

Budget 2023-24 Operating Projects		
Project	Project description	2023-24
Contaminated Land Framework - Risk Assessment	Continue to develop a Contaminated Land Management Framework to meet legislative obligations and reduce risk by undertaking detailed site environmental investigations and risk assessments.	\$250,000
Assertive Community Outreach program	The Darebin Assertive Community Outreach program provides outreach and short-term case management to rough sleepers and people experiencing homelessness to help them find pathways out of homelessness.	\$370,846
	Council is also proposing to add Towards Zero to its advocacy priorities to seek partner funding for this initiative.	
Four Place-based Projects	The place-based projects aim to address socio-economic disadvantage and health inequity in East Preston and East Reservoir through place-based community development.	\$160,000
Open Space Levy	Strategic Review and Amendment to introduce and open space levy to fund open spaces in our city to achieve 5% (2.5 years).	\$120,000
Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) in-lieu scheme	Implement a proposed in-lieu contribution scheme for developers to meet a proportion of their planning requirements to treat and re-use stormwater on private land, by making a payment in lieu to Council, to be spent on delivering and maintaining WSUD assets.	\$85,000
Aged Care Reforms	Preparation for Aged Care Reforms.	\$80,000
Community Infrastructure Plan	Develop a plan to guide the provision of community infrastructure – buildings, facilities, places and spaces – within Darebin over a 20-year period.	\$65,000
Update Flood Risk Assessments	In conjunction with Melbourne Water, a new flood mapping study will shortly be developed (May2023) which will demonstrate an overall increase in flood risk for the City potentially affecting an increased number of properties. This will inform development advice and will require a planning scheme amendment	\$50,000

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Review of Waste Reform	Identify future kerbside service standards to meet Recycling Victoria requirements, informed by community engagement.	\$40,000
Accelerating Service Reviews	Undertake an accelerated program of service reviews to generate information required to inform Council decision making on future service levels.	\$300,000
Local Law Review	Final stage of the Local Laws Review Project to update the local laws.	\$30,000
Referendum Project	This will fund activities the DAAC may advise Council to undertake during this time.	\$20,000
Climate Emergency Program	Finalise the Climate Emergency Plan and consider the options for future actions that accelerate progress toward net zero, including options for reducing household and business reliance on gas and options for the future of the solar saver program.	\$30,000
EV Implementation	This project will assist in rolling out electric vehicle charging infrastructure within Council managed assets.	\$8,000
Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Action Plan Implementation	Implementation of Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Action Plan (SSGDAP).	\$15,000
Cultural Diversity Action Plan	Implementation of the Cultural Diversity Action Plan (3-year Plan).	\$50,000
Aboriginal Action Plan	Implementation of the Aboriginal Action Plan (3-year Plan).	\$50,000
Darebin Structure Planning Program	Finalise Preston Central Structure Plan and draft planning provisions, seek Council endorsement and commence an amendment to give effect to the structure plan.	\$154,000
Drainage Condition Inspection and Asset Management Plans for drainage, plant & fleet and IT assets	Undertake a drainage condition survey to assess the structural condition of the drainage system and proactively plan for renewal and maintenance requirements. Review / establish the Drainage; Plant & Fleet; ICT and Arts & Cultural Collection Asset Management Plans.	\$239,000

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Kindergarten and Child Care Registration System	Establishment of functional registration system.	\$100,000
Solar Saver Program	This program supports low-income households to put solar panels on their roofs by offering a 10 year repayment period (through the rates mechanism).	\$200,000
	Future options for the program will be considered through the finalisation of the Climate Emergency Plan. (See Climate Emergency Program above)	
Reservoir Library Opening Hours	Operation of Reservoir Library for four hours on Sundays	\$50,000
Libraries After Dark	Libraries After Dark (LAD) provides access to libraries with late night opening (to 10pm) and programming as an alternative to pokies venues. The two Darebin sites are: Reservoir Library on Tuesday and Preston Library on Thursday. Cost of this project is \$48K and is proposed to be funded by seeking feedback on a proposal to shorten the opening hours for all four Darebin Council libraries to be open from 10am-3pm on a Saturday (currently all are open until 4pm on Saturday).	\$50,000
Welcoming Cities	Welcoming Cities accreditation	\$15,000
Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation Partnership	This project seeks to progress and formalise, in a culturally-appropriate and respectful way, the partnership Council has with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation (WWCHAC) and strengthen it to support the delivery of mutual goals.	\$70,000
Merri Merri Wayi	This project would support a partnership to improve safety along the Merri Creek and augment other work underway in this precinct.	\$25,000
Towards zero rough sleepers in Darebin	Advocate for funding to initiate the Towards Zero approach to support people sleeping rough and experiencing homelessness	\$80,000
Multicultural Oration	Initiate a new annual cultural diversity and social cohesion oration.	\$15,000

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WaterWatch	Deliver WaterWatch - a citizen science program for monitoring waterway health and educational component for schools.	\$25,000
Total 2023-24 Operating Projects		\$2,746,846