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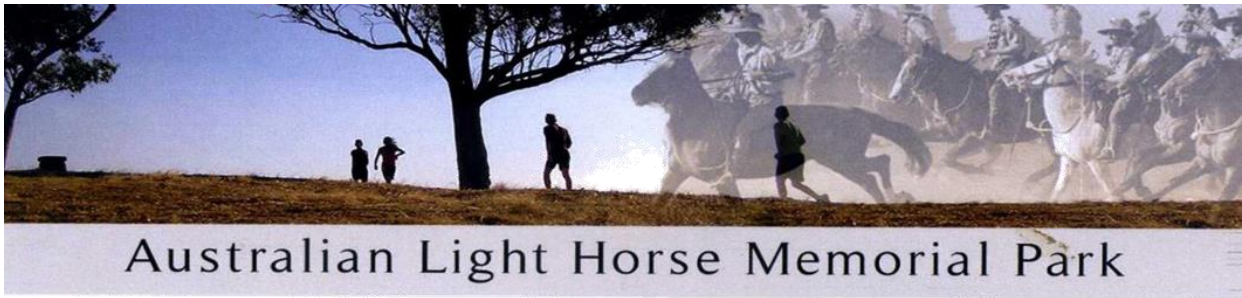
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**SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 2017-2018 DRAFT
BUDGET AND STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN
2018-2021**

Attachment No: 11

Bruce Anderson



23 May 2017

Mr David Turnbull
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Dear Mr Turnbull,

Section 223 Submission on 2017/18 Budget and Strategic Resource Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the 2017/18 Budget and Strategic Resource Plan document.

The Australian Light Horse Memorial Park Committee believes that the plan is generally appropriate for the growing Mitchell Shire. However, it has concerns that there is no real focus on passive recreation facilities and on the long-term development of the Australian Light Horse Memorial Park.

The Australian Light Horse Memorial Park was established some 20 years ago and has been developed by a community based committee using grant and other funding. Council provides a modest annual maintenance allocation.

In excess of \$300,000 has been obtained by the committee for capital works, and this has been used to provide a valuable tourist and passive recreation asset. Council has previously adopted a Plan for the Park prepared by the committee. This stated that the development of a network of quality pedestrian paths was the highest priority.

It is recognised that future development will be largely dependent on obtaining further grant funding. This is unlikely to occur unless Council actively advocates for these works, and the failure to include any mention of the Park or future works suggests that this is not a priority for Council. Inclusion of comments about funding design work for these paths could overcome the problem.

The development of the Park is important to the Seymour community and to tourism in the area. Seymour has a long history as an important military base for the Australian Army. The Vietnam Veterans Wall is an important visitor destination, and in the future a Tank Museum at Puckapunyal and the Australian Light Horse Memorial Park (the original Seymour Camp training area) can help make Seymour an important tourist destination.

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Changes to the draft 2017/18 Council Budget and Strategic Resource Plan can help to achieve this objective.

Yours sincerely,



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