

MEDIA RELEASE

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Council receives \$30 million in Thriving Suburbs funding for key projects

Melton City Council has welcomed \$30 million in funding under the Australian Government's Thriving Suburbs Program for two key community infrastructure projects.

Both the new Cobblebank Community Services Hub, and Plumpton Aquatic and Leisure Centre will receive \$15 million each to go towards their delivery.

The Cobblebank Community Services Hub will feature a fit-for-purpose six-level community and health services hub, accommodating education, employment, family violence prevention, health, rehabilitation and refugee provider services. Construction will begin in 2025 with the opening of the new hub planned for late 2026. The project will be delivered by Council with support from all three levels of government. Cobblebank Community Services Hub has previously received \$4 million in funding from the Victorian Government.

The Plumpton Aquatic and Leisure Centre, located in Fraser Rise, will include a two-storey aquatic and leisure centre with aquatic, health and fitness, function, social space and car parking facilities to cater to rising local community demand for health and wellness options. Construction is expected to commence in late 2025, with the Centre scheduled to open in 2028.

The Thriving Suburbs Program provides support to deliver investment in community infrastructure projects. This round of funding provided \$305 million in funding nationally, including \$129 million announced for 26 projects to be delivered in Victoria.

Quotes attributable to City of Melton Mayor Cr Steve Abboushi:

"On behalf of Council, I'd like to thank the Australian Government, and our local Federal Members, for their generous support of these two vital community projects."

"This funding is recognition by the Australian Government of the significance of these facilities for our fast-growing community."

"Both the Cobblebank Community Services Hub and Plumpton Aquatic and Leisure Centre will ensure important health, wellbeing and education services can be accessed locally."

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