City of Casey

# BUILDING A BETTER CASEY

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# State Government Election Priorities 2026

**Better Transport & Roads | Community Infrastructure | Safe & Thriving Communities**

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The City of Casey is Victoria's largest municipality and continues to grow every single day. With more than 430,000 residents right now, our population is set to exceed 610,000 by 2046.

This growth brings enormous opportunity. It's a chance for all levels of government to partner with us and help unlock the economic, social and urban potential of one of Australia's fastest growing regions.

Our community consistently tells us that transport is their number one priority — with a need for better roads, better public transport and upgrades across the whole network. Residents also want more local jobs, accessible health services and high-quality community infrastructure.

This document highlights the priority projects that are essential to support our rapidly growing population and to deliver the services, infrastructure and community connectivity our city needs. It also provides a clear, evidence-based framework to guide government partnership and investment, ensuring Casey's growth is supported by the infrastructure and services that benefit residents, businesses, and the broader Victorian economy.

Council is excited to work closely with all levels of government, the private sector and our community to secure the policy commitments, funding and decisive action required to bring these vital projects to life and **build a better Casey.**

## WHAT WE ARE ADVOCATING FOR:

This document outlines Casey's coordinated set of advocacy priorities across three key areas:

### Better Transport and Roads

Investment in transport infrastructure, including rail and arterial road improvements, to enhance connectivity, improve access to employment, and support efficient movement of people and goods.

### Community Infrastructure

Community infrastructure such as libraries, recreation facilities, and integrated service hubs that will strengthen social connection and support a growing and diverse community.

### Safe and Thriving Communities

Initiatives to improve safety, early years infrastructure, and active transport that will ensure equitable access to services and support inclusive growth.

# BETTER TRANSPORT & ROADS

## Ballarto Road Upgrade

The City of Casey is advocating for upgrades to Ballarto Road, recognising it as a critical future east–west arterial connection between Cranbourne East and Cardinia. To support planned growth, the road requires future planning, arterial road declaration and targeted intersection upgrades.

Funding commitment is required for the declaration and upgrade of Ballarto Road between South Gippsland Highway and Clyde–Five Ways Road, including new traffic signals at Clyde–Five Ways Road.

**Federal Electorate:** Holt
**State Electorate:** Cranbourne / Bass
**Council Ward:** Tooradin / Cranbourne Gardens
**Working Cost Estimate:** $100,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery Agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

## High Street Cranbourne Upgrade

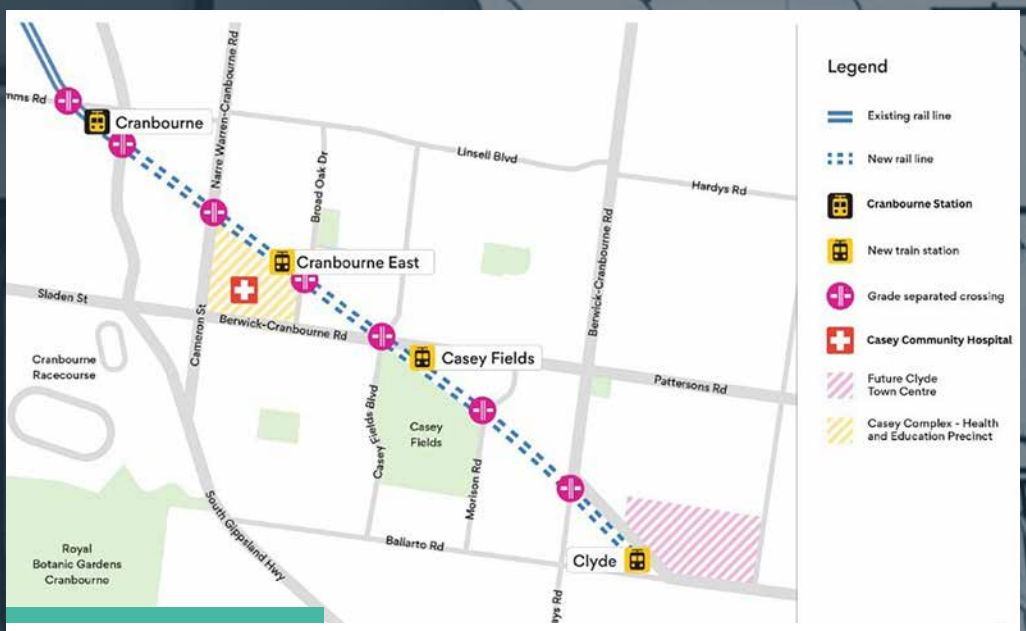
Funding to deliver a streetscape upgrade in the vibrant heart of the Cranbourne Major Activity Centre.

This initiative aims to enhance accessibility and safety for buses, pedestrians, and cyclists, creating a more inviting and greener environment for the community while also attracting investment.

Works may include:

- Reduction in traffic lanes from six to four on High Street to support new bus lanes and protected bike lanes
- A new signalised intersection at Lyall Street and High Street, including upgrade to the Lyall Street bus interchange
- Placemaking at Bakewell Street and Greg Clydesdale Square
- Street trees, landscaping, public amenities.

**Federal Electorate:** Holt
**State Electorate:** Cranbourne
**Council Ward:** Quarters / Correa
**Working Cost Estimate:** TBC
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery Agency:** Department of Transport and Planning




# Clyde Rail Link

The City of Casey is seeking support from both the Federal and State governments for the duplicated rail extension from Cranbourne to Clyde to connect the growing communities of Cranbourne East, Clyde North and Clyde.

The project will require new stations at Cranbourne, Cranbourne East, Casey Fields and Clyde. It will also include an expanded bus interchange at Cranbourne, and future train stabling in Clyde.

The project represents an opportunity to create a legacy for the southeast region and act as a catalyst for positive urban renewal that reinvigorates and connects communities.

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**Federal Electorate:** La Trobe
**State Electorate:** Cranbourne / Bass
**Council Ward:** Tooradin
**Working Cost Estimate:** $3 Billion +
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery Agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

## Shrives Road Upgrade and Narre Warren CBD Bypass

Funding to deliver a business case and feasibility study to determine the preferred bypass route for Narre Warren Village.

A bypass is required to revitalise the Narre Warren Village shopping precinct and activity centre, improve active and public transport links to the Village, and reduce through traffic by upgrading the connection between Pound Road, Shrives Road and Cranbourne Road.

Two potential bypass options have been identified for further detailed investigation:

OPTION 1

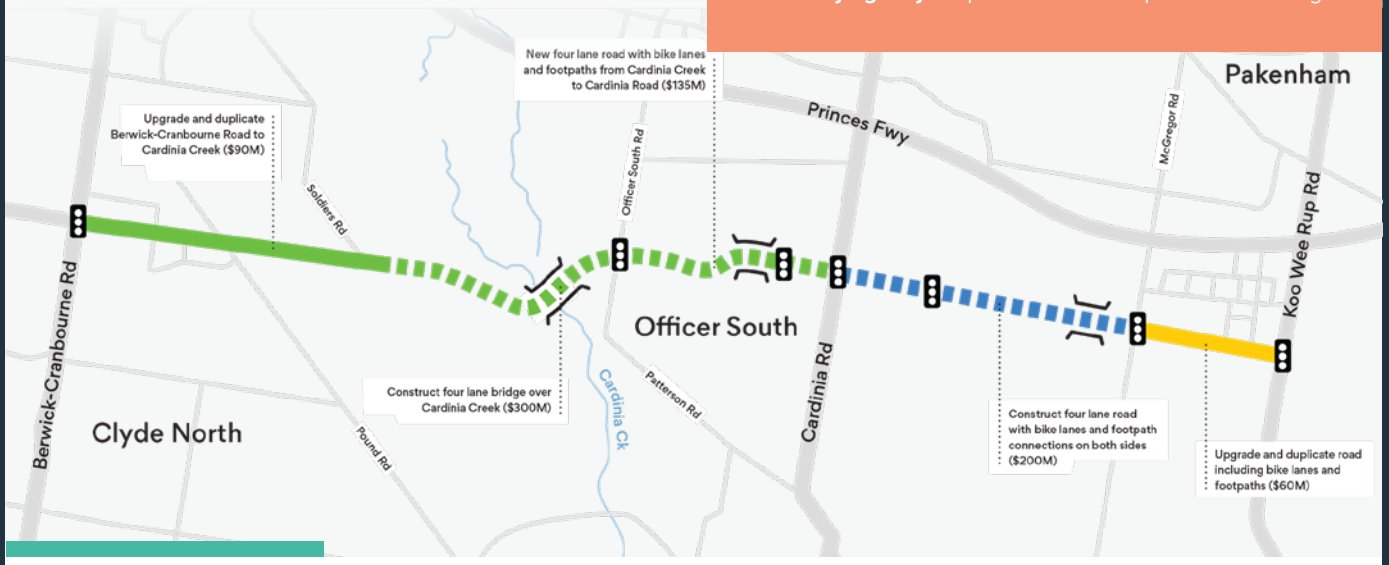
- Duplication and widening of Pound Road and Shrives Road between Hallam Road and Centre Road
- Widening Centre Road and Fullard Road to four lanes between Shrives Road and Cranbourne Road
- Two new bridges over Hallam Main Drain and the drainage easement
- Converting the Pound Road / Shrives Road roundabout to traffic signals
- Upgrading intersections at Centre Road / Shrives Road and Fullard Road / Cranbourne Road
- New shared paths

OPTION 2

- Duplication and widening of Pound Road and Shrives Road to four lanes
- A new direct road connection between Shrives Road and Fullard Road along the south side of the drainage easement
- One new bridge over Hallam Main Drain
- Converting the Pound Road / Shrives Road roundabout to traffic signals
- Upgrading the Fullard Road / Cranbourne Road intersection
- Upgrading existing roads and bridges to redirect traffic onto the bypass and discourage through traffic on Webb Street
- New shared paths

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce
**State Electorate:** Narre Warren North
**Council Ward:** Casuarina
**Working Cost Estimate:** $300,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery Agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

**Federal Electorate:** La Trobe
**State Electorate:** Berwick
**Council Ward:** Dillwynia
**Working Cost Estimate:** $785,000,000 – $900,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning




# Thompsons Road Upgrade and Extension

The City of Casey is seeking major investment from the state and federal government to upgrade and extend Thompsons Road from Berwick-Cranbourne Road in Clyde to Koo Wee Rup Road in Pakenham.

The project will deliver:

- A 30km cross-metropolitan high-capacity transport, freight and public transport route from Carrum to Pakenham, servicing Frankston, Greater Dandenong, Casey and Cardinia
- Unlock the southeast employment corridor (up to 100,000 local jobs) and new freight and residential land and create over 500 construction jobs
- Enable regional connections to Gippsland (M1), South Gippsland (C422), Mornington Peninsula (M780 and M11) and the EastLink (M3).

## Dandenong Bypass

Delivery of the Dandenong Bypass extension to connect the eastern end of the existing Dandenong Bypass at the South Gippsland Highway to the South Gippsland Freeway, providing a direct east–west link between the South Gippsland Freeway and the Western Port Highway.

The project will ease congestion on the South Gippsland Highway and surrounding local roads, complete the bypass of the Dandenong Activity Centre, and improve traffic efficiency across the broader network. By improving east–west connectivity, the project will also support access to and growth of the Noble Park and Springvale activity centres, strengthening economic activity and movement across Melbourne's south-east.

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce
**State Electorate:** Narre Warren South / Dandenong
**Council Ward:** River Gum
**Working Cost Estimate:** $350,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery Agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

## Hallam Road Duplication

The City of Casey is advocating for the duplication of Hallam Road between Pound Road and Princes Highway.

This project aims to reduce congestion and improve safety and connectivity for the Hallam area, Hallam Station, and the surrounding community.

The project includes duplicating and widening Hallam Road to four lanes, constructing a new signalised intersection at Ogrady Road and Centre Road, and building a new bridge over the Hallam Main Drain.

These improvements will enhance traffic flow and provide safer, better connectivity for the Hallam area and its residents.

**Federal Electorate:** Holt / Bruce
**State Electorate:** Narre Warren South / Narre Warren North
**Council Ward:** River Gum / Waratah
**Working Cost Estimate:** $120,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

# Clyde Road Corridor Upgrade

The City of Casey is advocating for the construction of a safer and upgraded Clyde Road Corridor including Clyde Road, Berwick-Cranbourne Road and Clyde-Five Ways Road.

The project will duplicate up to 14km of arterial road (up to three lanes in each direction), signalise intersections, build new shared path connections, install new bus stops and pedestrian crossings, improve traffic management technology, and provide necessary planning for Clyde-Five Ways Road and Ballarto Road to accommodate future growth.

The corridor is the primary and most congested north-south arterial road corridor in the City of Casey, providing a vital connection between Berwick, Cranbourne, Clyde North and Clyde.

**The project can be delivered in two stages, with Stage 1 prioritising the duplication of up to 8km of arterial road between Thompsons Road and South Gippsland Highway.**

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**Federal Electorate:** Holt
**State Electorate:** Cranbourne / Bass
**Council Ward:** Tooradin
**Working Cost Estimate:** TBC
**Council Contribution:** N/A
**Delivery Agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce
**State Electorate:** Berwick
**Council Ward:** Grevillea and Akoonah
**Working Cost Estimate:** $30,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

# Princes Highway and Coniston Avenue (Wilson Botanic Park Traffic Lights)

A signalised intersection on the Princes Highway at Coniston Avenue and Wilson Botanic Park access road, including pedestrian crossings to bus stops and street lighting upgrades.

The City of Casey has advocated for improving this intersection for several years. The necessity has been well documented by the number of incidents including pedestrian fatalities in 2017 and 2023.

950,000 people visit Wilson Botanic Park each year, and this figure does not account for the number of non-visitor vehicles that pass through this intersection.

This upgrade is vital for the ongoing safety of motorists and pedestrians navigating this intersection.

# Greaves Road – Pound Road Corridor Upgrade

Duplication of Pound Road and Greaves Road to deliver a safe and efficient east–west transport link between Dandenong South and the Princes Freeway.

The project includes duplication of approximately 7 km of arterial road, along with any necessary upgrades to key intersections, including Shrives Road, The Avenue/Wood Road, Kilberry Boulevard, Amberly Park Drive and Moondarra Drive.

Additional works include new pedestrian crossings at bus stops and water culvert upgrades.

These improvements will reduce congestion, improve safety and travel reliability, enhance access for public transport users and pedestrians, and support efficient freight and commuter movement across Casey's growing residential and employment areas.

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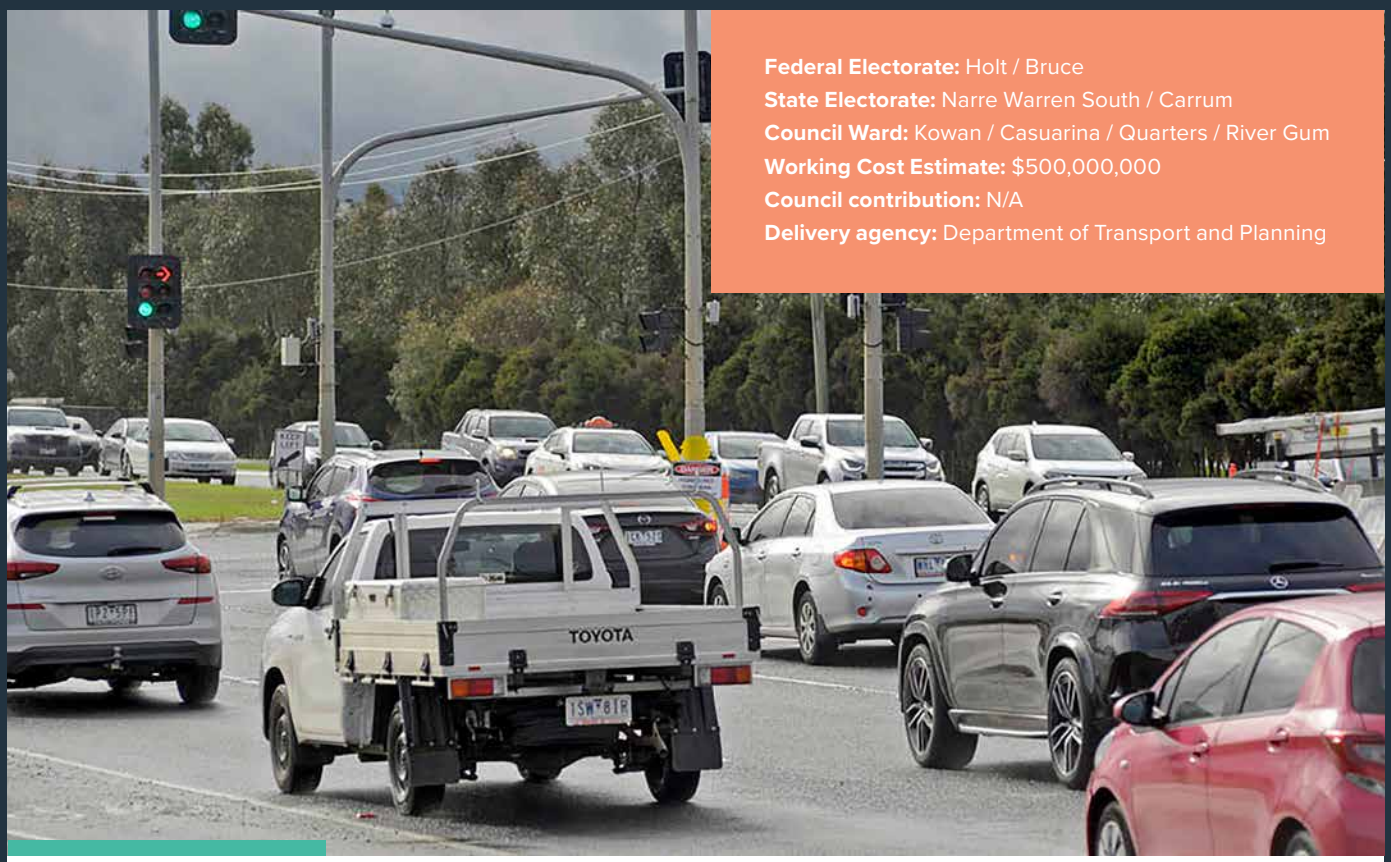
**Federal Electorate:** Bruce
**State Electorate:** Narre Warren South
**Council Ward:** Casuarina / Kowan
**Working Cost Estimate:** $500,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning




**Federal Electorate:** Holt / Bruce
**State Electorate:** Narre Warren South / Carrum
**Council Ward:** Kowan / Casuarina / Quarters / River Gum
**Working Cost Estimate:** $500,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

# Glasscocks Road Extension

Extension of Glasscocks Road to deliver a future east–west arterial route connecting Officer South to the Dandenong South employment area, extending from Frankston–Dandenong Road to Officer South Road.

The project will improve connectivity between growing residential communities and major employment hubs in Casey, Cardinia and Dandenong, strengthening access to more than 65,000 jobs across Dandenong, Casey Central, Officer South and Cardinia through a new east–west transport link.

The priority is **Stage 1**, from Narre Warren–Cranbourne Road to William Thwaites Boulevard, which will establish the initial and most critical section of the corridor.

**Stage 2A** (Frankston–Dandenong Road to Western Port Highway) and **Stage 2B** (Western Port Highway to South Gippsland Highway) will complete the central sections of the route, followed by Stage 3, from Ferdinand Drive to Officer South Road, to complete the full corridor.

Together, these staged upgrades will support freight and commuter movement, improve network resilience, and enable future growth across Melbourne's south-east.

# Linsell Boulevard Extension

Duplication and extension of Linsell Boulevard to further strengthen the east-west arterial network servicing the Cranbourne, Cranbourne East, and Clyde North precincts by creating a link for three major arterial roads in the southeast.

With the recently completed Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road duplication, this project will:

- Reduce heavy vehicle and through traffic in the Cranbourne Major Activity Centre
- Build on plans to revitalise the Cranbourne Major Activity Centre and improve safety
- Improve road freight operation on the major arterial road network.

The project can be delivered in two stages, with Stage 1 prioritising the arterial road declaration and duplication of Linsell Boulevard between Clyde Road and Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road.

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**Federal Electorate:** Holt
**State Electorate:** Cranbourne
**Council Ward:** Correa
**Working Cost Estimate:** $125,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

## Bus Network Improvements

Council is advocating for $50 million to investigate and improve bus services across the City of Casey as part of our commitment to increase bus services. We need state commitment to ensure equitable transport access that connects residents to jobs, education and essential services.

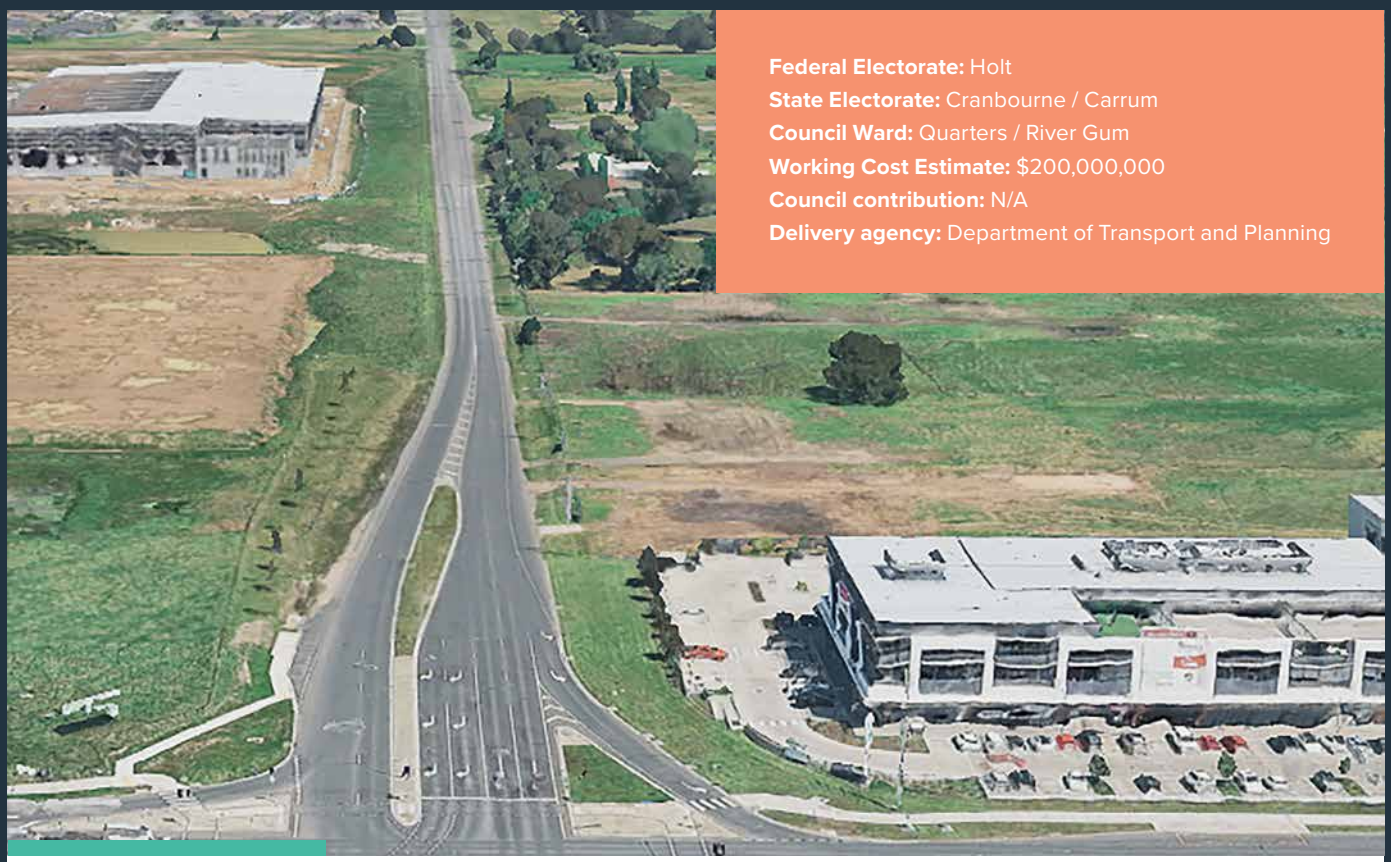
**Federal Electorate:** All
**State Electorate:** All
**Council Ward:** All
**Working Cost Estimate:** $50,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery Agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

Council is seeking:

- **More frequent bus services** to reduce waiting times and improve reliability.
- **Better integration with the rail network,** including timetable coordination with train services.
- **Simpler and more direct routes** to improve network legibility and reduce travel times.
- **Optimisation of existing services,** including route realignments where needed to better serve communities.
- **Smarter supporting infrastructure** to improve bus performance and customer experience.
- **Early provision of bus services in growth areas,** with services operating from first occupancy and expanding as populations grow.

As part of this broader advocacy, Council is seeking the following targeted improvements:

- Increase service frequency on Route 828 and 893.
- Re-route Route 897 to service new residential estates east of Lyndhurst Boulevard.
- Introduce a new or extend bus service for estates north of Ballarto Road, between Clyde–Five Ways Road and the South Gippsland Highway (estates surrounding Casey Fields).
- Extend an existing bus route to service estates off Clyde–Five Ways Road, north of Ballarto Road (Belmond on Clyde and Eliston estates).
- Extend an existing bus route to better service residential areas north and south of Glasscocks Road, between Sherwood Road and Narre Warren–Cranbourne Road.
- Introduce a new or extend bus service to service Botanic Ridge estates west of Craig Road, between the South Gippsland Highway and Browns Road.
- Introduce a new or extend bus service to service estates north of Ballarto Road, west of Muddy Gates Lane (Riverfield and Evergreen estates).
- Extend existing bus route to provide additional service options for estates north and south of O'Shea Road, and Greaves Road.
- Re-routing of existing bus service via Hampton Park SC.
- Provide a more direct and frequent service for Casey's coastal villages and investigate the suitability of on demand services (such as FlexiRide).
- Introduce a new or extend bus service from Tooradin to Frankston via Baxter.
- Extend an existing bus route from Pearcedale to Clyde via Botanic Ridge.
- Extend an existing bus route to provide public transport access to Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Park.



**Federal Electorate:** Holt
**State Electorate:** Cranbourne / Carrum
**Council Ward:** Quarters / River Gum
**Working Cost Estimate:** $200,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

# Evans Road Duplication

The City of Casey is seeking commitment from both Federal and State governments for the duplication of Evans Road from South Gippsland Highway to Duff Street to reduce congestion and improve safety and connectivity for the surrounding network.

Key project benefits include:

- Duplication and widening of Evans Road to four lanes (two lanes each way)
- A new bridge over the railway line
- Intersection upgrades at Boland Drive, Breens Road and Duff Street
- Safe walking and cycling network including crossing facilities

The project can be delivered in two stages, with Stage 1 prioritising the duplication of up to 2km of arterial road between Thompsons Road and Central Parkway.

We are also calling on the State Government to include the stage 1 duplication delivered in conjunction with the committed duplication projects from Duff to Central Parkway.

https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/roads/evans-road-upgrade

## Narre Warren-Cranbourne Corridor Upgrade

A corridor study is required along Narre Warren–Cranbourne Road between Saxonwood Drive and Mack Road, Narre Warren and Narre Warren South, to identify the most effective solutions to improve safety, reduce delays caused by right-turn movements, and enhance access to bus stops.

The project may include signalised intersections with pedestrian crossings at Fleetwood Drive and/or Golf Links Road, right-turn restrictions at selected side streets, and new pedestrian crossings or refuges at Norfolk Drive and at bus stop locations near Mack Road.

These improvements will improve traffic efficiency, increase safety for all road users, and enhance access to public transport along a key arterial corridor.

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**Federal Electorate:** Bruce / Holt
**State Electorate:** Narre Warren South / Narre Warren North
**Council Ward:** Casuarina / Kowan
**Working Cost Estimate:** $250,000 for Corridor Study
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

# COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

## Warneet Jetty Amenities Upgrade

The existing toilet facilities have reached the end of their serviceable life. A new accessible public toilet facility is required to support users of the adjacent boat ramp, playground and jetty.

**Federal Electorate:** Holt
**State Electorate:** Bass
**Council Ward:** Cranbourne Gardens
**Funding sought:** $500,000
**Council contribution:** N/A (Crown Land)

## Pearcedale Recreation Reserve

New accessible public amenities to support the current upgrades to the play space and skatepark.

**Federal Electorate:** Holt
**State Electorate:** Bass
**Council Ward:** Cranbourne Gardens
**Funding sought:** $300,000
**Council contribution:** In kind
**Delivery agency:** Council

## Cranbourne Town Centre Revitalisation

This initiative aims to enhance urban amenity and accessibility for all, creating a more inviting, safe and greener environment for the community while also attracting investment.

The design would consider footpath and crossing upgrades, street trees, landscaping, and building façade improvements.

**Federal Electorate:** Holt
**State Electorate:** Cranbourne
**Council Ward:** Quarters / Correa
**Working Cost Estimate:** TBC
**Council contribution:** TBC

# Cranbourne Hub

Purpose-built, integrated community services hub in the heart of the Cranbourne activity centre. The Cranbourne Hub will offer the community easy access to a variety of Council and community services in one convenient location.

The Cranbourne Hub will be home to Council's Cranbourne Customer Service and Youth Information Centre alongside Connected Libraries – Cranbourne Branch and Peninsula Legal Community Centre with additional space for one or more complementary Community Service Organisations to be included.

**Federal Electorate:** Holt
**State Electorate:** Cranbourne
**Council Ward:** Correa
**Funding sought:** $10 million
**Council contribution:** $30.6 million
**Delivery agency:** Council

## Hardys Road Active Space Reserve

District Cricket, Soccer and Rugby facility

**Federal Electorate:** La Trobe
**State Electorate:** Berwick
**Council Ward:** Dillwynia
**Funding sought:** $5,000,000
**Council contribution:** $5,000,000
**Delivery agency:** Council

## Tooradin Recreation Reserve Car Park Upgrades

Improving the safety, functionality and capacity of car parking at Tooradin Recreation Reserve through formalised asphalt car parking that will serve the AFL/ Cricket and Netball facilities.

**Federal Electorate:** Holt
**State Electorate:** Bass
**Council Ward:** Tooradin
**Funding sought:** $750,000
**Council contribution:** $750,000
**Delivery agency:** Council

## Glenburn Drive Reserve Revitalisation

Much loved but rapidly ageing community asset that has served the Hallam area for twenty years.

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce
**State Electorate:** Narre Warren North
**Council Ward:** Waratah
**Funding sought:** $1,200,000
**Council contribution:** In kind
**Delivery agency:** Council

# Alexander Blvd Community Hub

The City of Casey is seeking funding to build an integrated and accessible community hub at Alexander Boulevard in Clyde North.

The Hub would include library services, flexible community spaces, co-working areas, a semi-commercial kitchen, four kindergarten rooms, maternal and child health consultation rooms and outdoor spaces that support internal programming and complement the broader precinct.

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**Federal Electorate:** La Trobe
**State Electorate:** Berwick
**Council Ward:** Dillwynia
**Funding sought:** $10 million
**Council contribution:** $10 million
**Delivery agency:** Council

## Agnes OBrien Park Renewal

Renewal of playground and adjacent open space.

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce
**State Electorate:** Dandenong
**Council Ward:** Waratah
**Funding sought:** $300,000
**Council contribution:** In kind
**Delivery agency:** Council

## Sydney Pargeter Reserve

Constructing connecting pathways from the pavilion to the fields and a circuit pathway around the reserve, including an uplift of the adjacent equestrian trail.

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce
**State Electorate:** Narre Warren North
**Council Ward:** Kalora
**Funding sought:** $100,000
**Council contribution:** In kind
**Delivery agency:** Council

## Robert Booth Reserve

The City of Casey is seeking support for the complete redevelopment of netball court surfaces including new floodlighting and shelters.

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce
**State Electorate:** Narre Warren South
**Council Ward:** Waratah
**Funding sought:** $415,000
**Council contribution:** In kind
**Delivery agency:** Council

## Waterbush Crescent Reserve Playground

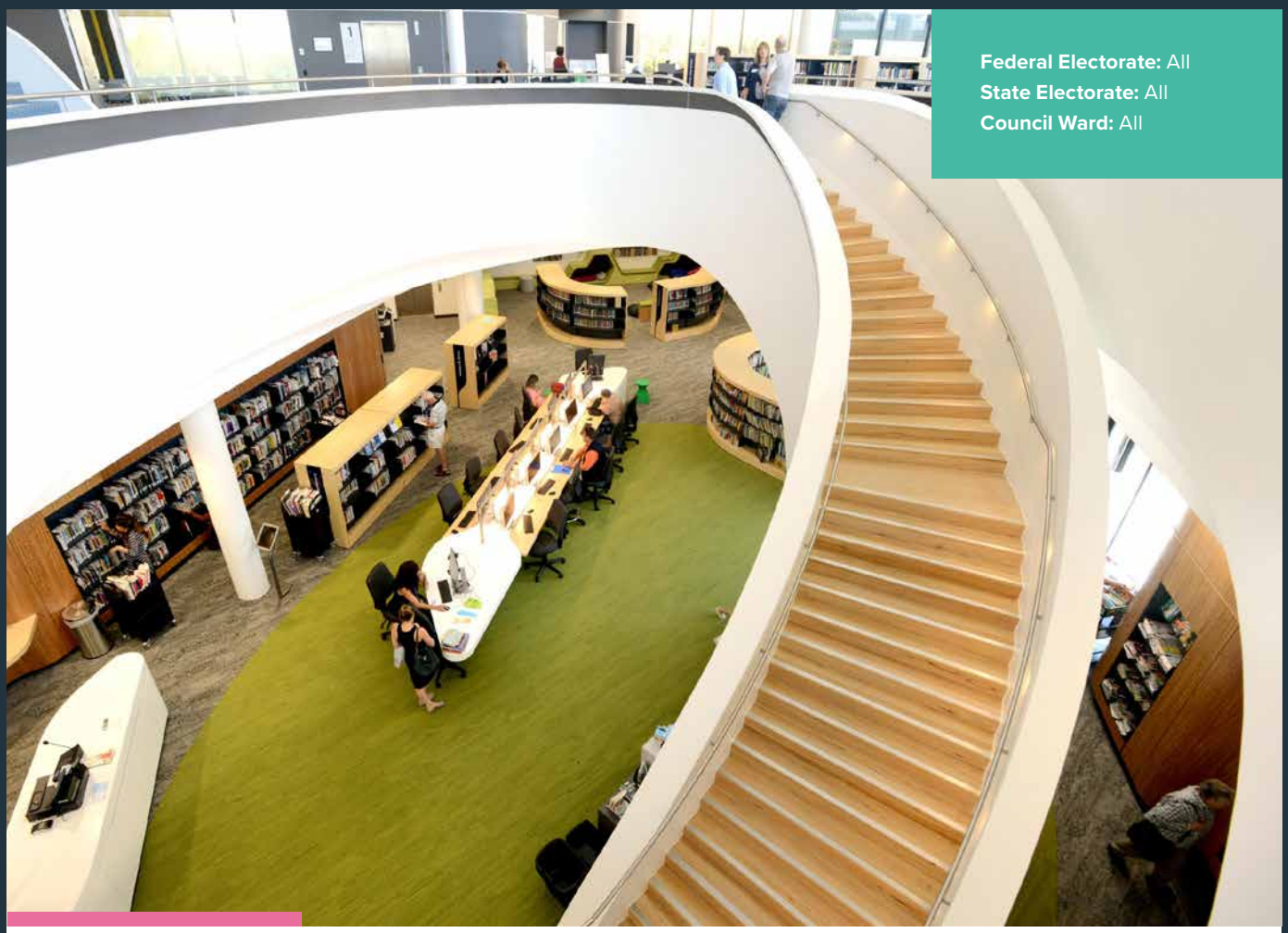
Local level playground renewal

**Federal Electorate:** Holt
**State Electorate:** Carrum
**Council Ward:** Quarters
**Funding sought:** $150,000
**Council contribution:** In kind
**Delivery agency:** Council

## Karayong Park Playground

New local level playground to address the gap in the playground network for this area.

**Federal Electorate:** Holt
**State Electorate:** Narre Warren South
**Council Ward:** River Gum
**Funding sought:** $200,000
**Council contribution:** In kind
**Delivery agency:** Council



**Federal Electorate:** All
**State Electorate:** All
**Council Ward:** All

# Ongoing Funding Commitment for Libraries and Aquatic Centres

The City of Casey is supportive of recommendation 5 from Infrastructure Victoria's submission to Victoria's Draft 30-year Strategy – *"Fund councils to plan and build libraries and aquatic recreation centres in Melbourne's growth areas."*

## Gunns Road Reserve

Works to improve safety and accessibility, to help revitalise the area into a welcoming open green space where people can relax, play and connect with nature. Works will include wayfinding signage, new path, picnic area improvements, extension of the path from the public toilets to the playground, new bench seating next to BMX track, and a half-court basketball space.

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce
**State Electorate:** Narre Warren North
**Council Ward:** Waratah
**Cost:** To be advised by State Government
**Funding sought:** $250,000
**Council contribution:** In kind
**Delivery agency:** Council

## Eumemmerring Creek to Lysterfield Lake Trail

The City of Casey is seeking funding to complete the Eumemmerring Creek Shared User Trail by delivering the missing link from Frog Hollow to Lysterfield Park.

This project will significantly improve access, connectivity and recreation opportunities in the area linking Doveton, Eumemmerring and surrounding suburbs to one of Victoria's most significant natural and recreational destinations.

Identified as a priority project for many years including in Parks Victoria's Linking People and Spaces strategy, the trail has increased importance following the popularity of mountain biking at Lysterfield Park and the growing trend for spending time in nature.

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce
**State Electorate:** Narre Warren North
**Council Ward:** Kalora
**Working Cost Estimate:** $2,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Council

# SAFE & THRIVING COMMUNITIES

## Soldiers Road Pedestrian Bridge over Princes Freeway

The City of Casey is advocating for funding to deliver a business case and feasibility study, followed by design and construction of a new pedestrian and cycling bridge over the Princes Freeway at Soldiers Road, with integrated shared paths and upgrades at the Soldiers Road / Kangan Drive intersection.

Currently, only a single narrow footpath is provided along the Soldiers Road bridge over the Princes Freeway, forcing more than 200 students and pedestrians onto the roadway during peak periods.

Upgrades at this location will provide safe alternatives to driving, reduce congestion, and enable efficient movement to Beaconhills College, Haileybury College and through the Berwick Health and Education Precinct.

**Note:** This project is subject to a feasibility study.

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce
**State Electorate:** Berwick
**Council Ward:** Akoonah
**Working Cost Estimate:** $45,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

## O'Shea Road Pedestrian Signals near Wordsworth Drive

The City of Casey is advocating for the delivery of pedestrian-operated signals on O'Shea Road near Wordsworth Drive to provide safe crossing opportunities for all ages and improved access to the newly delivered GAIC funded Route 831 Extension.

The project will also provide a more connected transport network for Kingsmere Estate, the growing Minta Farm Estate and surrounding new communities.

**Federal Electorate:** La Trobe
**State Electorate:** Berwick
**Council Ward:** Akoonah
**Working Cost Estimate:** $3,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

## Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road Active Transport Bridge to Railway Station

The City of Casey is advocating for delivery of a continuous east–west active transport connection linking communities northeast of the rail line with the Narre Warren Metropolitan Activity Centre, Narre Warren Village, Fountain Gate and the railway station.

The project includes a new active transport bridge over the railway line and Narre Warren–Cranbourne Road, providing a safe and direct crossing over the arterial and rail corridor, removing a major barrier for people walking and cycling to key destinations.

The bridge connection can be complemented by a new path connection from Saxonwood Drive or Vimini Drive, strengthening direct access to the station precinct and surrounding activity centres.

Residents currently face significant challenges crossing Narre Warren–Cranbourne Road, with limited and unsafe walking and cycling options.

Together, the bridge and improved path connections will deliver a safe, continuous and connected route between established residential areas and major employment, education, shopping and transport hubs—supporting healthier travel choices and a more accessible local network.

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce
**State Electorate:** Narre Warren North
**Council Ward:** Casuarina
**Working Cost Estimate:** $7,000,000 – $10,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

**Federal Electorate:** All
**State Electorate:** All
**Council Ward:** All

# Early Years Reforms

By 2036, an additional 5,800 kindergarten places will need to be provided in Casey, which is more than double the size of Council's current kindergarten service.

Early education service providers in Casey are calling for greater flexibility, sustainable funding and stronger workforce support to ensure equitable access and high-quality outcomes for all children and families.

Council is advocating for investment to build and upgrade Council-owned early years facilities. This work will be guided by the Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan (KISP), which identifies needs based on population growth.

Furthermore, consultation with early education service providers in Casey has identified the following priorities:

- Capital investment for early years infrastructure in Casey.
- Recurrent funding to strengthen workforce development and mentoring programs.
- Policy flexibility to enable mixed delivery models and culturally safe practices that meet local needs.
- Sustainable funding models that support viability for all service types, equitable access and high-quality outcomes for all families.

## Food Security

The City of Casey's 2024 Annual Household Survey found that 40% of residents had experienced food insecurity in the previous 12 months.

Eleven per cent of those had run out of food and couldn't afford to buy more. Twenty-two per cent had reduced the size of meals or skipped meals because there wasn't enough money for food. Twenty-three per cent had been unable to afford fresh produce; and 30% were worried that they would run out of money to buy food.

These alarming numbers are backed up by OzHarvest's Community Needs Survey which found that the demand for food relief is at an all-time high.

Emergency food relief providers in Casey are under increasing pressure to meet this rising demand, and food costs, volunteer and staff fatigue is stretching services thin.

Providers need flexible, ongoing funding and support to deliver culturally appropriate food and connect people to housing, health, and other support services.

The City of Casey urges State and Commonwealth governments to provide ongoing, sustainable funding for essential food rescue and distribution across the municipality.

Specifically, we need to see additional funding for warehouse food rescue and distribution points in Casey as well as delivery vans.

Council also calls on governments to invest in long-term solutions, including affordable housing and income support to meet the real cost of living.

**Federal Electorate:** All
**State Electorate:** All
**Council Ward:** All

## South Gippsland Highway Pedestrian Signals near Evans Street in Tooradin

Installation of pedestrian-operated signals providing safe access to Tooradin Recreation Reserve and local residential areas.

Local residents and community groups in Tooradin currently face unsafe and indirect routes when accessing the Tooradin Recreation Reserve, Tooradin Primary School and nearby bus stops.

Improved pedestrian infrastructure will provide safer, more direct connections to these key community facilities, supporting everyday access for families, school children and groups such as the Tooradin Foreshore Committee, Tooradin Sports Club and Tooradin Lions Club.

The project will enhance walkability, reduce reliance on vehicle trips and improve safety for all users.

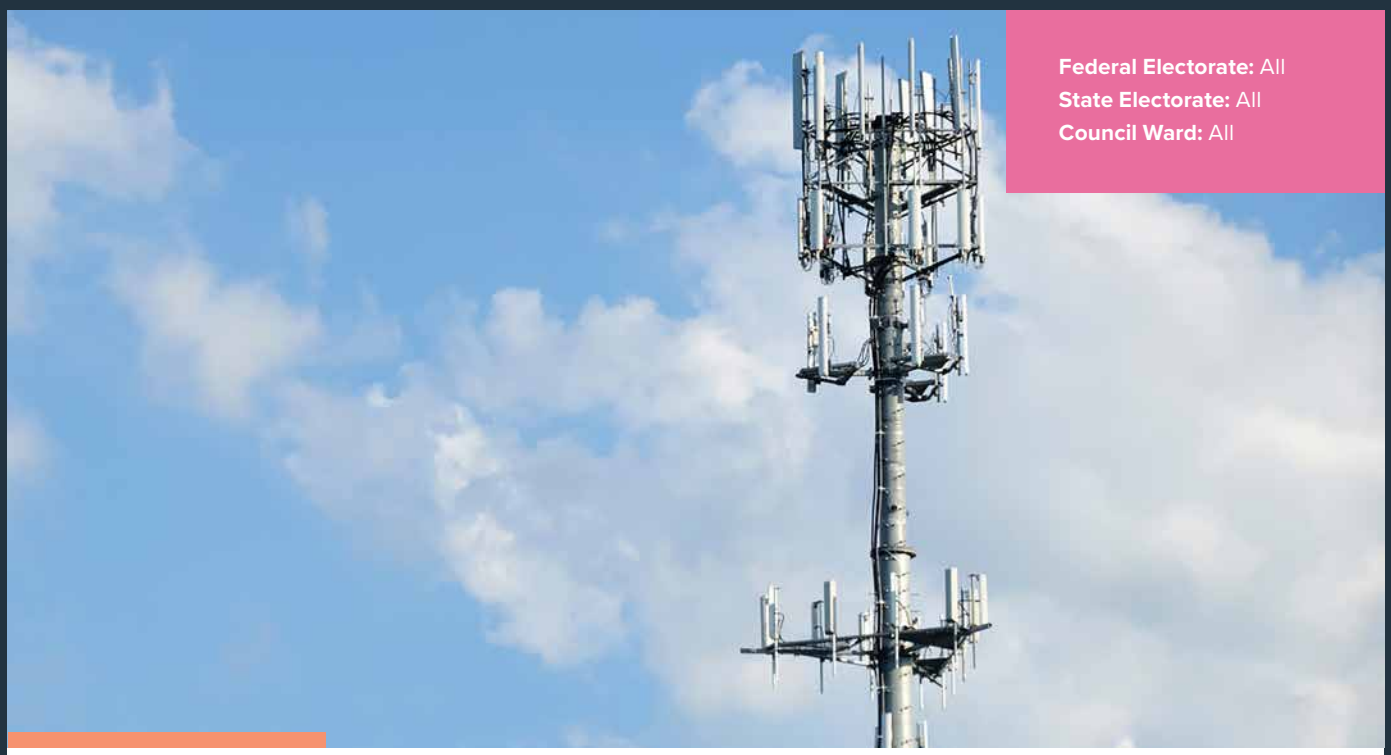
**Federal Electorate:** Holt
**State Electorate:** Bass
**Council Ward:** Tooradin
**Working Cost Estimate:** $3,500,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

## Princes Highway and Webb Street Intersection Upgrade

Traffic signal upgrades to prioritise pedestrian and cycling movements across Princes Highway by removing slip lanes and providing priority crossing.

This project will improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and enhance transport operations along the Webb Street corridor, supporting access to Narre Warren Fountain Gate, Narre Warren Village, and the railway station.

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce
**State Electorate:** Narre Warren North
**Council Ward:** Casuarina
**Working Cost Estimate:** TBC
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery Agency:** Department of Transport and Planning



**Federal Electorate:** All
**State Electorate:** All
**Council Ward:** All

# Reduce mobile blackspots in growing suburbs

The City of Casey has a growing number of residents living in mobile blackspots. This is primarily due to the lack of cellular telecommunications infrastructure in our growth areas.

The City of Casey believes cellular telecommunications networks and infrastructure should be an 'essential service' in line with existing telecommunications provisions and other services like water and energy etc. for all States and Territories.

The Victorian Government should investigate planning controls that require earlier delivery of cellular telecommunications infrastructure in new residential and commercial estates, particularly in Australia's growth areas.

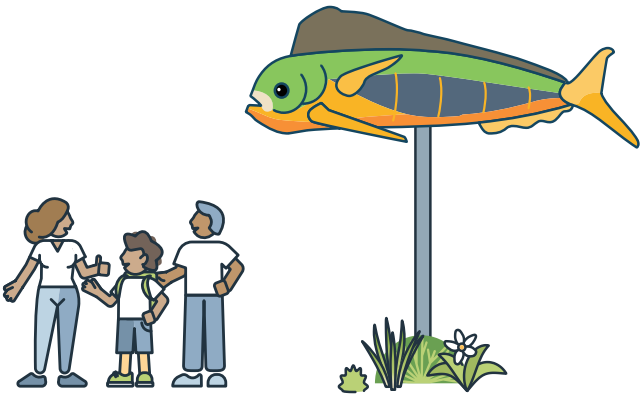
## Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road Pedestrian Safety Improvements

The City of Casey is advocating for a feasibility and design to support the delivery of safe crossing points and connecting paths across Narre Warren-Cranbourne Road at Norfolk Drive, Fleetwood Drive and Golf Links Road.

Residents living on the eastern side of Narre Warren–Cranbourne Road currently have no safe or direct way to cross the arterial to reach nearby bus stops, forcing long detours or unsafe crossing behaviour. This gap in the network limits public transport access and reduces walkability for families, students and older community members.

A feasibility study is required to determine the most appropriate safety treatments along the corridor and identify a deliverable solution through detailed design that improves pedestrian safety and strengthens access to essential services.

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce
**State Electorate:** Narre Warren North
**Council Ward:** Casuarina
**Working Cost Estimate:** $250,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning



## Clyde Road Pedestrian Signals near Alisma Boulevard

The City of Casey is advocating for delivery of pedestrian-operated signals on Berwick-Cranbourne Road near Alisma Boulevard to provide safe crossing opportunities for all ages and improved access to bus services, supporting a more connected, walkable transport corridor for the growing Cranbourne North and Clyde North communities.

The proposed pedestrian operated signals will also support the safe and future delivery of additional pairing bus stops for Route 888 at this location, ensuring improved public transport access as surrounding growth areas continue to develop.

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce / La Trobe
**State Electorate:** Berwick / Narre Warren South
**Council Ward:** Kowan / Dillwynia
**Working Cost Estimate:** $3,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

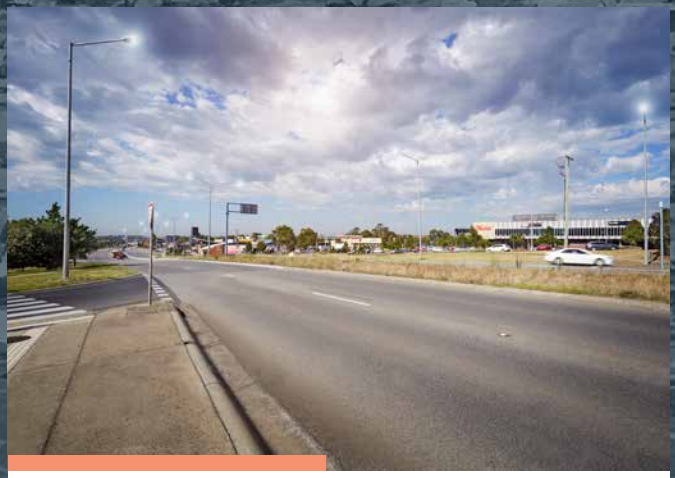
## Clyde Road to Kangan Drive Path Link

Delivery of a shared-use path along the Princes Freeway reserve connecting Clyde Road to Kangan Drive.

The project will provide a safe and direct connection to the Berwick Health and Education Precinct, including St John of God Hospital and Casey Hospital, supporting residents, students, staff, and visitors. This link will strengthen access to one of the region's most significant employment and health precincts, enhancing overall connectivity, especially for Berwick residents south of the freeway.

This project should be prioritised and delivered as part of the Clyde Road intersection upgrade being delivered by Victorian Infrastructure Delivery Authority (VIDA).

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce
**State Electorate:** Berwick
**Council Ward:** Akoonah
**Working Cost Estimate:** $750,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning



## Non-Council Road Maintenance

Council is advocating for regular and timely maintenance of state-managed roads including vegetation on roadsides, median strips, roundabouts, and other non-council owned assets. Data collected during community consultation for Casey's Road Management Plan indicates that over 63% of road concerns raised by residents were for State Government Roads.

**Federal Electorate:** All
**State Electorate:** All
**Council Ward:** All

## Graffiti

The City of Casey has a zero-tolerance policy for graffiti on Council assets. The City of Casey has requested that the Victorian State Government either expand its current graffiti removal policy or provide funding support to ensure Council can provide consistent maintenance across all public assets. Council will appreciate the Federal Government's consideration in supporting this initiative and/or exploring possible funding pathways.

**Federal Electorate:** All
**State Electorate:** All
**Council Ward:** All

## Railway Road to Twyford Road Pedestrian Crossing

Delivery of new walking path and safe pedestrian crossing between Railway Road and Twyford Road. The project includes constructing a shared path on VicTrack land and installing a crossing point on Twyford Road to support safe school and community access.

**Federal Electorate:** Holt
**State Electorate:** Bass
**Council Ward:** Tooradin
**Working Cost Estimate:** TBC
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

## Evans Road New Path between Thompsons Road and Paramount Boulevard

Delivery of missing path link along Evans Road, south of Thompsons Road, to Fairhaven Boulevard, and new crossing point at Volk Road.

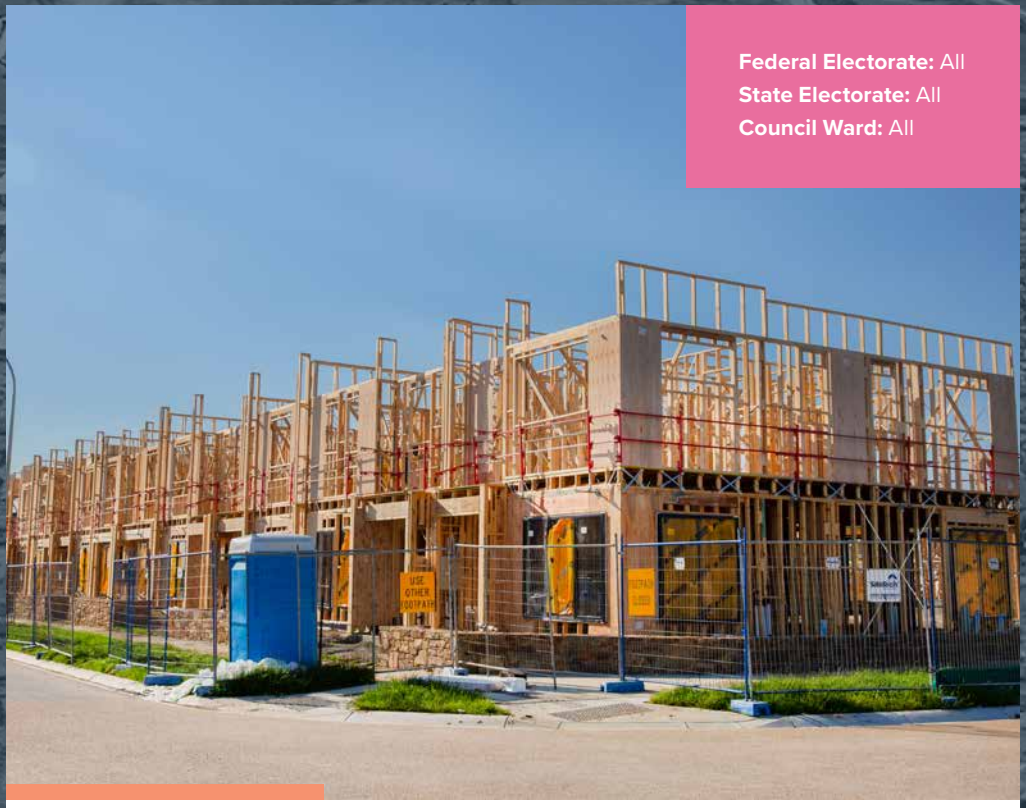
**Federal Electorate:** Holt
**State Electorate:** Cranbourne
**Council Ward:** Quarters
**Working Cost Estimate:** $3,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

## Cranbourne-Frankston Road Path and Pedestrian Crossing near Ballarto Road

Delivery of missing path link and pedestrian operated signals on Cranbourne-Frankston Road near Ballarto Road to improve safety and connectivity for Brompton Lodge and surrounding new Cranbourne West estates.

**Federal Electorate:** Holt
**State Electorate:** Cranbourne
**Council Ward:** Cranbourne Gardens
**Working Cost Estimate:** $4,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

**Federal Electorate:** All
**State Electorate:** All
**Council Ward:** All



# Homelessness and Housing Affordability

Casey, like much of Greater Melbourne, has experienced rapid growth in housing costs. In 2021 it was estimated that 7,421 Casey households had an unmet need for affordable housing (Housing id, 2021).

The City of Casey believes that there needs to be increased State and Federal investment in social and affordable housing in the municipality, with a focus on groups at the highest risk of homelessness, to ensure everyone has access to a safe, accessible home.

In addition, to support local action, Casey supports an exemption or remission from the Windfall Gains Tax where Council owned land is rezoned to facilitate strategic asset management and/or affordable housing outcomes.

## Clyde Road Pedestrian Signals near Waterways Drive

The City of Casey is advocating for delivery of pedestrian-operated signals on Berwick-Cranbourne Road near Waterways Drive to provide safe crossing opportunities for all ages and improved access to bus services, education, retail and business precincts, supporting a more connected, walkable transport corridor for the growing Cranbourne North and Clyde North communities.

The proposed pedestrian operated signals will also support the safe and future delivery of additional pairing bus stops for Route 888 at this location, ensuring improved public transport access as surrounding growth areas continue to develop.

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce / La Trobe
**State Electorate:** Berwick / Narre Warren South
**Council Ward:** Kowan / Dillwynia
**Working Cost Estimate:** $3,000,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

## Pedestrian signals at Heatherton Road and Grove End Road

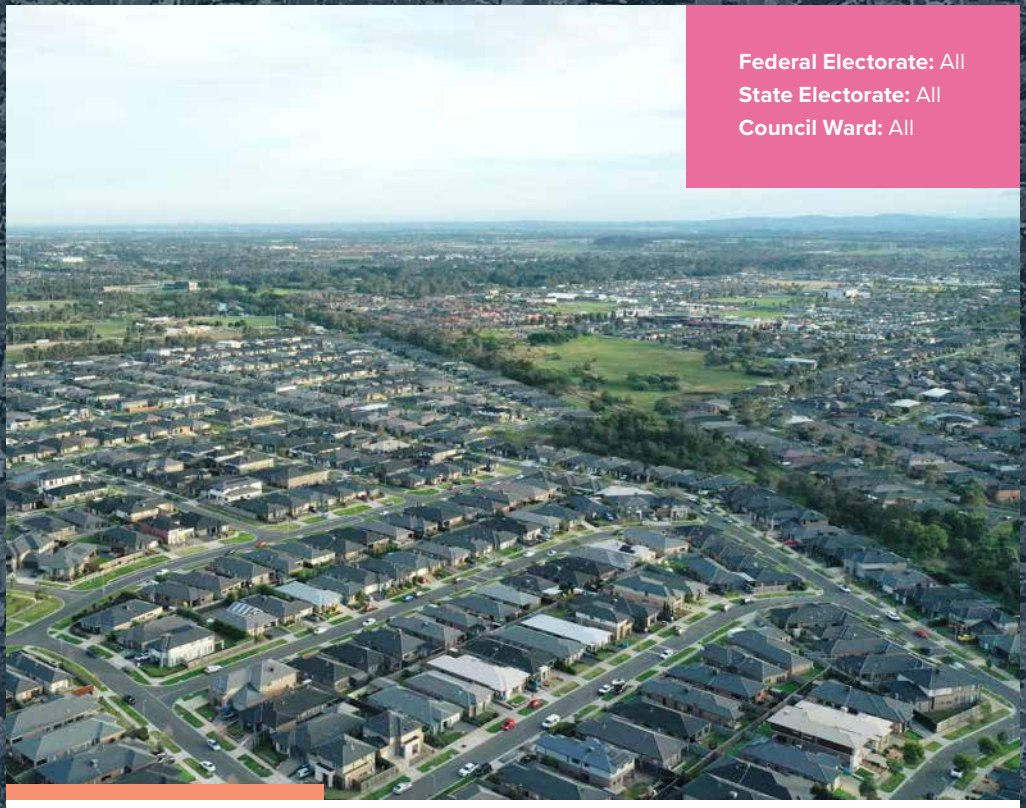
The City of Casey is advocating for the installation of pedestrian-operated signals at Heatherton Road and Grove End Road. This project will deliver improved safety and more accessible crossing options, making it easier for Endeavour Hills residents to access local shops, medical centres, and nearby bus stops.

**Federal Electorate:** Bruce
**State Electorate:** Narre Warren North
**Council Ward:** Kalora
**Working Cost Estimate:** $3,500,000
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning

## Safety Camera Installation (Viewbright, Soldiers, and Skylark Roads)

Despite being a fully controlled intersection with traffic signals, our observations and community feedback indicate that vehicles frequently run the red arrow when turning right from Viewbright into Soldiers Road. This behaviour poses a significant risk to pedestrians, especially school children crossing legally and safely.

**Federal Electorate:** La Trobe
**State Electorate:** Berwick
**Council Ward:** Dillwynia
**Working Cost Estimate:** TBC
**Council contribution:** N/A
**Delivery agency:** Department of Transport and Planning



**Federal Electorate:** All
**State Electorate:** All
**Council Ward:** All

# Restoration of the Growing Suburbs Fund

The Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF) had reduced in size over recent years until the 2025/26 Victorian Budget stripped all funding from the program. For the past decade, this fund has been used to support the construction and maintenance of local parks, playgrounds, community centres, skate parks, accessible public toilets, and more.

Council is advocating for the return of this important funding stream to help support our rapidly growing community.

**Federal Electorate:** All
**State Electorate:** All
**Council Ward:** All

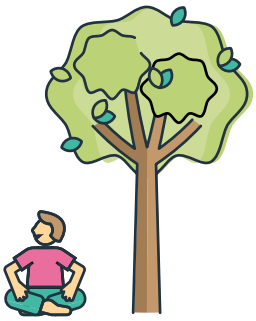
# Mental Health Services

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. The City of Casey is home to one of the country's largest populations of young people with more than 75,000 residents aged between 10 and 24 years, with this population expected to grow to more than 114,000 by 2046.

Transport options to the Narre Warren Headspace site are limited and often lengthy, particularly for young people living in the 3977 and 3978 postcodes. Travel times for young people to Narre Warren Headspace via public transport vary from 50 minutes to 1 hr 30 minutes (or more) one way depending on where they begin their journey.

Council is very appreciative for the Government's commitment for the Cranbourne Mental Health Hub following their election announcement in 2025. We look forward to seeing this project progress.

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.



**Federal Electorate:** All
**State Electorate:** All
**Council Ward:** All

# Gambling Harm

The City of Casey recognises gambling harm as a major and growing public health issue, with Australians losing more to legal gambling per capita than any country in the world, resulting in significant health and wellbeing impacts. For each individual experiencing gambling harm, it is estimated that between seven to ten people are adversely impacted, most commonly family, friends and employers.

In 2023/24, $158 million was lost to electronic gaming machines (EGMs) in Casey, translating to $544 lost annually per Casey adult. This figure doesn't include losses from other types of gambling such as online sports betting, casinos, or lottery tickets.

Council recognises that reform is needed at all levels of government to reduce the impacts of gambling harm. Along with stronger regulation of EGMs, there are growing concerns around harm from online gambling.

Council asks the State Government to:

- Encompass areas (established/growth) in Casey's regional EGM cap which were not previously included.
- Limit transfer or introduction of EGMs in disadvantaged areas or areas of unknown disadvantage.
- Provide greater transparency of the State Government Community Support Fund at a municipal level.
- The Victorian Gambling Casino Control Commission to provide greater oversight and regulation of EGM venue community contributions.

Council asks the Federal Government to:

- Implementation of a national strategy that will establish greater regulation of online gambling and associated advertising as recommended through the 'You win some, you lose more' report.
- A comprehensive ban on all forms of online gambling advertising.

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