



OUR OPERATING PROJECTS

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Project Title	Project Details	2025-26 Budget
Contaminated Land Management Plan Implementation	Finalising and implementation of the Contamination Land Management Framework (Planning Authority & tool kits).	111,000
Aged Care Reforms	Support preparation for Aged Care Reforms.	100,000
Development of Council Plan & Associated documents every 4 years.	Completion and wrap up of the project.	35,000
Supporting Flood Implementation Roll out	Melbourne Water is progressing updates to data about flood risk which is expected to be completed in 2025-26. This project would integrate the new data into Council's key decision making processes (planning permit decisions; building decisions) and would help community members access and understand updated information.	120,000
Housing Strategy	Finalising the Darebin Housing Strategy and Neighbourhood Character Guidelines and implementing this through an amendment to the Darebin Planning Scheme. This will make changes to the residential zoning of land and planning policy to assist with supporting well-designed housing growth in the right locations.	60,000
Develop a refreshed Darebin Disability Access and Inclusion Plan	Develop and implement a refreshed Darebin Disability Access and Inclusion Plan to improve accessibility & inclusion outcomes.	20,000
Investigation of business cases new opportunities for revenue generation	Work to test and investigate opportunities to achieve long term financial sustainability and generate future funding for community services via new revenue sources.	50,000
Parking Enforcement Modernisation	Investment in technology and assets to manage parking in a way that maximises its effectiveness to provide the best possible safety and access outcomes for the community.	50,000
Open Space Strategy Update	Review of the Breathing Space open space strategy to support Open Space Levy higher than 5%. The updated strategy will support a planning scheme amendment to adjust the open space contribution rate to better align with open space need into the future.	40,000
Introduce a voluntary levy option for developers to fund regional drainage & WSUD initiatives.	Introduce a voluntary levy option for developers to fund regional drainage & WSUD initiatives.	30,000
Property Development	Commence detailed investigations towards development of a major Council property with the aim of improving housing outcomes, improving access to community facilities and supporting local economic development.	100,000

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Community Street Party Support (Regarding permit fees and traffic control)	Wavering Council's permit fees and providing 1/2 day traffic controllers to support up to 20 community street parties	30,000
Develop a Partnership Framework	Review existing partnerships and Community Grant Program	40,000
Develop the Darebin Cultural Diversity Inclusion Action Plan	Develop the Darebin Cultural Diversity Inclusion Action Plan	40,000
Develop an LGBTIQ+ Action Plan	Develop an LGBTIQ+ Action Plan	40,000
Finalise Aboriginal Action Plan and deliver year 1 activities	Finalise Aboriginal Action Plan and deliver year 1 activities	80,000
Wurundjeri Truth telling	Wurundjeri Truth telling project at Bundoora Park Farm - Re-budgeted	30,000
Towards Zero Homelessness Project	The project will establish a collective impact approach to bring together key stakeholders working with people sleeping rough. The project will introduce and establish models to address homelessness in consultation and collaboration with external stakeholders.	140,000
Placed Based Projects	Placed based projects addressing disadvantage at East Preston/Reservoir	125,000
Darebin Assertive Outreach Program	Council's Darebin Assertive Community Outreach (DACO) homelessness program	370,000
RLC business case and design.	Redevelopment Next Steps - Business Case, concepts & design	80,000
New Tree Planting - Increase to Overall Canopy	Plant and establish trees in an additional 250 new sites across Darebin prioritising areas that currently have lower numbers of trees in public places, that are on the principle pedestrian network and where there is higher rates of financial disadvantage (which can correlate with higher rates of heat stress due to the costs of air conditioning). Note that this is in addition to maintenance and replacement of Council's existing trees across Darebin.	165,000
Funding Key Actions from Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan	Health and Wellbeing actions within the Council Plan that address strategic priorities generated through the Council Plan development process.	100,000
2 Wingrove Street - Master planning	Next steps towards master planning at 2 Wingrove Street site. Funds for some community engagement and specialist consultancy work, subject to Council decisions at various project stages during 2025-26.	60,000
Melbourne Water Pipe Track Feasibility Study	Feasibility Study for the proposed Melbourne Water Pipe Track Shared User Path between Elizabeth Street and the Mernda Rail line in Reservoir	45,000
Preston Market Feasibility Study	Feasibility Study for the Preston Market	30,000

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Financial Support to DIVRS	Financial support to DIVRS: Delivery of a Complex Support Program in partnership with the Reservoir Neighbourhood House.	52,500
Financial Support to SES	Financial support to Heidelberg State Emergency Service (SES)	10,000
Household Energy Support Program	Climate Emergency Plan Action: Deliver a Household Energy Support Program targeting low-income households	200,000
Lighting feasibility Study at Edwardes Lake Athletics Track	lighting feasibility and concept design at Edwardes Lake Athletics Track, Reservoir to improve usability and safety at this community facility.	30,000
Basketball court feasibility Study at Rubie Thomson Reserve	Deliver a feasibility study and community consultation with regard to the delivery of a half-court basketball court and ring at Rubie Thomson Reserve, Northcote	20,000
Total Budget 2025-26 - Operating Projects		2,403,500

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