

**Macedon Ranges Shire Council Budget Proposals/Approvals/Funding
For The Gisborne Office Extension (2013/14 – 2015/16 Budgets)**

2013/14 Budget: Gisborne Office Extension

At Capital Works (New)

Total Cost 2013/14: \$800,000; **Funding Sources:** Rates \$800,000

Council Minutes 12/6/13 (adoption of Budget):

*“That Council remove the \$700,000 loan from the Gisborne Early Years Hub;
That Council borrow \$700,000 and allocate it to other capital works projects that were due to be undertaken with rate revenue (as shown on pages 43-45 of the Draft Budget)”*

Further Council motion to delete \$800,000 payable from Council funds and allocate the \$700,000 loan to Gisborne Office Extension? See \$700,000 loan at 2014/15 “At Borrowings”, below.

2014/15 Budget Item: Gisborne Office Extension Parts 1 & 2

At Capital Works (New)

Total Cost 2014/15: \$800,000; **Funding Sources:** Reserves/Loans/Asset Sales \$800,000

At Capital Works (Approved prior years) Pt 1

Total Cost 2014/15: \$800,000; **Funding Sources:** Reserves/Loans/Asset Sales \$800,000^

^ 2014/15 Budget at Borrowings (below) says this is a \$700,000 loan from 2013/14

At Financial Reserves

No funds from Financial Reserves are applied to Gisborne Office Extension

At Borrowings

**New borrowings (\$1.25M) to complete second stage of (two projects) started in 2013/14*

**Project to take place over two financial years and we will spend \$1.6 million on Gisborne Office Extension*

**\$700,000 loan for first stage of the Gisborne Office Extension was approved in the 2013/14 Budget.*

Loans Taken Out 2014/15: \$800,000 loan (new borrowings) + \$700,000 loan ('previously approved' borrowings)

2015/16 Budget: Gisborne Office Extension Part 1

At Capital Works (New) !!

Total Cost 2015/16: \$800,000; **Funding Sources:** Loan \$500,000; Rates \$300,000

At Capital Works (Approved prior years)#

Total Cost 2015/16: \$1,200,000; **Funding Sources:** Loan## \$1,000,000; Reserves/Asset Sales \$200,000.

This project cost, funding sources and amounts have not been approved in previous budgets.

Previously approved “\$1M loan” - the previously approved loan is \$1.5M at Borrowings, p57

At Financial Reserves

No funds from Financial Reserves are applied to Gisborne Office Extension in 2015/16.

At Borrowings

**The \$1.5 million dollar loan for the first stages of the office extension were approved in the 2013/14 and 2014/15 budgets*

Loans Taken Out 2015/16:

Gisborne Office Extension is **not** identified as a project funded by new borrowings in 2015/16.

A \$1.5 million loan appears to be included as 'previously approved' borrowings.

It is almost impossible to understand Council's financial position on this project, or its true cost. No community consultation has occurred, and plans for the extension have never been made public.