

DEANS MARSH COMMUNITY HUB

FACILITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Project Steering Group has been continuing to work on the Deans Marsh Community Hub Facility Development Plan and are excited to be entering the next phase of community engagement.

This phase of the project includes the preparation and presentation of two draft concept designs and options. We would now like to test these designs with the community and receive feedback on the space, features and functionality of each option to help inform a final concept design.

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

The purpose of the project is to prepare a Community Hub Facility Development Plan to guide the future development and improvement of the Deans Marsh Community Hall and Cottage (including the childcare space), located within the Deans Marsh Memorial Reserve.

The project includes the development of a detailed concept design and associated costings of a multi-purpose community hub that meets the current and future needs of the Deans Marsh community and that also reflects the unique character and local significance of the existing site.

While we know that these facilities are very much loved by the community, they are now structurally at the end of their useful life and we have an opportunity to reimagine the facility for the Deans Marsh community.

Since the start of the year the project team has been working hard to understand the issues, challenges, needs and opportunities associated with a thriving community hub for the Deans Marsh community.

To view the full journey of the project and all reports provided so far, visit - <https://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/DMhub>

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR?

PHASE 1 – Project Establishment

The project was established in response to investigations that identified signs of significant structural issues associated with the building and drainage challenges associated with the site. A detailed structural assessment identified that extensive building works will be required before any new or upgrade works can take place in the existing facility. Project governance was also established in this initial phase.

PHASE 2 – Situation Analysis: Issues and Opportunities

An Issues and Opportunities report has been developed based on community consultation and extensive investigations of existing building condition audits, regulatory context and specialist consultant input.

A variety of engagement tools were utilised to help understand the needs of the Deans Marsh community in terms of a space to gather and connect with one another, and to take part in a diversity of activities. A facilities schedule has been prepared based on this feedback.

The Project Steering Group has continued to meet each fortnight to provide valuable insight into the project.

Community feedback formed the basis for the two draft concept designs that will now be presented to the community.

The Issues and Opportunities report can be found on our website - <https://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/DMhub>

PROJECT PHASES

The project is designed to be completed in five key phases with stakeholder consultation running throughout the entire process.

WE ARE HERE

PHASE 1 – Project Establishment

PHASE 2 – Issues, Opportunities and Options Paper

PHASE 3 – Concept Design and Cost Plan Development

PHASE 4 – Draft Facility Development Plan

PHASE 5 – Final Facility Development Plan and Summary Document

WHAT'S NEXT?

PHASE 3 – Concept Design and Cost Plan Development

Based on the findings of phase 1 and 2, two different concept design options for the Deans Marsh Community Hub have been prepared and are ready to be presented to the community for review and feedback.

The designs include the components and spaces that allow for the needs, services and functions identified as being important to and for the community.

We want to test these designs with the community and receive feedback on the space, features and functionality of each option to help inform a final concept design.

Community engagement will be launched with an open community session presenting the features of each design and will remain open for the following four weeks. Feedback can be provided during this period via our website, in writing or through our wonderful Project Steering Group.

Following community engagement, feedback will be collated and this will inform the development of the preferred design option through detailed concept design and development of a cost plan. Once this is prepared we can start to explore a funding and implementation strategy.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

All community members are invited to join us for the presentation of the draft concept design components and options for the Deans Marsh Community Hub.

Community Presentation- All Welcome!

When: Sunday 6 November, 4 - 5pm.

Where: Deans Marsh Hall, 10 Pennyroyal Valley Road, Deans Marsh

Purpose:

- Provide an update on the progress of the Deans Marsh Community Hub Facility Development Plan.
- Present the draft concept design components and options.
- Launch community consultation and seek community feedback about the features and functionality of the two presented designs.
- Provide an opportunity for the community to ask the project team and architects further questions.

A four-week engagement period will follow this community presentation enabling the community to provide feedback about the draft concept design components, space, functionality and options.

Have a question or looking for further information? Visit our website - <https://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/DMhub>

UPDATED PROJECT PROCESS + TIMELINE

