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RESERVOIR LEISURE CENTRE RENEWAL

- The City of Darebin seeks support (\$12,000,000) capital investment to undertake the works required to secure the future of the Reservoir Leisure Centre.
- The facility is highly valued by the community. It includes indoor and outdoor pools, group fitness rooms, a gym, occasional care and a warm water pool.
- It plays a vital role in supporting the health and wellbeing of some of the most disadvantaged members of our community.
- The centre was opened in 1989, and while undergoing some extensions since this time, it now needs major renewal works to meet the needs of the Darebin community now and into the future.
- Council's vision is for the Reservoir Leisure Centre to be a whole-of-life health and wellbeing hub to support healthy individuals and build strong communities.



PRESTON RAIL CROSSING REMOVAL

- Council seeks support to extend the level crossing removal project to include the Murray Road, Cramer Street and Oakover Road level crossings.
- Currently, only the Bell Street crossing is scheduled for removal.
- Removing all four crossings concurrently would result in improved local traffic flow and is considerably more cost effective and efficient than a single removal now.
- To meet the Government's future proofing project requirements, the four crossings at Oakover Road, Bell Street, Cramer Street and Murray Road need to be removed as part of a single elevated rail project.
- The Murray Road level crossing should have been included in the State's top 50 planned level crossing removals, because it is within a Principal Activity Centre, carries major bus routes, and is trafficked by 20,000 vehicles per day.
- If the Bell Street level crossing were removed as a stand-alone project, \$60 million worth of structure would need to be removed to allow for the reconstruction of a new elevated rail section over Cramer Street and Murray Road. Underground rail is not viable because slope gradients would prevent level crossings at Cramer Street and Murray Road from being removed in the future.
- Proceeding with Bell Street independently, as either an elevated or underground solution, will render the removal of level crossings at Cramer Street and Murray Road unviable.
- Council's 2016 estimates show removing four level crossings to create an elevated rail solution will cost \$247 million. This cost compares with a single level crossing removal at Bell Street of \$135 million.



HIGH STREET (RESERVOIR) RAIL CROSSING REMOVAL

- Council seeks funding to extend the scope of the level crossing removal and station rebuild to encompass work that simplifies the complex junction of connecting roads surrounding the station.
- Council wants to ensure the rebuilt Reservoir rail station is the focal point of a revitalised activity centre that connects the two centres located in Edwardes Street and Broadway. This outcome relies on a simplified road layout.
- The Government announced the High Street level crossing removal as a potentially transformational project for Reservoir, improving pedestrian movement and easing local traffic congestion. However, Council understands that the current budget allows only for the level crossing to be removed, not for the additional work to improve traffic flow. Without additional funding to simplify the road network, this transformational opportunity will be lost.
- Removal of the rail crossing independent of any road improvements will fail to ease congestion and prevent the implementation of the Reservoir Structure Plan that Council prepared in partnership with Government. This plan supports the value capture of potentially surplus government land.



NORTHCOTE AQUATIC CENTRE UPGRADE

- Council seeks funding to redevelop the Northcote Aquatic Recreation Centre (\$42-62 million depending on scope).
- The 50-year-old centre is much loved by the local community but the facility has degraded over time and now needs replacement.
- Council's plan is to build a state-of-the-art facility that will serve the community for the next 50 years. Our vision is for a whole-of-life health and wellbeing hub.
- The new facility will incorporate ESD (Environmentally Sustainable Development) and accessibility features that will foster healthy individuals and build strong communities.



TRAM ROUTE 11

- Council asks Government to undertake a feasibility study to examine extending tram route 11 from its current termination point through to Reservoir Station.
- Taking advantage of the Reservoir level crossing removal and associated works to extend the tram route would substantially increase public access to rail services and the Reservoir Activity Centre.
- Ultimately, there are possibilities to extend the tram route further to link Reservoir Railway Station to LaTrobe University.
- Extending the tram route would greatly benefit the community and increase the viability of the route itself.
- The ALP member for Batman made an election commitment to advocate to the Commonwealth Government for \$40 million to extend the tram route.



DAREBIN MULTI SPORT STADIUM

- Council seeks funding to build a four-court stadium at the John Cain Memorial Park. The facility would be used for netball, basketball, futsal and badminton. The preliminary estimated cost of the stadium is \$25,585,000 (excl. GST).
- The new stadium will help redress the undersupply of court facilities in the south of the municipality. It is one component of a project that aims to increase women's participation in sport.
- Works will encompass four outdoor courts (\$3.3 million), upgrades to the traffic intersection (\$3.84 million), car park, landscape works, lighting and pedestrian paths (\$962,000).

Action Council has taken to date:

- Allocated \$5,989,000 (excl. GST) in the 2018/19 budget to commence delivery of the project.
- Allocated funds in the Long Term Financial Plan to support project completion.
- Commenced detailed design of the stadium (including traffic intersection entrance, car parking and landscaping).
- Commenced planning and design for the construction of the four outdoor netball courts (planned to be delivered by early 2019).
- Undertaken community consultation as part of the development of the John Cain Memorial Park Master Plan, which provided an opportunity for the community to see how the stadium and outdoor netball courts integrate into the park precinct.

Future action:

- Community input will be sought on the facility design and throughout the project delivery.
- An estimated 86.6 direct jobs (FTE) will be generated during the construction period.