



Kooyong Electorate Budget Submission 2026–27

Foreword

As the Federal Member for Kooyong, I'm pleased to present this Budget Submission on behalf of our community. Each year, this document brings together priority proposals from local councils, community organizations, neighbourhood houses, sporting clubs, environmental groups, and residents across the electorate. Their contributions reflect a shared commitment to improving local infrastructure, strengthening community connection, and building a healthier, more sustainable future.

Kooyong is a vibrant and diverse community, but decades of uneven federal investment have left significant gaps in local infrastructure, public transport, community facilities, and essential services. Many of the projects outlined in this submission respond directly to these longstanding shortfalls. Others reflect emerging needs driven by changing demographics, population growth, ageing public assets, the pressures on community sport, and the rising demand for accessible and inclusive public spaces.

This submission highlights practical, community-led proposals that are ready for partnership. They are projects that improve safety, enable active transport, strengthen our climate resilience, expand community learning and care, support women and girls' participation in sport, deliver better early-years facilities, and protect our precious environmental assets. Each investment would deliver broad and enduring benefit—not only to the residents of Kooyong, but to the wider region and to the national economy.

The people of Kooyong are deeply engaged and forward-thinking. They understand the importance of targeted, evidence-based public investment and the need for government to respond to both immediate challenges and long-term structural issues. This Budget Submission reflects their aspirations and their determination to build a fairer, healthier, and more connected future.

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I look forward to working constructively with the Federal Government, alongside state and local partners, to secure funding for the transformative projects outlined here, and to address the ongoing under-investment that continues to constrain opportunity and wellbeing in our community.



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Priority Projects for Federal Funding

Sustainable and Active Transport

Box Hill to Hawthorn Trail

The Box Hill to Hawthorn Strategic Cycling Corridor (SCC) is a key link, included in State policy and in Boroondara Council's 2022 Bicycle Strategy as a high priority. It will connect the Box Hill Metropolitan Activity Centre with the Hawthorn-Glenferrie Road Major Activity Centre, other key shopping strips at Surrey Hills, Canterbury, Hawthorn West, and many schools and local destinations. The general corridor alignment developed by the Victorian Department of Transport and Planning follows the rail corridor and is the subject of a high-level study. From Hawthorn, the SCC would then continue to the Melbourne CBD through the Cities of Yarra and Melbourne, all the way through to the Docklands.

The Box Hill to Hawthorn SCC presents a significant opportunity to deliver a high-quality, low stress, dedicated cycling link for a broad demographic of cyclists, including commuters and recreational users. The corridor travels through diverse environments and the SCC design approach allows for different configurations along the route, including off-road paths where space is available and on-road infrastructure where there are constraints on the rail corridor.

In 2020, Infrastructure Australia specified the Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail as near-term priority initiative. A [feasibility study](#) for the Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail was completed by the Victorian Department of Transport team in October 2021. The study found that the route following the railway alignment was practical and would provide a range of benefits to local communities including safer ways to walk and ride to local places such as shops, businesses, and schools. The project's status has been further elevated through its inclusion in [Victoria's Infrastructure Strategy 2025–2055](#), where Infrastructure Victoria recommends that the Victorian Government deliver the Hawthorn to Box Hill Trail as part of a safe, city-wide network of strategic cycling corridors. In November 2025, the Mayors of Boroondara and Whitehorse Councils wrote to the Victorian Minister for Transport Infrastructure, identifying this corridor as a priority project and asking to collaborate in the establishment of a joint steering committee to oversee the delivery of the project.



Total Project Cost:	\$10M design & approvals, \$85M construction
Commonwealth Contribution:	\$3M design & \$25M construction
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

EV Charger Rollout

Boroondara Council is seeking support to accelerate the transition to electric vehicles in Boroondara. A key barrier for many residents is access to charging, particularly for those without off-street parking. We ask for partnership and investment from all levels of government to deliver accessible, community-based charging infrastructure.

Boroondara Council is already installing public chargers and engaging with the community on local charging needs. With additional support, this initiative can be expanded to ensure equitable access for households without off-street options, to scale up infrastructure beneficial for the whole community.

Total Project Cost:	\$250,000 per EV charging site
Commonwealth Contribution:	\$125,000 per EV charging site
Portfolios:	Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Reducing carbon emissions in local facilities

Leisure and Aquatic Centre Heat Pumps

Boroondara Council is prioritising electrification of its highest energy-consuming and carbon-emitting facilities, these being its leisure and aquatic centres. These sites are currently major users of gas for water heating.

Boroondara Council has begun planning retrofits using heat pump technology. These deliver immediate environmental benefits and long-term financial savings. The challenge is their high upfront capital cost. With support from other levels of government, Boroondara Council can accelerate this transition, cut emissions quickly, and ensure these essential community facilities are sustainable for the future.

Total Project Cost:	\$3M for Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre
Commonwealth Contribution:	\$1.5M for project site
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

Public Safety

LED public lighting

Boroondara Council has been progressively implementing lighting along shared paths across the municipality, to improve safety and security for path users. This strategy is consistent with the Boroondara Bicycle Strategy (2022). The Anniversary / Outer Circle Trail provides an important north-south shared path connection across the municipality, connecting the popular Gardiners Creek Trail in the south to the Main Yarra Trail in the north. The proposal is for illumination of the Anniversary Trail between Toorak Road and Ryburne Avenue, which is used by both pedestrians and bike-riders.

The proposal involves the installation of light poles and associated energy efficient LED lamps and/or solar lighting, including bollard lighting, along a 3.3km section of the trail.

Total Project Cost:	\$2M
Commonwealth Contribution:	\$1M
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

Traffic Intersection Upgrades

The Earl Street-Willsmere Road Roundabout in Kew is used above capacity. Shoppers, school children, and residents are unable to cross the road safely. This limits their access to local shops, schools, bus stops, the Anniversary Trail, and the Willsmere Community Garden. Traffic speeds, volume and sightlines make crossing the road particularly stressful and dangerous for young families and older people in the area. Traffic has increased significantly due to the widening of the Chandler Hwy bridge in 2019, with traffic volumes forecast to increase further in 2028 upon opening of the North-East Link.

Currently, in the morning peak, a car crosses the intersection every 2.6 seconds. An estimated 35 people undertake unsafe crossing across four lanes of traffic in the morning peak hour, with

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325 people observed crossing during a typical weekday. A significant number of people avoid crossing the intersection by foot or by bike.

A signalised crossing would provide improved accessibility in all directions, and safe access to bus stops for crucial CBD connections, schools and businesses.

Total Project Cost:	\$6M
Commonwealth Contribution:	\$3M (with \$3M state contribution)
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

Mobile CCTV camera (Stonnington)

Total cost: \$140,000

Funding requested: \$140,000

Funding is sought for the purchase by Stonnington Council of a new mobile CCTV unit to be deployed by police alongside the fixed CCTV network, to target crimes such as anti-social behaviour, burglary, theft from and of motor vehicles, graffiti, vandalism, and drug use.

Total Project Cost:	\$140,000
Commonwealth Contribution:	\$140,000
Portfolios:	Home Affairs, Attorney-General, Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

Public Health and Wellbeing

Civic Park Stage 1

With Camberwell now designated by the Victorian state government as a major Activity Centre, the precinct is preparing for a significant population shift. This growth brings both challenges and opportunities to create a civic heart meeting the needs of a larger, more diverse community while protecting what makes Camberwell unique.



Camberwell Civic Park will be established as that vibrant urban heart, where people of all backgrounds can connect with nature, culture, and each other. As the civic, religious, community, and education hub of Boroondara, the park will honour the precinct's rich heritage while embracing the future.

Through innovative public realm design, abundant and connected green spaces, civic and community facilities, seamless mobility, and a focus on holistic wellbeing, Camberwell Civic Park will support this population growth, foster a thriving community, and inspire a resilient future for generations to come.

Total Project Cost:	\$4M
Commonwealth Contribution:	\$2M
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

Strategic Open Space Acquisition (Stonnington)

Stonnington Council is seeking federal support for **up to \$10 million** to enable strategic land purchases that will expand public open space within the Kooyong electorate. Stonnington has the **second lowest amount of open space per capita in Victoria**, and master planning clearly identifies a growing shortfall in accessible open space, recreation areas, and leisure facilities—particularly as 15 new tram and train activity centres continue to drive significant population growth and densification.

Targeted acquisition of suitable land parcels will help address this long-term deficit by creating new parks, green links, and recreation areas in parts of the municipality where open space is most constrained. This investment will support healthier, more connected communities, improve local amenity, and ensure the area remains liveable as its population increases.

Total Project Cost:	Up to \$10 million
Commonwealth Contribution:	Up to \$10 million
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts



Malvern Precinct Masterplan (Stonnington)

Stonnington Council is seeking **\$200,000** to develop a comprehensive masterplan for the Malvern Town Hall, Malvern Library, Northbrook Historical Centre and Malvern Cricket Ground precinct. This work will guide essential restoration and upgrade planning for the precinct's significant heritage buildings, while also assessing contemporary service delivery models for library and community services. The project will consider open space opportunities, precinct activation, and integration with the nearby Malvern and Armadale Activity Centres—both of which are experiencing significant population growth and increased service demand.

Total Project Cost:	\$200,000
Commonwealth Contribution:	\$200,000
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

Neighbourhood Houses

Hawthorn Community House

Hawthorn Community House (HCH) has been an important hub for local connection, learning, and wellbeing for more than 45 years. HCH delivers a wide range of programs supporting people of all ages and stages of life, from playgroups and family activities through to language, lifestyle, health, and fitness classes, as well as programs for older residents and people with disability. HCH is operating at capacity across its two heritage buildings at Henry Street and William Street, on either side of the Central Gardens.

HCH faces challenges with its current facilities including structural issues and ageing buildings, poor accessibility, limited storage and spaces which are not purpose-built for community programs. These issues, combined with growing community demand - particularly from older residents and participants in programs such as the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) - necessitate renovation of the existing facilities to address critical structural and accessibility issues while also delivering larger, more flexible and functional program spaces.

This investment will allow HCH to meet current demand, expand and adapt its program to respond to changing community needs, and strengthen its role as an inclusive, welcoming place where people of all ages can connect, learn, and thrive.

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Total Project Cost:	\$4,050,494
Henry Street:	\$2,925,714
William Street:	\$1,124,780
Commonwealth contribution:	\$2M
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

Kew Neighbourhood and Learning

Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre (KNLC) has been delivering inclusive, community-based education and support services for more than 38 years. KNLC provides pre-accredited training, health and wellbeing programs, children's services, and targeted initiatives for people supported through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), My Aged Care (MAC), and Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE).

KNLC operates two social enterprises that provide employment and training opportunities in hospitality and horticulture. With over 850 individual participants and more than 1,100 program engagements each week, KNLC makes a significant contribution to social cohesion, lifelong learning, and community wellbeing across Boroondara.

KNLC operates from four adjoining terraces in a residential street. These buildings have been modified but are not fit for purpose. The existing buildings have reached capacity, constraining program growth and limiting the Centre's ability to respond to increased community demand.

Key issues include insufficient and poorly configured program space, non-compliance with accessibility standards, inadequate storage, and the absence of modern infrastructure to support hybrid program delivery. These limitations undermine both service delivery and equitable access, particularly for people with disability and for older adults.

A comprehensive redevelopment of KNLC will deliver a purpose-built neighbourhood learning centre designed to meet contemporary and future community needs. This investment will enable the expansion of pre-accredited training, strengthen inclusive service delivery under NDIS and MAC, and provide modern, flexible spaces that support lifelong learning, employment pathways, and community participation.

Total Project Cost:	\$5,580,000
Commonwealth contribution:	\$2.5M

Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts
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Female participation in sport

Macleay Park Netball Court Improvements

The Myrtle and Macleay Park (MMP) complex is home to the Boroondara Netball Association (BNA), which facilitates netball programming for more than 3500 participants (approximately 3,300 females and 270 males). The netball facility at the MMP (the Boroondara Netball Centre) is both a netball and community active recreation space. It has eight outdoor netball courts, only three of which are equipped with training lighting.

To unlock additional netball use at this facility and meet BNA training and competition requirements, court resurfacing, a lighting upgrade of the three existing lit courts to 200 lux, and additional lighting on five unlit courts (200 lux) is required.

The BNA is managed by volunteers. It is committed to providing the opportunity for participants to achieve their personal best, whether that be as a player, coach, umpire or administrator. BNA facilitates a range of comprehensive programs including junior development, community netball competitions, umpire/coach development and talent identification program.

Boroondara Council is seeking to deliver these essential upgrades. This investment will ensure the Boroondara Netball Centre is fully equipped to support increased participation, particularly among women and girls, and continue to serve as a key asset for community sport and recreation.

Total Project Cost:	\$1.5M
Commonwealth contribution:	\$1.5M given the previous funding allocation of \$2.5M
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

Michael Tuck Stand and Glenferrie Oval

The Michael Tuck Stand and Glenferrie Oval complex is an iconic site of national significance with strong links to the historical development of Australian rules football. The Art Deco Tuck



Stand building is on the Victorian Heritage Register, has been vacant for decades, and is in desperate need of restoration.

Boroondara Council has committed \$30.46 million to restore the pavilion and oval. It's looking to bring a grand old building back to life as a community and sporting hub – but it needs partners to support this journey. Council is seeking funding support of \$3M - \$5M.

Boroondara Council is also creating a community hub within the pavilion and oval precinct, to breathe new life into the space and wider area. The hub will create opportunities for community connection through sports, events, local heritage, recreation, culture, health, and wellbeing. It will be a venue for all ages - much needed, given that the population of this part of the municipality is forecast to increase by 20% (higher than the 13% estimated increase for Boroondara overall) by 2031.

Local female participation in Australian rules football and cricket has grown significantly in recent years (AFL has grown an estimated 105%, and cricket 213%). The project will provide access to local sports clubs to participate at the iconic Glenferrie Oval venue, including senior women's, and junior male and female teams.

A shared women's Australian rules football hub will be established to increase participation for women and girls at this site. A women's hub is a move away from the traditional home and away model currently used for fixturing matches towards a stadium model, similar to high ball sports, where one venue accommodates a broader fixture of games. The women's hub will see Boroondara women's teams participating in matches on a Saturday afternoon at this iconic ground, giving greater exposure to female participation in Australian rules football. The redeveloped ground and building will also support local junior participation in Australian rules football and cricket in the summer.

Key components of the project include: a community sports pavilion; multi-purpose community rooms (including rehearsal space for bands who have been based in the precinct for 100 years); a refurbished grandstand; and an improved playing surface and infrastructure to allow for increased community use of the oval for both formal recreation and informal leisure opportunities.

The project is a significant undertaking. Additional funding partners are actively sought, with confirmation of a significant contribution from AFL Victoria and ongoing discussions taking place with Cricket Victoria.

Total Project Cost:	\$30.46M
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Commonwealth Contribution:	\$3M - \$5M
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

Pavilion Renewal at Myrtle Park

Myrtle Park features two fields suitable for baseball and cricket, with a pavilion currently utilised by Balwyn North Baseball Club, Balwyn Saints Cricket Club, MCC Baseball Club, and Boroondara Cricket Club.

The existing pavilion is no longer fit for purpose. It does not meet the needs of the sporting clubs or the wider community. The building is not female-friendly or accessible. It has only four change rooms servicing two ovals. All have open showers and urinals. There are insufficient umpire amenities. There is no dedicated social space, inadequate storage, the building layout is poor, and the facility is nearing the end of its life.

The proposed pavilion renewal project will deliver significant benefits for the clubs and the broader community by providing a modern, inclusive, and accessible facility that promotes equitable participation.

Key features of the renewal include:

- Two additional change rooms with female-friendly amenities for players and two additional umpire rooms.
- A dedicated multi-purpose social space, kitchen, and amenities to support club use and provide opportunities for community groups outside of sporting activities.
- Ancillary facilities including a first aid room, adequate storage, and a public toilet.

Boroondara Council is now seeking funding support to ensure the project can be fully realised.

Total Project Cost:	\$5.5M
Commonwealth Contribution:	\$2.5M
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts
Project Timing:	Construction 2027-28 & 2028-29



Pavilion Renewal at Hislop Park

Hislop Park features three fields suitable for soccer and cricket, with a pavilion currently utilised by Boroondara Eagles Football Club, Kew East Football Club, Canterbury Cricket Club, and Camberwell Grammar School.

The existing pavilion is no longer fit for purpose and does not meet the needs of the sporting clubs or the wider community. The building is not female-friendly or accessible, with only four change rooms servicing three ovals, all with open showers and urinals, and insufficient umpire amenities. There is no dedicated social space, inadequate storage, the layout is poor, and the facility is in deteriorating condition and nearing end of life.

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Commonwealth Contribution:	\$2.5M
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts
Project Timing:	Construction 2028-29

Stonnington sporting facilities

Total cost: Over \$60 million across municipality. Contributions of varying amounts to specific projects would be welcomed.

Stonnington Council has several new and premier sports facilities, but also many ageing assets that are not accessible or inclusive for women, girls and gender-diverse people, and people who live with disability. Advocacy and partnership with the State and Federal Governments will be critical to ensure that Fair Access outcomes and objectives are achieved.

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Pavilions which don't meet current state sports association guidelines or accessibility standards include:

- Hickey – Orrong Romanis Reserve, Prahran (see below)
- Lansbury – Malvern Cricket Ground, Malvern
- Menzies – Sir Robert Menzies Reserve, Malvern
- Muir – Righetti Oval, Sir Zelman Cowen Park, Kooyong
- Pollack – Sir Zelman Cowen Park, Kooyong

Projects currently programmed in the 10-year Capital Plan:

- Sir Robert Menzies Pavilion (early planning work)

Orrong Romanis Pavilion

Orrong Romanis is home to both the Toorak Prahran Cricket Club (the “summer” season tenants) and the Unicorns Melbourne Rugby Union Football Club (the “winter” season tenants). The shared club room is effectively a shed. It has inadequate change rooms and no kitchen. This inadequacy has long been recognised, and was recognised as such in the 2024-2026 City of Stonnington Advocacy Plan, which states that the facility does not meet current state sports association guidelines or accessibility standards. Replacement has been identified as a priority Fair Access initiative.

The Toorak Prahran Cricket Club is the largest junior cricket club in the state – possibly the country. The Unicorns Melbourne Rugby Club is also one of the biggest in the nation. Over recent years these two clubs have driven strong initiatives supporting diversity and inclusion in the local community. As a result, junior and female participation and membership in both sports has increased significantly. The Toorak Prahran Cricket Club also runs all-abilities cricket opportunities as part of its Inclusion Game Plan developed with the Stonnington Council.

The current facilities at the site are totally inadequate. There are no girls change rooms. Junior/female members have to change in public and open areas of the current facility such as next to the bar. There is also limited running hot water. There are no kitchen or catering facilities and insufficient storage facilities.

These new facilities are desperately needed, or the community risks a significant drop in participation levels.

Stonnington Council’s rough estimate of costs is approximately \$7m.



Balwyn Park Lighting Upgrade

Balwyn Football Club (Balwyn FC), which has a proud 107-year history, is seeking funding to upgrade the outdated lighting infrastructure at Balwyn Park. The current lighting, last upgraded over 20 years ago, is inadequate for training and match play, with an average illumination of only 50 lux—well below the 100 lux standard required for competition.

This poor lighting limits the club's ability to host evening games and training sessions, impacting scheduling flexibility and reducing opportunities for community engagement. It also discourages use by the affiliated junior club, weakening the development pathway from junior to senior football. The club recently introduced its first senior women's team, which has already qualified for finals in its inaugural season, further highlighting the need for inclusive, modern facilities. Preliminary estimates for full irrigation, drainage, turf works and lighting are for a total project cost of \$1,457,718. This investment would significantly enhance safety, participation, and gender equity in community sport at Balwyn Park.

Total Project Cost:	\$1,457,718
Commonwealth Contribution:	\$750,000
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts
Project Timing:	Construction 2027–28

Floodlighting Upgrades – Wadsworth Diamond & Birrell Oval (Stonnington)

Stonnington Council seeks \$400,000 each for the installation of new, energy-efficient LED floodlighting at Wadsworth Diamond and Birrell Oval. These upgrades will improve safety, support evening training, and enhance gender equity in community sport by providing appropriate lighting levels for women's and girls' participation. Replacing outdated lighting with efficient LED systems will also reduce operating costs and emissions, aligning with Council's broader climate and active recreation objectives.



Total Project Cost:	\$400,000 per site
Commonwealth Contribution:	\$400,000 per site
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

Supporting the Next Generations

Community Kindergarten and Early Learning Centre buildings

The Victorian Government's Early Years Reform is placing additional pressure on existing buildings, due to the increased number of hours that both 3- and 4-year-old children are required to attend. While this is a Victorian Government initiative, local government is one of the biggest providers of buildings used for kindergarten programs.

The provision of kindergarten is very important to families in Boroondara. Most community kindergartens are overseen by parent volunteer committees of management. Demographic changes are also seeing very high demand for kindergarten in Hawthorn and surrounding areas, with many families unable to secure a place in their preferred kindergarten.

Providing funds toward kindergarten buildings will, in some cases, allow for expanded kindergarten capacity, therefore enabling more families to have their children attend their preferred kindergarten.

The following kindergarten is due for renewal in the next few years:

Brookville Kindergarten Playground Update (Stonnington)

The playground is currently outdated, and the existing facility does not currently comply with the new accessibility/disability regulations and standards. This funding request includes landscaping and renewing the play equipment.

Council has completed design work. Funding is sought for construction work.

Total Project cost:	Estimated cost \$320,000
Commonwealth Contribution:	\$185,000
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts



Early Years Hub at Winter Street Malvern (Stonnington)

Stonnington Council is seeking investment to deliver a new Early Years Hub at Winter Street, Malvern. This \$4.5 million project will modernise and consolidate a range of essential early childhood services—including kindergarten programs, Maternal and Child Health services, and the local Toy Library—into a single, contemporary, fit for purpose facility.

The Winter Street site is strategically located adjacent to key Activity Centre growth areas in Armadale, Malvern and Caulfield, where significant population increases are expected. The current facilities are outdated and no longer adequate to meet growing demand. Redevelopment of the site will ensure local families can access high-quality, integrated early years services in a central and accessible location, supporting improved developmental, social and wellbeing outcomes for children and their caregivers.

Total Project cost:	Estimated cost \$4.5 million
Commonwealth Contribution:	\$4.5 million
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

Regional Accessible Playgrounds (Stonnington)

Regional accessible playgrounds provide play opportunities for children of different ages and abilities. Recent examples in Stonnington include playgrounds installed at Central Park and Sir Zelman Cowen Oval.

Funding is sought for a new playground to be developed at Orrong Romanis. The project costs include feasibility, site investigations including ground conditions and feature surveys, design consultancy services, project management services, construction costs and project contingency.

Total Project Cost:	Estimated cost \$2.5M
Commonwealth Contribution:	\$2.5M
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts



Protecting our local environmental assets

KooyongKoot (Gardiner's Creek) Masterplan (Stonnington)

Stonnington Council is aiming to revitalise 40% of the municipality's open space corridor with sustainable transport, biodiversity habitats, wetlands, and recreation infrastructure.

Stonnington Council is seeking funding towards the \$20-25 million KooyongKoot revitalisation masterplan. The creek corridor covers 40% of Stonnington's Open Space and includes a sustainable transport network, leisure paths, sporting precincts, wetlands, playgrounds and planting biodiversity habitats. Scope of works include concept design, detailed design and construction over a multi-year program.

Projects requiring funding include Shared User Path (Gardiners Creek Trail); Talbot Crescent Habitat Park; and Tooronga Park Wetland & Recreation Reserve. Additional projects will be developed as the masterplan is further advanced.

Total Project Cost:	Estimated cost \$20-25M
Commonwealth Contribution:	Funding Requested: Contributions of varying amount are welcomed, as there are a large number of projects planned along KooyongKoot.
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

Policy and Program Advocacy

Aged Care – Commonwealth Home Support Program

Increased funding to ensure timely access to in-home aged care services.

Immunisation Funding

Equalise funding for LGAs under the National Immunisation Program to match pharmacist rates (\$18.85/vaccine).



Volunteer Management Activity (Boroondara)

\$60,000 to support volunteer services post-COVID through the Boroondara Volunteer Resource Centre.

Mabels Program Expansion (Boroondara)

\$334,000 per LGA/year to connect mothers and babies experiencing family violence with legal support via MCH centres.

Libraries After Dark – Infrastructure Support (Stonnington)

Stonnington Council seeks \$200,000 to expand its "Libraries After Dark" program, including capital works needed to safely extend opening hours. This investment will enable libraries to operate as welcoming, secure evening community spaces, providing social connection, study environments, and accessible public programs. Enhanced lighting, security and internal modifications are required to support extended use, particularly for vulnerable community members who benefit most from safe, alcohol-free night-time spaces.

Total project cost:	\$200,000
Commonwealth Contribution:	\$200,000
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

Community Event Floodlighting – Malvern Town Hall & Toorak South Yarra Library (Stonnington)

Stonnington Council is seeking \$750,000 to install permanent floodlighting infrastructure at Malvern Town Hall and Toorak South Yarra Library. These assets are central civic landmarks used to recognise national days of significance, memorial events, and community celebrations. Currently, Council must hire temporary lighting—at considerable recurring cost. Permanent installations will reduce expenditure, enhance the visibility of community events, and ensure these civic buildings can be illuminated safely, efficiently, and responsively.

Total project cost:	\$750,000
Commonwealth Contribution:	\$750,000
Portfolios:	Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

