

**ACTIVITY REPORTS****11 MAJOR PROJECT AND STRATEGIES ACTIVITY REPORT**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be noted.

**Attachments***Nil.***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As part of the reporting process to Council, this monthly report provides an update of the current status of major projects and strategies in progress. It includes an update on major projects, capital works, special charge schemes, asset management and strategies current at the time of this report.

***Capital works*****Reserves****Deep Creek Reserve**

Council awarded the contract for construction of the Deep Creek building and services to Kirchner Constructions PL, for the revised Tender sum of \$4,316,403.82 ex GST.

Tenders for the construction of the playground recently closed and a report will be presented at this meeting.

Three separate tenders for the construction of the civil and landscaping components of the overall project are currently advertised with the relevant reports to be presented at the December meeting. The tender for the golf course redevelopment recently closed and a report is being prepared.

**Lang Lang Recreation Reserve**

Works are still progressing slowly due to the continuing inclement weather. The contractor is still confident of completing works on as per the agreed timelines.

**Holm Park Recreation Reserve carpark resurfacing**

Tenders for the sealing of the car park have closed and a report recommending a contractor to be awarded the works will be presented to Council at this meeting.

**IYU Recreation Reserve carpark resurfacing**

The design works are currently progressing and the tender for the construction of the works is scheduled to be advertised later this year.

**Bridge Road duplication**

Design for the duplication of Bridge Road between Viridian Avenue and Cardinia Road has been completed and tender documents are currently being prepared.

### **Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail**

Works on the Cockatoo-Gembrook section of the trail commenced in August at the Gembrook end of the trail, upgrading the existing section of the trail. This component of the works is now complete and the contractor has commenced work on intersection improvements.

This package of works includes construction of the 6.5km trail from McBride Street in Cockatoo to Gembrook Station. The trail follows existing road reserves and the Puffing Billy train line between the towns to create a unique and scenic trail.

### **Emerald Community Hub**

The design development stage for this project together with a quantity surveyor's estimate has been completed, with the project currently running on schedule, with tender to be advertised mid-October 2017.

A final stakeholder presentation was held in September at the Emerald Library, providing progress to date on the project. Information on the details of the project will be made available to the wider community over coming weeks.

### **Gembrook Leisure Park**

Preliminary planning for the renewal of the Gembrook Leisure Park playground, skate park and associated park facilities has commenced. A briefing will be provided prior to community consultation.

### **Pakenham Depot construction of stages 3 & 4 for the administrative building**

A site meeting with the appointed contractor has been held to review and confirm logistics and address any impacts to on-going operations. Works commenced late September with completion due May 2018.

### **Roads, paths, drains and bridges**

#### **2017-18 New footpath program**

Construction of a third new footpath from the agreed program has been completed. The path is located in Macclesfield Road, Avonsleigh. The path creates a safe pedestrian access between Belgrave Gembrook Road and Fairway Road, Avonsleigh.

#### **2017-18 Road renewal program**

Tenders relating to the 2017-18 road rehabilitation and reseal programs were awarded at the September Council Meeting. Road resealing preparation works are currently underway in anticipation of the resealing works, which are scheduled for the summer months. Road rehabilitation works are expected to commence in the near future at Manks Road, with Seven Mile Road and Hall Road to follow.

#### **2017-18 Drainage program**

The 2017-18 drainage program is well underway with detailed design commencing for several projects, including two projects in Bunyip and a major culvert replacement on Ingram Road, Nar Nar Goon North. Works have now commenced on a number of projects including a drainage improvement project in Poplar Crescent in Emerald.

### **Wheeler Road Special Charge Scheme**

The contract for the construction of the Wheeler Road Special Charge Scheme has been awarded, with works expected to commence later this year.

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**Strategies**

**Asset Management**

Following the condition assessment of Council's footpath network, the review of the Pathways Asset Management Plan has now commenced and the revised plan will be finalised by the end of March 2018.

The final stages of the Drainage Asset Management Plan review are underway, with the plan to be finalised by the end of November.

The Asset Management Policy is currently under review, alongside a framework of policy and guideline documents relating to asset financial processes.

**CONCLUSION**

This regular activity report is provided for Councillor's information.