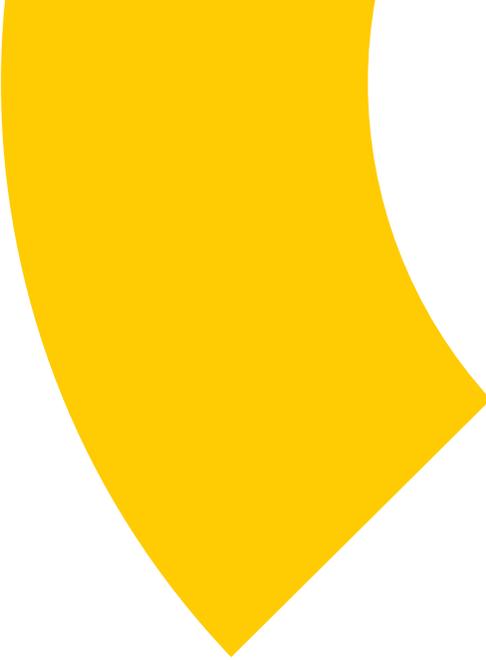




**2021-22 AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT
PRE-BUDGET SUBMISSION**



FOREWORD



The City of Casey is one of Australia's fastest growing municipalities. We are now home to around 370,000 residents and this number is expected to grow to beyond 549,000 people by 2041 – which will see Casey's population rival that of Canberra.

Our location, in Greater South East Melbourne (GSEM) and unprecedented growth, presents a range of opportunities for the Australian Government to partner with the City of Casey and the region more broadly to unleash the economic and urban potential of what is one of Australia's fastest growing regions.

Currently, GSEM contributes \$85 billion in Gross Regional Product to Australia's economy with the potential to grow and expand regional outputs and improve the associated socio-economic benefits for our diverse communities.

Investment in the City of Casey and the surrounding region will create employment and boost productivity. There are already more than 24,000 local businesses in Casey with approximately 84,000 jobs inside the municipality and we welcome around 26,000 people to our city for work every day.

As Casey continues to expand and mature as a thriving city with a resilient and engaged population, it creates opportunities for strong government partnerships to deliver outcomes that will benefit the south east.

Our 2021-22 Pre-Budget Submission outlines a range of projects and initiatives that that will transform the way our community connects to jobs, education, recreation and services they need.

COVID-19 has seriously impacted Victoria's growth areas, and Casey was one of the hardest hit communities. As an area with one of the country's highest concentration of young people, mental health support was over-stretched. Casey also recorded Victoria's highest number of family violence incidences.

Moreover, some of our suburbs were named amongst outbreak 'hot spots' and our high population of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) residents had limited access to inclusive messaging through the crisis. It is unsurprising that some of the most vulnerable communities have suffered.

In addition, recent national research reveals it is established areas in Casey, such as Berwick, that recorded some of the highest rates of mortgage-stress, which has meant job losses and further pressure on families.

To rebuild a better city and create a vibrant future for our diverse community there is a great deal of work underway. We have identified the key areas that will support the greatest economic growth, sustainability and wellbeing outcomes for our diverse community.

As part of our work with the *National Growth Areas Alliance* (NGAA) representing the fast-growing outer urban areas around Australia's major cities, we are committed to growing a resilient community. With that in mind, Council has carefully balanced this submission between the need for essential infrastructure in our growing communities with vital services that will benefit some of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged residents.

Investing in Casey will help to provide easier access to services and infrastructure that will foster dynamic and cohesive communities.

The priorities highlighted in this pre-budget submission for Australian Government funding support can be delivered in partnership with the City of Casey, thereby connecting our growing population with what they most need for a vibrant and sustainable future.

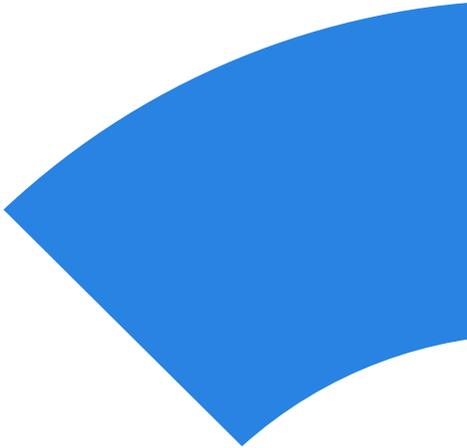


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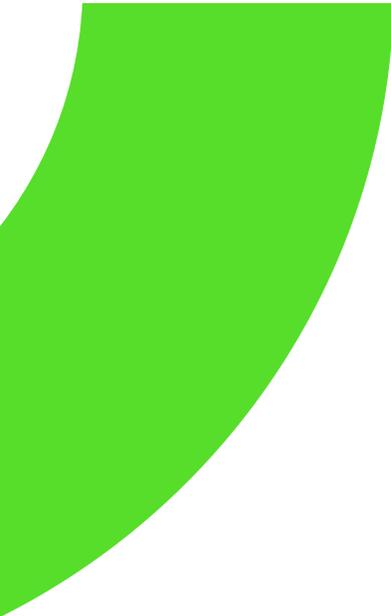


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Chief Executive Officer
City of Casey

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ABOUT CASEY



One of Australia's largest and most culturally diverse cities.

The City of Casey is one of the fastest-growing Local Government Areas in Australia. Located in the south east growth corridor approximately 35km from Melbourne's CBD, our big city covers 396.79km² of urban, rural and regional spaces.

Home to almost 370,000 people from over 150 cultural backgrounds our vibrant municipality is showing no signs of stopping. Despite the significant setback and impacts of COVID-19 in 2020, new resident growth has continued with projected population for 2041 expected to exceed 500,000 residents.

The challenges of meeting the needs of our growing communities during a time of incredible uncertainty around the COVID-19 global pandemic, has exposed a desire for the City of Casey to work collaboratively with Australian and Victorian Governments to deliver the projects, services and infrastructure urgently needed.

POPULATION



369,200
2020 population

The estimated population of Casey in 2020 was 369,200. Casey is the most populous LGA in Victoria.



549,200
2041 population

Casey's population is expected to grow to 549,200 residents by 2041.

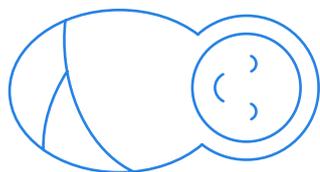


13,700
Annual growth

Between June 2018 and June 2019 Casey grew by 13,700 people, making it the second largest growing LGA in Victoria and fourth largest growing in Australia. Most future growth (56 per cent between 2020 and 2041) will occur in Clyde and Clyde North.



AGE



5,314

babies born 2019/20
(highest number in the State)

Between 2020 and 2041 we expect the following changes:



10–14 year olds to almost double



80–84 year olds to almost triple



85+ year olds to triple

HOUSEHOLDS



- ▶ In 2020, **44%** of households are couple families with children, **24%** are couples without children, **11%** are one parent families and **15%** are lone person households.¹
- ▶ There are an estimated **118,500** families and **122,400** dwellings in the City of Casey in 2020.
- ▶ It is expected that there will be **183,300** families and **191,200** dwellings in the City of Casey by 2041.¹

CULTURE



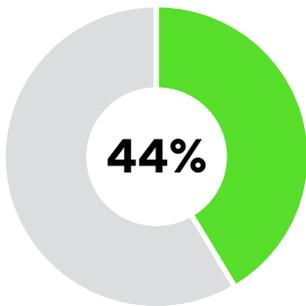
- ▶ Half of Casey residents have at least one parent born overseas or were born overseas themselves from more than **150 different countries**.⁵
- ▶ **18%** of people born overseas **arrived** between 2011 and 2016.³
- ▶ **35.8%** of Casey residents speak a language other than English at home.
- ▶ The top **three** most spoken languages at home other than English are Persian/Dari, Sinhalese, and Punjabi.³

EMPLOYMENT

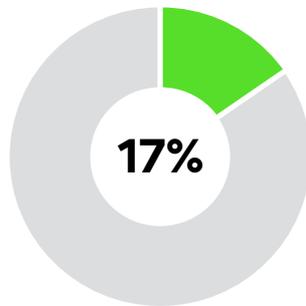


- ▶ The top three industries bringing workers to Casey are retail (**20%** of all jobs), health care and social assistance (**14%** of all jobs), and construction (**13%** of all jobs).⁷
- ▶ There are **24,279** local businesses in Casey.⁷
- ▶ There are **84,442** jobs in Casey and **178,400** employed residents.⁷

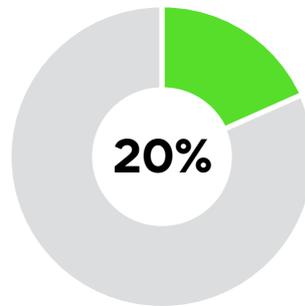
EDUCATION



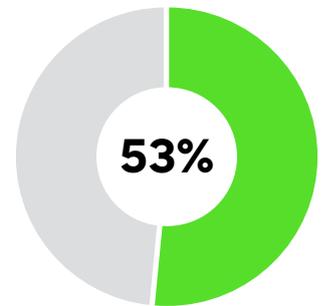
44% of Casey residents **do not have a qualification.**



17% have a **bachelor or higher degree.**³



20% have **vocational training.**



53% of Casey residents have **completed year 12** (or equivalent).⁴

Footnotes

1. Forecast .id, 2019
2. ABS, 2018
3. Profile.id, 2016
4. Profile.id, 2016
5. ABS, 2016
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REVITALISE CRANBOURNE



Cranbourne plays a key role in providing services, jobs and entertainment to a large, established and growth area catchment in the City of Casey. Located in the heart of Melbourne’s south east growth corridor and 50km south east of the CBD – it has been identified as an aspirational metropolitan activity centre.

Today more than 100,000 residents live across the Cranbourne catchment, including new areas such as Cranbourne East where the population of 28,000 is projected to double in the next two decades, making it one of the largest and fastest-growing suburbs in Australia. Parts of Cranbourne continue to register amongst the highest level of relative socio-economic disadvantage in Victoria.

The City of Casey is developing a visionary plan to revitalise Cranbourne that will help to create a dynamic service, retail and employment hub that attracts further private investment to the area.

Revitalise Cranbourne aims to improve connectivity in and around the precinct with better road and public transport connections, create a new community hub to meet the diverse needs of residents and activate and revitalise the city centre to create value add opportunities for businesses, services and investment.

It is critical that the essential infrastructure, services and amenities are in place for the growing Cranbourne and wider Casey communities as keeping pace with demand and most effectively meeting residents' needs, is increasingly challenging.

Revitalise Cranbourne has the potential to deliver on the *National Growth Areas Alliance's* '30 minute city' model, where residents can access employment, training, health and wellbeing opportunities within a half hour commute from home and would capitalise on the transformational projects earmarked for the area, such as the new Cranbourne Community Hospital and transport network upgrades.

Council has identified key opportunities for the Australian Government to capitalise on this plan to energise one of Australia's fastest growing communities by developing infrastructure which will help to better connect people to jobs within the regionally significant south east jobs corridor and bring about investment and economic development.

CRANBOURNE COMMUNITY HUB

Planning is underway for a new integrated community hub to activate and revitalise the Cranbourne Major Activity Centre. Set to include both Council and non-Council services - land has been secured, funding and partnerships being worked through. If funding is secured, facility is due to be under construction by 2024, but has the potential to be fast-tracked.

Funding request
\$30m-\$40m

Electorate
Holt

CRANBOURNE RAILWAY LINE EXTENSION

Commitment to deliver the duplicated rail extension from Cranbourne to Clyde, which will link up new growing communities of Cranbourne East and Clyde North. New stations for Cranbourne East and Clyde and potential for an 'event station' at Casey Fields.

Funding request
\$1.5b

Electorate
Holt

LINSELL BOULEVARD EXTENSION

Expansion of the east-west arterial network servicing the Cranbourne, Cranbourne East and Clyde precincts. Together with Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road it will help reduce traffic congestion through the Cranbourne Major Activity Centre.

Funding request
\$75m

Electorate
Holt

KEEPING CASEY MOVING



Rapid population growth and record levels of car ownership is placing increased pressure on roads and public transport in the City of Casey. Increased congestion is affecting commuting through and within the region. Improvements to road infrastructure and public transport to reduce traffic congestion continues to be cited by residents as critical to addressing barriers to their mobility and access to health, education and employment opportunities.

The average Casey household makes 10 trips a day, with 83 per cent made by private car. This means more than 95,000 households in Casey make almost one million trips on an average day and at this rate, total trips made by Casey households are expected to grow to more than 1.6 million trips on an average day by 2046.

Casey commuters are set to benefit from a number of major arterial road upgrades, however continued investment in further critical projects is urgently needed to ease congestion and create local jobs.

To capitalise on current major projects commitments and ensure they result in better connected communities, unlock employment precincts and promote safer travel, Council has identified key transport priorities that can be commenced immediately, to significantly improve connectivity across Casey and the greater south east region.

One of the key priorities for the region Council is seeking to progress, in partnership with Australian Government and neighbouring Dandenong and Cardinia Councils is the extension and upgrade of Glasscocks Road – a key arterial route to link Officer South to Dandenong South.

The Glasscocks Road extension will create 400 jobs in construction. The road project will link key residential areas to employment hubs in Casey, Cardinia and Dandenong. It will also support development and business interaction in Dandenong South, a crucial jobs hub which includes the Dandenong National Employment and Innovation Cluster, where more than 55,000 people are employed. The connection will also be vital to the success of the future Officer South Employment Precinct.

Council is also seeking funding for the critical Linsell Boulevard extension. This will complement our plans to *Revitalise Cranbourne*. Unlike the inner-city population, communities in Melbourne’s south east continue to be significantly disadvantaged by a lack of access to frequent public transport services.

The most critical public transport need for our area is the long-awaited Cranbourne Rail Line extension to Clyde as well as new stations at Cranbourne East and Clyde.

This would provide the missing link to the growth corridor, with growing communities in Cranbourne East and Clyde North otherwise missing out on access to public transport, employment opportunities and access to Melbourne’s CBD. As more commuters return to onsite employment, road congestion will increase because people don’t have access to public transport. This priority is listed in our *Revitalise Cranbourne* section, page 10.

Glasscocks Road Extension

Upgrades and improvements to the future east-westarterial route linking from Officer through to the Dandenong South Employment area, to include:

- ▶ Construction of new 19.5km section of duplicated arterial road (minimum two lanes each way) from Eastlink to Officer South Road
- ▶ New grade separated crossing of Cranbourne Railway Line and Cardinia Creek crossing
- ▶ Upgraded intersections at Eastlink, Frankston-Dandenong Road, Western Port Highway / Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road and Officer South Road.



Funding request
\$300m–\$400m

Electorate
Holt

CONNECTING OUR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES



As one of the most populous and fastest growing municipalities in Australia, the City of Casey's population is forecast to be larger than Canberra by 2041.

To address the challenges of this growth, the City of Casey is a key partner of Greater South East Melbourne (GSEM) working on the proposed Greater South East Melbourne City Deal. The aim of this deal is to create an improved social landscape, moving towards a model of multiple activity centres to achieve greater investment, jobs, social and sustainable outcomes for the whole region.

Job creation continues to be a key focus for GSEM, and Council is calling on support from both levels of government to make this critical City Deal a priority for our region.

The City of Casey's near 370,000 population comprises a high proportion of young families, one of the highest birthrates in Victoria. Residents from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds make up more than half our community. Our older demographic

of 65 years and over is forecast to reach 60,000 in the next decade. As a result, there are a wide range of services and initiatives needed right now and for the future.

Meeting the needs of our growing communities at a time of incredible uncertainty around the COVID-19 pandemic will rely on partnerships at all levels of Government. Council has identified key initiatives to support urgent needs in both our younger and older populations.

Commonwealth Home Supported Program

The City of Casey is experiencing significant demands on its Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP). This program delivers services to older residents so that they can remain living at home with support, rather than be prematurely admitted into residential aged care.

Casey's current population includes 36,000 people over the age of 65 years and this older age group has the second greatest number of people living with a disability of Greater Melbourne Local Government Areas. With forecast predictions climbing to 60,000 older people by 2031, we expect 65% will have some form of self-reported disability. It is evident the demand for services, such as those funded under CHSP is increasing rapidly in the Casey region.

Currently Council's Community Care Service is supplying services around 5,000 CHSP clients. Council has implemented a waitlist for service activities such as domestic assistance to help our response to the demand and are already beyond the service levels that we are able to deliver. Funding is urgently needed to meet the short-fall.

Funding request

\$2.28m per annum, in addition to existing agreement

Electorate

La Trobe, Holt, Bruce





KINDERGARTEN FUNDING

Commitment to ongoing federal funding for four-year-old kindergarten to enable 15 hours of kindergarten per week for Casey's children in the year before they start school. Providing security to families as the current Australian Government's five hour arrangement is not yet ongoing.

Funding request

\$3.8m per annum -
for continued funding of five hours of weekly kindergarten education, equating to \$1,227 per child.

Electorate

La Trobe, Holt, Bruce

HEADSPACE

A new Headspace satellite service centre to be located within the city's growth area catchment of Cranbourne/Clyde.

Currently the City of Casey has only one Headspace Centre, located in Narre Warren and it sees a caseload of twice the national average. This services is at capacity and not adequately funded to keep up with the increasing demand.

Funding request

\$750,000 for the first year
\$450,000per annum thereafter

Electorate

Holt

CREATING GREAT PLACES AND GREEN SPACES



City of Casey is committed to place-based urban planning where residents can access employment, education and services as well as recreational facilities and spaces within minutes of their home - reducing congestion and emissions.

When faced with COVID-19 restrictions in 2020, our residents spent more time working and relaxing closer to home than ever. This saw people inject more money into their local businesses and turn to local venues for leisure opportunities.

Our community told us that having access to green places and green spaces to spend time with friends and family is critical to their health and wellbeing.

This presents an opportunity to re-imagine the local places and spaces needed to reach them, from recreation reserves and local playgrounds to paths and trails.

Council has identified important projects that will deliver the great places and green spaces needed to boost recreation opportunities and support positive active, healthy and economic outcomes for our growing community.

Casey Fields Mini Stadium is shovel-ready

Long part of the *Casey Fields Master Plan*, the shovel-ready Mini Stadium with an initial grandstand of 800 seats and grass mounding for another 3,000 spectators is planned for the Casey Fields Football Centre of Excellence.

The venue would be the first of its kind within the City of Casey and will become the epicentre of women's football in south east Melbourne. It has also been designed to cater for marquee rugby league, rugby union, gridiron and kabaddi events within the community.

Significant stakeholder consultation and community input has revised the funding ask to \$4.79 million towards the \$7.29 million project. Approval in 2021 will enable staged construction to be completed mid-2022.

The shovel-ready mini stadium project is set to create an estimated 90 local construction jobs, resulting in \$21 million worth of increased economic output in the City of Casey.

When completed, it will also bolster the venue's bid to be a training base camp for one of the 32 nations competing in the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

Funding request
\$4.79 m

Electorate
Holt



PLANNING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



Our unique environment remains one of the drawcards for residents choosing to live and raise families in the City of Casey. Council is committed to protecting our natural environment for future generations.

City of Casey shares the Australian Government's commitment to increase the nation's water security and promote safe, sustainable water resources.

Water saving and stormwater treatment projects are at the forefront of Council's sustainability initiatives, to enhance long-term liveability for the community, and local flora and fauna.

Council has a number of integrated water management projects in planning stages, including an innovative project at Clyde Creek that is shovel-ready and provides a great opportunity for Australian Government investment in a sustainable water resource project.

Clyde Creek Integrated Water Management Project

Council's proposed \$20 million Clyde Creek Integrated Water Management Project is a unique opportunity to supply treated stormwater to irrigate 17 ovals across seven local sports reserves, 30 local parks and trees in Clyde.

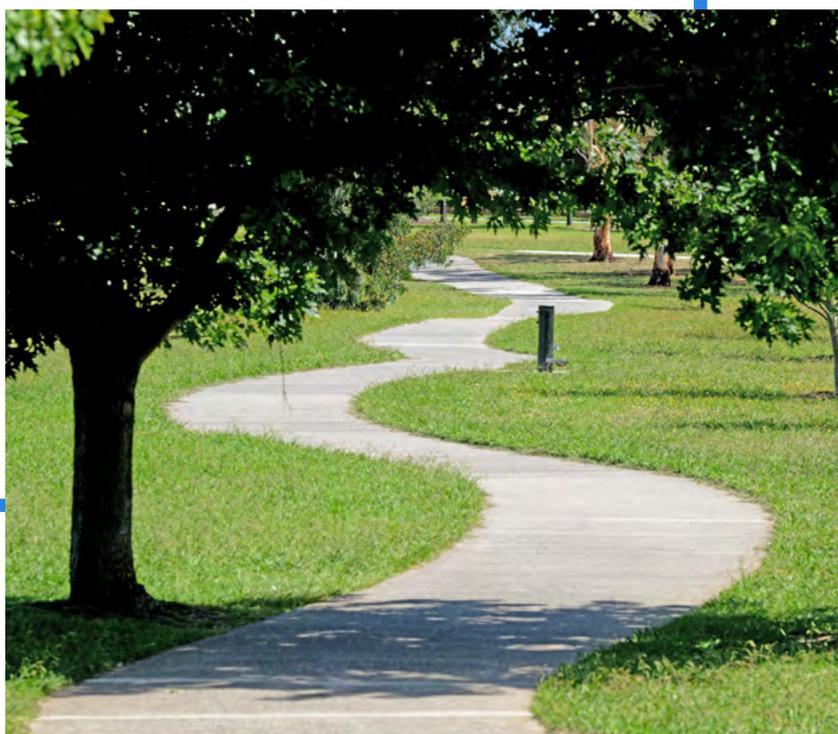
A first of this scale for the region, the project will deliver leading water management solutions in a greenfields development. Once complete, it is set to save an estimated 100 million litres - equivalent to 40 Olympic swimming pools - of stormwater for reuse per year.

Expected to create 34 local jobs, this will be the largest stormwater harvesting system in Melbourne's south east. Enabling greener year-round sports reserves and local parks and improve water quality and flood mitigation.

This is a shovel-ready partnership project between Council, Melbourne Water and developers of the Cardinia Creek South Precinct Structure Plan.

Funding request
\$3 m

Electorate
Holt



Summary of City of Casey 2021-22 Budget Submission

PROJECT	REQUEST
<p>GREATER SOUTH EAST MELBOURNE CITY DEAL</p> <p>The City of Casey is a key partner of Greater South East Melbourne (GSEM) working on the proposed Greater South East Melbourne City Deal.</p> <p>GSEM City Deal aims to create an improved social landscape, moving towards a model of multiple activity centres to achieve greater investment, jobs, social and sustainable outcomes for the whole region.</p> <p>Council is calling on both the Australian and Victorian Governments to work in partnership with GSEM support to make this critical City Deal a priority for our region.</p>	<p>Funding request Partner with Greater South East Melbourne to deliver a City deal for the region.</p> <p>Electorate La Trobe, Holt, Bruce</p>
<p>GLASSCOCKS ROAD EXTENSION</p> <p>Council is seeking upgrades and improvements to the future east-west arterial route that connects Officer South through to the Dandenong South employment area, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Construction of new 19.5km section of duplicated arterial road (minimum two lanes each way) from Eastlink to Officer South Road▶ New grade separated crossing of Cranbourne Railway Line and Cardinia Creek crossing▶ Upgraded intersections at Eastlink, Frankston-Dandenong Road, Western Port Highway / Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road and Officer South Road. <p>The extension is in planning and if funding is secured could be delivered within three to five years, creating 400 jobs during construction. Once complete, the road project will link key residential areas to employment hubs in Casey, Cardinia and Dandenong and create improved road network resilience through a new east-west route.</p> <p>The connection will also be vital to the success of the future Officer South Employment Precinct.</p>	<p>Funding request \$300m-\$400m</p> <p>Electorate La Trobe, Holt, Bruce</p>
<p>CASEY FIELDS MINI STADIUM</p> <p>The shovel-ready, Casey Fields Mini Stadium is identified in the <i>Casey Fields Masterplan</i>. Planned for the Casey Fields Football Centre of Excellence and includes an initial grandstand of 800 seats and grass mounding for another 3,000 spectators.</p> <p>The venue would be the first of its kind within the City of Casey and be the epicentre of women's football in south east Melbourne. Designed to also cater for community events such as marquee rugby league, rugby union, gridiron and kabaddi events.</p> <p>Construction will create an estimated 90 jobs, resulting in \$21 million worth of increased economic output in the City of Casey. It will bolster the venue's bid to be a training base camp for one of the 32 nations competing in the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup. Total project cost is estimated at \$7.29 million.</p>	<p>Funding request \$4.79m</p> <p>Electorate Holt</p>

PROJECT

REQUEST

CLYDE CREEK INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Unique project to supply treated stormwater to irrigate 17 ovals across seven local sports reserves, 30 local parks and trees in Clyde.

It is set to save an estimated 100 million litres (40 Olympic-sized swimming pools) of stormwater for reuse per year and support the creation of an urban forest in Clyde. Expected to create 34 local jobs, this will be the largest stormwater harvesting system in Melbourne's south-east.

This is a shovel-ready partnership project between Council, Melbourne Water and developers of the Cardinia Creek South Precinct Structure Plan. Total project cost is estimated \$20m.

Funding request
\$3m

Electorate
Holt

COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORTED PROGRAM

The City of Casey is experiencing significant demands on its Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP).

Currently Council's Community Care Service is supplying services around 5,000 CHSP clients.

Council has implemented a waitlist for service activities such as domestic assistance to help our response to the demand and are already beyond the service levels that we are able to deliver. Funding is urgently needed to meet the short-fall to assist people to stay in their home, living safely and well.

Funding request
\$2.28m per annum
in addition to
existing agreement

Electorate
La Trobe, Holt,
Bruce

KINDERGARTEN FUNDING

Commitment to ongoing federal funding for four-year-old kindergarten.

Current funding contributions for four-year-old kindergarten includes 10 hours from the Victorian Government and an additional five hours from the Australian Government on a weekly basis. While Victorian Government contributions are ongoing, the Australian Government's commitment concludes at the end of 2021.

Ongoing Australian Government commitment to funding will ensure Council can continue providing a minimum of 15 hours early childhood education for Casey's children in the year before they start school.

Funding request
\$3.8m per annum
- for five hours
weekly kindergarten
education for all
Casey's children
in the year before
starting school.

Equates to \$1227
per child.

Electorate
La Trobe, Holt,
Bruce

HEADSPACE

A new Headspace satellite service centre is desperately needed in the City of Casey, located within the city's significant growth area catchments of Cranbourne and Clyde.

Currently the City of Casey is home to only one Headspace Centre, located in Narre Warren and it sees a caseload of twice the national average. Overflow for demand is being redirected to Council. Both services are at capacity and there is not adequate funding to keep up with the demand.

A new Headspace satellite service centre in Cranbourne/Clyde will:

- ▶ Coordinate existing services to establish an additional youth services hub leveraging the effective headspace services model.
- ▶ Improve access to specialist youth focussed mental health professionals, increasing local capacity to help more young people.
- ▶ Support our growing CALD youth population.

Funding request
\$750,000 for the
first year

\$450,000 per
annum thereafter

Electorate
Holt

Revitalise Cranbourne major activity centre

PROJECT	REQUEST
<p>CRANBOURNE COMMUNITY HUB</p> <p>The City of Casey a new integrated Community Hub that will help to activate and revitalise the Cranbourne Town Centre.</p> <p>It will become a one-stop-shop for community members of all ages and needs.</p> <p>If funding is secured this facility is due to be under construction by 2024.</p> <p>This is an opportunity to capitalise on extensive investment in projects around Cranbourne to inject new energy into the area. It will help to provide diversity of jobs, entertainment, transport, services, places and spaces for the growing community.</p>	<p>Funding request \$30m-\$40m</p> <p>Electorate Holt</p>
<p>CRANBOURNE RAILWAY LINE EXTENSION</p> <p>The City of Casey is seeking a commitment to deliver the duplicated rail extension from Cranbourne to Clyde.</p> <p>The extension to Clyde will link up new growing communities of Cranbourne East and Clyde North to access services they need with new stations for Cranbourne East and Clyde and potential 'events station' at Casey Fields.</p> <p>This long-term project will create thousands of jobs and inject hundreds of millions of dollars into the regional economy during construction.</p>	<p>Funding request \$1.5b</p> <p>Electorate Holt</p>
<p>LINSELL BOULEVARD EXTENSION</p> <p>Expansion of the east - west arterial network servicing the Cranbourne, Cranbourne East and Clyde precincts. Together with Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road it will help reduce the level of heavy traffic moving through the Cranbourne Town Centre.</p>	<p>Funding request \$75m</p> <p>Electorate Holt</p>

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