

Advocacy Priorities 2022



Acknowledgement of Country

Nillumbik Shire Council respectfully acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Owners of the Country on which Nillumbik is located, and we value the significance of the Wurundjeri people's history as essential to the unique character of the Shire. We pay tribute to all First Nations People living in Nillumbik, give respect to Elders past, present and future, and extend that respect to all First Nations People.

We respect the enduring strength of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and acknowledge the ongoing impacts of past trauma and injustices from European invasion, massacres and genocide committed against First Nations People. We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people hold a deep and ongoing connection to this place. We value the distinctive place of our First Nations People in both Nillumbik and Australia's identity; from their cultural heritage and care of the land and waterways, to their ongoing contributions in many fields including academia, agriculture, art, economics, law, sport and politics.

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About Nillumbik Shire: the Green Wedge Shire.

Located in Melbourne's northeastern suburbs, approximately 25km from the Melbourne Central Business District, more than 90 per cent of Nillumbik is designated green wedge.

Snapshot of the Shire

Nillumbik has a population of approximately 65,094 people and 23,627 rateable properties. The majority of residents own or mortgage their homes, with only 9.3 per cent of households renting. While Nillumbik is not a high-growth area, it is popular with families who enjoy the many parks and open spaces that characterise the area.

Nillumbik is a collection of suburbs, townships and villages, each with its own unique identity and heritage. The 'Green Wedge Shire' also offers residents and visitors a unique rural environment of bushland, small farms, rivers and forest. As well as providing abundant natural beauty, the nature of Nillumbik makes it bushfire-prone.

The Diamond Creek Trail runs through the Shire and is set for completion in early 2022. While Nillumbik is known for its parks, tracks and trails, missing links in existing networks can cause frustration for residents and visitors.

Nillumbik is not a particularly densely populated area, but the sense of community is strong. We have an engaged and active populace, with many community groups and volunteer organisations active in the area. From our inaugural 2021 Youth Council comprised of young residents through to our Positive Ageing committee, Council works with all age groups and demographics across the Shire and is committed to providing opportunities for them to flourish.

Art and culture also plays a large role in Nillumbik, as do community events, sport and the great outdoors.

Looking to the future, we are focused on engaging and supporting our community, protecting our green wedge, mitigating bushfire risk, improving quality of life and amenity access, and ensuring our Shire is safe, liveable and enjoyable for all who visit or reside here.

Land Area

Area: 432 square kilometres



Population and demographics

65,369 total population

- 24.2% Residents aged 0-17 years
- 56.0% Residents aged 18 – 59 years
- 19.8% Residents aged 60 years and over

Nillumbik's population is growing older

with people aged 65-85 years expected to increase to 73% by 2036, representing 20% of people living in Nillumbik

Travel and transport



- 10% Of employed people used public transport to get to work
- 70% Travel to work by car (as driver or passenger)

Nillumbik's walkability for transport was ranked among the lowest in metropolitan Melbourne with **only 24% of residents walking for transport** compared with 37% for greater Melbourne

Youth



- 28% Of 897 youths surveyed for our Youth Strategy in 2021 identified as having a mental illness
- 76% Identified **mental health** as the biggest challenge young people in Nillumbik are facing

Nillumbik's top issues



Bushfire management and prevention issues

was nominated in our top four issues to address in our *Annual Community Survey* in 2020 and 2021

Rubbish and waste

was nominated as an issue to address in our *Annual Community Survey* in 2020 and 2021

Housing



- 74% Of residential properties are within 400m of public open space
- 38% Of residents live within 400m of public transport
- \$2,093 Median weekly household income
- 48% Households with a mortgage
- 9% Households renting

Federal and State electorates within Nillumbik

Nillumbik Shire is covered by the Federal Electorates of McEwen, Jagajaga and Menzies.

At a state level the Shire takes in parts of the Legislative Assembly (Lower House) electorates Eltham, Eildon, Yan Yean and Warrandyte. It is covered by the Legislative Council (Upper House) electorates, Eastern Metropolitan and Northern Victoria.



*The state electorate boundaries depicted above are current, but some changes will come into effect at the time of the Victorian State Election, scheduled for 26 November 2022. Further information is available on the Victorian Electoral Commission website at: vec.vic.gov.au



Introduction

Council advocates on the community's behalf on a range of matters. Our advocacy efforts are predominantly directed at the Victorian and Federal Governments and may include advocating for new or improved facilities, services or for necessary community infrastructure, including roads and public transport.

Council will also advocate for changes to policy, laws or regulation at times where we feel these changes would bring about a direct benefit to the community, or if such changes would enable Council to fulfil its role and responsibilities to our community more effectively.

The issues on which we advocate may be directly related to Council services and operations. They may also relate to matters that are beyond Council's scope or responsibility and sit within the remit of State and Federal Governments, but are considered significant to our community and on which we will therefore advocate to the appropriate levels of government in the community's best interests.

Nillumbik Shire Council 2022 Advocacy Priorities

The Advocacy Priorities listed in this document have each been linked to one of the four overarching themes that guide our 2021-2025 Council Plan (*Community and Connection, Place and Space, Sustainable and Resilient, Responsible and Accountable*) thus ensuring a focus on the delivery of the Plan as set by Council.

Further, the Advocacy Priorities also focus in part on the prevailing issues that engage and affect those in our community and beyond.

One of, if not the most prominent such issue at present is the importance of supporting our community as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic recovery phase. This involves support in every aspect—mental, physical, social and economic – and affects every age and demographic in Nillumbik.

Another such prevailing issue is the need for urgent and meaningful climate action, also a priority for Council and an area in which we are already doing a great deal.

There is however more to be done and it is clear that on this subject, our community expects effective coordinated action, involving all levels of government.

Council will advocate collectively, with other councils and through its local government peak bodies, or - if the issue is specific to Nillumbik - on its own, guided throughout by its responsibility to the Nillumbik community.

In a year where elections will be held at both Federal and - in Victoria - at State level, Council will continue to advocate strongly on our community's behalf, to those in government, or aspiring to government.



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Community and connection

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Diamond Creek Community Hub

📍 Diamond Creek | Seeking \$15 million | Community hub and library

We are seeking

Funding to establish a Community Hub in Diamond Creek, including a library



Background

The establishment of a community hub for the co-location of key services, including a library, youth services, a registered training and education facility and a theatre would address a need identified in the *Diamond Creek Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2020)*.

While the COVID-19 vaccine is a critical primary health intervention, the psychological, social and economic effects will require comprehensive, long-term solutions, involving all levels of government.

Diamond Creek is the fastest-growing area in the Shire and the need for an integrated hub resonated in Council's Together in Nillumbik survey (2020). The results of the survey have strongly informed Council's *Pandemic Recovery Plan*.

Funding source

Federal and State Governments



Greater Funding Support for Men's Sheds

Throughout Nillumbik | Seeking \$1.5 million | Facility upgrades

We are seeking

Increased funding support to enable an expansion of the activities of Men's Sheds and improvements and upgrades of their facilities throughout the municipality

Background

Men's Sheds have a positive impact on both, participants and the local community, through the work they do.

They foster increased social connection and promote health and wellbeing.

These benefits assume even greater importance as the community navigates the pandemic recovery process.

Council supports its local Men's Sheds in a number of ways but coordinated support from other levels of government – Federal Government in particular – would provide for facility and service improvements, enabling them to attract more participants and expand the scope and scale of their activities.

Funding source

Federal and State Governments



Youth Support and Outreach

Throughout Nillumbik | Seeking funding | Youth support services

We are seeking

Funding for the delivery of flexible and dynamic youth outreach and support services for young people aged 12-25 years in Nillumbik Shire

Background

Among the 900 young people who participated in Council's 2021 *Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future* youth engagement program, mental health was overwhelmingly identified as the most important issue facing young people in Nillumbik Shire. The results showed that mental health had, by far, the greatest personal impact on survey respondents.

The results also indicated high levels of dissatisfaction or apathy among young people in Nillumbik with regards to existing levels of mental health services and support.

Access to local youth specialist services is a key area of need in Nillumbik with currently no direct service providers locally based. Information from key regional service

organisations on the rates of referrals to these services show that young people in Nillumbik are not accessing available mental health support services in high numbers. This indicates either a lack of awareness of these services or inability to access them due to lack of transport as most are based outside of Nillumbik.

School and training disengagement rates are another area of concern, in light of the challenges of COVID and remote learning over the past 18 months. Anxiety caused by isolation from local connections during the pandemic is another issue. We know that many young people will struggle to make the transition back into the community and specifically vocational pathways and many will need support to help them re-engage.

A dynamic, engaging and targeted local youth outreach service to support young people who are at the very start of disengagement would provide necessary intervention. Early identification, timely and appropriate supports and providing links to greater long term support and stability will be key.

Funding source

Federal and State Governments

Aged Care Policy Reform and Funding

Throughout Nillumbik

Seeking policy change and funding

Support to deliver high-quality services

We are seeking

Tangible recognition of the significant role of local government in the delivery of aged care services through increased funding, changes to policy and other supports

Background

The final report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety in February 2021 provides the local government sector with a window to advocate for meaningful change to improve the lives of the elderly and some of our most vulnerable. The report's findings and recommendations help to shine a spotlight on the true cost involved in delivering quality services and the extent to which councils must make up for any shortfalls where there is an absence of quality private service providers.

Nillumbik is advocating for greater recognition of the role of local government in the delivery of aged care services by working with funding bodies and peak organisations such as the Municipal Association of Victoria in planning, policy development, and other means to enhance delivery of services and programs that support the needs of older people.

Nillumbik is therefore seeking additional funding and policy changes to support programs to deliver high quality services, including:

- Increased funding to support the high demand for community transport – particularly in a Local Government Area that is 90 per cent rural and where there are few, if any, public transport options available
- Reconsideration of the proposed new funding model for Regional Assessment Service (RAS) to ensure that the unit cost is reflective of true cost of delivery
- Commitment by Commonwealth to closely monitor service providers to ensure compliance with quality standards and increase service levels to reduce waiting list times for consumers.

- Additional funding to attract service providers to Local Government areas that have minimal provider options or significant gaps in service provision
- COVID and emergency preparedness funding for electronic devices and training programs that support older people with digital literacy to access information and services that support their wellbeing, safety and COVID requirements
- Provide increased funding for programs that reduce and prevent social isolation and loneliness
- Provide funding to support older people, carers and families to navigate the aged care system to ensure access.

Funding source

Federal Government



Kinder Reform Implementation

📍 Throughout Nillumbik | Seeking funding arrangement | Kinder reforms

We are seeking

Increased financial support to ensure that three-year old kindergarten reforms are successfully implemented

Background

The rollout of Victoria's three-year old kindergarten reforms must occur in a way that avoids putting at risk Council's capacity to provide the broad range of services which it is responsible for delivering.

In order to do so it is critical that commitments be obtained from State and Federal Governments to ensure equitable funding arrangements which take into account the specific needs and circumstances of each Local Government Area.

Funding source

Federal and State Governments





Place and space

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Completion of the Aqueduct Trail

📍 Greensborough | 💰 Seeking \$500,000 | 🚶 Trail upgrade and completion

We are seeking

The completion of the Aqueduct Trail between Greensborough and Yarra Glen, including an initial contribution of \$500,000 to plan and scope the necessary works and map out the order of completion of stages



Background

While Council is pursuing funding support for an overall program of works to better connect and improve its trail network (see next item), the Aqueduct Trail is listed as a stand-alone item for its historic regional status, courtesy of its link to the Maroondah Aqueduct.

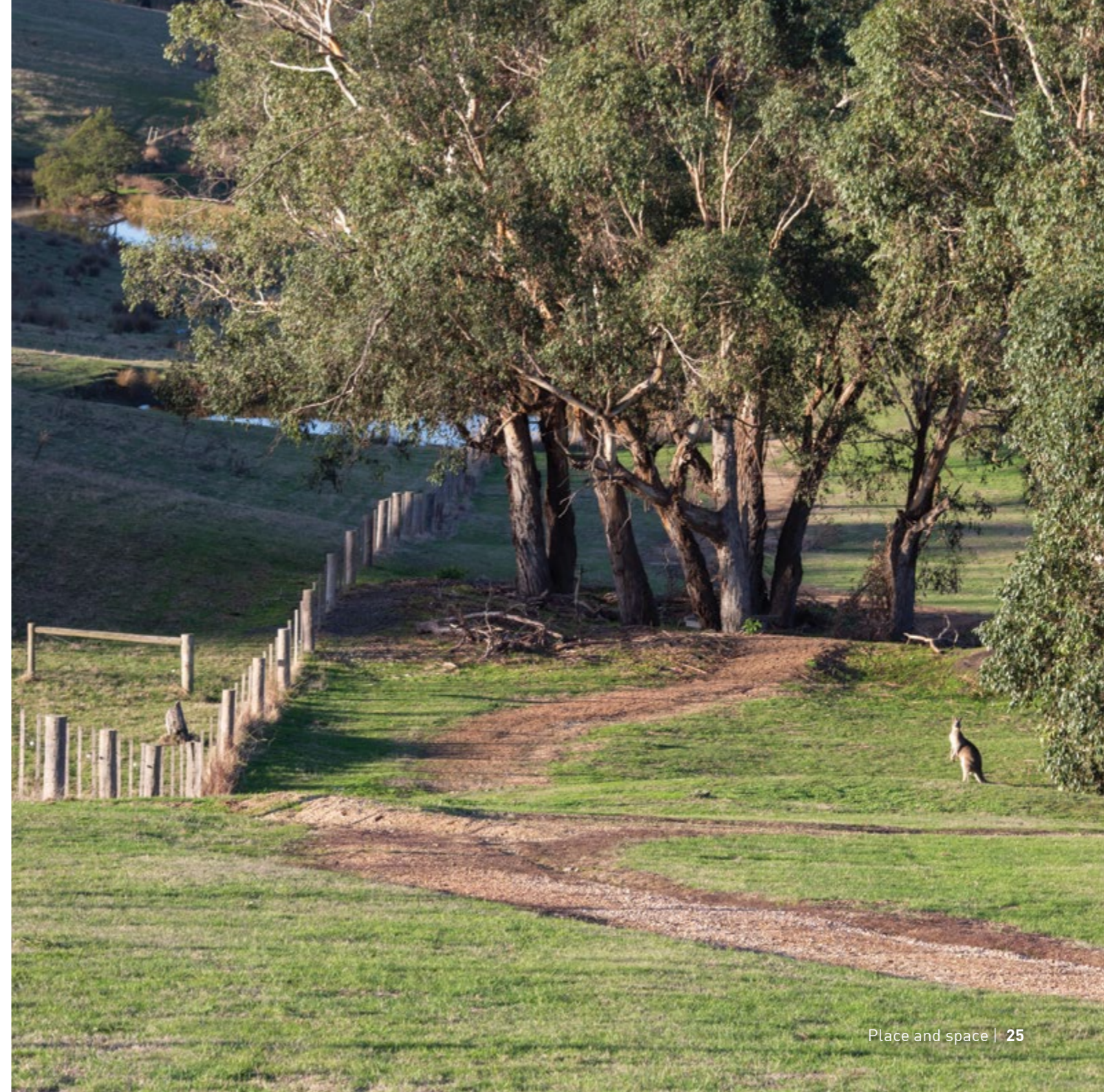
The completion of the Aqueduct Trail would encourage active communities and enable greater connectivity by providing a viable and attractive route for cyclists and pedestrians to cross the Shire.

As seen during the pandemic, the ability for people to enjoy Nillumbik’s open spaces is critical from a health and wellbeing perspective. It would also attract trail riders and other visitors to Nillumbik, from outside the Shire.

Further, the trail has been in need of upgrade works for some time, so work to progress this would be timely and welcomed by the community.

Funding source

Federal and State Governments



Trail Connectivity Improvements

📍 Throughout Nillumbik

👉 Seeking \$4 million

👉 Trail and bike path enhancements

We are seeking

Funding for a comprehensive program of works to bring about greater connectivity between existing shared trails in the Shire, improve accessibility and extend the existing trails network



Background

The existing network of trails managed by Council extends to nearly 60 kilometres, comprising 18 separate trails used for walking, cycling and horse riding.

The pandemic has underlined the importance of these trails from a community health and wellbeing perspective as, during various lockdowns, they offered one of the few outlets for physical exercise and social connection outside the home.

Post-lockdown they also play an important economic role in attracting visitors to the Shire.

A recent audit and assessment revealed that Nillumbik's trail and bike path network is hampered by a significant lack of connectivity with many in need of infill sections. It also showed many existing trails in need of repair and upgrade while identifying opportunities for extensions of existing trails and the creation of new trails.

The funding would support Council's work to deliver on its Trail Report Action Plan which was informed by the audit.

The Action Plan prioritises trail projects on the following criteria:

- Safety and maintenance
- Realignment and enhancements
- Expansion and new assets (trail widening and/or surface upgrade)
- New trails/trail extensions

The Action Plan identifies Short Term (0-4 years) Medium Term (5-9 years) and Long Term (10+ years).

This proposal seeks to secure funding that would enable significant work to be completed on the priorities identified as short to medium term as well as supporting a component of the planning work for those identified as longer term.

Combined, the above scope of works would result in a greatly enhanced trails network, enabling the local community and visitors to fully enjoy Nillumbik Shire's natural and built attractions.

Funding source

Federal and State Governments



Diamond Creek Road Upgrade

📍 Greensborough | Seeking commitment to works | Improve safety and access

We are seeking

An upgrade to Diamond Creek Road and grade separation of the Diamond Creek Road/Greensborough Bypass intersection to improve traffic safety and provide better access to major arterial roads

Background

This would bring about much needed traffic safety improvements as well as deliver improved access to local arterial roads and provide better access to the future North East Link.

Council is therefore seeking a commitment from the State Government to widen the eastbound carriageway of Greensborough Bypass from Plenty River Drive to Civic Drive, widening both carriageways of Diamond Creek Road from Civic Drive to Yan Yean Road, replacing the existing roundabout intersecting Diamond Creek Road and Civic Drive with a grade separation for Diamond Creek Road to Greensborough Bypass traffic.

Funding source

Federal and State Governments

Increase in BMX and off-road biking in the Shire

📍 Throughout Nillumbik | Seeking \$800,000 | Increase BMX and off-road locations

We are seeking

Funding to identify and develop additional fit for purpose BMX and off-road biking locations in the Shire

Background

BMX and off-road biking is a highly popular recreational activity in Nillumbik, practiced by a passionate and engaged group of enthusiasts.

There is a growing need for suitable jumps and tracks installations to cater to BMX and off-road cyclists, who range across all ages.

Council is currently developing its new Recreation and Leisure Strategy, which will include measures to support BMX and off-road bike riders.

Key to this will be identifying appropriate locations for BMX and off-road facilities as well as suitable design of tracks and jumps to ensure safety risks are mitigated and importantly, that the needs of riders are met.

Many riders fall within a younger age group. These installations must be easily accessible to those who are unable to drive or have ready access to public transport – hence the need to identify a number of potential sites.

Funding source

State and Federal Government



Diamond Creek Railway Station Redevelopment

📍 Diamond Creek | Seeking funding | Rebuild, access, and amenity improvement

We are seeking

The redevelopment of Diamond Creek Railway Station precinct to better integrate adjacent retail development and the removal of Main Hurstbridge Road level crossing



Background

Diamond Creek railway station requires a rebuild to improve access and amenity, increase patronage and improve connectivity across the activity centre for pedestrians and motorists.

The works would also deliver benefits to adjacent businesses and shops through improved accessibility to commuters, pedestrians and motorists.

The need for this work was identified in the *Diamond Creek Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2020)*.

Funding source

State Government

Local Area Bus Review

📍 Throughout Nillumbik | Seeking commitment | Improve public transport services

We are seeking

To conduct a Local Area Bus Review across the Northern Metropolitan Partnership Region to identify improvements and encourage increased uptake of public transport use



Background

We are seeking commitment from the State Government to undertake a Local Area Bus Review across the Northern Metropolitan Partnership Region.

The objective is to increase the frequency and hours of operation of public transport services, identify opportunities to make bus routes more efficient, and to better co-ordinate bus and rail timetables.

This would also include an assessment of necessary upgrades – including accessibility - to basic infrastructure such as seating and shelter.

Funding source

State Government

Eltham Railway Station Redevelopment

📍 Eltham | Seeking funding | Improve parking, bus interchange and accessibility

We are seeking

The redevelopment of Eltham railway station and removal of the level crossing at Diamond Street, Eltham

Background

As identified in the *Eltham Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2020)*, Council seeks the support of the State and Federal Governments to plan and deliver the full redevelopment of the Eltham railway station precinct.

This includes increased car parking capacity, improved bus interchange, Disability Discrimination Act-compliant railway station access, the removal of the Diamond Street level crossing and better integration of retail development along Main Road.

Such improvements would help revitalise the precinct and deliver a much-needed boost.

Funding source

State and Federal Governments



Urban Tree Canopy Planting Program

📍 Throughout Nillumbik | Seeking \$500,000 | Increase urban tree canopy

We are seeking

State and Federal Government funding for Council to conduct an urban tree canopy assessment and undertake a tree planting program (streetscape and public park) which would see up to an extra 2500 trees planted in the urban parts of the Shire

Background

The benefits of an abundant and healthy urban tree canopy are well documented. These include reducing peak summer temperatures and air pollution.

Urban tree canopies also provide aesthetic benefits, contribute to neighbourhood character, encouraging community connection and providing habitat for native wildlife.

A lush tree canopy is among the many characteristics that combine to make Nillumbik such a desirable place to live. Its positive effect on overall health and wellbeing was evident during the pandemic.

Council has a program of urban tree maintenance and management but would like to increase the number of urban trees, especially to areas perhaps not as well catered for in tree canopy.

To do so would require a detailed assessment to identify both ideal location (of streetscape and public parks) and appropriate tree species, prior to commencing a planting program.

Funding source

State and Federal Government



Shared Green Wedge Responsibility

📍 Throughout Nillumbik | Seeking funding | Facilitating shared responsibility

We are seeking

State Government funding to facilitate a shared responsibility for our Green Wedge including public land management



Background

A key action of Nillumbik's Green Wedge Management Plan is to establish an ongoing Green Wedge Conversation program to provide local communities with a forum to discuss resilience, leadership, knowledge-transfer and cooperation.

This dialogue would also include those involved in land management, agriculture, nature conservation, public land management and invasive weed control.

It is important that Council continues to understand and respect a variety of views but also identify, acknowledge and act on the shared objectives from this diversity of backgrounds.

Funding source

State Government

Greater Support for Green Wedge Councils

📍 Throughout Nillumbik | Seeking ongoing funding | Dedicated ongoing support

We are seeking

A dedicated and ongoing funding commitment to better support Green Wedge councils in their management and enforcement responsibilities

Background

Green Wedge councils carry out significant day-to-day management of the Green Wedge (planting, weeding, pest control etc.) and, through their strategic planning function, matters of enforcement (on private land).

Both responsibilities require significant resourcing in order for them to be effectively fulfilled.

Funding source

State Government



Extension of Reticulated Sewer Network

📍 Throughout Nillumbik | Seeking commitment | Bring forward investigation

We are seeking

A commitment from the State Government to bring forward the investigation of an extension of the reticulated sewer network to certain areas which do not already have access to such a network

Background

Council would like to see a planned investigation of reticulated sewer provision to Research, St Andrews, Pantan Hill and parts of Yarrambat, Diamond Creek, Hurstbridge, Plenty and Wattle Glen brought forward. Currently, the local water utility, Yarra Valley Water, plans to address this in 8-10 years but we believe that action must be taken sooner.

Funding source

State Government





Sustainable and resilient

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Regional Waste Processing Facility

Seeking investment

Closing the gap in waste processing

We are seeking

The construction of a regional waste processing facility to help close the market gap in waste processing

Background

We seek investment in regional waste processing facilities to help close the gap in waste processing.

The environmental and community benefits of such a facility would be felt by multiple councils.

Investment would also help progress toward achieving net zero waste and a circular economy; aims outlined in Council's *Climate Action Plan*.

Funding source

State and Federal Governments



Renewable Energy Infrastructure

📍 Throughout Nillumbik | Seeking funding support | Meet climate goals

We are seeking

Funding support on a national scale for increased renewable energy infrastructure to help Council meet its climate action goals and that the Federal Government targets match those of Council



Background

Council has committed to net zero energy emissions in its own operations by 2030 and to community net zero emissions by 2035.

We seek a funding allocation in order to deliver the necessary renewable energy infrastructure (including the development of another solar farm in the Shire) to help Council meet its climate action goals.

These goals are broadly in line with those being set by the global community and meeting them will require significant investment in and uptake of, renewables.

Government support and leadership will be integral to achieving these goals.

Funding source

Federal Government

Investment in Bushfire Preparedness Technology

📍 Throughout Nillumbik | Seeking \$500,000 | Innovative technology funding

We are seeking

That the Federal Government makes available greater funding – either through the extension of its Smart Cities and Suburbs program or a new initiative, to enable local governments and their communities to implement the latest networking and monitoring technology in their efforts to improve bushfire preparedness and climate resilience

Background

Nillumbik Shire has over the years been subject to significant weather events – fire (including the Black Saturday Bushfires of 2009), floods and severe windstorms.

It comprises both urban and rural areas, and Council and the community are acutely aware of the very real threats and challenges posed by such events in a range of settings.

To address these serious challenges, information-sharing as well as ready access to accurate, real-time information is critical.

There are a number of products on the market with highly sensitive sensor detection capabilities that include fire detection, air quality and flood monitoring. They can also be used to closely monitor biodiversity in a given area.

The technology has been effectively implemented elsewhere – including in Victoria's Latrobe Valley – but implementation to date has been piecemeal.

What is needed is a coordinated approach on a national scale but which recognises the importance of a local-led response.

Funding source

Federal Government

Clearer Local Agricultural Planning Controls

📍 Rural Nillumbik | Seeking planning controls | Optimising sustainable outcomes

We are seeking

To implement clearer and more robust local agriculture planning controls that would allow certain farming and supplementary rural business activities such as farm gate sales



Background

Supported by Deakin University and Plan-it Rural, Council has launched the “Future of Agriculture in Nillumbik” project.

This project will focus on the existing agricultural assets in the area and consider how agriculture can be supported into the future under the influence of climate change and increasing demand for locally produced food and fibre.

The Future of Agriculture in Nillumbik Project will provide Council with valuable information to assist in informing preparation of future policy and strategies to protect the Green Wedge, and to optimise sustainable outcomes for established agricultural areas.

Funding source

State Government



Responsible and accountable

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Eradication of Mobile and Internet Black Spots

📍 Throughout Nillumbik

Seeking \$1 million

Infrastructure to improve black spots

We are seeking

That the Federal Government engages and works with the relevant telecommunications carrier to identify and ensure the necessary infrastructure is in place to remove mobile phone and internet black spots; and provide the necessary financial and regulatory support to expedite the delivery of the infrastructure needed to eradicate internet and mobile phone black spots

Background

Parts of Nillumbik Shire regularly experience poor mobile phone reception and unreliable internet connection.

With work, business and education increasingly undertaken from home during the COVID-19 pandemic, poor phone reception and internet connection has the potential to create or entrench disadvantage among our residents who live in areas with poor coverage.

The devastating effects of the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires outlined the increasing reliance from emergency services on mobile and internet-based warning systems. With much of the Shire located in a bushfire-prone area, reliability of communications and access to emergency information are absolutely critical.

Furthermore, as Nillumbik is facing year-round threats of severe weather events, better mobile and broadband accessibility for the Shire is vital, with recent storm events leaving many communities off the grid with no line out of the impact zone to reach 000 or loved ones.

Reliable and fast internet is also critical for tourism, businesses, local jobs and economic development.

There is a pressing need for increased reliable telecommunications and public wi-fi infrastructure within town centres in several areas across the Shire.

The pandemic has seen a shift in both flexible work arrangements across all sectors and an increase in local boutique and start-up businesses that rely on internet connectivity to promote their services and products.

This lack of connectivity can severely impact these new ways of working and doing business.

Connectivity issues across Nillumbik have been critical for years and must be fixed - to help residents in emergency situations, as well as in everyday life such as business, employment and education.

Funding source

Federal Government



Identifying Former and Existing Mining Leases

📍 Throughout Nillumbik

🔄 Seeking reform

📄 Disclosure via Section 32

We are seeking

That the State Government formally identify all existing and former mining leases and have this information available on a centralised database to assist prospective land purchasers.

That it also introduce a mechanism for this information to be disclosed by vendors as part of their Section 32.

Background

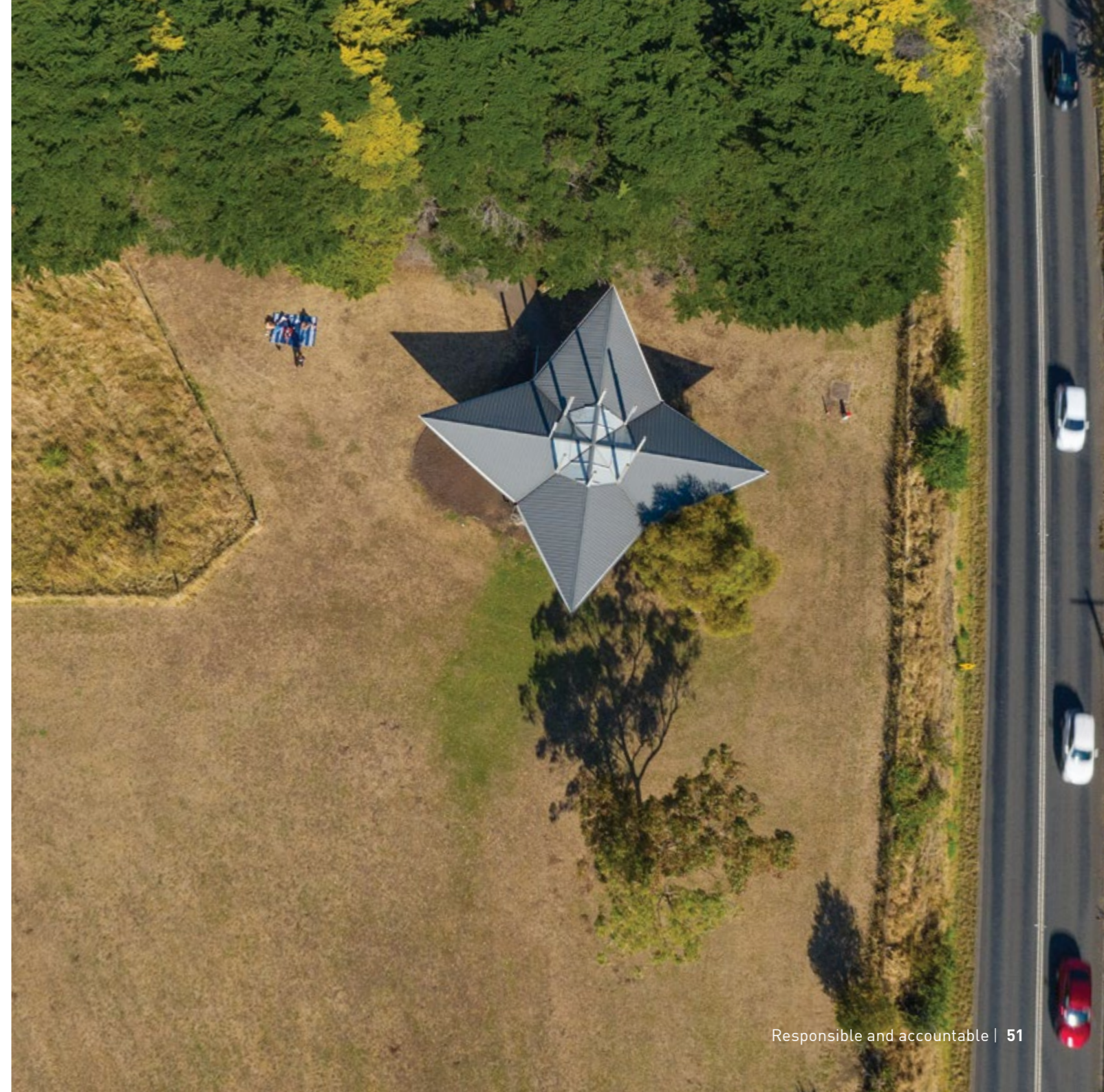
The lack of reliable information on possible sites of historical gold mining activity makes it very difficult to identify areas of potential contamination or hazards, such as mine shafts.

This is a continuing issue in Nillumbik with its legacy of gold mining.

There is currently no time or cost-efficient way for prospective purchasers to investigate with any confidence if their potential land is part of a former mining lease area or a contaminated site.

Funding source

State Government



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