "The Glen" fills up quickly and if you could only take a drive around on any night and try to find a spot to park you will find out what I mean. The reduction in car parking spaces brings terror to my heart. What is now a disaster would become impossible. Bearing in mind that many of your residents are elderly, they find it difficult to park long distances from where they need to go. The parking facility in Euneva Avenue was always poorly thought out being badly positioned and too far for many people to use. The other killing factor, of course, is that there is insufficient time allowed to go about one's business except for the simplest of needs requiring minimal time.</p> <p>CONCLUSION To spend the amount of money on a single project of this nature is unwarranted and wasteful of the community's money. To sell part of the land in the central carpark without a large increase in alternative parking space lacks foresight and would create even more congestion than already exists. In conclusion, I do not believe that the proposed library and community hub should go ahead in its present form.</p>			<p>The exact area will be determined during the detail design stage should this Project proceed.</p> <p>Please refer to responses to submissions 10, 15 and 20 above regarding car parking and also to Officers' response to Key Theme 4 – GW Activity Centre Redevelopment & loss of car parking which provides information on increased parking provision and Council's work to understand future needs.</p>
25	Resident	<p>I'm probably being influenced by other government happenings in Victoria, not Monash. The 10m budget with no impact on rate payers is based on today's pricing. Everything seems to go over budget, so where will the extra money come from?</p>	Positive	1, 2	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p><u>Project Cost</u> Please refer to Officers' response in submission 1 above and Key Theme 2 – Project cost and the funding proposal. The cost estimate is based on</p>

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		We do need to plan for the future and projects like this need to be thought through, and in most cases are justified. An unknown question is, what will the future trend be, will people spend more time working from home? If so, not so much office might be needed. Also, how will remote internet access impact on library usage? Only time will tell, but project designers may need to consider things like that. Yes, I would like to have library facilities like that.			the current schematic design. As part of the schematic design process, a quantity surveyor was engaged. The cost estimates are the foundation from which Council begins to understand its budgeting needs. Council recognises that it must retain the Project within a budget range to be affordable and be contained within the sale of land proceeds. Please refer to response to submission 2 which discusses the adequacy to support future needs and Officers' response to Key Theme 1 – Existing facility limitations and need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation
26	Resident	I would like to include the following observations from myself in reply to this survey. 1. The development means the maintenance of first, old structures, services, facilities and on top of every thing else our Values and culture. I can name and take the City of Monash authorities to ten different places where the facilities are lying broken for few years. When I cross through those areas, I feel like I am in some third world country or undeveloped country. I feel ashamed in writing the words which overseas visitors has shared. 2. These every month Bulletins are just waste of time, resources and Tax Payers money. These Bulletin are only used for one purpose that is to blow your own Council Trumpet and that also while spending the tax payer money. I can't see any useful purpose or objective in it. 3. Majority of 60 plus population can't take part in these kind of electronic surveys due to technical reasons and below fifty population don't have time to waste on these kind of surveys as they are not concerned. 4. This technology has been forced 10-15 years early without having any vision, goal or objective. 5. The values like Accountability, Commitment, Sense of Belonging, Care and empathy are almost ready to hit the bottom, in this rat race of no goals and no vision we are losing everything.	Negative	3	Thank you for your feedback which is noted. <u>Assets</u> 1. Please refer to Officers' response to Key Theme 3 – Distribution of funds to other projects which includes information on Council's asset management methodology when formulating its capital works renewal program. The level of investment we make each year towards managing our assets is informed by the results of condition audits matched with the individual asset attributes such as age, material, remaining useful life. The combination of this data is used to inform our maintenance and renewal programs. The majority of our work on roads and footpaths falls within the asset renewal class. <u>Bulletin</u> 2. The Monash Bulletin allows Council to provide regular and trusted information to our community, including updates on new projects, safety advice, consultation opportunities and our events. <u>Survey</u> 3 & 4 Our online survey for this project was completed by close to 600 people, with nearly a quarter of respondents identifying as aged 65 or over. <u>Values</u>

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	<p>6. We have divided the community in pieces and everyday we are creating a new category, everyone is there but no humans and no Australians. We all are flourishing in this land but abusing it badly too.</p> <p>7. We are spending millions of dollars on family violence, mental illness, smoking, gambling and so many other community based issues but the outcome is in negative and problems are still growing. The distances among us humans are growing and more walls been created everyday then dismantling them and creating bridges for reaching to each other.</p> <p>8. Money spent on fixing the graffiti is not working at all. During the day council painters come and paint on the top of Graffiti and the next day Graffiti artists come and paint on the top of freshly painted base which is more brighter and visible. Instead of spending this money on education and bringing the Human values back we are throwing the money in bottom less pit.</p> <p>9. No performance-based assessments for staff as well as Councillors and they are just holding the positions for lengthy period of time without positive contribution. Should fix the term to 2-3 elections maximum. Get new blood in the system, but be careful of branch stacking rackets in the system. All the new candidates must be selected on at least ten 5-10 years of community services and measurable involvement.</p> <p>10. Money given to Religious organisations as "Grants" is a huge waste and should be stopped immediately. For other grants there should be more stricter and stringent acquittal process, as what for the grant was awarded and what has been achieved and how that is going to help the present community and future generations.</p> <p>11. A group of community leaders to be formed to see all the work in the community related to New Migrants, settlement of refugees and on going complaints.</p> <p>12. Encourage and do the things where people start having pride in their new adopted country. Develop the programs which help make the feeling of "Sense of Belonging" grow. Create a scene where everyone feels proud of in contribution towards the betterment of humanity and everyone around.</p> <p>13. I am ready to discuss all the above at any time.</p>		<p>5.& 6. We understand your sentiment regarding values. Council's vision for its community is captured in its Community Vision – "Imagine Monash in 2040". A copy can be accessed here community-vision-final.pdf (monash.vic.gov.au) and was developed following consultation with the community. It reflects what we heard.</p> <p><u>Socio-economic</u></p> <p>7. Please refer to response to submission 2 above and Officers' response to Key Theme 3 – Distribution of funds to other projects which provides information on how Council supports and advocates with community health issues.</p> <p><u>Graffiti</u></p> <p>8. Council has both a reactive and proactive program for management of Graffiti. For Council assets, we remove offensive graffiti the same day. Our proactive program includes regular sweeps of local activity centres to identify graffiti and arrange removal. We also support removal of graffiti on non-council property (such as shops) and discuss removal options with the owner. This includes provision of free graffiti removal kits.</p> <p>9. Noted.</p> <p>10. Noted.</p> <p><u>Advisory Committees</u></p> <p>11 & 12. Council has many advisory committees with attendees representative of leaders within our community. A list of our advisory committees can be found here Committees City of Monash.</p> <p>13 & 14 Noted and thank you for your offer.</p>
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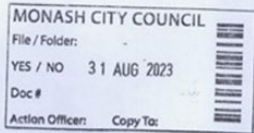
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		14. I am with everyone to volunteer and help create a better tomorrow for our coming generations.			
27	Resident	<p>This email serves to state my objection to the above proposal.</p> <p>As the community is subjected to serious financial stress at the present time, and some of the poorer members are having a great struggle to survive, I am incensed to think that Monash council would currently contemplate spending their rate payers funds on such a venture.</p> <p>Here are some suggestions I offer as an alternative to the proposal</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spend the money on improvements and expansions to community old age care facilities. 2. If a real need for additional community meeting space has been realised, consider using some of the many close by facilities available in the form of Church halls and the like. 3. Consider a more modest building project fo extend the existing council premises for meeting purposes. 4, An extension to the library may be viewed as a short sighted venture due to the current day public trend to use the ethernet for much of the material that has in the past been sought from community libraries. It is suggested that the library extension be abandoned. <p>At the end of the day, I believe that the council would not project a responsible image to the public if the project proceeds.</p>	Negative	1, 3	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' response to submission 1 and Key Theme 2 – Project cost and funding proposal.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' response to Key Theme 3 – Distribution of funds to other projects which discusses Council's support for aged care.</p> <p><u>Aged Cares</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please refer to Officers' response to submissions 2 and 4 above regarding aged care service provision. <p><u>Halls</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Key Theme 1 – Existing Facility limitations and need for modern replacement which provides information on hall hire. Halls <p><u>Building size</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Noted. <p><u>Library</u></p> <p>Please refer to response to submission 2 above and Key Theme 1 – Existing Facility limitations and need for modern replacement.</p>
28	Resident	<p>The proposed design is horrible, ugly and outlandish.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The money should not be spent on one project, it should be spent on other things in the community like fixing roads and improving local amenity. 	Negative	3	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' response to submissions 2 and 5 above and Key Theme 3 – Distribution of funds to other projects.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The design should be toned back so that it looks ‘normal’, and it should not be so big and expensive. 			Noted.
29	Youth Advisory Comm	<p>Currently study rooms at Glen Waverley library are in very high demand. It appears that there may only be six study rooms available in the proposed design. It is recommended that this number should be significantly increased.</p> <p>Study rooms ideally need to be different sizes to meet diverse needs. Study rooms are utilise for a broad range of different reasons from small group meetings, study groups, social study spaces and electronic meetings eg. Zoom.</p> <p>There needs to be increase in charging points for iPhone and laptops. It would also be useful to have desks with monitor available.</p> <p>On level two the games room is next to a quiet space it is encourage that these rooms are separated further apart.</p> <p>Safety is a concern for young people. What considerations are in place to ensure the upstairs area where the youth space is located is regularly always monitored and safe?</p> <p>What activities would you like to be able to engage in at the library or in the community events/meeting spaces?</p> <p>It is recommended to have a pool table and video gaming console. It would also be useful to have a social space with couches and bean bags for community members.</p> <p>It is recommended that the Maker Space has access to technology devices such as a 3D printer and a laser cutting machine. Could these devices be provided at a discounted rate to community members?</p> <p>Are there any current community needs or gaps that this project could address?</p> <p>Young people are seeking safe and supervised places they can access for both study and socialise. Having spaces where young people can congregate where they are not required to spend money are really important.</p>	Positive	1	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers’ response to submission 2 above and Key Theme 1 – Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation which provides information on the physical space limitations.</p> <p><u>Physical Design</u> Your feedback on design is noted and should this project proceed to the next stage of detailed design, further consultation will occur with the Youth Committee.</p> <p><u>Safety</u> Noted. Council’s design team follow safety in design principles as well as recommendations to demonstrate gender equity where safety is a key factor. The detailed design will consider resourcing requirements.</p> <p><u>Activities</u> Noted. As referred to earlier, should this project proceed to the next stage of detailed design, further consultation will occur with the Youth Committee (and other advisory committees) on items such as these.</p>

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		The library is a space that parents generally are very supportive for their children to access outside school hours so this is the ideal place for young people to meet after school and having spaces where young people can socialise and study will make the space more appealing.			
30	Petition	<p>To: Dr Andi Diamond CEO of City of MONASH 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley VIC 3150 PO Box 1 Glen Waverley VIC 3150.</p>  <p>We – the undersigned residents of Monash City Council – wish to OBJECT the proposed project to build a new GLEN WAVERLEY LIBRARY and COMMUNITY HUB on the existing Glen Waverley library site for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The project cost estimated of more than \$110M could cost MUCH MORE than this amount of money. The residents of Monash City could pay more annual Council Rates to cover the blown-out costs. The proposed project ONLY gives benefits to RESIDENTS of GLEN WAVERLEY, which is UNFAIR to residents of other suburbs. For example, Ashwood DOES NOT have LIBRARY and COMMUNITY Centre. In addition, with the proposed modern Glen Waverley Civic Precinct, HOUSE VALUES in Glen Waverley would predictably INCREASE which benefit only Glen Waverley residents. The cost of \$110 M is an enormous sum of money , a part of which could be spent to build other centres to benefit residents of other suburbs , for example a medium-sized Library and Community Centre in Ashwood or to modernize the Clayton Library and the swimming centres ect... The cost of renting additional office space currently costing only 400,000 per year. The total cost for 100 years could be only 40 M which is much cheaper than spending 110M to build a new G-W Library and Community hub. <p>We greatly appreciate your consideration. We object the proposed project to build a new Glen Waverley Library and Community Hub as it would cost an enormous sum of money, however, the project give benefits to only GLEN WAVERLEY RESIDENTS.</p>	Negative	2, 3	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to response to submission 1 and Key Theme 2 – project cost and the funding proposal. Please also refer to response to submission 7 regarding changes in the Glen Waverley Activity Centre. Please refer to Officers’ Response to Key Theme 3 regarding distribution of funds to other projects. It is preferrable that Council progresses towards owning its asset as opposed to continuing to rent which does not provide security of tenure in the long term.
31	Resident	<p>I missed the feedback deadline on the Civic Precinct proposal so I am emailing my views.</p> <p>As a ratepayer, I strongly oppose Monash Council spending this much money, effectively on itself. A much more modest redevelopment only should be considered.</p> <p>Perhaps more significantly, given the record of the Andrews government in renegeing on contracts (East West Link, Commonwealth Games) and given its own parlous financial position and the possibility</p>	Negative	2	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers’ response to submission 1 and Key Theme 2 – Project cost and the funding proposal which discusses your concern and the receipt of income from the Suburban Rail Loop Authority.</p>

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		<p>of a new government after the next election, in my view there is a significant risk that the promised moneys from the state government will never actually arrive.</p> <p>Given this risk, it would be not only premature, but also negligent, of Monash Council to expend any significant sums on this project unless and until they have the money 'in the bank'. If they do not take such a prudent approach they run the risk of saddling ratepayers with substantial avoidable costs.</p>			
32		<p>I'm writing re Glen Waverley civic precinct upgrade. I am a Glen Waverley home owner.</p> <p>Unfortunately, I was not in time to provide feedback in the survey. I opened my mail/monash bulletin today and found the link which was already closed. I wondered if there is any capacity for lengthening the opening hours of the Glen Waverley library, so that it opens earlier in the morning and longer hours on weekends? I'm also wondering whether there might be provision for some quiet areas and additional rooms that can be booked for people who wish to engage in quiet study. I am working professional (specialist paediatrician) with two preschool age children of my own, and I also teach and study. There is no quiet space available in my home so I use the library for this purpose. However, I have found that the Glen Waverley library is not a quiet space either and is often not yet open at times when I wish to use it. I wonder how many others are in this boat. It leaves me travelling to other public libraries such as Vermont and Wheelers Hill (more quiet working spaces but also woeful opening hours).</p> <p>I'm looking forward to this much-needed upgrade and look forward to hearing from you.</p>	Positive	1	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' response to Key Theme 1 – Existing facility limitations and need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation which captures some of your questions and concerns in relation to user requirements</p> <p>Further information in relation to opening times will be made available should the project progress.</p>
33	Historical Society	<p>I am writing on behalf of History Monash Inc in regard to the proposed new Glen Waverley Civic Precinct. History Monash would like to offer feedback as part of the consultation process.</p> <p>Focus upon Glen Waverley</p>	Negative	3	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p>

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	<p>Whilst recognising that Glen Waverley is the seat of the Council’s administration, and that further office space may be required, we would like to suggest that some of this considerable windfall be used to benefit other parts of the council area. As it is unlikely that such a windfall or opportunity will occur again soon, we believe that funding should be spread more widely across the City of Monash in the interests of community inclusion and positive perceptions of council’s focus.</p> <p>Here at History Monash, we often hear visiting residents say that they rarely see any mention of the Oakleigh area in the Monash Bulletin. The content seems to be heavily focused upon areas around the council headquarters, giving a somewhat negative perception of Council priorities to Oakleigh residents.</p> <p>Oakleigh’s library would benefit from an upgrade – it compares very poorly with the Carnegie Library, for example. Nor does Oakleigh have a usable community meeting place. The best that can be provided is the Mechanics Institute (renamed Oakleigh Hall) which has limited seating and functionality. We therefore suggest that the Glen Waverley hub be scaled back to something more modest (but still functional), releasing funds for other needs.</p> <p>Need for focus upon the history of the City of Monash A windfall creates opportunities which the annual budget does not provide. We see the availability of this funding as a unique opportunity to preserve the history of the City of Monash. Part of the funds could be used to pay for a review of the current Heritage Overlay done nearly twenty-five years ago - in 1999. Only by pro-actively reviewing the built structure will valuable buildings be preserved, creating an environment which is historically interesting and attractive, and which lends a sense of history to our region. Buildings which to some people may seem “recent” because they were built after World War II will become a legacy which we leave to future generations – otherwise future generations will have little visible local history.</p>		<p>We understand your sentiment regarding the income to be received from the SRLA. This Project would result in a re-investment of proceeds from the sale of Council land in Glen Waverley back into this location and towards an important public asset which has been spoken about for many years. It is a reinvestment opportunity.</p> <p>Please refer to the response to submission 5 above regarding Glen Waverley and its growth. Glen Waverley is continuing to change with increased development, business growth and population. The introduction of the SRLA project will impact this change even more and only adds to the reason why Council should be investing the proceeds into this location and this Project.</p> <p>Officers’ response to Key Theme 3 – Distribution of funds to other projects discusses how Council is investing in other areas of the municipalities and provides examples of some major projects currently in progress.</p> <p><u>Oakleigh Library</u> With regards to Oakleigh Library. Council has committed funds in this year’s budget to commence a scoping study to identify the design work required for an upgrade and integration of the Oakleigh Library, Oakleigh Seniors Centre & Oakleigh Mechanis Hall. This work was highlighted within the Oakleigh Community Infrastructure Study of being of high importance and having a number of benefits both to service delivery and community outcomes. It is in the early stages but we look forward to developing this Project and discussing it with our community as it evolves.</p> <p>Officers’ response to Key Theme 3 discusses distribution of funds to other projects and provides examples of where Council has major projects in other areas of the municipality.</p> <p>With regards to the heritage study, this is an item which can be advocated for during Council’s budgeting process.</p>
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		We would be happy to discuss these ideas in more detail. Thank you for the opportunity to offer this feedback.			
SHAPE MONASH WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS					
34	Resident	<p>Hello, I'm thrilled to share an exciting plan with you — the reimagining of Glen Waverley's future.</p> <p>This plan is all about building a brand-new library and community hub right here on the existng Glen Waverley library site. It's about meetng the needs of our rapidly growing and diverse community while creating flexible indoor spaces for large-scale events and community group meetngs.</p> <p>The new library will be more than just a place to borrow books. It'll be a "community living room," a space where we all come together to learn, connect, and share. It's goal is to create one of Victoria's finest municipal libraries.</p> <p>But that's not all — in addition to the library, this plan includes brand-new community event and meeting spaces. We know our community lacks suitable spaces for larger indoor events, so it is important planning to create a versatile multi-purpose community space that caters to everything from big 500-person gatherings to smaller 20-50 person meetings.</p> <p>It is also considering other community needs, like providing more office space for Glen Waverley's employees, thereby reducing leasing costs. When it comes to funding, they are proposing an innovative funding model, sourcing funds from the government's land acquisition compensation and the sale of the Central Car Park. This ensures the project's feasibility without impac4ng residents' taxes.</p> <p>It's aim is to create a versatile, inclusive, and community-centered place. Now, I'd like to share some personal feedback and suggestions to further refine this project. as a concerned resident, I would like to suggest a few considerations for the project: the pros and cons of</p>	Positive	1	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted and for taking the time and effort to provide a well thought through response.</p> <p>Please refer to Officers' response to submission 2 above and Key Theme 1 – Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation.</p> <p>As above.</p> <p>As above.</p> <p>As above.</p> <p>As above.</p>

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	<p>using the large community room and library space in reference to those venues: Bunjil Place Library, Dockland Library, and Dandenong library.</p> <p>To use an Open concept for a performance room of up to 500 people,so that to allow more audience to participate in the performance. Sound Proof and Lighting are essential.</p> <p>Pros of Using Large Community Room: Versatility: Large community rooms can host a wide range of events, from lectures and workshops to performances and cultural celebrations. Capacity: It can accommodate larger gatherings, making it suitable for events that attract a significant audience. Cultural Events: Multicultural concerts and performances can take place, fostering community diversity and unity. Interaction: Larger space encourages interaction among attendees, facilitating networking and community bonding. Cons of Using Large Community Room: Limited Daily Use: The room might be available only for specific events, potentially limiting its regular use. Resource Allocation: Hosting frequent events might require additional resources for setup, teardown, and maintenance. Scheduling Challenges: Balancing diverse events and activities could present scheduling difficulties.</p> <p>2.Provide a small Cafeteria run by volunteers: Pros: Community Engagement: A cafeteria run by volunteers promotes community involvement and collaboration. Gathering Space: The cafeteria can serve as an informal meeting place, enhancing the community hub concept. Cons: Logistical Management: Coordinating volunteers, food supplies, and maintenance requires careful organization. Consistency: Maintaining consistent hours of operation might be challenging with a volunteer-run setup.</p> <p>3.Generate donations via multicultural concert events and hire performance room to support the construction building:</p>			<p>As above.</p> <p>We appreciate and welcome this feedback. Suggestions can be explored further should this Project proceed. In the meantime, we offer the following responses to some of the comments you have made on the architectural concept:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Large community meeting rooms can also be divided into smaller rooms providing more flexible use in terms of size. 2. Café's are increasingly being provided at contemporary libraries and provide visitors with on-site refreshments. The structure of the management will be considered further should this Project proceed. 3. Management and promotion of the Hall are important considerations for the next stage of this Project should it proceed further. 4. Please refer to Officers' response to Key Theme 1 – Existing facility limitations and need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation This response notes that even though digital loans are increasing it does not equate to space decreasing for collection loans. More digital loans will mean some reduction in the collection footprint at each library branch. This will allow space for more public programs and study areas to be established in the branches that need it the most.
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		<p>Pros: Financial Support: Hosting multicultural concerts and renting out the venue can generate revenue for the project. Cultural Celebrations: Multicultural events celebrate diversity and promote community unity. Cons: Scheduling and Planning: Organizing regular events requires dedicated planning, coordination, and marketing efforts. Audience Engagement: Ensuring consistent attendance and participation might need ongoing effort.</p> <p>4.The last one is: Display and maintain popular and inspiring books in the library, Other less popular books could keep via electronic books, so that more space could be used for other useful activities. Displaying and Maintaining Books in the Library:</p> <p>Pros: Curation: Curating popular and inspiring books encourages reading and learning. Resource Availability: Library attendees have access to physical books for education and leisure.</p> <p>Cons: Space Constraints: Displaying books requires shelf space, which might be limited in a bustling library. Maintenance: Regular upkeep of physical books is necessary to ensure their quality and relevance. E-books for Less Popular Books: Pros: Space Efficiency: E-books save physical space, allowing for more diverse activities and resources. Accessibility: E-books can be easily accessed by library attendees at any time. Cons: Device Dependence: Access to e-books requires compatible devices, potentially excluding some users. Preference Variability: Some individuals might still prefer physical books, limiting their options.</p> <p>In conclusion, this plan represents the future of the Glen Waverley community. We hope this place becomes a hub where residents come together to experience, learn, grow, and contribute to the community's development.</p>			
35	Resident	<p>I would like to start by saying that, in principle, I support this project and the broader GLEN WAVERLEY ACTIVITY CENTRE STRUCTURE PLAN Having a place for the Glen Waverley Community to come together is a great idea. It looks like all groups are being catered for in the proposal, which is excellent. I see myself and my family coming here all the time Thanks to all the people involved in this project and their ongoing efforts to improve Glen Waverley.</p>	Positive	1	<p>Thank you for your feedback which is noted.</p> <p>Noted. Please refer to Officers' response to Key Theme 1 – Existing facility limitations & need for modern replacement, proposed hall & office accommodation.</p>

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	<p>Criteria When thinking about projects like this I always put the Climate Crisis front and centre. I judge the merits of a project based on its suitability in a hotter and less predictable climate future. I look at all aspects of the project from an emissions perspective as well as a human and social one. Needless to say that the complete absence of any mention, in any of your documents, about Climate Change is rather disappointing. The Climate Crisis should be top of mind in any construction project of this nature</p> <p>If we are taking the Climate Crisis seriously, this project should result in a significant increase in greenery in the area. Shade from large canopy trees, are vital in helping to regulate heat in the building and surrounding area. I would be impressing on ARM Architecture to not just pay lip service to “green” but to genuinely and deeply consider the Climate Crisis in the design of this building and its surroundings. While I am sure they have to some extent, I would like to see this articulated more clearly in the next design iteration.</p> <p>The urban heat island effect is set to get much worse in the very near future. There appears to be a lot of concrete and hard surfaces in this plan. While I appreciate this is important in high traffic areas it would be good to see some much larger planters. Large planters with larger canopy trees on the north to west side would provide additional shading from the summer heat and reduce the need for cooling in the building as well as cooling the whole space around the building. This is a good plan from ARM but we would need to double the size of any “planters” to have the desired effect on reducing heat in the area. Creating a “forest walk” ambiance around the buildings would be the desired effect</p> <p>Having greenery actually on the building, would be a bonus. This image from the Architects presentation, in the INDIGENOUS GARDENS section, is exactly what we need. It would be great if we could incorporate something similar into the design. The water play area is an excellent feature for a climate heated world. Combining this with plants would make it even better. Similar to The Ian Potter Foundation Children’s Garden water play area</p>			<p><i>Climate Crisis / landscape / urban heat</i></p> <p>Please refer to response to submission 8 above. Also, a new building would be designed to meet at least a 5 Green Star rating system. The building would include a Building Management System which Council can use to analyse and report on its performance. The schematic design is not indicative of the final landscape design.</p>
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	<p>While it is great to see Solar panels on the roof I would encourage the architects to think about passive heating, cooling and ventilation where possible. The large glass dome, while aesthetically pleasing, will be a significant “energy hog” if not shaded in some way. While it would be a shame to greatly compromise the design of the building, to really minimise energy consumption, I hope the architects are keeping this top of mind. A larger shade providing roof would be my preference. There are some great examples from round the world for this.</p> <p>It would be nice to do a better job of honouring the traditional owners of this land in the design of this building. This point was raised in the Public Meeting, “why can’t we have something that represents Aboriginal culture a bit more” The proposed design is great, and I am feeling some Aboriginal vibes in the design but we could do much better. With such a rich history to draw on and a vibrant modern aboriginal art movement it would be good to see some influences in the design. What would be nice to see is a design that people all over the world would immediately recognise as Australian. The proposed design is nice, but it really could be from anywhere.</p> <p>Where is the Bicycle parking? Every day 1000’s of people drive to Glen Waverley precinct when many of these trips could easily be done by bike. While this project does not fix the main issue with cycling, users do not feel safe riding on busy roads, it can play a part. I believe there are plans to improve cycling in Monash and this Library should factor those in. In order to encourage more people to cycle we need to put bicycle parking in the most convenient places. Right outside the front entrance, as well as underground, by the entrances. Parking for large SUV’s should be in the least convenient places, with parking spots for smaller cars, right by the entrances, along with disabled. Progressive parking pricing, where drivers pay an hourly price that increases if their parking duration is longer than a predetermined threshold, should be deployed. Again, these are all things we should be doing if we are taking the climate crisis seriously.</p>			<p>Noted. Council’s Aboriginal Partnership Officer will make contact with the relevant traditional owner groups at the relevant time.</p> <p>Noted. Shared user paths are a key consideration for the future of the Glen Waverley Activity Centre. Councils landscape architects and urban planning officers are working closely with the SRLA on this matter. Bicycle parking will form part of the Project.</p>
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		<p>Funding As the meeting highlighted there will always be strong opinions on this. I personally do not see a project like this as a cost, but as an investment. I fully support using the money from the State Government, for the carpark on Coleman Parade, for this project.</p> <p>What we put at the heart of our community says a lot about what our priorities are, as a community. Surely in 2023 dedicating so much space to storing metal boxes on wheels, for free, should be not our priority? There is enough evidence from around the world that shows pedestrianising spaces like this would benefit all the businesses around the park. If business owners are fighting to keep this park, it is because nobody as properly articulated to them the benefits of pedestrianising this area. If they had, there would be no objections.</p> <p>If we are taking the Climate Crisis Seriously, this is the only rational choice for this space To put in a park. To fill it with as many canopy trees as possible that filter out noise, pollution, heat, CO2. However I do appreciate that we sometimes need to make compromises.</p> <p>Please... Let's not make this like Box Hill and cram in a load of 30 story buildings! If we do proceed with the plans put forward, I would like to see a bit more public space here and a few more trees. Reserve one third for a small park. Perhaps we can create a temporary "pop up" food area here for the summer, to trail a project and get public support? Building no taller than 52 Osullivan Rd</p> <p>Lastly Before the new library project came to my attention I was not aware of any of the previous GLEN WAVERLEY ACTIVITY CENTRE STRUCTURE PLANS. And judging from comments made in the meeting, many people in the room were not either. I think the council would do well to re-share some of these plans and present the Library as part of a broader plan for a greener, more walk-able, more people centred Glen Waverley.</p>			<p>Please refer to Officers' response to Key Theme 2 – Project Cost and the funding proposal.</p> <p>Please refer to officers response to Key Theme 4 – GW Activity Centre redevelopment and loss of parking which includes information on open space consideration.</p> <p>Council recognises the importance of tree canopy in mitigating urban heat island effect and improving amenity in urban environment, especially in Major Activity Centres such as Glen Waverley. We have an Urban Landscape and Canopy Vegetation Strategy which can be found here Monash Urban Landscape and Canopy Vegetation Strategy City of Monash</p> <p>Noted. The structure plans have been readily available on our website.</p>
36	Resident	- Building shape: the square theatre looks tacked onto the circular/donut library. Everything inside and out is circular and wavy except for the theatre. I'm not saying a blend of straight and curved	Mixed	0	Thank you for your feedback which is noted. We appreciate and welcome this feedback and it can be explored further should this

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	<p>can't work – it does with the civic centre – but here it looks odd. The outcroppings (“deck” and “maker space”) on the circular part of the building detract from its curved form. - Wavy lines on the building facade: it's hard to imagine what these will look like in reality but it doesn't seem like it will be nice. And the scaffolding under/holding the wavy pieces seem incongruent because they are vertical and horizontal lines. Are some of the wavy lines really going to be pink? And what are they supposed to be – do they have any cultural or other significance or are they purely decorative? They look like the lines on a topographical map or octopus tentacles. - Link to the civic building: the wavy blue glass corridor looks especially tacked on and out of place. Do you envisage people other than council employees using the link? What for? Does there have to be a link? Could it be underground (leaving more room on the surface for other things)? - Outside: on the landscaping plan everything seems piecemeal and randomly crammed into the site – a few car spaces here and there, a basketball court here, a garden there. It's unclear to me when and how some of these spaces would be used (e.g. “theatre deck”, “water play” right next to “events space”). The entry plaza for the library could be bigger and serve the theatre too – making one meeting and congregation point rather than separating these out. Is an outdoors children's play area (right alongside the road) really needed? Isn't it enough that people with children coming to the library will utilize the activities and play spaces inside the library? That is, the library is a destination in itself so doesn't need to be a playground? - I'm not providing feedback on the internal library layout – I hope some research has been done on what best practices are for library design – except to say that there seems to be a dearth of bookshelves! The periodicals area seems to have only tables and chairs! I know we are in a digital age but the library will still have some books won't it? Also, I'm opposed to a café in the library. There are plenty of places to “share a coffee with friends” (your words on website) on Kingsway. I think a library should focus on providing access to knowledge and spaces to learn. Maybe there should be only an externally facing kiosk style café outdoors (to go with the Alfresco dining area) where people attending events or just hanging around on the site can get a coffee and snack if they really need to. - Will the</p>		<p>Project proceed. In the meantime, we offer the following responses to some of the comments you have made on the architectural concept:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The orbital nature of the design is derived from consideration to the geometry of the existing Civic Centre building. It provides for an interesting building and landscape architecture that compliments the Harry Seidler design of the Civic Centre building. Ultimately, the design is conceptual and does not represent the final design should this Project proceed. • The façade (wavy lines) is part of the decorative design / architecture and not cultural in nature. • The shared foyer linking the civic centre, hall and library is an important meeting point and provides a link between the three spaces. It was also considered important the library have a direct entry from the forecourt and Kingsway approach. The design also needs to account for different opening times of the three spaces. • The schematic design is not indicative of the final landscape design. The open space design will be developed by a landscape architect should this Project proceed further. • The children's play area is not an outdoor playground, rather it is an enclosed outdoor area for library related children's activities. • The floor area for the proposed library allows for a significant expansion in the space available for the library collection. The layout of the internal library spaces, furniture, fixtures and fittings has not been considered in detail at this stage. • Café's are increasingly being provided at contemporary libraries and provide visitors with on-site refreshments.
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Attachment 7.1.5.4 Attachment 4 - Written feedback and responses

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	carpark be big enough to hold everyone arriving for large gatherings by car? It's already impossible to park in the area			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While the number of publicly available parking spaces has not been finalised, the design will provide an increase in on-site parking spaces available to library users.
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