

# DBRRA - VC Mitchell Park - New Football Club - Community Survey

Below are comments, sorted by age group and star rating

**Question 3** What is your **Age group**?

**Question 11** After last year's council elections how would you Rate the current council's performance? - **Out of 5 Stars**

**Question 12** Would you like to leave a comment that can be passed onto **Council**?

Under 30 Age Group
<b>1 Star Rating</b>
Congrats to Councillors who delivered for their mates
How many Footy club members are there? How many want this future White Elephant
No
Poor example set by President. Takes orders from interest groups
<b>2 Star Rating</b>
Council need to be listening to the community uproar about increase in rates and putting pressures on already struggling families. More then happy for the footy club to get an upgrade to their building but needs to be within budget or they raise funds themselves, money needs to be shared fairly between ALL sporting groups.
Don't like the culture of this Footy Club. Worried about my kids picking up ideas that Footy is everything
Prefer my husband doing more than propping up a bar in a new Sportsman's bar
Stop putting all the money into Donnybrook!! Balingup deserves love too. It's not fair that rate payers in balingup are funding for Donnybrook
<b>3 Star Rating</b>
Change the rates back to normal and stop overcharging people at the local tip
The rec centre is in need of a update. That should be the community sport hub with another court so Donnybrook can hold carnivals. function rooms actually big enough etc
<b>4 Star Rating</b>
Why should the cost of a sports ground be layed upon the shire population when a large portion of people living in the shire don't use the football grounds?!
Would love to see what the plan is for dealing with the graffiti and the delinquents that frequent the "pump track" the one thing that Donnybrook didn't need, all it's given is another place for drug users and criminals to do there business . Funds to a different cause would have being better utilised ,
<b>5 Star Rating</b>
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# 31-40 Age Group

## 1 Star Rating

Cant believe Shire still proceeding with an unwanted Football Club (well only wanted by a minority) Ratepayers expressed their outrage at last election and still completely ignored. New Shire President just following in footsteps of prev.and being led by bad CEO decisions. Our Shire will be bankrupt soon.

Does this Shire only have time to seek out loans and make grandiose plans for monuments to themselves.  
Stop wasting my hard earned .

Happy for just single storey clubroom. No to function centre.

I consider myself a very active part of balingup community and I don't know one person who who use the football Club . This new football club proposal is a disgrace.

It's disgusting that you the shire are ignoring all other sporting and community facilities in our town. It's is unconscionable that you are not support ALL sporting clubs.

It is not unreasonable to expect our town to have a variety of DIFFERENT sports available for our children.

You are a biased council and you are not representing the town's views. Stop running your own agendas and listen to your rate payers!!!

My kids just want to play footy not drink in new bars.  
We can't afford more rate rises

My parents are not catered for in any of these sports. Why are we paying rates to support vocal minorities. Share it around.

No no no to debt

Hard enough paying our mortgage without more rate increase

Seriously flawed Council where we can eject one new Councillor on minor proximity interest but allow the Football Club, Social Club organiser, Fundraiser, plus Marriage Celebrant get away with Impartiality Interesr and still be allowed to vote!! May get away with it on a technicality, but does not pass the Pub test!!

So very disappointed in new Shire President. Still showing bias and seems to be manipulated by others. No lessons learnt from last election. Still bad apples left in the bunch! Listen to your community!!

Sorry about Shane Atherton causing such division all for self interest and pleasing Dad

There is more to life than sport

This is an outrageous amount of money to spend on football. Appalling when there are so many people who need it more.....

We need to spend money on Sport not bar! 😡

## 2 Star Rating

Although a Member of Football club, i dont think we need to waste money on big function centre. Share the money on ALL sports. Greed taking over by some , causing so many issues.  
My kids just want to play not booze.

Ashamed of behaviour of DFC leaders. They bring shame on us regular club members who want the best for all of the locals.

Don't build glorified football building if you can't build it in budget

I will be selling my investment properties if rates continue to rise with no actual improvements to the town are made (foot paths/accessibility /small business support/supporting facilities for the young and the old) instead of just the football club. This town needs to get over it's protection of its favourite sons and think of the majority of the families in town.

Keep it up

Stop catering to entitled oldies
The DFC is not the AFL. You are not gods. Sporting in country towns is extremely important to the community, but all sports, not just football and it should not be a bar facility for the sons of Donnybrook to shun outsiders like it always has been.
This project needs to incorporate all relevant sports with benefits for all clubs, there is more to this community than a showie experience football club!
<b>3 Star Rating</b>
Don't spend money you don't have.
I believe there is a current councilor whom also has a financial conflicting interest as they have an investment property backing onto the proposed land. Can this be confirmed and if so ensuring they have no input into future matters.
I don't see how that much money for one sporting club is helpful when none of the 5 members of my household even use any of them. Why not put it towards funding a community space that the Dacg can be a part of along with the mens shed, and other non sporting but still community groups can utilize. Just because we don't do sport doesn't mean we aren't worth spending on as well!
I support the Donnybrook Chris Sheehan pavilion development but clear business proposal and timeline needs to be available to the community
I think that upgrading our towns sporting facilities is a great and much needed initiative for the future generations of our shire's population. I have children who will use the facilities. But I do think that \$6million is plenty of money to be able to carry this out, even in this expensive Covid climate.
It's not just about one club, kids don't only just play footy in our town. As a member of the Donnybrook Netball and having three girls that all play I'd like to see a third inside court added that would benefit both netball, basketball and badminton.
Look after more older residents
<b>4 Star Rating</b>
I believe the sporting precinct needs to happen to provide better facilities for the generations to come. The clubs need to stop acting like children and work together to ensure the funds provide something to each club but I do think the football club needs major attention and as it's the only sport included In The precinct that brings large crowds to town we should make this a priority but potentially there is away to get the whole project completed on a slightly smaller budget. If we don't do the project now costs of materials and labour will only increase pushing the costs up if postponed further. If we want our local sporting clubs to develop we need to upgrade the facilities because they are shit and more and more parents are sending kids elsewhere to to play in better conditions. Children are the future of all these clubs so let's give them something they actually can and want to use
Please put a ramp along the river crossing walk so that cyclists, wheel chair users, and prams can easily cross!
<b>5 Star Rating</b>
Well done council
<h2>41-50 Age Group</h2>
<b>1 Star Rating</b>
Ask any question they said..just takes 6 months to answer!! Or give non answers.
build the stadium
Councillors please review the definition of local government councillor to understand your position
Disgraceful .Read the minutes and you have people asking about gifts they have to declare!!!How dare you!Where is Balingups swimming pool??Or a roof over our tennis,bowls and

croquet greens??highest rates rise in the southwest last year and edging towards top ten highest rates nationally ..Lift your game!!
Disgusted with how the old councillors still not understanding the financial ramifications of what is being proposed and the huge debt they are imposing on ratepayers. we simply cant afford it. Scale it down and share between all sports groups. Needs to be investigated. Some Councillors also self serving. How is clr.Atherton even allowed to vote!
I do not rate this council, there is no room for extravagant spending at this time, and there needs to be equity for all within the shire not just a small, select few.
I feel the shire and Councillors are not letting the rate payers have there say on what we want in our town. It feels I. The last few years have not been good with communication about different projects in the shire and it seems to be getting worse
I'm absolutely disgusted in the lot of you. Your lining your own picks to play with you football club friends. Do your own fundraising like the mens shed do
I'd like to see all the councillors hosting public q and a
Increasing rates while spending millions on a project that benefits so few in our Shire is disgusting, especially when people are struggling with higher cost of living overall. And what happened to the equipment for disabled children at the Funpark?
Leanne, stop trying to be one of the boys. More to life than appeasing Bullies
Make whatever necessary upgrades to the vc park ablutions and changerooms and then reassess local sporting group needs by actually approaching and asking the members.
More to Shire than Donnybrook central
No no no. Apparently 1 in 5 people want this, My whole street doesn't want this, that's not 1 in three!
Old Councillors should be ashamed on how this has been handled. CEO needs to go!
Please don't put us in debt in these uncertain times. Work within a budget & share the \$6m grant
Please listen to your Ratepayers. Enough is enough. How can you continue to look after existing halls and building maintenance when ALL your money will be sent on this ongoing unwanted Project. 90% of Shire will never use :(
Stop being a mouth piece for Brian Piesse
Stop dividing the Town with your poor management skills. Stop bullying to get results that only suit a minority group.
Stop pushing a non viable proposition. People are struggling. Take notice. Rate rises are the last straw.
There are people in the Shire that seem to be making terrible decisions. Staff keep leaving the rec centre and changing facilities and class facilities need updating. How can the Shire consider such a huge sum on only a football club which does not consider the whole community. Update some of the rec centre and promote those facilities. By all means upgrade the football club as that is needed but not to the tune of 12 million. Invest in the rec centre, good managers to keep good local staff.
there is no plans I am aware of as to how this proposal is going to be managed, asking multiple sporting groups to work with the football club on when and how they can access the main centre is asking for a lot of conflict. If this is to be managed by the shire then this is a huge cost on an annual basis for very little gain. Having a venue for functions and weddings is not required especially with the current levels of accommodation and transport options available in the area.
Thought we had got rid of biggest Ego with the Election. But new Shire President still just following in his footsteps being led by CEO who has how own Agenda. Plus Piesse still in background directing. How embarassing! PLEASE LISTEN TO YOUR RATEPAYERS!! Have the existing Councillors learnt nothing? Our Shire is better than this!!!
Total disregard for ratepayers, oh except for footballers! 0 stars for last year, only slightly

better so one star. Very disappointed with new President performance. Appears CEO runs the show.
What a divisive project to dump on the Shire Ratepayers
Your supposed to be working for the people. You do not listen to the people. I feel you all need investigating . Shame on you all
<b>2 Star Rating</b>
This Council refuses to listen even after the strong msg sent after last election. New President still following in footsteps of old one . Self interest of football club councillors is appalling. Shane Atherton should not be allowed to vote with his strong ties to footy club. Does not pass the Pub test.
How can you make a decision as a councillor, committing ratepayers to the biggest financial impediment ever, without even reading the Anna Dixon report? If you spend money on consultants and ignore their findings then you are wasting our money. If you don't even take the time to read the report then you are not doing the job you committed to. Ignorance is only ever temporary bliss.
I believe that councillors, Shire President and shire staff including the CEO that have affiliations or memberships in particular groups or sporting associations in town should not be allowed to sway others votes nor have a say on decisions that involve the clubs and associations they are members or supporters of. The football club is only one of many clubs in town and we should not be spending such large amounts of money for the benefit of just one club. Upgrading the Rec Centre and building at least one more indoor court will allow larger carnivals and events held with other towns. Presently this is not an option with the space available so if money has to be spent somewhere, I think the Rec Centre should be the place that it is spent.
Listen to the community
My vote in the last election specifically excluded the councillors I thought were driving this football-club centric, exorbitant project that lacks both robust financial planning and sensitivity to the community's needs. It is eroding the towns other sporting clubs and completely ignoring the needs of more than half the town's sporting community. It is also making non-sporting rates payers (the artists, the business owners, the retirees) fund debt associated with one specific club that isn't even tangential beneficial to them. This project seems to be driven by certain male egos, and it is disappointing that thus far our Shire President is not providing stronger leadership and challenge to those egos. Is she and the rest of council being led by the Shire CEO? Or is the bullying of male DFC "big shots" to push this through getting to them? This is exactly the sort of strategic decision where councillors should represent the members of the community, the majority of the community, not blindly follow the recommendations of a CEO...his role is administrative. The CEO should be instructed and led by the councillors, not vice versa. The councillors are dividing the town into 2 opposing camps - DFC supporters and everyone else (the silent majority) - by throwing so much money (and debt) at what will effectively become DFC's Club Rooms (the request for DFC's financial investment is a strong indicator of that). As for any proposal for naming it the "Chris Sheehan" Pavilion, this is again incredibly insensitive. Being a recently deceased football player and popular "blokes-bloke" shouldn't warrant such expensive, tax-funded idolatry. How is Chris Sheehan more iconic of the town's sporting community than its quiet, hard-working volunteers (past and present) in netball, soccer, hockey, swimming, tennis or any other sport? I'd rather see it called the Maureen McCabe or Jeanette Atherton Pavilion, or any other dedicated volunteer and sportsperson who has worked with kids and sports development for 30+ years without financial involvement. It would be nice to have a DBK sports facility named after a female community member for a change, they are after all 1/2 the community and more than 1/2 of the volunteers. And just to be clear, like many others, I don't Facebook about my concerns...with a family, work and a business, I'm too busy and it's a small town where my family and I live. Nor am I a member of the Ratepayers Association. However at times like this where Council seems to be so blatantly ignoring the wider community in favour of DFC lobbyists, I think the Ratepayer

<p>Association's role is important. I'm glad that they are taking the time to raise these issues and at least attempt to keep Council accountable. I know several of the councillors personally and I'm sure they haven't intended to become so disconnected from the majority of the community that voted for them, but sadly they have.</p> <p>Please stop listening to big egos like the CEO and the Footy Club lobbyists and listen to your wider community. It's not too late and you'll be widely applauded, I suspect more widely than the councillors realise.</p> <p>On another note...Thankyou. I appreciate the enormous, selfless and, often, thankless commitment it takes to be a Councillor. Personally I wouldn't be brave enough. While I don't respect the current version of the project proposal or the drivers behind it, I do respect your service to your community. Please remember, the CEO is supposed to be a paid administrator in your service who must respond to you as Council. YOU are the community leaders and have been asked to represent the community's best interests, both present and future.</p>
No
Please explain why Councillors think only Football counts and are willing to put the entire Shire into serious debt for this money pit?
<p>Please start serving the people you be been elected to serve. I can't afford the substantial rate increases proposed.</p> <p>Upgrade the football club using the grant and funds raised by the football club.</p> <p>If the football club can afford to pay its players then it should be left to pay for its own upgrade.</p> <p>This town does not need massive amounts of debt for a ridiculous over the top project!</p>
Please upgrade facilities that everyone in the community can us, e.g. Rec Centre
<p>Shame on old Councillors! Still not hearing people in the community. Needs investigating by CCC.</p> <p>CEO withholding info and taking months to answer questions. Why so secretive??</p>
<p>Take a breath, get your shire/ratepayers through the next 12 months. We have uncertain times ahead, give us this certainty at least.</p> <p>That you will keep the best interests of ratepayers in your thoughts when making financial decisions that will have a high cost associated. We are a great town, we don't need this facility. Show us some sensible use of our money. Keep the basics covered. Thanks</p>
The rate payers of Donnybrook are not a cash cow for you to abuse! Stope being lead astray by a capitalist egotistical CEO. He will dump the blame on you like he is dumping the debt in us!
<p>Untrustworthy!</p> <p>Disappointment!</p>
<p>What benefit does this project have for the whole Shire?</p> <p>Tell me why it is a beneficial idea when there is so much objection and so little research. Very very decisive move.</p>
<b>3 Star Rating</b>
Balingup miss out of all funding sports centre was meant to be refurbished and no it hasn't the roads are in poor condition.
<p>Funds for improving facilities for older age groups</p> <p>Too much spent on limited numbers of young residents. Pump track playground update enough for now</p>
<p>I really wish this situation hadn't become so out of hand. I believe we were very fortunate as a shire to be offered the \$6mil for our sporting clubs etc and I personally think it should've been distributed fairly amongst the clubs within both Donnybrook and Balingup, and gauged on need. The proposed arrangement doesn't seem fair or just to me.</p> <p>At a time where there is a housing crisis, fuel prices sky rocketing as well as groceries, the thought of the 40% rate increase over the next 5 years terrifies me. I'm quite sure wages won't be rising that much to compensate. As a permanent renter, I'm afraid that those hikes will get passed onto us and</p>

we will no longer be able to afford to live in Donnybrook, after living here my entire life and many generations before me. There are a few other concerns I have regarding this current debate, but they are my main worries.
I think we should upgrade the football club as originally planned, we deserve to have a nice club room.
Improving the ventilation in the pool needs to be looked at. And also having a pensioner/concession rate for facilities to make these services available to everyone.
It hasn't been long enough for me to form an opinion yet.
Live within your means
Please for the future of our shire and our kids build a decent sports facilities as the one we currently have are old and decrepit
Thanks for standing up and doing what is in the best interests for the community as a whole.
<b>4 Star Rating</b>
I would happily support the funds being used to support all community sports including football but not solely football, there are many sporting clubs requiring facility upgrades & funding to support their growth.
If you are going to conduct a survey and you want accurate answers then you need to ask non biased non leading questions. This is a terrible survey that is clearly going to give you the answers you seek.
<b>5 Star Rating</b>
This is good for the town. It's not just a football club it's a community club! Some people need to get their head around this.
We need to support the growing population with their sport and education, even if this means a rate rise.
With children that deserve the best in hopes they continue to live here. You've got to start somewhere. The shire need to update and maintain all their buildings anyway
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<h2>51-60 Age Group</h2>
<b>1 Star Rating</b>
Council is not listening to its ratepayers! After the election it was clear we wanted to get of those pushing for this "Taj Mahal" to go ahead. Old President out with biggest loss in history, but still those old ones on Council pushing. One with least amount of votes and still openly trying for a "Wedding Venue" Is he not a Wedding Celebrant? Apart from obvious links with Footy Club, the conflict of interest is unbelievable. Plus bullying and intimidated tactics! Council has lost all credibility. We the ratepayers will be in debt for many years to come...and for what?!!! A Footy Club that only a minority use. No one will use the Footy Club as a Wedding Venue.
All councillors need to understand that they are in their positions to serve, not to be served and have their wallets and purses grow fat at the expense of ratepayers. It's not about having their names on a plaque. They need to stay in budget and be responsible stewards of the shire funds. Ratepayers must abide by shire rules.... it is only fair that Shire councillors should be honourable and do what is right and in the best interests of all living in the shire. Remember, power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely! Time for egos to take a back seat. The people of this shire need honesty and transparency!!!
Appalling performance by CEO and certain councillors.
At this current financial time people are struggling. Cost of living, food and fuel. Many could not afford a rate rise. Many cannot even afford sport. Look at how many families are accessing the help to pay fees, uniforms programs for children now.

<p>Football is not the only sport.          Having a multi precinct if you must make more sense at the rec centre.          Hockey made it to the grand final yet look how they are treated. Where did football end in the ladder?</p>
<p>Be brave and don't go with the popular ones, do what you think the majority want</p>
<p>CEO not performing satisfactorily. Either unqualified for present job or its beyond him.          President too influenced by lobby groups.</p>
<p>Considering that the golf club is paying back a 100k loan to the shire for upgrades why does the football club get the benefits with no repayments to ratepayers? Happy to see it go ahead without financial drain on the ratepayers.</p>
<p>Cost of living guy,s. Get a grip. Grow the town with people. Dont scare them away.</p>
<p>Council is not paying attention to ratepayers. We all made our feelings known by past election.          Why is past President still pushing "his" pet project through despite all the reports showing not financially viable and not wanted by overwhelming majority of community.</p>
<p>Disraceful</p>
<p>Dont forget Balingup has Sports Groups too!          Why should DB Footy Club get majority especially as we are an aging population.</p>
<p>fix the roads, stop spending everything on Donnybrook townsite</p>
<p>Get on with other things.          Pull The Councillors in line and get them out listening to community members not just living in Town</p>
<p>How did this project get to the funding stage without conceptual design, costing and community support? Is there a project manager??</p>
<p>How many Councillors are members of the DFC? Is the President and her family involved with the club?          Is the CEO a member of the Footy Club ?</p>
<p>I cannot afford a rate increase to subsidise a football club. This whole project has been fraught with lies and deceit from the beginning. I don't agree with the ridiculous design and waste of money. It's a shame that it wasn't done properly from the beginning without the ego of the football club. It is a wonderful opportunity for all sporting clubs to come together and a shame it was not handled with transparency and truthfulness. I do not support this project in its current form.</p>
<p>I think that there is enough money to do some upgrades to all the sport clubs instead of one club monopolising all the cash to the detriment of the others.</p>
<p>I thought after election and Mr Piesse losing in such a HUGE margin it was clear what ratepayers wanted. Why are old Councillors STILL not listening?????</p>
<p>I thought with the election clearly demonstrating thousands of voters strong vote against Piesse that new President and old Councillors would listen. Clearly still on their own personal wasteful agenda. Disgusted.</p>
<p>If this crazy idea goes ahead. All profits bar and venue hire to be returned to a shire loan fund to help repay loan .Run under same format as Rec centre.          The whole area is too small thinking ahead 30 years Donnybrook town will be close to 10thousand population where will other sports groups play.Soccer / hockey fields rugby or league. Not all people follow AFL          The drop out rate is Huge so what is the shire going to do to provide sports fields for locals who want to play soccer /hockey and can't afford to travel to Balingup or don't have transport.Are you going to Move with the times and provide facilities for a multicultural society.?</p>
<p>It is the wrong time to be borrowing money for building as everything is double the price. We do not need an elaborate set up like they are wanting in our little town.</p>
<p>It's 2022 why do those in positions of office still refuse to listen to those who voted them in</p>
<p>Leanne, stop running up debt!!          Not now !!! What if interest rates rise ?</p>



Listen too the people.
Money should be split on a ratio basis of hours open per club over 12 months
New President promised us a "sustainable future" if we voted for her. What a joke. Helping drive Shire into huge debt and huge rate rises. 😞
No no no Not researched properly . Not wanted not needed!
Not happy with whole process and lack of consultation with community and threatening behaviour of "football" Councillors.
Pay attention to the ratepayers wishes. Our votes at last council election made it very clear we do not want Shires wasteful spending on extravagant money pits which will not be used by 90% of the population. 😞
Please focus on making our community inclusive.
Shame on Councillors who voted for this to proceed . We simply cant afford this white elephant.
Spend wisely and within your budget. It is a regional football club, can you not do a refurbishment? You have plenty of tradesmen involved in the club that are also councillors and club members. Why do we need a whole new structure? Not everyone is into football and what happened to good old fashioned fundraising? Are the DONS and their members too precious to get their hands dirty? Remember who you are in the big scheme of things and stop with the entitled attitude and get back to reality.
Spending of the covid stimulus should be spent accros all sportingclubs in regard to need and not want, if it's a want of significant amount then the clubs and their members would need to contribute one third of the overall cost of the project.
Start listening to the ratepayers
The best survey of residents and ratespayers was the last Council Election. Can't get much clearer than that!
The decision by council to go to tender for a \$9.7million football club is not just wrong, it is negligent. The majority of the community opposes this project, as evidenced by the recent shire election results. The Anna Dixon report raised serious concerns over the plan and strongly suggested it would not be viable. In the high likelihood that this development is a costly failure, all Councillors who voted for it should be held liable. The only feasibility study (Anna Dixon) released, the Stakeholder Group, the majority of the community have all made it very clear this project is not viable in it's current form. Councillors who voted for this have defied logic, public opinion and expert evidence. That is negligence of duty. Councillors who voted in favour of this project have also inflicted lasting damage upon the institution of our Shire Council. Trust has been completely broken. As this decision makes no sense, rumours of corruption or bias will flourish. What other explanation could there be? Unless this decision is overturned, deep division will continue to grow in the community. The Councillors who voted with the CEO rather than in the best interests of the Shire, will be justifiably despised by most in the Shire. There is also the likelihood there will be calls for them to be held financially responsible. Negligence of duty, rather than simple difference of opinion may make financial responsibility legally possible. Please do what is right and rectify this mistake. The CEO and Football Club President will not be happy, but the rest of your community will thank you.
The whole town needs to benefit not just one sporting club at the cost of ratepayers.

<p>There are far more pressing needs in the community, especially related to health care, aged care, education, employment and growing small businesses. Sporting venues are of no use to many in our community. People are struggling with the cost of living and accessing important services in a town with very limited public transport. The cost of our rates is hurting people who are not wealthy.</p>
<p>They should be ashamed of themselves!</p>
<p>Time to get rid of unscrupulous Councillors.</p>
<p>Time to submit for secession of this self serving group. Have commissioner(s) appointed and expose and remove CEO and his cohorts once and for all. .</p>
<p>Very disappointed but not surprised by the actions of the council. No moral compass at all</p>
<p>We voted for more accountability and less rate increases. Why didn't councillors listen to the residents?</p>
<p>Why cant this money be used for the whole community,rather than just a sporting facility.</p>
<p>You are hired by the people to serve the people. Listen to us, spend the money given by the government to benefit all sports and the rec centre otherwise it's time to take this debacle to the media and the ombudsman</p>
<p>You would think that after the results of the shire elections the council would have had a very clear understanding of the thought's of the shires rate payers by the lack of votes to the supporters of the new centre Why should all ratepayers have to pay higher rates just to support a football club with minimal advantage to the majority of the population</p>
<p><b>2 Star Rating</b></p>
<p>5 councillors pro football , thousands of ratepayers against, yet they control purse strings driving us into huge debt. Not democracy. Remember election promises!</p>
<p>Buck up Stop employing more and more staff Be accountable to Ratepayers</p>
<p>Council needs to spend within its means. Big loans aren't the way forward.</p>
<p>Councillors should be voting on what is best for whole community not a select few. We simply cant afford this. What sort of legacy will some of these councillors leave?? nothing but debt. Blatant disregard for what ratepayers really need . Disgraceful performance!!!</p>
<p>I'd like to see all sports looked after including use of the oval to start a dog club - so many people in the area have dogs. Their is a current dog trainer in town who only teaches puppy classes and most people can't afford the fees. I think it's important to teach people to be responsible dog owners and to keep training with their dogs throughout their life. It's another way to bring people to the town going forward and hosting competitions.</p>
<p>Listen to the ratepayers.</p>
<p>Please don't go into huge debt in these uncertain times</p>
<p>Please listen to the ratepayers and stop listening to the people that have an agenda for the football club ONLY. What about the other sports who have a history that has now been wiped out eg 100years for Dbk ladies hockey. Why does that not matter but football does? Conflict of interest? If any of the councillors /CEO have any COI - they should not have a vote. Full stop! I like watching footy just as a lot of people do but the town should not have to suffer financially to pay for this glorified football club. It is all about the CEO grandstanding. - Look what I achieved! Aren't I wonderful. Let's be fair to ALL sports clubs and keep it built in budget to save us all going broke! If that is not going to be the case- Don't build it at all!</p>
<p>Please remember your role is to support the community and ratepayers and listen to their voices by consulting with us. If you aren't sure about a vote, delay it until you have done the research so you can make an informed decision. The ratepayers want to support and respect you but you need to listen to their comments no matter how uncomfortable it may be.</p>

Repair, up grade and share to all sports
Retract last vote to proceed with Borrowings and or Resign
S o me Councillors still not bothering to listen to ratepayers. CEO pushing own agenda and too many conflicts of interest. Shane Atherton should not be allowed to vote!! Another wedding venue... so he needs more work??? We simply cant afford this white elephant that will bankrupt the Shire...or the ratepayers!!! 😞😞😞
Stop borrowing money when you have no idea of final costs.
The Shire Audit states the Shires WORST FINANCIAL position ever, over the past 3 years, yet Shire going into more Debt at the worst possible time!! Covid, building & labour shortages and rises for something that the average ratepayer will NEVER use. Shire President should be ashamed.
The Shire covers a much greater area than just Donnybrook ... other areas seem like the “poor relations”.
The upgrade of the football clubrooms should not be at the detriment of other clubs or all townships and ratepayers of this Shire. Councillors should look deeper into costings and how the redevelopment will be funded in years to come. We moved to Donnybrook because it was a wonderful place to raise our family we are now thinking of selling our home because the price of living and rate rises are making it impossible to make ends meet. We love our community and hate seeing the division this development has caused to so many. Shame on the leaders and Councillors for not listening to the wider community and blindly plowing ahead regardless. Shame
Think of the whole community not just a handful of them. The huge increase in rates annually will not encourage settling in DBK not investing in it. Then Families will relocate & the extravagant sporting facilities will be left patron-less anyway.
This issue needs to go to Local Gov to be investigated. Clearly not above board. Our shire will be in debt for decades and rates through the roof. 🙄
Tune in to needs not wants at this time in history. No debt . Try for fairness. Stop pandering to selfish wants it’s wrong to discriminate so obviously.
When was the last time you made a personal asset purchase (ie. car or house) and didn’t know what you are buying, what it was going to cost and didn’t talk to your partner (stakeholder)?
Why doesn’t the funding look after a club room with meals that functions 12 months of the year instead of seasonal?
Yes. PLEASE ASK THE COUNCILLOR'S TO CONSIDER ALL OPTIONS
<b>3 Star Rating</b>
Everyone has to live on a budget with consequences for exceeding it. If a business ran 3.5 million over its budget with no business plan, cost recovery plan and more overheads to support the expenditure they would very quickly become bankrupt. I ask Ben Rose and council to modify this plan to keep it within the \$6 million grant. Not all ratepayers are sporting enthusiasts but we will all be paying for this grandiose scheme.
I think that money should be spent on making all children and adults to be able to access modern sporting venues that appeal to the 1000's of visitors every year when playing to compete against Donnybrook in sport competitions The outside areas should flow from one to the next with simple bush landscape and a deep respect for our Aboriginal people. With Grounds named after great Donnybrook Aboriginal Elders rather than the caucasian people having more things named after them. The streets and areas should reflect a deeper respect for our great Aboriginal people who give so much to our community.
Listen to what the community, not just a select group.
Please think about upgrading some of the streets in our towns. It's great to have big spend on buildings but when the streets around them are rough and unmaintained it creates a bad impression that a flashy building doesn't erase.

<b>4 Star Rating</b>
DBRRA. Are a joke, Put the truth up about the precinct before you put up a shoddy survey like this one. Ratepayers need both sides of the story not just DBRAAS.
Keep up the good work. Don't be deterred by a vocal minority of people whose egos seem to be more important than progress
Please do not spend 10 million on a single sports facility. It would make more sense to use the grant money only and spread it over a few different sports. Please do not burden ratepayers with more debt, as the cost of living keeps increasing and we need some government on our side decreasing costs, not against us spending more money we do not have.
The last two years with the the latest completed projects has created more money for businesses in this community,than ever before, our town has become a destination not just a stop on the way through, the town is jumping. Also I think this project will help keep our children interested in staying in our community rather than leaving for larger metro areas, creating more appeal for our town and people considering us for rural destination, if we don't invest how do we move forward, let's do it.
<b>5 Star Rating</b>
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<h1>Over 60 Age Group</h1>
<b>1 Star Rating</b>
CEO needs to be investigated over mishandling of Council funds and not providing all Councillors and ratepayers with full facts. Our Shire is spending on projects that will only benefit a small minority of ratepayers and residents. We cant afford the exorbitant rate rises! Listen to your ratepayers!
CEO Should be investigated for withholding critical info from Councillors.
Councillors are to represent the Donnybrook Balingup community making decisions based on majority community input not on a small number of vested interests
Councillors seem to be ignoring the ever increasing expansion of the bureaucracy, its costs, its inefficiencies, its lack of transparency, accountability, inclusion and reduction of red-tape as promised by the Minister for LG. In 2017 the then newly elected Shire President warned that ratepayers of Donnybrook-Balingup Shire faced a Costs vs Revenue problem but then proceeded to allow a tripling of the number of executives and managers and their costs.
Dennis Hewett
Do what the people want, if you do not know what that is then get out and about and meet the people, ask them questions and seek answers
Don't borrow money to build new Club house. Improve what is there.
Donnybrook has been granted \$6million in funding, this should be enough to share and improve what is needed for most if not all sporting clubs. We as ratepayers must live within our means, so must you as our chosen representatives. What these grand plans are doing is breaking working families and hurting our shires small businesses. If there is a conflict of interest in regards to sporting clubs and any councillors then this must be addressed before any decision is made.
Glad they're not running my household budget
Go to a rate payers referendum
Happy for football club to be upgraded, but i am not paying all these extra rates for a drinking hall and wedding venue!!! So many other places already available. Spend on all Sport as was the original concept before changed into footy venue.

I believed after the last election we would be able to look forward to to a more stable council who listened the community, however this is not happening. Roll on the next election so we can get rid of some of the fodder.
I don't think enough due diligence has been done by the Councillors. They are being influenced and provided information from a small group who have personal interests. I have lived and played sport in many many towns in WA and none of the sporting developments stand on their own. I do not see why the football club, one club club should have these funds spent on their grandiose ideas.
I think we should be looking at cleaning up the Preston river so everyone can enjoy even disabled
If i could give less than one star i would.
In response to Question 11, Current Council hasn't been in long enough to give a fair review.
In the Audit said finances are the worst they have been in last 3 years! Yet still continuing to spend on unnecessary projects that will just end up a money pit and more rate rises. So angry at decisions of some of the Councillors. How is it possible Shane Atherton can vote with impartiality? CEO is also misleading councillors. Why hide full facts and wait 6 months to give answers????
Listen to your community!!!
Listen to your rate payers please.
Listen to your ratepayers! Stop raising rates to pay for this white elephant.
Needs investigating by Local Gov.
No ratepayer wants another "function Centre" in DB. Use the money for what the grant was originally intended for... ALL Sports!!
No to function centre. Spend just on sports with ALL clubs benefiting. Not just football.
Please listen to majority of residents wishes.
Please listen to the Community and heed what the majority say. We thought the new Councillors would see differently but appear to be as bad as those ved off and some still on. Why should the majority of us be responsible for an unnecessary debt to appease what the Football Club wants, and this is about the Football Club under the guise of Community Sporting, Recreation and Events Precincts Project. No-one else. There are other sporting clubs that have been moved from their surroundings and have to find somewhere else. The Netball Club players and members fundraised for what they wanted and needed, they did not sit back and expect everything to be handed to them on a plate without working for it. Any Councillors who are part of the Football Club in any way, must not be part of the voting or involved in anyway, thus avoiding conflict of interest. Disgusting the Shire putting the town is so much debt just for the Football Club.
Please please listen to your ratepayers! We dont want to go into debt for something we dont want. No more rate rises!
Putin leadership
Rate spending over the next few years should only be approved if it fits within the budget. Grant spending OK but should be approved by ratepayer referedum in regard to project priority. Councillors need to reflect on their own performance in blindly approving CEO recomendations.
Sack the CEO
Stop dividing this Town with projects only benefitting Lobby groups who come across as entitled.
Stop ignoring ratepayers and take note of community concerns. We do not need to go into debt over something we dont even want. Share between clubs and othertowns in the Shire.
Take notice of the outcome of last year's election results
Thank you DBRRA
The CEO needs to be sacked

The councillors represent all the people in the shire and, on their behalf, are the employer of the CEO. They need to realise their job IS to ask questions and ask for all options not believe what is presented to them as they are the decision makers but it is the residents and ratepayers money.
The river walk and surrounding area
Time Council listened in to the community and took notice there is a COVID situation affecting grand building schemes
Time to look at conflicts of interest in this council, how many of them are members of the football club. We need infrastructure that benefits the whole population not just a few.
We as a community don't need a large loan hanging over our heads, and particularly in the present climate of uncertainty.
We would prefer the Football club rooms to be renovated. Due to the current economic conditions it would be a bad decision by the council to borrow money and to increase rates buy more than the official inflation rate.
Why after the last election are the,Shire still pushing for this money pit that only a small group will benefit from but the majority will be paying for decades to come 😞
Wringe the Wrecker ! Came in to wreck past Council. Ready to run us into debt. Stop NOW!!
You were all elected to stop the underhand practices of our last set of Shire councillors. A couple of councillors are not agreeing to this blatant use of of all of this money going to the DFC. Well done! There are other sporting clubs in this Shire and they deserve just as much attention as football. As a ratepayer I demand you work for all ratepayers and not just a select few who have the ear the CEO, past president and certain councillors.
<b>2 Star Rating</b>
Blind Freddy can see we are heading into an inflationary period and one of instability. Many are starting to find it difficult to make ends meet. More loans and rate rises are not what the majority of ratepayers want or need.
Feel that the rate increase from last year coupled with the decrease in waste disposal availability and access to the tip was a double whammy. As a rural landholder, we have to take our waste to the tip and now only get access to .25 cubic metres a week for our rates including recycling. Our rates went up 10% last year due to the way the bill was structured. Very unhappy. More money for less service.
I do not agree so much should be spent to basically benefit 1 sporting code
I thought the Council's were there for the community.
I would like to be able to watch council meetings on line .
Interest rates will rise. How do we pay back loans and stop rates from unacceptable levels of growth ?
It's our money use it for what the ratepayers want not just the council
Listen to the people who voted you in as well as the rate payers wishes. Don't pander the minority
Our property rates have effectively gone up 15.6 percent because we on rural lanf, with no extra services given. We are not happy if this rise is due to the expected cost of a pretentious footy club.
Pay attention to your ratepayers who have concerns about the Shire going into debt during uncertain times. Take notice of reports commissioned by Shire Office and remain within the bounds of the government \$6 million Grant.
Please don't put the rates up as we don't benefit from what we pay now !
Share the money between all sporting clubs. We came to Donnybrook 8 years ago for a life style change and to retire here. Now we are being squeezed out with unrealistic rate rise's. How smart is that. More sense if they did something about the dilapidated unused buildings in the Main Street. I love living here. BUT with a 8% rise in the rates each year for the next 5 odd years, we will not be able to stay here. 😞

Such a wasteful spend of money. Other Towns such as Balingup whom are also ratepayers will not get any benefit from a huge 2 story Football Club. And as far as a wedding venue - you must be joking! There are a huge amount of venues around DB, Balingup for functions. Did not the Footy Club just have a big Event in the Memorial Hall?? So we will be paying huge rate rises in future for this new money pit. Very angry with old Councilors who are not listening to needs of community. :(
The Council needs to think long and hard about what ALL of the ratepayers are saying.
Very dissapointed in new President. Seems like just a puppet being led by CEO and former President.
Was hopefully for more accountability from the new shire but unfortunately that is not the case , the fact that there is no ratepayers referendum over this issue is disappointing 😞
We are very concerned that some councillors have been put into council with no idea of the workloads, research and reading required to make educated decisions. It's a shame when good councillors are ousted and replaced with useless individuals with their own agendas.
When you ask for surveys to be completed, when you ask that I attend meetings and complete questionnaires, when you are presented with opinions and ideas have the courtesy to present results in a timely manner without your own bias. Listen. Stop being captive to lobby groups with a sense of entitlement. You have a population who is older and ageing and yet make no allowance for any activities for them. Outlying hamlets are left to fend for themselves with little funding for developing or maintaining exercise.
<b>3 Star Rating</b>
Not today thanks
Advance with in the Shires' means.
All that money could be better spent in many places around the area rather than on one club in the big brother center to the shire
Do the right thing for the Entire Community and surrounding areas not just one Project. On a different subject ,the dead trees and feral creepers along the River could definitely do with a clean up. It all looks lovely and maintained from the road until you walk along the path up to the Spill way .Dale st.
Donnybrook art and craft group and other Non sporting groups also need useable venues, which could mainly be used during the week, while sporting groups could focus on the weekend. Money could be saved by not having to build kitchens and toilets for multiple groups. Then those resources are not wasted at any time of the week. There could be the central communal areas and other sections for specific groups built off the edges of those communal areas which could be lock up when not in use. I do not oppose extra money being spent on top of the grant so long as it is available to ALL community members [not just the football club.]
I am surprised after the results of the election that they would continue to go ahead with this.
I resent the obsession many small local councils have with AFL, when there are so many more smaller needs in the local community, for example, it's all very well to "tick the box" that you have disability parking in the shopping centre but consult the disabled community so they are put in more appropriate places.
I still don't believe there was wide spread (if any)community consultation before decisions were made. I definitely did not receive any letter drop or information as to how to comment on this proposal. It is abhorrent that sporting clubs were told their leases were not to be renewed and were forced to move into lesser (non existent) facilities. Stage two was dangled as a carrot, however, I believe this stage will never happen. The coatings for this are even more vague than for stage one.

Compared to other Community sporting venues that have been built in the past this whole project has been very poorly managed. It will be a huge burden on the ratepayers and may have detrimental effect on further funding the Community could attract for further developments.
I would like the council to be more realistic about spending. We are a small country town. Our small population needs to be able to support this spending. Having nice facilities is great but they need to be utilised and accessible by all. I like seeing roads, paths etc upgraded around town. Continue that good work!
Moderate the spending and subsequent borrowings. Grant money funding infrastructure for commercial operations is a misuse of public money.
More money spent on roads where there are only a few rate payers.
Ratepayers need to have more transparency in council's decision making and financial management.
Why does Donnybrook not have a proper caravan park?
<b>4 Star Rating</b>
I feel the Councillors and council staff are doing their best under trying circumstances in the current climate and should be supported by the community not persistently worked against.
I leave the following comment for DBRRA: this survey provides limited information about the questions to which you are asking answers. So the choices are not informed by anything other than my ill-informed views. This applies to almost anyone responding to this survey. Question 9 in particular is a 'confirmation bias' question. This is not an attempt to gather considered responses, but simply to reinforce DBRRA's existing opinion.
Stop any further progress on the current submission. Set up a reference committee, ie some people with a few brains, not the ones going off half cocked on community pages etc. Consider the public suggestions and re do the whole project.
We need to build a building suitable for the future of our town We are a growing community attracting many young families to town and we need a multi purpose building suitable for our growing community
With current building costs and pressures, this project will blow out by at least 10% (another extra \$1million to be funded by ratepayers). The 2nd stage will inevitably be delayed if not shelved. Where is any funding for hall upgrade, Country club upgrade, etc etc let alone funding for a new administration complex for the shire. A plea for the councillors to listen to the ratepayers and to listen to the professional opinion of the expert reviewers and understand that this existing proposal cannot proceed in its current format. A total rethink is required.
Would like to see funds for a gym in Balingup
<b>5 Star Rating</b>
Please think about all clubs and centres not just the Football club
Thank you for giving up your time to faithfully serve the community
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