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Acknowledgement

Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land. We pay our respect to their Elders, past and present.

We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

Mayor's message

We look forward to working with all levels of government and key stakeholders to develop partnerships to realise our advocacy goals and turn our vision into a reality.



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My fellow Councillors and I are working hard to secure opportunities for a better City of Port Phillip, now and into the future.

Located just south of the Melbourne CBD and with 11 kilometres of foreshore, the City of Port Phillip is where the city meets the sea. Our municipality boasts a proud legacy as a cultural hub and has long been a playground for Melburnians of all ages, thanks to our live music and creative industries and array of visitor attractions and events.

Regrettably, the COVID-19 pandemic's impact has been devastating for many in our community as well as affecting Council's income.

As we move further into 2022, our Council has a range of policy changes and projects we would like to be considered as part of the upcoming Victorian election to boost the ongoing rejuvenation of our City.

These priorities have been developed with the help of community input into our Council Plan and other important Council strategies. Our advocacy priorities are divided over six key priority areas:

- Early Education and Care
- Economic Recovery from COVID-19
- Public Spaces, Sports and Recreation
- Social and Affordable Housing

- Sustainability, Renewable Energy and Waste Management
- Transport, Mobility and Safety

These projects will encourage renewed visitation and patronage to local businesses and create jobs, while providing much-needed infrastructure for our community to enhance the liveability of our City for years to come.

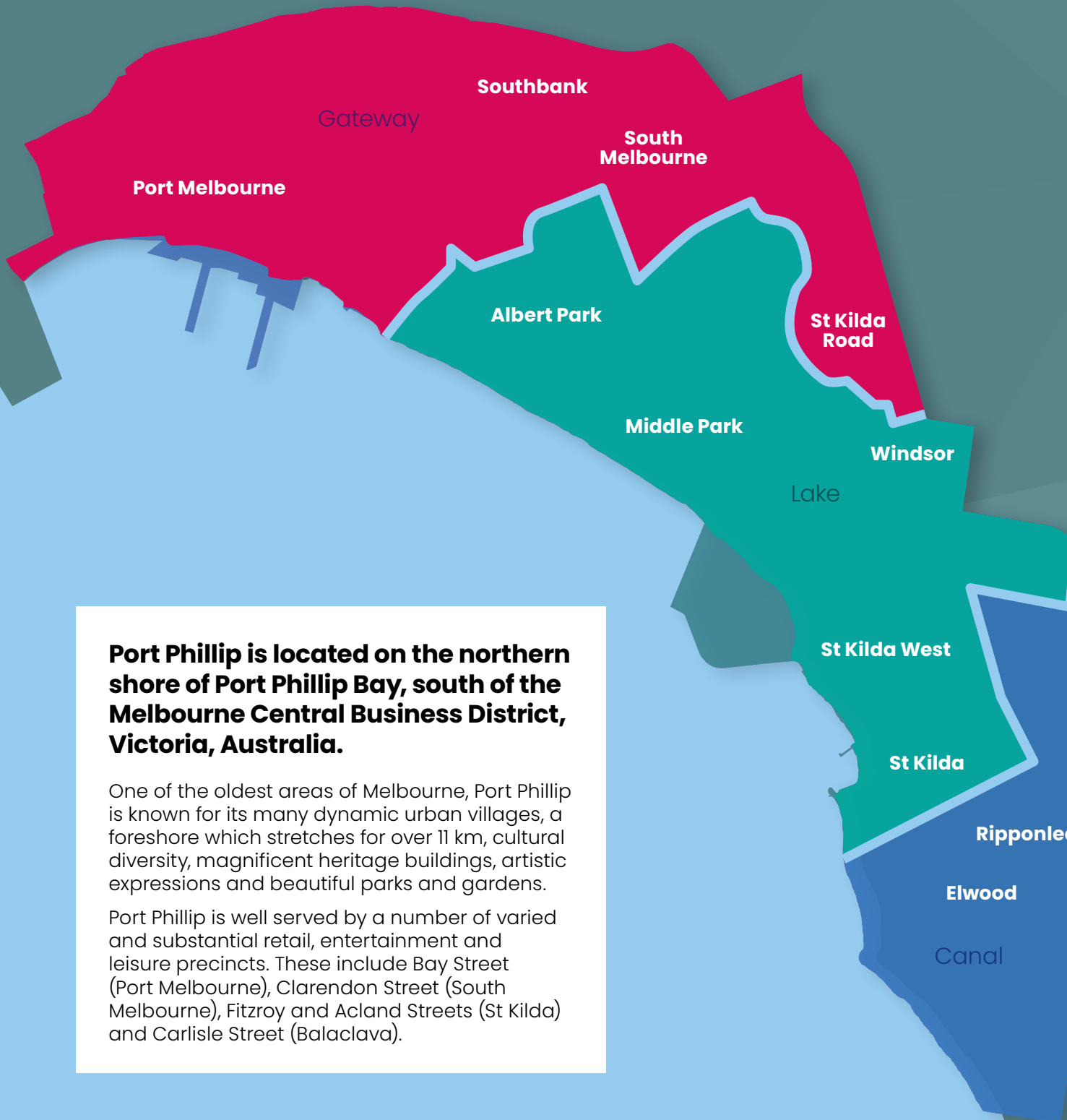
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Mayor
City of Port Phillip



A snapshot of our City



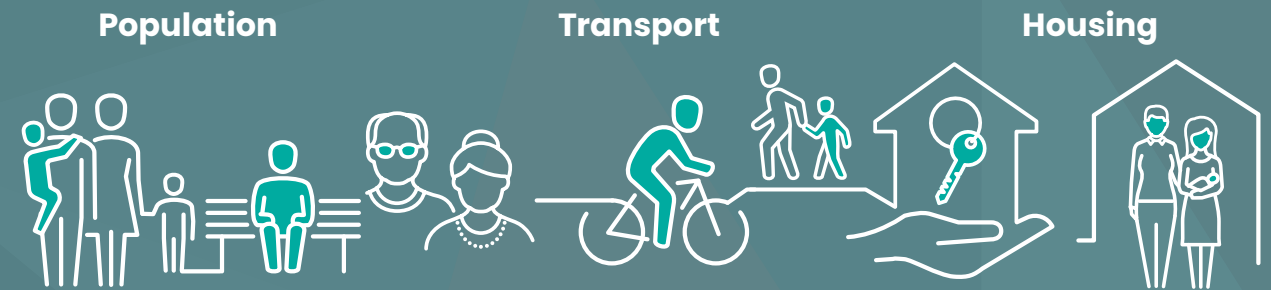
Port Phillip is located on the northern shore of Port Phillip Bay, south of the Melbourne Central Business District, Victoria, Australia.

One of the oldest areas of Melbourne, Port Phillip is known for its many dynamic urban villages, a foreshore which stretches for over 11 km, cultural diversity, magnificent heritage buildings, artistic expressions and beautiful parks and gardens.

Port Phillip is well served by a number of varied and substantial retail, entertainment and leisure precincts. These include Bay Street (Port Melbourne), Clarendon Street (South Melbourne), Fitzroy and Acland Streets (St Kilda) and Carlisle Street (Balaclava).

The shape of our City

City of Port Phillip's Gross Regional Product is estimated at \$14.92 billion, which represents 3.2 per cent of the state's Gross State Product.



Population

122 k
Current population of Port Phillip *

146 k
Forecast population by 2031

177 k
Forecast population by 2041

Transport

27%
Use public transport to get to work

72%
Households who own one or more cars

Housing

44%
Residents who rent their home

38%
Residents who own their own home

5%
Residents who live in social or public housing

Source: ABS Census 2016 unless otherwise indicated.

* Forecast ID

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early education and care

- North St Kilda Children's Centre Redevelopment
- Investment in Community Childcare Centres



North St Kilda Children's Centre Redevelopment

A redeveloped early education and care centre to meet future demand.

Over the coming years, an anticipated rise in demand, and the demise of existing kindergarten infrastructure, mean our City will face childcare shortages unless there is pre-emptive action.

What is the ask?

Council requests to work with the Victorian Government to fund the redevelopment of the North St Kilda Children's Centre. We have already applied for preliminary planning funding through the Victorian Government's Building Blocks program.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

Securing feasible childcare development sites is especially challenging in the City of Port Phillip as it's, one of the most densely populated municipalities in Victoria and has some of the highest average land prices.

Over the coming years, an anticipated rise in demand, and the demise of existing kindergarten infrastructure, means our City will face childcare shortages unless there is pre-emptive action.

What is Council proposing?

As purpose-built childcare centres typically take several years to develop and build, and our municipality is already one of the most densely populated in Victoria, Council is planning interim options to meet growing kindergarten demand. This includes expanding and developing existing Council-managed early education and care centres to improve capacity and accessibility, such as the North St Kilda Children's Centre Redevelopment.

This Centre is providing a quality service to the local community, evidenced by it being rated as meeting all Quality Areas of the National Quality Standards. To respond to the emerging and growing need to fund kindergarten places, however, City of Port Phillip is preparing to replace the existing facility with a higher capacity centre at the same site.

The redevelopment will increase the number of licensed places from 77 to 121. These additional places will be focused on meeting the demand for three and four-year-old kindergarten.

The expanded facility will meet relevant building codes and be accessible to all, following the principles of universal design and meeting the intention of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). The new centre will also better support and enable staff to deliver this vital service, due to the higher degree of functionality, safety and flexibility.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Inclusive Port Phillip – a City that is a place for all members of our community, where people feel supported and comfortable being themselves and expressing their identities.

We will deliver services and programs for children, young people and their families and caregivers in our City that meet the aspirations of our Every Child, Our Future: Children's Services Policy including:

- planning and support for children's services to help all children and young people living in Port Phillip to develop to their full potential and to minimise the effects of disadvantage
- providing high-quality Council-run early education and care services.

The redevelopment is consistent with the outcomes identified within Council's Children's Services Policy, notably

- all children in Port Phillip should be able to access quality early education and care when they need it
- a mixed sector of Council, community and private providers is more likely to provide diversity, choice and sustainability.

Victorian Government

The municipal Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan (KISP 2021), developed in partnership with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) highlights the need for pre-emptive investment in quality childcare capacity – estimating that by the end of the decade there will be demand for hundreds of placements for three and four-year-olds that won't be met by existing supply.

How does the initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

- immediately stimulating the local construction (and associated) industries
- supporting parents' workforce participation through the provision of accessible childcare
- creating short and long-term jobs, including additional employment in the sector. This also directly supports women's employment and incomes as the early education and care sector employs a high proportion of women.
- contributing to the renewal of crucial childcare infrastructure, fostering improved community connection and collaboration.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The cost of the redevelopment is approximately \$9 million.

Status

The concept design, costing and feasibility assessment has been completed. The design is being further developed.

Investment in Community Childcare Centres

Investing in community childcare centres to meet future demand.

City of Port Phillip has a firm commitment to supporting quality early education and care including supporting collaboration across the early education and care sector, directly delivering early education and care and providing facilities meeting the needs of the community.

What is the ask?

Council requests to work with the Victorian and Australian Governments to fund the redevelopment of community managed Childcare Centres across the municipality, starting with Eildon Road Children's Centre (St Kilda), Elwood Children's Centre (Elwood) and The Avenue Children's Centre and Kindergarten (Balaclava).

What is the issue this initiative will address?

City of Port Phillip has a firm commitment to supporting quality early education and care including supporting collaboration across the early education and care sector, directly delivering early education and care and providing facilities meeting the needs of the community.

The City of Port Phillip property portfolio currently includes 17 facilities enabling the delivery of early education, including community-managed childcare centres.

As noted in the Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan (KISP 021, see link), much of the portfolio is aging with these properties nearing the end of their working life.

Of particular note are the Eildon Road Children's Centre (St Kilda), Elwood Children's Centre (Elwood) and The Avenue Children's Centre and Kindergarten (Balaclava).

These much-loved centres are largely converted houses that can each accommodate approximately 40 children. They are no longer fit-for-purpose due to their age and design, and do not comply with contemporary standards of access, health and safety. The cost to remediate and renew the buildings is extensive and would involve long closures.

Significant investment is required to either remedy these centres and bring them to up to standard or rebuild them nearby.

Over the coming years an anticipated rise in demand, combined with the demise of existing kindergarten infrastructure, means our City will face early education place shortages if there is no pre-emptive action.

What is Council proposing?

Council is planning options to meet growing childcare demands. This includes the redevelopment of existing community-managed childcare centres within the municipality to improve capacity and accessibility. Centres in need of urgent redevelopment include Eildon Road Children's Centre (St Kilda), Elwood Children's Centre (Elwood) and The Avenue Children's Centre & Kindergarten (Balaclava).

The upgraded facilities would also meet relevant building codes and Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements. The new centres would also better support staff in their delivery of this vital service by providing a higher degree of functionality, safety and flexibility.



How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

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- planning and support for children's services to help all children and young people living in Port Phillip to develop to their full potential and to minimise the effects of disadvantage

Council's commitment is governed under our Children's Services Policy, **Every Child; Our Future**. Under this policy Council has identified three outcomes:

- all children living in Port Phillip are supported to develop to their full potential
- parents, carers and families are supported to increase their capacity and capability
- the effects of disadvantage on children's development are minimised.

Victorian Government

The municipal Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan (KISP 2021), developed in partnership with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), highlights the need for pre-emptive investment in quality capacity to deliver extra kindergarten places. The plan estimates that by the end of the decade, there will be demand for hundreds of placements for three and four-year-olds which cannot be met by the existing supply.

Under the Building Blocks program, Victorian Government funding is available to plan, build, expand and improve early years infrastructure across Victoria to provide kindergarten places. The aim is to ensure local families can continue to access great local kindergarten programs, no matter where they live.

Australian Government

Access to quality childcare is a federal priority and responsibility. The Australian Government currently provides childcare support through:

- direct financial assistance to families to help reduce the cost of care (Childcare Benefit)
- financial assistance to certain types of childcare in terms of establishment and operating costs
- funding of quality assurance mechanisms
- extra support in remote and rural areas
- extra support for those with special needs
- a National Planning System to help co-ordinate the growth of the system
- funding of various information services.

Council is also requesting the Australian Government to provide additional funding to support the maintenance and renewal of childcare infrastructure in the same way the Victorian Government supports renewal of kindergarten infrastructure.

How does the initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

- immediately stimulating the local construction (and associated) industries
- creating short and long-term jobs, including additional employment in the early education and care sector. This also directly supports women's employment and incomes, as these sectors account for a high proportion of women's employment.
- contributing to the renewal of crucial childcare infrastructure fostering improved community connection and collaboration.

Cost and current status?

Cost

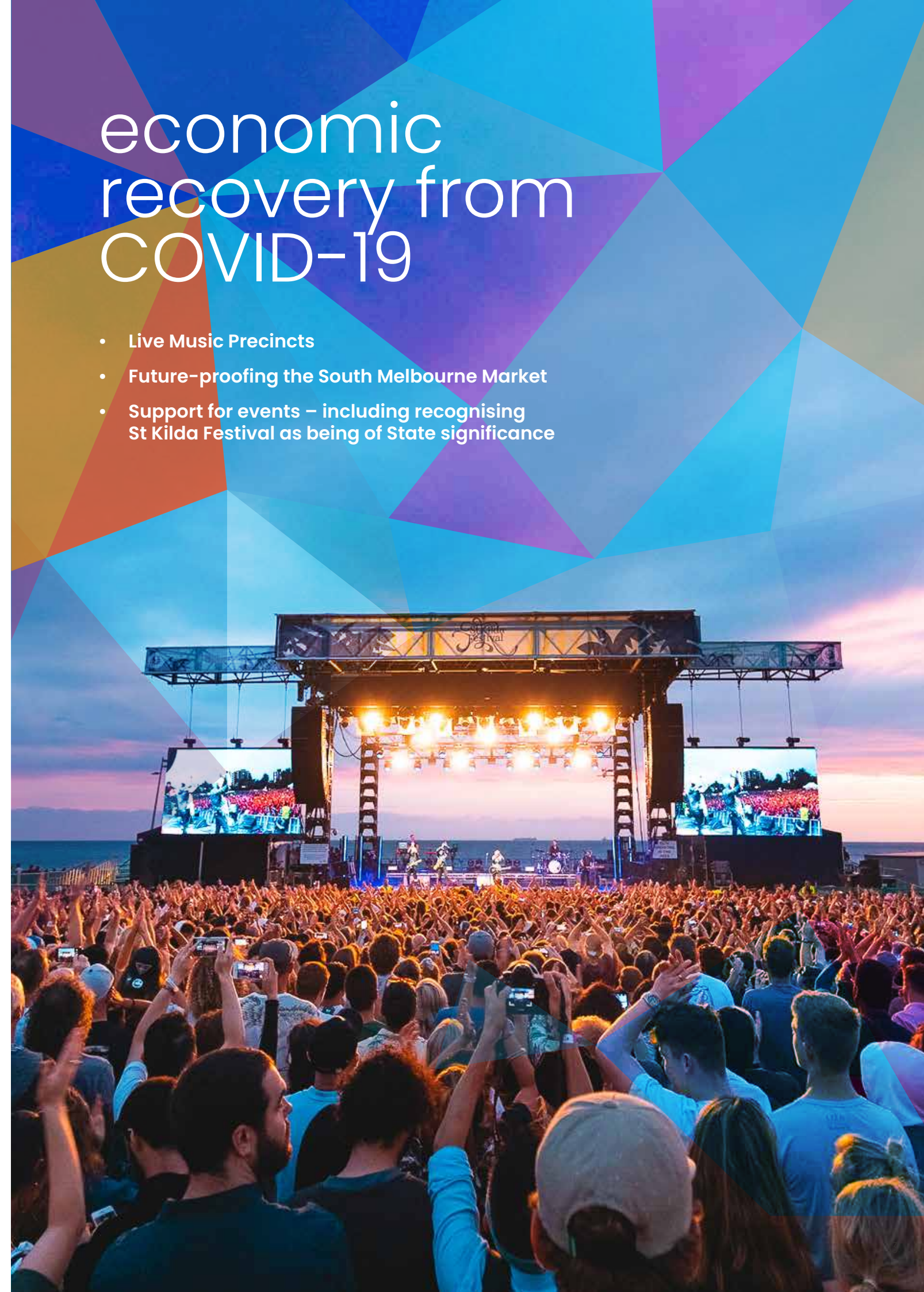
Approximately \$15 million.

Status

Council officers are consulting with the community and the Victorian Government on possible options for the three centres. Preliminary designs and cost analysis have been undertaken to support this work.

economic recovery from COVID-19

- Live Music Precincts
- Future-proofing the South Melbourne Market
- Support for events – including recognising St Kilda Festival as being of State significance



Live Music Precincts

Reinvigorating the live music scene in the City of Port Phillip

Cross-government collaboration on policy and regulatory changes to help implement live music precincts.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to collaborate on policy and regulatory initiatives as part of the implementation of live music precincts (LMP) to protect established and emerging live music activity in the municipality.

This would include partnering in the creation of the precincts, with the potential for Ministerial designation to fast-track the planning scheme amendment process, while still allowing for community consultation and engagement.

Areas of focus include:

- simplification of regulatory processes for live music events and venues and collaborative work on the designation and implementation of live music precincts and associated planning controls
- examining restrictive Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and planning regulations significantly impacting the capacity to deliver live music in and around our City
- regular consultation with relevant State bodies to discuss support needs identified through investigation as part of the live music precinct plan implementation.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

Live music in metropolitan areas is a fraught activity – on the one hand it is hugely popular, culturally valuable and a significant driver of economic activity with documented benefits. On the other, it can conflict with amenity and residents' experience of their area, particularly in built-up or developing areas.

The implementation of live music precincts aims to better integrate live music into built residential environments by managing noise and amenity impacts, simplifying regulation and compliance to benefit music venues and events as well as the community.

What is Council proposing?

The City of Port Phillip is a cultural hub for live music and supports this as a key part of our creative industries. To further support the live music industry, a Live Music Action Plan has been adopted which aims to recognise, support and future-proof live music within our city. The plan places significant focus on the industry's recovery from COVID-19, especially for our venues, artists, industry practitioners and employees, and the audiences.

Council is seeking to progress a key initiative within the plan - the creation of live music precincts (LMP).

Port Phillip would be the first Victorian municipality to implement LMP. This follows the Victorian Government's new planning controls in 2020, which allow councils to designate LMP through a planning scheme amendment.

The LMP project seeks to achieve:

- a formal Council position on where live music precincts would be best located to support the existing live music industry as well as providing opportunities for new spaces to emerge
- managing community expectations around perceived or real noise, amenity and patron behaviour impacts
- clear expectations for new and existing venues about noise management and attenuation
- streamlined compliance and complaint resolution with a collaborative multiple agency approach
- improvement of permitting processes, including removing red tape.

To realise this plan, Victorian Government support is crucial.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Vibrant Port Phillip – a City that has a flourishing economy, where the community and local business thrive, and Council maintains and enhances their reputation as one of Melbourne cultural and creative hubs. Council will

- invest in creative and cultural industries, including live music and the games development sector, through our Art and Soul – Creative and Prosperous City Strategy, in line with available budgets each year
- partner with Music Victoria to identify potential live music precincts that can be designated under the planning scheme to support live music in our City
- advocate to the Australian Government to support creative sectors including live music, film and game development.

Victorian Government

The request involves providing significant support for the live music industry, which has been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 lockdowns. The industry is a major employer and attraction for local and interstate tourism.

This request would build on existing supports to the industry available under the Victorian Events Support Package and aligns with the principles identified in the Victorian Government's Creative State Policy 2025.

How does the initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

- contributes to the economy and place identity, both current and emerging
- increases opportunities for participation in the music industry through performance and regular programming in designated precincts
- removes red tape
- increases flexibility in operational models available to businesses
- supports local traders and businesses
- attracts tourists and visitors to the precincts
- creates short and long-term job opportunities

- fosters the music industry, leading to increased community connection and collaboration
- supports hospitality and music industries disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Cost and current status?

Cost

While Council does not have any immediate funding requests to implement the Live Music Action Plan, we are requesting the Victorian Government to collaborate on policy and regulatory initiatives as part of implementing live music precincts to protect established and emerging live music activity in the municipality.

This would include partnering in the creation of the precincts, with the potential for Ministerial designation to fast-track the planning scheme amendment process, while still allowing for community consultation and engagement.

Status

There are two stages to the project: Stage 1, which involves the policy development and adoption of precincts, and Stage 2 being the implementation of the precincts, involving the planning scheme amendment process. It is estimated that Council will consider adopting live music precincts mid-2023.

The project is in the initial aspects of Stage 1, undertaking scoping and mapping work. Following this, the tasks required for Council to complete Stage 1 by adopting the LMP will be:

- engaging technical consultants to assist officers in exploring the trends, drivers, issues, opportunities, costs and benefits of implementing live music precincts
- identifying live music precincts within Port Phillip, including objectives and strategies for implementation
- community engagement on live music precincts and implementation recommendations
- finalisation of a Live Music Precinct Policy Document including Council vote on adoption of precincts
- implementation, including planning scheme amendment process.

Future-proofing the South Melbourne Market

A project to future-proof this thriving retail market – the NEXT Project

South Melbourne Market is the quintessential village market. A prosperous, authentic destination that is home to fresh, artisanal and cultural products; creative and joyful experiences; celebrates local; is a leader in sustainability; is loved, trusted and connects our customers and community.

What is the ask?

Council requests to partner with the Victorian and Australian Governments to co-fund a renewed and reinvigorated South Melbourne Market to ensure it can continue to thrive in the local community.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

The Market is a 154-year-old asset built on Crown Land and owned and run by City of Port Phillip. It is a significant community hub and retail centre and an important attraction for local, intrastate, interstate and international visitors.

The Market has some significant long-term challenges including capacity, compliance with updated building regulations and traffic and pedestrian congestion.

What is Council proposing?

As it moves into the future, Council is looking to upgrade the Market to increase its social capital and local economic impact, improve productivity, reduce congestion, further reduce its environmental footprint, ensure financial sustainability and create a safe and inclusive market experience for years to come.

The outcomes of any infrastructure improvements or additions will deliver the following value outcomes for the Market, Council and community:

- positive economic impact
- increased social capital and benefit to community
- improved productivity
- enhanced public safety and accessibility

- protect and enhance the identity of the South Melbourne Market
- optimised environmental sustainability

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian/Australian Government priorities?

Council

In the 2017-27 Council Plan, a target outcome was: a City of dynamic and distinctive retail precincts. The Council priority was to develop a strategic vision and business case for the South Melbourne Market (SMM) to shape the future direction and investment. The NEXT Project is this business case and provides a growth plan for SMM.

The updated Council Plan 2021-31 states: Vibrant Port Phillip – a City that has a flourishing economy, where our community and local businesses thrive, and we maintain and enhance our reputation as one of Melbourne’s cultural and creative hubs:

- We will provide investment in SMM to deliver the quintessential village market experience. This will be achieved by implementing the 2021-2025 South Melbourne Market Strategic Plan, which includes moving towards financial sustainability, improved customer experience and an enhanced and safer public asset for our City and its visitors (the NEXT Project).

Victorian Government

South Melbourne Market is of state significance, as a major employer and attraction for local, intrastate, interstate and international tourism.

The project delivers on many Victorian Government strategies and targets including:

- Creative State – Victoria’s first Creative Industries Strategy with the potential to increase the cultural and social benefits to the community
- tourism via the Visitor Economy Recovery and Reform plan that will help revitalise and grow Victorian tourism after the impacts of bushfires and the global pandemic
- business precincts – supporting the new infrastructure and liveability in Fishermans Bend and Docklands
- Small Business Victoria – providing a thriving and prosperous retail location for new and innovative small businesses
- education – providing an educational platform for primary and secondary school curriculum around sustainability, food provenance and trade
- sustainability – goal for net zero emissions for community by 2050
- supporting job creation and Victorian supply chain growth.

Australian Government

The South Melbourne Market NEXT Project delivers on many Australian Government strategies and targets including:

- business precincts – supporting the new infrastructure and liveability in Fishermans Bend and Docklands
- small business – providing a thriving and prosperous retail location for new, and innovative small businesses
- education – providing an educational platform for primary and secondary school curriculum around sustainability, food provenance and trade
- sustainability – goal for net zero emissions for community
- supporting job creation and Australian production and supply chain growth.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

Melbourne is the market capital of Australia and South Melbourne Market is of state and national significance and a major drawcard for international and interstate tourism.

The project will help the community recover from COVID-19 by:

- creating 300+ short-term jobs and 500+ long-term jobs
- fostering improved community connection and collaboration
- providing a safe community space for people who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19
- allowing for greater social distancing and a reduction in congestion
- supporting local traders and small businesses that have been financially impacted through COVID-19
- attracting more tourists and intra/interstate visitors to South Melbourne and Melbourne
- creating more open spaces for community connection.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The estimated cost for this project, which is currently at the initial design phase, is \$84 million.

Status

Council is in the preliminary stage, developing designs for the best use of the Market footprint to achieve desired outcomes. This includes reviewing current structural issues, integrating surrounding roads, transport connection, footpaths and car parking and assessing safety.

More information

Information and updates on the progress of this project will be reported on:

southmelbournemarket.com.au

Additional event industry support

Reinvigorating the events scene in the City of Port Phillip.

Assistance to help the City of Port Phillip re-establish its reputation as one of the premier events municipalities in the State.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government:

- encourage and incentivise events of state significance to hold components of their programs at Port Phillip public spaces or cultural venues. Examples include the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Melbourne International Film Festival, Rising, and Always Live
- recognise the St Kilda Festival as an event of state significance, including funding consideration and support for marketing and tourism through agencies such as Visit Victoria, public transport alterations and services through Public Transport Victoria, and support from Victoria Police and Ambulance Victoria
- consider the impact of restrictive Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and planning regulations that significantly affect capacity to deliver events such as live music in and around our City, particularly in line with our collaborative work on live music precincts.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

The events industry across Victoria, including in the City of Port Phillip, has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdowns.

As well as causing events to be cancelled during lockdown, the pandemic has created additional barriers and financial burdens for organisers, reducing the viability of future events.

In 2019/20, we permitted 34 outdoor major events, compared to 14 in 2020/21 (excluding small, local community and trader events).

Prior to COVID-19, St Kilda was the most frequented inner-city destination for visitors outside of the CBD, with events a major drawcard to support the local creative sector, hospitality and tourism industries and the broader community. The loss of events and tourism in 2020 and 2021 has created a crisis in St Kilda that can be partially addressed through hosting events and the tourism that they bring. Creative industries and events in Port Phillip, including St Kilda Festival, need additional Victorian Government support to flourish again.



What is Council proposing?

Council is asking the Victorian Government to consider:

- supporting the delivery of the St Kilda Festival through funding contributions to drive tourism and visitation through economic activation of St Kilda and surrounds
- advocating for special consideration relating to restrictive EPA and planning regulations that significantly impact capacity to deliver amplified events in and around our City, in line with work on proposed live music precincts
- continuing to support major events through forthcoming and contributory collaboration with service agencies such as Public Transport Victoria, Victoria Police and Ambulance Victoria
- advocating for simplified processes for approvals required from other Victorian Government agencies such as the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR) and EPA or support Council delegations to manage major event approvals on behalf of these state agencies.

The project will:

- provide significant support for the creative sector, events industry and tourism businesses, across Victoria not just in Port Phillip
- help encourage new events across the municipality and attract potential partnerships with established events such as the Melbourne Fringe Festival, Melbourne International Film Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, Rising and Always Live.
- support live music and creative industry regeneration as well as local business activation.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council:

Council Plan 2021-31: Vibrant Port Phillip – a City that has a flourishing economy, where our community and local business thrive, and we maintain and enhance our reputation as one of Melbourne cultural and creative hubs.

- Vibrant activity centres: Council-produced events such as St Kilda Festival and St Kilda Film Festival are designed to maximise opportunities for local creatives and traders while bringing local, interstate and international tourists to our City.
- Events Strategy 2017 – 2022: Currently being reviewed, the new iteration is expected to be adopted in September 2022.

Victorian Government

This request would build on existing supports to the industry available under the Victorian Events Support Package and aligns with the principles of the Victorian Government’s Creative State Policy 2025.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

This funding and assistance would be directly used to encourage and promote additional events within the municipality as well as cover the increased costs of safely staging major events by including COVID-19 precautions.

Alongside the allocation of funding for direct public health measures, this funding would allow for increased and measurable benefits for the live music industry, local businesses and tourism operators in St Kilda and across Melbourne, and for the community at large who are seeking ways to once again come together safely.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The St Kilda Festival is funded annually by City of Port Phillip at a net expense in the region of \$1.7 million.

Status

Planning for the St Kilda Festival is already underway. Outcomes for 2023 would be informed by any funding decisions made.

The scalability of any major events would be significantly impacted if further resources are not made available. Council will run an Expression of Interest for 2022/23 major events in September 2022, seeking submissions to build the major events calendar for the 2022/23 event season.



public spaces, sports and recreation

- Albert Park Sailing Club Upgrades
- Albert Park Yacht Club Upgrades
- Elwood Foreshore Redevelopment
- Inclusion of All-Abilities Access Ramp in St Kilda Pier Redevelopment
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- Port Melbourne Yacht Club
- South Melbourne Town Hall Redevelopment
- Stan Bisset Rugby Pavilion
- St Kilda Triangle

Albert Park Sailing Club upgrades

An upgraded sailing club for the community.

Victorian Government investment is required to help upgrade the Albert Park Sailing Club.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to commit to upgrading the Albert Park Sailing Club.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

The club provides sailing throughout the year on Albert Park Lake with weekly club races, social sailing, sail training programs and social events. However, the club requires upgrades to provide greater accessibility, expand membership and encourage greater participation.

What is Council proposing?

Council is advocating for the redevelopment of the sailing club.

Albert Park Sailing Club has evaluated its existing building and planned a minor upgrade program. This would provide immediate benefits to the club and increase accessibility to the wider community, while also being compatible with any longer-term plans involving the Albert Park Yacht Club and the sailing precinct.

The project will:

- provide a lift for direct access from the main entrance but not impeding future expansion to the north. Apart from providing access for older members of the club, it will enable the upper level to be more readily used (and marketed) for more inclusive use, educational use and for community and corporate functions
- provide an accessible toilet and shower facility that could also be used as a family change room (as is often provided at swimming pools)
- upgrade the existing Committee Room which could substitute for the clubroom during the week when the upstairs room is being used for other purposes

- reduce the size of the race control tower to accommodate the lift
- create a Juniors and Training Room at the rear of the existing clubroom, preferably with operable walls or folding doors to allow expansion of the main room when required. It would also be possible to create a mezzanine above this space for a dedicated Juniors Room, leaving the space below for training and a members lounge or committee room.
- create a storage area to the north side so excess furniture and equipment can be stored out of sight to allow a less temporary appearance in the clubroom, and for education-related equipment to be stored.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Inclusive Port Phillip – a City that is a place for all members of our community, where people feel supported and comfortable being themselves and expressing their identities.

- Council Plan Measure – advocacy support to individual clubs within Albert Park that are applying for funding through third parties.
- Partner with Parks Victoria to improve communication and engagement with Albert Park users and clubs. Parks Victoria over time to align plans for sport and recreation within Albert Park with broader municipal sport and recreation strategies.

This project is consistent with outcomes in our Sports and Recreation Strategy 2015-2024.



Victorian Government

The project supports the following Victorian Government priorities:

- commitment to increasing the number of women and girls participating in sport and active recreation, from grassroots through to senior leadership roles
- Sport and Recreation Victoria’s work to inspire women and girls to participate and become leaders in sport at all levels
- Sport and Recreation Victoria initiatives that create more participation opportunities for all Victorians, including building a more sustainable and inclusive sport and recreation sector
- support for under-represented groups experiencing barriers to participation in sport and recreation.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

The project has a focus on supporting participation, especially juniors, women and girls. The new facility will accommodate the higher levels of sport participation and broader community use. It will help the local community be active and engaged, which will support improvements to physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Cost and current status?

Cost

Total project is estimated to cost \$350,000.

Status

Draft plans are completed in preparation for Quantity Surveyor.

Albert Park Yacht Club upgrades

An upgraded yacht club for the community.

Victorian Government investment is required to help upgrade the Albert Park Yacht Club.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to commit to upgrading the Albert Park Yacht Club.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

The club provides sailing throughout the year on Albert Park Lake with weekly club races, social sailing, sail training programs and social events. However, the club requires upgrades to provide greater accessibility, expand membership and encourage greater participation.

What is Council proposing?

Council is advocating for the redevelopment of the yacht club.

The Albert Park Yacht Club (APYC) is celebrating its 150th Anniversary of sailing on Albert Park Lake in 2022.

- Albert Park College currently has 50 students every weekday at the club for outdoor education and leadership programs. This could double next year if there were a new building as planned in Stage 1 of the development.
- The college runs the largest sailing program in Victoria. In cooperation with Albert Park Yacht Club, this program is moving to Albert Park Lake which provides activity on the lake and training through the Boatshed at Australian Sailing.
- The club is working with the Sea Scouts to run training programs on the lake.
- The club is promoting girls and women in sailing by running training programs for them as well as the City Sail regatta for girls and women.
- Social membership is being developed to encourage local residents to use the facilities and create a community feel.

- The club has developed relationships with the Classic Boat Association, Wooden Boat Association, Melbourne University Sailing Club and other groups, which all use the club with the aim of sharing its facility and adding to participation on the lake.
- With the above activities, the APYC estimates approximately 30,000 visitors would pass through the club in a year.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

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- Partner with Parks Victoria to improve communication and engagement with Albert Park users and clubs. Parks Victoria over time to align plans for sport and recreation within Albert Park with broader municipal sport and recreation strategies.

This project is consistent with outcomes in our Sports and Recreation Strategy 2015-2024.



Victorian Government

The project supports the following Victorian Government priorities:

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- Sport and Recreation Victoria's work to inspire women and girls to participate and become leaders in sport at all levels
- Sport and Recreation Victoria initiatives that create more participation opportunities for all Victorians, including building a more sustainable and inclusive sport and recreation sector
- Victorian Government's support for under-represented groups experiencing barriers to participation in sport and recreation.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

The project has a focus on supporting participation, especially juniors, women and girls. The redeveloped facility will accommodate the high levels of sport participation and broader community use. It will help the local community be active and engaged, which will support improvements to physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The full project is estimated at \$15 million, however, can be delivered over 3 stages.

Status

Completed a Precinct Vision, which includes Design and Scoping with probable costs.

Elwood Foreshore Redevelopment

A master planned approach for an iconic beachside area.

The Elwood foreshore is an important and valued place in our City. Locals and visitors enjoy it all year round and it is home to 12 clubs and associations, a restaurant, wellness centre, cafe and a kindergarten.

What is the ask?

Council requests the Victorian and Australian Governments partner with us on the Elwood Foreshore Redevelopment to co-fund the project.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

Buildings and other infrastructure have been built over the years to support a range of activities in the area. Many now need large amounts of work due to their age, poor condition, compliance and accessibility issues and vulnerability to the risks of climate change.

What is Council proposing?

City of Port Phillip is proactively planning for this renewal in a staged process over several years to ensure the foreshore remains a high-quality public and natural place. Through the redevelopment Council is seeking to replace aged infrastructure, improve compliance and accessibility issues, and address risks of climate change.

Council has developed a **site plan** that considers Elwood Foreshore as a whole, rather than looking at each building or structure in isolation. Our goal is to ensure all buildings and structures work well together to improve the Elwood foreshore experience, so it better meets the evolving needs of our community.

Any future works at Elwood Foreshore will:

- protect the character, identity and amenity of the place
- respect nature and the history of the site
- reflect local priorities, future needs, and Council and Victorian Government policy and strategy.

Delivering the site plan will be broken down into stages over a 10-year timeframe. Each stage will include a more detailed design and application process that includes community consultation.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021–31: Liveable Port Phillip – a City that is a great place to live, where our community has access to high quality public spaces, development and growth are well-managed, and it is safer and easy to connect and travel within.

- We will provide a funded plan for Elwood Foreshore Redevelopment by 2021/22 and delivery of major public space projects including Bay Trail Public Space Lighting by end of 2021/22, Luna Park and Palais Forecourt by end of 2022/23 and Gasworks Arts Park by end of 2023/24 (completion subject to budget allocation).
- We will facilitate and advocate for Australian and Victorian Government funding to support delivery of new and upgraded infrastructure and public spaces in our City.

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- We are working towards Port Phillip being a place where people of all ages, genders, backgrounds and abilities can access services and facilities that enhance health and wellbeing through universal and targeted programs that address inequities.

The redevelopment is consistent with the outcomes identified within the **Elwood Foreshore and Recreation Reserves Management Plan**, as well as **Foreshore Management Plan 2021**, and **Public Space Strategy 2022–32**.

Victorian Government

The redevelopment project aligns with several Victorian Government strategies including:

- Cooling and Greening Melbourne, including building resilience to climate change
- protecting existing green spaces and creating new opportunities for urban greening
- improving water-sensitive urban design
- Planning Practice Note 53: Managing coastal hazards and the coastal impacts of climate change
- Planning for Sea Level Rise – Guidelines – Port Phillip and Westernport Region, Melbourne Water.

Australian Government

The redevelopment project aligns with several Australian Government strategies including:

- Urban Sustainability; Importance of community infrastructure and utilities
- Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Disaster Resilience; Ensure Australia is resilient to changing climate
- Urban Connectivity; improving active transport.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

The Elwood Foreshore attracts visitors from across Victoria and is increasingly becoming an even more popular event and tourist location, including for triathlons and sailing regattas. The redevelopment of the foreshore would increase tourism to the area and provide more sustainable and accessible infrastructure together with improved active transport routes.



Cost and current status?

Cost

The project is estimated to cost \$50 million over approximately 10 years.

Status

Council has prepared a masterplan to guide development of the site. This flows from initial community consultation and a suite of technical studies – including flora and fauna, climate change impacts, soil conditions, heritage and landscape heritage.

More information

- 📄 portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/projects-and-works/elwood-foreshore-looking-to-the-future

Inclusion of All-Abilities Access (AAA) Ramp in St Kilda Pier Redevelopment

The pier redevelopment should allow for people with disability to access the water.

St Kilda Beach is one of Victoria's top five tourism destinations, attracting more than two million people annually. Deep water swimming should be accessible for every visitor.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to commit to a AAA Ramp being re-included in the Masterplan designs and delivery schedule for St Kilda Pier.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

Parks Victoria, in partnership with the Department of Transport, has committed to delivering the rebuild of the St Kilda Pier, an iconic tourism destination.

Council is concerned the project does not adequately cater to people with disability wanting to access the water. The original concept released in 2017 included a AAA ramp. Our understanding is that, due to financial constraints, the AAA ramp was not included in the most recent design.

What is Council proposing?

Council is advocating for the inclusion of an in-water AAA ramp that would provide deep water access to the busiest beach in Victoria for everyone, including people with mobility impairments, disability and older people. This would be enjoyed by visitors from far beyond the St Kilda catchment.

The project does include widening the main pier deck from 6.1 metres to 7.5 metres, which will better accommodate mobility scooters, wheelchairs and prams as well as new accessible toilets, more frequent seating and handrails.

The AAA ramp would complement Council's adjoining accessible beach matting near the Pier and the Changing Places facility at St Kilda Life Saving Club (maintained by Council).

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Liveable Port Phillip – a city that is a great place to live, where our community has access to high quality public spaces, development and growth are well-managed, and it is safer and easy to connect and travel within.

- We will partner with the Victorian Government to ensure appropriate outcomes for our community are achieved through the redevelopment of St Kilda Pier, Shrine to Sea and other major public infrastructure projects.

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- We will provide delivery of services and programs that support inclusive and accessible activities including people who identify as LGBTIQ+ and people with disability.
- Council is committed to integrating the principles of universal design in council buildings, streets, public spaces and beaches as part of our ongoing capital works program and advocacy on Victorian Government projects.



Victorian Government

This request is consistent with the four pillars of the newly published Inclusive Victoria: State Disability Plan 2022-2026 and the commitment in the plan that “We want places around Victoria to be accessible so people can visit them when they travel “

Create more inclusive parks so all Victorians can take part in nature. Continue to support and promote accessible tourism to businesses across Victoria.

How does the initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

Persons with disability have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, including through social isolation and physical and mental health. The project will provide better access and usability in the public realm providing health and wellbeing benefits to people who require a AAA ramp.

In addition, the project will help to re-stimulate the St Kilda economy, which as a tourist destination has been significantly impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.

Cost and current status?

Cost

Council estimates including an in-water AAA ramp will add \$1.5 to \$2 million to the overall project costs.

Status

While City of Port Phillip has raised this issue at the Community/Stakeholder Reference Group, this project requires Victorian Government commitment and funding.

JL Murphy Synthetic Pitch

An improved pitch for the community.

Redeveloping and resurfacing the JL Murphy Community Pitch to accommodate greater usage.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to contribute to the redevelopment of the Community Pitch at JL Murphy Reserve.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

Many of Council's sports facilities are at capacity, with significant demand from sports clubs and the local community including schools, fitness providers and casual community use. Port Phillip's population and sports participation are increasing, and this growth is projected to continue, particularly for juniors, women and girls. This high use is already resulting in significant wear and tear, causing poor surface condition. This then results in unsuitable or unsafe conditions and a poor experience for users.

What is Council proposing?

To safely and effectively cater for current and projected sports participation levels, and with limited opportunities to purchase new land for public space, it is vital that sports ground surfaces can accommodate high levels of sport participation as well as broader community use.

At JL Murphy Reserve, the condition of the Community Pitch (Pitch 3) suffers from high use and, with the new Port Melbourne vertical school adjacent to the site, this pitch is expected to have even more traffic.

Council has proposed to redevelop and resurface the pitch to accommodate greater prolonged usage to:

- increase community participation in recreational activities
- provide better connections with the surrounding open space
- increase safety of the pitch and the reserve
- improve the quality of community recreation facilities.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government Priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Inclusive Port Phillip – a City that is a place for all members of our community, where people feel supported and comfortable being themselves and expressing their identities.

- We are working towards Port Phillip being a place where people of all ages, genders, backgrounds and abilities can access services and facilities that enhance health and wellbeing through universal and targeted programs that address inequities.
- We will provide high-quality sport and recreation infrastructure designed for shared community use that enables people of all ages, genders, backgrounds and abilities to participate, including major projects such as JL Murphy, Lagoon Reserve, North Port Oval, RF Julier, Port Melbourne Netball Courts, Wattie Watson Oval and other sports field lighting and minor recreation infrastructure renewals, subject to available budget funding.
- We will partner with local sporting clubs, schools and recreation providers to facilitate increased participation in recreation and leisure activities to enable everyone in our community to be more active.
- We will partner with sport and recreation providers to improve gender equity, access and inclusion within their programs.

This project is consistent with outcomes in our Sports and Recreation Strategy 2015-2024.

Victorian Government

The project supports the following Victorian Government priorities:

- increasing the number of women and girls participating in sport and active recreation, from grassroots through to senior leadership roles
- Sport and Recreation Victoria's work to inspire women and girls to participate and become leaders in sport at all levels
- Sport and Recreation Victoria initiatives that create more participation opportunities for all Victorians, including building a more sustainable and inclusive sport and recreation sector
- supporting under-represented groups experiencing barriers to participation in sport and recreation.

How does this initiative assist the community recover from COVID-19?

The project has a focus on supporting participation, especially juniors, women and girls. The new pitch will accommodate the high levels of sport participation and broader community use. It will help the local community be active and engaged, which will support improvements to physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The project is estimated to cost \$2.1 million, with the additional funding required for lighting.

Status

Council is at the first stage of this project, with the focus on planning and design and community consultation on the proposed concept design. The redevelopment of the community pitch from a natural turf ground into a synthetic surface is due to start late 2022.

Power House redevelopment

A modernised Power House facility to carry the venue forward another 50+ years.

Victorian Government investment is required to support the redevelopment of an Albert Park institution.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to commit to developing the Lord Somers Camp and Power House (LSC&PH) building in Albert Park.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

With growing participation by women and girls across many sporting clubs run from Power House, the change rooms and facilities are well overdue for redevelopment to meet these demands. Modernised, safe and inclusive facilities will empower participation by people of all genders and abilities. These works will ensure everyone can have safe and easy access to sport and community participation.

What is Council proposing?

Council is advocating for the Victorian Government to invest in the refurbishment of the building to include full accessibility access and safe, equitable and modernised infrastructure to carry forward for 50+ years.

Through a major refurbishment, change room facilities will be purposely designed and constructed to ensure they are suitable for people of all genders and abilities. Provision of lifts, wider corridors and open spaces will provide easier and more welcoming access throughout the building.

With modernised facilities, communities can come together with fit-for-purpose change facilities that also improve access for all abilities.

The project will provide key deliverables such as:

- a modernised and inspiring community space
- accessible infrastructure
- inclusive change facilities
- gender-equitable facilities
- solar and sustainable infrastructure
- a safe and fit-for-purpose facility to deliver community programs
- welcoming and inviting sports entrance
- desirable major events space.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government Priorities?

Council

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- Council Plan Measure – Advocacy support to individual clubs within Albert Park that are applying for funding through third parties.
- Partner with Parks Victoria to improve communication and engagement with Albert Park users and clubs. Parks Victoria over time to align plans for sport and recreation within Albert Park with broader municipal sport and recreation strategies.

This project is consistent with outcomes in our **Sports and Recreation Strategy 2015-2024.**

LSC&PH provide and facilitate a diverse range of sport and recreation programs and services to the Port Phillip community and align with the key actions, which include:

- provide training and support to build the capacity of sport and recreation clubs and community groups to enhance sport and recreation opportunities to the wider community
- increase awareness of the sport and recreation opportunities and services that are available in the City of Port Phillip
- strengthen existing relationships with external organisations to enhance the range of sport and recreation opportunities available to the Port Phillip community
- work to overcome existing barriers to participation in sport and recreation and identify opportunities to increase informal participation.

Victorian Government

The project supports the following Victorian Government priorities:

- commitment to increasing the number of women and girls participating in sport and active recreation, from grassroots through to senior leadership roles
- Sport and Recreation Victoria’s work to inspire women and girls to participate and become leaders in sport at all levels
- Sport and Recreation Victoria initiatives that create more participation opportunities for all Victorians, including building a more sustainable and inclusive sport and recreation sector
- support for under-represented groups experiencing barriers to participation in sport and recreation.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

Increased participation of women and girls in sport is a key objective of the refurbishment. By providing adequate facilities, a more inviting and open facility will strategically remove barriers so that more women and girls can participate in sport and theatre.

The social enterprise will drive traineeships and jobs and underpin ongoing operational revenue that allows the above points while also driving the below outcomes. Power House will be an environmentally sustainable project and a financially sustainable project that delivers real community impact for decades to come.

Directly aligned with the Victorian Social Enterprise Strategy 2021-2025, the social enterprise industry economic impact in Victoria is \$5.2 billion and supports an estimated 60,000 jobs. Power House empowers a long-established social enterprise and is a focal point for generating economic activity that empowers strong and positive community impact.

Impact directly generated from the Power House:

- 2,000 volunteers across Lord Somers Camp and Power House and tenants creates \$50 million worth of economic, social, cultural and civic benefit across the Victorian community
- \$12 million forecast social enterprise revenue generated in the next decade alone
- 170+ jobs across hospitality, creative arts, sport, and community plus an estimated 30 trainee jobs annually (every trainee hospitality role creates another two jobs in other parts of the supply chain)
- 150,000+ forecast users, guests and visitors annually across events, theatre, sport and community.

The redevelopment will be a positive community outcome, achieving an inclusive, safe and fun environment, promoting social connectivity, motivating individuals to reach their health and fitness goals through the recreational opportunities that LSC&PH tenants have to offer, improving mental health and creating a sense of belonging. An investment into the redevelopment will build community cohesion because inclusive, flexible and innovative participation programs will contribute to increased liveability across the municipality.

These benefits include:

- creation of short-term jobs
- creation of long-term jobs
- fostering community connection and collaboration
- assisting people who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19
- allowing for greater social distancing
- supporting local traders and businesses
- attracting tourists and visitors to the area
- creating more open spaces
- supporting COVID-Safe travel modes – more bike riding, for example, helps reduce stress on public transport.

Cost and current status?

Cost

LSC&PH has conducted a thorough assessment of the redevelopment works, refining the project from a complete \$32 million rebuild to a smart and adaptive \$19.6 million redevelopment, delivering safe, sustainable, inclusive and accessible community spaces.

Item	Costs
External works	\$384,000
Net construction costs	\$15,293,000
Environment Sustainable Design	\$153,000
Design contingency	\$773,000
Construction contingency	\$974,000
Total construction fees	\$17,193,000
Consultant fees	\$2,236,000
Authority fees	\$109,000
Audio Visual	\$62,000
Total end cost	\$19,600,000

Status

Currently, LSC&PH requires additional funding to commence construction. LSC&PH has concept designs, project costings, conducted consultation with internal and external stakeholders, obtained a sustainability vision report and building condition reports, developed a project and governance team to coordinate the project and attained appropriate approvals from Land Managers. To date, \$8 million is required to commence the project. Collaborative funding support of \$5 million is requested from the Victorian Government, inclusive of the \$250,000 request from the 2021-22 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund through Sport and Recreation Victoria, and the remaining \$3 million from philanthropy and community loan.

Project Schedule

Project Phases	Start	Completion
Concept design	2019	09 November 2021
Consultant procurement	12 October 2021	30 December 2021
Site investigations	09 October	January 2022
Schematic design	20 November	29 February 2022
Town planning	9 January 2022	21 April 2022
Design development	23 February 2022	12 July 2022
Contract documentation	22 June 2022	9 August 2022
Tender and Award	11 August 2022	18 October 2022
Construction	19 December 2022	29 December 2023
Defect liability period	29 December 2022	29 November 2024

*estimated timeframes due to delays of financial funding for the project.



Middle Park Bowls Club Redevelopment

A new and inclusive lawn bowls facility for the community.

Upgrading the facility, including a single storey refurbishment, alterations and heritage reinstatement of existing clubrooms.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to commit to redeveloping the Middle Park Bowls Club, including a single storey refurbishment, alterations and heritage reinstatement of existing clubrooms.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

The Middle Park Bowls Club's current facilities are dated and not fit-for-purpose.

The facilities require redevelopment to better cater for the increasing number of children and people with impaired mobility who use the venue. The club also has a target to double its current female participation (currently approximately 20 per cent). Current facilities do not adequately cater for people of all genders, particularly women and girls. The club estimates that 40 per cent of the weekly 400 visitors are young women and mothers with young children, with most visiting on Fridays and weekends.

What is Council proposing?

The project seeks to redevelop the Middle Park Bowls Club, including a single storey refurbishment, alterations and heritage reinstatement of existing clubrooms. Upgrading the standard and functionality of the club rooms and ancillary facilities will meet current and future members' expectations and continued increased community participation, particularly women. The renovation will continue to differentiate the club as the community club of choice.

The project will deliver the following additional benefits:

- an inner urban asset attractive to pennant and barefoot bowlers
- increased access by a diverse community to active sports and leisure programs
- improved visibility, links and access to other park users
- maintenance of club-subsidised community programs
- increased community interaction and support
- increased local community usage of the facilities for non-bowling activities
- free access to U3A music group
- free access to disabled bowlers' group
- subsidised community activities on request.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian/Australian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Inclusive Port Phillip – a City that is a place for all members of our community, where people feel supported and comfortable being themselves and expressing their identities.

- Partner with Parks Victoria to improve communication and engagement with Albert Park users and clubs. Parks Victoria over time to align plans for sport and recreation within Albert Park with broader municipal sport and recreation strategies.

This project is consistent with outcomes in our Sports and Recreation Strategy 2015-2024.

Victorian Government

The project supports the following Victorian Government priorities:

- commitment to increasing the number of women and girls participating in sport and active recreation, from grassroots through to senior leadership roles
- Sport and Recreation Victoria’s work to inspire women and girls to participate and become leaders in sport at all levels
- Sport and Recreation Victoria initiatives that create more participation opportunities for all Victorians, including building a more sustainable and inclusive sport and recreation sector
- support for under-represented groups experiencing barriers to participation in sport and recreation.



How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

The Club estimates that during construction there will be 20 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff on-site for six months, plus 20 FTE fabricating off-site for six months. Once constructed, the facility will require two full-time staff and up to 20 part-time staff, based on function requirements.

In the post-COVID recession, people will have reduced discretionary spend at a time when there is demand for many community activities. Lawn bowls is a very low-cost entry and maintenance sport. This is particularly the case at Middle Park Bowls Club, which has the lowest subscription fees in Melbourne, does not charge match fees during the pennant season and provides free uniforms and access to club bowls for new players. Social bowlers and community members can join at a minimal cost of \$50 and also access bowls, coaching and support.

The project has a focus on social inclusion and supporting participation, especially older adults and women. The new pavilion will support the local community to be active and engaged, which in turn will support improved physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The project is estimated to cost \$3.4 million.

Status

This project has been in planning for three and a half years. It provides a long-term masterplan for development at the Club supported by a long-term lease. The project is ‘shovel-ready’ and implementation will secure long-term tenure at the site. Funding this project, with fully endorsed plans and planning approvals in place, brings forward more than \$3 million worth of community works that would otherwise be unlikely to proceed.

North Port Oval Development

Helping grow women’s participation in sports through improved facilities.

The reserve is a vital part of the Port Melbourne open space network and holds historical significance for the sporting community.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to commit to partnering with the Australian Government to purchase and develop the Australia Post site adjacent to North Port Oval (NPO), to ensure adequate sporting facilities are available to meet increased demand from population growth and increased participation by women and girls.

What is Council proposing?

The land adjacent to NPO is currently an Australia Post site. If this parcel of land is developed as an open space and sports facility, alterations to the use of NPO could occur in consultation with Council and both sports clubs.

Developing this area of land to facilitate NPO development opportunities will attract visitors from across the region, state and country, and increase participation, particularly by women.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

NPO has been home to the Port Melbourne Cricket Club (PMCC) and Port Melbourne Football Club (PMFC) for 150 years, both sharing the ground for their respective seasons. Growth in numbers through women and girls’ increased participation in both sports, and the introduction of AFL Women’s (AFLW), has meant it is becoming more difficult to share the site. Council has limited public space and all other grounds are heavily utilised, so there is no opportunity to relocate either club.

The Council Plan 2021-31 has a performance indicator to grow sporting participation by women and girls and people who are gender diverse. Both the Port Melbourne Cricket Club and the Port Melbourne Football Club are looking to meet these outcomes.

Open space and sports facilities will remain a constant opportunity and challenge as Fishermans Bend continues to develop.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian/Australian Government priorities?

Council:

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- We will provide high-quality sport and recreation infrastructure designed for shared community use that enables people of all ages, genders, backgrounds and abilities to participate, including major projects such as JL Murphy, Lagoon Reserve, North Port Oval, RF Julier, Port Melbourne Netball Courts, Wattie Watson Oval and other sports field lighting and minor recreation infrastructure renewals, subject to available budget funding.
- We will partner with local sporting clubs, schools and recreation providers to facilitate participation in recreation and leisure activities to enable everyone in our community to be more active.
- We will partner with sport and recreation providers to improve access and gender equity within their programs.

This project is consistent with outcomes in our Sports and Recreation Strategy 2015-2024.

Victorian Government:

The project supports the following Victorian Government priorities:

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- support for under-represented groups experiencing barriers to participation in sport and recreation.

Australian Government

The Australian Government has a clear and bold vision for sport in Australia: to ensure we are the world’s most active and healthy nation, known for our integrity and sporting success. Sport 2030 has four key priority areas that will, when fully implemented, create a platform for sporting success through to 2030 and beyond. The priorities are:

- build a more active Australia – more Australians, more active, more often
- achieving sporting excellence – national pride, inspiration and motivation through international sporting success
- strengthening Australia’s sport industry – a thriving Australian sport and recreation industry.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

Developing the land, and facilitating development opportunities at NPO, will attract visitors from across the region, state and country.

Significant participation and wellbeing opportunities will be created by this project, including equitable opportunities for women and girls, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities and juniors. Players, spectators and volunteers will be supported to get involved and be active, create a sense of local community and enhance their mental and physical wellbeing.



Cost and current status?

Cost

The cost is subject to a detailed cost analysis. Council is requesting the Victorian Government to commit to purchasing and developing the Australia Post site adjacent to North Port Oval.

Status

Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal plans have indicated the site as a green space. Council encourages this to be a sports ground to accommodate the local community.

Port Melbourne Yacht Club upgrades

Upgrade club facilities to support increased yachting in Port Phillip Bay and increased resilience to climate change.

Port Melbourne Yacht Club has been operating on the Port Melbourne foreshore since 1889, offering racing, a sailing school, boat storage, recreational sailing and community access to the water.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to fund the redevelopment of Port Melbourne Yacht Club (PMYC) core assets.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

PMYC is one of the leading clubs for off-the-beach sailing on Port Phillip Bay. The club has been operating on the Port Melbourne foreshore since 1889, with its iconic club house replacing one destroyed by fire in 1990. The club offers racing, a sailing school, boat storage, recreational sailing and community access to the water at the top of the bay with the stunning backdrop of the Melbourne skyline and easy access via public transport.

Several core assets of the club are very close to the end of their useful life. Their loss would render the club and the services it delivers to the community unviable.

What is Council proposing?

The residential population around Port Melbourne is expanding rapidly. Fishermans Bend is Australia’s largest urban renewal project, covering 480 hectares, and will be home to 80,000 residents by 2050. The wider City of Port Phillip is also expected to grow from 117,420 residents in 2020 to 176,816 by 2041.

This residential population growth will place major extra demands on local recreational resources. The beachfront in Port Melbourne is a critical resource, with PMYC a key asset.

PMYC has developed a vision for the site that reflects this expanded future demand for its services as well as projections for climate change. Stage 1 of the club’s vision involves the replacement of two core assets: the main boatshed and the dinghy storage deck.

The project will:

- retain and increase the club’s ability to support and promote activity-based watersports, generating recreational, health and wellbeing benefits for members and the wider community
- expand community access and use of the facilities through the provision of shared spaces that will be available to wider community groups including Albert Park College, which has an active water sports curriculum. This will generate community and educational benefits
- support the commercial and economic health of businesses at the end of Bay Street by expanding community and tourist access to the bay.



How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Inclusive Port Phillip – a City that is a place for all members of our community, where people feel supported and comfortable being themselves and expressing their identities.

- We are working towards Port Phillip as a place where people of all ages, genders, backgrounds and abilities can access services and facilities that enhance health and wellbeing through universal and targeted programs that address inequities.
- We will partner with local sporting clubs, schools and recreation providers to facilitate participation in recreation and leisure activities to enable everyone in our community to be more active.
- We will partner with sport and recreation providers to improve access and gender equity within their programs.
- Council does not have an endorsed position on this request; however, it has requested its inclusion.

The project is consistent with outcomes in our **Sports and Recreation Strategy 2015-2024**.

Victorian Government

Upgrading the facility will attract visitors from across the region and increase broader community participation, particularly women, young people and people with disability. PMYC has an active women’s program and events specifically targeting enhanced participation by younger women sailors.

The project therefore supports the following Victorian Government priorities:

- commitment to increasing the number of women and girls participating in sport and active recreation, from grassroots through to senior leadership roles
- Sport and Recreation Victoria’s work to inspire women and girls to participate and become leaders in sport at all levels
- Sport and Recreation Victoria initiatives that create more participation opportunities for all Victorians, including building a more sustainable and inclusive sport and recreation sector. This includes section ‘1.5 Sport and recreation’ of the new **Inclusive Victoria: State Disability Plan 2022-2026**
- support for under-represented groups experiencing barriers to participation in sport and recreation. The new facilities will also allow the club to work with Albert Park College to support access to water sports by under-represented groups.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

- The project will create short-term jobs in the design, construction and fit-out of the proposed new boatshed and deck.
- It will engage and enhance community connection with this key community asset through a structured program of stakeholder consultation. This will build local ownership of the design and use of the facilities.
- It will support local traders and businesses by enhancing the vitality of this key local asset at the end of Bay Street.
- It will attract tourists and visitors to the area, increasing the commercial viability of neighbouring businesses.
- The new deck and walkway between the beaches on either side of the club will enhance public access to the beach.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The project involves two main elements:

- The boatshed
- The boat storage deck.

The boatshed

The current boatshed is a single storey building constructed in 1960, 36 metres long and 20 metres wide, with a sloping, pitched roof with asbestos sheet covering. Side panels alongside the boatshed are constructed of corrugated sheet.

The roof-trusses, roof covering, and side panels are corroded and close to the end of their useful life. High winds from a major storm on the bay could result in significant damage to the structure and render it unusable.

The proposal is to replace the existing boatshed with a new building with the same footprint at ground-level but with two storeys. This would then serve a range of functions, both for the club itself and for the local community:

- boat storage on the ground floor, with multi-level racking to increase capacity to match increased demand
- renewed changing rooms and showers, with an emphasis on gender equity, with public access to toilets
- small-scale commercial ventures at ground-level such as a coffee outlet, to attract the public to this end of Bay Street
- multi-purpose meeting rooms upstairs to service the needs of the club and the local community. Albert Park College has expressed interest in using the space during the school day for teaching water related activities and skills.

The new boatshed would be constructed with a high emphasis on sustainability in terms of materials and construction techniques. It would also begin a process of moving club functions further up the beach to be aligned with a policy of anticipating projected climate change impacts and risks.

A first order estimate of the cost of the works required for the boatshed generates an overall cost of \$5 million. This is based on the costs of similar projects alongside Port Phillip Bay and the professional judgment of advisers in the field.

Boat-storage deck

The boat-storage deck is a wooden deck, 35m in length and 20m wide, supported by timber piles sunk into the sloping beach. Half of the length of the deck is located on the beach above the high-water level and half is projected out over the Bay. Members of the public can walk underneath the deck to access the beaches on either side of the club.

Many of the original timber piles supporting the deck were showing decay and erosion from saltwater and storm action and were replaced on a temporary basis with steel props. The structure requires replacement in the near future.

The proposal is to replace the existing deck with the additional functionality of a boat-ramp from the deck down into the water to facilitate access to the bay. At present, boats must be dragged manually up through the club, along a roadway and then down the full-length of the beach. This could also provide public access across the site to facilitate access between the two beaches.

The new deck could form part of a wider expanded functionality in a second stage of the project with an extension of the deck into a breakwater to respond to increased storm surge and to provide a safer calm water area for younger water users.

A first order estimate of the costs of the works required to demolish the deck and replace it as is with an added ramp is about \$800,000. This estimate is based on the costs incurred in 2019 to construct a similar decking alongside the bay frontage of the club.

Status

- A masterplan/strategy developed and paid for by internal club resources sets out a three-stage structured approach over the next 25 years. This provides confidence that the Stage 1 works proposed are well-founded and form part of a longer-term strategic framework.
- Scoping and preliminary designs have been completed, with first order cost estimates.
- If funding is provided it is estimated the works could be completed in two years.

South Melbourne Town Hall Redevelopment

A hugely significant redevelopment project to breathe new life into the building.

The Town Hall has served, inspired and brought together the community for 140 years and helped shape the identity of the area and beyond.

What is the ask?

Council requests the Victorian Government and Australian Government partner to co-fund the South Melbourne Town Hall (SMTH) redevelopment project.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

The South Melbourne Town Hall has reached the end of its lifespan. There has been significant damage and a revamp is required.

The current disrepair of the building has a significant impact on the local economy, including the major nearby retail strip. The significance of the closure is heightened by the building's position and role within the creative industries hub of this part of Melbourne.

What is Council proposing?

The South Melbourne Town Hall (208-220 Bank Street, South Melbourne) is an extraordinary and spectacular heritage place. It is indisputably one of Victoria's grandest town halls, and arguably the most attractive.

NEXT 140 is a hugely significant redevelopment project to breathe new life into the building.

The project will:

- majorly refurbish and upgrade the building
- make its spectacular spaces more accessible, adaptable and accommodating
- boost visitation
- strengthen its role as a first-class space for community gatherings and events
- strengthen and sustain the relationships between the community and its heritage.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian/Australian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Vibrant Port Phillip – a City that has a flourishing economy, where our community and local businesses thrive, and we maintain and enhance our reputation as one of Melbourne's cultural and creative hubs.

- We will provide an upgraded and reopened South Melbourne Town Hall by 2023/24.

Council Plan 2021-31: Liveable Port Phillip – a City that is a great place to live, where our community has access to high quality public spaces, development and growth are well-managed, and it is safer and easy to connect and travel within.

- We will advocate for the best possible public space outcomes that support community health and wellbeing, through infrastructure projects undertaken in our City by other levels of government and stakeholders.

Victorian Government

The architectural, historical and social significance of the Town Hall to the state of Victoria is well acknowledged, including by its registration on the Victorian Heritage Register (H0217). It has served, inspired and brought together the community for 140 years and helped shape the identity of the area and beyond.

Australian Government

NEXT 140 will cement and celebrate the Town Hall as an outstanding asset of urban cultural infrastructure and the arts.



How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

The South Melbourne Town Hall typically receives approximately 25,000 visitors each year and more than 180 events. It is currently closed, due to structural condition risks.

This has a significant impact on the local economy, including the major nearby retail strip. The significance of the closure is heightened by the building's position and role within the creative industries hub of this part of Melbourne.

The project will ready the building for a much-awaited re-opening and enable events to once again be held at the venue, re-triggering economic and cultural activity. Most powerfully, as a social hub, it will help the community to re-connect and re-build post-COVID.

Once fully implemented, the project will allow the facility to be used more productively, increasing economic opportunities.

The work will immediately stimulate the local construction and associated industry, and as a high-profile project provide much needed confidence to the local economy.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The project is estimated to cost \$30 million to deliver.

Status

Detailed designs are being prepared.

More information:

portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/projects-and-works/south-melbourne-town-hall-restoration

Stan Bisset Rugby Union Pavilion

A new inclusive and accessible sports pavilion at Albert Park.

Constructing an inclusive and accessible sports pavilion at Albert Park to improve existing facilities and attract new membership.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to commit to developing the Stan Bisset Rugby Union Pavilion at Albert Park, including gender equitable change facilities for all teams, all-gender showers and toilets, social area, kitchen and canteen, referees' change room facilities, first aid room, multipurpose room, accessible toilet, viewing area, multi-purpose space and storage areas. The project is estimated to cost \$2.2 million to deliver.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

There is no pavilion available for Rugby Union at Albert Park and there is a desperate need for change rooms and toilets for players and spectators. This is required to develop the sport, increase participation by people of all genders, improve user experience and to grow the game. There is no access to water to fill water bottles, no toilets for spectators and no shelter for this winter sport for parents and children. This project will address the lack of sports infrastructure and provide modern all-gender facilities while increasing player numbers and economic sustainability of the Power House Rugby Union Club with modern facilities.

Currently there is no ability to set up anything other than a basic BBQ on game day on the rugby fields. The construction of the pavilion will provide a full kitchen to offer a range of hot and cold, quality, nutritious foods before, during and after games. The capacity to supply food can generate more than \$5,000 on game day for clubs, which amounts to \$50,000 over the season. This income substantially increases the future viability and ability of the Rugby Club to provide additional coaches, sports equipment and training for volunteers and to implement new options for playing rugby, particularly for women and younger players.

What is Council proposing?

Construction of an inclusive and accessible sports pavilion at Albert Park, including change rooms for four teams, all-gender showers and toilets, social area, kitchen and canteen, referees' change room facilities, first aid room, multipurpose room, accessible toilet, viewing area, multi-purpose space and storage areas.

The project will:

- attract additional sporting participation within rugby such as for the Victorian Rugby Referees Association (VRRRA), which would use it for training on a weekly basis and also have monthly meetings due to its central location
- attract complimentary sports outside rugby such as Gaelic Football, Frisbee and Touch Sevens, as these lesser-known sports often struggle to find suitable facilities to train and play
- improve player and spectator participation, diversity and inclusion through the construction of the pavilion
- double the participation of women from one to two teams and attract 50 per cent more younger players. The club currently has two female players who represent Australia and women who represent the State Super W Rebels team.

Sports participation within the City of Port Phillip would increase through:

- being more inclusive of the Wheelchair Rugby team, as currently there are no accessible facilities for wheelchair users
- more inclusion of women participating, with the provision of private, gender equitable facilities meaning women don't have to get changed on the sidelines
- junior participation increasing with the pavilion providing a private safe space



- Seventy per cent of the club's members are from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, particularly from lower socio-economic Pacific Islander communities
- community and family are important for many members, and as there is no pavilion currently it is difficult to create an atmosphere to welcome and host families and children
- many older members are unable to join as spectators on game day because the lack of toilet facilities deters attendance. This excludes them and increases their isolation from the sport and their community.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Inclusive Port Phillip – a City that is a place for all members of our community, where people feel supported and comfortable being themselves and expressing their identities.

- Council Plan Measure – Advocacy support to individual clubs within Albert Park that are applying for funding through third parties.
- Partner with Parks Victoria to improve communication and engagement with Albert Park users and clubs. Parks Victoria over time to align plans for sport and recreation within Albert Park with broader municipal sport and recreation strategies.

This project is consistent with outcomes in our Sports and Recreation Strategy 2015-2024.

Victorian Government

The Stan Bisset Rugby Union Pavilion supports the following Victorian Government priorities:

- commitment to increasing the number of women and girls participating in sport and active recreation, from grassroots through to senior leadership roles
- Sport and Recreation Victoria's work to inspire women and girls to participate and become leaders in sport at all levels
- Sport and Recreation Victoria initiatives that create more participation opportunities for all Victorians, including building a more sustainable and inclusive sport and recreation sector
- support for under-represented groups experiencing barriers to participation in sport and recreation.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

The construction of the pavilion will directly create 20-25 full time jobs (FTE) during the period of the project in 2022. It will require a range of tradespeople and fitters from concreting, painting, cabinetry, plumbing and installation of electrical, mechanical and hydraulic products and services. The flow-on benefits are a multiple of three to four times, with 60-100 additional workers required to assist with the range of trades needed to complete the construction of the project.

Significant participation and wellbeing opportunities will be created by this project, including equity for women, CALD communities and juniors. Players, spectators and volunteers will be supported to get involved and be active, create a sense of local community and to enhance their mental and physical wellbeing. The ability to be a multi-purpose venue also supports broader participation opportunities outside of sport.

The completion of the pavilion will have economic benefits in the City of Port Phillip and surrounds with the addition of this new sports infrastructure, including attracting other rugby events to be hosted at Albert Park. This includes international, national and local clubs and Schools Rugby competition in both Rugby 15's and Rugby Sevens competitions. On a club level, it will increase the status of Albert Park with its functional capacity to become the preferred location for local rugby gala days and junior and senior finals competitions attracting hundreds of spectators.

Such a first-class facility will draw visiting international rugby teams to train at Albert Park, attracting crowds from all over Melbourne. This will highlight the City of Port Phillip as a leading player in sporting activities. Australia is bidding for the Rugby World Cup in 2027, a magnificent international spectacle and the third largest global sporting event. This would increase participation across Australia and the pavilion would be necessary to cater for the growth in local player numbers.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The total project cost is \$2.2 million. This will deliver the entire project, completing the building of the Stan Bisset Rugby Union Pavilion to the standard required as a gender equitable facility. Funding of \$1.1 million is required to finalise funding for the project.

Status

Power House Rugby Union Club has an \$800,000 contribution towards the project. Sport and Recreation Victoria provided a \$300,000 grant to Parks Victoria for this project. The project has moved through the initial scope phase to detailed design by the builder after consultation with Sport and Recreation Victoria, Rugby Victoria, Rugby Australia and the community. Planning and approvals for the project have been obtained and the project is included in the 1994 Albert Park Masterplan. The project requires a matching \$1.1 million co-contribution of funding to progress to construction phase.

St Kilda Triangle Redevelopment

Realising the significant benefits of this prominent foreshore site for the local and wider community.

The St Kilda Triangle, currently a large aging carpark adjacent to the recently rejuvenated Palais Theatre, presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create something unique and special to Melbourne. The 2016 St Kilda Triangle Masterplan outlining Council and the community's agreed future vision for the development of the site is yet to be delivered.

What is the ask?

Council requests the Victorian and Australian Governments to partner with us and co-fund the delivery of the St Kilda Triangle Redevelopment project.

Due to a lack of funding the St Kilda Triangle masterplan remains undelivered. Council is looking to reinvigorate this opportunity and deliver key components of it to release the benefits for Victoria.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

The St Kilda Triangle presents a unique development opportunity as one of Melbourne's last bayside renewal sites. While important to Port Phillip, in its current form as a carpark it is underutilised, unappealing and is not serving the community as a public space on the foreshore to achieve its full potential. St Kilda is a key destination for Melburnians and visitors, known for its foreshore, beach, night life, live music scene, restaurants and festivals. This part of Melbourne has always embraced cultural innovation, pushed social boundaries and is a key part of the City's cultural footprint.

Council engaged with the community, government and industry and developed the 2016 St Kilda Triangle Masterplan. This masterplan proposes a vibrant social and cultural precinct to complement the Palais Theatre and Luna Park – a precinct of uses and activities that recognises and supports St Kilda's continuing contribution to the vibrancy of Melbourne and Australia.

The masterplan proposes just under 20,000 square metres of landscaped public open space including the Palais Forecourt, a plaza facing Jacka Boulevard, carpark spaces and built form to accommodate a hotel, other uses that support activation of the site and complement the surrounding features, and some form of cultural centre.

What is Council proposing?

Council is advocating for the Victorian and Australian Governments to invest in:

- a financial and technical feasibility assessment, which are important to test the currency of the various elements of the masterplan in terms of market response (including which elements and how they should be delivered) and the environmental and social context
- a process to engage the community and other key stakeholders on the next steps of the project
- a delivery strategy, including a market sounding exercise
- completion of a business case for investment
- development of design guidelines
- a planning scheme review and amendment process
- a procurement planning exercise followed by a tender process to deliver elements of the masterplan in accordance with the delivery strategy and design guidelines
- delivery of the elements of the masterplan in accordance with the delivery strategy.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian/Australian Government Priorities?

Council

The St Kilda Triangle project aligns with the five strategic directions of the Council Plan 2021-31:

- **Inclusive Port Phillip** – a City that is a place for all members of our community where people feel supported and comfortable being themselves and expressing their identities
- **Liveable Port Phillip** – a City that is a great place to live, where our community has access to high quality public spaces, development and growth are well-managed, and it is safer and easy to connect and travel within
- **Sustainable Port Phillip** – a City that has a sustainable future, where our environmentally aware and active community benefits from living in a bayside city that is greener, cooler, cleaner and climate resilient
- **Vibrant** – a City that has a flourishing economy, where our community and local businesses thrive, and we maintain and enhance our reputation as one of Melbourne’s cultural and creative hubs
- **Well-Governed Port Phillip** – a City that is a leading local government authority, where our community and our organisation are in a better place as a result of our collective efforts.

Victorian Government

Council’s intent is consistent with the Victorian Government’s objectives and initiatives to:

- revitalise and activate significant and much-loved Victorian public spaces for sustainable uses by the community
- create short-term and long-term employment opportunities
- boost tourism and generate a new wave of economic and social benefits for the state and the community, while creating a great place to experience
- supporting the important and vibrant Melburnian hospitality and arts sectors.

Australian Government:

Council’s intent is consistent with the Australian Government’s objectives and initiatives to:

- create short-term and long-term employment opportunities
- boost tourism through creating a destination within a world-renowned Australian locality
- generate a new wave of economic and social benefits that benefit not only the state but the nation.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

- creates short-term and long-term employment opportunities
- supports local and state-based businesses, particularly those that have struggled most during the pandemic
- attracts visitors and tourists to the area for a diverse activity while providing an opportunity to stay and explore not only St Kilda but Melbourne
- fosters community connection and collaboration
- provides open public spaces with infrastructure to support various outdoor experiences, and indoor experiences that enable greater social distancing.



Cost and current status?

Cost

Initial estimates indicate costs in the order of:

- feasibility, planning, community and stakeholder engagement, business case, design guideline development and procurement phases – approximately \$1.2 million (subject to detailed cost analysis)
- delivery (detailed design and construction) – subject to the steps detailed above and a detailed feasibility and cost analysis exercise.

More information

🔗 portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/projects-and-works/st-kilda-triangle

Status

What stage is the project up to?

- commencing a financial and technical feasibility exercise to test the currency of the various elements of the masterplan in terms of market response and the environmental and social context
- undertaking a planning exercise to engage the community and key stakeholder about the next steps
- reviewing the requirements for a planning scheme amendment.



social and affordable housing

- Public Housing Estate improvement opportunities in Port Phillip
- Renewal of Emerald Hill Court Estate
- Wellington Street Common Ground Project

Public Housing Estate improvement opportunities in Port Phillip

A City that offers quality and accessible public housing.

Major improvement of public housing estates is a critical means for growing the supply and diversity of affordable housing in the City of Port Phillip to address priority local housing needs, including for the most disadvantaged and marginalised.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to fund an estate improvement pipeline across the municipality, either through a long-term development pipeline program or the Big Housing Build program.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

The shortage of secure and affordable housing is an issue for many residents.

In the City Port Phillip, six per cent of the population live in social or public housing. With a growing population, demand on our public housing is increasing.

What is Council proposing?

Major estate improvement will increase the yield, quality and mix of social housing and provide opportunities to better integrate sites within local neighbourhoods and deliver shared public open spaces and community facilities.

Council officers have identified seven priority public housing estates across Port Phillip that would benefit from major improvement:

- Emerald Hill Court Estate, South Melbourne
- Barak Beacon Estate, Port Melbourne
- Stokes Street walk-up, Port Melbourne
- Inkerman Heights Estate, St Kilda
- Pinaroo Village, St Kilda
- Bay-Nott Estate, Port Melbourne
- Park Towers (rear car park), South Melbourne.

Major improvement of these estates provides an opportunity to achieve additional and higher quality social housing and broad public benefit. Council is willing to play a role and assist with community engagement, due to our understanding of the local community, to ensure that the engagement is fully effective.

These projects have the potential to achieve a range of social benefits including:

- Yield - significant increase in affordable and social (public and community) housing units and net new beds
- Housing mix - potential for a range of housing types, options include public, community, affordable and private (market) housing
- Design - exemplar built form, inclusive design and sustainability strategies for the wellbeing of residents and community
- Neighbourhood integration - integration of the housing mix within estates and integration of the estate with surrounding communities from a contextual response and broader public benefits
- Broader public benefit - integration and delivery of community spaces and facilities (including the potential for social enterprises or not-for-profit support services to residents), and public open space to benefit the wider community, including disadvantaged households and to increase support from the local community.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government Priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021–31: Inclusive Port Phillip – a City that is a place for all members of our community, where people feel supported and comfortable being themselves and expressing their identities.

- We will advocate for the Victorian Government, community housing organisations, and the philanthropic and private development sectors to facilitate new affordable and social housing within the municipality, including the renewal of existing social housing sites.

These projects are consistent with the target outcomes identified in our strategy, *In Our Backyard- Growing Affordable Housing in Port Phillip 2015 – 2025*: For example, a commitment to support for partnering with the Victorian Government to facilitate redevelopment of public housing estates.

Victorian Government

The project supports the goals and outcomes outlined under the Big Housing Build – Social Housing Growth Fund–Round 4: Redevelopment of Director of Housing sites.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

- creates short-term construction jobs and long-term jobs in services and housing management
- fosters community connection and collaboration through effective integration of the estate into the surrounding area and community and through provision of broader public benefits
- assists people who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 through increasing affordable housing for very low and low-income households, particularly for persons on the Priority Access category of the Victorian Housing Register
- helps integrate the estate into the local community by introducing a housing mix and community housing management
- supports local traders and businesses by increasing the number of dwellings adjoining the Clarendon Street Shopping Centre.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The cost of these projects is unknown and will require the preparation of estate masterplans and yield studies.

Status

These seven estates were identified by City of Port Phillip in 2018 as being priority estates for consideration. This is subject to work being undertaken with Homes Victoria to consider future opportunities for the sites.

Renewal of Emerald Hill Court Estate

Funding major improvement of the Emerald Hill Court Estate in the heart of South Melbourne

Secure and affordable housing presents an issue for many residents in the City of Port Phillip. Six per cent of the population lives in social (public and community) housing.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to commit to funding the major improvement of the Emerald Hill Court Estate, either through a long-term development pipeline or the Big Housing Build.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

Secure and affordable housing presents an issue for many residents in the City of Port Phillip. Six per cent of the population lives in social (public and community) housing. With a growing population, the demand on our public housing is increasing.

Emerald Hill is a key public housing site, that requires major improvement of its walk-up buildings, as they are in poor condition and are no longer fit for purpose. The buildings are old, with inadequate heating, cooling, waste disposal and poor levels of comfort and amenity for residents.

The site is also large, and there is an opportunity to significantly increase the level of social housing, and the housing mix.

What is Council proposing?

Council is advocating for major improvement of the Emerald Hill Court Estate, either through a long-term development pipeline for renewal or under the Big Housing Build.

The project is subject to work being undertaken with Homes Victoria on opportunities for the site.

The site has great potential, including the opportunity for exploring broader public open space benefits for the community through the integration of the adjoining council spaces, the potential for street closures, the co-location of community facilities or spaces and the potential for a social enterprise or space for not-for-profit services for residents.

Council is willing to play a role and assist with community engagement, due to our understanding of the local community, to ensure that the engagement is fully effective.

Council requests the Victorian Government make a commitment to allocate future capital funds for the estate.

The project has the potential to achieve the following benefits:

- Yield – significant increase in affordable and social (public and community) housing units and net new beds
- Housing mix – potential for a range of housing types, options include public, community, affordable and private (market) housing
- Design – exemplar built form, inclusive design and sustainability strategies for the wellbeing of residents and community

- Neighbourhood integration – integration of the housing mix within estates, and integration of the estate with surrounding communities from a contextual response and broader public benefits
- Broader public benefit – integration and delivery of community spaces and facilities (including the potential for social enterprises or not-for-profit support services to residents), and public open space to benefit the wider community, including disadvantaged households and increase support from the local community.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Inclusive Port Phillip – a City that is a place for all members of our community, where people feel supported and comfortable being themselves and expressing their identities.

- We will advocate for the Victorian Government, community housing organisations, and the philanthropic and private development sectors to facilitate new affordable and social housing within the municipality, including the renewal of existing social housing sites to achieve the outcomes identified in Council’s In Our Backyard Strategy.

In Our Backyard– Growing Affordable Housing in Port Phillip 2015 – 2025: support for partnering with the Victorian Government to facilitate redevelopment of public housing estates.

Victorian Government

The project supports the goals and outcomes outlined under Big Housing Build – Social Housing Growth Fund–Round 4: Redevelopment of Director of Housing sites.

How does the initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

- creates short term construction jobs and long-term jobs in services and housing management
- fosters community connection and collaboration through effective integration of the estate into the surrounding area and community, and through provision of broader public benefits
- assists people who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 through increasing affordable housing for very low and low-income households, in particular for persons on the Priority Access category of the Victorian Housing Register
- addresses social problems by introducing a housing mix and community housing management
- supports local traders and businesses by increasing the number of dwellings adjoining the Clarendon Street Shopping Centre, as some residents rely on local essential goods shops
- creates more public open spaces

Cost and current status?

Cost

The cost of this project is unknown and will require the preparation of estate masterplans and yield studies.

Status

The project is subject to work to be undertaken with Homes Victoria on future opportunities for the site.

Wellington Street Common Ground Project

A common ground approach to homelessness in St Kilda.

Council is keen to work with the Victorian Government to establish a long-term service commitment for the site.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to commit to providing an operating funding subsidy for up to 10 years to deliver the service model for the 28 Wellington Street, St Kilda, Common Ground facility, to ensure it effectively supports persons who were sleeping rough, to maintain their housing.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

Causes of homelessness are many and varied. Family violence, a critical shortage of affordable housing, unemployment, mental illness, family breakdown and drug and alcohol abuse all contribute to the level of homelessness in Australia. Homelessness is not a choice and it can happen to anyone.

The Australian Homelessness Monitor reports that homelessness has increased the most in capital cities, and that the rate of increases have been highest in the inner-city area.

Port Phillip has the fourth-highest number of homeless citizens in Victoria. The 2016 Census reported that the five LGAs with the highest levels of overall homelessness were Dandenong (2,103), Melbourne (1,721), Brimbank (1,467), Port Phillip (1,127) and Tullamarine (849).

Reflecting the prevalence of rough sleeping in inner-city areas, there are currently 97 persons who are experiencing homelessness in Port Phillip, 21 of whom are rough sleeping, with most of the remainder in temporary or emergency housing.

What is Council proposing?

Council is committed to seeing the development of a Common Ground in Wellington Street, St Kilda, to address the pressing shortage of supported residential accommodation for persons who are rough sleeping. On 2 September 2020, Council resolved to contribute \$4 million in capital funding and the adjoining surplus lane valued at \$400,000 (2020 value), to facilitate the delivery of this project by St Kilda Community Housing.

In October 2021, the Victorian Government committed the balance of capital funding required (\$3.8 million) under the Big Housing Build.

The project will deliver a 26-unit facility to be operating by mid-2023, through redevelopment of an existing social housing site. On-site consulting rooms for medical and support services, a concierge service, and communal and staff facilities are part of the plan.

The Common Ground housing model, already proven successful in Australia and overseas, features on-site support and services for those who have experienced long-term homelessness, for needs ranging from health and allied health issues, to counselling, social skills, and income and employment support. Delivery of the project will help address the level of rough sleeping in the City, which is on the rise post-COVID.

This project will support Council’s role in a coordinated service delivery response to rough sleeping. This includes allocation of dwellings to persons on the Port Phillip Zero program’s ‘By-Name List’, which identifies individuals who are rough sleeping, their circumstances, and their support needs and support agency.

A Victorian Government operating funding subsidy is required to ensure that the project's Common Ground model is viable, so that residents are supported to maintain their housing and, if possible, progress to more independent social housing.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Inclusive Port Phillip – a City that is a place for all members of our community, where people feel supported and comfortable being themselves and expressing their identities.

- We will advocate for the Victorian Government, community housing organisations, and the philanthropic and private development sectors to facilitate new affordable and social housing within the municipality, including the renewal of existing social housing sites to achieve the outcomes identified in our **In Our Backyard Strategy**.

These projects are consistent with outcomes from the reset (2018-2020) of our **In Our Backyard – Growing Affordable Housing in Port Phillip 2015 – 2025 strategy**:

- Addressing the priority need for supported housing for persons who are experiencing rough sleeping, and the Council resolution in September 2020 to contribute the \$4 million and surplus lane to support delivery by St Kilda Community Housing, which provides an effective policy response to homelessness and rough sleeping need.

Victorian Government

The project supports the goals and outcomes outlined under the Big Housing Build – Social Housing Growth Fund-Round 4: Redevelopment of Director of Housing sites.

A permanent facility with suitable operating funding offers a solution post the Victorian Government's current Homelessness to a Home program that provides accommodation for the next 18 months only.

The project also supports a proposed focus area, 'Pathways', for Homes Victoria's 10 Year Strategy for Social and Affordable Housing (outlined in Homes Victoria's February 2021 discussion paper):

- addressing the difficulty supporting persons experiencing homelessness due to the lack of social and affordable housing

- providing the opportunity to better enable people with complex needs to access holistic packages of housing and support
- ensuring that specialised housing and accommodation responses are available for those whose needs can't be met through mainstream housing such as a social housing or private rental.

How does this initiative assist the community recover from COVID-19?

A viable Common Ground project will:

- reduce the cost to government of providing health, justice and welfare services
- create short-term jobs in the construction industry and long-term jobs in the service sector, such as housing management and property maintenance services
- foster a more sustainable and resilient community, by assisting those who are at greatest risk of homelessness
- assist people who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, persons who are homeless, and those at greater risk of homelessness, including casual and low-income wage earners and persons who have been unable to work during the pandemic
- support local traders and businesses by supporting a market for local businesses.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The operational cost is subject to current negotiations between St Kilda Community Housing and Homes Victoria.

Status

The Wellington Street Common Ground project has achieved the following milestones:

- received a Council capital funding commitment (\$4.4 million in total contributions) – September 2020
- received a Victorian Government commitment for the balance of required capital funding (\$3.8 million) – October 2021
- received a planning permit from City of Port Phillip – November 2021.

Sustainability, Renewable Energy and Waste Management

- Commitment to Fishermans Bend Water Sensitive City Strategy
- Commitment to urgent action on climate change
- Elster Creek and Elsternwick Park water management
- EPA Landfill Levy to support the rollout of the Circular Economy Policy
- Investment in electric vehicle charging stations
- Updating State planning and building systems

Commitment to Fishermans Bend Water Sensitive City

Collaborative integrated water management of Fishermans Bend.

Early action on water management in Fishermans Bend is critical to creating a liveable, productive, sustainable and resilient community.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to endorse and commit to the delivery of the draft Fishermans Bend Water Sensitive City Strategy.

Priority actions in the Fishermans Bend Framework and draft Water Sensitive City Strategy include:

- land purchase and design of water recycling plant and design of reticulated recycled water network (South East Water)
- commit to conceptual design of a levee to protect Fishermans Bend from flooding
- distributed water storages - commit to design and delivery of pilot streetscape and open space projects to demonstrate implementation of the strategy in Montague and Wirraway
- finalising drainage network plans, main pipes and identify land for pump stations.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

Water management remains a constant opportunity and challenge as Fishermans Bend continues to develop. Challenges include flooding, sea level rise, site contamination and water availability.

Water management will have significant positive impacts on the area, including:

- ensuring that flood risks are managed to keep the community of Fishermans Bend safe
- enabling a multi-benefit approach that utilises public space efficiently
- building resilience into green infrastructure to combat a changing climate
- ensuring that precious freshwater resources are used efficiently.

What is Council proposing?

Fishermans Bend will be home to more than 80,000 people by 2050, with another 80,000 people visiting daily for work.

This scale and profile present a unique opportunity to build a water sensitive city precinct, as the economies of scale help support innovative infrastructure and 'best in class' water servicing and urban development approaches.

City of Port Phillip worked in partnership with the Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities (CRCWSC), Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), Melbourne Water, South East Water, and City of Melbourne to develop the draft Fishermans Bend Water Sensitive City Strategy.

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to adopt this strategy and ensure timely delivery of infrastructure and actions within the Framework and strategy that support the vision for a Water Sensitive City.

Many actions within the framework and plan are critical to supporting the planning and construction of new developments in the precinct, which are already occurring.

Complex actions, such as planning for the recycled water plant and levee, will need to start immediately to achieve the ambitious goals set out in the Fishermans Bend Framework and support a liveable, sustainable community.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Sustainable Port Phillip – a City that has a sustainable future, where our environmentally aware and active community benefits from living in a bayside city that is greener, cooler, cleaner and climate resilient.

- We will provide investment in water sensitive urban design and irrigation upgrades, including at key sports fields and parks to reduce contaminants in water entering Port Phillip Bay and optimise Council's potable water use.
- We will partner with Melbourne Water and other water stakeholders to plan and deliver Integrated Water Management projects to improve the management of water in our municipality.

Our ask also aligns with Council's **Act & Adapt Sustainable Environment Strategy 2018-28:**

- Support plans for recycled water processing at Fishermans Bend, with water being used by residents and for irrigation of Council reserves.

Victorian Government

The project delivers on the Fishermans Bend Framework and many other Victorian Government strategies and targets including Water for Victoria and the Yarra Catchment Integrated Water Management Strategic Directions Statement. It also contributes towards achieving Victorian Government agencies' strategies and targets, including Melbourne Water's Healthy Waterways Strategy and the Flood Management Strategy Port Phillip and Westernport.

How does this initiative assist the community to recovery from COVID-19?

Planning, design and construction of infrastructure will create a boost to short-term jobs. The resulting infrastructure will contribute to the success and economic growth of the Fishermans Bend precinct.



Cost and current status?

Cost

The costs to deliver water infrastructure are significant and require close collaboration between the Victorian Government, councils and water authorities.

Status

The draft Fishermans Bend Water Sensitive City Strategy is pending Victorian Government endorsement.

Commitment to urgent action on climate change

A city that has a sustainable future.

Working with Council to deliver a City that is actively mitigating and adapting to climate change.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government and Australian Government to declare a climate emergency, recognising that climate change is a global challenge and poses a serious risk to the Australian population.

We also request the Victorian and Australian Governments to commit to urgent action to reduce the impacts of climate change and, in doing so, maintain a safe environment for current and future generations.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

The next decade is a crucial window to take climate action and prevent catastrophic, irreversible damage to our planet. Council is requesting all levels of government to work together to urgently reduce emissions and to develop a strategic, funded response to adapting to a changing climate.

Climate change, including sea level rise and mass species extinction, poses serious risks to residents and communities across Port Phillip and Australia, and should be treated as an emergency.

We are already seeing the impacts of climate change and, over time, this will result in significant financial, social and environmental impacts on our community, including:

- disruption to services
- threats to human health, such as increased rates of disease and premature deaths related to extreme weather events
- damage to property
- impacts on wildlife
- inability to access parks and foreshore
- increased costs to maintain assets and economic losses.

What is Council proposing?

Council is advocating to all levels of Government to:

- commit to science-based emissions reduction targets consistent with keeping warming to 1.5°C
- fund and deliver a plan that enables us to meet these targets
- provide funding, incentives and support to Victorian businesses and residents to reduce energy, water and waste
- phase out gas and develop an electricity network upgrade plan to transition to distributed renewable energy
- increase investment in active transport and zero emissions vehicles
- require zero emission, climate resilient buildings through the planning scheme
- increase support to reduce utility bills and heat stress impacting vulnerable people, including investing in public housing and aged care facilities
- develop a strategic response to protect the coastline of Port Phillip Bay by leading changes to land use planning and adaptation infrastructure
- invest in and facilitate projects that achieve integrated water management outcomes (flood mitigation, water quality and water harvesting)
- create a circular economy, increase demand for recycled content and provide incentives to industry to drive innovation
- increase funding for health and emergency services, habitat restoration and infrastructure to respond to heatwaves, droughts, bushfires and floods.



How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian/Australian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-2031 –Sustainable Port Phillip – a City that has a sustainable future, where our environmentally aware and active community benefits from living in a bayside city that is greener, cooler, cleaner and climate resilient.

- We will advocate for increased Victorian and Australian Government support to drastically reduce carbon emissions and to deliver policies and projects to enable community members to reduce their emissions.

Our request also aligns with Council's Act & Adapt Sustainable Environment Strategy 2018-28 and Climate Emergency Declaration, including the resolution that Council:

- Advocates to the Victorian and Australian Governments to declare a climate emergency and take action to drastically reduce warming emissions in Australia and across the world.

Victorian Government

This request aligns with the Guiding Principles of the Climate Change Act and supports the delivery of Victoria's Climate Change Strategy, Building Victoria's Climate Resilience Plan, Sector Adaptation Action Plans and Victorian Government target of zero net carbon emissions by 2050. It also supports the delivery of Recycling Victoria, Water for Victoria and Biodiversity 2037.

Australian Government

This aligns with Australia's obligations under the Paris Agreement and supports the delivery of Australia's Long-Term Emissions Reduction Plan, National Climate Resilience and Adaptation Strategy and commitment to the Paris Agreement.

How does the initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

Climate change has a significant impact on the physical and mental health of Australians. Young people and vulnerable members of our community are particularly impacted.

In recent years, extreme weather events and bushfires have put pressure on health systems across Australia.

While the mental health of young people has also been particularly impacted by COVID-19, research consistently indicates that climate change is the most significant concern for young Australians.

Recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic provides a unique opportunity to deliver a 'green recovery' that delivers social, economic and environmental outcomes.

Australian and Victorian Government commitments to, and investment in, innovative sustainable technology, infrastructure and practices will create jobs and stimulate local economies.

Australian and Victorian Government commitments to planning and investing in adaptation infrastructure provides surety in uncertain times, particularly for Victorians whose homes will be impacted by flooding and sea level rise.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The cost of not addressing climate change now far outweighs the cost of reacting to climate change in the future. Although costs of individual action are not known, if emissions continue to grow at the rate seen in recent decades, and no adaptation action is taken, the estimated costs of damage from climate change in Victoria would be greater than \$150 billion by 2050.

Additionally, sea-level rise of 80 cm by 2100 could put at least an estimated \$18.3 billion worth of Victoria's coastal infrastructure at risk of inundation and erosion.

Victorian and Australian Government investment in actions to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change should be assessed on a benefit versus investment hierarchy. Actions that have high emissions reduction potential, reduce loss of life and increase social cohesion should be given top priority.

Status

Port Phillip declared a climate emergency in 2019 and is among 33 councils in Victoria and more than 100 councils in Australia to do so.

More information

- 🔗 portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/sustainability-and-climate-change
- 🔗 portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/call-for-urgent-action-on-climate-change-to-protect-communities

Elster Creek and Elsternwick Park water management

New and expanded infrastructure to reduce flooding in Port Phillip and surrounds.

The Elster Creek Catchment has a history of widespread flooding that will become further impacted by climate change over time.

What is the ask?

Council requests the Victorian and Australian Governments to commit to a partnership with the Cities of Port Phillip, Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston and Melbourne Water to help fund and deliver water management infrastructure in the Elster Creek Catchment.

What is the issue that this initiative will address?

The Elster Creek Catchment is in inner south-east Melbourne and spans across four municipal boundaries: Port Phillip, Glen Eira, Bayside and Kingston.

Flooding from the Elster Creek Catchment has major financial, environmental, safety and liveability impacts for residents of Elwood in particular.

Pollutants, nutrients and sediment from the catchment negatively impact the health of waterways and Port Phillip Bay.

What is Council proposing?

Since 2017, Melbourne Water and the four councils of the Elster Creek Catchment have been working together to support a whole-of-catchment approach to flood management and integrated water management improvements in the catchment.

Elsternwick Park Masterplan

Located in the City of Bayside, Elsternwick Park sits just across the road from the City of Port Phillip boundary. This project provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a new urban forest and wetland in the inner suburbs by converting the former golf course area of Elsternwick Park to a nature reserve.

A masterplan for the site was developed by City of Bayside, in partnership with City of Port Phillip and Melbourne Water for the Bayside and Port Phillip communities.

The project is to co-fund detailed design and delivery of the masterplan, which can be delivered in stages.

Key elements of the masterplan include:

- Environment - the reserve will provide seven habitat zones for targeted species and provide protection from pests and human activity in key areas. An expanded stormwater harvesting scheme could deliver up to 240 megalitres of harvested stormwater per year for use in nearby parks and sports fields
- Community amenity - the reserve includes improved access and linkages for pedestrian and bike riders and community and visitor facilities
- Water quality - a proposed wetland of approximately 5.5 hectares will contribute towards water quality improvements by preventing nutrients and pollutants from flowing into Port Phillip Bay. The wetlands and stormwater harvesting scheme have the potential to reduce 1,620 kilograms of Total Nitrogen (TN) per year from entering the Bay.

Elwood Drain Diversion Expansion Project

One of the major deliverables in the Elster Creek Flood Management Plan is to seek opportunities to identify new or expanded infrastructure works to reduce flooding. Elwood is one of the most flood-prone areas of Victoria. Climate change and increasing urban development will exacerbate the impact.

Melbourne Water has completed an analysis of various major infrastructure options to ultimately reduce flooding in Elwood.

The most promising option is to expand the existing drain that runs from Elwood Canal, under Elsternwick Park and Elwood Park, to Port Phillip Bay at Head Street. Melbourne Water is undertaking detailed investigations into this potential project. This includes further flood modelling, geological and soil testing, investigations into existing services and infrastructure, and assessment of environmental impacts. Once investigations are complete, Melbourne Water will engage with the community on a proposal.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian/Australian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Sustainable Port Phillip – a City that has a sustainable future, where our environmentally aware and active community benefits from living in a bayside city that is greener, cooler, cleaner and climate resilient.

We will partner with Melbourne Water and the Cities of Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston to take a holistic approach to reducing flood risk in the Elster Creek Catchment, collaboratively implementing the Elster Creek Catchment Flood Management Plan 2019-24, subject to relevant feasibility studies and available budget from all partners.

Victorian Government

The projects deliver on many Victorian Government strategies and targets including Water for Victoria, Biodiversity 2037, Port Phillip Bay Environmental Management Plan and Dandenong Catchment Integrated Water Management Strategic Directions Statement. These projects also contribute towards achieving Victorian Government agencies' strategies and targets, including Melbourne Water's Healthy Waterways Strategy.

Australian Government

The projects deliver on many Australian Government strategies and targets and support the delivery of Australia's National Climate Resilience and Adaptation Strategy.

How does the initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

Flood mitigation would reduce flood risk for communities in the catchment, improving liveability and safety.

The detailed design and delivery of both projects will create jobs for design consultants and contractors.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The total cost of delivering the Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve Masterplan is in the region of \$20 million.

The Elwood Drain Diversion Expansion Project is subject to a detailed cost analysis, due to be completed by Melbourne Water in 2022. As this is a significant and complex project, it is likely to require a considerable investment.

Status

Elsternwick Park Nature Reserve

- Masterplan and concept designs have been developed for the whole nature reserve. Stage One, the Chain of Ponds, has commenced construction.

Elwood Drain Diversion Expansion Project

- A business case has been developed and is subject to approvals. Stakeholder consultation has begun.

More information

- 📍 portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/sustainability-and-climate-change/climate-emergency-and-sustainability-action/elster-creek-catchment-flood-management-plan
- 📍 melbournewater.com.au/building-and-works/projects/elwood-diversion-drain-augmentation-project
- 📍 bayside.vic.gov.au/elsternwick-park-nature-reserve

EPA Landfill Levy to support the rollout of the Circular Economy Policy

Assisting Council to implement the Circular Economy Policy.

Helping manage the waste challenges of our increasing population with more people living in apartments, ensuring we help people to recycle more and keep our City clean.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the funds collected from local governments via the Municipal and Industrial Waste Levy be reinvested to support the rollout of the Circular Economy Policy, with a focus on the rollout of the four-service model. To support this rollout, targeted engagement programs and initiatives are also required to address waste reduction, resource recovery and recycling contamination aligned with inner metropolitan settings and communities, particularly regarding multi-unit developments.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

Major changes in the recycling industry have impacted the way waste and recyclables are collected and processed in the City of Port Phillip.

The recently released Victorian policy, 'Recycling Victoria, a new economy', requires Council to transition to a four-service waste collection model.

Funding initiatives indicated by the Victorian Government are at low levels in comparison to the cost of implementing and delivering new waste services.

An audit revealed the contamination rate of Port Phillip residential recycling bins rose from 10 per cent in 2019, to 25 per cent in April 2020. Items such as soft plastics, garden waste and e-waste were found, resulting in additional processing costs and some bins' entire contents being unable to be recycled.

What is Council proposing?

Council is proposing the Victorian Government support municipalities to transition to the four-service model, including the urgent establishment of recycling and processing capacity, especially for organics, the development of sustainable end-user markets, and support for alternate models to the four-bin model for councils with a high proportion of high-rise multi-unit developments.

To support the introduction of the four-service model, a state-wide education program is required to address and promote waste reduction, provide clear guidance on what can be disposed of in the four waste streams and support resource recovery aligned with inner metropolitan settings and communities, particularly regarding multi-unit developments.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Sustainable Port Phillip – 'Port Phillip manages waste well, maximises reuse and recycling opportunities and supports the circular economy.'

- We will advocate for increased Victorian Government support to work collaboratively with inner Melbourne councils on innovative waste management approaches, particularly for multi-unit developments.
- We will advocate for the Australian and Victorian Governments to introduce policy changes that actively foster a circular economy to make more efficient use of our limited natural resources and reduce or avoid waste.



The proposal is consistent with outcomes identified in our 'Don't Waste It!' Waste Management Strategy 2018-2028.

Victorian Government

This request aligns with the Victorian Government's circular economy policy, 'Recycling Victoria, a new economy' which requires all Victorian local governments to provide access to a four-service waste collection model by 2027 (glass) and 2030 Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO). Currently, Council will incur significant costs to both establish and deliver the two additional services. Current funding is insufficient to cover the establishment of these services.

How does the initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

Delivery of new waste services and supporting waste education programs within the City of Port Phillip will create both short- and longer-term job opportunities, to support the implementation and longer-term delivery of the new waste services. The introduction of new waste services will also support residents who have been working from home and producing greater volumes of general waste.

Cost and current status?

Cost

\$3.5 million over approximately two years.

Status

Council is reviewing our Waste Management Strategy and developing an accelerated waste services transition plan. We are planning to implement FOGO and glass waste streams in 2023.

Investment in electric vehicle charging stations

City of Port Phillip has set a target of zero net carbon emissions by 2050.

Delivering a network of electric vehicle charging infrastructure on public land throughout the municipality to support community uptake of electric vehicles.

What is the ask?

We request the Victorian and Australian Governments to provide support to increase electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Port Phillip.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

Approximately 13 per cent of Port Phillip's community emissions come from transport, including the release of 201,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually. Vehicles powered by fossil fuels also contribute significantly to urban air pollution, which impacts human health.

Council is committed to improving access to charging stations to encourage an increased uptake in use of electric vehicles (EVs) by residents and businesses in the community.

What is Council proposing?

Council is committed to delivering improved infrastructure and policies to support greater uptake in electric cars, including by:

- partnering with EV charging providers to create a network of electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- establishing policies, standards and pilot opportunities for multi-unit developments (MUDs) and properties without access to off-street parking.

The delivery of these actions will stimulate the market for EVs, supporting innovation in emerging technologies and local supply chains and improving sustainable transport choices for our community.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council has committed \$300,000 over four years (2020/21-2023/24) to deliver a Community Electric Vehicle Charging Program.

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We will partner with the Australian and Victorian Governments to explore opportunities for electric vehicle charging companies (subject to commercial interest) to install electric vehicle chargers across the City.

The request also aligns with Council's Act & Adapt Sustainable Environment Strategy 2018-28 and Move, Connect, Live Integrated Transport Strategy 2018-28 to:

- support the uptake of electric vehicles, including installation of public charging stations and investigation of planning controls to require charging infrastructure in new developments.

Victorian Government

This request supports delivery of the Victorian Government's:

- Zero Emissions Vehicle Roadmap 2021, including the target of 50 per cent of new light vehicle sales to be zero emission by 2030
- greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for 2025 and 2030 and the target of zero net emissions by 2050.



Australian Government

This initiative supports the Australian Government's:

- Future Fuels and Vehicles Strategy to increase the uptake of hybrid, hydrogen, electric and biofuelled vehicles, in particular the priority action: Electric vehicle charging and hydrogen refuelling infrastructure where it is needed
- whole-of-economy Long-Term Emissions Reduction Plan to achieve net zero emissions by 2050
- commitment to the Paris Agreement.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

This initiative would stimulate the market for electric vehicles, supporting innovation in emerging technologies and local supply chains and improving cleaner travel choices for our community.

In 2019/20, the 'Charging the Regions' project, part-funded by the Victorian Government, identified that, based on a moderate EV uptake scenario by 2030, installation of a state-wide EV charging network was modelled to avoid approximately \$12.8 million in health costs, and 600,000tCO₂-e (tonnes of carbon emissions) and potentially generate \$258 million for the economy.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The project is subject to a detailed cost analysis. Costs to install fast chargers range between \$40,000-\$100,000 per charging station, depending on the location and existing electrical infrastructure.

Status

Scoping and preliminary analysis have been completed to assess demand and identify charging opportunities on public land in Port Phillip.

Council is currently working with service providers to identify suitable locations and install the first public fast chargers. Council intends to continue rolling out this program across the City, subject to funding.

Port Phillip is the first council in Victoria to trial the introduction of a permit for community members without access to off-street parking to install a charger in the nature strip or footpath and charge their vehicle from their own electricity supply.

More information

portphillip.vic.gov.au/electric-vehicles

Updating State planning and building systems

Ensuring Victoria's planning and building systems effectively tackle climate change.

Updating planning and development policy and guidelines to require new developments to respond to the climate emergency and improve sustainability and liveability outcomes.

What is the ask?

Council requests the Victorian Government to commit to reviewing the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to align with the Climate Change Act 2017 and ensure that climate change mitigation and adaptation are embedded in Victoria's planning system.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

There are approximately 61,000 dwellings within Port Phillip and population projections predict 31,000 new dwellings will be required by 2041. Commercial development and redevelopment of existing properties will also continue to grow.

The developments constructed now will impact the municipality's sustainability for many years to come. It is projected that by 2050, half of Australia's building stock will be from 2019 onwards. The opportunity to influence future change can be made today for the benefit of current and future generations.

There is a misalignment between the Local Government Act 2020, the Climate Change Act 2017 and the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

Victoria's planning and building systems do not adequately require or direct decision-makers to factor in emissions reductions or climate change adaptation when permitting use, development and protection of land in Victoria.

What is Council proposing?

Urgent action on climate change is crucial. The opportunity to influence future change can be made today for the benefit of current and future generations.

Council is calling on the Victorian Government to update the Planning and Environment Act to specifically address climate change, in line with the Climate Change Act, and to update state planning policy and guidelines to ensure all future development supports a liveable sustainable future for our community.

This includes the following priorities:

- require all new developments to achieve net zero emissions
- strengthen requirements for onsite renewable energy, waste management, thermal performance, water efficiency, vegetation coverage and permeability
- review current tools to allow the best practically available information in relation to climate change to be used in decision-making
- provide flexibility and guidance to allow alternative adaptation options to design in flood prone areas and address policy conflicts with urban design and heritage
- update planning provisions related to retrofitting building stock to become more resilient to climate extremes. This is not currently addressed through the National Construction Code.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Sustainable Port Phillip – a City that has a sustainable future, where our environmentally aware and active community benefits from living in a bayside city that is greener, cooler, cleaner and climate resilient.

- We will partner with other councils and the Victorian Government to strengthen requirements for new developments to improve sustainability outcomes, reduce emissions, increase vegetation, better manage water and waste and adapt to climate change.

This initiative supports Council's goals for net zero emissions by 2050 and reduced potable water use.

Victorian Government

This initiative aligns with the Guiding Principles of the Climate Change Act and supports the delivery of Victoria's Climate Change Strategy 'Recycling Victoria', Water for Victoria and Biodiversity 2037 as well as the Victorian Government target of zero net carbon emissions by 2050.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

This would provide clarity and consistency for the development community and create long-term jobs in sustainable technology and infrastructure sectors. Sustainably constructed buildings reduce ongoing costs for residents, particularly for heating and cooling.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The cost of considering climate change in Victoria's planning systems is negligible compared to the cost of inaction.

If emissions continue to grow at the rate seen in recent decades, and no adaptation action is taken, the estimated costs of damage from climate change in Victoria is estimated to be over \$150 billion by 2050¹.

Status

The Victorian Greenhouse Alliances and the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment completed research in 2021 to determine what changes are needed to ensure that Victoria's planning system effectively tackles climate change.

The Victorian Government's ESD Roadmap project, currently underway, seeks to improve the environmental performance and resilience of buildings in response to urban growth and a changing climate. However, these proposed reforms will not be sufficient to meet the Victorian Government's own ambitions and targets related to sustainability and climate change, or those of many councils in Victoria.

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Transport, Mobility and Safety

- 109 tram terminus improvements
- Broadway Bridge renewal
- Commitment to Metro 2
- Early delivery of Fishermans Bend Tram
- Inkerman Street Safe Travel Corridor
- Installation of Pedestrian Operated Signals at key locations
- St Kilda Road Safety Corridor – St Kilda Junction

109 tram terminus improvements

Partnering to deliver reliable, accessible and more frequent public transport.

The tram terminus is a major gateway for visitors arriving to Victoria via Station Pier and for a growing population of residents and visitors to the precinct.

What is the ask?

Council requests the Victorian Government to commit to finalise planning and building for the planned terminus redevelopment to improve tram capacity capabilities of the 109 Box Hill to Port Melbourne route. This includes safety and amenity improvements to the adjoining public realm, including the tram plaza and the popular shared paths of the Sandridge and Bay Trails.

Council understands that a concept design for the tram works was completed in 2020 and already exists.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

The Station Pier tram terminus is the final stop on the 109-tram route that connects Port Melbourne to Box Hill via the City. However, the capacity for more frequent trams is hindered by an outdated terminus.

The terminus is a major gateway for visitors arriving to Victoria via Station Pier and for a growing population of residents and visitors to the precinct but has an unwelcoming public realm with poor amenity.

The existing terminus creates conflicts between passengers and people using the Sandridge shared path.

What is Council proposing?

As the City continues to grow, we need to work with our partners to improve reliability, capacity and frequency of public transport to reduce our reliance on cars. Council is advocating for the Victorian Government to commit to improvements to the terminus and tracks to improve tram capacity capabilities of the 109 Box Hill to Port Melbourne route by building a new terminus.

The redeveloped terminus will improve the tram plaza at Waterfront Place for residents and visitors. The plaza would also better serve and connect two major mixed-use developments that are currently planned either side of the tram terminal, 1-7 Waterfront Place and 105 Beach Street.

The project will improve safety by reducing conflict between pedestrians and bike riders near the terminus. It will also improve pedestrian connections and shade.

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Liveable Port Phillip – the City is well connected and easy to move around with options for sustainable and active transport.

Move, Connect, Live Integrated Transport Strategy 2018-28

The City is well connected and easy to move around with options for sustainable and active transport. Outcome 3 – our community has convenient public transport choices that make it easier to move and connect.

Public Space Strategy

Waterfront Place landscape Masterplan to guide the future use and design of Waterfront Place and integrate with the Station Pier upgrade. This includes consideration of the connectivity to and future use of Beacon Cove Pier, Beacon Cove Promenade, Beach Street Foreshore and the Station Pier Linear Park.

Victorian Government

The project will allow the Victorian Government to improve visitor experience at this international gateway and meet federal Disability Discrimination Act requirements to provide accessible stops and supports the goals and outcomes outlined below:

- Simple Connected Journeys Strategic Plan 2019-23: Deliver investments that unlock system wide benefits – planning for the redevelopment of Station Pier
- Plan Melbourne 20-minute neighbourhoods by connecting a large growing population in Port Melbourne and South Melbourne to CBD jobs.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

- improve attractiveness and safety of active transport along the Sandridge and Bay Trails
- create improved public amenity of Waterfront Place, which will provide increased opportunities for outdoor socialising and passive recreation
- create short-term jobs
- allow for greater social distancing through increased tram capacity
- attract tourists and visitors to the area by making it more welcoming and easier to navigate
- address a missing piece of the puzzle in the Port Melbourne Waterfront area.



Cost and current status?

Cost

The cost will be subject to a detailed cost analysis following detailed design. Council also requests \$200,000 for a landscape masterplan for the tram plaza and connections.

Status

- designs and a business case have been completed by Department of Transport (DoT)
- there is strong community support for this project
- timing is critical as nearby major developments are likely to receive approval soon and be willing to contribute to public space.

Broadway Bridge Renewal

A redeveloped bridge for the community.

The Broadway Bridge over Elwood Canal has reached the end of its useful life and requires a full replacement to protect the safety of the community and ensure it is able to continue to be used as a busy traffic thoroughfare.

What is the ask?

Council requests the Victorian Government to provide a funding contribution to the Broadway Bridge renewal.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

The Broadway Bridge in Elwood, has reached the end of its life span.

The bridge was constructed between 1905 and 1907 with an expected design life of 100 years.

A Level 3 structural assessment undertaken in 2015 found the condition of Broadway Bridge to be poor, noting its support spans could no longer bear the weight of heavy vehicles, and a 15T load limit was put in place. In 2019 an additional Level 3 structural assessment found the bridge to be in poor condition (at the end of its design life) and recommended replacing the asset.

What is Council proposing?

City of Port Phillip has commenced a project to replace the entire bridge structure to ensure this highly utilised connection remains accessible. The replacement will improve bridge user safety, increase network traffic flow and help deliver infrastructure that is able to meet the challenges of the ongoing impacts of climate change.

The project will:

- ensure through-traffic connections are maintained across the canal for vehicles, bike riders and pedestrians
- provide an infrastructure asset that will last a further expected 100 years
- provide an option to reinstate a heavier load limit, supporting additional transport and reducing the deterioration on detour routes that heavy vehicles are currently reliant on
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- maintain the heritage integrity of the bridge
- respond to flood and sea level rise for the life of the asset.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Liveable Port Phillip – a City that is a great place to live, where our community has access to high quality public spaces, development and growth are well-managed, and it is safer and easy to connect and travel within.

- We will advocate for the best possible public space outcomes that support community health and wellbeing, through infrastructure projects undertaken in our City by other levels of government and stakeholders.

Asset Management Policy 2021:

- Fit-for-purpose: assets will deliver agreed levels of service to the organisation and community in terms of function (including safety and accessibility), condition, and capacity.
- Community benefit: Council will innovatively use its asset base to support the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of the community.

Road Management Plan

- Provide sustainable and safe public road networks and infrastructure for the community.

The project also offers potential to improve pedestrian and bike riding connections with a new bridge in line with the principles of the Move, Connect, Live Strategy 2018-28.

Victorian Government

Our understanding is the bridge was a state-owned asset and most recently a DoT owned bridge until 2020 (most of the bridge's lifespan), when ownership was transferred to Council through a change in legislation. We are therefore requesting that the Victorian Government contribute to the renewal.

This project is supported by Simple Connected Journeys Strategic Plan 2019-23: Optimise the system for sustainable and reliable travel – Upgrading and renewing bridges, improving safety and productivity.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

- creates short-term jobs through design and construction of the bridge
- supports COVID-Safe travel modes such as active travel through the reinstatement of footpaths and bike paths, reducing stress on public transport.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The anticipated cost for the design and construction of the bridge is approximately \$7.7 million (including contingency and project management costs), however this is subject to a detailed cost analysis following the design development.

Status

Council is currently in Stage 1 2021/22 of the project– Investigation and Design Development, which includes:

- further level 3 inspection and structural assessments
- engagement of heritage consultant to prepare heritage impact assessment
- concept design development with key stakeholders to determine design scope, including structural elements, urban realm, heritage, transport, greening if applicable
- investigation into procurement methods and preferred option (design and construct contract, separate design and construction portions, or a novation)
- engagement with relevant authorities including but not limited to Melbourne Water (canal and flood impacts), Department of Transport (bus route), utility companies (gas and water connections on bridge)
- development and implementation of communications and engagement plan relevant to scale of design. Stage 2 (detailed design and procurement) is expected in 2022/23, with Stage 3 (construction) to start in 2023/24.

Commitment to Metro 2

A city shaping project that will provide a significant uplift in rail services for the region.

Metro 2 will relieve future pressure on the public transport network, improve access to jobs and services, and provide urban renewal opportunities in key precincts. ts.

What is the ask?

Victorian Government

Council is seeking the Victorian Government to commit to bringing forward the business case for the Melbourne Metro 2 (MM2) project by 2026 and protect the land required for it to happen.

In particular, Council is requesting that a station in the Wirraway precinct be delivered to support the significant proposed resident and jobs growth by 2051.

Australian Government

Council is requesting the Australian Government to partner with the Victorian Government to commit to the early delivery of train infrastructure to Fishermans Bend, which includes a National Employment and Innovation Cluster (NEIC).

What is the issue this initiative will address?

High-capacity public transport and good active transport provision for Fishermans Bend are the required catalyst for development and job creation.

In 2018, Council commissioned PWC to complete a Fishermans Bend Economic and Transport Infrastructure Study. They found that:

- the tram and train would be transformative and that pushing back the timing of the tram risks lower density and more dispersed development outcomes
- early delivery of major public transport projects, such as the tram, is far and away the biggest determinant of success for the precinct
- Delivery of rail based public transport will maximise jobs and provide an anchor for development that could not be achieved by other initiatives.

What is Council proposing?

Council is seeking the Victorian Government to bring forward the business case for the Melbourne Metro 2 (MM2) project by 2026.

Melbourne Metro 2, with a stop in the Wirraway Precinct of Fishermans Bend, will unlock jobs growth through improved access in the area by providing a connection to the wider Melbourne train network.

Melbourne Metro 2 involves the construction of a new rail tunnel to fix a missing link by connecting Newport to Clifton Hill, accompanied by electrification to Geelong. This includes a station at Fishermans Bend, improving the connectivity of residents and businesses to the CBD and greater Melbourne.

Melbourne Metro 2 also provides broad network benefits such as improving capacity in the City Loop, improving train capacity to growth areas in Melbourne's west and north, and unlocking the potential to deliver new rail lines. The project also provides the opportunity for new electrified Geelong services to operate and provide a more direct route to Southern Cross.

The project will:

- directly create 7,000 jobs and indirectly support even more jobs
- reduce traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions (emissions caused by cars are three times more per passenger kilometre than trains)
- encourage sustainable and integrated transport options
- improve the capacity of the network, deliver more frequent services and improve connections to Fishermans Bend
- strengthen the economy of the region by providing greater access to jobs and services.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian/Australian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Liveable Port Phillip – the City is well connected and easy to move around with options for sustainable and active transport.

The Move, Connect, Live Integrated Transport Strategy 2018-28 highlights that further assistance is required from the Victorian Government to grow and improve the transport network, including construction of the Melbourne Metro 2 train connection to Fishermans Bend.

Victorian Government

The Fishermans Bend Integrated Transport Plan and Infrastructure Victoria's 30-year strategy further supports that rail links are critical to realising the development potential of the precinct, which is projected to have 80,000 new residents and 80,000 jobs by 2050.

Australian Government

The proposal aligns with the Australian Government Infrastructure Investment Program, which is part of the Government's broader strategy to bust congestion, better connect our regions, meet our national freight challenge, get Australians home sooner and safer, and build a stronger and more resilient Australia.

How does the initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

The delivery of MM2 will strengthen the economy, providing direct employment during planning and construction and greater access to jobs and services, while aligning the public transport network with future development and population growth demands.



Cost and current status?

Cost

The estimated total cost of the project, including trains, works on affected lines and the tunnel itself is between \$27.4 billion to \$36.7 billion. This cost estimate is subject to a detailed cost analysis as part of a full business case.

Status

- identified as Recommendation 61 in Infrastructure Victoria's Infrastructure Victoria Strategy 2021-2051
- public transport access to Fishermans Bend has been included as a High Priority Initiative within Infrastructure Australia's Infrastructure Priority List 2021
- Fishermans Bend Framework 2018 endorses Metro Melbourne 2.

More information

- infrastructurevictoria.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/1.-Victorias-infrastructure-strategy-2021-2051-Vol-1.pdf

Early delivery of Fishermans Bend tram

The tram will maximise jobs and provide an anchor for development in the area.

Early delivery of major public transport projects, such as the tram, will be the biggest determinant of success for the Fishermans Bend precinct.

What is the ask?

Victorian Government

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to commit to the early delivery of tram infrastructure serving the Sandridge and Wirraway Precincts in Fishermans Bend.

Council is requesting the early delivery of the southern light rail connection to support precinct development and growth for the Sandridge and Wirraway Precincts.

Australian Government

Council is requesting the Australian Government to partner with the Victorian Government to commit to the early delivery of the tram.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

The lack of high capacity public transport and poor active transport provision to Fishermans Bend is a key issue.

In 2018, Council commissioned PWC to complete a Fishermans Bend Economic and Transport Infrastructure Study. They found that:

- the tram and train would be transformative and that pushing back the timing of the tram risks lower density and more dispersed development outcomes
- early delivery of major public transport projects, such as the tram, is far and away the biggest determinant of success for the precinct
- the tram will maximise jobs and provide an anchor for development that could not be achieved by other initiatives.

If Fishermans Bend is to achieve its potential of hosting 80,000 residents and 80,000 jobs by 2050 and accommodate 80 per cent of trips made by sustainable transport by 2050, the early delivery of a Fishermans Bend Tram link is essential.

What is Council proposing?

Council is proposing to work with City of Melbourne and the Victorian Government for the early delivery of a tram to Fishermans Bend. The tram is the most important project, in terms of the catalytic effect it will have on the area. It will frame the type of private sector investment in the surrounding development, ensuring quality outcomes.

The Victorian Budget 2019/20 invested \$4.5 million to plan for a potential tram service between Fishermans Bend and the CBD. Planning work has commenced and will develop options for the potential tram route, including options for a river crossing, and potential corridors along Turner and Plummer streets.

A preliminary business case for the tram is yet to be released by the Victorian Government.

Catalytic infrastructure is an upfront investment to stimulate growth that will strengthen and protect long-term community development. Both Council and the Victorian Government recognise the need for catalytic investment such as the tram.



How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian/Australian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Liveable Port Phillip – a City that is a great place to live, where our community has access to high quality public spaces, development and growth are well-managed, and it is safer and easy to connect and travel within.

- We will partner with the Victorian Government to deliver outcomes in the Fishermans Bend strategic framework.
- We will advocate to the Victorian Government to develop a sustainable funding and financing strategy to enable the timely delivery of local infrastructure at Fishermans Bend and to provide early delivery of high frequency public transport links to Fishermans Bend.

Move, Connect, Live Integrated Transport Strategy 2018-28: Outcome 3 Action 26 – advocate to Victorian and Australian Governments to deliver the Fishermans Bend tram by 2022. The strategy outlines the proposed alignment of the Fishermans Bend tram in Map 3: Council's proposed public transport network by 2028.

Victorian Government

Council has been advocating for the early delivery of the Fishermans Bend Tram since the release of the Fishermans Bend Integrated Transport Plan 2017 and the Fishermans Bend Framework.

The Victorian Budget 2021/22 invested \$15 million over two years to plan for a potential tram service between Fishermans Bend and the CBD.

The project supports Victorian Government goals and outcomes outlined under the Fishermans Bend Integrated Transport Plan 2017:

- In the medium term, it is recommended that northern and southern light rail connections are provided to support precinct development and growth, with the initial priority being the northern alignment.

Simple Connected Journeys Strategic Plan 2019-23: Design and plan a people-focused system – Planning for transport connections between Fishermans Bend and the Melbourne CBD.

Fishermans Bend Framework: Sustainability goal 1 – a connected and liveable community

- Objective 1.1 Deliver public transport services that connect to the existing Melbourne network and are a 10-minute walk from all residences and workplaces.

Australian Government

The proposal aligns with the Australian Government Infrastructure Investment Program, which is part of the Government's broader strategy to bust congestion, better connect our regions, meet our national freight challenge, get Australians home sooner and safer, and build a stronger and more resilient Australia.

How does the initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

The early delivery of tram services and dedicated active transport infrastructure into the precincts of Fishermans Bend will:

- support greater uptake of COVID-Safe travel options through delivery of the tram and associated streetscape and urban realm improvements
- strengthen the economy through linking Fishermans Bend to Docklands and the CBD
- provide greater access to jobs and services.

It will align the public transport network with urban redevelopment and the growing population demands on the transport network for getting around metropolitan Melbourne.

Cost and current status?

Cost

High level cost estimate of \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion.

Costing is subject to more detailed cost analysis as part of the Department of Transport's preliminary business case for public transport in Fishermans Bend, due for completion by June 2023.

Status

- preliminary business case under development by the Department of Transport
- the Victorian Budget 2021/22 invested \$15 million over two years to plan for a potential tram service between Fishermans Bend and the CBD
- identified as Recommendation 43 in Infrastructure Victoria's Infrastructure Victoria Strategy 2021-2051
- proposal has been included as a High Priority Initiative within Infrastructure Australia's Infrastructure Priority List 2021
- preliminary scoping completed by the Victorian Government
- Fishermans Bend Framework 2018, with strategic level tram and active transport network, endorsed.

More information

transport.vic.gov.au/getting-around/public-transport/fishermans-bend-tram

Inkerman Street Safe Travel Corridor

Increasing the safety of all road users on Inkerman Street.

The Inkerman Safe Travel Corridor has been identified as a priority as it has the potential to reduce pedestrian, bike rider and driver crashes. It also holds the potential to attract new bike riders.

What is the ask?

Council requests the Victorian Government to provide a funding contribution to the Inkerman Street Safe Travel Corridor.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

The City of Port Phillip faces significant parking and traffic congestion challenges that require a significant shift to sustainable transport modes. A bike riding culture also requires appropriate levels of bike parking facilities and behaviour change support. The best outcomes are bike lanes that are safely separated from traffic, parking and pedestrians, creating continuous routes between destinations. Protected bike corridors are suitable for people of all ages, genders and abilities, connecting the community to key destinations across our City.

Inkerman Street is currently one of the most dangerous cycling corridors in the City of Port Phillip.

The road spans two councils, and is a major connector to the CBD, St Kilda Road Bike Corridor, and other key tourist attractions.

What is Council proposing?

Council seeks to install a protected bike corridor, pedestrian crossing and landscaping on Inkerman Street between Hotham Street and St Kilda Road, extending for 1200 metres in Port Phillip and a total of 5 km within the Cities of Port Phillip and Glen Eira, to improve safety and connectivity for riders.

Protected bike lanes shield bike riders from both moving traffic and people exiting parked cars, while painted buffers provide more space between moving traffic and people exiting parked cars. They also shorten crossing distances for pedestrians and slow traffic making the street safer for all road users.

There are four key objectives of the Inkerman Street Safe Travel Corridor:

- increasing safety for all road users
- attracting a broader range of people, of all ages, genders and abilities, to ride a bike
- increasing travel choices by providing a safe alternative to public transport and cars
- minimising and mitigating parking loss and maximising tree retention.

The corridor is identified as a key priority corridor within Council's Integrated Transport Strategy. This project will deliver on Action 18 of Council's **Move, Connect, Live Integrated Transport Strategy 2018-28** by delivering Inkerman Street (6A) corridor. This is a high-ranking corridor to be delivered by Council.

Council is working with Glen Eira City Council on the shared section of Inkerman Road between Hotham Street and Orrong Road to connect with its proposed Safe Cycling Corridor pilot for Inkerman Road.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021–31: Liveable Port Phillip – the City is well connected and easy to move around with options for sustainable and active transport.

- We will provide improvements to the way people move around our City by delivering on commitments outlined in Council's **Move, Connect, Live Strategy** including walking, bike riding and shared transport projects such as the Garden City Bike Corridor by 2021/22, prioritised in line with available funding each year.
- We will partner with the Victorian Government and connecting councils to provide temporary and permanent bicycle infrastructure that helps to support people to ride safely through our City.
- We will advocate for the Australian and Victorian Governments to invest in projects that provide alternative, active and sustainable forms of transport including the St Kilda Road Bike Lanes Project.

Move, Connect, Live Integrated Transport Strategy 2018–28 (on Action 18 – 6A). The Inkerman Street Safe Travel Corridor is identified as a key priority corridor within Council's Integrated Transport Strategy.

Council recently endorsed the progression of this project to concept design.

Victorian Government

The Inkerman Street Safe Travel Corridor is a designated Strategic Cycling Corridor within the Victorian Government **Movement and Place Framework**.

The project supports the delivery of goals identified in the Victorian **Cycling Strategy 2018–28**.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

Bike riding is a healthy, low impact, low cost and often more convenient way to travel short to medium distances (2 – 10 km) that will be relied on even more by the community to support the safe movement of people travelling both to and through the municipality during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. Once complete, this corridor will provide a viable alternative to the Caulfield Line for people travelling into the City from Malvern and Caulfield.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The estimated cost of the project ranges between \$3.5 million and \$7 million, depending on the concept design option. It is important to note these are high-level estimates and will be further refined once the concept designs are completed and a detailed cost analysis can be undertaken.

Status

Council recently endorsed the development of three concept designs.

More information

haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/inkerman-safe-travel-corridor

Installation of Pedestrian Operated Signals at key locations

Improving pedestrian safety and connectivity.

Great streets are outcomes of great design. Our street design prioritises safety and comfort and facilitates the movement of people and goods.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to install Pedestrian Operated Signals at the following locations:

- on Williamstown Road at Beacon Road to support the new Port Melbourne Secondary College and at Raglan Street to replace the existing unsafe zebra crossing. Both are needed to connect Fishermans Bend to the wider area
- at Blessington Street and Marine Parade in St Kilda, to support the Marina Development
- on Alma Road between Westbury and Chapel Street.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

The lack of safe pedestrian and bicycle crossing points over major roads limits access to schools, recreation, shopping areas and public transport. Without safe crossings, people with disability, children and older people lose mobility and there is generally more reliance on private vehicles.

What is Council proposing?

Walking is the most basic form of mobility and needs to connect well to other modes of transport. For example, we walk to the car or public transport, and walk our bicycles through high pedestrian traffic areas and across intersections. We can achieve growth in the number of walking trips across our City by improving the connectivity of our footpaths.

Council is advocating for the Victorian Government to fund the installation of Pedestrian Operated Signals in Elwood, Port Melbourne and St Kilda

- Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne, carries large volumes of traffic including freight with two lanes in each direction and has limited safe crossing points. Increasing residential and commercial development, and new recreational and social infrastructure throughout Fishermans Bend, such as the new Port Melbourne Secondary School, are increasing the need for signalised crossing points that are safe for students and older adults.
- The St Kilda foreshore is an attraction of state significance but has limited opportunities for access from the local area. There is a stretch of over 700 metres along Marine Parade, St Kilda, between the crossing from Luna Park at Cavell Street, down to the crossing at the south end of the St Kilda Marina at Dickens Street. An additional crossing is needed at Blessington Street to provide safe access to the Marina Development and foreshore. A crossing would also facilitate access to buses on Barkly Street and the 96-tram terminus on Acland Street.
- On Alma Road, between Westbury Strt and Chapel Street, there is about 450 metres between the existing signalised intersections and several schools and pre-schools in the area and Alma Park. There is a lack of access to high-quality public space in this area, which also has a higher proportion of children compared to the rest of our City and a projected population increase of nine per cent by 2041.

The projects will encourage walking, increase access to open space and increase pedestrian safety.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Liveable Port Phillip – the City is well connected and easy to move around with options for sustainable and active transport.

- We will provide improvements to the way people move around our City by delivering on commitments outlined in Council’s **Move, Connect, Live Strategy** including walking, bike riding and shared transport projects such as the Garden City Bike Corridor by 2021/22, prioritised in line with available funding each year.

Move, Connect, Live Integrated Transport Strategy 2018-28: Outcome 2 Action 15 – Deliver pedestrian projects that create safe, high amenity walking routes and reduce barriers to crossing major roads.

Increased pedestrian trips contribute to outcomes in a number of our Council’s other strategies, including the Act and Adapt Sustainable Environment Strategy, which includes community greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals supported by promoting healthy travel options, the **Art and Soul – Creative and Prosperous City Strategy** through its placemaking initiatives, and the upcoming Public Place Strategy.

Victorian Government

The project supports the goals and outcomes outlined under the **Simple Connected Journeys Strategic Plan 2019-23:** Operate a safe and inclusive system – Upgrading intersections, installing new traffic lights and building safer pedestrian crossings in regional Victoria and our suburbs.

It also supports sustainability goal 1 – a connected and liveable community in the **Fishermans Bend Framework**. This project contributes to achieving Objective 1.2.6 which aims to “Improve the pedestrian connectivity across major roads between Fishermans Bend and Port Melbourne, South Melbourne and Docklands including Williamstown Road and Lorimer Street”.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

- creates short-term jobs
- fosters community connection and collaboration
- creates better access to high quality open spaces
- supports COVID-Safe travel modes via bike and walking, including travelling to school.

Cost and current status?

Cost

Cost estimates are \$1.2 million for installation of one signalised intersection on Williamstown Road, \$1 million for Alma Road and \$1.2 million for Marine Parade. These cost estimates are subject to detailed design.

Status

Scoping, preliminary designs, cost analysis planned for December 2022 for a signalised intersection on Williamstown Road with similar work for Marine Parade and Alma Road planned for completion in June 2023.

	Stage of project	Cost estimate
Williamstown Road	Planned for December 2022	Construction of a single POS \$1.2 m
Marine Parade	To be completed by 30 June 2023	\$1.2 m
Alma Road	To be completed by 30 June 2023	\$1 m

St Kilda Road Safety Corridor – St Kilda Junction

St Kilda Road is a key transport corridor used by pedestrians and bike riders as well as tram, bus and vehicle commuters.

St Kilda Road is one of Melbourne’s busiest transport corridors, carrying more than 300,000 people daily.

What is the ask?

Council is requesting the design and delivery of this project be brought forward by the Victorian Government.

Council is requesting the Victorian Government to ensure, as part of its accelerated delivery, that St Kilda Junction is included as an essential part of the St Kilda Road Safety Improvement Project.

What is the issue this initiative will address?

St Kilda Road is Victoria’s busiest tram corridor, one of Melbourne’s busiest cycle routes, as well as one of the most dangerous for bike riders and pedestrians.

The seriousness of these risks became apparent in 2020 when a bike rider was tragically killed by a truck at the St Kilda Junction near the Queens Road on-ramp. As more people pursue bike riding as an alternative to public transport, particularly due to COVID-19, accidents involving riders on St Kilda Road are likely to rise.

What is Council proposing?

The Victorian Government is investing \$27.3 million to build new bike lanes that physically separate drivers and bike riders to make St Kilda Road safer for all road users. A business case is being provided to Government for consideration.

Council is concerned that the business case will not include vital improvements to the St Kilda Junction, which has significant safety risks.

The project will:

- create jobs and stimulate the economy with an infrastructure project
- support the broader economy by helping people return to work through stronger transport connections between the inner southern suburbs, Melbourne’s CBD and major activity centres
- relieve demand on Victoria’s busiest tram corridor to levels where safe physical distancing is possible
- address potential for heightened road congestion for commuters
- improve the safety of a significant road safety black length by reducing conflict points between people driving and bike riding, and the resulting rate of collisions involving bike riders.

How does this initiative align with the Council Plan and Victorian Government priorities?

Council

Council Plan 2021-31: Liveable Port Phillip – the City is well connected and easy to move around with options for sustainable and active transport.

- We will provide improvements to the way people move around our City by delivering on commitments outlined in Council's **Move, Connect, Live Strategy** including walking, bike riding and shared transport projects such as the Garden City Bike Corridor by 2021/22, prioritised in line with available funding each year.
- We will partner with the Victorian Government and connecting councils to provide temporary and permanent bicycle infrastructure that helps to support people to ride safely through our City.
- We will advocate for the Australian and Victorian Governments to invest in projects that provide alternative, active and sustainable forms of transport including the St Kilda Road Bike Lanes Project.

Move, Connect, Live Integrated Transport Strategy 2018-28: Outcome 2 No. 20 – Partners with VicRoads to deliver a better walking, bike riding and public transport environment along St Kilda Road.

Victorian Government

By upgrading the St Kilda Road corridor and building protected bike riding infrastructure, the St Kilda Road Safety Improvement Project will create stronger connections between the inner southern suburbs and Melbourne's major activity centres, including the CBD, Chapel Street and Domain precincts.

The Victorian Government has committed funding to deliver this project.

The project supports the delivery of goals identified in the Victorian Cycling Strategy 2018-28.

How does this initiative assist the community to recover from COVID-19?

The project is designed to address the significant challenges of traffic congestion and reduced transport capacity as a result of COVID-19, by promoting safe active transport as a viable alternative.

Construction of the pilot trial will create jobs, stimulating the economy.

The project will also help kickstart the economy by helping people return to work through stronger transport connections between the inner southern suburbs, Melbourne's CBD and major activity centres.

As a pilot trial, this project will enable the fast tracking of the ultimate redesign of St Kilda Road and brings forward the associated social, economic and environmental benefits.

Cost and current status?

Cost

The total cost of the project, with the inclusion of the St Kilda Junction, is unknown and will require a detailed cost analysis.

Status

Council understands the Victorian Government is progressing the development of the business case for the project with the following key activities in progress:

- multiple concept design options for the corridor
- traffic modelling
- investigations including environmental, social impact, planning, heritage and landscape.





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