



Mr Keith Baillie and Councillors,
Surf Coast Shire Council
1 Merrijig Drive,
Torquay Victoria, 3228

July 21, 2017

Dear Mr Baillie and Councillors,

At the Growing Winchelsea meeting on July 12, the potential sale of Council land to Ambulance Victoria was again discussed.

There was a strong feeling against Council's proposal that the proceeds from that sale would be put towards the future purchase of land for the town's second oval, as stated in a letter to us from Anne Howard (July 4, 2017),

It was the thought of those present at our meeting that:

1. The second oval purchase is possibly 2 or 3 years away.
2. The second oval will only benefit relatively few people in town.

We have a Council funded 'Growing Winchelsea Plan' in place, setting out the future growth of our town, together with a number of works to beautify and make Winchelsea a better place to live and visit, but there is little money in place to fund it. Even with the Federal Government grant announced last year, there is insufficient money available to fund anything but the minimum of works.

We have asked the Shire in the past for budgeted costs for the various components of the plan, but have never received this.

Some of the proposals in this plan include the Hesse Street bridge and river-walk, the final two memorial cairns, beautification of the memorial area, etc. All the proposals in the document can be constructed almost immediately and will benefit **all** townspeople, as well as visitors passing through town.

We are asking that if this land sale goes ahead, the proceeds be used to fund works in the Growing Winchelsea Plan, and not directed to a future purchase of land for a second oval.

Signed by the following Committee members of Growing Winchelsea Inc: .