

COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN 2024-2025

PROGRESS REPORT Q1



INTRODUCTION

Welcome

Guiding the way Council delivers its services and plans for the future is the 2021–25 Council Plan. This plan was developed following the most recent election and revised in 2023-24. The plan outlines the objectives and aims of Council over its four-year term. Development of the plan included significant community consultation at community forums and social media.

Council has committed to four directions that will guide our actions and resources for a period of four years:

1. Vibrant, Respectful and Connected – making sure our community is one where all our people are valued, and no one is left behind
2. Prosperous, Liveable and Flourishing – building on Darebin’s strengths in relation to business, services and industry, and creating a city where all services and facilities to support a balanced, healthy life are easily accessible to our residents
3. Climate, Green and Sustainable – ensuring Darebin is a leader in responding to the climate emergency, and our natural environment is protected and enhanced
4. Responsible, Transparent and Responsive – recognising we are here to serve our community, in all its diversity, and that we govern transparently and accountably.

For more detail on the Council Plan, go to www.darebin.vic.gov.au/About-Council/Council-structure-and-performance/Council-plan

Supporting the Council Plan is an annual Action Plan which sets out our work for the financial year to ensure that the objectives of the Council Plan are implemented.

We invite you to read on to see what we’ve done to implement the Council Plan in the first quarter of the 2024-25 financial year.

INTRODUCTION

How to Read This Report

This document outlines our progress in completing the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan.

There are four sections to this report:

Section one provides an overview of the 10 Big Action themes.

Section two provides the quarter one action commentary and progress status for the 71 actions from the 2024-25 Council Plan Action Plan. The actions are arranged by Council Plan strategic direction/objective and have commentary that outlines the progress against that action as at 30 September 2024.

Section three is the Capital Works Portfolio Status Report for Quarter One which provides the status and progress of all programs and major projects.

Section four is the status of Council Resolutions report which provides a summary of the organisation's progress in implementing Council's decisions for the 2023-24 financial year.

Darebin at a Glance

The City of Darebin is located between five and fifteen kilometres north of Melbourne's central business district.

It has been home to the Wurundjeri people for many thousands of years.

Our city covers 53 square kilometres of land stretching from the inner northern suburbs of Northcote and Fairfield to Reservoir and Bundoora.

In 2023, our city's estimated population was 155,683 people, and this is forecast to increase to 216,417 by 2046.

We are home to one of Victoria's largest and most diverse communities in the realms of culture, language, religion, socioeconomic background, employment status, occupation and housing need. In 2021, 46,688 of our residents were born overseas; 18 per cent had arrived in Australia in the five years prior.

We have a diverse mix of properties – with 68,081 residential properties, 4,661 business properties and 531 mixed-use properties. Our largest industries are education and training, retail, manufacturing, health care and social assistance.

As a Council, we are responsible for a large part of our city's infrastructure and natural habitat. We own, manage, or maintain 333 buildings, 790 hectares of open space, 27 sports reserves, seven natural reserves, 57 playing fields/sports grounds, 130 playgrounds, 29 wetlands, 84,300 trees, 530 km of roads, 30 km of shared paths, 1,045 km of sealed footpaths, 66 road and foot bridges, 628 km of stormwater pipes, 23,194 stormwater pits, and 30 gross pollutant traps (structures that trap solid waste such as litter).

While our city's social and economic prosperity is changing, with more of our residents earning higher incomes, we still have many of our residents experiencing disadvantage.

The Socio-Economic Index for Areas (SEIFA) score ranks areas based on indicators that contribute to disadvantage (including unemployment and income). In 2021, Darebin's SEIFA disadvantage score was 1018, which is the same as for Greater Melbourne.

In December 2023, our job seeker rate was 4.3 per cent. This is 0.5 percentage points higher than the unemployment rate for Greater Melbourne (3.8 per cent), and Victoria overall (also 3.8 per cent).

10 BIG ACTIONS

Big Action Number	Council Plan Strategic Action Numbers	Big Action Description
BA1	(None in 2024-25)	Build Infrastructure for the future by developing Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre, redeveloping BT Connor Pavilion in Reservoir, and building Darebin Intercultural Centre in Preston.
BA2	2-2 2-3 2-6	Plan infrastructure for decades to come by redeveloping Reservoir Leisure Centre, activating Edwardes Lake Boat House in Reservoir, building new kindergarten facilities, and undertaking a feasibility study for a Global Learning Hub in Preston.
BA3	2-15 2-16 3-1 3-18	Continue to lead with our response to the climate emergency by updating our Climate Emergency Plan to set out how to best achieve zero greenhouse gas emissions for Darebin by 2030, offering solar installations and energy retrofits to pensioners and vulnerable communities, delivering new business and community power purchase partnerships, supporting a shift to a circular economy and programs aimed to improve safety for people cycling, walking and wheeling, increasing active travel which will also reduce transport emissions.
BA4	1-1 1-2 1-3 1-4	Deepen our commitment to truth and justice for First Nations communities in partnership with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples who live and work in Darebin.
BA5	2-40	Support vulnerable members of our community by providing support with COVID-19 recovery, expanding our Homelessness Assertive Outreach program, and supporting community-led programs in East Reservoir and East Preston, to achieve greater physical and mental health, and wellbeing for all.

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BA6	2-49	Champion local business and creative industries by providing support with COVID-19 recovery, facilitating the establishment of a Darebin Chamber of Commerce, and improving the lighting and safety of our retail precincts and business activity centres.
BA7	1-6 1-7 1-10 1-12 1-13 1-14 1-19 1-35	Build a more inclusive community for all by supporting Darebin’s multicultural communities, reducing racism and discrimination, increasing access to our Council’s services and sporting assets by groups who are under-represented, developing our Disability Action Plan, to improve access for all to our services and infrastructure, and achieving Rainbow Tick accreditation (best practice in LGBTQIA+ inclusion) for our services and activities.
BA8	(None in 2024-25)	Improve the quality of development and work to protect all that we love about Darebin by pursuing protections for Preston Market, conducting a Planning Scheme review informed by in-depth community consultation, and reviewing to amend our Parking Permit Policy. [NOT INCLUDED ON 24/25 CPAP]
BA9	3-11	Protect our natural environment and biodiversity by significantly improving water quality in Edwardes Lake, increasing tree canopy coverage in our parks, residential areas and retail precincts, and enhancing understorey planting.
BA10	1-20 2-6	Expand our delivery of quality universal services across the lifespan by providing more three-year old kindergarten places, continuing to deliver our flagship Age Friendly Darebin Project, expanding aged care direct services, and registering to become a home care package provider.

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1.0: Vibrant, Respectful and Connected

1.1: We will prioritise and respect the voices and aspirations of Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin



H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	<p>[1-1] In consultation with the Traditional Owners, Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee and local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities develop and commence implementation of a three-year Aboriginal Action Plan</p> <p>Key elements of this Plan, in addition to items mentioned in the Council Plan, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop partnerships with local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations to enhance our work towards mutual goals • A meaningful and comprehensive response to the six key requests of DAAC's Our Black Lives Matter statement to Council • Continue to implement and expand our Aboriginal Employment Strategy and Aboriginal Action Plan • Begin discussions with Traditional Owners to understand the feasibility and resources required for Council to hand back land and responsibility for land management 	Finalise and commence implementation of the Aboriginal Action Plan.	A draft action Plan has been developed and shared with internal stakeholders. Options for the best approach to community engagement are currently being considered and this will be discussed with Councillors.		On Track
	[1-2] Progress a partnership with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation and continue to progress "decolonising" Bundoora Park	Progress a partnership with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation and continue to progress "decolonising" Bundoora Park	Work continues on the Bundoora Park Truth-Telling display in consultation with the Wurundjeri Woi wurrung Elders.		On Track

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H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[1-3] Deliver initiatives that support truth telling, and provide opportunities for culturally diverse communities, and our broader Darebin community, to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history	Deliver initiatives that support truth telling, and provide opportunities for culturally diverse communities, and our broader Darebin community, to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history	We are in the 7th Year of the Schools Yarning Conference to be delivered at Bundoora Park, which includes Darebin schools Year 5. The Schools Yarning Conference supports all schools to embed teaching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and Truth-Telling about Australia's history of colonisation. This year's theme is 'Keep the Fire Burning - Blak, Loud and Proud'.		On Track
	[1-4] Increase support to Aboriginal community-controlled organisations by incorporating a specific funding stream into our Community Grants Program	Implement the Aboriginal community-controlled Grants stream which was established in 2023-24	This grant round opened on 28 October. The delayed launch was due to Council election and caretaker period.		Delayed

1.2: We will develop partnerships with organisations from across our city, to value and include people from multicultural and diverse backgrounds

H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[1-6] Support and promote a significant increase in participation in Darebin's sports clubs, in particular, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, women, girls, people of all abilities, and multicultural and diverse communities	Support and promote a significant increase in participation in Darebin's sports clubs, in particular, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, women, girls, people of all abilities, and multicultural and diverse communities	There are 5,031 registered 2024-25 annual and summer season participants, a 4% increase from the previous year. Participants include 905 from CALD backgrounds, 135 from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds, and 381 from low socio-economic environments. To provide an opportunity for our community to try something new, Our Winter Get Active in Darebin program included free introductory activities like all abilities and carers pickleball, chair yoga, Go Soccer Mums, parents and bubs swimming, and barefoot bowls.		On Track

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	[1-7] Encourage and reward sporting and leisure groups/sporting teams that use Council's recreation spaces, by reducing user fees to those that demonstrate inclusion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples, women, girls, people of all abilities, and multicultural and diverse communities	Encourage and reward sporting and leisure groups/sporting teams that use Council's recreation spaces, by reducing user fees to those that demonstrate inclusion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples, women, girls, people of all abilities, and multicultural and diverse communities	A full review of the program is being undertaken in 2024-25 as part of a wholistic review of relevant leisure-related policies. This review builds on previous benchmarking with other Councils and a club survey undertaken in 2023-24. Applications for the Performance Subsidy Program for Annual sports clubs were submitted in September.		On Track
	[1-9] Partner with Bowel Cancer Screening, Cancer Council Victoria and local community organisations to increase awareness of bowel cancer and improve community understanding, including for Aboriginal and culturally and linguistically diverse communities, of the benefits of screening, with a particular focus on underrepresented groups undertaking bowel cancer screening	Partner with Bowel Cancer Screening, Cancer Council Victoria and local community organisations to increase awareness of bowel cancer and improve community understanding, including for Aboriginal and culturally and linguistically diverse communities, of the benefits of screening, with a particular focus on underrepresented groups undertaking bowel cancer screening	Materials from Cancer Council Victoria were used to develop new social media posts with key messages that raise awareness of bowel cancer in the community. These messages will be shared on Council's social media platforms in 2024-2025 financial year.		On Track

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1.3: We will help to build an inclusive and empowered community, where social cohesion and community harmony are fostered



H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[1-10] Develop the Disability Action Plan to improve access to services and infrastructure for our residents and visitors	Implement the Disability Action Plan to improve access to services and infrastructure for our residents and visitors	The Disability Action Plan is progressing well, with a strong focus on accessible communication this year. Several areas, including Communications, Supported and Connected Living, and Diverse Communications, have made accessibility improvements and are implementing these across Council. The Darebin Intercultural Centre has automated the accessible toilet, purchased hearing loops, and commenced using Auslan interpretation for many programs, including the Cultural Diversity Oration. The Darebin Disability Advisory Committee has provided feedback on several important projects, including the new Council Plan, Route 86 Tram Accessibility Upgrades, and the new Hard Waste Trial. Planning for International Day for People with Disability is underway, with two community partnerships finalized and projects being delivered between December 2024-March 2025 in partnership with Darebin Libraries.		On Track
	[1-12] Develop and deliver a program to support middle years students (later primary school, and early secondary school-aged) from Darebin schools to connect with each other, and take action on systemic racism issues together, to support student voices	Undertake advocacy to seek funding to deliver anti-racism programs	The NAIDOC Yarning Conference 2024 was held on 22 October. Yarning Conference addressed systemic racism issues from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lenses for 470 Year 5 students across 21 Darebin primary schools. The Antiracism Pilot Program Evaluation Report is being reviewed, including considering funding and partnership opportunities.		On Track

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H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[1-13] Develop a Cultural Diversity Action Plan to improve access, participation and engagement of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds including:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to venues and encourage participation in Council services where participation is low • Work with our sporting and recreation clubs to increase participation • Identify creative opportunities to reflect Darebin's different cultures in the built environment across our city • Work with our local organisations to create an active Community Leader network comprising community leaders from our culturally diverse communities 	Finalise a Cultural Diversity Action Plan to improve access, participation and engagement of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds including:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to venues and encourage participation in Council services where participation is low • Work with our sporting and recreation clubs to increase participation • Identify creative opportunities to reflect Darebin's different cultures in the built environment across our city • Work with our local organisations to create an active Community Leader network comprising community leaders from our culturally diverse communities 	Early research and assessment work has been undertaken. Officers will recommend deferring completion of the Action Plan beyond 30 June, and this will be discussed with Councillors.		Delayed

1.4: We will embrace diversity and ensure everyone is included in our society, and no one is left behind - by combating discrimination, and championing equity, inclusivity and diversity



H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[1-14] Continue to become more LGBTIQ+ inclusive across Council's services and activities including work towards Rainbow Tick accreditation for several services	Continue to become more LGBTIQ+ inclusive across Council's services and activities including work towards Rainbow Tick accreditation for several services	The Rainbow Tick Accreditation Project work is continuing.		On Track

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H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[1-19] Develop a Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Action Plan to support the inclusion, rights and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ communities and work to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia	Finalise and commence implementation of an LGBTIQ+ Action Plan to support the inclusion, rights and wellbeing of LGBTIQ+ communities and work to combat homophobia, biphobia and transphobia	The first phase of community engagement was delivered, and feedback is being assessed. Officers will recommend deferring completion of the Action Plan beyond 30 June, and this will be discussed with Councillors.		Delayed

1.5: We will increase social connection to reduce isolation and loneliness, and support positive mental health





H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[1-20] Deliver Age Friendly Darebin and implement aged care reforms	Deliver Age Friendly Darebin and implement aged care reforms	<p>Age Friendly Darebin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning currently underway for an Age Friendly Darebin Roadshow that will strengthen relationships with internal teams and socialise the underpinning Age Friendly Darebin approach. <p>Aged Care Reforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commenced work with Whittlesea and Merri-bek Council on Extended Care Management and Clinical governance framework with ASPEX consulting Currently renegotiating scope of work with KPMG to incorporate revised service delivery cost model. Currently developing partnerships with Care Connect on continuity of care project Monitored Australian government policy developments, including new Aged Care Act Business Case lodged with Commonwealth for consideration of a higher unit price for Delivered Meals and Personal Care. Commenced tendering process for new meals contract for 24/25 and 25/26 Disestablished Regional Assessment Service 		On Track

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H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[1-23] Provide grants, and deliver and facilitate programs, services, and events that address loneliness, through supporting social connectedness and positive mental health	Provide grants, and deliver and facilitate programs, services, and events that address loneliness, through supporting social connectedness and positive mental health	140 community grants applications were recommended for funding. This included 40 (28%) community groups assisted with grants to support mental health and wellbeing activities in Darebin.		On Track



1.6: We will ensure our festivals, events and functions are inclusive and respond equitably to, and value the diverse needs and aspirations of, our community

H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[1-28] Deliver an annual cultural diversity and social cohesion oration as part of the FUSE festival	Deliver Molly Hadfield cultural diversity and social cohesion oration.	Planning for the oration will be commencing soon.		On Track
		Deliver new multicultural oration	Planning has commenced for this multicultural forum. With less budget allocated this year, a more forum-style event is planned. Scheduled for 21st May 2025.		On Track
	[1-29] Deliver a signature cultural event as part of the FUSE festival in and around the grounds of the Bundoora Homestead Art Centre that showcases culturally diverse artists, music, food, participatory workshops and performances.	Deliver annual FUSE Festival model	Planning for the festival will be commencing soon.		On Track


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1.7: We will continue to be a local government leader in the prevention of violence against women, and gender equity







H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[1-30] Implement and extend our Gender Equality and Preventing Violence Against Women Action Plan, using an intersectional approach	Extend the implementation of our Gender Equality and Preventing Violence Against Women Action Plan, using an intersectional approach	Darebin's first Free from Violence Cultural Inclusion Officer commenced in August, funded by the State Government. The role of this position will be to lead the implementation of the State Government's Free from Violence Local Government Program at Darebin City Council from 2024-2027. Both the Family Violence Network and the Gender Equity Advisory Committee convened in Q1. The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence program was also developed.		On Track

1.8: We will work towards a discrimination-free, and systemic racism-free Darebin, and reduce the impact of poverty and disadvantage

H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[1-34] Address inequities in the distribution of resources, and ensure the needs of our most vulnerable people are prioritised by implementing our Towards Equality Framework	Address inequities in the distribution of resources, and ensure the needs of our most vulnerable people are prioritised by implementing our Towards Equality Framework	The Towards Equality Framework (TEF) continues to be implemented, principally through the application of the Equity Impact Assessment (EIA) that helps embed equity into major Council decisions. This process also includes the legally mandated Gender Impact Assessment (GIA). In Q1, five EIAs were undertaken on a range of projects, plans, and policies. The internal EIA Panel is also providing on-going advice and support for developing the 2025-29 Integrated Strategic Planning & Budget Project - Council Plan, Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, 10 Year Financial and Asset Plan.		On Track

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H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[1-35] Work with the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council, our community, and local organisations, to foster respect and address systemic racism	Work with the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council, our community, and local organisations, to foster respect and address systemic racism	Work has started on an Antiracism booklet, in collaboration with Hume, Merri-bek, and Whittlesea Councils. Other work includes: supporting the Nuba Omarang Association of Victoria is organising their youth conference 2024; providing interim support to AMES, the InterCultural Centre Open Access Program.		On Track
	[1-36] Continue to implement the Welcoming Cities Standard, with the aim of becoming a 'Mentoring' level Council	Monitor the progress of improvement actions from the Welcoming Cities evaluation report	In August, Council was awarded the Excelling Welcoming Cities Accreditation, which was an Australian first. Welcoming Cities accreditation recognises the commitment local government organisations make to advancing inclusion in their community. The recognition of accreditation at the Excelling level highlights Council's reputation as a sector leader in welcoming and inclusion practice, programs and initiatives.		On Track
	[1-38] Mitigate the impacts of climate change on the health and wellbeing of our disadvantaged communities	Through the implementation of the year 1 actions of the Climate Emergency Plan, mitigate the impacts of climate change on the health and wellbeing of our disadvantaged communities	Through the delivery of the Climate Emergency Plan, and in preparation for the summer, work has started on promoting cooling centres and other heat safety tips through the heat health campaign. This campaign has a target audience of community members experiencing disadvantage.		On Track

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2.0: Prosperous, Liveable and Flourishing

2.1: We will deliver equitable and accessible infrastructure to provide opportunities for our community to live well

H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[2-2] Redevelop Reservoir Leisure Centre, incorporating opportunities to enhance health, wellbeing and socioeconomic outcomes	Undertake minor renewal works while continuing scoping for the longer-term redevelopment of the Reservoir Leisure Centre to enhance health, wellbeing and socioeconomic outcomes	Priorities for minor renewal works have been identified and are currently being scoped and costed prior to any works commencing. The focus is on high priority works to keep the facility functioning. Community engagement for the RLC Scoping Study has been completed and results are being analysed prior to presentation to Councillors.		On Track
	[2-3] Invest in the Edwardes Lake Boathouse in Reservoir to support a long-term lease arrangement	Continue to advocate to the descendants of the original owner to remove the restrictive covenants so appropriate renewal works of the boat house can occur	Council has made contact with UK Lawyers acting on behalf of the beneficiaries of the original owner and are working towards removing the certain restrictions to enable the activation of the Edwardes Lake Boathouse. This process is expected to take some further time and it is very difficult to estimate quite how long will be needed. It is progressing and will continue to be progressed.		On Track
		Undertake a broad Expression of Interest process to identify interested parties and proposed uses (commercial, community or recreational) for the facility and provide an opportunity for the community to provide feedback about the uses they would like to see and any issues for Council to consider.	Planning and preparation is underway for the EOI process which is scheduled for March 2025. Specific timing of the EOI roll out is currently being finalised.		On Track


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	[2-6] Expand funded 3-year-old kindergarten	Expand kindergarten places in areas of greatest unmet demand; including work in partnership with State Government to deliver additional Kindergartens on School Sites (KOSS)	The expansion of funded three-year-old kindergarten is an ongoing Council priority, with funding allocated in Council's Capital Works Plan over the next three financial years to continue delivery of this priority. Two projects are being delivered through the Building Blocks Partnership between Council and the Department of Education. The Stage 1 expansion of Merri Community Child Care and Kindergarten was completed in September 2024. The expansion of Maryborough Avenue Kindergarten is in development and expected to commence January 2025.		On Track
	[2-9] Redevelop KP Hardiman Pavilion in Kingsbury	Commence construction of the KP Hardiman Pavilion	Council officers have scheduled to advertise the tender for construction of the new KP Hardiman Reserve Pavilion on the 6 October 2024, with the aim of commencing construction works in early 2025.		On Track

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	[2-11] Develop an Integrated Families, Youth and Children Strategy	Complete the Integrated Families Youth and Children Strategy and present to Council for adoption	<p>Council endorsed the Families, Youth and Children Strategy on the 26 August 2024.</p> <p>The Strategy outlines four Guiding Principles and five Action Areas that were developed through a highly collaborative process that involved over 1000 children, young people, family members, partner organisations and stakeholders.</p> <p>Next steps include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design of an engaging public facing version of the Strategy that is attractive and user friendly for the community and stakeholders, including young people. • Development of a child-friendly version of the Strategy to communicate of the Strategy to children. • Continuing our ongoing collaborative work with stakeholders to develop the first Council and Partner Collective Action Plan to implement the Strategy. 		Completed
	[2-13] Plan for the redevelopment of John Hall pavilion and public toilet in Kingsbury	Complete construction of the John Hall Pavilion	Construction of the new John Hall Pavilion is underway. Construction and budget are on track. The redevelopment includes the demolition of the existing pavilion and provision of a new pavilion in generally the same location, with upgrades to the public toilets, associated facilities and amenities including, two change rooms, two referee changerooms, social space, kitchen/kiosk, accessible amenities, first aid and storage.		On Track

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2.2: We will design and create public spaces where our people feel safe, welcome, and respected, including improving lighting and safety for people walking, wheeling, cycling and driving

H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[2-15] Improve road safety, and the cycling, walking and wheeling network, by constructing high priority improvements	Improve road safety, and the cycling, walking and wheeling network, by constructing high priority improvements	Work has commenced on the road safety and access improvement projects that are planned for this year. The project that has started is the new raised children's crossing on Clifton Grove in Preston. The other projects are in the procurement stages.		On Track
	[2-16] Investigate and prioritise road safety, accessibility, cycling, walking and wheeling improvements across Darebin by using a Local Area Placemaking approach - where one third of the city is reviewed, with community involvement, each year	Investigate and prioritise road safety and strategic transport improvements across Darebin by using a Local Area Placemaking approach - where one third of the city is reviewed, with community involvement, each year	Group C of Council's 'Your Street Your Say' program will be investigated in the 2024/25 financial year. Group C will include the area of Northcote West, Preston East & Reservoir East. Stage 1 consultation will commence later this year.		On Track
	[2-17] Develop and implement a Community Safety Framework	Finalise and commence implementation of the Community Safety Framework	The Community Safety Framework PACE (Policy, Assessment, Commitment, Evaluation) model Stage 1 was finalised and presented to Council on the 15 July 2024. Stage two has commenced, and plans are underway to complete an EIA (Equity Impact Assessment) and community engagement. Temporary Agency Community Safety Officer commenced October 2024. Handover of Officer and work to Coordinator City Design 14/10 due to new operational model.		On Track


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	[2-19] With State Government approval, reduce the speed limit in more local streets across our city	With State Government approval, reduce the speed limit in more local streets across our city	<p>Speed limit reduction applications were submitted and approved for the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The area bordered by Gilbert Rd, Bell St, Murray Rd & Elizabeth St. - Extend 40 Km/h in Gilbert Rd between Burgess Street and Kendall Street. - Extend 40km/h on High Street, Reservoir to include the Crawley St intersection. 		On Track
	[2-21] Develop a Community Infrastructure Plan to inform Council's decision making on the future of our assets, based on service needs across our city for the next 10 years	Finalise the draft Community Infrastructure Plan	<p>A high-level needs assessment has been undertaken across Council's community infrastructure types. Preparation has commenced for collection of detailed data at the individual facility level to inform the draft strategy.</p>		On Track
	[2-23] Update flood risk assessments across Darebin, and incorporate them into our Darebin Planning Scheme	Continue to work with Melbourne Water to implement and apply the updated flood mapping for Darebin, including incorporation into the planning scheme	Officers are meeting regularly with Melbourne Water counterparts on the progress of the updated flood mapping and the process for implementing new planning scheme controls.		On Track
	[2-24] Continue our Traffic Blackspot Design and Construction Program	Develop at least two scoping reports for submission to the Federal Blackspot program targeting places with history of crashes	<p>Road safety audits and crash data for the last 5 years in Darebin has been assessed for risks and groups of similar types of crashes. There have been two locations identified; Edwardes Street at Banbury Road, and Dundas Street at St David Street and Hotham Street. Scoping reports have been submitted to the Federal Blackspot program for 100% funding to design and install safety changes at these locations. Community consultation and works would progress in the 2025/26 financial year if successful.</p>		Completed

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	[2-30] Undertake a review of the General Local law	Complete the review of Darebin's General Local Law and present to Council for adoption	Assessment and development work has been undertaken, and a Council report regarding community consultation will be tabled at the December Council meeting.		Delayed

2.3: We will facilitate more affordable, social and public housing in Darebin, to meet our community's needs

H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[2-31] Enable and facilitate more affordable and social housing across our city	Complete the Housing Strategy and report to Council on opportunities for more affordable and social housing	Consultation on the Draft Darebin Housing Strategy was completed on 13 September 2024. Council will next consider submissions before finalising Parts 1 and 2 of the Strategy.		On Track
	[2-32] Partner with the State Government to ensure its social and public housing investment meets our community's needs, and creates liveable, connected communities through appropriate design and construction	Continue to negotiate with developers for the inclusion of social and public housing as part of major developments	Council officers and management have been raising this as a priority with applicants during negotiations on larger scale development projects.		On Track



2.5: We will invest in services and the built environment to improve access for our residents and visitors

H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[2-39] Create additional accessible car parking spaces in our city	Construct at least two accessible car parking spaces	Contracts have been awarded for construction of two new accessible parking bays in Collins Street Thornbury outside Penders Park. These will be completed by end of October 2024. A third accessible parking bay will be constructed as part of the John Hall Reserve Pavilion construction in Kingsbury to be completed by May 2025.		On Track

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2.6: We will support the human rights, housing and wellbeing needs of our people experiencing homelessness

H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[2-40] Deliver programs that support people sleeping rough and experiencing homelessness including Assertive Outreach and advocate for funding for Towards Zero	Deliver programs that support people sleeping rough and commence the establishment of a Towards Zero program for Darebin	Council continues to deliver the Darebin Assertive Community Outreach Program and the Community Shower Access Program for people experiencing homelessness in Darebin. Establishment of the Towards Zero Program is on hold pending successful recruitment for the 'Strategic Project Officer - Towards Zero' role.		On Track


2.8: We will advocate to reduce the harm associated with electronic machine gambling, alcohol and tobacco

H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[2-47] Support partner and local community organisations, groups, and clubs, to deliver initiatives that encourage the cessation of vaping and smoking	Support partner and local community organisations, groups, and clubs, to deliver initiatives that encourage the cessation of vaping and smoking	Campaign materials in development include campaign videos (in English with Arabic subtitles, Mandarin and Vietnamese), social media tiles and sample captions (in Arabic, Simplified Chinese and Vietnamese), posters (in Arabic, Simplified Chinese and Vietnamese) and sample copy for your website/newsletters (in Arabic, Simplified Chinese and Vietnamese).		On Track

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2.9: We will leverage investment, partnerships and advocacy to drive Darebin’s growth and sustainability and ensure Darebin is a great place to do business




H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[2-48] Develop an Economic Development Strategy, based on the principles of a circular economy, food, health, renewables, creative and digital industries, jobs of the future, and leveraging partnerships	Undertake further consultation and engagement on the Economic Development Framework Present Economic Development Strategy to Council for adoption. Commence delivery	Final consultation activities occurred during July to finalise the draft Economic Framework that was presented to Council in August. A workshop with representatives who have been contributing towards the development of the Framework confirmed the draft was evidence-based, relevant to the Darebin context, both aspirational and practical in nature. Planning is underway to map out a series of engagement activities on the draft for potential partners, businesses and sector representatives to take a final version of the Economic Framework and action plan to Council in April 2025.		On Track

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H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[2-49] Invest in economic reactivation and recovery initiatives to support existing and new industries, to ensure Darebin's economy is robust and resilient	Plan for place revitalisation of Darebin's key activity centres and review of Council's Active Spaces program to ensure Darebin's economy is robust and resilient	<p>Funding for the review of Active Spaces was gained in the 24/25 budget to review the program and develop options for its reestablishment beyond Active Windows. The review of the program is designed to provide Council with an understanding of the needs within Darebin retail strips for this program, address legal and regulatory concerns, and devise a refreshed program for Council to consider.</p> <p>A PACE (Policy, Assessment, Commitment, Evaluation) model for a Place-based revitalisation strategy has been developed to reflect progress to date and seek executive leadership team approval in September to move to Stage 2. Significant community consultation on the draft Economic Framework has been undertaken with the community, businesses, and partners. Their needs and feedback will be incorporated into further research and development of the draft Strategy during October-December (during caretaker period). When communications can resume, the ideas and opportunities will be tested further.</p>		On Track
	[2-50] Continue to implement our Social and Sustainable Procurement Policy to increase the engagement of Aboriginal-led businesses, and focus on job creation for culturally and linguistically diverse peoples, and young people	Review, amend and adopt our Social and Sustainable Procurement Policy to increase the engagement of Aboriginal-led businesses, and focus on job creation for culturally and linguistically diverse peoples, and young people	A review of the policy will commence in October. Initial engagements will include targeted stakeholders and all managers across Council to collate ideas, gaps and considerations to improve the policy deliverables. The Executive Leadership Team will also consider options and recommendations collected from stakeholder engagements, A Councillor Briefing and adoption of a revised policy is planned for the 1st Quarter in 2025 calendar year.		On Track

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H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[2-51] Build partnerships across all levels of government and the private sector, to attract new industries and investment into Darebin, to support its future growth	Build partnerships across government and the private sector, to attract new industries and investment into Darebin, to support its future growth	Activities during this period include: finalisation and launch of the Northern Innovation and Sustainability Precinct (NISP) opportunities statement to advocate for funding and investment into this north-eastern precinct of Darebin. Funding submissions are underway to gain investment from Federal Govt. Mapping is occurring to develop a series of engagements with key partners, stakeholders, large employers, and aligned businesses in Darebin to progress the lighthouse projects suggested within the draft Economic Framework. These conversations will occur after caretaker period concludes and the team have mapped the opportunities.		On Track
	[2-53] Catalyse new jobs at scale in Darebin with businesses, new industry attraction and our partners - including Jobs Victoria Advocates - focusing on jobseekers facing multiple employment barriers including culturally and linguistically diverse peoples, young people, women, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples	Catalyse new jobs at scale in Darebin with businesses, new industry attraction and our partners focusing on jobseekers facing multiple employment barriers including culturally and linguistically diverse peoples, young people, women, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples	The First Nations Employment Network has met twice, with internal collaboration and input from across Council Depts and investment in key stakeholder relationships. Council supported and promoted the Be Deadly Jobs Expo hosted by the Aboriginal Advancement League for SYC (a local job service provider) where 45 employers that had employment opportunities for Aboriginal people were available for job seekers to speak to directly. Council participated in the NCAT girls in trade project steering committee meeting where the group reviewed the Recruitment Strategy Agreement that outlined a Code of Respectful Conduct for all organisations to sign if they intended on taking students into their workplace. Further planning for the role of Council in relation to employment opportunities and jobseeker support is being considered as part of the current Economic Framework action plan development.		On Track

COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN

2.11: We will improve the sustainability, accessibility, and design of development on private land in our city

H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[2-64] Review our Housing Strategy and planning zones including engaging with our community on where housing and development should be, and strengthening neighbourhood character provisions	Commence a planning scheme amendment to implement the recommendations of the Darebin Housing Supply and Demand and Neighbourhood Character Study.	The community engagement on the Draft Housing Strategy finished on 13 September 2024 and officers will analyse submissions to feed into the next stage of work.		On Track
	[2-65] Complete major planning reform work to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce an open space levy to fund open spaces in our city Introduce a Developer Contributions Scheme to help fund infrastructure for our growing population Establish Heidelberg Road Corridor controls Establish Thornbury Park Heritage Estate controls 	Progress a planning scheme amendment to deliver an interim 5% Open Space Levy	Planning Scheme Amendment C210dare is progressing well with an independent panel hearing held in September. Next steps are for Council to consider recommendations of the panel and make a decision to adopt the amendment.		On Track
	[2-66] Complete our Central Preston Structure Plan	Work with the State Government to finalise a Central Preston Structure Plan	In August Council endorsed a set of advocacy principles for Preston Central which have been used to progress technical feedback to the State Government during caretaker. The State Government undertook consultation for Preston during the caretaker period, and information can be found at https://engage.vic.gov.au/project/activitycentres/page/preston		On Track

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COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN

3.0: Climate, Green and Sustainable

3.1: We will adapt to climate change and build the resilience of our community, infrastructure and the built environment, with a focus on our vulnerable communities at risk of fuel poverty, and flooding


H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[3-1] Through our Solar Saver 4-year program, support solar installation and energy efficiency retrofits for our vulnerable households, including public and social housing, and renters	Commence implementing the new Climate Emergency Plan including supporting residents to switch to electrical equipment through the revised Solar Saver program	Officers are undertaking a rigorous process to determine the electrical equipment offering through the Solar Saver program.		On Track
	[3-3] Support our community members experiencing fuel poverty, to prevent heating and freezing	Support our community by delivering the heat health and fuel poverty first year actions in the renewed Climate Emergency Plan	Darebin's Solar Saver program is now open to households with income of up to \$160,000 and system sizes of up to \$10,000. Efficient electric hot water products will be available soon in addition to the heater / air-conditioners and solar system products.		On Track

3.2: Aim to achieve 12% canopy cover on Council owned and managed land by 2025, prioritising catchment biodiversity and shopping areas


H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[3-8] Acquire land to create new parks	Undertake site investigation works at Clements Reserve as required by the Environmental Action Notice and subsequently undertake the required remediation works to remove contamination	A suitably qualified consultant has been engaged to install monitoring equipment and testing has started.		On Track

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H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
		Continue to progress the acquisition of the three parcels of land at Clements Reserve from the Department of Transport and Planning	The acquisition has been re-sequenced to occur after remediation works at the site and it has therefore been delayed to a future year. Work to progress environmental assessment and remediation is underway and being led by the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) with engagement with Council. The specific stages and timeline are hard to predict as they will be determined by detailed assessments that are in progress.		Delayed

3.3: We will drive significant improvements in water quality and biodiversity across Darebin, designating Edwardes Lake as a flagship project to demonstrate water recreation (in the long term)

H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[3-11] Establish and adequately resource the Edwardes Lake Taskforce to significantly improve the water quality and amenity of Edwardes Lake in Reservoir	Continue to monitor the health of the lake and invest in activities that improve water quality (as recommended by the taskforce)	Recent activities include water monitoring, revegetation, cleaning of the Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT), continued planning for the GPT deployment, discussions on stormwater management alternatives and considerations about risk, preparedness, and collaborative response to pollution events.		On Track

3.5: We will reduce waste and stimulate a local circular economy, where waste resources are re-used rather than discarded

H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[3-16] Develop a plan to respond to new State Government requirements for contaminated land	Finalise and implement the Contaminated Land Framework	Council is actively working on an environmental risk and compliance approach for Council that addresses contaminated land. Work is progressing towards a management framework for Council.		On Track
	[3-18] Undertake waste reform and take action towards establishing a circular economy	Prepare for and deliver review of the kerbside waste services including glass	Kerbside waste service community consultation was completed in late 2023. Internal assessment and review is underway.		On Track

COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN

4.0: Responsible, Transparent and Responsive

4.1: We will ensure balanced and responsible financial decision making that meets the needs of our community now and into the future

H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[4-2] Develop and implement an Advocacy Framework and four year Advocacy Plan, informed by our Council Plan priorities, aimed at influencing public policy change and attracting support and funding for our priorities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment in early intervention and tertiary mental health services Dedicated sexual and reproductive health service in the Northern region Key transport priorities Increased funding for road safety infrastructure, driver behaviour and law enforcement Towards Zero approach to address homelessness Local Economic Development priorities Protection of Strathallan as public land Community and business use of energy efficiency initiatives Higher and mandatory Environmentally Sensitive Design (ESD) standards in building and planning controls 	Develop and implement an annual statement of advocacy priorities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment in early intervention and tertiary mental health services Dedicated sexual and reproductive health service in the Northern region Key transport priorities Increased funding for road safety infrastructure, driver behaviour and law enforcement Towards Zero approach to address homelessness Local Economic Development priorities Protection of Strathallan as public land Community and business use of energy efficiency initiatives Higher and mandatory Environmentally Sensitive Design (ESD) standards in building and planning controls 	Early work has started on developing an annual statement.		On Track

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H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[4-3] Develop a Revenue and Rating Plan that supports the Financial Plan and ensures fee structures support the most disadvantaged within our community, providing a guide to our budget decisions to ensure they are responsible and sustainable	Review the Revenue and Rating Plan in accordance with the Local Government Act and present to Council for adoption by 30 June 2025	At this stage, it is unclear whether a change to the Revenue and Rating Plan is required. As per section 93 of the Act, The Revenue and Rating Plan must be prepared and adopted by the next 30 June after a general election. This means, if no other change required, the next time the plan needs to be reviewed and adopted will be 30 June 2026. The only possible change may come from the Waste Charge if adjustments are made to include corporate overheads. This is a work in progress and may not be decided upon until after 30 June 2025.		On Track
	[4-4] Review our 10 year Financial Plan to ensure a level of revenue and expenditure that maintains a balance between service delivery, asset maintenance and renewal, and provides a strong, sustainable base for the future	Review the 10 Year Financial Plan in accordance with the Local Government Act and present to Council for adoption by 30 June 2025	Long term budget parameters, assumptions and proposed Budget Envelopes have been developed. To be presented to ELT 10 Oct 24. 2025-26 Budget Development approach and processes developed. Deliberative engagement blueprint has been drafted.		On Track





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4.2: We will ensure our assets are optimised for the benefit of our community

H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[4-5] Review our Asset Portfolio, to ensure maximum benefit for our community is being realised, including the occupancy of unused and under-utilised Council buildings	Complete the Property Strategy	Development of a Property Strategy is progressing and next steps will be discussed with the new Council. In parallel, Council is identifying opportunities at specific sites that Council could consider as part of developing its new Council Plan in 2025. Foundational work to map Council properties is substantially complete. Next steps include work to better identify properties that are underutilised. Significant work will be completed in the 2024-25 year to inform the next Council Plan, however officers recommend that community consultation on the Property Strategy be done in a future financial year. To be discussed with Council in early 2025.		Delayed
		Commence work on the Master Planning of the site at 2 Wingrove Street, Alphington	Background work and project scoping of this new multi-year master plan project is being undertaken, including this year's focus on feasibility.		On Track
		Finalise a Lease and Licensing Policy, with consideration to the inputs provided through deliberative engagement to inform the Council Plan	Council consulted on a draft Lease & Licensing Policy in 2024. This feedback and next steps will be discussed with the new Council in early 2025. Council is preparing to seek leasees for a number of vacant Council buildings and properties in March 2025 through a publicly advertised EOI process. Considering the significant upcoming work in the first half of 2025 developing a new four year Council Plan and seeking tenants for Council sites, officers recommend deferring completion of this Policy to the second half of 2025 and this will be discussed with councillors. In the meantime, lease decisions will continue to be put to Council on a case by case basis.		Delayed




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H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[4-6] Explore opportunities for Council owned and managed land (including airspace) to be used as temporary housing for people at risk or who are experiencing homelessness	Incorporate the consideration of temporary housing opportunities for people at risk or who are experiencing homelessness into the development of the Property Strategy for Council owned land	This will form part of the development of the Property Strategy for Council owned land. In March 2025, Council will seek Expressions of Interest for use of several Council sites including some suitable for temporary housing.		On Track
	[4-8] Improve delivery of our services to our community by developing an Asset Management Plan for Open Space, establishing a level of service for each class of our assets, and collecting data on our drainage assets	Continue to undertake drainage asset condition inspections to support the early detection of damage and deterioration	This work is on track. Preparation of the Quotation Plan and review of the technical specification has commenced.		On Track
	[4-9] Develop a 10 year Asset Plan in compliance with Local Government Act 2020 requirements	Review and update the Asset Plan in accordance with the Local Government Act and present to Council for adoption	The request for quotation for preparing the Asset Plan closed on 12 August 2024 and a contractor has been appointed to prepare the Asset Plan. The project kickoff meeting was held on 6 September 2024.		On Track

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4.3: We will transform our services and service delivery models to ensure they meet the current, emerging and future needs of our community

H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[4-10] Transform our models of service delivery through the development of service profiles and conduct service reviews, to improve and ensure accessibility, inclusivity for under-represented groups and consistency of our customer experience	Conduct service reviews, to improve service delivery, drive efficiencies and improve customer experience	Five major service reviews are ongoing in this quarter including Complaints Management, Statutory Planning Service, Waste Customer Processes, Outdoor Dining and Footpath Trading and Small Business Approval Process (BAP). Complaints handling was completed in August and the BAP review is due to be completed in September. Complaints handling outcomes included better compliance and quality management, improved data integrity and process consistency, and increasing all staff and customer understanding of complaint processes. The BAP review recommendations refine the service delivery to produce a more consistent output with greater efficiency and an improved customer experience for small business permit applicants.		On Track
	[4-12] Develop and implement a new 4 year Organisational Strategy to deliver on Council Plan Strategic Direction 4 and other organisational improvement priorities in an integrated and efficient way	Implement year 2 actions of the Organisational Strategy that will deliver on Council Plan Strategic Direction 4 : Responsible, Transparent and Responsive, and drive organisational performance in an integrated and efficient way	Year 2 actions being priorities throughout Oct and Nov.		On Track
	[4-13] Establish a long-term investment in IT systems to improve our customer experience, enable our people and deliver effective governance, compliance, improved data and cyber risk management	Complete the procurement process for the ERP program and commence implementation	A procurement approach was endorsed by the Digital Transformation Steering Committee in September 2024. The approach will procure a Delivery partner in FY 24/25 and complete a planning phase and move to commence Technology partner procurement in FY25/26.		On Track

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4.4: We will improve the effective governance and public accountability of Council

H&W	Strategic Action	Action	Comments	Status	Status Explanation
	[4-14] Improve effective governance and accountability of Council	Provide regular reporting to Council to improve transparency on matters including: the status of Council resolutions, the number of Notices of Motion, training undertaken by Councillors, the number of complaints received - customer complaints and complaints about Councillors, matters referred to or received from integrity agencies and the cost of Councillor Conduct matters.	Regular reporting on a range of governance matters occur via the Governance Report presented to Council every month.		On Track
		Promote the 2024 Council election to raise awareness for potential Councillor candidates across the municipality	Ongoing communications were published on both the Intranet page and Council webpage. Events run by external organisations such as VEC, MAV and VLGA have been promoted on Darebin social media pages. Darebin actively produced materials for the awareness campaign, including a case study video to encourage community members to consider nominating for Council.		Completed

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Buildings and Operational Sites		
Building Renewal Program		
Air Conditioning Renewal - Northcote Library Main Cooling System Replacement	●	The Northcote Library site has been inspected in collaboration with the successfully appointed consultant. This meeting has found that the existing mechanical systems need to be upgraded to a two-package unit, along with an enhancement to the mechanical board.
Air Conditioning Renewal (Gas Removal stage 1) - Preston Library	●	The site has been inspected in collaboration with the consultant to define the project scope and ensure adherence to the allocated budget.
Airconditioning and Generator control upgrades	●	The emergency power supply at the Preston office precinct is supported by a large generator located in the car park. This funding will be used to upgrade the controls and automation, enabling remote monitoring of the generator and adding additional alarm and alert functions to ensure its reliability.
Asbestos removal at priority locations	●	Many Council buildings are aging, and approximately 80 of them contain hazardous construction materials. Funding has been allocated to prioritize safety work and, where possible, to remove and replace sections containing asbestos. Work has already been completed at BT Connor, Northcote Town Hall, and Preston Offices.
Bill Lawry Oval	●	The Bill Lawry Oval Pavilion Project has been revitalized to explore how the Council can effectively deliver a new pavilion for the community, ensuring value for money and maximum benefit for all residents of Darebin. Council officers have commenced internal stakeholder engagement. The next steps include feasibility studies and investigations of options.
Building Fire Safety Compliance works	●	Council has ongoing responsibilities to maintain fire safety compliance systems in community buildings. A priority list is being developed that includes upgrades to fire hydrants, installation of fire doors, and modifications to evacuation plans.
Darebin Childcare Centre - Veranda repairs	●	At the Darebin Childcare Centre, the rear veranda has rotted in sections, leading to persistent leaks into the building. Reconstruction works are progressing well and are expected to be completed by end of November 2024.
Darebin North-East Community Hub - New Fire Indicator Panel and smoke / fire detectors	●	The fire alarm system at the Darebin North-East Community Hub (DNECH) has reached the end of its useful life and has been triggering frequent false alarms. A new system has been designed and will be installed by February 2025.

Buildings & operational sites		
Building Renewal Program		
Electrical supply upgrade at Operations Centre (Stage 1)	●	Council's Operations Centre currently relies on a limited power supply from the power authority, and as a large complex site, it will require ongoing investment to ensure continued service. A staged master plan outlining power requirements has now been received. The next step involves completing detailed design and documentation to determine the overall project budget.
Electrical switchboard upgrades	●	Funding has been allocated to address all non-compliance issues with electrical switchboards and to replace those that have reached the end of their life. A condition report is in progress, and work will be prioritized based on this assessment throughout Q3 and Q4 of 2024/25.
Electronic Security Systems & CCTV renewals	●	The existing security and access control systems in many Council-owned buildings are no longer supported and require complete replacement to maintain reliable security and access. Planning is well advanced to prioritize the most critical and high-risk sites.
Emergency and Exit Lighting Renewals - Preston Offices Precinct	●	Emergency lighting systems are vital for community buildings and require regular maintenance and renewal. A priority list is being developed to ensure that these systems comply with regulations and function properly during emergencies. The next phase will involve scheduling priority locations for upgrade and undertaking works for completion.
Emergency Power - new generator Preston Maternal Child Health	●	In the Council's immunization service, based at the Preston Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services building, large volumes of high-cost vaccinations are stored in refrigerators that must maintain a consistent temperature to prevent spoilage. The current emergency generator, which powers these refrigerators during outages, is aging and poses a risk, necessitating replacement. Planning is well advanced, with installation scheduled for Q3 2024/25.
Jika Jika Community Centre flooring project stage 2 (construction)	●	This project includes the required foundation and flooring renewal for the Jika Jika Community Centre. Design and documentation has now been completed by the consultant, and a request for quotation for the required works will be sent in November with works programmed early in 2025.





Buildings & operational sites		
Building Renewal Program		
Kitchen appliance replacements as required	●	The Council owns and operates a number of commercial kitchen appliances, many of which are aging and in need of renewal. A priority list is being developed to assess the need for new purchases, considering repair costs and the remaining lifespan of existing appliances to ensure the best cost-benefit outcome. In this quarter, dishwashers were replaced at the Merri and Perry Street Childcare Centres, and a refrigerator was installed at Clyde Street Kindergarten.
Mains Electrical supply capacity upgrade - A H Capp	●	Design documentation has now been completed, and procurement activities will commence in October 2024.
Mains Electrical supply capacity upgrade - Crisp Park	●	The Project Team have prepared the relevant design documentation for the electrical supply capacity upgrade at Crisp Park. In next phase, Council Officers will progress the procurement process to appoint a suitably qualified contractor to undertake the works.
Mains Electrical supply capacity upgrade - JE Moore Park	●	Council Officers have received the revised tender documents from the successfully appointed consultant for the electrical capacity upgrade works at JE Moore Park. A fee proposal has been received from Jemena for the pit connection. Officers will now release the Request for Quote document to market and assess responses to appoint a contractor to complete works.
Northcote Library Air Conditioning Renewal	●	The Project Team have prepared a scope for the Northcote Library Air Conditioning Renewal project. The relevant internal approvals have been sought following internal stakeholder feedback. Two fee proposals have been requested from suitably qualified consultants from Council's relevant tender panel. One proposal has now been received and assessed. The second is expected to be received in the last week of October.
Painting and Flooring Renewals for Council buildings	●	This project allocates funding for the renewal or replacement of floor finishes and painting in Council-owned buildings. Initial investigations, including site visits and consultations with key stakeholders, have commenced for several locations. Ongoing or recently completed works within the project scope include new floor finishes at the Maternal Child Health Centres in Northcote and Preston, as well as at Thornbury Kindergarten.

Buildings & operational sites		
Building Renewal Program		
Plumbing - building renewal program at various locations		The Project Team have prepared the project scope and met with relevant internal stakeholders and scheduled works at numerous locations within the program. Plumbing works have now been completed at Bundoora Farm and in the roof of the northern section of the Northcote Townhall. Building renewal works have also now been scoped and awarded for the Preston Market.
Plumbing Renewal - Gas appliances removals (will mean Gas no longer at these sites)		Council Officers are in the process of updating site lists and verifying site equipment required for each project. Once this verification is complete, Officers will establish cost estimates for similar multi-site de-gassing operations. With this information, staff will create de-gas work packages, allowing us to prioritize high-amenity sites within our budget while also identifying locations that are easier to replace. This organised approach will enable us to make informed decisions about which sites to address first, based on their importance, practicality, and the available budget.
Removal of gas appliances at various sites		
Plumbing Renewals - New Roof (part ONLY) includes Gutters and Downpipes at IW Dole Reserve Pavilion		The IW Dole Reserve Pavilion Roof Replacement Project is moving forward with a review of its scope. The project team is currently assessing the potential for either partial or full roof replacement. The new roofing will comply with Darebin's Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD) policy, incorporating updated and improved insulation. Engineering assessments are also in progress to identify necessary upgrades to downpipes and drainage systems. These initiatives aim to provide a modern, efficient, and sustainable roofing solution for the community building while minimizing disruption to users.
Plumbing Renewals - New Roof includes Gutters and Downpipes at Donald Street Community Hall		The Donald Street Community Hall Roof Replacement Project is advancing with a review of its scope. The project team is currently evaluating the feasibility of a full roof replacement. The new roofing will align with Darebin's Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD) policy and will include updated insulation. Engineering assessments are underway to identify necessary upgrades to downpipes and drainage systems. These efforts aim to provide a modern, efficient, and sustainable roofing solution for the community hall while minimizing disruption to users.









Buildings & operational sites		
Building Renewal Program		
Preston City Hall toilet refurbishments	●	The Project Scope has now been prepared following discussions with relevant internal stakeholders. Due to the Local Government Elections, all works have been placed on hold until December 2024 to ensure the continuity of service and minimal community disruption. Works will be scheduled at a suitable time during the holiday period with an aim to see works completed before formal Council meetings recommence in 2025. Project Staff are currently working to schedule works with the successfully appointed contractor.
Preston offices precinct security and access control system renewal	●	The original electronic access control system is no longer supported and needs to be renewed to ensure its reliability. Upgrades have been completed at Ngarrindjeri Stadium, and work at the Preston precinct is progressing well, with completion expected in two weeks.
Upgrading accessibility to various buildings	●	In response to Council's commitment to inclusivity and accessible access and sites throughout Darebin, Council have undertaken a review of Council owned building and identified those which pose a challenge to those living with a disability. A list of sites which require improvements has now been prepared and funding has been allocated to implement the necessary improvements. Works scheduled within this project include the automation of doors and the installation of non-slip surfaces, handrails, and signage. At this stage of the project, teams are focused on the scheduled improvements to the public toilets on Westgarth Street in Northcote and at Edwards Lake Park.
Darebin Furniture Purchases (including Libraries)		
Darebin Furniture Renewal Purchases (including libraries)	●	The Project Team have commenced meetings with the relevant internal stakeholders and external community groups to seek input for works to be included within the project. Request and recommendations are currently being assessed and triaged. The list includes works to address general wear and tear, damage and functional improvements to sites. All proposed works are being assessed and indicative costings are currently being prepared to ensure adherence with the budget available.








Buildings & operational sites		
DRRC Asset Renewal		
Pavement works at the Darebin Resource Recovery Centre	●	Darebin Resource Recovery Centre aims to improve both serviceability and longevity of the facility by replacing the existing gravel link with new concrete paving. Construction includes drainage improvements and reinforced concrete works. Tender specifications are now complete and scheduled to be publicly distributed in Q2
Funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten		
Works to support Kindergarten expansion program	●	<p>New Kindergarten Design: Proposed kindergarten sites will be presented to the new Council later this year for their recommendation on which site should be redeveloped. The next steps involve procuring a design for the redevelopment.</p> <p>Maryborough Avenue Kindergarten Expansion: The Maryborough Avenue Kindergarten Expansion project is on track and Project staff are working to finalise the tender package for release later this year. Due to a revised timeline, the contract award has been rescheduled for Q3. The project sponsor team is actively seeking an alternative location for the kindergarten to relocate during construction. Promising discussions are underway with internal and external stakeholders and a decision will be made shortly.</p>
John Cain Memorial Park Female Change Facility		
John Cain Memorial Park Female Change Facility	●	Project Control Group which includes relevant internal stakeholders for collaboration and input into the project is formed. The Control Group have approved the proposal for an extension of the female change facility at John Cain Memorial Park. The project team have assessed site risks and prepared a management plan for the proposed new sewer connection. The project is tracking well.
John Hall - Pavilion Redevelopment		
John Hall - Pavilion Redevelopment	●	The construction of John Hall Reserve Pavilion is a priority project addressing the current gap in gender inclusive facilities for sporting clubs in Darebin. Construction began on site in August and is progressing well. Council officers are attending regular site meetings, reviewing contractor communications and keeping stakeholders informed of progress. The construction program is currently a couple of weeks behind due to authority delays. Completion is planned for April/May 2025. There have been no variations to date and the budget is tracking well.

Buildings & operational sites		
KP Hardiman Pavilion Redevelopment		
KP Hardiman Pavilion Redevelopment	●	This project is to deliver on Council's action plan commitment to construct a new pavilion on the KP Hardiman Reserve. The new pavilion design has been prepared and aims to delivering a modern, functional, safe, welcoming, environmentally sustainable facility which tailors to an improved experience for both women and girls, all players, spectators, volunteers, coaches and officials. Works will include the demolition of the existing pavilion and teams are working with both internal and external stakeholders to ensure teams and not un-duly disrupted and can continue play. The tender for works has been prepared and advertised and will close at the end of October 2024. Construction works are expected to commence early 2025. The project is tracking well and is within budget.
Other		
10 CLEELAND ST CARPARK	●	Works at the carpark on 10 Cleeland Street includes asphalt improvement works and resurfacing, line marking and bollard replacement. The project scope is now prepared and approved following internal consultation with stakeholders and a contractor has been appointed following the procurement process. Construction works have been scheduled and are planned to commence in December 2024.
Additional skate park equipment for new site	●	The project team has been formed and the Project Manager has conducted site inspections and met with internal teams in order to prepare the project scope for additional stake park equipment Initial investigations are progressing well, and the final project scope is due to be completed in late 2024.
BR-3000- Dunne Street bridge wingwall repair	●	The bridge wingwall repair project at Dunne Street includes the replacement and reinstatement of wing wall and removal of some vegetation. Teams have met with the Parks team to scope replacement of any removed vegetation. Construction for works is scheduled to commence late 2024. The project is on track for completion in early 2025.
New music and sound production equipment	●	The renewal of the studio at the community hub has now commenced. The scope of works included within the program has been confirmed, and contractors have been engaged to begin minor works onsite. New music and sound equipment has been purchased with installation scheduled for completion by October 2024.

Buildings & operational sites		
Other		
RALPH ST CPK 3 CARPARK		The project scope for works at Ralph Street Carpark has been prepared and includes asphalt reinstatement works, water ponding management, and tree root surface reinstatement. The procurement process will begin in October 2024, with tenderers invited to issue their proposals in November 2024. Following an evaluation process, construction is planned to commence in December 2024.
Various improvements, to be prioritised		Council funding has been allocated and set aside this financial year for any unanticipated priority works identified throughout the financial year. This may include safety works, repair and improvements identified through the municipality. This funding source will be used for such projects and works will be planned and scheduled on a case-by-case basis.
Reservoir Leisure Centre		
Essential reactive maintenance works Reservoir Leisure Centre		Funding will be allocated to address essential maintenance and replacements to ensure the RLC remains operational for community use. At this stage of the project, automatic door systems have been installed, and structural reports have been completed.
Workplace Office Accommodation		
Workplace office accommodation		<p>The City of Darebin is currently conducting a staff accommodation assessment at the Preston site to optimise our workspace and enhance operational efficiency. This initiative will be implemented in two stages:</p> <p>Stage 1: Reorganising existing workspaces to align with our new operating model, which will foster better collaboration between related departments.</p> <p>Stage 2: Gradually implementing strategic physical improvements to our staff accommodation areas over time, ensuring they meet modern workplace standards and adapt to the evolving needs of the Council.</p> <p>These changes aim to improve our ability to serve the community by creating a more effective and suitable work environment for our staff.</p> <p>The project team have now met with the management and coordinator team to scope workplace adjustments and a project plan is being finalised.</p>





IT, Equipment, Collections		
Art collection acquisitions		
Art Collection Acquisitions - Bundoora Homestead Art Centre	●	A project team has now been formed and investigation and research has begun into local Darebin artists and works which may be suitable to be purchased for to grow the Darebin Art Collection. This process is progressing well, and a shortlist of options is being prepared. The project is on track for delivery.
Arts Venues Asset and Equipment Renewal		
Arts Venues Asset and Equipment Renewal	●	The project team have identified urgent matters to prioritised within the project. This includes equipment failure across sites. The project scope and plan has now been finalised and urgent repairs have been scheduled for completion during Q1 and Q2. All other non-urgent purchases will be procured and scheduled during Q3 and Q4. The project is tracking well and within budget.
Commission, construction and installation of Migration Artwork		
Commission, construction and installation of Migration Artwork	●	Council officers have been collaborating with the successfully appointed artist for the Migration public artwork to identify potential installation locations. The location options have been evaluated based on several criteria, including prominence, safety, accessibility, and the diversity of the audience. A report will be presented to the Council following the Caretaker period to confirm the preferred location for this artwork.
Darebin Libraries Product Purchases (Collection)		
Darebin Libraries Product Renewal Purchases (Collection)	●	The project scope has now been prepared and approved internally and the project is tracking well against the prepared timeline and budget. A comprehensive list of items to be renewed within the project has been developed and is on track to be completed by June 2025.
IT Improvement Program		
IT Improvement Program - Accelerated deployment: Development of ICT Capabilities of Meeting Rooms	●	The project team has been formed and the project scope for the development of capabilities of Council meeting rooms has been prepared. Works have been identified within the program and the project has begun and is on track.
IT Improvement Program - Accelerated deployment: Development and Enhancement of BI Reporting Functions	●	This project has been deferred this financial year due to organisational structural adjustments. The project will be re-established at a later date.

IT, Equipment, Collections		
IT Improvement Program		
IT Improvement Program - Bookings, Events and Ticketing Management Systems		The initial scope for the project has been prepared, and early discussions have identified the opportunity to expand the program. Preliminary assessments indicate that the project can be expanded within the allocated budget, and relevant approvals are currently being sought. This expansion aims to provide the best value for money and enhance overall organizational outcomes. Despite the adjustments to the scope, project staff are confident in their ability to deliver the project within the established timeline.
IT Improvement Program - Development and Enhancement of BI Reporting Functions		This project has been deferred this financial year due to organisational structural adjustments. The project will be re-established at a later date.
IT Improvement Program - Development of ICT Capabilities of Meeting Rooms		This project is on hold following a review of all current IT projects and available budgets and resources.
IT Improvement Program - Objective software upgrade		The project scope is current being prepared and works are planned and scheduled to be undertaken in Q3. The project team are confident the project will be completed within the relevant timeline and within the available budget.
IT Improvement Program - Software Licencing Improvements		A review of all IT licences has been complete and internal stakeholders have been consulted. Improvements within the program have been scheduled and are progressing well. An end-of-year review has also been scheduled.
IT Improvement Program - Website and Intranet upgrade		The Darebin website and intranet update project has now been successfully completed within budget.
IT Infrastructure Implementation		
IT Improvement Program - Accelerated deployment: Customer Data Management		A project plan has been developed and project initiation is pending based on the availability of the suitable resource to undertake works within the program.
IT Improvement Program - Addressing existing Cyber Security Risks		This is a critical project for Council's Information Technology team and internal collaboration is on-going to ensure cyber security risks are identified and risk mitigation plans implemented. The project is on-track and progressing well within budget.

IT, Equipment, Collections		
IT Infrastructure Implementation		
IT Improvement Program - Asset Management Systems Remediation		This project has not yet begun but has scheduled within the second half of this financial year.
IT Improvement Program - Customer Data Management		The project scope has been prepared and internal collaboration has begun to ensure the integrity and safety of customer data and privacy. Works are progressing well against both timelines and budgets.
IT Improvement Program - Deployment of ICT Packaging & Monitoring Tools		The project to improve the ICT packaging and monitoring tools has been scheduled for delivery and completion in Q3 of 2025
IT Improvement Program - Infrastructure improvement (Switch & hardware replacement)		The project scope for the infrastructure improvement works (Switch and Hardware replacement) has been developed and the relevant tender process is now complete. Equipment identified within the program has now been ordered and staff await delivery. Upon receipt, works will be scheduled. The project is tracking well, on time and within budget.
IT Improvement Program - IT Refresh (Laptops, Desktops and Mobile Devices)		A comprehensive list of items to be purchased within the program this year has been prepared and a procurement process has now been undertaken. Council Officers are working with the successfully appointed provider to arrange for delivery and supply of items within the program.
IT Improvement Program - Upgrade of important Applications (Pathway)		Council's Pathway application serves as a critical piece of software which supports staff to manage all enquires received from the community. The application updates will improve usability and functionality including Council's ability to report on customer service standards and response times. General user training has now been scheduled and is currently underway to ensure minimal disruption to the business following the update.
Pit Lid Renewal Program		
Replacing Broken Pit Lids throughout the municipality		Broken pit lids present a significant hazard to the safety of road users, including drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, and especially children. We prioritize addressing these hazards promptly, ensuring that repairs or replacements are carried out as quickly as possible within strict timeframes. All reported assets have been inspected, secured, and assigned to contractors for repair or replacement by urgent deadlines. Since the beginning of the financial year, more than 35 assets have been upgraded, replaced, or repaired to the highest standards.

IT, Equipment, Collections		
Replacement of Mobile Garbage, Green Waste and Recycling Bins		
Replacement of mobile garbage, green waste and recycling bins	●	<p>This program is dedicated to replacing damaged garbage, food organics and green waste (FOGO), and recycling bins throughout Darebin. To date, we have delivered 300 x 240L garbage bins, 300 x 240L green bins, and 200 x 240L recycling bins.</p> <p>An order has been placed for the remaining bins needed for the current financial year. The program is on track and within budget.</p>
Vehicular Plant Replacement - Heavy Vehicle		
Replacement of fleet 564 (rear loader) for hard waste truck for dumped rubbish collection	●	<p>Three garbage trucks, including one side loader and two rear loaders, have been identified for replacement in the current financial year. Orders have been placed for two garbage trucks, with delivery expected by March/April 2025. The tender for the third truck is scheduled to close on October 15, 2025.</p> <p>The remaining budget will be allocated to small plant and equipment, including trailers, mowers, and other necessary items. An order has been placed for one trailer, and a quotation request has been issued for an additional trailer.</p> <p>All fleet items are expected to be delivered by June 30, 2025.</p>
Replacement of fleet 591 (side loader) for waste collection of garbage bins.		
Replacement of fleet 594 (side loader) for waste collection of garbage bins		
Replacement of parks equipment (mowers etc.)		
Vehicular Plant Replacement - Light Vehicle		
Additional funding to achieve appropriate renewal rate for size of fleet	●	<p>Seven passenger cars have been identified for replacement in the current financial year. To date, six vehicles have been delivered, including three fully electric vehicles and three hybrid vehicles.</p> <p>A quotation has been received for the final vehicle, which is expected to be delivered in February/March 2025 due to longer wait times.</p>
Replacement of light vehicle for Health Inspectors		
Replacement of light vehicle for Youth Services		
Youth Services Asset Renewal Program		
Decibels Music equipment and sound production equipment	●	<p>An equipment list and procurement plan are being developed based on the services asset inventory spreadsheet. The plan is expected to be completed by October 2024.</p>

Recreation & open space		
Civic Square Northcote Town Hall		
Civic Square Northcote Town Hall essential design to address a structural renewal need	●	<p>This project focuses on the design and investigations needed for the Civic Square at Northcote Town Hall to address structural renewal requirements for the platform and suspended bridge. The asset has further deteriorated, necessitating complete replacement to minimise maintenance and extend its useful life.</p> <p>Site visits have been conducted, and key stakeholders have been updated on the project's progress. The next steps involve completing the request for quotation (RFQ) documentation and seeking expressions of interest from qualified consultants.</p>
Clements Reserve Remediation		
Clements Reserve remediation of Council owned portion	●	<p>This project is deferred until the Department of Transport Planning remediate the contaminated land that is part of the sale agreement with Council. Council staff are currently working with the State Government to understand how the works will impact the proposed timeline.</p>
Cricket Practice Nets and Cages		
TW Blake Cricket Nets	●	<p>This project involves the design and construction of proposed cricket practice nets located in the southeastern section of the existing sporting oval at TW Blake Reserve in Preston. Initial investigations, including site visits and geotechnical assessments, are currently underway, and stakeholders have been updated on the progress of the project.</p>
Drainage System Renewal and Upgrade Program		
Drainage system renewal & upgrade - 256 Plenty Road, Preston	●	<p>The design project at 256 Plenty Road, Preston, is part of a 10-year capital initiative aimed at mitigating flooding and water ponding issues. Currently in the design phase, Council engineers are assessing the extent of flooding and its potential impact on road infrastructure and nearby properties.</p> <p>The project design and scope of works have been reviewed, and a request for quotation (RFQ) will soon be issued to consultants for the design phase. The project remains on track, with no changes to the expected design completion date.</p>

Recreation & open space		
Drainage System Renewal and Upgrade Program		
<p>Drainage system renewal & upgrade - 440 St Georges Road Thornbury</p>		<p>The project aims to upgrade an undersized 600mm drainage pipe that has been contributing to flooding in the area between the Murray Street and St. Georges Road intersection and the Hutton Street and St. Georges Road intersection. Although the pipe is owned by VicRoads, increased runoff from local properties has rendered it inadequate, necessitating an upgrade by the Council.</p> <p>The primary goal of the project is to eliminate flooding while ensuring that no new issues are created downstream. The project is currently in the design phase, with the aim of completing the design by December 2024.</p>
<p>Drainage system renewal & upgrade @ 19 Bourke Street, 13 Knox Street, 7 Dwyer Avenue, 5 Academy Avenue & 636 Gilbert Road Reservoir</p>		<p>The aim of this project is to design a new drainage system or upgrade the existing drains in the area to alleviate flooding issues. This initiative is part of the 10-Year Capital Program. The goal for this financial year is to complete the detailed design. The project scope is now complete and relevant internal and external engagement has now taken place. This project is currently on track for delivery within the proposed timeline.</p>
<p>Drainage system renewal & upgrade at Intersection Glasgow Avenue and Massey Avenue, Reservoir to Edgars Creek</p>		<p>This project represents the continuation of the drainage upgrade following the Stage 1 works on Massey Avenue. The evaluation process has begun, and construction is scheduled to commence once Stage 1 works are completed.</p>
<p>Drainage System renewal upgrade 5 Hartington St, Spain Crt, Potter Crt, Northcote</p>		<p>This project represents the continuation of the drainage upgrade following the Stage 1 works on Massey Avenue. The evaluation process is underway, and construction is scheduled to begin once Stage 1 works are completed.</p> <p>This phase focuses on upgrading the existing drainage network in response to multiple flooding events in the area. Site visits have been conducted, and key stakeholders have been informed about the project's progress.</p> <p>Council staff are currently finalising the request for quotation (RFQ) documentation and will soon seek quotes from suppliers on the Council's panel for these works.</p>

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Drainage System Renewal and Upgrade Program		
New storm water pipe installation at Summerhill Avenue	●	<p>The project scope is currently being reassessed, as team discussions have suggested that a more cost-effective solution may be available. This alternative approach aims to minimize community impact while still achieving the desired outcomes.</p> <p>CRE, the original design consultancy, has conducted further survey work and will provide alternative options for the project scope.</p>
Repairs and upgrades to existing drainage network	●	<p>The repair and replacement of drainage assets are essential for maintaining the efficiency of the drainage network, particularly as infrastructure ages. This program is increasingly important as older assets require attention.</p> <p>In accordance with the allocated budget, a thorough investigation of flood hotspots and associated drainage assets is currently underway to prioritize which assets need replacement or relining. This will be conducted as part of a multi-year program.</p> <p>At the same time, we are engaging with specialized contractors to ensure we achieve the best results at a reasonable cost.</p>
Irrigation Upgrades and Renewals Program		
New sportsground irrigation system at D.R. Atkinson Reserve, Reservoir	●	<p>This project involves the installation of a new irrigation system at DR Atkinson Reserve in Reservoir.</p> <p>Site visits have been conducted with key stakeholders, and tenant sports clubs have been informed about the timing of the planned works. The project scope has been assessed, and preliminary irrigation plans and drawings have been completed for Parks approval. Once finalised, requests for quotations will be issued to our panel of specialist irrigation contractors.</p>
Sportsground irrigation system power upgrade at H.P. Zwar Park, Preston	●	<p>This project involves upgrading the electrical switchboard at Zwar Park in Preston.</p> <p>Site inspections have been conducted with internal stakeholders and contractors, and testing has been completed to assess the power demand required for a 3-phase power supply. Contractors are currently collaborating with the power authority, which will help establish the project delivery dates.</p>

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Open Space Improvements program		
Design and prepare for Edwards Lake water quality improvements for Edgers Creek Pollution Trap	●	<p>A meeting has been scheduled with Melbourne Water to discuss the documentation required for the instream asset removal process.</p> <p>Melbourne Water has confirmed the necessary documentation for this process and has identified potential consultants to be engaged before issuing quotations. Meetings have now been scheduled with the relevant stakeholders and following this process quotations will be issued.</p>
Native planting in second year to establish the Rewilding at various locations	●	<p>The last few remaining sites within the program are now scheduled to be planted in the coming weeks, with completion expected before the end of October 2024.</p> <p>Following this, we will transition to an ongoing plant establishment process, which will include maintenance and watering throughout the summer months.</p>
Project: Park Asset Gap Fill	●	<p>This program focuses on upgrading existing infrastructure and delivering new park assets throughout Darebin.</p> <p>Drainage upgrade works at East Preston Tennis are scheduled for October 2024. At A.G. Davis Playground in Preston, the rubber path will be extended to enhance accessibility, with works planned for November 2024. Significant improvements were completed on the Kingsbury Tennis Club fence in 2023/24, and a full renewal is no longer necessary.</p>
New Park fencing at Bundoora Park		<p>The signage at The Parade Playground in Northcote was completed in 2023/24 as part of the playground upgrade, and further updates are not required. Two new park seats at John Hall Reserve in Kingsbury have been scoped, and their locations have been determined, with installation planned for the third quarter of the fiscal calendar.</p>
replacement of 2 Seats at John Hall Reserve Kingsbury		<p>At Bundoora Park Farm and Visitor Centre, the car park will receive new recycled plastic/timber bollards, with works scheduled for October/November 2024. This initiative marks the beginning of our transition from timber to recycled, sustainable infrastructure. Remaining asset upgrades will be planned, scoped, and contractors procured during the second and third quarters of the fiscal calendar.</p>

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Open Space Improvements program		
Replacement of failed trees across the municipality due to extreme weather conditions, storm damage, vandalism or unexplained loss	●	<p>This project focuses on replacing failed trees throughout the municipality due to extreme weather conditions, storm damage, vandalism, or unexplained loss. It involves planting trees in the streetscapes of Preston and Reservoir to mitigate urban heat island effects, as well as filling gaps in various areas, including Thornbury, Northcote, Macleod, Kingsbury, Fairfield, Bundoora, and Alphington, to increase canopy cover across the entire municipality.</p> <p>To date, a total of 557 trees have been planted as part of the Tree planting project following an audit of Darebin streetscapes to identify which sites will be included in the program this year. The project is on track and within budget.</p> <p>Complying with the Council endorsed shading policy, officers have prioritised natural shade where appropriate to enhance canopy cover and create essential shading within the municipality. A total of 557 trees have been planted as part of the Tree planting project.</p>
Tree planting streetscapes in Preston and Reservoir to mitigate urban heat island effects		
Planting sites to fill gaps to increase canopy cover across the entire municipality (Thornbury, Northcote, Macleod, Kingsbury, Fairfield, Bundoora, and Alphington)		
Prioritization of areas where shade is needed along pathways and trails, playgrounds and other park assets to create shade ways and establish canopy cover		
Unallocated Projects	●	A project scope will be established after identifying the priority tasks identified throughout the year.
Oval and Sportsground Renewal and Upgrade Program		
Additional security measures for sportsground lighting at J.C. Donath Reserve, Reservoir	●	<p>This project aims to enhance security and safety at our parks and facilities, helping to mitigate damage, theft, and vandalism.</p> <p>At Cranross Tennis Club in Preston, car park lighting has been renewed, and safety entrance lighting is scheduled for installation in 2025. Additionally, alarm system installations are planned for the sports field lighting at J.C. Donath Reserve in Reservoir, and modifications will be made to one drainage pit and the pitch two fence infrastructure at B.T. Connor Reserve in Reservoir.</p> <p>Contractors are currently working on each of these projects, which are set to be completed during the 2024/25 financial year.</p>

Recreation & open space		
Oval and Sportsground Renewal and Upgrade Program		
Relocate the vehicle entry on pitch two at B.T. Connor Reserve, Reservoir	●	<p>This project aims to enhance security and safety at our parks and facilities, helping to mitigate damage, theft, and vandalism.</p> <p>At Cranross Tennis Club in Preston, car park lighting has been renewed, and safety entrance lighting is scheduled for installation in 2025. Additionally, alarm system installations are planned for the sports field lighting at J.C. Donath Reserve in Reservoir, and modifications will be made to one drainage pit and the pitch two fence infrastructure at B.T. Connor Reserve in Reservoir.</p> <p>Contractors are currently working on each of these projects, which are set to be completed during the 2024/25 financial year.</p>
Replace the drainage pit at B.T. Connor Reserve, Reservoir		
Design and prepare sportsground drainage renewal at G.H. Mott Reserve, Preston	●	<p>This project involves the design and preparation of sportsground drainage renewal at G.H. Mott Reserve in Preston, ground eight at J.C. Donath Reserve in Reservoir, and C.H. Sullivan Reserve in Reservoir.</p> <p>Initial investigations are well progressed for each site and meetings have been undertaken with key stakeholders. Following this process, a procurement process will commence to engage a suitably qualified designer from the Darebin Council Parks and Open Space Related Services tender panel.</p>
Design and prepare sportsground drainage renewal on ground eight at J.C. Donath Reserve, Reservoir		
Design and prepare sportsground renewal at C.H. Sullivan Reserve, Reservoir		
Remove the coach's box at L.E. Cotchin Reserve, Reservoir	●	<p>This project involves the replacement of coaches' boxes at Preston City Oval to ensure compliance with AFL guidelines, as well as the removal of a coach's box at Le Cotchin Reserve.</p> <p>Council has engaged with key stakeholders regarding the final design and selection of materials. The next steps include completing the request for quotation documentation and seeking expressions of interest from qualified consultants.</p>
Three new coach's boxes at Preston City Oval		

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Oval and Sportsground Renewal and Upgrade Program		
Renew the turf wicket at Bill Lawry Oval, Northcote	●	This project involves the resurfacing of the turf wicket at Bill Lawry Oval in Northcote, aimed at improving its quality and durability. Project staff have actively engaged in consultations with key stakeholders to ensure the best outcome, and these discussions are ongoing. Both Cricket Victoria and the Northcote Cricket Club have been consulted extensively regarding the timing, scope, and potential impacts of the work. After thorough consideration, it has been determined that implementing a two-stage approach is best practice to minimise disruptions to play and ensure a seamless transition. Stage 1 of the project has now been successfully completed, addressing initial resurfacing needs. Stage 2, which will finalise the improvements, is scheduled to take place in late December 2024, aligning with the cricket calendar to reduce downtime.
Two new AFL goals for Preston City Oval	●	This project involves the installation of new goal posts at Preston City Oval. Site visits have been conducted with key stakeholders, and tenant clubs have been notified. The project scope has been defined, and two quotes have been obtained. A specialist contractor will be selected from Council's Park and Open Space Related Services panel to carry out the work.
Park Asset Renewal Program including Drinking Fountains		
New amphitheatre seating at Bundoora Park Farm	●	This project involves the renewal and replacement of the Amphitheatre at Bundoora Park Farm. The scope of work and plans have been finalised, and we have received contractor quotations as well as planning approval from DEECA. Construction is scheduled to begin in November 2024, and stakeholders have been informed about the project timeline.
Renew multiple pedestrian and vehicle tracks at Edwardes Lake Park Reservoir, Strettle Reserve Thornbury; and Merri Park, Northcote	●	This project involves the renewal of multiple pedestrian and vehicle tracks at Edwardes Lake Park in Reservoir, Strettle Reserve in Thornbury, and Merri Park in Northcote. Site location inspections with internal stakeholders have now been progressed and an assessment of the project against the asset management levels of service for managed gravel pathways/access tracks has been undertaken.

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Park Asset Renewal Program including Drinking Fountains		
Renewal of Shelter and sign at All Nations Park	●	The Parks Asset Renewal program is a core capital works commitment each year which aims to ensure Darebin Parks and Open Spaces at fit for purpose and comply to Darebin’s standards. The list of works for the 24/25 program has now been confirmed. As part of the program, Council will renew the shelter and signs at All Nations Park. A Briefing has now been undertaken on the required works and a project scope has been prepared.
Line mark the basketball key at Hartington St. Basketball Court, Northcote	●	<p>This project aims to renew existing park assets across our parks, reserves, and facility sites.</p> <p>Recently, three vegetable planter boxes have been replaced at Blake Street Kindergarten in Reservoir. Two drinking fountains have been ordered for Merri Park in Northcote and A.G. Davis Park in Preston, with installations expected to be completed in the third quarter of the fiscal calendar. Additionally, one drinking fountain has been ordered for Northcote Tennis, scheduled for installation in October/November 2024. A single BBQ has also been ordered for Edwardes Lake Park in Reservoir, with installation set for October 2024.</p> <p>Plans for the remaining park assets will shortly be developed, with orders placed and contractors procured during the second and third quarters of the fiscal calendar.</p>
New concrete pads for seating at Northcote Senior Citizens Centre		
New planter boxes at Blake St. Kindergarten, Reservoir		
New retaining wall seating at J.E. Moore Park, Reservoir		
One new basketball backboard, ring and net at A.G. Davis Park, Preston		
One new basketball backboard, ring and net at Pitcher Park, Alphington		
One new basketball backboard, ring and net at Shand Reserve, Reservoir		
One new bench seat along the Darebin Creek Corridor, Reservoir		
One new drinking fountain at A.G. Davis Park, Preston		
One new drinking fountain at Clifton St Northcote Tennis Courts		

Recreation & open space		
Park Asset Renewal Program including Drinking Fountains		
One new entrance bollard at Bundoora Park	●	<p>This project aims to renew existing park assets across our parks, reserves, and facility sites.</p> <p>Recently, three vegetable planter boxes have been replaced at Blake Street Kindergarten in Reservoir. Two drinking fountains have been ordered for Merri Park in Northcote and A.G. Davis Park in Preston, with installations expected to be completed in the third quarter of the fiscal calendar. Additionally, one drinking fountain has been ordered for Northcote Tennis, scheduled for installation in October/November 2024. A single BBQ has also been ordered for Edwardes Lake Park in Reservoir, with installation set for October 2024.</p> <p>Plans for the remaining park assets will shortly be developed, with orders placed and contractors procured during the second and third quarters of the fiscal calendar.</p>
One new drinking fountain at Merri Park, Northcote		
Paint and refurbish the bridges at Ray Bramham Park, Preston		
Paint and refurbish two seats at Lakeview Tennis Courts, Reservoir		
Paint Park Table & Seats at H.L.T. Oulton Reserve Preston		
Two new basketball backboards, rings and nets at Judith Scott Memorial Park, Kingsbury		
Two new bench seats along the Darebin Creek Corridor, Kingsbury		
Playspace Renewal Program		
Judith Scott playspace - full renewal	●	<p>The project scope for the Judith Scott Memorial Park Playground renewal has now been completed and internal consultation with stakeholders has now taken place. Council is now seeks quotes from suitably qualified consultants from the Parks and Open Space Related Service panel who will shortly be appointed. The project is progressing well and within budget.</p>
Playspace - Batman - Replace Timber Uprights & Wood Repairs	●	<p>The Batman Playspace repairs will involve the restoration of timber posts at the reserve. Initial internal consultations have been completed, and the project scope is being finalised. Once this process is complete, a Request for Quotation (RFQ) will be distributed, and a contractor will be selected to begin the rectification works. The RFQ is on track to be released in November 2024, with repairs scheduled to take place in the new calendar year.</p>

Recreation & open space		
Playspace Renewal Program		
Playspace - Blake St Kinder - Swing	●	This project focuses on the renewal of equipment at various play spaces in Darebin. At Blake Street Kindergarten in Reservoir, the swings and surfacing have been successfully replaced. Additionally, a section of the rollover bars at Woolhouse Playground in Northcote has been removed and repaired to ensure proper functionality. Contractors have provided quotes for the surfacing work at Pearl Reserve in Thornbury. The works have now been scheduled for November 2024.
Playspace - Pearl Reserve - Swing Surface Repairs		
Playspace - Woolhouse (Croxtton School) - Replace Roll Over Bars		
Playspace - BP Farm Playground (ALL)	●	The rectification works for the playspace at the Bundoora Park Farm are progressing well and are in line with the program timeline. The project scope has been prepared and internal stakeholders are being consulted.
Polaris (Lancaster Gate) playspace - full renewal	●	The renewal works for the Polaris Playspace has now been handed over to the relevant Project Manager. A handover briefing has taken place and internal stakeholder consultation has now been scheduled. The project manager is currently preparing the EIA/GIA for the project.
Reservoir Leisure Centre Gym Equipment and Group Exercise Equipment		
Reservoir Leisure Centre: New Gym and Group Exercise Equipment	●	A business case has now been developed to explore opportunities for new equipment and services that align with the needs identified in the recent RLC member survey. Once the business case is finalised and approved, implementation of these enhancements will begin.
Sportsground Sub-surface Drainage		
AH Capp - drainage renewal	●	This project aims to renew and enhance the existing sportsground drainage system. Site visits have been conducted with internal stakeholders and contractors, and drawings and plans have been received. The project scope is currently under assessment to ensure optimal outcomes.

Recreation & open space		
Soil Contamination		
Various remediation sites	●	<p>Darebin Park Lands: Project scoping phase with Darebin Parklands Working Group to desilt the Bio-Filter Pond. Fuel Tank Removal: Bundoora Park fuel tank removal work will commence and have started procurement process. Remediation works of contaminated soil have been scheduled for the Darebin Park Lands and at Bundoora Park. Appropriate management and rectification plans have now been prepared to ensure any remediation methods are site specific and appropriate.</p> <p>Darebin Park Lands: The project is currently in the scoping phase with the Darebin Parklands Working Group, focusing on desilting the Bio-Filter Pond.</p> <p>Fuel Tank Removal: The removal of the fuel tank at Bundoora Park is set to begin, and the procurement process has now begun to engage a suitably qualified contractor to undertake the works.</p>
Synthetic Cricket Wicket Installation		
Replace the synthetic cricket wicket on ground five at J.C. Donath Reserve, Reservoir	●	<p>This project involves the installation of a new synthetic cricket pitch that meets Cricket Australia standards at Donath Ground 5. Site visits have been conducted with key stakeholders, and tenant clubs have been informed of the project. The scope has been defined, and surveying has been completed to ensure successful implementation.</p>
Transport, footpaths & streetscapes		
Footpath Renewal Program		
Additional segments to be nominated to accelerate addressing backlog	●	<p>This project encompasses both minor and major footpath renewal efforts designed to enhance safety and functionality within our municipality. The scope includes the repair and replacement of aging infrastructure. Construction activities began on Bastings Street, Northcote, on September 18, 2024, and are currently ongoing. One contractor is engaged, with additional contractors expected to begin work within the next 2-3 weeks. The Traffic Management company has submitted Memorandum of Authorisation (MoA) applications for roads managed by VicRoads, Council staff are currently awaiting approval.</p> <p>We anticipate that this project will be completed by the end of May 2025. This projection is in line with Council's proposed timeline and set to comply with the available budget.</p>
Footpath Renewal - BARRY STREET, NORTHCOTE		
Footpath Renewal - BEACONSFIELD PARADE, NORTHCOTE		
Footpath Renewal - BROADHURST AVENUE, RESERVOIR		
Footpath Renewal - CLIFTON STREET, NORTHCOTE		

Transport, footpaths & streetscapes		
Footpath Renewal Program		
Footpath Renewal - EVANS CRESCENT, RESERVOIR	●	<p>This project encompasses both minor and major footpath renewal efforts designed to enhance safety and functionality within our municipality. The scope includes the repair and replacement of aging infrastructure.</p> <p>Construction activities began on Bastings Street, Northcote, on September 18, 2024, and are currently ongoing. One contractor is engaged, with additional contractors expected to begin work within the next 2-3 weeks. The Traffic Management company has submitted Memorandum of Authorisation (MoA) applications for roads managed by VicRoads, Council staff are currently awaiting approval.</p> <p>We anticipate that this project will be completed by the end of May 2025. This projection is in line with Council's proposed timeline and set to comply with the available budget.</p>
Footpath Renewal - GILLIES STREET, FAIRFIELD		
Footpath Renewal - GLADSTONE AVENUE, NORTHCOTE		
Footpath Renewal - HAYES STREET, NORTHCOTE		
Footpath Renewal - HENRY STREET, NORTHCOTE		
Footpath Renewal - HIGH STREET, PRESTON		
Footpath Renewal - Kelvin Grv, THORNBURY		
Footpath Renewal - MERRI PARADE, NORTHCOTE		
Footpath Renewal - NORMANBY AVENUE, THORNBURY		
Footpath Renewal - REGENT STREET, PRESTON		
Footpath Renewal - ROSEBERRY AVENUE, PRESTON		
Footpath Renewal - TRUDGEON AVENUE, RESERVOIR		
Footpath Renewal - WILCOX STREET, PRESTON		
Further additional segments to be nominated to accelerate addressing backlog		

Transport, footpaths & streetscapes		
Footpath Renewal Program		
Minor Footpath renewal works – reactive renewal		
Minor Footpath renewal works Andrew Street		
Minor Footpath renewal works Bastings St		
Minor Footpath renewal works Beauchamp ST		
Minor Footpath renewal works Bradshaw ST		
Minor Footpath renewal works Darling St		
Minor Footpath renewal works Grange BLvd		
Minor Footpath renewal works Hughes PDE		
Minor Footpath renewal works Link ST		
Minor Footpath renewal works Mahoneys Road	●	<p>This project encompasses both minor and major footpath renewal efforts designed to enhance safety and functionality within our municipality. The scope includes the repair and replacement of aging infrastructure.</p> <p>Construction activities began on Bastings Street, Northcote, on September 18, 2024, and are currently ongoing. One contractor is engaged, with additional contractors expected to begin work within the next 2-3 weeks. The Traffic Management company has submitted Memorandum of Authorisation (MoA) applications for roads managed by VicRoads, Council staff are currently awaiting approval.</p> <p>We anticipate that this project will be completed by the end of May 2025. This projection is in line with Council’s proposed timeline and set to comply with the available budget.</p>
Minor Footpath renewal works Palm St		
Minor Footpath renewal works Railway PI		
Minor Footpath renewal works Rene ST		
Minor Footpath renewal works Separation St		
Minor Footpath renewal works Shoalhaven St		
Minor Footpath renewal works Sugargum Dr		
Minor Footpath renewal works Westgarth St		
Minor Footpath renewal works Yarralea St		
Minor Footpath renewal works Young ST		

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Kerb and Channel Renewal Program		
Kerb & Channel renewal works - Alphington (various)	●	<p>Council's project staff have initiated meetings with key stakeholders and have conducted site visits to finalise the list of sites within the kerb and channel renewal program. Our team is collaborating closely with the Capital Projects team to identify any necessary works in the streets designated for road resurfacing.</p> <p>Construction is scheduled to commence by mid-November 2024.</p>
Kerb & Channel renewal works - Bundoora (various)		
Kerb & Channel renewal works - Fairfield (various)		
Kerb & Channel renewal works - Kingsbury (various)		
Kerb & Channel renewal works - Northcote (various)		
Kerb & Channel renewal works - Preston (various)		
Kerb & Channel renewal works - Reservoir (various)		
Kerb & Channel renewal works - Thornbury (various)		
Replace Kendal-Harding Bridge		
Kendall / Harding Street shared path bridge renewal and improved accessibility	●	<p>Project staff have now completed flood modelling and functional design for the shared path bridge renewal project at Kendall/Harding Street. Staff are now focused on the Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the site. The project is progressing against the project timeline.</p>
Right of way rehabilitation program		
Laneway (ROW) renewal at various locations	●	<p>The Right of Way (RoW) adjacent to 85 Darebin Road is scheduled for reconstruction during this financial year. Initial work began in 2022 but was paused due to unexpected soil conditions. Project staff have prepared the Request for Quotation and have now sought quotations from contractors. Reconstruction work is expected to commence by the end of November 2024, with a completion date set for mid-December 2024.</p> <p>In addition, minor renewal works are planned for 100 Charles Street, Northcote, with work anticipated to begin in the first week of December 2024.</p>

Transport, footpaths & streetscapes		
Road Rehabilitation Design & Construction Program		
Road Design & Construction - Botha Avenue (Allenby to McFadzean Av)	●	As part of Councils Road rehabilitation program, Botha Avenue has been nominated to be upgraded. Works will include reconstruction of the existing central median, kerb and channel repairs, deep asphalt repairs where the pavement has lifted or failed, new asphalt over the entire surface and new raised safety treatments. Community will be engaged after caretaker period with an aim for construction works to occur in early 2025.
Road Design & Construction - Hickford St. / Darebin Blvd Intersection - Preston	●	Additionally, Hickford Street and Darebin Boulevard have also been nominated for upgrades. The proposed works will include the demolition of the existing road pavement, installation of new asphalt and a full-depth road subbase, new underground drainage, repairs to kerb and channel, vehicle crossings, and footpaths. This project will also replace the existing roundabout with a new raised intersection, promoting safer speeds and providing improved crossing points for pedestrians, as well as enhanced connectivity to Reservoir Views Primary School. Both projects are tracking well against the prepared project timeline.
Testing & Design for future year Road Rehabilitation Works (High Street)	●	This project focuses on the design and investigations necessary for upcoming initiatives within the Council's long-term Road Rehabilitation Program. The aim of this program is to enhance the condition, safety, and visual appeal of various roads throughout the City. Project staff have now commenced planning and assessment of sites along High Street to ensure our road infrastructure will meet the needs of our community now and in the future.
Road Resurfacing Program		
Road resurfacing - ARTHURTON ROAD-SHAKESPEARE to WINIFRED	●	As part of Council's commitment to enhance road safety and driving conditions, the following roads will be resurfaced Project staff have now conducted site inspections for each of the streets selected within the program of road resurfacing works. Project staff are currently preparing the relevant procurement documentation for distribution at the commencement of Q2.
Road resurfacing - BANBURY ROAD-BOGONG to LUKE		
Road resurfacing - BANBURY ROAD-BROADHURST to BOGONG		








Transport, footpaths & streetscapes		
Road Resurfacing Program		
Road resurfacing - BANBURY ROAD-LUKE to THROWER	●	<p>As part of Council's commitment to enhance road safety and driving conditions, the following roads will be resurfaced</p> <p>Project staff have now conducted site inspections for each of the streets selected within the program of road resurfacing works. Project staff are currently preparing the relevant procurement documentation for distribution at the commencement of Q2 with an aim for works to occur early 2025.</p>
Road resurfacing - BANBURY ROAD-THROWER to EMMA		
Road resurfacing - BASTINGS STREET-NEWMARKET to SHARP		
Road resurfacing - BASTINGS STREET-OXFORD to NEWMARKET		
Road resurfacing - BORRIE STREET-MIRANDA to ST. VIGEONS		
Road resurfacing - CHIFLEY DRIVE-BRUTHEN to BELL		
Road resurfacing - CUTHBERT ROAD-ROYAL to MARCHANT		
Road resurfacing - DAVIDSON STREET-LOCKTON to DAWSON		
Road resurfacing - DENNIS STREET-SALISBURY to REID		
Road resurfacing - DUNDAS STREET-NEWCASTLE to VICTORIA RD		
Road resurfacing - DUNDAS STREET-STATION to JONES		
Road resurfacing - ELIZABETH STREET-FURZER to COOL		
Road resurfacing - ELIZABETH STREET-HORTON to JENKIN		

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Road Resurfacing Program		
Road resurfacing - GILBERT ROAD-BURGESS to MILLER	●	<p>As part of Council’s commitment to enhance road safety and driving conditions, the following roads will be resurfaced</p> <p>Project staff have now conducted site inspections for each of the streets selected within the program of road resurfacing works. Project staff are currently preparing the relevant procurement documentation for distribution at the commencement of Q2 with an aim for works to occur early 2025.</p>
Road resurfacing - GILBERT ROAD-EDWARDES to LAKE		
Road resurfacing - GILBERT ROAD-KANE to COLLINS		
Road resurfacing - HICKFORD STREET-DUNDEE to BORRIE/DAREBIN		
Road resurfacing - HICKFORD STREET-JOHNSON to SMITH		
Road resurfacing - HIGH STREET-BEAVERS to BEACONSFIELD		
Road resurfacing - HIGH STREET-COLLINS to PENDER		
Road resurfacing - HIGH STREET-GOOCH to MANSFIELD		
Road resurfacing - HIGH STREET-LAWRY to SEPARATION		
Road resurfacing - HIGH STREET-MC CUTCHEON to BEAVERS		
Road resurfacing - HIGH STREET-OAKOVER to SHOWERS		
Road resurfacing - INVERMAY STREET-HICKFORD to ST. VIGEONS		

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Road Resurfacing Program		
Road resurfacing - LEINSTER GROVE- NORMANBY to WOOLTON		
Road resurfacing - MARSHALL DRIVE- MURIEL to INVERMAY		
Road resurfacing - MASSEY AVENUE- GODLEY to GLASGOW		
Road resurfacing - MCFADZEAN AVENUE- BARRY to O'CONNOR		
Road resurfacing - ORRONG AVENUE- MCMAHON to STRATHMERTON		
Road resurfacing - REGENT STREET (ROBINSON TO RAIL X- ING)	●	<p>As part of Council's commitment to enhance road safety and driving conditions, the following roads will be resurfaced</p> <p>Project staff have now conducted site inspections for each of the streets selected within the program of road resurfacing works. Project staff are currently preparing the relevant procurement documentation for distribution at the commencement of Q2 with an aim for works to occur early 2025.</p>
Road resurfacing - REGENT STREET-HIGH to ROBINSON		
Road resurfacing - REGENT STREET-SPRING to MYRTLE		
Road resurfacing - SEPARATION STREET- PERRY to GRANGE		
Road resurfacing - SOUTH CRESCENT- PARSONS to JAMIESON		
Road resurfacing - SOUTH CRESCENT- SIMPSON to PARSONS		
Road resurfacing - SOUTH CRESCENT- VICTORIA to LEES		
Road resurfacing - TAYLOR STREET-HUTTON to RENNIE		

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Road Resurfacing Program		
Road resurfacing - TYLER STREET-ARLINGTON to JEFFREY	●	<p>As part of Council's commitment to enhance road safety and driving conditions, the following roads will be resurfaced</p> <p>Project staff have now conducted site inspections for each of the streets selected within the program of road resurfacing works. Project staff are currently preparing the relevant procurement documentation for distribution at the commencement of Q2 with an aim for works to occur early 2025.</p>
Road resurfacing - TYLER STREET-ELLISON to JOFFRE		
Road resurfacing - TYLER STREET-JEFFREY to ELLISON		
Road resurfacing - TYLER STREET-JOFFRE to PLENTY		
Road resurfacing - VICTORIA ROAD-CHRISTMAS to CLIFTON		
Road resurfacing - VICTORIA ROAD-CLARENDON to CLYDE		
Road resurfacing - VICTORIA ROAD-CLYDE to SPEIGHT		
Road resurfacing - VICTORIA ROAD-FLINDERS to MANSFIELD		
Road resurfacing - VICTORIA ROAD-JENKINS to CHRISTMAS		
Road resurfacing - VICTORIA ROAD-MANSFIELD to ROSSMOYNE		
Road resurfacing - VICTORIA ROAD-RALEIGH to CLARENDON		
Road resurfacing - WOOLHOUSE STREET-ARTHURTON to BEAVERS		

Transport, footpaths & streetscapes		
Street Furniture and Equipment Renewal Program		
Street Furniture Renewal Program	●	The list of sites to be included within the project scope has now been confirmed and an request for quote is being prepared to purchase bin surrounds, seating, and a bike hoop. Project staff will seek quotations from suitably qualified infrastructure providers. Quotes will then be assessed, and goods will be ordered with delivery expected in early 2025.
Street lighting safety renewal program		
Central Preston lighting renewal (part)	●	Project staff have commenced initial internal stakeholder engagement.
Public lighting audit in community areas, car parks, open spaces (not streetlights)	●	Project staff have begun internal stakeholder discussions and are currently identifying and consolidating the list of key locations to undertake audits for in this financial year.
Street lighting renewal forward design	●	Project staff have begun internal stakeholder consultation and are currently identifying the list of priority works to be included in the program this year.
Transport Safety Projects Construct (including Blackspot Program)		
Blackspot - Bell Street and Gilbert Road intersection Traffic Signal safety improvements	●	This project involves the improvement of the existing signal operation at Bell Street and Gilbert Road intersection to enhance safety. This project will be delivered externally by Department of Transport Planning (DTP). Council staff are in regular communication with the external lead to understand the project delivery timeline and support delivery.
Blackspot - Edwardes Street and Banbury Road (application pending)	●	Council have now been notified that they have been unsuccessful in obtaining funding for this project this year. This project has been deferred.
Blackspot - High Street and Crawley Street (application pending)	●	Project staff have now completed a procurement process and appointed a design consultant for the civil component of the project. Staff are regularly meeting with the contractor and key stakeholders. A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) has now been received from the Department of Transport Planning (DTP) for the speed limit component of the project. Community consultation is now scheduled and will occur following Council's caretaker period.

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Transport Safety Projects Construct (including Blackspot Program)		
Construct Clarendon Street raised zebra crossing - Psarakos Market		Council has now formally endorsed the project. The project includes construction of raised zebra crossing on Clarendon Street at the Psarakos Market. The project is currently in the design stage with construction set to commence in early 2025.
Construct McIntosh at James Street		The project includes installation of raised pavement on James Street. The design phase of the project is now completed, and construction is planned to commence in early 2025.
Construct Raised children's crossing on Clifton Grove at Sacred Heart School		This project delivers on Transport's safety program and involves the construction of a new raised crossing at Sacred Heart School in Clifton Grove Preston. Construction commenced in the September 2024 school holiday period to limit disruption to families. Works are expected to be complete by the 11 October 2024.
Construct raised school crossing opposite James Street at St Joseph Primary school gates		The project includes the installation of a raised school crossing at St Joseph Primary school on James Street. The design phase of the project is now complete. Project staff have now initiated a procurement process to progress works. Construction is expected to commence in early 2025.
Construct raised threshold Clapham Street (north) at Hutton Street		The project will create a raised threshold at Hutton Street. The project is currently in the procurement phase. Construction will commence in January 2025 during the school holiday period to mitigate impact on local families.
Quick Wins YSYS		The list of projects to be included within the program of works have now been identified by project staff and following a procurement process, design consultants have now been appointed. Project staff are currently preparing Traffic Impact Assessment for both South Crescent and Railway Place projects. Following Council's caretaker period, a community consultation process will be initiated.
Street Lighting Projects		Project staff have now lodged applications with CitiPower and Jemena to begin the street lighting upgrade process. Staff are currently awaiting the outcome of all submitted applications.

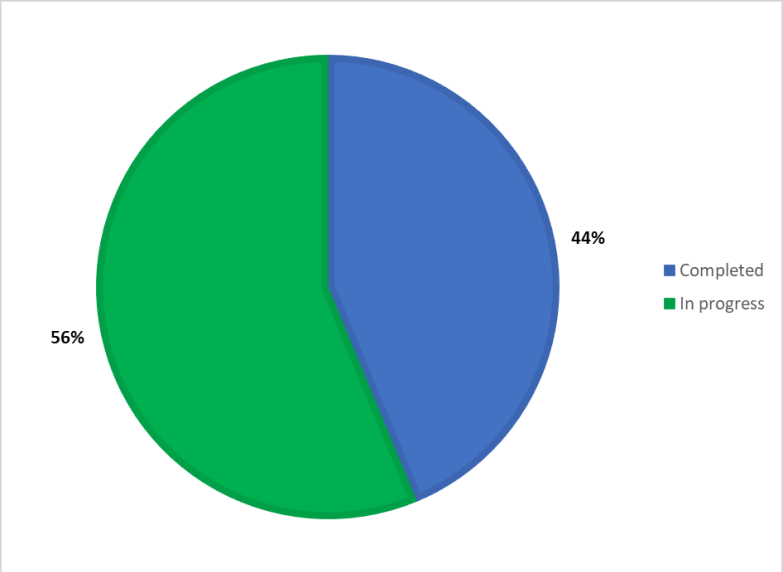
Transport, footpaths & streetscapes		
Transport Safety Projects Design		
Accessible Parking Spaces Design and Construction	●	This program involves both design and construction of new and accessible parking spaces throughout the municipality. As part of the program of works, Council will be installing two new bays in Collins Street, Thornbury outside Penders Park. Works are scheduled to commence in October 2024. The remaining budget will be used to fund the design of a second assessable parking site. Internal consultation is currently underway to select a suitable option. Design works for any future identified site will commence this financial year and construction will be planned for the upcoming financial year 25/26.
Design of raised zebra crossing on Cramer Street	●	Following a procurement process a design consultant has now been appointed. Project staff are meeting with the designer regularly and following the receipt of the functional design are now providing feedback. Consultation has now been scheduled to occur following Council's caretaker period.
Design of speed humps on Radford Road between Edwardes Street and Broadhurst Avenue	●	Following a procurement process, a design consultant has now been appointed. Project staff are regularly meeting with the appointed consultant and have received the functional design. Feedback on has now been provided and community consultation has been scheduled and will occur following Council's caretaker period.
Design Pedestrian Operated Signal and Raised Shared Path Crossing Cheddar Road at Crookston Road	●	Following a procurement process, a design consultant has now been appointed. Project staff are regularly meeting with the appointed consultant and have received the functional design. Feedback on has now been provided and community consultation has been scheduled and will occur following Council's caretaker period.
Priority projects identified in the Your Street Your Say Program	●	Following a procurement process, consultants have now been engaged by Council staff to complete the design works for the Newcastle Street raised zebra crossing. They have also been engaged to undertake a feasibility study for Victoria Road and Dundas Street bike projects. Staff are meeting regularly with the consultant and the project is progressing well against the project timeline and budget.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

In the first quarter of the 2024-25 financial year, 37 resolutions were made through Council meetings, 14 have been completed and 23 resolutions are in progress.

Due to the complexity of some of the resolutions, they may span multiple years and can be superseded or updated as the initiatives progress.

The current status of Q1 Council resolutions is shown in the chart below:



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