



# Let's talk

## Milton's main street

### OPTION 1

#### Putting the powerlines underground in Milton's main retail area

##### WHY IS THIS BEING CONSIDERED?

Burying the power lines has been described as 'instant beautification' for the main street area. It's something that has been talked about for a number of years.

Removing the power poles and burying the powerlines would improve visibility for people, and be much better from a road safety point of view.

that support undergrounding. These include less energy losses, lower maintenance costs, less space needed to install them, and less risk that the lines could be damaged by severe weather. On the flip side, when lines are underground they are more susceptible to water and flood damage, and if they need repairs these can take longer and cost more to fix.

##### WHAT MIGHT THIS OPTION INVOLVE?

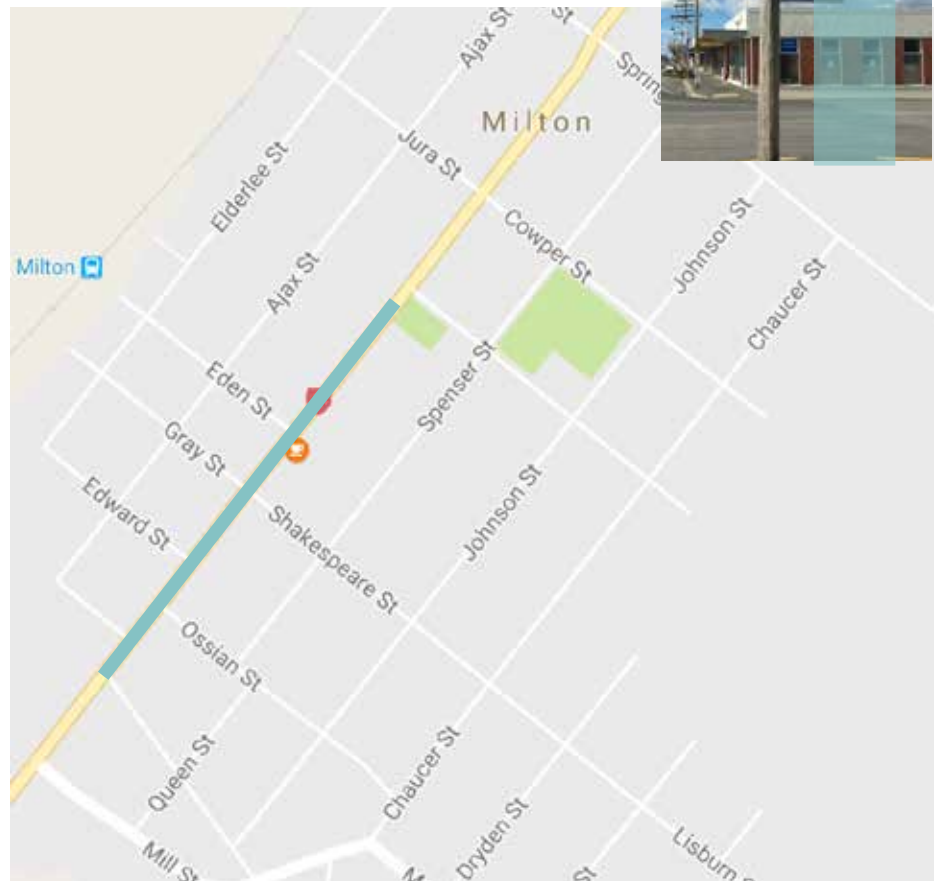
Burying powerlines, the removal of existing power poles and wires, and the erection of new streetlights on Union Street between High Street in the south and Abercrombie Street in the north (610m).

##### WHAT IS IT LIKELY TO COST AND HOW COULD IT BE FUNDED?

The undergrounding (610m) is estimated at \$490,000 to \$670,000 depending on the type of street lighting. At this stage, rates funding is the main option for this project. Based on other recent projects there may be options to secure external funding and help reduce the cost on rates. This would be fully explored if this option went ahead.

##### WHAT ARE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS?

Apart from 'instant beautification' and safety there are several other reasons





## OPTION 2

### Upgrade the Stewart Reserve area

#### WHY IS THIS BEING CONSIDERED?

To make the area more of a focal/ stopping point and more inviting to the public.

#### WHAT MIGHT THIS OPTION INVOLVE?

- Revamp of the reserve area
- Information board detailing interest points about Milton
- Signage to help visitors find their way around the town

#### WHAT IS IT LIKELY TO COST AND HOW COULD IT BE FUNDED?

An upgrade at Stewart Reserve area (excluding the toilets) is estimated to cost \$390,000.

#### WHAT ARE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS?

An upgrade could reinvigorate and beautify the area, enticing visitors to stop on their way through to stretch their legs, use the public toilets and look around the shops.

## OPTION 3

### Upgrade the Milton public toilets and repave the surrounding area

#### WHY IS THIS BEING CONSIDERED?

A key reason passersby stop in a town is to use restroom facilities. Once visitors get out of their car, there is a greater chance of them spending money in the town.

Upgrading the public toilets to make them modern, safe and easily accessible. Well maintained toilets will help entice visitors to stop in Milton and experience what we have to offer rather than just passing through.

#### WHAT MIGHT THIS OPTION INVOLVE?

The demolition of the current toilet block and the installation of new modern public toilets.

The removal of the existing surface surrounding the toilets and the installation of new paving in the area.

#### WHAT IS IT LIKELY TO COST AND HOW COULD IT BE FUNDED?

The estimated cost to install new, modern, large toilets (similar to the Roxburgh toilets) is \$383,000 and to repave the surrounding area is estimated at \$87,000.

#### WHAT ARE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS?

The current public toilets in Milton are dated and their design makes them more susceptible to vandalism. Upgrading the toilets with a modern design would help to ensure safety as well as provide a facility that is cost effective and easier to clean and maintain.





“I’m just really passionate about our community and want others to feel the same.”

**Gaynor Finch**  
Bruce Ward Councillor

**Why is Our Place Milton important to you?**

Milton has a great history and we want to make sure it also has a great future.

**Why is input from residents important?**

We have lots of terrific people in Milton with good ideas, now we want them to share those ideas with Council. After all, we’re going to need the hard work of everyone to help us make Milton the best it can be.

**OPTION 4**

**Upgrade Milton’s three main pedestrian crossings**

**WHY IS THIS BEING CONSIDERED?**

Pedestrian crossings are located in areas with high traffic volumes and provide a safe place to cross. Recently, residents in Milton expressed concerns about crossing the road safely at various points on the main street.

**WHAT MIGHT THIS OPTION INVOLVE?**

Upgrading lighting and reconfiguring three pedestrian crossings to improve visibility of pedestrians and ensure safer crossing points across State Highway 1 / Union Street between Ossian Street and Abercrombie Street.

**WHAT IS IT LIKELY TO COST AND HOW COULD IT BE FUNDED?**

The estimated cost for this option is \$790,000.

**WHAT ARE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS?**

Unlike other areas there are no heavy traffic bypasses through Milton, and all traffic travels along SH1 through the town. Three of the five main crossings have been identified in this option. Safety is the most important consideration when making the decision to upgrade pedestrian crossings. Other aspects to think about are landscaping or installing public art at the crossings, which could help beautify the main street.

**OPTION 5**

**Improving Milton’s southern entrance**

**WHY IS THIS BEING CONSIDERED?**

The community group Milton Area Promotions has been working hard to make the southern entrance to Milton more attractive. Now we want to know if you think any other improvements should be made. An attractive entrance creates a positive impression for both locals and visitors and can entice people to stop and spend time in the town.

**WHAT MIGHT THIS OPTION INVOLVE?**

You tell us! Some planting and tidying work has already been done, what else would you like to see there? What do you like about entrances in other places you’ve visited that could work in Milton?

**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK...**

While we are in these early planning stages we want your thoughts about improving Milton’s main street, including what you think the priorities should be.

**What do you think of the options so far?**

You will find a pull out feedback form in the middle of this document. Fill it in and return it to tell us what you think.