

## A plan to make Greater Shepparton the most liveable city in Australia Algabonyah – Intervention to Investment









**GV**Health







GREATER SHEPPARTON



## BY 2025 GREATER SHEPPARTON WILL BE THE MOST LIVEABLE CITY IN AUSTRALIA

#### **Total regional benefit**





## Goulburn Valley Health Redevelopment Stage Two including Integrated Cancer Centre

Goulburn Valley Health (GV Health) provides regional health service for 250,000 residents including southern NSW. Inability to meet growing regional demands is placing pressure on service delivery. GV Health is committed to the provision of the best possible health care facilities and services to its community.

## **Current Commitment:**

Funding of \$169 million was provided in the 2016/17 State Budget to undertake Stage One redevelopment of this critical service. Redevelopment works are now underway and due to be completed by 2020.

#### **Still Required:**

The current hospital site contains several different buildings constructed across a number of decades as limited funding did become available. The current ad hoc site is spread across a vast space with many buildings that are no longer fit for purpose.

## The Masterplan for stage 2 of the redevelopment has been developed and includes:

Allied Health	Inpatient Mental Health
Education Centre	Administration Offices
Inpatient units - rehabilitation	Helipad
Medical Imaging	Inpatient units - medical beds
Pathology	Library
Retail precinct	Main Entry
Specialist consulting clinics	Pharmacy

It is central to be able to provide integrated cancer services within northern Victoria. Service planning is being undertaken by the Department of Health and Human Services to assess what the Integrated Cancer Centre services need to include:

Car parking
Consulting suites
Radiotherapy bunkers

Dependant on the services deemed to be necessary, the Integrated Cancer Centre project could total up to \$70 million and will include private partnerships.

## Total Regional Benefit: \$1.3 Billion (Output) Total Local Jobs: 4,400 (Construction)

Investment Ask:	
Federal Government	
State Government	TBC
Greater Shepparton City Council	
Private	ТВС
Total	ТВС

Housing Afford.

## **Goulburn Valley Health Corio Street Campus**

Goulburn Valley Health is committed to enhancing the services provided within the Goulburn Valley/ Upper Hume region. As part of the Regional Health Infrastructure Fund applications GVH is seeking to increase the hospital's community footprint by redeveloping and refurbishing the existing Community Health building in Corio St, thereby establishing a Health Precinct. This concept is supported by the GVH Board and the Greater Shepparton City Council. The Health precinct proposal would allow extension and some refurbishment of the Corio Street facilities and allow for future proofing of community health services in the Greater Shepparton area.

## **Background:**

Goulburn Valley Health operates a range of services at its Corio Street site and other sites throughout Shepparton including some community services such as the CAMHS service which are located within the GVH inpatient facility.

This redevelopment would allow for CAMHS and other complementary services to be located in an appropriate community setting. Other Allied health services currently located at GVH would be better provided in a community setting include Audiology, Victorian Paediatric Rehabilitation service and other allied health services including Outpatients Podiatry, Speech Pathology and other outpatient services.

The drivers include providing client centred care at an accessible, fit for purpose location where there are synergies in service delivery as well as staffing. The current location of the CAMHS service is one example of the service being delivered in an inappropriate location, not fit for purpose, difficult to access, not located with other like services. Further operational efficiencies would be gained by reducing the number of other sites, reducing the numbers of fleet cars, combining like roles (receptionists for example) and the reduction of buildings and other associated on going costs such as leasing, energy costs and maintenance. Moving some services from the acute inpatient setting will also allow additional space to be utilised on the acute site, where space is at a premium currently. Current services at Corio St include Home nursing and community interlink. The Community Health Team is made up of Allied Health and Nursing Clinicians who provide a range of primary care services including counselling/social work, dietetics, sexual health nursing, occupational therapy, podiatry, physiotherapy and speech pathology. The community interlink program provides early childhood programs, acquired brain injury programs and disability support programs.

This redevelopment would allow for growth in services provided from a community setting included drug and alcohol services.

Application for funding \$15M Federal, \$15M State

## **Current Commitment:**

Purchase of the Hunter's Building and consolidation of services within the CBD.

## **Still Required:**

Funding to redevelop and refurbish the Corio Street site, establishing a Health Precinct.



## Construction of Stage One of the Goulburn Valley Highway Shepparton Bypass including Shepparton Alternative Route

Construction of the Goulburn Valley Highway Shepparton Bypass (Shepparton Bypass) is the next logical step in providing a fully duplicated highway from Shepparton to Melbourne.

## **Background:**

The Goulburn Valley Highway is an essential transport route, connecting the Goulburn Valley region with Melbourne. It also forms a vital link in the national highway system between Melbourne and Brisbane.

Parts of the Goulburn Valley Highway around Greater Shepparton can no longer effectively cater for the large and increasing traffic volumes that use the highway daily. Our solution to address the highway's limitations is to build a bypass for Shepparton that will help bring balance through the region between community and industry needs.

In 2016, the full 36km four-lane Shepparton Bypass was estimated to cost approximately \$1.3 billion. The project has therefore been split into five stages in order to obtain funding to get the project underway, including a single carriageway each way in the first instance.

Once funded, Stage One will include the construction of a 10km single lane road from the Midland Highway in Mooroopna, extending north along Excelsior Avenue and Cornish Road to Echuca Road, then east to Wanganui Road where it will re-join the Goulburn Valley Highway in Shepparton North.

Stage One will provide a second Goulburn River crossing, broadly aligning with Wanganui Road in Shepparton North. This will provide much needed relief for the only existing Goulburn River crossing option along the Midland Highway (the Causeway between Mooroopna and Shepparton).

**Total Regional Benefit:** \$660 Million (Output) **Total Local Jobs:** 2,283 (Construction)

## **Current Commitment:**

The 2017/18 State Budget allocated \$10.2 million over three years to undertake preparatory works and land acquisition, which is a very welcome investment. This allocation will also include the construction of the Wanganui / GV Highway intersection.

## Still Required:

The total projected cost of Stage One is estimated to be \$260 million, including all preparatory works, land acquisition and construction, and it is hoped that commitment to deliver the full Stage One will be given in advance of the 2018 State Government elections and the future Federal Election.

Stage One	Midland Highway to
	Echuca-Mooroopna Road to Goulburn Valley Highway.
Length	10km.
Outcomes	Second river crossing between Shepparton and Mooroopna and will also involve road improvements to the east of Shepparton.
	Upgrading Wanganui Road and Ford Road to act an east-west arterial route connecting Stage One of the Shepparton Bypass to the Shepparton Alternative Route (Grahamvale Road).

Wanganui Road / Ford Road east-west alternative route - Design and construction \$100 million

Federal Government	\$208M
State Government	\$100 + \$52M
Greater Shepparton City Council	
Private	
Total	\$360M

Housing Afford.

Local Amenities

## **Shepparton Sports & Event Centre**

Greater Shepparton as the sporting mecca of regional Australia is committed to complete the final stage of the Shepparton Sports City precinct with the redevelopment of the existing sports stadium. Doing so will see the creation of a multipurpose sports and entertainment centre to service northern Victoria and beyond.

## **Background:**

The Shepparton Sports Stadium opened in 1972 and was extended in 1994. The facilities currently include:

- Four indoor courts
- Multipurpose room
- Amenities
- Administration space

Whilst Council maintains the current Sports Stadium to a high standard with regular investment, the current four court configuration is constrained in terms of court availability for growing associations, spectator seating and multi-use capability. Increasingly, compliance with state sporting association regulation is also an issue.

## **Current Commitment:**

Basketball Victoria have nominated this project as one of their highest priorities for Victoria.

## Still Required:

It is proposed to not only upgrade existing facilities at the stadium but to create a regionally significant sporting, entertainment and events complex that caters for a multitude of users.

The full redevelopment at a cost of \$58 million includes:

- Four additional basketball/netball/ multi use courts including a show court with seating for up to 3,000.
- Inclusion of eight multipurpose squash courts and additional two court multipurpose space.

## **Total Regional Benefit:** \$68 Million (Output) **Total Local Jobs:** 235 (Construction)

- Inclusion of a sports house/ administration space for stadium and other sporting users.
- Refurbished as well as new change rooms with the capacity and flexibility to cater for males, female and gender fluid sporting players/teams and officials.
- Family friendly and accessible (including 'changing place') change rooms for visitors with mobility and special needs.
- Flexible moveable staging (approximately 10m x 8m) including stage lighting, curtains and sound.
- Entry, lobby, café, reception, car park and external works.
- Access roads, pedestrian footpaths and crossings, bicycle parking, bus drop-off and crossovers, and car parking.

Additional stages would include a fourth multipurpose court, squash courts, additional amenities and a further two court flexible space. It is proposed that the project will be delivered in three stages subject to funding availability.

## Shepparton Sports and Event Centre – Stage 1

Design and construction of three new courts, 3000 seat retractable grandstand, renewal of wet area amenities, administration hub and external works – carpark \$37 million

Investment Ask:	
Federal Government	\$18.5M
State Government	\$15.5M
Greater Shepparton City Council	\$3M
Private (Basketball Victoria Country)	ТВС
Total	\$37M

## **Shepparton CBD Transformation - Maude Street Mall**

An outstanding opportunity exists to transform Shepparton's central business district (CBD) into a contemporary, lively and viable retail and lifestyle precinct.

## Background

Council has undertaken undertaking a process of exploring design concepts for a redevelopment of Shepparton's Maude Street Mall. The aim of the project is to improve the function and visual amenity of the Mall in maintaining its primacy as the heart of the Shepparton CBD. The Maude Street Mall and CBD have the potential to evolve to become the central focus of daily life within Greater Shepparton through an integrated approach to economic development, structure planning and proactive place activation.

## Four design options were developed and released for community consultation:

Design One:	Reintroduction of two-way traffic from Fryers to High Street	\$15.8 million
Design Two:	Development of additional car parking facilities with connecting one-way access from High and/or Fryers Streets exiting at Stewart Street	\$15.9 million
Design Three:	New central public space - \$18.4 million	\$18.4 million
Design Four:	Shared streetscape - \$16.4 million.	\$16.4 million

The designs have been developed by Spiire, renowned for solving complex problems by using their skills in urban design, planning, surveying, engineering and landscape architecture. Consultation closed on the 30th June, with a likely selection to be made by Councillors in September 2018.

## **Current Commitment:**

Council have allocated funds towards developing a detailed design for one of the four options in 2018/19.

## **Still Required:**

Finalisation of detailed design and confirmation of business case.

## **Total Regional Benefit:** \$57 Million (Output) **Total Local Jobs:** 197 (Construction)

\$10M
\$5M
\$4M
\$19M

## Shepparton Railway Precinct and Railway Pedestrian Overpass

The Shepparton Railway Precinct is located at the eastern edge of Shepparton Central Business District (CBD) which brings people into Shepparton and provides linkages to retail, commercial, health, education and recreational facilities within the city.

## Background

The Shepparton CBD Strategy 2008 made a number of key recommendations regarding connectivity to surrounding activity centre nodes such as the Maude Street Mall, Shepparton Tertiary Education Precinct (STEP) and the Shepparton Railway Station. One conclusion cited the need to have an in depth Masterplan for the Railway Precinct to better improve access to and from the site and the necessity for a pedestrian overpass to link the station platform to Hoskin Street.

The Master Plan was jointly funded by Council, the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, V/Line and VicTrack and prepared by Spiire Australia in May 2017. It was formally adopted by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 June 2017. The plan is detailing the future upgrade of the railway precinct and how it can better function as a gateway to the CBD providing linkages to the retail, commercial, health, education and recreational facilities within the City.

## **Railway Pedestrian Overpass**

Council is currently undertaking detailed design works in partnership with VLine, VIC Track, Transport For Victoria (TFV) and Public Transport Victoria (PTV) for the provision of a pedestrian overpass to connect the station platform to Hoskin Street. This pedestrian overpass may incorporate an elevator providing all-abilities access, take account of existing infrastructure at the railway station and the proposed redevelopment envisaged in the Master Plan. Detailed drawings will be made publicly available on Council's website once designs for the overpass are finalised. These works will realise one of the key recommendations made in the Shepparton CBD Strategy 2008. Cost \$10M.

## **Connections Shepparton Railway Station**

• A shared path to provide an off-road connection for

pedestrians and cyclists between the Shepparton Railway Station and the new Shepparton Art Museum (SAM) at Victoria Park Lake is planned. The path will run along the western side of Purcell Street, continue via the northern side of Sobraon Street, the western side of Baker Street, then traverse Hayes Street to the southern side of Hayes Street to Wyndham Street / Goulburn Valley Highway and will connect into the shared path network at Victoria Park Lake.

• Enhanced pedestrian linkage such as footpaths with shade plantings between the Shepparton Railway Station along the western side of Purcell Street and St Georges Road to High Street, continue along the southern side of High Street to the CBD (Maude Street Mall). Cost \$4M.

## Shepparton Station Waiting Area Upgrade

VicTrack is delivering the Road and Rail Minor Works Program, which will improve access to stations and transport assets, and enhance customer service experience across Victoria's regional public transport network. Under this program, the Shepparton Station customer service and waiting area will be modernised to better support the growing number of people, train and coach services at the station.

#### **Current Commitment:**

Station upgrade as part of works associated with passenger rail project.

## **Still Required:**

Commitment to pedestrian overpass and precinct connections.



## La Trobe University Shepparton Campus Building Extension

Over the last 10 years, the La Trobe Shepparton Campus has attracted a 160% increase in student numbers and following the addition of four popular new courses in 2017 further rapid growth is expected. The campus size is inadequate to cope with the enrolments for 2018 and the projected 48% increase in demand over the next five years. The new courses will have enrolments at all year levels, and the Bachelor of Nursing is in high demand by prospective students. In addition, the lack of a dedicated library and learning/study spaces is insufficient to meet student needs.

## **Background:**

La Trobe University Shepparton campus plays a vital economic, educational, social and cultural role in its community and has been established since 1994. The Shepparton campus currently graduates about 140 students per year, with over 70% commencing work in regional Victoria. Research shows that each graduate contributes approximately \$104k to gross regional production in their first year after graduation.

Degree courses offered at the campus are based around the professional workforce needs of our region. These include Nursing, Social Work, Allied Health, Early Childhood and Primary Education, Arts, Accounting, Business and Agribusiness.

## **Building Extension**

1. Extend the existing building south (four levels):

- Two lower floors for La Trobe University to use and,
- Two further floors as cold shell, to accommodate La Trobe University's growth, and for future business, research and education partners. \$17M
- 2.Erect a three level multi deck car park on the La Trobe University site, for use by La Trobe University and GOTAFE. \$4.1M

#### The construction phase

Output – Business outputs/turnovers of \$47 million.

- Employment Supporting 83 jobs during peak construction activity
- Value-added \$17 million of value-added to the Greater Shepparton economy.

## The operational phase

The Output – Increase in business outputs/turnovers of \$10 million

- Employment Supporting an additional 49 direct and indirect jobs across the region
- Wages and Salaries Increase in wages and salaries of \$5 million

## Value-added

\$7 million of value-added to the Greater Shepparton economy operational phase.

## **Current commitment:**

Greater Shepparton City Council \$300,000

La Trobe University \$5.3 million

#### **Still Required:**

Funding from Federal and State Governments to undertake campus building extension.

Investment Ask:	
Federal Government	\$10.7M
State Government	\$5.1M
Greater Shepparton City Council	\$300,000
Private	\$5.3M
Total	\$21.4M

## **Greater Shepparton College (interim name)**

The Shepparton Education Plan will transform educational outcomes for young people from early learning, through primary and secondary school, and beyond.

## **Background:**

The Shepparton Education Plan will transform student outcomes by empowering all students to learn and achieve, experience high quality teaching practices and the best conditions for learning which equip them with the knowledge, skills and dispositions for lifelong learning and shaping the world around them.

The first part of the Shepparton Education Plan is to merge the four current government high schools into one new state-of-the-art secondary school on one site, referred to as Greater Shepparton College.

The Shepparton High School site has been chosen as the location for the new secondary school as it is located in easy walking distance to La Trobe University and GoTAFE. This means our young people will be able to:

- access hands-on practical training like mechanics, hospitality, digital design and web design – to be job ready
- make the transition to university easier potentially linking senior secondary programs to university studies

Having the school located close to local businesses will help our young people build relationships with employers to gain work experience and future jobs.

While Greater Shepparton City Council welcomes the opportunity to future proof education requirements for Shepparton and Mooroopna, it is imperative that adequate provision is made to mitigate any traffic management impacts in the vicinity of the site selected to create the college.

## **Current Commitment:**

\$20.5 million has been allocated to fund Stage One. It includes a new Integrated Early Learning Centre (IELC) at Mooroopna.

## Still Required:

A traffic management plan, in collaboration with Council and VicRoads, is required to identify the cumulative impacts of the predicted increase in traffic volumes on the surrounding street network. This will ensure that such impacts can be appropriately managed early in the life of this project. Funding will need to be considered for any necessary intersection and road upgrades, where required, as part of the overall project.

An appropriate on-site school bus interchange needs to be provided to service the school and other schools in Shepparton. This will ensure that adequate transportation is provided for students at an appropriate location that will not have a detrimental impact on the amenity of surrounding residential areas.

Adequate staff and year 12 student car parking should be provided onsite to reduce car parking conflicts in surrounding neighbouring streets.



## Passenger rail services between Shepparton and Melbourne

An upgrade of passenger rail services between Shepparton and Melbourne is the next essential step towards delivering better rail connectivity to Melbourne for Northern Victoria.

## **Background:**

Shepparton continues to only have four passenger rail services to and from Melbourne each weekday and three services set to be delivered on weekends. Whilst V/Line operates a further three bus services to and from Shepparton each weekday, all connecting with trains at Seymour, the bus services are grossly inadequate for a city the size of Greater Shepparton. Current provision does not fulfil the needs of Greater Shepparton for a timely and regular service direct to Melbourne, nor does it optimise the opportunity to leverage from investment in new infrastructure such as the new Shepparton Art Museum (SAM).

#### **Current Commitment:**

To address the Greater Shepparton passenger rail needs the State Government have committed funding to undertake the following works:

#### Stage One: 2017

#### Stage one is now underway and includes:

- stabling upgrade at Shepparton Station to give passengers a more frequent and reliable service, and to allow for a fifth daily return service between Shepparton and Melbourne by 2019;
- crossing loop extension near Murchison East to provide a freight path and improve service reliability; and
- 29 extra coach services between Shepparton and Seymour to connect with train services from May 2018 increasing the amount of daily services throughout the day ahead of new train services for the line.

State Government \$43.5 million

## Stage one: 2018 Stage Two will see:

- signalling and track upgrades on the line between Shepparton and Seymour to enable VLocity trains to travel at up to 130km/h with a 20-minute reduction in travel time;
- upgrades to 54 level crossings between Seymour and Shepparton;
- platform extensions at Shepparton, Mooroopna, Murchison East and Nagambie stations to improve amenity and reliability of the Shepparton Rail Line;
- further stabling for additional trains; and
- the preparation of a feasibility study for Stage Three, the final stage, of the Shepparton Line Upgrade; and
- Business Case being undertaken to enable 9 VLocity daily return services amount \$TBC.

State Government \$313 million

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## **Still Required:**

Despite the recent substantial investment in passenger rail, the State Government's current financial commitment does not address all the infrastructure requirements necessary for full VLocity operation by 2020 or provide a substantive increase in services nor reduce travel times.

Further investment in infrastructure is reduced to achieve the two hour 10 minute journey time from Shepparton to Melbourne, with 9 return VLocity services per day with operating speeds of 130km/h by 2020.

In view of the rapid growth of Melbourne and resulting infrastructure improvements, in the medium term, there is also a need to ensure security of service and provide for future train paths in Melbourne by addressing the Upfield connection. In the future it will also be essential that Shepparton services are routed through a new heavy rail link via Melbourne Airport. Further work will be required to secure further commitment to ensure that these strategic route developments deliver sustainable regional solutions.

## **Total Regional Benefit:** \$670 Million (Output) **Total Local Jobs:** 2,322 (Construction)

## Investment Ask: Upon completion of the business case, funding is required to be allocated to achieve 9 VLocity services in 2 hr 10 min journey time from Shepparton to Melbourne. Federal Government State Government TBC

Greater Shepparton City Council

Private

**Total** 

TBC



## **Freight Rail**

The Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail project will deliver efficient and competitive movement of freight to the Port of Melbourne.

## **Background:**

Greater Shepparton is the Food Bowl of Victoria, producing fresh food and products for domestic and export markets. The route for the Inland Rail project excludes Shepparton despite 1.757M tonnes of freight volume estimated in year 2025 versus 225,000 tonne on the Albury/Wagga Wagga route.

Council supports the realisation of the Melbourne Airport Rail Link, however it is imperative that this link caters for regional train services to ensure more frequent and faster connections from northern and north eastern areas of Victoria to Melbourne. Ideally, the Craigieburn – Wallan electrification project should be scheduled to coincide with the completion of the proposed link from Wallan to the CBD via Melbourne Airport. Wallan metro services are planned to operate via Upfield to and from the CBD, while services to and from Craigieburn will continue to operate via Essendon and Broadmeadows. If the diversion of north-eastern regional trains via Melbourne Airport has not been achieved prior to the implementation of the Wallan electrification project, these services will face the same challenges of achieving a satisfactory passage through the metropolitan area via Upfield as will be the case via Broadmeadows when the Melbourne Metro project is commissioned.

## **Current Commitment:**

A rail study funded under the \$10 million allocated to freight rail will be undertaken to realise efficient transport of goods to the Port of Melbourne via the Tocumwal to Shepparton line.

## **Still Required:**

Capital investment on the Tocumwal to Shepparton line.

## Investment Ask:

It is imperative that investment on the Tocumwal to Shepparton line be undertaken to realise efficient transport of goods to the Port of Melbourne following the rail study that will be undertaken as part of the \$10M already allocated.

Total	TBC
Private	
Greater Shepparton City Council	
State Government	TBC
Federal Government	

## **Fast Rail**

Fast Rail is a game changer for regional communities in terms of liveability, tourism and economic activity.

## **Background:**

It is imperative that investment is made to deliver fast rail to regional cities such as Shepparton. Previous rail improvements in Victoria have been rolled out to individual regional communities disproportionately. The roll out of fast rail should be uniform to all regional areas.

## **Current Commitment:**

The Federal Government has committed \$20 million in funding to develop fast rail business cases. Following a competitive assessment process, an announcement was made on 9 March 2018 that the Federal Government will provide matching funding for the development of three business cases. One of these business cases will be conducted by Consolidated Land and Rail Australia (CLARA) assessing at the Melbourne to Greater Shepparton Corridor.

## **Still Required:**

A complete regional commitment to Fast Rail including the Shepparton line.

<b>Investment Ask:</b> Development of infrastructure to enable Fast Rail from Melbourne into the regions.	
Federal Government	TBC
State Government	TBC
Greater Shepparton City Council	
Private	TBC
Total	ТВС

## Munarra Centre for Regional Excellence (MCRE)

The Munarra Centre of Regional Excellence will be a major cultural hub, bringing together Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities through sport, culture and education.

## **Background:**

The MCRE is planned as a 'state of the art' purpose-built educational, sporting, cultural and community Centre of Excellence, comprising a campus for excellence in sports, health sciences and education where Aboriginal culture is embedded across all curriculum and programs.

It will have a strong emphasis on improving education and economic participation for Aboriginal community members. MCRE will provide expanded opportunities for Aboriginal youth while also serving the wider Victorian sporting community and improving its commercial viability.

The MCRE proposal is a partnership comprising Rumbalara Football Netball Club (RFNC), the University of Melbourne's Academy of Sport, Health & Education (ASHE) and Greater Shepparton City Council.

## **Current Commitment:**

Greater Shepparton City Council has agreed to lease land for the development of the MCRE, incorporating ASHE, on a site designated in the Shepparton Sports Precinct Master Plan.

A \$200,000 business case was funded in the 2017/18 State Government budget, with a further \$23 million being committed for the development of the Munarra Centre in the 2018/19 budget cycle.

## Still Required:

Confirmation from partners to commit resources to next stage.

## **Total Regional Benefit:** \$102 Million (Output) **Total Local Jobs:** 355 (Construction)

Investment Ask:	
Federal Government	Stage 2
State Government	\$23M + Stage 2 TBC
Greater Shepparton City Council	\$2M
Private	ТВС
Total	\$56M



## GV Link – Stage One

A thriving transport and logistics hub located within the heart of Victoria's Goulburn Valley food bowl is now taking shape which will see a more efficient supply chain for regional products to market, reduced congestion on roads into and around Melbourne and direct rail access to the Port of Melbourne.

## **Background:**

GV Link is planned for development on 331ha of land at 250 Toolamba Road, 2km south of the Midland Highway in Mooroopna. GV Link is strategically located at the junction of two major freight routes, Goulburn Valley Highway and Midland Highway, that service Victoria's Food Bowl and Southern NSW. The Nagambie Bypass (located on the Goulburn Valley Highway) and the proposed Shepparton Bypass (the alignment of which runs through the GV Link site) will further boost access to markets for freight transporters in the longer-term.

The rail terminal at Mooroopna provides broad gauge access for business in the area and will support the development of a dedicated rail terminal at GV Link, providing direct rail access to Melbourne and other major markets.

## **Current Commitment:**

Council is currently in discussion with potential investors regarding GV Link land. Council has also recently coordinated a tender process for a large scale solar farm that would be located on the eastern side of GV Link. A successful tenderer has been selected for the future solar farm.

## **Still Required:**

GV Link is being developed as a multi-stage yet highly integrated construction project. Detailed design plans for Stages One to Three have been completed detailing the construction of the project::

Stage One:	A general freight and logistics area comprising four allotments.	
Stage Two:	An additional freight and logistics area comprising five allotments.	
Stage Three:	A true intermodal terminal connecting GV Link tenants to streamlined road transport access and a high capacity, modern inland rail port	

For more information please go to www.gvlink.com.au

## Total Regional Benefit: \$37 Million (Output) Total Local Jobs: 127 (Construction)

Investment Ask:	
Federal Government	\$10M
State Government	\$7M
Greater Shepparton City Council	\$3M
Private	
Total	\$20M

## **Shepparton Aerodrome Relocation**

Suitable locations for airports are scarce. In the interests of safety and public amenity there should be minimal development in the vicinity of airport operations. However, there is also a need for airports to be easily accessible to population centres. Inappropriate development around airports can result in unnecessary constraints on airport operations and impacts on community safety. There is hence a need to ensure that construction and development are undertaken in a way that is compatible with airport operations, both in the present and taking into account future growth.

## **Background:**

The Shepparton Aerodrome currently serves as a transportation and business gateway to the Goulburn Valley Region and is considered an essential asset providing key links and aeronautical infrastructure for use by emergency organisations, private aviators, private flight training and aviation-related businesses. It currently supports aircraft below 5,700 kg maximum take-off weight and conducts mainly general aviation activities including training, charter, private and aerial work. It is used for freight and charter to a limited extent only.

The operation of the Aerodrome is significantly constrained in its current location limiting its commercial potential and the economic development of aviation related industries. It is surrounded by residential and commercial development which is restricting the full operational potential and flexibility of the aerodrome. A feasibility study was conducted regarding the relocation of the Aerodrome, which has detailed an opportunity for Council to relocate the aerodrome which would allow for it to reach its full operational potential and the development of aviation related industries.

#### **Current Commitment:**

A site analysis and feasibility study has been undertaken, outlining three stages pertaining to the future development of a new and enhanced Shepparton Aerodrome. An economic benefit analysis is required.

#### Stage One – Aerodrome relocate and expansion

Relocate the aerodrome to a more suitable location and transition to commercial operations.

This includes transferring existing hangars/building to a new site, constructing a new terminal building and a 2,000 metre long runway along with the associated infrastructure required for commercial passenger and freight operations.

## Stage Two – Development of commercial passenger and freight services

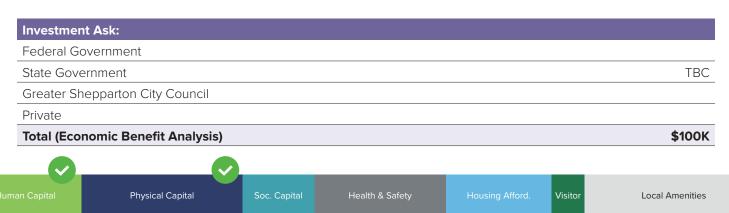
This incorporates an extension of the main runway to 2,200 metres plus 500 metre safety zones that accommodate category 3C aircraft and the development of direct freight links. This stage also includes the addition of housing facilities to accommodate the requirements of an on-site flying school. This would follow the current model at the Moorabbin Airport, which identifies itself as playing host to the greatest number of flight training organisations in South-East Asia, where over 800 students are trained every year.

## Stage Three – Air freight and enhanced infrastructure

This will require further infrastructure enhancements to align flights to and from Shepparton with the potential highspeed rail options through Shepparton. The realisation of a high-speed rail connection between Melbourne and Sydney, with a station at Shepparton, would potentially place the aerodrome in an ideal position to accommodate both domestic and international flights. Stage Three provides the opportunity for the Goulburn Valley to have direct flights to Asia for fresh fruit export. Immediate Ask: Economic Benefit Analysis to demonstrate return on investment.

#### Still Required:

Economic Benefit Analysis to demonstrate return on investment.



## **Greening Shepparton**

A great city grows better every day through creating a nature inspired, efficient and resilient city.

## **Background:**

The Greening Shepparton initiative aims to 'green' the municipality by planting more trees, reducing heat hot spots and generally making the municipality a greener and more aesthetically pleasing place to live. It is underpinned by the Urban Forest Strategy and integrated water management principles to ensure strategic aligned projects relating to:

- Greening, city improvements and liveability.
- Waterway and environmental health.
- Community health and wellbeing.
- Climate change and water security.
- Heritage and culture.
- Education and community awareness.
- Smart digital cities and information sharing.

## Greening Shepparton is comprised of a range of programs:

## One Tree Per Child

One Tree per Child builds on Councils commitment to the National Tree Day initiative and represents the key activity for partnership with the community to meet biodiversity outcomes. The aim is to plant one indigenous tree or shrub for every child under the age of 18 in the City of Greater Shepparton – 16,664. This target is set to increase by 10% on the previous year's target each year until 2021. The target for 2018 is 18,330, followed by 20,163 in 2019.

Council is seeking annual financial funding of \$155,000 to continue to implement the One Tree Per Child Project until 2021.

## Eastbank Lake Project

Eastbank Lake is a catalyst project for the broader greening of Shepparton, leveraging integrated water management principles to create a new stormwater harvesting, treatment and reuse system for Shepparton. When completed, it will provide Shepparton with a new, attractive, community focussed area on a currently disused anabranch of the Goulburn River. By using treated stormwater to irrigate local parks and gardens, the project will inject new life into the area. It will also connect the local CBD to the Goulburn River making it a soughtafter destination for both locals and tourists.

## Key objectives for the project include leveraging integrated water management principles to create:

- An entry gateway into Shepparton and a local destination.
- A community connection with the Goulburn River and bushland environment.
- A precinct that contributes to improved community health and wellbeing through city greening and increased biodiversity.
- A showcase project for capacity building and education of local stakeholders and the community.

Eastbank Lake Project Detail design \$200,000

## **RiverConnect Yanha Gurtji Shared Paths Extensions**

Master Plan has been completed with extensive community consultation to extend the Yanha Gurtji shared paths between Shepparton and Mooroopna. The project is commencing with the design and construct of Route Three – The Flats and the Route Five link to the Botanic Gardens with a pedestrian bridge crossing over the Broken River.

Design and construction of Routes Three and Five \$500,000

## **Greening Shepparton**

A great city grows better every day through creating a nature inspired, efficient and resilient city.

## Current Commitment: Eastbank Lake Project

Council was successful in obtaining a grant through the Department of Environmental, Land, Water and Planning to assist in undertaking the investigation and work. The grant was for \$33,700 and was matched by \$15,000 from Council and \$10,000 from Goulburn Valley Water, giving a total of \$58,700. Detail design of the project is anticipated to be \$200,000, with the capital value of the proposed works estimated at \$4.1 million.

## **RiverConnect Yanha Gurtji Shared Paths Extensions**

Council has received support from the Federal Government for \$610,740 which is met by Council. Council is seeking a contribution from the State Government of \$500,000 to meet the full project costing of \$1,716,456.

## Still Required:

Annual funding to continue to implement detailed design of One Tree Per Child program, the Eastbank Lake project and construction of shared path extensions.



Investment Ask:	
Federal Government	\$610,740
State Government	\$855,000
Greater Shepparton City Council	\$610,740
Private	TBC
Total	\$2M

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