



## Kyogle Tidy Towns Committee

(A Standing Committee of Kyogle Economic Committee Inc.)

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**VISION** – Kyogle Tidy Towns strives to promote a more sustainable community.

**MISSION STATEMENT** – Kyogle Tidy Towns is a not for profit community organization partnering with the community to protect the natural environment, nurture cultural diversity, support sustainable development, encourage community involvement and promote a positive community spirit.

The General Manager  
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Dear Sir

Page 22: Operating Costs:

How can these costs remain constant over the 4 year period when costs of materials are constantly increasing.

Page 23: Capital Expenditure: Villages

Bonalbo, Woodenbong and Renewals Villages are all shown to receive the same level of investment, surely they would have different needs resulting in different level of expenditure. Also the annual increase would not meet the increasing cost of materials over the 4 years.

Page 24: Operating Expenditure.

The forecasted expenditure should not remain consistent- costs are continually increasing therefore these estimates **MUST** indicate a gradual decline in the quality of roads within the LGA.

Page 25: Non- current revenue: - National Stronger Regions Fund:

Thought that these funds were to be expended in the villages.

Page 26: Quarries:

How come Income is showing a sharp decline from the high in 2018/19 and then a gradual increase from 2020/2021/22.

Page 27: Economic Development: Operating Expenditure:

This is a ridiculously low figure – the council should be encouraging investment and value adding in the LGA and with this budget it would not be possible.

Are the employment costs included in administration or personnel costs?

Page 28: Domestic Waste Management -Operating Expenditure.

Account for the increase of almost \$200k between 20/21, 21/22.

Other Waste Management:

Domestic Waste Share Costs: Is it correct to assume that the years 2018-2021 are a rough estimate and suddenly in 2021/2022 it is the actual figure an increase in income of \$185k+. how come?

Page 32: Environmental Health:

Noxious Weeds: didn't council withdraw from this scheme?

On Site Management Systems - what costs are involved?

Building Control - Why is this activity not cost neutral?

Page 33: What is Regulatory Control?

Page 34: Community Services why the fall from the 2018/2019 shown surely there is a constant increase in demand.

Page 35: Council Chambers - note that the timber surrounds of the windows on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor are in urgent need of attention.

KMI Hall - what are these funds used for - \$80k+ has been shown in the budget for a number of years, but to the lay person there is never any obvious maintenance.

Page 36: Operating expenditure- Concerned that with the planned redevelopment of the Main Street, Alcorn Park etc additional funding will be required for maintenance of these areas in particular Alcorn Park and the extremely modest increase shown may not be adequate. In the past Alcorn Park in particular has been brought back from the wilderness only to revert back because of lack of funding.

If council cannot maintain existing infrastructure then stop, consolidate and then move forward e/g. the fence along the front of the Kyogle Cemetery is crying out for a coat of paint and some TLC if it cannot be restored satisfactorily then perhaps replace with a hedge that can be quickly trimmed.

Overall increases in Budget expenditure do not appear to keep in pace with increases in the CPI which is extremely worrying because it only means that the LGA will be back peddling. Add to this additional activity resulting from Grant money and no funding for upkeep and the goose that lays the golden egg will not be around forever.

J Hayman

Secretary Kyogle Tidy Towns

