

Kindergarten Upgrade Package - FUNDED

Sebastopol Community Hub

Project Cost

\$14 million

Investment Needed

- \$4.5 million

City of Ballarat Investment

- Up to \$5 million

Australian Government Funding

- \$4.5 million

Project Description

The new hub will provide a contemporary and accessible home for user groups of the present Sebastopol Senior Citizens building, including the Sebastopol Senior Citizens, Ballarat Community Health, McCallum, and 1st Sebastopol Guides, and allow for use by new groups.

The early years component will provide 3 x 22 place kindergarten rooms for three and four-year-old children to facilitate the Victorian Government's Best Start early years reforms.

Community Benefit

The new Sebastopol Community Hub will provide a long-term home to community groups that use the present Sebastopol Senior Citizens Centre which is almost 50 years old and approaching the end of its lifespan.

Why should Governments invest in this project?

Economic impact \$32.2 million direct and indirect economic output during construction, with an additional \$31 million in economic impact over 25 years of operation

Job creation

- 68 full time equivalent (FTE) jobs during construction (14 direct, 54 indirect), eight FTE jobs ongoing



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- \$4.5 million - Victorian Government Building Blocks Capacity Building Grant
- \$4.5 million - Australian Government Investing in Our Communities Program

City of Ballarat Investment

- \$5 million



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Address disadvantage

Latest early years data identifies 31.1 per cent of Sebastopol children as vulnerable in one or more domain, which is much higher than the Ballarat average of 21.7 per cent.

Sebastopol has a high proportion of vulnerable people who live alone and a consistently higher level of unemployment than other areas in Ballarat and Victoria.

Sebastopol Community Hub will provide local low-cost activities and services for families facing financial hardship.

Plus co-location of kindergarten and early years childhood programs and services, including maternal and child health, parent groups and supported playgroups.

Location

- 250-256 Vickers Street Sebastopol

Status

- Currently working to negotiate a Building Blocks partnership with the VSBA
- Awaiting the outcome of a \$4.5 million application to the capacity building grant stream

Timeline and Next Steps

Request for tender for construction

January 2024

Award construction contract

March 2024

Construction of facility

April 2024 – May 2025

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