



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Connecting Community Groups, NFP's & Commercial Enterprises with Council Property Leasing Opportunities



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Introduction

Purpose

The City of Darebin is one of the most diverse communities in Victoria, and this rich cultural diversity is a defining strength of the City. This Expression of Interest campaign (EOI) seeks to build on that strength by establishing an open, fair, transparent and equitable process for the leasing of selected properties in Darebin City Council's (Council) portfolio. By maximising the visibility and accessibility of leasing opportunities for community groups, not-for-profits and commercial enterprises via the EOI the Council aims to ensure inclusive participation and make effective use of its property assets in a way that reflects and supports its vibrant, multicultural community

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**AVAILABLE LEASING
OPPORTUNITIES**

79,088

RESIDENTS EMPLOYED

61,681

JOBS WITHIN DAREBIN



This EOI supports the collection of valuable data to inform the development of the Community Infrastructure Plan and provide a framework to identify and test private partnership opportunities on selected landholdings.

Most importantly, this EOI reflects Council's commitment to good governance, long-term financial sustainability, and delivering the best possible outcomes for the people who live, work and invest in the City of Darebin.



City of Darebin



The City of Darebin is one of Melbourne's most progressive and diverse municipalities, located 10 km north of the CBD and home to vibrant suburbs like Northcote, Preston, Reservoir and Bundoora. With a population of over 155,000—projected to exceed 216,000 by 2046—Darebin is a growing hub of creativity, enterprise and multiculturalism, where more than 150 languages are spoken.

Darebin City Council actively supports economic growth and community wellbeing through transparent governance, local investment and strategic partnerships. Initiatives such as the Welcoming Cities program, infrastructure upgrades, and support for social enterprise reflect the Council's commitment to fostering inclusive, sustainable places for both business and community to thrive

61,681
JOBS

216,417+
**PROJECTED RESIDENTS
BY 2045**

790
**HECTARES OF OPEN
SPACE**

175
COMMUNITY PARKS

155,000+
CURRENT RESIDENTS

150
LANGUAGES SPOKEN



Economic Profile



13,779

Local Businesses

Darebin is a dynamic and growing local economy, offering a compelling environment for business investment and community development. Local spending reached \$266 million in March 2025—up nearly 3% from the previous month—demonstrating robust consumer activity and sustained confidence.



Population

15%

Children 0-14

11%

young people 15-24

59%

25-64

15%

65+

Supported by Darebin Council's Economic Framework, businesses benefit from strategic initiatives including mainstreet revitalisation, health and food cluster development, and programs to boost digital capability. Darebin offers an attractive, future-ready setting for commercial growth and community-driven enterprise.

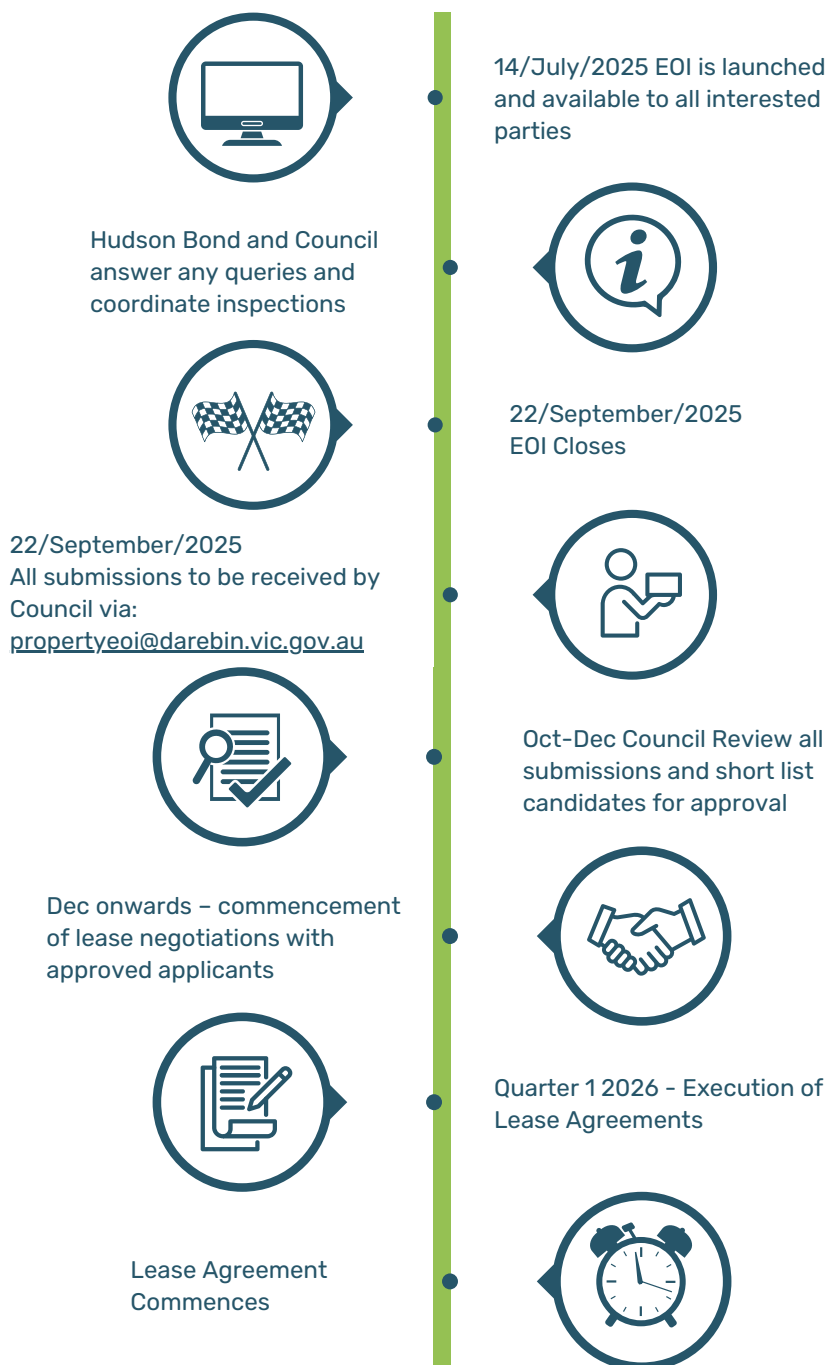




The Process

Expression of Interest

Each property is offered for Lease by **Expression of Interest** closing 22 September. Briefings and inspections can be arranged by appointment upon contacting Council (community organisations) and Hudson Bond (commercial organisations).



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JULY**
**EOI
COMMENCES**

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SEP**
EOI CLOSSES

**OCT-
DEC**
**EOI ASSESSMENT
& COUNCIL
DECISION**

Contact Us



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