



# Prahran By-Election 2025 | Priority Project Opportunities

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# Introduction

**The City of Port Phillip is a vibrant and diverse community, renowned for its rich cultural heritage, stunning coastal landscapes, and dynamic urban environment. Our City is home to a thriving population that values sustainability, inclusivity, and innovation.**

At the City of Port Phillip, we deeply value our partnerships with all levels of government. Collaborative efforts have consistently enabled us to achieve significant milestones and enhance the quality of life for our residents. As we look towards the future, we are eager to continue this tradition of cooperation and mutual support.

This booklet outlines key priority projects that we believe present valuable opportunities for partnership with the Victorian Government. These projects are designed to address critical needs within our community and to foster long-term growth and resilience. We invite you to explore these initiatives and consider how they align with your vision and goals for the upcoming election.

Should you require further information or wish to discuss any of these projects in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Cowin, Head of Advocacy, Economic Development and Partnerships at [elizabeth.cowin@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:elizabeth.cowin@portphillip.vic.gov.au) or via telephone on **0424 157 329**.

We look forward to the possibility of working together to create a brighter future for the City of Port Phillip.

# Children's Centre Infrastructure

## Setting our children up for a bright future

**In August 2022, the City of Port Phillip resolved to renovate and redevelop six ageing facilities to enhance the safety, accessibility, and functionality for Early Childhood Education and Care services. Port Phillip is undertaking the redevelopment of these centres from 2026-2029 to create additional licenced education and care places.**

### What is the ask?

Council is seeking further funding from the Victorian Government for the redevelopment of six childcare centres, including the North St Kilda Children's Centre located in the Prahran electorate.

### What is the issue this initiative will address?

The City of Port Phillip expects a growth in demand for 3 and 4 year old early childhood education places in the preparation for school over the next 10 to 15 years. This demand is expected to exceed availability, which will perpetuate the ongoing inequality in educational outcomes over a child's lifetime. The community has made their priorities clear in seeking to have a range of service delivery types available to them, particularly smaller community-based services that reflect the culture and meet the needs of the local communities. To meet the increasing demand the City of Port Phillip committed to redeveloping six childcare centres, including North St Kilda Children's Centre. However, the project is subject to escalating construction costs to bring centres into compliance with relevant building and safety requirements.

### What is Council proposing?

Port Phillip is undertaking the redevelopment of these centres from 2026-2029. Works will include the renovation, expansion or rebuild of the centres, resulting in an increase in licenced education and care places to meet increasing demand. The Victorian Government has committed \$12.8 million, which will be provided via a range of grants.

However, additional funding is required to meet the 30 percent increase in funding to meet increased construction costs. Through effective design, Council is expected to exceed the forecasted licensed places in the Building Blocks Partnership.

### Cost and current status?

#### Cost

The City of Port Phillip is seeking an increase in funding from the Victorian Government of approximately \$3 million to fund the redevelopment of childcare centres.

#### Current status

The first of the six redevelopments will begin construction in 2026 with subsequent construction over the following four years.

# St Kilda Primary School

## Getting our community active and encouraging social connection

**St Kilda Primary School has been serving our community for 150 years, and is a much-loved part of our municipality, fostering community spirit and togetherness. To support its 430 students and the broader community, the school is seeking to establish an indoor, multi-purpose recreation space for sport, leisure, and social activities.**



Artist impression of the proposed St Kilda Primary School recreation space.

### What is the ask?

Council is asking for the government to fund the development of an indoor, multi-purpose recreation and community hub space at St Kilda Primary School.

### What is the issue this initiative will address?

The Victorian Government demolished the previous St Kilda Primary School indoor hall during its 2021 capital works of the school and no replacement building was reconstructed.

The St Kilda East and Balaclava area has some of the lowest percentage of open space in the region, comprising at approximately 5 percent. This combines with narrow streets and major roads that act as a barrier to safe and easy enjoyment of existing open spaces.

Beyond sport and recreation, community groups seeking spaces for activities also face increased limitation and competition. For residents of all ages, including young people, these additional facilities would be of great benefit.

A community hub at the school will provide great benefit to residents of all ages and abilities and ensure that the school is best placed to succeed in the future.

### What is Council proposing?

City of Port Phillip supports St Kilda Primary School's request to the Victorian School Building Authority for the construction of a multi-purpose recreation and community hub space.

If constructed, Council would implement a formal partnership with the school providing community access to the facility.

### Cost and current status?

#### Cost

St Kilda Primary School is seeking the Victorian School Building Authority to construct an indoor, multi-purpose recreation space for its 430 students and the broader community as identified in St Kilda Primary School's Endorsed Landscape Masterplan.

# Community Safety

## Safe and vibrant communities are important to everyone's health and wellbeing

Community safety requires a collaborative approach and is integral to every aspect of our lives, supporting health and wellbeing. Council works closely with key community, support, and service organisations, Victoria Police, and the Victorian Government to promote and maintain safe spaces.



### What is the ask?

Council is seeking funding for CCTV infrastructure, a commitment to increase Victoria Police including Public Transport Victoria (PTV) Protective Services Officers (PSOs) resources and the delivery of the Victorian Government outreach services. This commitment is crucial for crime prevention and increasing community safety in the City.

### What is the issue this initiative will address?

**Resources and Patrols:** Increase perception and experience of safety in the community.

**PTV PSOs:** Increase safety at busy tram stops by helping those in need of assistance. PSOs will play a key role in detecting, preventing, and managing anti-social behaviour, as well as addressing crimes against individuals, weapon and drug offences, and property damage.

**Outreach Services:** Support the most vulnerable members of our community in accessing essential health and social services, helping them improve their wellbeing and find a path to recovery from addiction.

**CCTV Funding:** Fixed public place CCTV is an effective tool that supports Victoria Police in crime prevention and law enforcement.

Mobile CCTV trailers can be deployed to targeted areas, helping to enhance perceptions of safety while reducing anti-social and criminal behaviour.

## What is Council proposing?

Council is seeking:

**Resources and Patrols:** Additional Victoria Police resources, along with dedicated, rostered neighbourhood policing, for weekly joint patrols with Council's Local Laws officers.

**PTV PSOs:** PSOs do not currently patrol tram stops and are needed at high risk areas like Acland and Fitzroy Streets.

**Outreach Services:** The Victorian Government has committed to the delivery of a three-year City Street Health outreach service in St Kilda, as part of the Victorian Government Statewide Action Plan. The Action Plan also includes a trial for Victoria's

first overdose prevention and response helpline. The service is urgently needed.

**CCTV Funding:** Provision of funding to upgrade existing public place CCTV and mobile CCTV trailers.

## Cost and current status?

### Cost

The existing CCTV, funded by the State Government is at the end of its life and needs replacement. The estimated cost to upgrade existing CCTV is \$800,000.

### Current status

The Victorian Government Statewide Action Plan outreach service for St Kilda was due to commence on 31 October 2024, this initiative is yet to be delivered.

## More information

[Victorian Government Statewide Action Plan](#)



# Active Transport and Pedestrian Safety

## Connecting people and places with well-connected transportation as our City grows

As we continue to grow, an integrated transport experience will create a City where community is active, connected, and safe.



St Kilda Road bike corridor

### What is the ask?

Council is seeking the delivery of two key transport projects already committed to by the Victorian Government. The completion of the St Kilda Road Bike Corridor from St Kilda Junction to Carlisle Street and the Park Street Tram Link are pivotal to the safe movement of commuters and visitors to Port Phillip.

### What is the issue this initiative will address?

#### St Kilda Road Safety Corridor

St Kilda Road is a key transport corridor used by pedestrians and bike riders as well as tram, bus, and vehicle commuters with more than 300,000 people using this each day. It remains one of the busiest cycle routes in Melbourne and, although recently delivered protected bike lanes have improved safety between Princess Bridge and the St Kilda

Junction, the Junction to Carlisle Street have not been delivered as part of this project. Without these improvements, the safety of riders on this busy road remains a concern.

### **Park Street Tram Link**

It is anticipated that approximately 40,000 people per day will pass through ANZAC Station when it opens. In 2018, the Victorian Government committed to delivering the missing tram link between Heather Street and Kings Way before ANZAC Station's opening. Completing the tram link on Park Street is crucial for providing the connection to the South Melbourne Activity Centre and ANZAC Station and to provide an alternative tram route into Melbourne's CBD.

### **What is Council proposing?**

1. **St Kilda Road Safety Corridor:** Delivery of the Victorian Government commitment for the delivery of the remaining St Kilda Road Safety improvements from St Kilda Junction to Carlisle Street.

2. **Park Street Tram Link:** The delivery by Victorian Government of the 300 metres of 'missing' tram link between Heather Street and Kings Way to provide easy accessibility to the station for the growing population.

### **Cost and current status?**

**St Kilda Junction to Carlisle Street:** In 2018 the Victorian Government announced a commitment of over \$27 million for the delivery of bike lanes to make St Kilda Road safer for all road users. As the project has been partially delivered between Princess Bridge and the Junction, a review of costings to improve safety from St Kilda Junction to Carlisle Street would be required.

**Park Street Tram Link:** Unknown.

### **More information**

[Move, Connect, Live: Integrated Transport Strategy](#)

[Premier's Statement - New Bike Lanes To Make St Kilda Road Safer For Everyone](#)

# St Kilda Library Redevelopment

## St Kilda Library is the City's largest and most used library connecting people with each other, services and resources

Our libraries play a vital and valued role in shaping the cultural and social character of our City. The St Kilda Library redevelopment will meet the growing and changing needs of Port Phillip residents providing an increased and enhanced hub for creativity, knowledge, and connectivity.



St Kilda Library

### What is the ask?

Council is seeking funding contribution to plan, design and consult on the redevelopment of St Kilda Library to increase capacity and flexibility of spaces, and to integrate an arts and creative production focus.

### What is the issue this initiative will address?

There are increasing expectations around access to information, efficiency in responding to customer requests and providing engaging, informative content on our websites and social media channels. Access to technology is a vital part of our service provision and our libraries provide this

access for many people in our community. Our community recognises libraries as places to connect, learn, access information and books.

Despite being the largest and busiest library and administrative hub in the City, St Kilda Library has had no major investment to increase floorspace in recent years and is operating at capacity.

### What is Council proposing?

Port Phillip is undertaking the planning, design and community consultation for the reconfiguration and expansion of St Kilda Library.

### Cost and current status?

The overall cost of the redevelopment is anticipated to be over \$20 million. Council is seeking \$1.5 million to undertake planning, design, and community consultation for the development.

The City of Port Phillip has commenced preliminary designs for the St Kilda Library redevelopment.

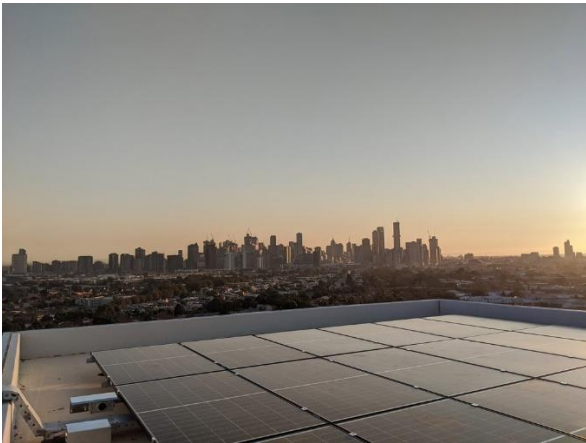
### More information

[Library Action Plan 2021 -2026](#)

# Sustainability and Climate Action

## Supporting apartment owners and renters to install solar

**Residents in apartment buildings require more support to transition to renewable energy compared to those in stand-alone dwellings. Renters face additional barriers, as they often have limited options for implementing sustainable upgrades to their homes.**



### What is the ask?

Council is seeking an extension of the current Victorian Government Solar for Apartments program due to conclude in February 2025. This includes extending solar rebates for rental properties and community housing.

### What is the issue this initiative will address?

Residents in apartment buildings require more support to transition to renewable energy compared to those in stand-alone dwellings.

This challenge affects not only developments in the Queens Road and St Kilda Road areas, as well as social housing complexes in Windsor, Inkerman Street, Wellington Street, and smaller, older multi-unit buildings. Renters often have limited options for implementing sustainable upgrades.

With an extension to the program, Council can assist apartment owners and renters applying for rebates and grants by hosting targeted events and promotions. These initiatives connect residents with suppliers and installers, simplifying solar rebate applications and installations. Additionally, Council can provide guidance on meeting planning and heritage requirements for solar installations.

### What is Council proposing?

Council proposes an additional round to the Victorian Government Solar for Apartments program. The existing program offers 5,000 rebates of up to \$140,000 per property. The additional round of funding would allow Council to target owners corporations, including those within the Prahran electorate.

### Cost and current status?

An estimated cost for an additional round to the Victorian Government Solar for Apartments program would be \$70 million and will provide 5,000 rebates.

### More information

[Victorian Government's Solar for Apartments rebate](#)

