

Unsubstantiated and incorrect

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Hanging Rock Reserve has for many decades been self funding from gate takings and special events.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council makes a small indirect contribution by providing some overhead services.

No ratepayer funds are used to maintain or develop Hanging Rock.

Elements within council consistently continue to say or suggest that ratepayer funds are used to support Hanging Rock.

This is either deliberately misleading or sloppy language or just ignorance of how the Rock is funded.

Numerous attempts have been made to have the council publicly clarify this issue but it seems to suit them to leave the matter confused.

For example, it has been suggested that the State Government rate capping proposal will adversely affect Hanging Rock Reserve. Macedon Ranges Shire Council has acknowledged that no ratepayer dollars go directly to fund Hanging Rock Reserve so how can funding be affected by rate capping?

It is time for council to get the facts right before making unsubstantiated and incorrect claims in the council chamber and the press.

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