

2022 Advocacy Platform

Theme	Priorities
Rezza revitalisation	<p>Extend and expand the work of the Reservoir Revitalisation Board to support local economic and community development and local job, skills and training opportunities.</p> <p>RLC and Wellbeing Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Centre will address inequality and key local socio-economic challenges. Council is seeking funding towards concept design and commitment to partner in redevelopment funding. • Council is seeking an investment of between \$30 million and up to \$60 million from Federal and State governments towards a major redevelopment of the RLC as a future Health and Wellbeing Hub. <p>Local recreation, parks and environment priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Hall Pavilion - \$3m • \$500k for the construction of the Edwardes Lake Playspace • Donath East Pavilion - \$3m • KP Hardiman Pavilion - \$3m • Blake Reserve Pavilion - \$3m • \$1m to construct the Ruthven Wetland • Rewild Cheddar Rd with 500,000 plants, shrubs and grasses • CH Sullivan playspace renewal (\$80K) • GE Robinson Park – fitness equipment upgrade \$50K <p>Local transport improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fix the safety issues at the Boldrewood Parade and Broadway intersection in Reservoir. • Introduce an electric orbital bus route along the proposed SRL corridor, connecting Reservoir to Sunshine, Melbourne Airport, Fawkner, La Trobe University and National Employment and Innovation Cluster (NEIC). • Chandler Bus Highway: a new bus route and express bus lane to connect La Trobe University to Burnley Station via the Chandler Highway. • Route 86: upgrade the 14 tram stops on tram route 86 to accessible tram stops. • The number 11 tram route should be extended to and along Edwardes Street, Reservoir, to Reservoir Station, We're asking the Victorian government to fund a feasibility study and to establish an electric bus route in the meantime. • More buses more often - especially East-West routes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment in cycling network improvements including in the Streets for People corridors, the Strategic cycling corridors and the Regional trails network which connects Darebin with the wider region.
Preston	<p>Protect Preston Market.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preston Market is the heart of our community, but its unique features are under threat of unnecessary demolition. We are fighting to protect the historical, cultural and social value of the market itself, and to ensure that any developments in the precinct are designed with consideration for the site's heritage as well as its potential. <p>Establish a new Preston Revitalisation Board building on the success of the Board in Reservoir. The new Preston Board would support local economic and community development and local job, skill and training opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinvigorate High Street through a program of streetscape improvements – footpath upgrade, tree planting kerb extensions, public realm improvements etc. Activate High Street through the redevelopment of the Council-owned building at 421 High Street, Preston <p>Intercultural centre funding</p> <p>Global learning hub funding</p> <p>Local recreation, parks and environment improvements projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10m to redevelop the pavilion and lighting at Preston City Oval TW Blake Park upgrade \$500K HP Zwar playspace renewal \$100K AG Davis playspace renewal \$150K <p>Transport improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bell Station car park access from the west. The Level Crossing Removal Authority should change the design so that the car park entrance is from the West and avoids traffic on local streets. \$4m to fund the renewal of the bridge Kendal-Harding Bridge Route 86: upgrade the 14 tram stops on tram route 86 to accessible tram stops. Preston to CBD Safe Cycling Corridor: comprehensive and inclusive community engagement to improve safety and accessibility along St Georges Road for cyclists, pedestrians, public transport users, motorists, local residents and traders (indicative cost \$4 million).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miller Street/High Street/Plenty Street/Dundas Street traffic signal phasing changes in response to fatality and ongoing safety concerns (indicative costs \$150,000). • Modifications to Miller Street and Gilbert Road tram roundabout to improve safety (indicative cost \$1 million). • Improvements to Bus Services: improve routes and increase the frequency of train, tram • Elizabeth Street, Bell Street, and Nicholson Street intersection – improvements to pedestrian and bike riding safety. The intersection has narrow footpaths and is not conducive to a safe walking or cycling environment (indicative costs between \$ million and \$5 million).
<p>Social Housing and Homelessness</p>	<p>Work with the new federal government to reform the social housing system to ensure there is sustainable funding to meet demand and to operate housing effective.</p> <p>Continue investing in social housing and introduce mandatory inclusionary zones so that developments in areas close to services, jobs and transport are required to provide social housing.</p> <p>Invest in targeted homelessness prevention programs and support services for groups at heightened risk of homelessness, notably young people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people living with a disability and women over 55.</p> <p>Invest in specialist assertive outreach and case management services to assist people who have experienced homelessness to move away from homelessness and into social and affordable housing.</p> <p>Continue and expand the High-Risk Accommodation Program (HRAR) to ensure that experiencing homelessness are no longer subject to the risk of harm when residing in high risk accommodation.</p> <p>Advocate for it to be easier for co-ownership and intergenerational living arrangements to occur, including addressing planning barriers and financial barriers.</p>

<p>Renewable and Circular economy</p>	<p>Create an Urban Renewable Energy and Circular Economy Precinct.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darebin is calling for an Urban Renewable Energy and Circular Economy precinct to be established in the North East of Melbourne, where it would help power the La Trobe National Employment and Innovation Cluster. This ensure the NEIC can access competitive and secure renewable energy close to where it is needed. • The La Trobe NEIC is expected to create 20,000 jobs. The Federal and State Government has an opportunity to partner with local government, La Trobe Uni and industry leaders to pilot and scale-up the place-based renewable and circular solutions we will need in cities to ensure our local economies survive, thrive and grow. • We would work with other levels of government to pilot practical and policy solutions, such as special use zones, to introduce renewable energy and a circular economy. Technology could include: an urban solar farm, a network of community batteries, and advanced IT systems that connects roof top solar, batteries and EVs, turning them into a ‘Virtual Power Plant.’ <p>Invest \$2 million to develop a regional circular economy hub in Darebin, including through a business case to consider opportunities through the Darebin Resource and Recovery Centre.</p>
<p>Sports Infrastructure and wellbeing</p>	<p><i>All the Preston and Reservoir sports improvements above, as well as the following:</i></p> <p>Expand support for Gender inclusive sports infrastructure to accelerate efforts.</p> <p>Invest in Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre - \$10m.</p> <p>Support to help Council create shared use at Northcote Golf course between community and golfers.</p>
<p>Transport priorities</p>	<p><i>All the Preston and Reservoir transport improvements above, as well as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairfield Safety Improvements - fund and install safety improvements in Fairfield, including a new pedestrian crossing on Station Street at Wingrove Street. • Construct a new Alphington Rail Spur shared use path, and provide open space, a direct pedestrian and cycling connection between Fairfield Activity Centre, Fairfield Railway Station and the Alphington Paper mill precinct, and provide an economic boost to Fairfield Village. • Miller Street/High Street/Plenty Street/Dundas Street traffic signal phasing changes in response to fatality and ongoing safety concerns (indicative costs \$150,000). • Modifications to Miller Street and Gilbert Road tram roundabout to improve safety (indicative cost \$1 million).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower default speed limits around schools and in residential streets including through the introduction of traffic calming and other measures. • State Government support to implement actions and outcomes from Your Street Your Say program, specifically in relation to improved freight operations (\$500,000). • Address hooning – greater Police effort and presence.
<p><i>Health, mental health, education and community wellbeing</i></p>	<p>Funding for local Early Childhood Education infrastructure to meet the demand of future expansion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commitment of capital investment for integrated childcare centres in the north of Darebin to provide childcare, kindergarten, Pre-Prep and other services for children, families and communities. There is a need for new intergenerational hubs in Reservoir West, Preston West and Preston East. <p>Mental health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding early intervention and prevention services and programs to promote positive mental wellbeing for children in the middle years in Darebin. • Local Adult Mental Health service expansion to serve communities in the Darebin area. <p>Reduce harm from gambling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease and restrict opening hours for EGM operations in Victoria, to 14 hours a day maximum, with all poker machines being off between midnight and 10am. • Commit to extending any new harm minimisation measures recommended and implemented via the <i>Royal Commission into the Casino Operator Licence</i> at Crown Casino, throughout all suburban EGM venues throughout Darebin and Greater Melbourne. • Partner with Darebin Council around targeted local initiatives, services and programs that can respond to, address and prevent harm associated with alcohol and gambling across the municipality
<p>Graffiti, dumped rubbish management and amenity</p>	<p>Establish an appropriate enquiry into how the State Government manages graffiti and dumped rubbish on state government land; and,</p> <p>Significantly increase funding for graffiti removal and removal of dumped rubbish on land owned by the state government, including rail corridors.</p>