

# Canterbury Connect

## Projects & activity update:

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

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### **Carpark Project Cancellation Impact on Place Plan**

CCAG sought the views of the community before deciding to oppose the proposed car park and is still of the view the abandonment of the car park proposal is in the best interests of the community as a whole.

You may have read the April Boroondara Bulletin which referred to car park funding withdrawal and the disappointment expressed by Maling ward councillor, Jane Addis following this withdrawal.

Whilst CCAG understands the disappointment expressed, it considers that implementation of the Place Plan should not be jeopardised by the withdrawal of Federal Government car parking funds, given that the Place Plan was initially approved prior to and before the availability of Federal funds for car parking development

CCAG has written to Jane Addis thanking Council for the hard work in developing the car park proposal and for presiding over the consultation process. As a long-time supporter of the Place Plan, CCAG also expressed its desire to continue working constructively with Council to ensure successful implementation of the Place Plan.

CCAG will continue to keep residents informed of developments and will seek their views on Place Plan matters to ensure there is a successful implementation.

### **Boroondara Council Draft Budget Document**

The May edition of the Boroondara Bulletin contains an outline of the draft Budget for the 2022-23 Financial year which will result in total expenditure of circa \$252 Million before revenue.

An initial review of the draft budget indicates that over the next four financial years an expenditure of only \$234,800 has been allowed for implementation of the Maling Road Place Plan. This reduced expenditure is of concern and CCAG will discuss this with Council at the earliest opportunity.

Visit [www.engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/budget-2022-23](http://www.engage.boroondara.vic.gov.au/budget-2022-23) to see and review the draft budget. Please then provide your feedback to the Council by May 25 on your matters of concern.