

17 MAJOR PROJECT AND STRATEGIES ACTIVITY REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

Attachments

Nil.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the reporting process to Council, this monthly report provides an update of the current status of major projects and strategies in progress. It includes an update on major projects, capital works, special charge schemes, asset management and strategies current at the time of this report.

CONCLUSION

This regular activity report is provided for Councillor's information.

Capital works

Recreation reserves

IYU Recreation Reserve Pavilion

The IYU pavilion is now in operation with users taking full advantage of this facility. The defects liability period has commenced and any defects will be managed through the contractor during this period. Landscaping associated with this facility will be commencing shortly depending on the weather.

Deep Creek Reserve

The preliminary bulk earthworks are now complete, including the building pad. The revised building and services tender has just closed and is being assessed with a report to be presented to Council at the September meeting.

Tenders for the all ability play space will be called at the end of August for consideration at the November council meeting.

Gum Scrub Creek

The Integrated Childrens' Centre and the Primary School facility are under construction with the first stage on track and expected to be completed around the end of the year with an opening likely for early 2018. The Victorian Government has announced funding of \$530,000, for Outside School Hours Care (OSHC).

Lang Lang Recreation Reserve

Works on site are progressing, albeit slowly, due to the continuing inclement weather. However, the contractor is confident of completing the works on time. The following works have reached substantial completion:

- Topsoiling of the sedimentation basin, wetlands and re-use basin;
- Earthworks associated with the road and carpark including stabilisation of the subgrade;
- Stormwater drainage; and
- Earthworks for future pavilion.

Works have also commenced on the installation of the lighting.

On 2 August 2017 Federal Member for Flinders, Minister for Health and Minister for Sport announced on site a grant of \$1.5m through the Building Better Regions Fund towards the reserve development.

Holm Park Recreation Reserve car park resurfacing

Designs for the sealing of the gravel car park have been completed and this is currently out for tender with works to commence later in the year.

Bridge Road duplication

Design for the duplication of Bridge Road between Viridian Avenue and Cardinia Road have been completed including amendments to address traffic engineering concerns. Tender documents are currently being prepared.

Worrell Reserve redevelopment

Conceptual layout for the drainage, irrigation and resurfacing work to the oval have been finalised. Tender documents are currently being prepared.

Cockatoo-Gembrook Trail

The tender for the construction of the Cockatoo-Gembrook Trail was awarded to Kent Environmental and Vegetation Management Pty Ltd at the June Council meeting. Kent Environmental and Vegetation Management are a local business with extensive experience in the field.

Works commenced at the start of August and are expected to be mostly complete prior to Christmas.

This package of works includes construction of the 6.5km trail from McBride Street in Cockatoo to Gembrook Station. The trail follows existing road reserves and the Puffing Billy train line between the towns to create a unique and scenic trail.

Roads, paths, drains and bridges

2017-18 new footpath program

Council's new footpath program has commenced with construction of an 800 metre path on the north side of Railway Avenue, Bunyip, from Hope Street to McNamara Road. This path links the developed area of Railway Avenue and McNamara Road to the Bunyip Township.

2017 18 Road renewal program

Tenders relating to the 2017 18 road rehabilitation and reseal programs recently closed and are being assessed with a report being prepared for presentation at the September Council meeting. Road resealing preparation works are currently underway in preparation for resealing works which are scheduled for the summer months.

2017 18 Drainage program

Planning for the 2017-18 drainage program is complete with several projects recently commencing. A number of major drainage projects are due for construction in 2017-18 including the second stage of the drainage renewal works around Joffre Parade area in Cockatoo.

Wheeler Road Special Charge Scheme

Tenders have been received for the construction of the Wheeler Road Special Charge Scheme. A separate tender consideration report will be presented at this Council meeting.

Strategies

Sustainable Environment Strategy

The Sustainable Environment Strategy (SES) aims to provide a framework to guide policies and plans to create a community that has a healthy and enjoyable place to work, live and play in. It sits under the Council Plan and oversees the already developed plans of the Aspirational Energy Transition Plan and the Integrated Water Management Plan as well as the draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy and the Biodiversity Strategy (development to commence this year) and to ensure a consistent vision. The SES is in its first year of development and internal consultation with other business units has commenced prior to proceeding to community consultation. It is envisaged that the strategy will be ready of adoption in 2018.