



**Brimbank**  
City Council



*Transforming* Brimbank

# SUNSHINE ENERGY PARK **VISION PLAN**

**MAY 2024**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE WURUNDJERI WOI-WURRUNG



The journey of the land from its ancestral roots to its current state as a potential community park is a poignant reflection of its resilience and the enduring connection between the Wurundjeri People and their Country. The transformation from a basalt quarry to a landfill, and now into a space for healing and communal gathering, symbolises a profound shift towards restoration and renewal.

The involvement of Wurundjeri Elders in the development of the park's vision is a testament to the importance of Indigenous voices in shaping the future of the land. By sharing their stories and aspirations, they ensure that the vision for the park is grounded in a deep respect for the land's history and the cultural significance it holds for the Wurundjeri People.

The emphasis on storytelling as a means of connecting visitors to the land's past is a powerful approach. Through interpretive signage and artistic expressions, visitors can gain insight into the rich tapestry of history and culture woven into the landscape. These stories serve not only to educate but also to inspire a sense of stewardship and responsibility for the land and its ongoing care.

In essence, the Sunshine Energy Park represents a convergence of sustainability, cultural preservation, and environmental stewardship. It serves as a beacon of hope for the future, demonstrating how communities can come together to honour the past while building a brighter tomorrow for generations to come.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Brimbank City Council respectfully acknowledges and recognises the Wurundjeri and Bunurong Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of this land and waterways, and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and future.

Council also acknowledges local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents of Brimbank and their Elders for their ongoing contribution to the diverse culture of our community.

The City of Brimbank holds great significance as a historical trading and gathering hub for the Traditional Custodians. This region boasts a profound Aboriginal cultural and physical heritage.

Within the municipality, there are 427 documented sites of cultural heritage significance, as recorded in the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register, under the stewardship of Aboriginal Victoria and the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006. These places, landscapes, and objects embody the intricate and evolving way of life of Aboriginal peoples over thousands of years.

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sunshine Energy Park Vision Plan delineates the transformation of the 74-hectare site into a dynamic, future-focused urban parkland. Brimbank City Council is committed to establishing the park as a vibrant community landmark that nurtures connection to Country and supports sports, recreation, education, and environmental sustainability. Nestled within the Sunshine Priority Precinct, this vision aspires to create a destination of local, regional, and state significance, thereby enhancing liveability and fostering community cohesion.

## PRECINCTS

The Vision Plan is divided into interconnecting precincts which respond to the various needs of the community. This approach will allow for the development of the site in stages.

**"Sunshine Energy Park will be a catalyst for Sunshine's renewal, embedding a high-performing urban parkland at its core that inspires community well-being, biodiversity, and environmental innovation."**



## CORE PILLARS

Three core pillars have guided the development of the Sunshine Energy Park Vision Plan. These core pillars have been distilled from the voice of the community and policy, including Brimbank City Council's Climate Emergency Plan, Reconciliation Action Plan, Health and Well-Being Plan, Sports Development Plan, Biodiversity Strategy and Council Plan.



**CARING FOR COUNTRY**



**SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION**



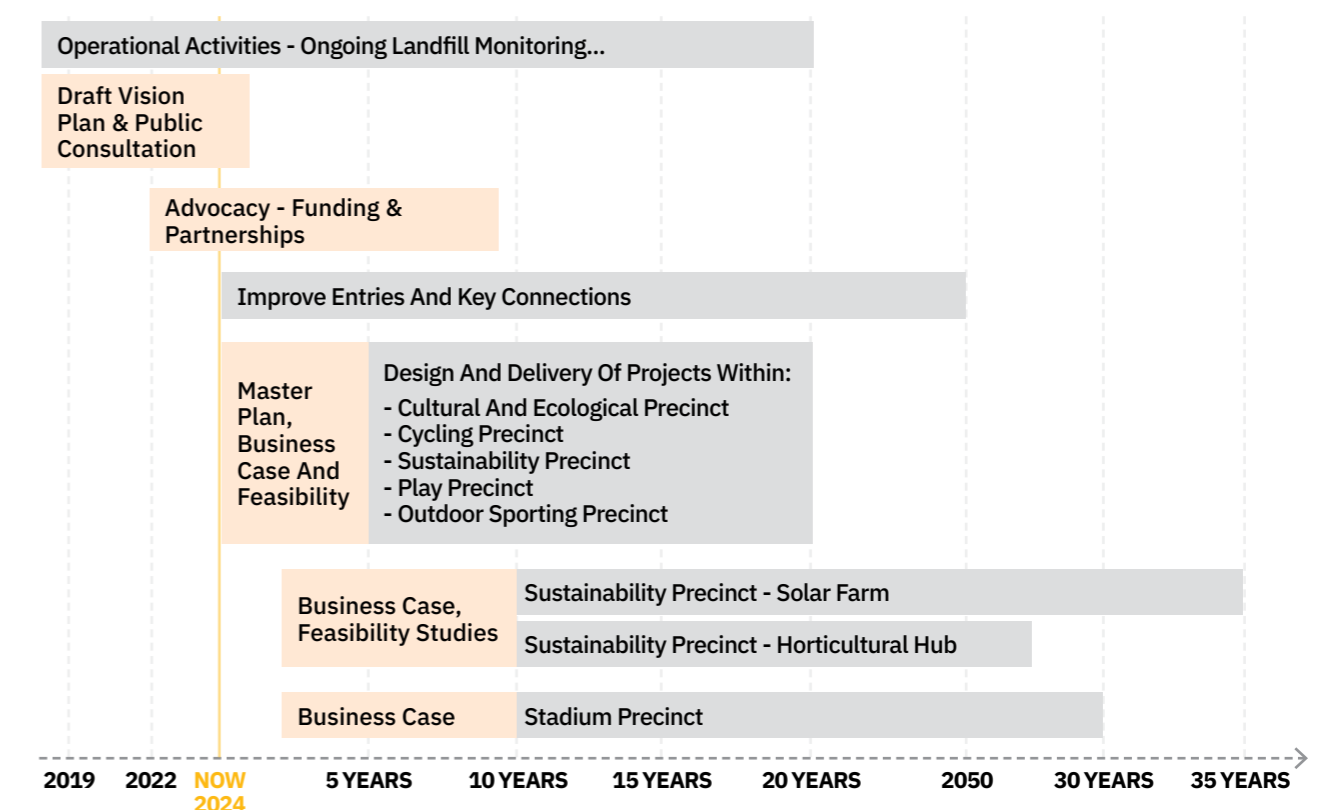
**INCLUSIVE WELLBEING**

## IMPLEMENTATION

The Vision Plan represents aspirations and possibilities for this future parkland.

Over the next 30 year each precinct will take its own path to implementation as partnerships and funding opportunities are explored. The size and ambition of this Vision requires significant collaboration between all stakeholders of this land to explore how the Vision can be realised.

## TIMELINE [SUBJECT TO FUNDING]



Relevant approvals including possible planning approvals may be required throughout the timeframe.

# INTRODUCTION

The Sunshine Energy Park Vision Plan outlines the transformation of the 74-hectare site into a vibrant, future-focused urban parkland. Brimbank City Council aims to establish the Sunshine Energy Park as an active community landmark that fosters connection to Country, supports sports, recreation, education, and environmental sustainability. Positioned within the Sunshine Priority Precinct, this vision seeks to create a key destination with local, regional, and state significance, enhancing liveability and community cohesion.

## History of the Site

Originally a volcanic plain grassland, the site held deep significance for its Traditional Custodians, the Wurundjeri People. It subsequently became a basalt quarry, contributing to Melbourne's expansion, before transitioning into a landfill site and later a gas extraction and energy production site, which gave the park its present name. This historical trajectory presents an opportunity to rehabilitate and reimagine the site as a significant open space and an ongoing environmental and cultural asset for the community.

## Sunshine Energy Park Today

Sunshine Energy Park, currently not fully accessible to the public, holds significant cultural and ecological value. Enclosed by key transport arteries and industrial areas, it is also strategically adjacent to the expanding residential districts of Brimbank. Positioned centrally between key railway stations and within the projected pathway of the Melbourne Airport Railway Line, the park is emerging as an essential asset for the community.

The park is surrounded by significant developments and community hubs. These include the Health and Wellbeing & Education Precinct, which offers a blend of medical and educational facilities, the Sunshine CBD that promises economic vibrancy, and the Sunshine Station that connects people and places with networks of green, pedestrian-focused streets.

The park's geographical position, bordered by Jones Creek to the west and Stony Creek to the east, places it within the catchment of Kororoit Creek. The future parkland's location highlights the importance of revitalising its environmental integrity ensuring it contributes to the sustainable development and ecological health of the region.

## SUNSHINE ENERGY PARK WITH WESTERN RING ROAD IN FOREGROUND, 2020



## SUNSHINE ENERGY PARK VIEW TO SUNSHINE HOSPITAL, 2024



## The Potential

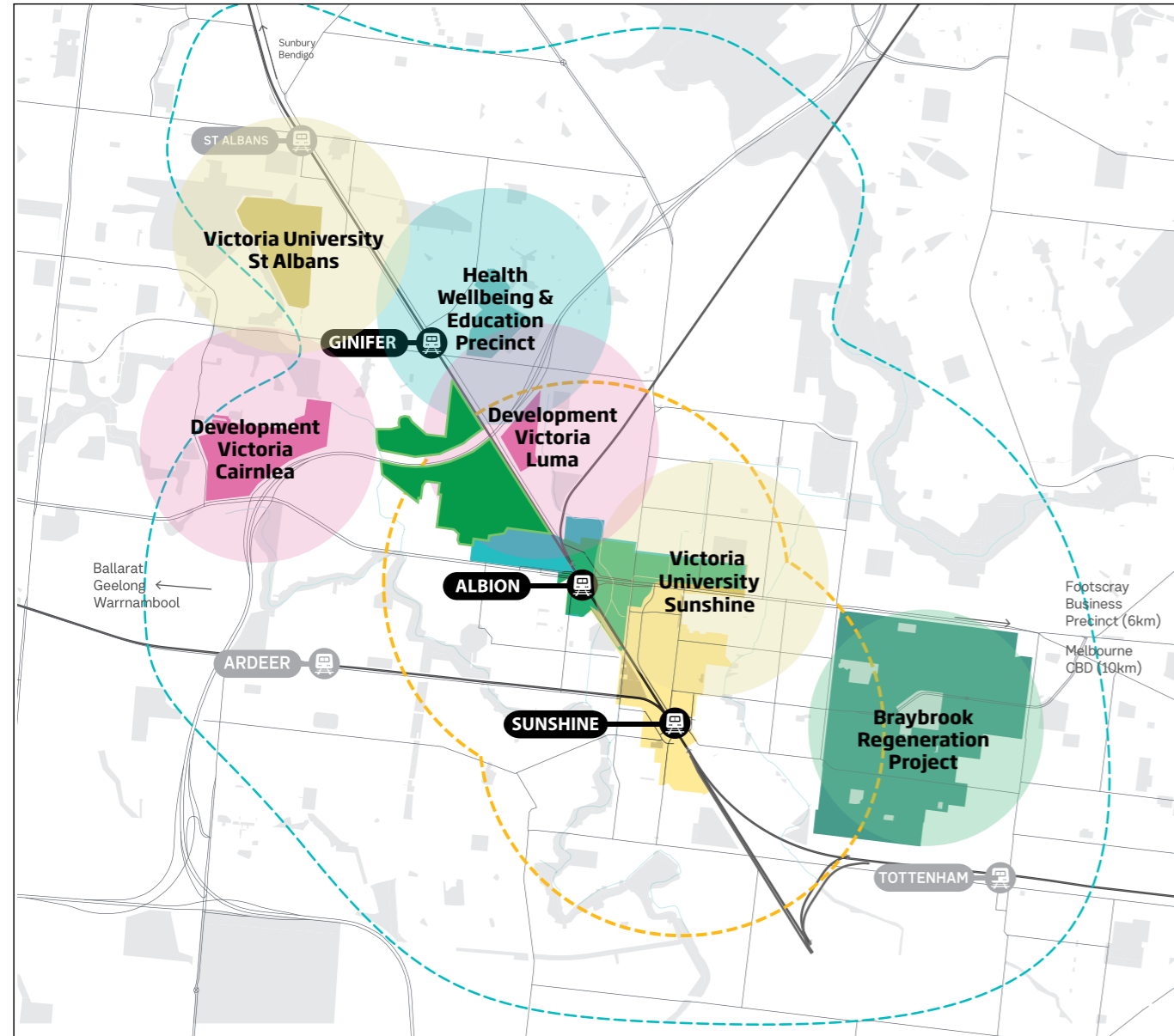
In line with Council's Sunshine Priority Precinct Vision 2050, the vision for Sunshine Energy Park leverages its strategic location and rich history to establish a parkland that addresses the needs of the community and current environmental challenges. It aims to act as a catalyst for long lasting, positive change.

To achieve this vision, the site has been divided into interconnecting precincts that foster a diverse range of activities, allowing for phased development. Each precinct underscores feasible opportunities for capital projects and provides a roadmap for future business case development, subject to Council's budget approvals. These efforts will facilitate future advocacy, attract external funding, and foster engagement with key stakeholders.

This document sets out a vision for Sunshine Energy Park that acknowledges its history, responds to its strategic location within the Sunshine Priority Precinct, restores ecology and restores its connection to the natural systems that surround it. The park's future as a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable space represents a significant opportunity to deliver wide-ranging benefits, from health and wellbeing to social, environmental, and economic outcomes, aligning with Brimbank's broader aspirations for growth and community development.

# LOCAL CONTEXT

Sunshine Energy Park will maximise the benefits from significant government investment.



Modified diagram of Department of Transport and Planning, Sunshine Precinct Opportunity Statement Document November 2021, Figure 2

## Legend

- — — Sunshine Precinct - 1600m radius of stations
- - - Indicative Sunshine NEIC (Boundary as per Draft Western Metro Region)
- Waterway
- Road network
- Open Space
- Railway
- 🚂 Railway Station
- Sunshine Metropolitan Activity Centre
- Albion Quarter Structural Plan Study Area
- Sunshine Energy Park



## SUNSHINE HEALTH WELLBEING & EDUCATION PRECINCT



The Sunshine Health, Wellbeing and Education Precinct (SHWEP) is the premier location for health facilities, wellbeing and education serving the western region. It will become a mixed-use precinct that capitalises on the hospital with a mix of health, wellbeing and education use and supporting residential development for workers.



## SUNSHINE CBD



Sunshine Central Business District will be thriving and diverse civic hub, with a network of bustling streets and public spaces framed with distinctive buildings. Increased housing, shops and services will support an active day-and-night economy, and strengthen existing cultural and community ties. The new CBD will establish Sunshine as the centre of Melbourne's west.



## SUNSHINE STATION



Sunshine Station will become an integrated part of a renewed Sunshine. It will be surrounded by and connect new homes, workplaces and shops via a network of green, pedestrian-focused streets and public spaces. As a place for residents, workers, students and tourists, the station will become a hive of activity and civic life.



## NEW COMMUNITY



Development Victoria is creating new neighbourhoods in Sunshine North and Cairnlea within walking distance of Sunshine Energy Park. The development of Sunshine Energy Park will benefit future residents in the area.



## ALBION QUARTER



The Albion Quarter provides an opportunity to support the next generation of jobs, innovation and services in Melbourne. Improving amenity, connectivity and integration with the train station will see Albion transformed into a new centre in Melbourne's west.

# VISION

Sunshine Energy Park will be a catalyst for Sunshine’s renewal, embedding a high-performing urban parkland at its core that inspires community well-being, biodiversity, and environmental innovation.

Sunshine Energy Park will become a vibrant urban parkland that demonstrates ecological resilience.

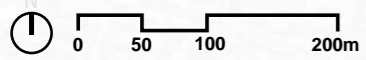
The Park will be planned around eight interconnected precincts, each with a diverse character, offering a range of activities that take full advantage of each area’s unique features. These precincts will be linked by a comprehensive network of walking and cycling paths, as well as a series of new entry points that will stitch it back into the Sunshine Precinct.

The design will prioritise inclusivity, employing gender-sensitive planning to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for everyone, celebrating all aspects of human and cultural diversity. With family-friendly amenities scattered throughout, it will address the varied interests and needs of the community.

Collaboration with the Wurundjeri Elders will guide the incorporation of Indigenous values and narratives into the park’s design. Local wildlife motifs will animate children’s play areas, and spaces for learning and signs will narrate the area’s history and the community’s aspirations for the future. Art installations and thoughtfully designed landscapes will serve as mediums for storytelling, functioning as platforms for environmental education, highlighting the commitment to ‘healing the land’ and sustainable living.



- 01. CONSERVATION AND WILDLIFE AREA
- 02. EXISTING CLUB ROOMS (NEW ENTRY FROM CARRINGTON DRIVE)
- 03. OPERATION CENTRE
- 04. ENCLOSED DOG PARK
- 05. AT GRADE CAR PARK
- 06. SUSTAINABILITY HUB
- 07. SPORT FIELDS AND PAVILION
- 08. ALL AGES AND ABILITIES PLAY
- 09. PUMP AND BMX TRACKS
- 10. MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACKS
- 11. SPORTS FIELDS (SOLAR FARM INTERIM USE)
- 12. STADIUM
- 13. LANDMARK ARTWORK
- 14. PARK ENTRY POINT (FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS)



# CORE PILLARS

The vision for Sunshine Energy Park is supported by three Core Pillars. These Pillars, in conjunction with Council Strategies, embody Council's commitment to cultural integrity, environmental resilience, community vitality, and future-focused innovation.

In particular, the Sunshine Priority Precinct Vision 2050 outlines key aspirational outcomes for what the Sunshine CBD and Sunshine Priority Precinct could look like in 2050 including Sunshine Energy Park.

According to the Sunshine Priority Precinct Vision 2050, "Sunshine Energy Park is transformed into one of the western region's premium parks."



## CARING FOR COUNTRY

Acknowledging the land's history and fostering its regeneration with a focus on ecological restoration and cultural appreciation.

- Partner with the Traditional Custodians, incorporating their perspectives to celebrate and learn from the site's Indigenous history.
- Shift the narrative around the site's past as a landfill into a tool for education and deeper understanding of environmental care.
- Monitor and manage local ecosystems to protect and increase biodiversity.



## SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION

Committing to a resilient parkland through sustainable practices, energy innovation, and circular economic principles that benefit the Brimbank community.

- Promote parkland resilience through renewable energy, innovative circular economy practices, and utility-cost reduction, exemplifying the principles of Council's Climate Emergency Plan.
- Develop community partnerships for sustainability projects and green-resource utilisation, supporting local and regional economies.
- Create educational opportunities around green living, promoting resource conservation and responsible consumption.



## INCLUSIVE WELLBEING

Creating an accessible and versatile space that supports community health, invites engagement, and offers opportunities for learning and employment.

- Provide recreational and cultural facilities that respond to Brimbank's dynamic community profile, supporting active and healthy lifestyles.
- Design around accessibility and diversity, nurturing social bonds and cultural richness, reflective of Brimbank's Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Establishing pathways for youth-focused programs and job creation, reinforcing the park's role in fostering community engagement and economic vitality.

**“We cultivated our land, but in a way different from the white man. We endeavoured to live with the land; they seemed to live off it. I was taught to preserve, never to destroy.”**

Aboriginal Elder, Tom Dystra - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Strategy 2018–2023

**“Protect existing biodiversity and increase the diversity and sustainability of fauna habitat and remnant vegetation, encouraging community awareness, engagement and acceptance of Brimbank's natural environment.”**

Brimbank Biodiversity Strategy 2012 – 2022

**“The Circular Economy is about recognising that the goods and services we use have a big environmental impact, and so we need to choose wisely, design out waste and pollution, keep products and materials in use, and regenerate natural systems.”**

Brimbank Climate Emergency Plan

**“Places and Spaces are important for wellbeing and a sustainable future. Our community strongly values neighbourhoods that are green, where they can connect with others, and access facilities and services. Together We are Brimbank provides opportunities to enhance our places and spaces for current and future generations.”**

Together We Are Brimbank Council Plan 2021–2025





# THE PRECINCTS



## 01 - CULTURAL AND ECOLOGICAL PRECINCT

Anchoring the park's commitment to Aboriginal cultural heritage and habitat, this precinct balances the preservation of indigenous grasslands with the celebration of local culture through art installations and a hilltop lookout that offers panoramic views and a space for reflection and communal gathering.

## 02 - COMMUNITY CLUB PRECINCT

This precinct serves as the social heart of the park, supporting a cluster of existing community clubs that offer spaces for shared interests and social interaction.

## 03 - SUSTAINABILITY PRECINCT

Key features include a Resource Recovery Centre, aimed at reducing waste through recycling and repurposing initiatives, and a Solar Farm that underlines the park's shift towards renewable energy sources. It's a hub for learning and innovation, demonstrating practical applications of sustainable practices.

## 04 - OUTDOOR SPORTING PRECINCT

With state-of-the-art sports fields and facilities, this precinct is positioned to become a vibrant community asset, supporting local sports groups and offering ample opportunities for community events and activities.

## 05 - PLAY PRECINCT

The Precinct includes all-abilities playgrounds, a skate park, and dog-friendly areas. It's a space that invites the community to enjoy the outdoors, engage in healthy activities, and connect with each other.

## 06 - CYCLING PRECINCT

Designed to fuel active lifestyles and sportsmanship, the Cycling Precinct features mountain bike trails and a pump track, cementing the park's role as a premier destination for outdoor sports.

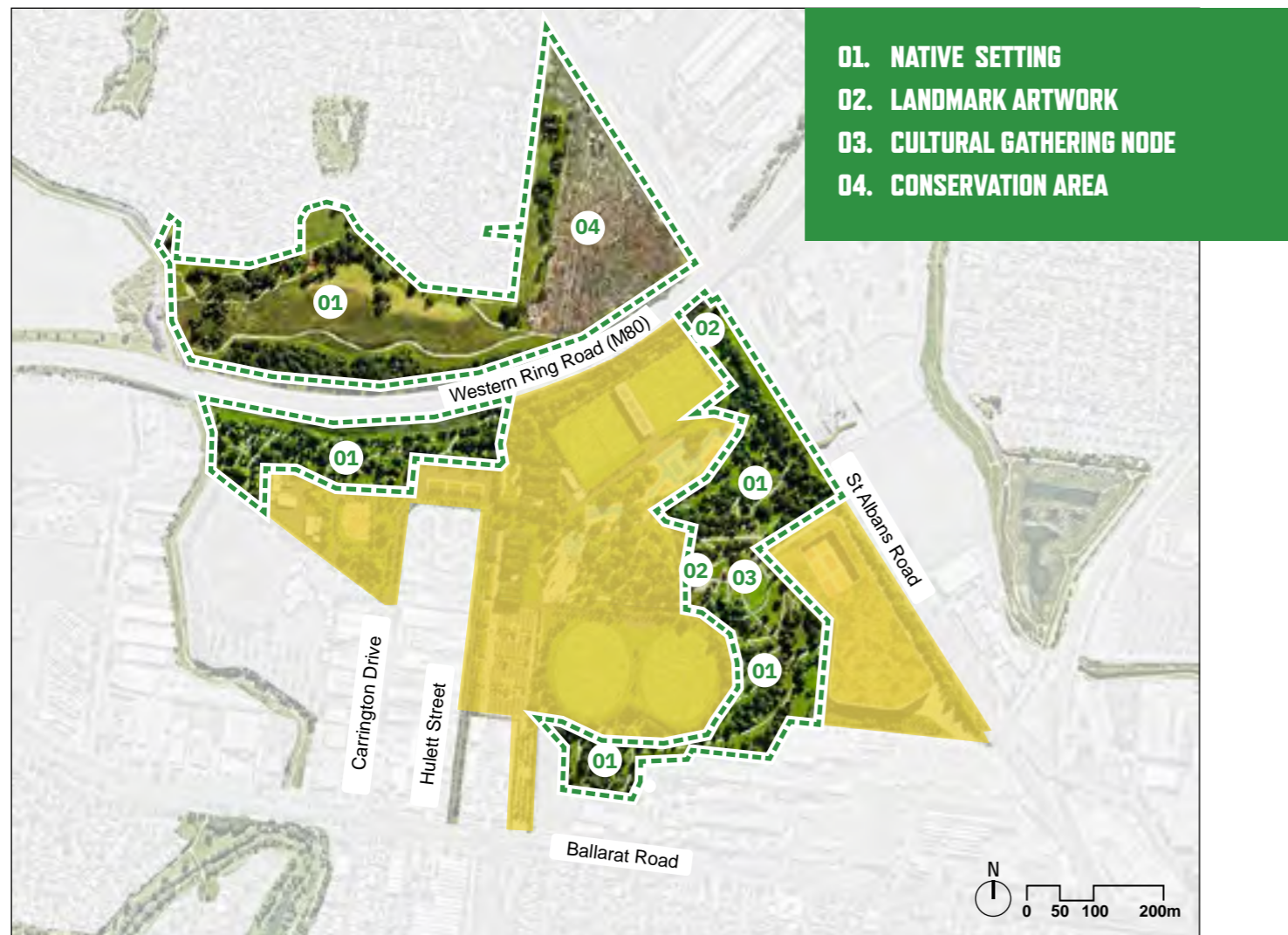
## 07 - STADIUM PRECINCT

Envisioned as a multipurpose venue, the Stadium Precinct is designed to host a range of sporting and community events, providing a modern space for gatherings and competitions that support the local and regional economies.

## 08 - WATER MANAGEMENT

Efforts in Stony, Jones, and Kororoit Creeks focus on restoring natural habitats, enhancing stormwater management, and building a strong ecosystem that supports the park's diverse flora and fauna.

# 01. CULTURAL AND ECOLOGICAL PRECINCT



- 01. NATIVE SETTING
- 02. LANDMARK ARTWORK
- 03. CULTURAL GATHERING NODE
- 04. CONSERVATION AREA

## OVERVIEW

The Cultural and Ecological Precinct include the conservation and habitat corridor connection to Jones Creek located on northern land of the West Ring Road (M80), and woodlands and grassland connecting other precincts in the park, and space for cultural gathering nodes.

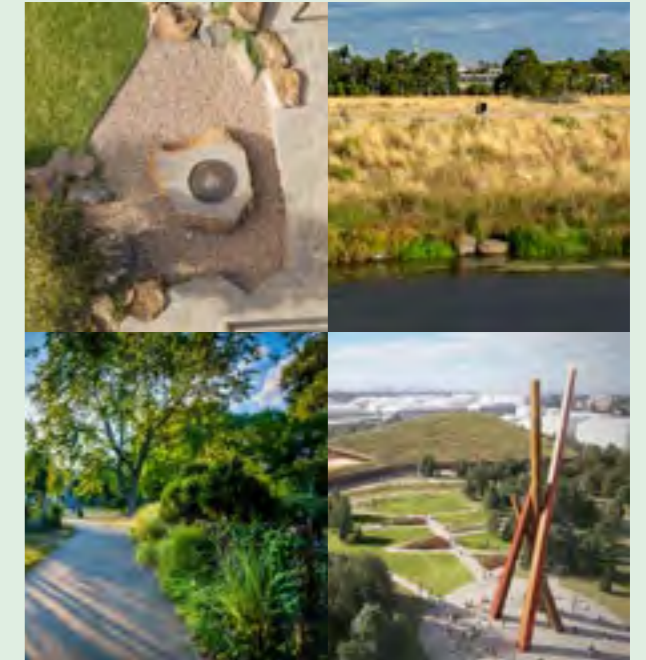
These proposed habitat restoration and natural experience areas will provide a variety of habitat to support biodiversity and connect with the Jones Creek cycling and walking trails to offer opportunities for recreation.

## DELIVERING THE VISION

The Cultural and Ecological Precinct offers the opportunity to engage with Traditional Custodians and Community Groups to tangibly deliver the Core Pillar of Caring for Country. It includes enhancing the park's connection to the local waterways, increasing biodiversity, opportunities to create artworks and to provide interpretation of the site.

## KEY PROJECTS:

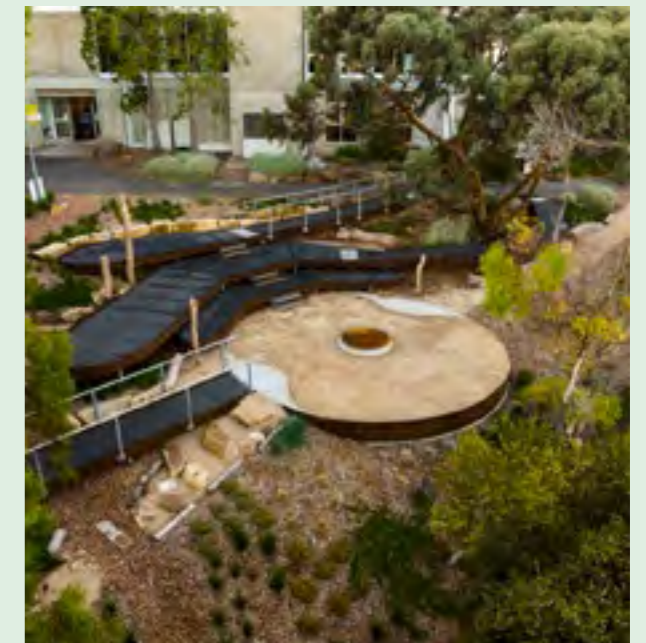
- **Native Grassland Setting:** Re-establishment of vegetation to protect and enhance existing habitat corridors and increase biodiversity
- **Hilltop Lookout:** Creation of a hilltop lookout to take advantage of the views to Melbourne and the surrounding mountain ranges, replaced by the developing Sunshine Town Centre in the foreground.
- **Cultural gathering nodes and signage:** The creation of cultural gathering nodes and signage that narrate the site's history and ecological story,
- **Landmark Artworks:** Major public artworks that stand as a prominent and identifiable symbol within the precinct.
- **Connective Trails:** A network of trails and boardwalks that facilitate exploration and connection within the park's diverse natural landscapes.



## CASE STUDY: YUNGGORENDI MANDE CULTURAL GATHERING SPACE

The Yunggorendi Mandé Cultural Gathering Space at Flinders University is a significant project that has been in planning for over 30 years. The design, crafted through extensive collaboration with the Kurna community, including Kurna Elder Uncle Lewis O'Brien, teaching staff, and students, emphasises minimal impact on the land to reinforce the healing of Country. The construction required innovative approaches due to the steep slopes of the university campus, which resulted in a native landscape setting with structural solutions that allow the natural landscape to continue undisturbed beneath the constructed areas.

The project exemplifies community and environmental stewardship, evidenced by the donation of over 200 bush food plants, enriching the cultural significance of the space. The Yunggorendi Mandé Cultural Gathering Space serves as an outdoor teaching and learning area, hosts cultural ceremonies, and provides a vital place for Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities to come together.



## 02. COMMUNITY CLUB PRECINCT



### OVERVIEW

Sunshine Energy Park will be home to a series of community clubs, supporting a variety of activities and fostering community engagement. Currently, a number of local clubs including The Deer Park Social Bicycle Club, Western Region Pigeon Club, and Melbourne Off Road Radio Car Club, have expressed their enthusiasm about being involved in shaping the vision for the future of the park.

These community-oriented clubs are keen to sustain their presence on the site, contributing both with activity and passive surveillance that enhances the overall atmosphere. To support this collaborative effort, this vision plan proposes to enhance access and interfaces along Carrington Drive. This improvement will benefit both the existing clubs within Sunshine Energy Park and other community clubs located on the western boundary of the park.

### DELIVERING THE VISION

With a focus on strengthening community bonds, this precinct underpins SEP's vision of a connected and engaged community. It provides a dedicated space for local clubs and groups, enhancing community ownership and engagement, and fostering a sense of belonging through shared activities and events.

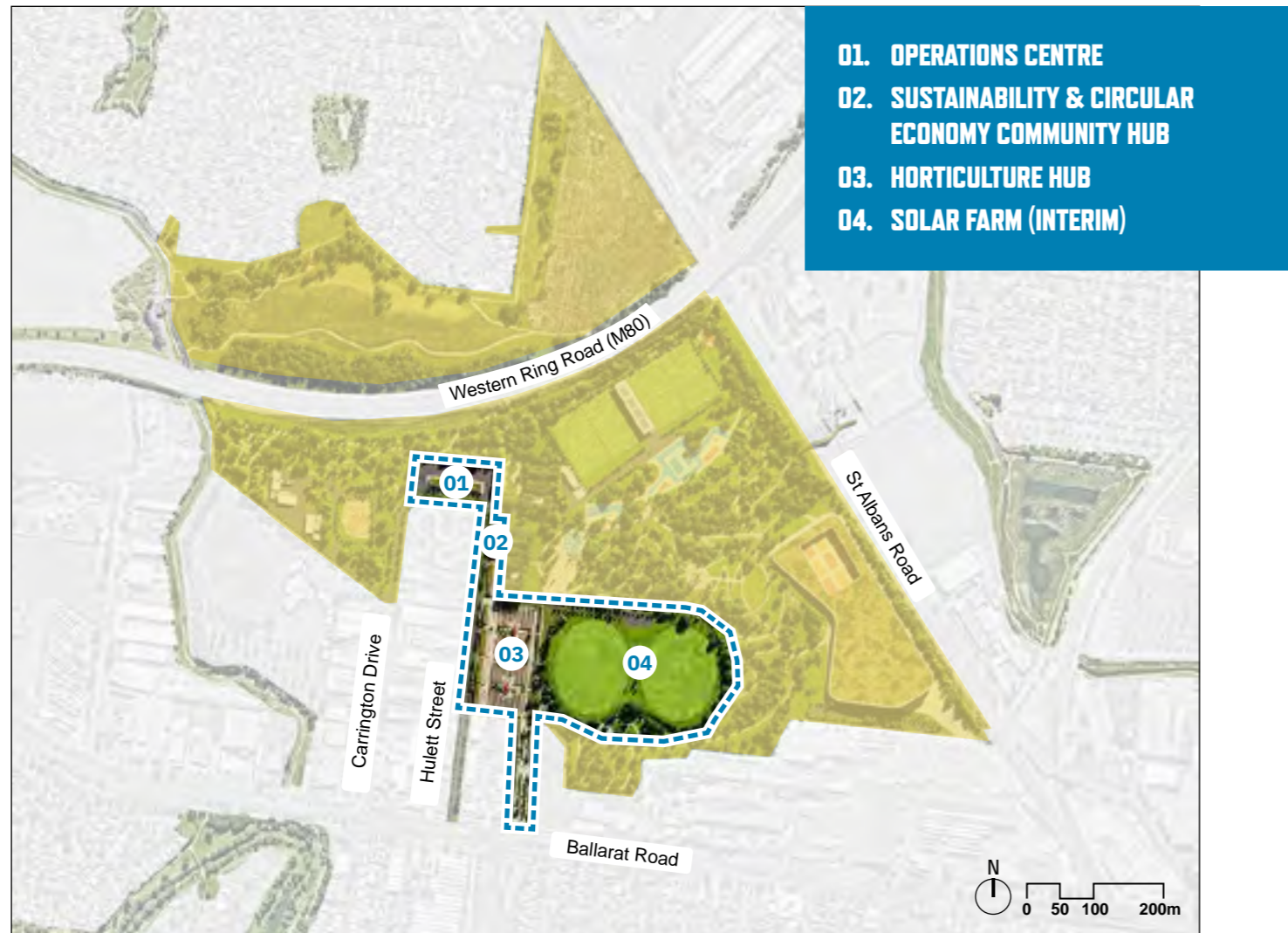


### KEY PROJECTS:

- **Carrington Drive Access:** Infrastructure upgrades to improve access and functionality, enhancing the ease of travel for club members and visitors within the precinct.
- **Layout Enhancements:** Redesign of the precinct's layout to better serve community clubs, especially those situated along the park's western boundary, fostering integration and collaboration.
- **Club Engagement:** Active involvement with local clubs to bolster their activities and ensure their ongoing participation and presence in the park.



# 03. SUSTAINABILITY PRECINCT



- 01. OPERATIONS CENTRE
- 02. SUSTAINABILITY & CIRCULAR ECONOMY COMMUNITY HUB
- 03. HORTICULTURE HUB
- 04. SOLAR FARM (INTERIM)

## OVERVIEW

The Sustainability Precinct is set to demonstrate the shift towards a circular economy by nurturing small-scale initiatives that support this sustainable transition.

This precinct is planned to evolve into an innovative sustainability hub that provides educational and communal facilities. These will serve schools, local businesses, and other groups, fostering sustainable living behaviours and facilitating the local sharing economy and reuse of resources.

## DELIVERING THE VISION

Through projects like the Resource Recovery Centre and the Solar Farm, This precinct directly advances the Sunshine Energy Park's vision by operationalising sustainability and innovation on the ground. These initiatives demonstrate a practical commitment to ecological restoration, resource conservation, and the generation of renewable energy. They serve as foundational steps in creating a sustainable environment that respects the land and offers educational opportunities for the community to engage in green practices.

## KEY PROJECTS:

- **Standford Street Operations Centre (SSOC):** Relocating the SSOC to expand its footprint and include new amenities, which is critical for enhancing operational efficiency and offering training opportunities within the park.
- **Sustainability & Circular Economy Community Hub:** An expanded centre at Sunshine Energy Park is under consideration, intended to act as a centralised recycling drop-off point for a wide range of materials. Potential features include a Repair Café and Recycled Goods Shop, aiming to foster community involvement and provide training opportunities, especially for young people, in line with council sustainability goals.
- **Horticulture Hub:** A raised beds space designed for community gardens and food-growing partnerships, aligning with the Council Plan's Health and Wellbeing Priorities to improve mental wellbeing, support healthy eating and physical activity, and promote economic and social inclusion.
- **Solar Farm:** A feasibility study and the business case for the Solar Farm is completed. The business case indicates establishing the solar farm in Sunshine Energy Park is technically feasible but not economically viable with current technologies. Exploring different business models and alternative technologies in conjunction with solar can be further investigated. Creating a smaller solar system that's expandable for onsite generation can also be considered in future study.



## CASE STUDY: CERES

CERES Community Environment Park in Melbourne is an exemplar of sustainable urban renewal, transforming a landfill site into a flourishing ecological and educational space. At its heart, the Horticulture Hub, embodies principles of environmental stewardship and community engagement. Through hands-on workshops, community gardening, and a market that supports local, organic farmers, CERES cultivates both land and societal health. It champions biodiversity, water conservation, and renewable practices, offering a living blueprint for the Sustainability Precinct.



# 04. OUTDOOR SPORTING PRECINCT



## OVERVIEW

The Outdoor Sporting Precinct at Sunshine Energy Park is set to cater to the growing demand for multi-purpose sporting fields and pavilions. It's been identified as the future home of the Regional Multi-Sports facility, which will serve the local community's increasing sporting needs. This precinct will be designed for both structured sports and casual recreational activities such as walking, jogging, picnicking, and children's play. It will provide extensive open grass areas and a network of cycling and walking trails that connect to surrounding neighbourhoods, accommodating a wide range of physical activities.

## DELIVERING THE VISION

This precinct aims to make the Sunshine Energy Park a sporting destination, driving regional sports tourism and fostering inclusivity through the provision of varied sporting facilities.

It's structured to offer equitable sports access, drawing in diverse demographics and facilitating community cohesion through active participation.

## KEY PROJECTS:

- **Multi-Purpose Sporting Fields:** To accommodate a variety of sports and meet the rising demand for participation, with a special focus on creating opportunities for female participation.
- **Regional Multi-Sports Facility:** To provide a central hub for local sports events and activities.
- **Informal Recreation Spaces:** Creation of spaces throughout the park for activities like walking, jogging, and picnicking, catering to diverse community preferences for leisure and physical activity.



## CASE STUDY: ALBERT PARK, VICTORIA

Albert Park in Melbourne stands as an exemplar of how urban parks can support community sports and recreation. It serves as a major sporting hub, housing the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre and around 20 sporting fields that support approximately 42 sporting clubs, offering activities such as AFL, baseball, cricket, frisbee, and many more. Its facilities accommodate a wide range of sports for all ages and abilities, encouraging both social and competitive play.

Additionally, Albert Park recently celebrated the opening of a shared-use sporting pavilion at Oval One, a development designed to support greater access to sports facilities for local clubs, with a special emphasis on increasing sports participation among women and girls. This pavilion includes female-friendly change rooms, community spaces, and a spectator area, highlighting inclusivity and community participation.



# 05. PLAY PRECINCT



## OVERVIEW

The Play Precinct is a dynamic area within Sunshine Energy Park designed for active leisure and community interaction. Strategically positioned to bridge multiple precincts, it offers a range of outdoor activities that encourage social interaction and physical engagement.

## DELIVERING THE VISION

By offering a diverse range of interactive and inclusive recreational spaces, this precinct directly supports community wellbeing. It's about creating environments that encourage active lifestyles, social connection, and a cohesive community fabric.



## KEY PROJECTS:

- **Inclusive Play Spaces:** Varied and interactive environments where people of all ages can engage in imaginative and physical play, complementing the park's natural landscapes.
- **Skate Park:** A dedicated zone designed for skaters of all skill levels, incorporating various elements for both street and transition style skateboarding.
- **Outdoor Courts:** Multi-use game areas marked for sports like basketball and netball, serving as a social hub for friendly competition and community-building activities.
- **Dog Park:** A secure, engaging area for dogs of all sizes to play and socialise, equipped with agility obstacles and safe enclosures, fostering a pet-friendly community space.



## CASE STUDY: SUNVALE COMMUNITY PARK

Sunvale Community Park in Sunshine is a vibrant and welcoming space for the community. It's known for its engaging play spaces that cater to all ages. These include: areas for skateboarding and scooting, as well as interactive water features, lush green spaces for relaxation or sports, shelters, and BBQ facilities. The park also incorporates artworks that reflect the local culture and stories, promoting a sense of community and participation. It's a destination for play, community events and family gatherings, and a key meeting place for Melbourne's western suburbs families.



# 06. CYCLING PRECINCT



## OVERVIEW

The Cycling Precinct at Sunshine Energy Park leverages the natural topography to create a premier destination for cycling enthusiasts while promoting inclusivity and accessibility. This precinct is designed to make the most of the park's varied landscapes, offering challenging routes for experienced riders and safer, gender-sensitive facilities that encourage participation from typically underrepresented groups, such as women in mountain biking.

## DELIVERING THE VISION

This precinct is designed to position SEP as a hub for active transport and recreation. It's a strategic move towards fostering a cycling culture that is inclusive and expansive, contributing to the park's accessibility while promoting healthy living and reducing vehicular traffic impacts.

## KEY PROJECTS:

- **Integrated Trail Network:** A network of cycling trails branching out from the Cycling Precinct to various parts of the park, ensuring seamless connectivity for cyclists.
- **Mountain Bike Trails:** Challenging trails capitalising on the park's natural terrain, aimed at attracting both local and regional mountain biking enthusiasts.
- **Pump Track and BMX Track:** Dynamic, skill-building tracks designed for various ability levels, located adjacent to Hulett Street for easy access and extending the appeal of the park to a broader audience.
- **Gender-Sensitive Facilities:** Equitably designed spaces that promote safety and comfort for everyone.



## CASE STUDY: THE HILL MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK (WADAWURRUNG COUNTRY)

The Hill Mountain Bike Park in Geelong serves as a pioneering example of an urban bike park designed to cater to riders of all abilities, setting a benchmark for such facilities across Australia. It has transformed a greenfield urban site into a multi-purpose area that offers an array of tracks suitable for varying levels of experience, from beginners to advanced riders. The park includes cross-country trails, a skills track, a pump track, and a BMX track, all aimed at safely progressing riding skills for a diverse group of users.

Additionally, Geelong City Council's approach to assessing the gender impact on mountain biking facilities highlights the importance of inclusive planning. This assessment led to the realisation that both boys and girls participate equally in mountain biking activities until around the age of 13, at which point there is a significant drop in participation among girls due to social and structural gender stereotypes.



# 07. STADIUM PRECINCT



## OVERVIEW

A key drawcard of the Sunshine Energy Park, the Stadium Precinct will accommodate both a state-significant stadium and facilities that address local and regional sporting requirements. This area is positioned to enhance the visitor economy and support the growth of professional sports teams in Melbourne's west.

## DELIVERING THE VISION

The stadium precinct is envisioned as a landmark that embodies community spirit. It leverages the park's location to enhance visitor experience and symbolises the growth and vitality of the western region.



## KEY PROJECTS:

- **State Significant Stadium:** A versatile venue capable of hosting major events, serving as a home for professional sports, concerts, conferences as well as regional and community events.
- **Indoor Sports Facilities:** Courts for high-demand sports like basketball and netball, and spaces for badminton, volleyball, table tennis, and futsal, ensuring facilities meet the community's broad sporting needs.
- **Green Infrastructure:** Innovative design incorporating green roofs and walls to support biodiversity and meld the stadium's presence into the natural landscape of the park.
- **Improved Pedestrian Connectivity:** Careful planning to create pedestrian links to Albion Station, facilitating convenient access for visitors and encouraging sustainable transport options.



## CASE STUDY: COMMBANK STADIUM, PARRAMATTA

This project was part of a larger vision for transforming Parramatta into a significant city hub, promising enhanced amenities, employment opportunities, and overall economic activity. The redevelopment was carefully considered to minimise the impact on local businesses and to provide long-term benefits to the city beyond the construction period.

The stadium is now a 30,000-seat venue with steep grandstands, designed to bring fans close to the action and host a variety of sports, entertainment, cultural, community, and business events, creating a vibrant atmosphere and contributing significantly to the local economy and community spirit.

It was the first stadium in the world to achieve LEED v4 Gold certification for sustainability by the US Green Building Council, reflecting its high performance in areas such as innovation, water savings, energy efficiency, and sustainable material use during construction. Features include the use of over 4,500 tonnes of Australian steel sourced within 18km of the stadium, over 90 percent waste diversion from landfill, and the inclusion of a 260,000-litre rainwater tank for water efficiency.





# 08. WATER MANAGEMENT PRECINCT



## OVERVIEW

Surrounded by Jones Creek, Kororoit Creek, Stony Creek, and the Upper Stony Creek Wetlands, the Sunshine Energy Park stands as a critical area for the ecological preservation of the region and water-sensitive urban design.

## DELIVERING THE VISION

Centrally positioned amongst vital waterways, the SEP is crucial for ecological regeneration. It's a proactive approach towards climate adaptation, ensuring SEP serves as a blueprint for harmonising urban development with natural water systems, crucial for sustainable urban planning.

## KEY PROJECTS:

- **Stormwater Management:** An efficient site stormwater management system can effectively shed runoff from the cap and minimise the amount rainwater percolates through to the waste mass.
- **Integrated Water Management:** Embedding the principles of integrated water management into the design of each element within Sunshine Energy Park and utilising storm-water that is harvested in the Upper Stony Creek Wetland to irrigate Sunshine Energy Park.
- **Stony Creek Transformation:** A revitalisation initiative that transforms the area into thriving wetlands, enhancing biodiversity and creating a climate-resilient ecosystem.
- **Jones Creek and Kororoit Creek Rehabilitation:** Projects aimed at restoring these crucial waterways to health, supporting local wildlife, and providing peaceful green spaces for community recreation.



## CASE STUDY: FRESHKILLS PARK, NEW YORK CITY

The Freshkills Park, once the world's largest landfill, is now a landmark project demonstrating sustainable water and resource management in an urban park setting. The transformation of Freshkills from landfill to parkland involved innovative strategies to manage and utilise water resources, aiming to restore natural habitats and support recreational areas.

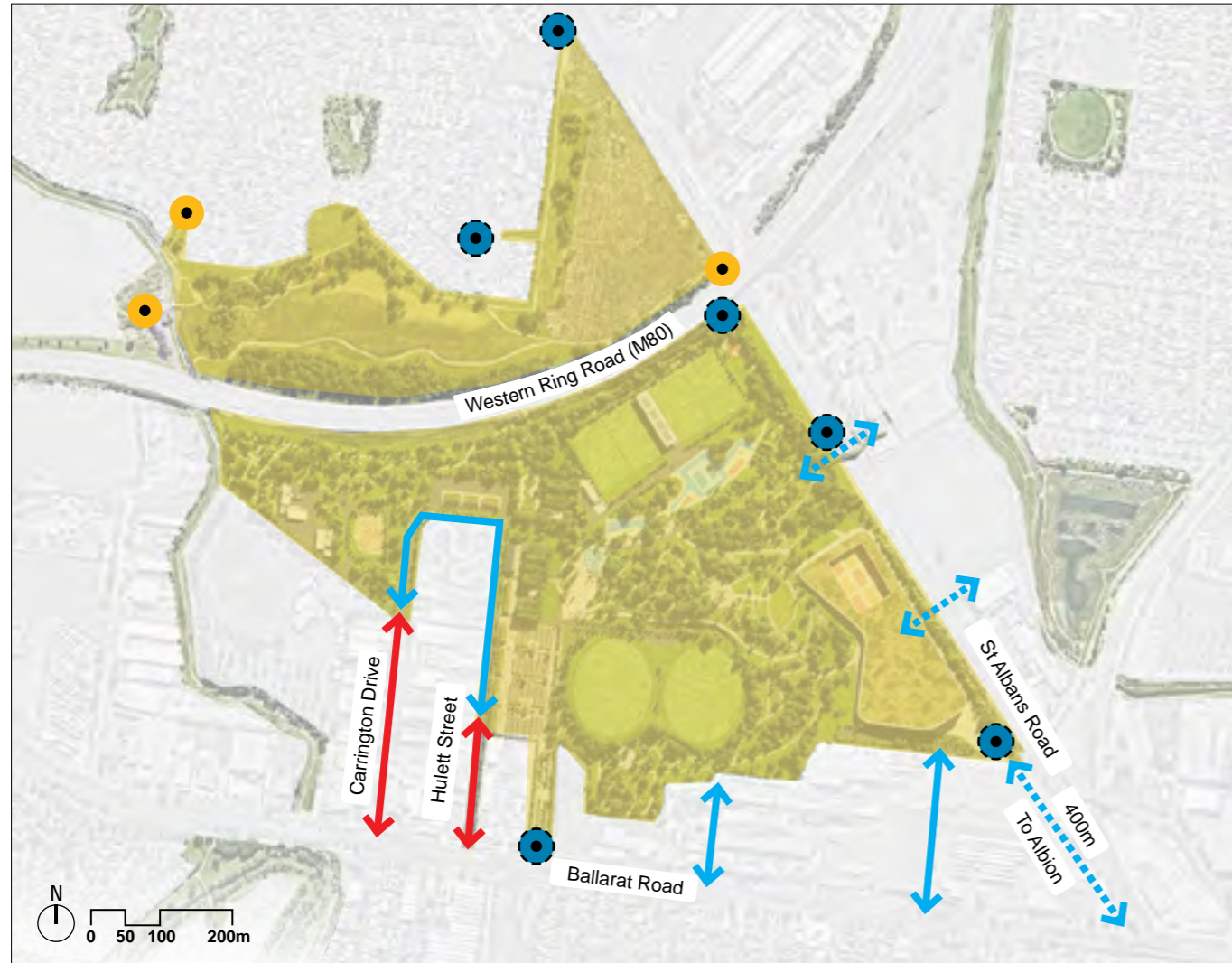
The park's design incorporates extensive stormwater management systems to control runoff and improve water quality, essential for the revitalisation of the site's creeks and wetlands. These systems not only prevent pollution from entering nearby water bodies but also create habitats for local wildlife, contributing to the park's biodiversity.

A significant part of Freshkills' water management strategy is the restoration of natural waterways, which were previously contaminated or rerouted. Rehabilitating these streams and wetlands, allowed ecological connectivity and provided new recreational opportunities for kayaking and fishing, making the site a model for urban ecological restoration.

Freshkills Park's development includes the use of native plant species in its landscaping, which requires less irrigation, thus conserving water resources.



# CONNECTING THE PRECINCTS: PATHWAYS AND GATEWAYS



## Legend

- Existing pedestrian & cycle entry points
- Potential pedestrian & cycle entry points
- ↔ Existing road connection
- ↔ Potential road connection
- ⋯↔ Potential pedestrian & cycle connection

To realise the vision for Sunshine Energy Park, integrating the park with the surrounding community through accessible entry points and safe pathways for pedestrians and cyclists is critical.

This plan identifies the opportunity of extending Hulett Street towards Carrington Drive as part of creating a welcoming gateway into the park. Hulett Street's improvement will be an exemplar of Brimbank's Creating Streets For People Policy. It will be a people focussed place which demonstrates Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles, design excellence and include extensive shade tree planting for a cooler and greener environment.



The creation of new linkages is essential to bridge existing barriers such as the railway line and St Albans Road. These connections would not only enhance access to the park but also bind it more closely with upcoming urban developments like LUMA and Cairnlea, promoting the park as a dynamic community space.

## ALBION QUARTER

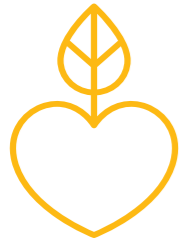
The redevelopment of Albion Station is set to play a key role as the urban gateway to Sunshine Energy Park. This crucial redevelopment aims to provide an integrated interface that uplifts both the new park and the evolving Albion Quarter. With the anticipated growth in residential and working populations, the reimagined Albion Station will become a hub of activity, significantly contributing to the park's accessibility and appeal.

The structure planning process for Albion Station and the broader Albion Quarter is advancing.

The success of this structure planning is vital for ensuring the timely delivery of a cohesive and revitalised Albion area, which will complement and enhance the park's development and its contribution to the Brimbank community's well-being.



# DELIVERING THE VISION



## CARING FOR COUNTRY



Stony, Jones, and Kororoit Creeks Rehabilitation



Stony, Jones, and Kororoit Creeks Rehabilitation



Ecological Corridor



Cultural Gathering Nodes



Landmark Artworks



Connective Trails



## INCLUSIVE WELLBEING



Community Clubs



Parklands



Inclusive Playspaces



Skate Park



Outdoor Courts



Dog Park



Multi-Sport Facilities



Informal Recreation Spaces



Mountain Bike Tracks



Pump Track



BMX Track



Indoor Sport Courts



Sporting Fields



State Significant Stadium



## SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION



Sustainability & Circular Economy Community Hub



Operations Centre



Horticulture Hub



Solar Farm



Improved Pedestrian Connectivity



Green Infrastructure



# IMPLEMENTATION

## SHARED OBJECTIVES AND JOINT OPPORTUNITY

The Sunshine Energy Park Vision is informed by Council's strategies and policies, which recognise the park as a culturally significant place and a major environmental asset. The Vision also acknowledges its obligations to meet the objectives set out in Victorian Government legislation and policies.

### State Strategies and Initiatives

Victorian Government strategies, initiatives and frameworks related to Sunshine Energy Park and surrounding area include:

- Climate Change Act 2017
- Melbourne Water's Healthy Waterways Strategy 2018
- Gender Equality Act 2020
- Victorian Infrastructure Plan 2021
- DEECA'S environmental policy statement (2019)
- Sport and Recreation Victoria's Active Victoria 2022-2026
- Environment Protection Authority Victoria Strategic Plan 2022-27
- Victorian Wildlife Rehabilitation Guidelines
- Priority Precincts and National Employment and Innovation Cluster (NEICs) - Sunshine
- Sport and Recreation Victoria's Change Our Game, increase leadership and participation by women and girls.

### Council Policies

Council-adopted strategies and policies provide clear direction and aspiration for Brimbank City Council to address critical challenges both now and in the future.

Council's policy context is a key driver for the development of Sunshine Energy Park, and the Vision must consider and respond to the planned direction of services and infrastructure, community services, and advocacy.

- Together We are Brimbank Plan 2021
- Reconciliation Action Plan
- Climate Emergency Plan
- Sunshine Priority Precinct Vision 2050
- Sport Facility Development Plan 2023
- Indoor Sports Facilities Feasibility Study 2020
- Natural Heritage Strategy 1997
- Biodiversity Strategy 2012-22

- Habitat Connectivity Plan 2018-23
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Strategy 2018-23
- Industrial Land Strategy 2018-2030
- Creating Better Parks 2016
- Cycling and Walking Strategy 2016
- Activity Centre Strategy 2018
- Sunshine Town Centre Structure Plan 2014
- Urban Forest Strategy 2016-2046
- Economic Development Strategy
- Community Services and Infrastructure Plan 2018-2038
- Creating Streets For People (2022)
- Brimbank Planning Scheme
- Council Strategies and Policies
- Together We are Brimbank Plan 2021
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## ADVOCACY AND DELIVERY

The Sunshine Energy Park Vision Plan represents the aspirations and possibilities for this new community space.

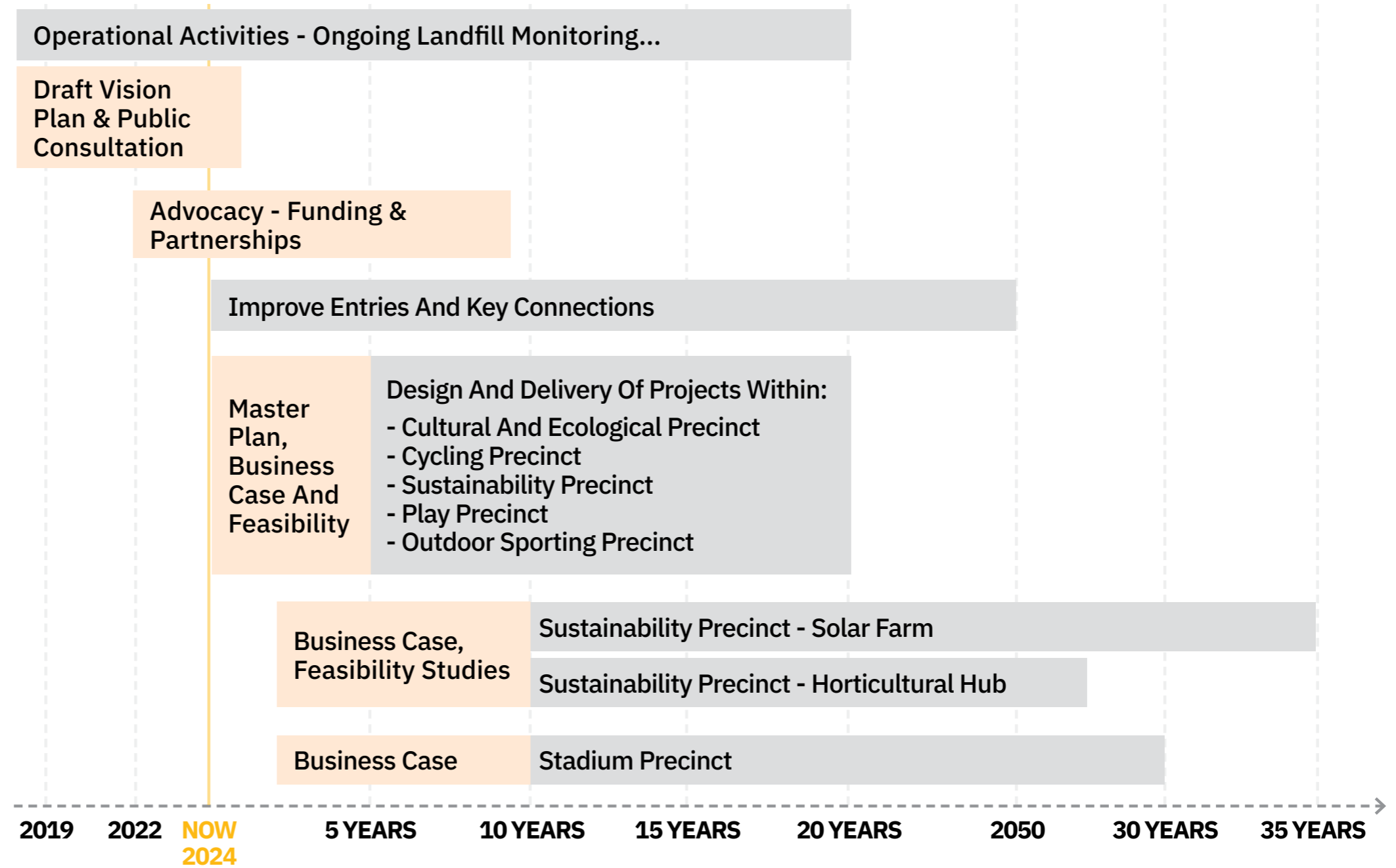
The size and ambition of this space is unique and cannot be delivered in a traditional manner. Significant work is required between Council, potential partners and the community to explore how the vision can be realised.

It is expected that over the next 30 years, each opportunity will take its own path to implementation as partnerships and funding opportunities are explored.

As private investment in housing, commercial development and associated services continue to grow across Sunshine and Albion, developer contributions will play a critical role in funding the development of Sunshine Energy Park.

Council will undertake further work to develop business cases and advocacy approaches (subject to Council annual budgets) for each zone to support external funding opportunities and partnerships with State and Federal Governments. Business cases for each zone will further explore feasibility, planning requirements and detailed costings.

## PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TIMELINE [SUBJECT TO FUNDING]



Relevant approvals including possible planning approvals may be required throughout the timeframe.

# THE PARK AND ITS CONTEXT

## SITE HISTORY

### Wurundjeri Land

In pre-colonial times, the site was an open grassland of the Victorian volcanic basalt plains, home to the Wurundjeri and Bunurong peoples. For the Traditional Custodians, the lands in the City of Brimbank have always been significant trading and meeting places.

### Extraction

In the early 1900s, the site was the Albion Basalt Quarry. Basalt quarried here contributed to the construction and growth of Melbourne and the surrounding areas.

### Landfill

From the late 1960s to the late 1980s, the site operated as two separate stages of domestic garbage and industrial/construction waste landfill. The two landfills comprised a number of exhausted quarry pits with the deepest area thought to be approximately 28 metres below the original landfill cap level, which was installed relatively flat. This combined landfills area is known today as the Closed Sunshine Landfills and includes Sunshine Energy Park.

### Remediation and ongoing monitoring

In pre-colonial times, the site was an open grassland of the The Closed Sunshine Landfills, which include the site of Sunshine Energy Park and Carrington Drive Reserve, had ceased accepting waste by 1990, with landfill capping occurring progressively during operation and to a final land-form after closure.

Landfill gas extraction and power generation infrastructure was established at Sunshine Energy Park following the closure of the landfill operation. A landfill gas power station commenced operation in 1992, with electricity exported to the State network. Gas generation rates were later found to be significantly lower than forecast, and power generation became financially unviable.

In 2002, the generators were converted to run on natural gas and used to target peak payment periods while the site flare continued to manage landfill gas emissions. Power generation ceased altogether in 2009, and the generators were removed.

Since 2010, Council has coordinated with the EPA and initiated numerous environmental and health investigations. In 2013, an environmental audit was completed for the closed Sunshine Landfills, which led to the preparation of aftercare management plans implemented by Council.

Council commissioned civil works in 2012 to import soil to the closed landfill to create a water-shedding profile and improve drainage. This work has shaped the existing landscape and surface levels at the site today. Aftercare for the Closed Sunshine Landfills will continue into the future, involving environment monitoring and control of residual landfill gas.





**WURUNDJERI LAND**  
**-60,000**



**BASALT QUARRY**  
**OPENED**  
**EARLY 1900'S**



**LANDFILL**  
**LATE-1960'S-1990**

**CLOSURE OF**  
**LANDFILL AND**  
**CAPPING WORKS**  
**1990**

**ADDITIONAL CIVIL**  
**WORKS**  
**2012**

**FUTURE USE**  
**FEASIBILITY**  
**ASSESSMENT (GHD)**  
**2019**

Feasibility and future use possibilities outlined within technical assessment report. The site identified as potential option for regional sports and indoor sports facilities and in Transforming Brimbank 2050 priorities.

**VISION PLAN**  
**2024**

**VISION PLAN REVIEW**  
**(GHD)**  
**2024**



## FUTURE USE ASSESSMENT

In 2019, Brimbank City Council engaged GHD Pty Ltd (GHD) to undertake a preliminary study of future use options for Sunshine Energy Park. The purpose of the high-level study was to inform future use planning and assessed environmental, geotechnical, statutory planning and urban development/strategic planning constraints, opportunities and requirements associated with three broad potential future uses for the site. The broad future uses were:

Low impact use – solar park or open recreational parkland with no buildings or underground confined spaces

Medium impact use – formal sports fields/sports facilities with limited enclosed structures or underground confined spaces, such as clubrooms and a small grandstand

High impact use – extensive built form with extensive enclosed structures or deep underground confined spaces, such as enclosed sports stadium, mixed use industrial, commercial or residential properties

In 2022 to 2024, the Council developed a draft Vision Plan for Sunshine Energy Park which documents the planned transformations to the site involving the creation of a 74-hectare urban parkland. The Vision Plan was prepared with consideration of the guidance provided in the Draft Technical Assessment Report. Vision Plan Review is undertaken by GHD.

## PLANNING CONTROLS

The site is zoned Public Park and Recreation (PPRZ) which recognises the area is for public recreation and open space.

An Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO) applies to land that formed part of and/or adjoins the closed Sunshine Landfills, which include Sunshine Energy Park and Carrington Drive Reserve. The EAO provides appropriate notice to landowners that the land may be potentially contaminated as a result of those past activities and subsequent site remediation and require an environmental audit to be completed prior to the commencement of any new sensitive use (playgrounds, residential, child care centre, pre-school centre or primary school) or buildings and works associated with a sensitive use. The outcomes of an environmental audit will inform any building design and management controls necessary to protect human health and may restrict future development of properties within the overlay. The cost and time to undertake an environmental audit and potential remediation of land may impact the viability and types of future use and development.

The planning scheme also applies other considerations for use and development. This includes the need to consider threshold distances for certain types of uses which may have an amenity impact to the surrounding area.

## FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTION

Feasibility and detailed design will be required for development of the site, including foundation design, gas barrier and ventilation infrastructure as necessary.

Buildings will be located on landfill-free areas where possible. High impact uses of the landfill area would likely commence once the site has stabilised. Landfill areas subject to settlement can be developed for low impact and open space uses with minimal constraint.

Cut and fill for sporting fields in clean fill soil is possible, and likely, but stormwater will need to be managed to prevent ponding. Where large flat areas are required for ovals and other community infrastructure additional clean fill would need to be imported to the site. The integrity of the landfill cap will need to be maintained.



## FUTURE GOODS RAIL LINE

The Western Goods Line (WIFT) proposal is currently in development by the State Government and includes exploring an option of the future rail line extending through the Sunshine Energy Park site.

This proposal is under consideration by the State Government with no decision currently being made on further assessment of the option.

## EXISTING SITE ELEMENTS

### Transmission lines

There are a large High Voltage power lines running North West through the western edge of the site. These are expected to stay in place and the functions below these will be in line with the relevant requirements including no permanent buildings or structures and no tree plantings. Other smaller low voltage power lines will be investigated for being relocated underground as part of the development of the site.

### Clubrooms

There are a number of clubs who currently have their clubrooms within Sunshine Energy Park. These clubs bring activity and passive surveillance to the site and these will be encouraged to continue their presence on the site. Alternative locations may be sought for their clubrooms to gain better access and interfaces with the park. The remainder of the park is largely underutilised.

### Gas management system

A gas extraction system is being investigated to manage residual landfill gas. Infrastructure will be fenced and made safe. A temporary gas flare is currently in operation. There are also monitoring wells on the site that monitor the settlement of the landfill which will be used in the planning and design of aspects of the site development.

### Rock lined swales

There are large rock lined swales around the landfill cap which direct stormwater away from the site to ensure water does not infiltrate into the waste and generate leachate which can impact groundwater.

### Tree plantings

There are tree plantings around the edges of Sunshine Energy Park which establish an urban forest for greening, cooling and habitat.

### Building previously used for Energy Production

There is a large building on the site that was built in the early 1990s as a power station for the generation of electricity from landfill gas. The building is currently vacant despite having several tenants over the past 15 years. This site is being investigated as being a potential site for a resource recovery centre.

## THE PARK AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

Sunshine Energy Park is located in the middle of a number of key biodiversity corridors. Its regeneration has the potential to establish the site as a key habitat node within the greater ecological network of Brimbank and the Western Region. It lies in between two waterways, Jones Creek to the west and Stony Creek to the east which represents a great opportunity for water harvesting treatment and greater community connection to these natural systems.

### LOCAL CONTEXT MAP



### LEGEND

#### ENVIRONMENT

- Watercourses
- Parks & Gardens
- Existing Vegetations
- EVC Plains Grassland
- Railway Corridor

#### LAND

- Industry
- Activity
- Commercial
- Sports Reserve
- Public Use
- Service Reserve
- Residential

#### ACCESSIBILITY AND MOVEMENT

- Existing Entry Points
- Walking & Cycling Path
- Main Roads





# INDIGENOUS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

The Wurundjeri and Bunurong people are the custodians of the land in the Port Phillip Bay region, including parts of our current City of Brimbank, for over 65,000 years before European settlement.

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council determined the northern part of Brimbank as Wurundjeri Land and the southern part as Bunurong Land.

The north of Brimbank lies within the area occupied by the Kurung-Jang-Balluk and Marin-Balluk clans of the Wurundjeri people also known as the Woivurrung language group, who form part of the larger Kulin Nation. Other groups who occupied the land in the area include the Yalukit-Willam and Marpeang-Bulluk clans.



## RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

Brimbank City Council adopted its Reconciliation Statement of Commitment in April 2012 which laid the foundation for the first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) (2013-2017). Both the Statement of Commitment and the RAP have contributed to our reconciliation journey.

The Innovative Reconciliation Action Plan 2019-2021 is Council's second RAP. It outlines priority actions around key three themes and strategic directions are:

### Relationships

Building and maintaining strong, meaningful and respectful relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and network groups.

### Respect

Demonstrating respect to the people and the culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander as commitment towards reconciliation.

### Opportunities

Working in partnership with other relevant stakeholders to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have equal access to local opportunities.

The Council has an important role in the identification and preservation of Aboriginal cultural heritage through our planning mechanisms and in the ongoing management of our significant cultural heritage sites.

## ENGAGE MEANINGFULLY

Council has been involving Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation and The Brimbank Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee (BATSICC) in the preparation of vision and design process for Sunshine Energy Park (SEP) since 2021.

The stories and cultural values in the Sunshine Energy Park, and the feedback on the Draft Vision Plan, were sought via the conversations and involvement through different communication methods:

### MEETING ON COUNTRY



- Wurundjeri & Brimbank City Council regular meetings
- SEP project information meetings
- Ongoing engagement

### ONLINE MEETINGS



- with Wurundjeri
- with BATSICC
- Continue meeting on Country

PICTURED: FIVE ELEMENTS



## WHAT WE HEARD

### Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation

- Continue to work together on the project and meet On Country when possible
- Activate site with events
- Interpretative signage about the site's history
- Space to lie on grass and look at sky
- Protect and encourage local fauna
- Artworks around the site by Aboriginal artists
- Reference to animals through art and play equipment

### Brimbank Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee

- Priority is to meet with the Wurundjeri
- Space for bush tucker and other community planting opportunities
- Consider importance of connection to water and waterways
- Provide culturally safe gathering spaces, fire pits and spaces for ceremonies
- Consider artworks and re-naming – to be led by Wurundjeri
- Create a bush in the city for opportunity to be On Country in an urban area
- Many opportunities for interpretation and education

# COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS

## Yoursay Brimbank And Key Stakeholders Workshops

In December 2022, Council endorsed for consultation a Draft Vision Plan for Sunshine Energy Park (SEP). It is a long-term Draft Vision that, once approved, will require partnerships and investment from government, business and community to bring this to life over the next 30 years.

A comprehensive stakeholder engagement program ran from 21 June to 31 August 2023 alongside broad community engagement.

The engagement program sought feedback on the Draft Vision Plan and to identify ideas and potential opportunities from the following:

- Properties (landowners and tenants) adjacent to SEP and the Albion Quarter Precinct
- Properties (landowners and tenants) adjacent to SEP only
- Stakeholders, both local and outside the City of Brimbank with a potential interest in SEP
- Advisors - organisations and government with experience of similar projects or related expertise
- Government departments and agencies
- Elected government officials
- Brimbank Youth Council
- General community



A range of methods were used to promote the consultation:

	Social media posts
	YourSay Brimbank
	One on one meeting
	Direct emails and phone calls to stakeholders
	Face to face workshops
	Flyer mail drop to over 500 owner/occupiers within or adjacent to the Sunshine Energy Park

# WHAT WE HEARD

Key Stakeholders strongly support for elements that address:

- Walking, cycling, and public transport connections
- Environment sustainability
- Community gathering and social cohesion
- Health and wellbeing
- Supporting sports in Brimbank
- SEP as a destination
- Potential partnerships

Most common topics from community:

- More balance between sporting and passive recreation
- Opportunity for a dog park
- Ensure adequate car parking for facilities
- Opportunities to locate solar on roof of buildings not take up open space
- Provide more passive open space
- Need active transport connections into the park

EXCITING STRATEGIC  
COMPREHENSIVE INNOVATION  
WELL PLANNED  
**TRANSFORMATIVE**  
CLEVER IMPRESSIVE FANTASTIC  
BRILLIANT IDEA REMARKABLE  
POSITIVE

**74%**

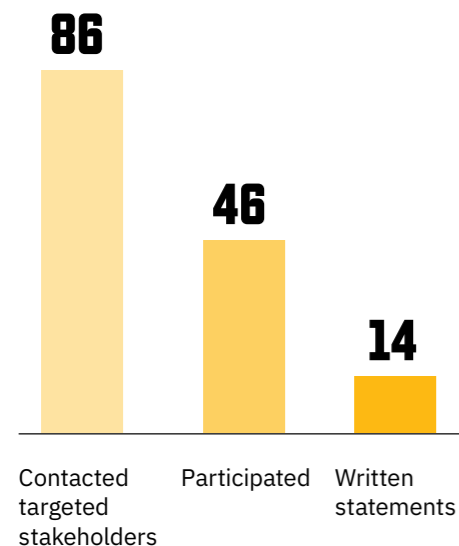
The draft Vision Plan will meet the needs and aspirations of the community.

**“It's truly exciting. Great multi-purposing of the site. Great inclusivity. Great vision. Bring it on - can't happen soon enough. Thanks to everyone involved with this ambitious plan. It will really give the Sunshine area a great public open space, which everyone will be able to access, use and enjoy.”**

**“The Energy Park appears to be a fantastic opportunity for more green space in the West! The variety of precincts within the Park and the new indoor space will be much appreciated by local residents.”**

**“It is an ambitious and yet achievable plan which will benefit the local community and generations to come." It will provide job opportunities for all ages and will become a destination”**

## Key Stakeholders Participation



## Formal written statements from:





# NEXT STEPS

Achieving the successful completion of Sunshine Energy Park depends on collaborative efforts and securing investments from relevant partners.

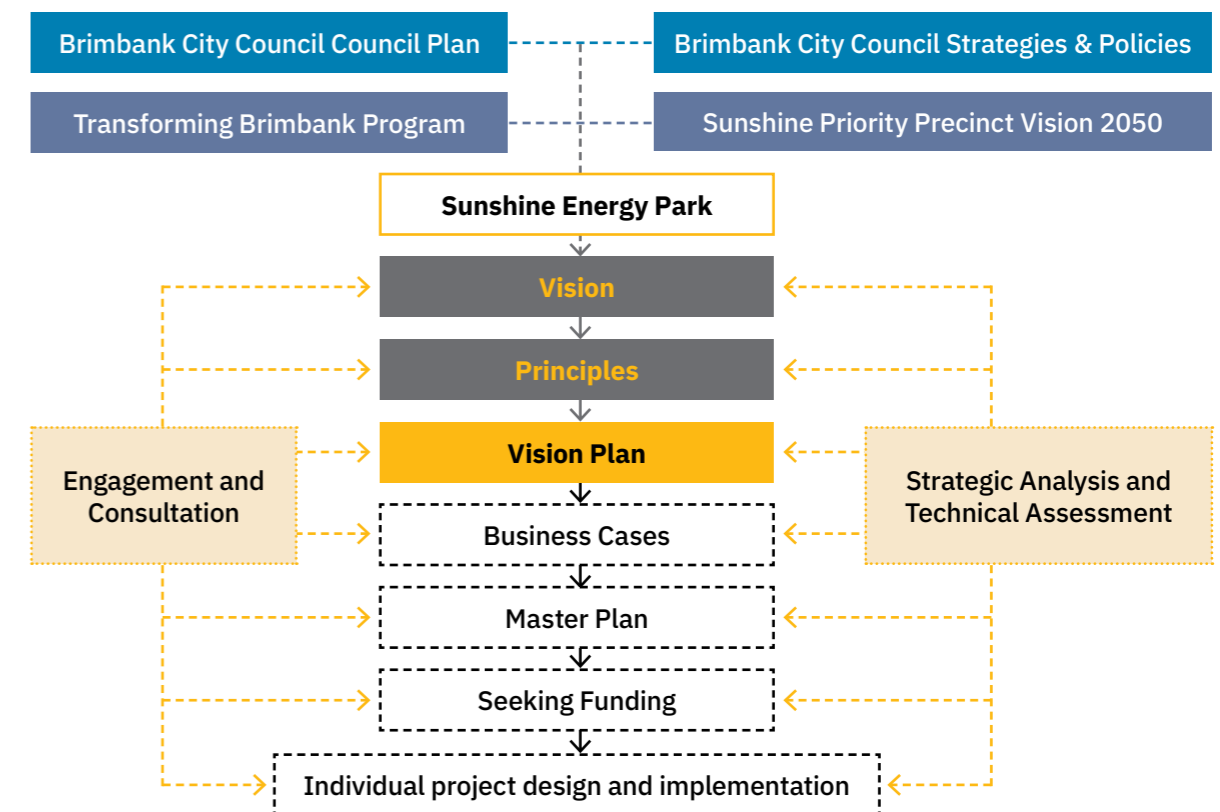
It will be critical to orchestrate the efforts of various landowners and administrators. Brimbank City Council will engage with government bodies, the private sector, and community members across a broad spectrum of strategic projects. Such collaboration will ensure the design and development of Sunshine Energy Park align with surrounding infrastructure and areas, leading to unified and forward-thinking benefits for the city. Additionally, the aim will be to secure support for ongoing research, dialogue, and involvement. This approach will facilitate the identification of new opportunities and challenges as the initiative progresses.

The Vision Plan acts as a crucial instrument for cooperation, outlining both high-level goals and actionable steps. It has enabled interactions with government bodies and interested parties and will continue to foster these relationships as it advances through subsequent planning and design phases.

Feedback and input collected will be scrutinised to determine and align with key priorities and opportunities. A Partnership and Funding Strategy, integrating feedback from stakeholders, will be developed and ratified in collaboration with partnering entities. This strategy will include commitments for funding and serve as an essential component of Sunshine Energy Park's business cases. This document will detail the methods by which Brimbank City Council plans to jointly realise the ambitions of Sunshine Energy Park over the next 20-50 years.

Brimbank City Council and Partners:

- Traditional Custodians
- The Victorian Government
- State Government agencies including:
  - Development Victoria
  - Parks Victoria
  - Melbourne Water
  - VicTrack
- Representative body of affiliated sport clubs
- Community Groups
- Property owners



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