



# GREATER SHEPPARTON VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT ELECTION PRIORITIES 2022 SUMMARY

Greater Shepparton City Council appreciates the Victorian Governments ongoing support and there is more to do.

There are **seven infrastructure areas** and **three policy areas** which are priority items going forward.

## Infrastructure Projects

### 1. Bypassing Shepparton

**Investment Required:** Delivery of Stage 1 of the Goulburn Valley Highway Shepparton bypass:

For the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments to agree on the apportionment and allocation of funds to construct Stage 1 of the Goulburn Valley Highway (Shepparton) Bypass.

### 2. Shepparton Sports and Events Centre

**Investment Required:**

- Commonwealth Government \$25 million
- Victorian Government \$20 million
- Greater Shepparton City Council \$15 million

### 3. Goulburn Valley Health Redevelopment

**Investment Required:** Allocation of Stage 2 funding.

### 4. Tech School

**Investment Required:** Allocation of sufficient funds to deliver the Tech School for Greater Shepparton.

### 5. Investing in the Early Years

#### 5.1 Integrated Children and Families Centres

**Investment Required:** An opportunity exists to deliver an integrated children and families centre in the growing South Shepparton area.

#### 5.2 Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce

**Investment Required:** Allocation of sufficient funding for scholarships and financial incentives to enable educators to gain and upgrade their qualifications.

### 6. Munarra Centre for Regional Excellence (MCRE)

**Investment Required:** Commonwealth and Victorian Government to work together to fund Stage 2 to deliver Student Accommodation and the Regional Centre for Sporting Excellence, both of which will service and support the Goulburn Murray Region.

### 7. Shepparton Foodshare

**Investment Required:** Allocation of \$2.665 million for Shepparton Foodshare to construct its forever home.



## Policy Areas

### 8. Leaving No-one Behind

#### 8.1 Material Disadvantage, Poverty and Welfare Conditionality

**Investment Required:** Advocate for a 10% increase in the social security budget.

#### 8.2 NDIS Regulatory System

**Investment Required:** Advocate for the simplification and streamlining of Regulatory and Administration processes.

### 9. Sustainability & Environment

#### 9.1 Water Security

**Investment Required:**

- No further water recovery from the GMID
- Reduce environmental impact by minimising inter valley transfers
- Extend the timeframes for efficiency projects – as long as it takes to recover 605 GL
- Hold faith with regional communities and commit to the socio-economic neutrality test
- Focus recovery on off-farm efficiency projects, where investments and upgrades will help future-proof regions times in times of scarcity
- Carefully calibrate any future water recovery with implementation of constraints relaxation.

### 9.2 Climate Adaptation and Resilience

**Investment Required:**

1. Victorian Government to provide funding to support local government to decarbonise their operations including infrastructure.
2. Victorian Government to provide resources and adequate funding to investigate the current flood mapping extent and methodology.

### 9.3 Renewable Energy Zones / Electricity Grid Updates

**Investment Required:** Fast track investment in the REZ (V6):

- 1.1 Batteries to increase storage capacity
- 1.2 Line upgrades to increase network capacity
- 1.3 Synchronous condensers to ensure efficient and reliable operation of power grids

### 9.4 Carbon Market

**Investment Required:** Government invest in supporting farmers' access to existing carbon markets, developing farm scale carbon inventories, and increasing farmers' understanding of the market opportunities.

### 10. GROW: Growing Regional Opportunities for Work

**Investment Required:** The statewide network of GROW initiatives requires funding of \$1.5 million per region over five years + \$500k over five years for a Regional Coordinator role. This is a total of \$8 million from 2021 to 2026 to embed their positive impact in their local regions.

Our Ask of Government was developed in collaboration with the Committee for Greater Shepparton and a number of key stakeholders within the community who have an inherent interest in the success of the region.

