

Priority Projects for Advocacy

City of Ballarat has identified a list of priority projects which it will continue to advocate for in the lead up to the Victorian election in November 2022 and with the new Federal Government.

Note: Potential for project costs to escalate due to market conditions.

Tier 1

Transformational Projects – projects of regional significance. These projects will have a beneficial impact across the municipality and the broader region. They will lead to job creation, increased investment, better transport options and improved connectivity, greater sustainability and improved health outcomes.



Ballarat Link Road Next Stages

\$199.6 million – Providing a western link through to the Glenelg and Midland Highways.



Circular Economy Precinct (CEP) anchored by a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

Government assistance to investigate the development of a Circular Economy Precinct at Ballarat West Employment Zone; development of a three way partnership between Council, Victorian Government and the private sector to deliver CEP foundational infrastructure (estimated \$16 million), and to facilitate private investment in a MRF in Ballarat. The CEP has the potential to bring innovation, attract investment and create jobs. Its successful delivery will bring significant regional benefits and amplify ongoing collaboration with other regional LGA's.



Ballarat Major Events Precinct

Commonwealth Games infrastructure delivery and master planning for the entire precinct are running concurrently. Future investment in the Major Events Precinct will be determined once the precinct master plan is complete, taking into consideration investment made ahead of the Victoria Commonwealth Games 2026.

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Tier 2

Projects of city/municipality-wide significance. These projects will bring multiple benefits to residents in Ballarat. Many are community hubs or gathering places which will be widely used and enjoyed. They will enhance lifestyle, liveability and sense of community, attract visitation and provide an economic boost for business.

- **Continuous Voices Memorial**
- **Ballarat Railway Station Accessibility Upgrade Works**
- **Brown Hill Kindergarten Expansion**
- **Ballarat Bus Network Review**
- **Miners Rest Kindergarten Expansion**
- **Wendouree Library and Learning Centre**
- **Eastwood Community Hub**
- **Law Courts Central Park**
- **City Illumination** – Lighting the heart of the city at night
- **World Heritage Bid** – Central Victorian Goldfields
- **Delacombe Community Hub** – will service established areas and the rapidly growing suburbs to the west
- **Elite Sports Package** – Ballarat Regional Soccer Facility
- **Mair Street Stage 2**

PART FUNDED – ONGOING ADVOCACY

- ✓ **Art Gallery of Ballarat** – Skylight and Humidifier Upgrades
Part Funded – \$536,000 Victorian Government via the *Regional Collections Access Program*, Creative Victoria for upgrades to gallery skylights to reduce UV levels which are detrimental to artworks and reduce heating and cooling needs
Ongoing Advocacy – Remaining Investment Ask: \$1.45 million for upgrades to Gallery humidifiers to protect artworks on display and in storage
- ✓ **Sebastopol Community Hub**
Part Funded – \$4.5 million Australian Government
Ongoing Advocacy – Remaining Investment Ask: \$4 million
- ✓ **Ballarat-Carngham Road Upgrade**
Part Funded – \$6.6 million for design works Victorian Government
Ongoing Advocacy – Remaining Investment Ask: To be determined following completion of design works

FUNDED

- ✓ **Alfredton Community and Early Years Hub (Ballymanus)**
Funded – \$2.25 million Victorian Government. \$4.68 million via the Ballarat West Development Contribution Plan. Balance, City of Ballarat
- ✓ **Regional Animal Shelter** – Will service the animal welfare needs of seven LGA's in the broader region.
Funded – \$11.5 million Victorian Government

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Tier 3

Projects of local significance which will enhance the everyday lives of residents through new and improved walking trails and wetlands, play spaces, sporting facilities and community hubs. They will bring social, health and wellbeing benefits and improve local community connections.

Eureka Electorate

- **Royal Park Community Hub, Buninyong, Stage 2**
- **Buninyong Skate Park Upgrade**
- **Brown Hill Reserve Redevelopment**

Ripon Electorate

- **Learmonth Skate Facility and 3x3 Basketball Courts**
- **Miners Rest Aquatic Playspace**
- **Miners Rest Skate Facility and 3x3 Basketball Court**
- **Miners Rest Sport and Community Facilities**

Wendouree Electorate

- **Marty Busch Reserve** – oval 2 surface and lighting upgrade, new community facility/changerooms, criterium track

PART FUNDED – ONGOING ADVOCACY

- ✓ **Learmonth Oval Upgrades** – netball courts, netball court lighting oval renovation and oval lighting
Part Funded – \$250,000 Victorian Government via the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund for netball courts and lighting.
Ongoing Advocacy – Remaining Investment Ask: \$1.75 million for oval lighting and oval renovation
- ✓ **Ballarat Soccer Club Facilities Upgrade** – pitch resurfacing and clubrooms, Stage 2
Part Funded – \$500,000 Victorian Government via World Game Facilities Fund and \$728,618 from City of Ballarat for resurfacing two pitches and training area, upgrades to drainage, irrigation and coaches boxes, new fencing, grass turf, goal safety netting.
Ongoing Advocacy – Remaining Investment Ask: \$1.47 million for clubrooms stage two upgrade

FUNDED

- ✓ **Redan Wetlands Revitalisation** – weed control, silt and litter management, re-vegetation, increased canopy trees and water treatment capacity and loop path along the Yarrowee Trail
Funded – \$1.89 million Australian Government



Ballarat Link Road next stages

Project Description

Ballarat Link Road next stages is a 12 kilometre arterial link along the western boundary of Ballarat connecting the rapidly growing industrial and residential growth zones in the City's west with other parts of the region, including improved connections between Ballarat and Geelong.

Delivery of this major north-south route will help support and drive further economic and residential growth in the city's west. (Note: Land sales to date at the Ballarat West Employment Zone (BWEZ) are expected to result in \$300 million in private investment, while between 2018-2020 the number of people living in the area trebled; it is forecast to continue to grow at a rapid pace in the next few years with a large number of new housing estates being developed in the Ballarat West Growth Area.

Community Benefit

More than 903 FTE jobs (268 direct and 635 indirect) are estimated to be created by development and delivery of Ballarat Link Road with further job growth expected as improved transport connections stimulate industrial investment at BWEZ, and construction and retail opportunities in growth areas.

Ballarat Link Road will improve travel times for residents and businesses, it will reduce congestion in the centre of Ballarat, and reduce truck volumes and road crashes, both by 20 per cent.

Status

An updated business case for this project is currently under development.

Investment Ask

STAGE 2A

Dyson Drive from Remembrance Drive to Ballarat-Carngham Road. \$49.9 million

STAGE 2B

Ballarat-Carngham Road to Glenelg Highway, \$68.6 million

STAGE 2C

Glenelg Highway to Midland Highway, \$81.1 million

Location

Lucas, Alfredton, Winter Valley, Delacombe, Bonshaw

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal), Ripon, Wendouree, Western Victoria Region (State)



Dyson Drive Duplication (Ballarat Link Road Stage 2a)

Project Description

The next critical stage in the delivery of a western link road for Ballarat is the duplication of Dyson Drive between Remembrance Drive and Ballarat-Carngham Road.

Dyson Drive is located between two of Ballarat's major growth suburbs, Lucas and Alfredton; traffic volumes have increased significantly along Dyson Drive as these suburbs have grown.

Duplication of Dyson Drive will help ensure suitable road infrastructure is developed in conjunction with growing residential development.

Community Benefit

Duplication of Dyson Drive will help meet the transport needs of the 10,000 people who live in the Ballarat Western Growth Area and the demand created by the 16,000 new residents who will move there in the next five years.

Duplication of Dyson Drive will reduce traffic congestion on the road, improving commute times for local residents. It will also lead to improved safety – data from Regional Roads Victoria shows 12 Casualty crashes over five years (2015–2020).

Delivery of the entire length of the Ballarat Link Road, through to the Glenelg Highway, will have municipality-wide and regional benefits.

Status

An updated business case for this project is currently under development.

Investment Ask

\$49.9 million

Location

Lucas and Alfredton

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal), Ripon, Wendouree,
Western Victoria Region (State)



Circular Economy Precinct (CEP) anchored by a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

Project Description

A Circular Economy Precinct (CEP) at the Ballarat West Employment Zone (BWEZ) will attract investment, create jobs and bring innovation.

The MRF will be one of two anchor facilities at a proposed Circular Economy Precinct (CEP) in Ballarat at the Ballarat West Employment Zone. The other is a CIRRC, Community and Industry Resource Recovery Centre (all waste transfer station).

The Materials Recovery Facility will receive and sort commingled recyclables including paper and cardboard, metals, glass and plastics from much of Western Victoria, providing the opportunity to repurpose and reuse valuable resources in the local and regional community.

There is potential to deliver the MRF in partnership with government and a private sector entity as owner operator (commercial investment estimated \$10 million).

Community Benefit

The CEP will create jobs, bring innovation, attract investment, reduce waste to landfill, retain resources locally for repurposing, increase recycling and reduce costs to Council and ratepayers.

A regional MRF will create a more localised opportunity for small commercial operators and residents to divert recyclables that are currently leaking into the landfill, contributing to the 65,000 tonnes of waste being deposited at Ballarat's Landfill at a cost of around \$8.8 million per year.

The facility will bring significant environmental benefits to a large part of regional Victoria as regional LGA's send their recyclables to Ballarat for re-purposing and reuse.

Status

Active multi-agency working group is progressing the project.

Investment Ask

- Feasibility discussions with Victorian Government underway into a Circular Economy Precinct at the Ballarat West Employment Zone
- Council, Government and private sector partnership for Circular Economy Precinct foundational infrastructure
- Government assistance to facilitate private investment to establish a MRF in Ballarat.

Location

Ballarat West Employment Zone

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal), Ripon, Western Victoria Region (State)



Ballarat Major Events Precinct

Project Description

The Ballarat Major Events Precinct will position Ballarat to become a premier destination for cultural, entertainment, recreation and sporting events. It will create jobs, increase visitation and assist in building a strong diversified economy. Building on past investment into Eureka Stadium, Ballarat Sports and Entertainment Centre and CE Brown Reserve, future investment into the precinct – including for the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games – will create an events precinct of State significance.

Future investment in the Major Events Precinct will be determined once the precinct master plan is complete – taking into consideration investment ahead of the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Community Benefit

The existing facilities in the Major Events Precinct cater for local, regional, state, national and international events. Investment in the precinct associated with the Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games will further enhance Ballarat's ability to attract and deliver major events at all levels.

Status

Commonwealth Games infrastructure delivery and master planning for the entire precinct are running concurrently.

Location

Creswick Road, Ballarat North

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Wendouree (State)

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Continuous Voices Memorial

Project Description

The Continuous Voices Memorial will be a public space to acknowledge and honour survivors of sexual assault in a peaceful setting allowing for quiet reflection. The Memorial will sit within the landscape of Lake 2 in Victoria Park with associated works to include improved accessibility, lake edging, seating, lighting and new plantings.

The Memorial's design will be informed by conversations with more than 50 survivors who spent 12 months exploring ideas of acknowledgment, memorials and telling survivor stories as part of the Continuous Voices Arts Project. The information will be used to guide the design of the memorial and site, ensuring survivor voices are at the heart of the design.

Community Benefit

The Memorial will provide an opportunity to deepen community understanding of the tragic consequences and intergenerational trauma that come from sexual abuse.

It will acknowledge and recognise the pain and trauma caused by all forms of sexual violence whether in an institution, family or elsewhere. Sexual assault survivors in Ballarat have been advocating for a memorial to acknowledge all survivors for the past six years.

Investment Ask

\$1.5 million

City of Ballarat has committed \$520,000 to the project and is seeking similar commitments from the Australian and Victorian Governments.

Location

Lake 2 (adjacent to Plane Avenue), Victoria Park, Central Ballarat

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal), Wendouree (State)



Ballarat Railway Station Accessibility Upgrade Works

Project Description

Delivery of works to make the Ballarat Railway Station accessible and compliant with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (DDA).

These works will include the completion of DDA-compliant access between the two station platforms, removing the present requirement for passengers with reduced mobility to use a road crossing at Lydiard Street to change platforms, accessible connections to Mair Street and accessibility improvements to station toilet facilities.

This is a major advocacy priority in the City of Ballarat's adopted Ballarat Integrated Transport Action Plan.

Community Benefit

The works will provide fair and equitable access to a key public transport hub for Ballarat residents and visitors with limited mobility.

City of Ballarat's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan estimates that around 20,000 people in Ballarat have some form of disability, of whom 6,600 have a severe or profound disability. The upgrade will service the functional needs and expectations of passengers and the Ballarat community by joining the two station platforms in a way that is easily navigable for all station users.

The works will ensure the station is fully and easily accessible ahead of the expected arrival of thousands of visitors for the 2026 Commonwealth Games. Together with other planned upgrade works, this will expand the capacity of the station to facilitate the arrival and dispersal of large crowds during major events.

Note: DDA accessibility works are the first important stage in the delivery of a full suite of works at the Ballarat Railway Station, including works as part of the Victorian Planning Authority's Ballarat Station Southside Master Plan.

Investment Ask

To be determined through the completion of the Ballarat Station South Side Master Plan

Location

Lydiard Street North, Ballarat Central

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Wendouree (State)



Brown Hill Kindergarten Expansion

Project description

Expansion of Brown Hill Kindergarten by building a third room, increasing licensed places by 33. The entrance to the kindergarten will be moved to improve accessibility. A small play yard will also be created providing a second outdoor space. A larger staff administration space, small separate meeting room, toilets and additional storage space will improve the functionality of the building.

Note: An application for funding for this project was submitted to the Building Blocks Capacity Building Stream in 2021/22 but was unsuccessful.

Community Benefit

Construction of a third room will increase the kindergarten's capacity to meet the demand created by the Victorian Government's expanded early childhood education program - including the recent announcement of universal access to 15 hours a week of government-funded three-year-old kinder from 2023 and free kindergarten for both three and four-year-olds from 2023.

In addition to the new free three-year-old kinder initiative the Victorian Government has also committed to 30 hours of universal 'pre-prep' for four-year-olds from 2025.

The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics Census figures indicate that between 2016 and 2021 the population of Brown Hill grew by 25 per cent, with a higher number of children in the 0-4 age group (8.5 per cent) than the average across the state (5.8 per cent).

Ballarat East, Eureka and Warrenheip are suburbs with higher proportions of households with low incomes, lower levels of education, higher housing stress and unemployment.

Brown Hill Kindergarten is the closest service for many families in these suburbs. Ensuring early childhood capacity meets demand for a growing population in these areas is important.

Investment Ask

\$1.175 million with a City of Ballarat contribution of \$365,000 (Total Project Cost \$1.54 million)

Location

Brown Hill Kindergarten, 1 Reid Court, Brown Hill

Electorate

Eureka (State), Ballarat (Federal)



Ballarat Bus Network Review

Project Description

Review and improve the design and timetabling of the Ballarat bus network.

The City of Ballarat's Integrated Transport Action Plan, adopted by Council in 2020, identified this as one of the key transport issues for Ballarat.

The Plan proposes a series of short-term, low-cost changes which will increase patronage and make the current bus network vastly more convenient, using the same number of services and spread of operating hours.

These changes include:

- Reviewing and streamlining the existing timetable to reduce journey times and make bus trips more competitive with other modes of travel
- Introducing more direct cross-city bus routes, not always oriented to Ballarat Railway Station, reflecting the need of most Ballarat customers to reach a destination within Ballarat other than the station
- Staggering service timetables to reduce instances of multiple services arriving at the same destination at once.

Community Benefit

These changes would improve service frequency between key destinations – for instance spacing departure from Ballarat Station could increase service frequency between the Ballarat CBD and Ballarat Base Hospital from once every 23 minutes to once every 10 minutes.

With minimal cost, and with no new investment in buses or additional services, the Ballarat bus network can increase patronage by deploying services in ways that better meet customer demand, thus alleviating pressure on local roads and ensuring ready access to work, education, recreation and healthcare services is maintained.

The changes would overcome a range of issues reported by patrons – young and old – including delays getting to work, to medical appointments, or job interviews, due to services that are too infrequent, or too indirect.

For instance, one senior Ballarat resident reported a bus trip from Mount Helen to Drummond Street for a post-surgery medical appointment took three hours and two changes of service. As a result, he was late for his appointment. The resident commented: "I will continue to drive into the CBD now, that was an experience I never want to repeat."

Investment Ask

No new investment in buses or extra services is required.

Location

Ballarat and suburbs serviced by the PTV bus network.

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal), Wendouree (State), Buninyong (State)
Ripon (State)



Miners Rest Kindergarten Expansion

Project description

Expansion of Miners Rest Kindergarten to provide a third room, increasing the number of licensed places by 33. Potential to expand outdoor play areas to accommodate additional children.

Community Benefit

Construction of a third room will increase the kindergarten's capacity to meet the demand created by the Victorian Government's expanded early childhood education program - including the recent announcement of universal access to 15 hours a week of government-funded three-year-old kinder from 2023 and free kindergarten for both three and four-year-olds from 2023.

The existing two-room kindergarten can accommodate current registrations, however as the population in Miners Rest continues to grow, and new Victorian Government regulations around kinder come into effect, demand will rise.

In addition to the new free three-year-old kinder initiative the Victorian Government has also committed to 30 hours of universal 'pre-prep' for four-year-olds from 2025.

Ensuring early childhood education capacity can meet the demand of a growing population in these areas is important.

The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics Census figures indicate that between 2016 and 2021 the population of Miners Rest grew by 23 per cent, with a higher number of children in the 0-4 age group (8.2 per cent) than the average across the state (5.8 per cent).

Investment Ask

\$1.2 million

Location

Miners Rest Kindergarten, 12 Dundas Street, Miners Rest (co-located with Miners Rest Primary School)

Electorate

Ripon (State) Ballarat (Federal)

Note: A new three-room kindergarten is also planned for Winter Valley in Ballarat's rapidly expanding Western Growth Zone, with funding to be sought through the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA), City of Ballarat and supplemented by Developer Contributions.



Wendouree Library and Learning Centre

Project Description

A new Library and Learning Centre is being planned to replace the existing library located at Stockland shopping centre in Wendouree.

The proposed building will provide library and lifelong learning services to residents from Wendouree and the northern suburbs of Ballarat.

Community Benefit

The proposed Wendouree Library and Learning Centre will offer a broad range of public library services to residents who have previously used the much smaller space at the current Wendouree Library located in Stockland shopping centre on Gillies Street.

The future new Wendouree library will be a creative learning and community space offering a comprehensive library as well as Parent Place services, a maker space, community study, activity and relaxation spaces, a café area and free wifi. The location of the library adjacent to community meeting rooms enables the library to offer a range of learning programs to the community that will be either low cost or free of charge.

There are well acknowledged educational and social benefits related to library use. Analysis of the economic benefits from public library services in Victoria indicates the overall economic community benefits equate to \$4.30 to every dollar invested in a public library – meaning the new Wendouree Library and Learning Centre will bring a projected community benefit of \$98.9 million.

Investment Ask

\$23 million

Location

The preferred site for the future library is Weeramar Park on the corner of Gillies and Norman Streets in Wendouree. The library would face onto the Weeramar Park green space with the existing playground and public open space being maintained, while providing a modern community facility for community use and benefit.

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Wendouree (State)



Digital rendering

Eastwood Community Hub

Project Description

A new community hub in the heart of Ballarat providing meeting spaces, kitchen, universally accessible toilets, foyer, function space, basketball court, multipurpose room and office space for the more than 100 community and sporting groups which use the existing facility.

The new community hub will include female-friendly change facilities and improved pedestrian connections making the facility more accessible and appealing. The existing community pavilions and change rooms do not cater for all user groups and are not coping with increasing user numbers. Current change facilities and amenities are non-compliant and not female friendly.

The Eastwood Community Hub will become the new home of the Ballarat City Senior Citizens Club.

Community Benefit

Improved access will mean more people in a wider demographic range can use the community hub and enjoy the benefits of playing sport or meeting at a purpose-built facility in the heart of the city.

The existing building is currently used by more than 100 groups; it has more user groups than any other City of Ballarat owned facility in the CBD, with more than 60,000 users across 14,000 programmed hours at the site each year.

A new hub will provide female friendly facilities and allow for both structured and unstructured sports to be played in a state-of-the-facility. It will include a medium sized conference and community event space, complete with access to a domestic grade kitchen.

Investment Ask

\$13.7 million

Location

Eastwood Street, Bakery Hill.

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Wendouree (State)



Law Courts Central Park

Project Description

Creation and expansion of a new parkland in the heart of Ballarat's CBD at Bakery Hill, building on the existing green park area outside the Law Courts. The new parkland will reinforce Yarrowee River as a habitat corridor and provide improved north south linkages along the Yarrowee River for walkers and cyclists.

Community Benefit

The existing parkland is well used by people from Ballarat and region visiting the nearby Law Courts and by people taking a break from work or shopping. There are well documented environmental and health benefits associated with greening urban spaces.

Investment Ask

Full project still being scoped

Location

Grenville Street North, Ballarat

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Wendouree (State)



City Illumination – Lighting the Heart of the City at Night

Project Description

This project is designed to significantly increase Ballarat's night time economy by making Ballarat's CBD more welcoming and appealing at night for locals and visitors. An increase in the number of people visiting the city's retail and hospitality centre at night will increase confidence for the commercial sector to invest and develop new products.

Heritage buildings will be up lit and illuminated, trees and bandstands will be strung with lights and local laneways festooned. The lighting installations will add warmth and appeal, drawing more people into the city centre, bringing it to life at night.

Note: a pilot project will commence in the 2022/23 financial year incorporating a small area of illumination in the CBD

Community Benefit

More people in the CBD at night will be good for local cafes, restaurants and hotels, boosting trade and profitability for many. The night time illumination will also act as a drawcard for visitors, enticing them to stay longer and spend more.

Investment Ask

\$5 million

Location

Ballarat Central

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Wendouree (State)



World Heritage Bid – Central Victorian Goldfields

Project Description

This unprecedented region-wide project is a partnership between Ballarat and 12 other Victorian LGA's to secure a World Heritage listing for the Central Victorian Goldfields.

The bid aims to deliver a watertight case that proves that the Central Victorian Goldfields are the best gold mining landscapes in the world and worthy of a World Heritage listing.

Community Benefit

International experience demonstrates a major increase in economic stimulus in cases where socio economic goals, and not just preservation, are a driver for World Heritage listing.

Australian experience shows that expenditure by visitors to World Heritage sites provides a major economic stimulus.

A successful bid and the investment associated with it will lead to job creation and help address social disadvantage in many parts of the region, some of which are among the most socially and economically disadvantaged in Australia.

Investment Ask

\$500,000 to finalise the bid (including site selection) and deliver priority investment and infrastructure masterplans.

Location

Ballarat and twelve other Local Government Areas

Electorate

Multiple State and Federal electorates

Delacombe Community Hub

Project Description

This purpose-built community hub adjacent to the Delacombe Town Centre will incorporate a library, Maternal and Child Health services and a kindergarten to service the Ballarat's Western Growth Area (BWGA).

The BWGA has welcomed almost 10,000 new residents (9,771) over the past decade, with more than 16,000 new residents expected in the next five years.

The library will also be the base for Regional/Shared Library services for the Central Highlands Group of Libraries (Ballarat, Hepburn, Moorabool, Central Goldfields, Pyrenees, Southern Grampians, Northern Grampians and the Rural City of Ararat).

Community Benefit

This project will bring benefits to people in established areas abutting the BWGA such as Delacombe and newer areas such as Lucas, Alfredton, Bonshaw, Winter Valley, Smythes Creek.

The project will be of benefit also for residents across the Central Highlands who access libraries in the Central Highlands library network.

Investment Ask

\$18.5 million

Location

Delacombe Town Centre, 26 Valiant Rd, Smythes Creek.

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Ripon (State)



Elite Sports Package – Ballarat Regional Soccer Facility

Project Description

Upgrades to the Ballarat Regional Soccer Facility to bring it up to national standard to comfortably host elite competition including A League and W League games. The proposed works will enhance the experience for players and spectators attending regional championships and for local sides playing finals at the venue.

Project elements include improved spectator amenities including a roof over the grandstand, media facilities, LED signage and lighting upgrades to broadcast standard.

Community Benefit

This is the most well-used rectangular outdoor grassed sporting facility in Ballarat. The show pitch is used every weekend, with two to three games per weekend, and one day training per week. Local clubs use the show pitch for their grand finals.

The venue is used by all ages, juniors, seniors, male and female, it hosts all abilities and primary and secondary schools' soccer tournaments

An upgraded facility has increased potential to attract A League and W League national games, with real interest from Western United in having its women's team play at the ground, potentially two to six games a year.

Upgrades would be timely ahead of Australia and New Zealand hosting the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup (July to August). City of Ballarat was part of the World Cup winning bid process and will look to become a training hub for one of the participating teams.

Players and spectators come from around the state for the Ballarat and District Soccer Association competition, while Ballarat City regularly hosts teams from Melbourne.

Investment Ask

\$2.5 million to upgrade lights. Full cost of upgrades to be determined once the design brief has been finalised.

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Wendouree (State)

Location

Pleasant Street South, Redan



Mair Street upgrade – Stage 2

Project Description

The upgrade of Mair Street from Davies Street to Sturt Street, via Dawson Street to improve safety, traffic flow and amenity.

Works include:

- Widening the majority of the street to a divided four lane roadway
- Removal of central median car parking
- Replacement of angle kerbside parking with parallel parking
- Installation of a raised central median, with median breaks for turning opportunities
- Upgrades to all signalised intersections
- Replacement of roundabouts with traffic signals at the Dawson and Grenville Street intersections
- A slip lane from Mair Street to Dawson Street, and a continuous flow lane from Mair St onto Victoria Street.

Community Benefit

Mair Street Stage Two will deliver improved amenity and safety in the heart of Ballarat.

Building on Mair Street Stage 1 works, the project will improve traffic flow along Mair Street, allowing a more convenient route for heavy vehicle and other through traffic that currently travels along Little Bridge, Curtis and Sturt Streets.

Completion of the upgrade will see fewer cars in local CBD streets, supporting a more pedestrian-friendly environment, in turn encouraging the use of local streets for CBD-destination traffic only.

Removal of centre median parking will improve pedestrian safety while additional tree plantings on the centre median will enhance amenity and extend the CBD tree canopy.

Investment Ask

\$25 million

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Wendouree (State)



PART FUNDED

Art Gallery of Ballarat Skylight and Humidifier Upgrades

PART FUNDED – \$536,000 Victorian Government via the *Regional Collections Access Program*, Creative Victoria for upgrades to gallery skylights to reduce UV levels which are detrimental to artworks and reduce heating and cooling needs

ONGOING ADVOCACY – Remaining Investment Ask: \$1.45 million for upgrades to Gallery humidifiers to protect artworks on display and in storage

Project Description

Upgrades to the Gallery's humidification system and refurbishment and sealing of heritage skylights to protect the collection, increase opportunities to host international touring exhibitions and to meet museum standards of environment.

Skylights

Skylights with LED panels will improve the visitor experience, limit damage to artworks and enhance capacity to display more of the Gallery's extensive collection. The heritage skylights require significant modification to reduce the amount of light and UV coming through creating significant issues for artworks - lux levels should be about 60, in some of the galleries lux levels are nearer 1000, potentially causing irreparable damage to artworks.

Humidifiers (HVAC system)

The humidification system at the Gallery is of varying ages having been installed at different times with extensions at the Gallery over the past 50 years. Of the 21 humidifiers that are required in the Gallery only four are currently operational; six spaces do not have humidifiers; the remaining 11 humidifiers are non-operational.

Lack of humidification impacts the temporary exhibition and permanent collection gallery spaces and the Works on Paper store where approximately 60 per cent of the collection is stored.

Location

Lydiard Street North, Ballarat Central.

Community Benefit

Modifying the skylights in line with heritage guidelines and upgrading the HVAC system will mean the Gallery can meet environmental standards for galleries regarding light levels and humidity. The new skylights will result in significant savings in electricity with less loss of heat through glass.

The Gallery will play a key role in the recovery of Ballarat's visitor economy post-pandemic. It is Ballarat's most significant cultural/arts institution; a key driver of Ballarat's visitor economy attracting over 200,000 visits a year (including over 10,000 schoolchildren), which translates to a significant injection into Ballarat's economy. The experience for these visitors will be enhanced, sustainability improved, and operating costs reduced.

Improved conditions in the Gallery's exhibition spaces to bring them to museum standard will increase opportunities for the Gallery to host touring and 'blockbuster' exhibitions.

Investment Ask

Skylights: \$800,000

Humidifiers: \$1.19 million (\$70,000 per unit).

Potential to replace the humidifiers in stages

Part Funded: \$536,000 Victorian Government via the *Regional Collections Access Program*, Creative Victoria for upgrades to gallery skylights to reduce UV levels which are detrimental to artworks and reduce heating and cooling needs.

Ongoing Advocacy – Remaining Investment Ask: \$1.45 million for upgrades to Gallery humidifiers to protect artworks on display and in storage

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Wendouree (State)



**PART
FUNDED**

Sebastopol Community Hub

PART FUNDED – \$4.5 million Australian Government

ONGOING ADVOCACY – Remaining Investment Ask: \$4 million

Project Description

A new community facility in a prime central location located close to a range of other well-loved community facilities (Men's Shed, Ballarat Community Health, St George's Reserve, playground and splash park).

The new facility will be/is used by multiple community groups hosting a wide range of programs and activities across a range of demographics. The facility will replace the existing Sebastopol Senior Citizens Centre which is no longer fit for purpose.

Recent changes in Victorian policy regarding universal access to three year old kindergarten means the design for the building will incorporate to meet the increasing demands for kindergarten places and programs.

Community Benefit

The existing facility is used six days a week by organisations including Sebastopol Senior Citizens, Ballarat Community Health, Ballarat Regional Industries, McCallum and 1st Sebastopol Girl Guides.

The new facility will support existing and new community groups to continue to offer activities and services to the Sebastopol community. It will also address the structural, accessibility and 'fitness for purpose' issues that have been identified at the current facility.

Investment Ask

\$8.5 million

PART FUNDED: \$4.5 million Australian Government
ONGOING ADVOCACY – Remaining Investment Ask: \$4 million

Provision for co-funding by the City of Ballarat with \$2 million in the 2022/23 budget and \$2 million in 2023/24.

Location

Corner Vickers and Beverin Streets, Sebastopol.

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Wendouree (State)



PART FUNDED

Ballarat-Carngham Road Upgrade

PART FUNDED – \$6.6 million Victorian Government

ONGOING ADVOCACY– Remaining Investment Ask: To be determined following completion of design works

Project Description

The project seeks to upgrade and duplicate a 2.4 kilometre section of Ballarat-Carngham Road between Wiltshire Lane and Dyson Drive to provide two lanes in each direction, central median, upgraded intersections and associated landscaping/shared path facilities.

Community Benefit

The duplication of Ballarat-Carngham Road will result in a transport corridor that will be able to support the expected growth of the Ballarat West Growth Area.

Key benefits:

- Improved travel times, improved road safety and reduced risk for residents and road users
- Improving the quality of the freight route for trucks and heavy vehicles

Investment Ask

The high-level estimate for the duplication is approximately \$40-60 million (TBC)

- Preliminary concept design work and investigation completed

- Funding being sought to complete more detailed design work, a cost estimate and full business case for the project.

PART FUNDED: \$6.6 million funding for design work for the duplication included in the Victorian Government's 2022/23 State Budget.

ONGOING ADVOCACY: Remaining Investment Ask: To be determined following completion of design works

Location

Ballarat-Carngham Road between Wiltshire Lane and Dyson Drive, a distance of 2.4km. The two intersections that this section of road runs between are being upgraded as part of the Victorian Government's Keeping Ballarat Moving package.

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Wendouree (State)

Note: Duplication of Dyson Drive as the next stage delivery of Ballarat Link Road is the highest road priority for City of Ballarat.



FUNDED

Alfredton Community and Early Years Hub (Ballymanus) **FUNDED** (\$2.25 million Victorian Government. \$4.68 million via the Ballarat West Development Contribution Plan. Balance, City of Ballarat)

Project Description

A new community and early years hub in Ballymanus in Ballarat's western growth area. The new community facility will include a Neighbourhood Activity Centre (NAC) with community meeting rooms, an Early Years Hub, including a three-room kindergarten and associated facilities, outdoor areas and parking.

Community Benefit

This new facility will be a gathering point for local residents; it will meet the increasing demand for kindergarten places created by rapid growth in the area, ensuring that local children have access to early years programs. The new centre will take pressure off kindergarten facilities in adjoining areas.

Accessible and high-quality early education services are essential to ensure positive outcomes for children with research showing that play-based learning is a powerful way to support children's development.

Investment Ask

\$7.4 million

**FUNDED - \$2.25 million Victorian Government.
\$4.68 million via the Ballarat West Development
Contribution Plan. Balance, City of Ballarat**

Location

Donegal Drive, Alfredton.

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Wendouree (State)

**FUNDED**

Ballarat Animal Shelter – Regional Animal Facility **FUNDED (\$11.5 million Victorian Government)**

Project Description

A new purpose-built facility to meet the needs of Ballarat and the broader region including the municipalities of Ballarat, Hepburn, Moorabool, Golden Plains, Pyrenees, and Central Goldfields.

A new, fully compliant regional animal facility will enhance the quality of life and standard of care delivered to the thousands of stray, lost, abandoned or abused animals from around the region that pass through the City of Ballarat's animal shelter each year.

The existing animal shelter is in an old, repurposed abattoir building, it is not compliant, not fit for purpose and often at capacity.

A new, fully compliant regional animal facility will relieve chronic overcrowding and poor conditions at the existing shelter. Funding to construct a new regional animal facility will represent the single biggest improvement to animal welfare services in this region in a century.

Community Benefit

The existing animal shelter is used by LGA's and individuals from around the region (surrender, reclaim, adoption, holding animals in instances of domestic violence, emergency evacuation (flood, fire) and seized animals where court cases are pending).

The animal shelter is so much more than a pound. It is a community hub offering programs and opportunities for not for profit organisations, schools and volunteers with hundreds of community members supporting the shelter each year.

Investment Ask

\$11.5 million

FUNDED - Funded in full by the Victorian Government, with \$11.5 million in the 2022/23 State Budget.

Location

Mitchell Park - a City of Ballarat owned site has been identified as the preferred location.

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Ripon (State)



Royal Park Community Hub, Buninyong, Stage 2

Project Description

A new sustainably designed community hub will provide community space for Buninyong Sustainability – at Royal Park, Buninyong Soccer Club and future community groups. The community space will include a flexible multipurpose room, kitchenette, storage and office accommodation.

It will be available for broader community use throughout the week and support major local events such as the Buninyong Smart Building and Living Expo.

Community Benefit

This new community hub will offer a safe, modern meeting space for a diverse range of community groups, meeting local needs at the site for at least the next 20 years.

The popularity of soccer and participation rates for males and females continues to increase.

A meeting space for activities and events is crucial to support the continued growth of the Buninyong Soccer Club and provide it with a permanent home. Environmentally Sustainable Design will be paramount in the construction of the community hub.

Investment Ask

\$2.3 million

Location

Buninyong

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Eureka (State)



Buninyong Skate Park Upgrade

Project Description

An upgrade to this popular community facility to enhance the challenges and enjoyment for skaters, increasing their opportunities to develop and display their skills.

Community Benefit

Located at the Buninyong Recreation Reserve (adjacent to the community tennis courts) upgrades will make this skate facility more up to date, advanced and current for skaters and enhance local opportunities for unstructured sporting activity. It will complement other works planned by City of Ballarat at the Reserve this summer.

Investment Ask

\$100,000

Location

Buninyong Recreation Reserve, Buninyong.

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Eureka (State)



Brown Hill Reserve Redevelopment

Project Description

Redevelopment of the Brown Hill Reserve following community consultation and development of a masterplan. New facilities could include a splash park, skate infrastructure, improved community and sporting facilities, public amenities, and path connections.

Community Benefit

This popular reserve is well used by the local community and will be increasingly important as a community leisure and recreation space as residential growth increases in the Springs Road area of Brown Hill.

Investment Ask

TBD subject to master planning finalisation.

Location

Humffray Street, Brown Hill

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Eureka (State)



**PART
FUNDED**

Learmonth Oval Upgrades

PART FUNDED – \$250,000 Victorian Government via the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund for netball courts and lighting

ONGOING ADVOCACY – Remaining Investment Ask: \$1.75 million for oval lighting and oval renovation

Project Description

This package of upgrades to facilities at the Learmonth Oval will be welcomed by the sporting community in Learmonth. The Learmonth Oval is a popular community gathering place for local residents.

- Oval Lighting Upgrade to 200Lux LED - \$400,000. The current lights are failing and no longer meet Lux level standards for AFL
- Netball Court Rebuild including lighting - \$400,000. The existing court is nearing end of life and needs replacement
- Learmonth Oval renovation - \$1,200,000

Community Benefit

This facility is home to the Learmonth Football Netball Club (LFNC) which has around 280 players across its sub-junior, junior and senior players in both football and netball. The LFNC fields six football teams for males and seven netball teams for females. Players for both sports come from Learmonth and the surrounding rural areas. The club is a social hub and numbers swell as family and friends attend to watch matches.

Investment Ask

\$2 million

- Lighting upgrade - \$400,000
- Netball court rebuild including lighting - \$400,000
- Oval renovation - \$1,200,000
- Project can be delivered in stages

PART FUNDED: \$250,000 Victorian Government via the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund

ONGOING ADVOCACY – Remaining Investment Ask: \$1.75 million for oval lighting and oval renovation

Location

Learmonth

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Ripon (State)



Learmonth Skate Facility and 3x3 Basketball Courts

Project Description

Upgrade and reconfigure existing skate park to improve the functionality of the facility and to make it more challenging and enjoyable for skaters. This local level skate facility is well-used by local residents (primarily tween/teen age groups) and is an important informal gathering spot for socialising and unstructured sport activities.

Co-located 3x3 basketball courts will complement the upgrade to the skate park and be an extremely popular addition to the outdoor recreation offering in Learmonth. The 3x3 will be incorporated into the skate location.

Community Benefit

The skate facility is located adjacent to the Learmonth oval, near the lake foreshore and boat club. It is well patronised and is a popular meeting place. The Learmonth community, primarily through the Learmonth Oval Committee of Management, has asked for the skate facility to be upgraded over a number of years during informal engagement processes with City of Ballarat.

3x3 basketball courts have great appeal, particularly for the youth cohort, as spaces for unstructured and passive recreation activity.

Investment Ask

\$200,000

- Skate facility \$100,000
- 3x3 basketball courts \$100,000

Location

Learmonth

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Ripon (State)



Miners Rest Aquatic Playspace

Project Description

The aquatic playspace will be a free, family-friendly, community gathering place, a safe space for children to enjoy creative and unstructured waterplay.

Based on other popular aquatic playspaces in the municipality the Miners Rest facility would include an exciting and engaging range of water features which spout and spray, including tipping buckets, towering spray features, a soaking run-through water tunnel, or a four-way water cannon fight.

The water park will be environmentally friendly and safe, with all water recirculated and treated to the same level as an outdoor pool.

During the cooler months the space can be converted into an informal sports court.

Community Benefit

Aquatic playspaces appeal across a range of ages and are particularly popular with families with young children.

Anecdotal engagement with members of the Miners Rest community indicates this would be a welcome and popular addition to recreation facilities in the township.

The capability to convert the space into an informal sports court during the cooler months gives the project added flexibility and year-round appeal.

Investment Ask

\$1.5 million (estimate)

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Ripon (State)

Location

Miners Rest, potentially co-located with the existing playground at Miners Rest Reserve



Miners Rest Park

Miners Rest Skate Facility and 3 x 3 Basketball Courts

Project Description

Delivery of local level skate and BMX infrastructure plus a 3x3 basketball court for unstructured recreation in Miners Rest. The existing BMX track will be incorporated into a new skate facility providing multiuse and higher-level access and opportunity.

The BMX track will be sealed with a hardened surface in line with other BMX facilities in the municipality, while the 3x3 basketball court will replace old basketball court infrastructure.

Community Benefit

The Miners Rest Community will warmly welcome new recreation infrastructure and the health and social benefits they will bring.

3x3 basketball courts have great appeal, particularly for the youth cohort, as spaces for unstructured and passive recreation activity.

This project will be popular with the local community which has identified the need for an upgrade to the existing BMX track and expressed a desire for skate facilities.

Investment Ask

\$250,000

- Skate facility - \$150,000
- 3 x 3 basketball courts - \$100,000

Location

Miners Rest, co-located with the existing playground at Miners Rest Reserve.

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Ripon (State)



Miners Rest Sport and Community Facilities

Project Description

A new sustainably designed community and sporting facility to meet the recreation and sporting needs of the rapidly growing Miners Rest community.

The full scope of the project will be determined following an extensive community consultation process. However, indications are that it could include traditional sport infrastructure (football, soccer, netball) and other non-traditional infrastructure to enhance active recreation and community leisure activities.

Community Benefit

Currently Miners Rest residents (current population approximately 4,800) do not have access to stand alone community sporting infrastructure, the only sporting infrastructure in the town – two tennis courts, one basketball court and an oval – is at the Miners Rest Primary School.

New community and sporting infrastructure will provide increased opportunities for structured and unstructured physical activity across all age groups.

The need for more sporting infrastructure to cater for the growth of sports such as AFL football, soccer and netball has been identified through sporting participation trends and membership numbers.

These facilities will also provide the social, physical and mental health benefits associated with people being involved in passive recreation, sporting clubs and community groups.

Community consultation and town-based planning as part of the development of the Miners Rest Township Plan 2019 has identified the need for more community facilities and sporting infrastructure; provision of these services would be warmly welcomed by the township.

Investment Ask

\$7 million for delivery of sporting and community facilities identified through the community consultation and master planning process.

Location

In 2020 City of Ballarat acquired a 8.6-hectare parcel of land on the corner of Howe Street and Cummins Road in Miners Rest which has been reserved for the potential development of a community sporting facility.

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Ripon (State)



Marty Busch Facilities Upgrade (Sebastopol)

Project Description

This project will deliver several facility and infrastructure upgrades at the Marty Busch Recreation Reserve. Marty Busch is a popular, well used sporting hub; these works will improve the amenity, functionality, and appeal of the area for players and spectators.

- Oval No 2 renovation - \$1.2 million
- Oval No 2 lighting upgrade to 200Lux LED - \$400,000. The current lights do not meet Lux level standards for AFL
- New change rooms and community facility \$2.4 million (estimated) to cater for Oval 2 users, BMX riders and fire brigades. (location to be determined through masterplan)
- Criterium Track - \$2 million (estimated)
- Car parking and egress solutions around the entire site - \$1.5 million (estimate)
- Netball court rebuild - \$400,000 including LED lighting
- Cricket net upgrade - \$500,000

Community Benefit

These works will have great community appeal. Sebastopol Cycling Club and all Ballarat Fire Brigade groups use the area. The oval is home to the Sebastopol Football Netball Club (325 players) and the Napoleons Sebastopol Cricket Club (100 players), BMX track users (140+) and netballers (140+), with potential to be used by other community-based groups.

Cycling continues to grow in popularity, it is a year-round sport which attracts people from across the state. The criterium will incorporate a 'learn to ride' component, which is in high demand, with potential use by school groups.

Investment Ask

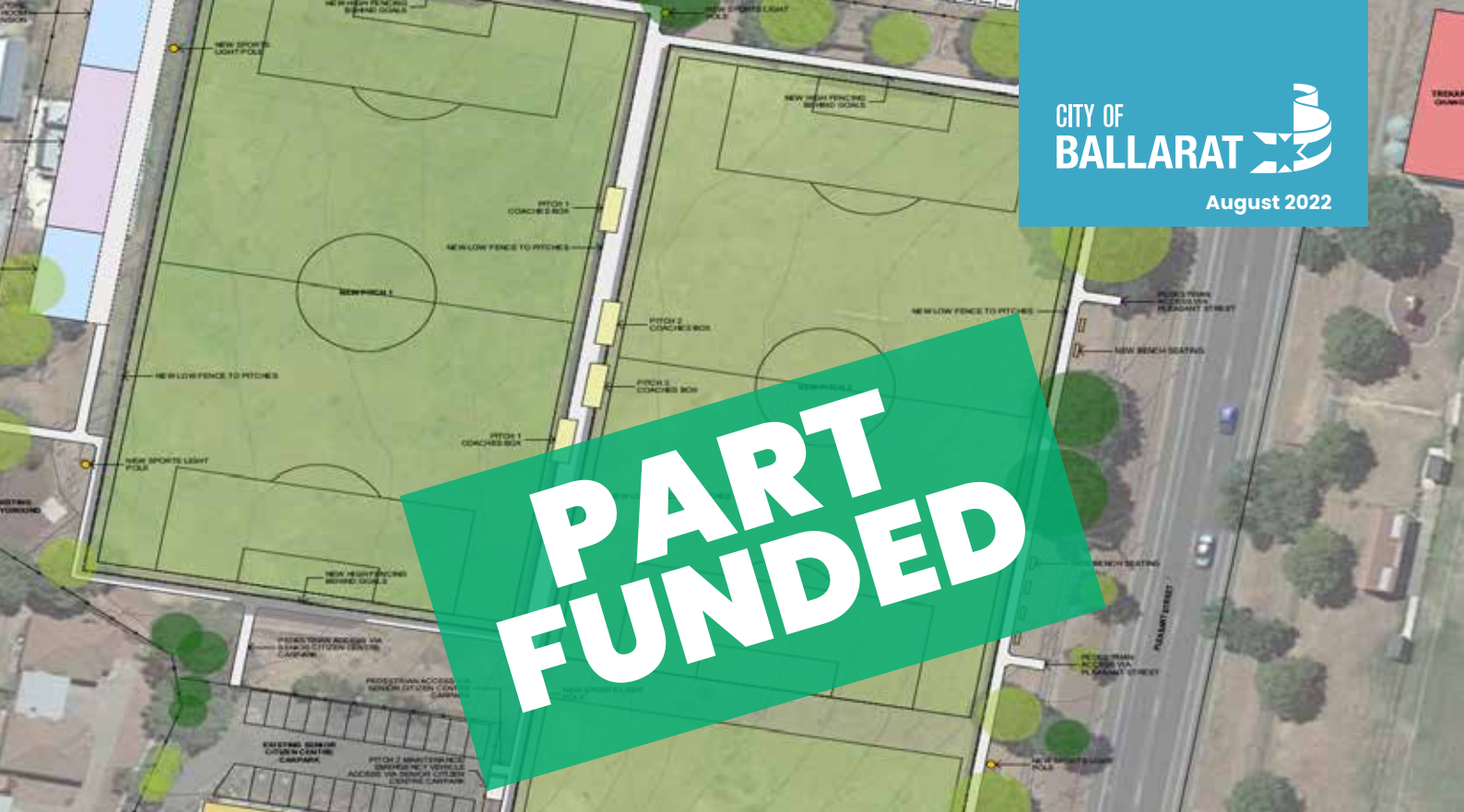
\$8.4 million

Location

Sebastopol

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Wendouree (State)



Ballarat Soccer Club Facilities Upgrade

PART FUNDED – \$500,000 through Victorian Government’s World Game Facilities Fund and \$725,618 from City of Ballarat for resurfacing two pitches and training area, upgrades to drainage, irrigation and coaches boxes, new fencing, grass turf, goal safety netting.

ONGOING ADVOCACY – Remaining Investment Ask: \$1.47 million for clubrooms stage two upgrade

Project Description

Improved clubroom facilities including social and break out rooms, offices, two additional change rooms, a kitchen, storage and spectator shelter.

This project complements the current change facility and public toilet infrastructure on Pleasant Street.

There is the potential to relocate the nearby local Senior Citizens group to this upgraded community facility.

The project will also include an upgrade to the pitch irrigation and drainage subsurface infrastructure, pitch fencing and coach’s boxes (shelters), and soccer goal safety netting.

There are two senior and one junior pitches.

Community Benefit

Soccer continues to grow in popularity. Upgraded facilities will lead to increased participation and enjoyment for players and spectators and will bring both pitches and social facilities to required standards.

The project will bring social and wellbeing outcomes for the club and local community.

Co-location and multi-use of the facility throughout the day and at night through the incorporation of the Senior Citizens.

Investment Ask

\$2.7 million

- Pitch resurfacing x 2 – \$1 million
- Clubrooms stage two upgrade – \$1.5 million
- Soccer goal safety netting behind goals x 4 – \$200,000

PART FUNDED: \$500,000 through Victorian Government’s World Game Facilities Fund and \$725,618 from City of Ballarat

ONGOING ADVOCACY – Remaining Investment Ask: \$1.47 million for clubroom stage two upgrade

Location

Pleasant Street South, Redan

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Wendouree (State)

**FUNDED**

Redan Wetlands, Loop Path and Bridges

FUNDED (\$1.89 million Australian Government funding)

Project Description

New bridges and a loop path at the Redan Wetland on the Yarrowee River at Sebastopol, coupled with works to improve the capacity and effectiveness of the wetland to clean and filter water.

These works will enhance functionality of this part of the Yarrowee River, while also improving access and amenity of the popular walking/bike path.

The works will help showcase the symbiotic relationship of the wetlands and river.

Community Benefit

Anecdotal evidence indicates that use of this area increased significantly during the pandemic, as did use of the walking/bike path along the entire length of the Yarrowee River.

This project will bring significant environmental benefits via improved functionality of the wetland, and improved health and wellbeing outcomes for residents as access to the Redan Wetlands and the Yarrowee is improved.

Investment Ask

\$1.89 million
(scalable and can be delivered in stages).

FUNDED – in full by the Australian Government with a commitment of \$1.89 million.

Location

Rubicon Street, Sebastopol.

Electorate

Ballarat (Federal) Wendouree (State)