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KILMORE REVITALISATION

Mitchell Shire Council is seeking a commitment from the Government to invest in Kilmore to prepare for future growth and enable current and future community members to thrive.

CURRENT SITUATION

Kilmore is Victoria's oldest inland town, and has a current population of approximately 9,500 people. It is expected to grow to over 25,000 in the next 20-30 years, which is a growth of almost 11,000 people[1].

As Kilmore is strategically located on the peri-urban fringe of northern metropolitan Melbourne, and afforded with a range of infrastructure, character and landscape advantages, it is well placed to accommodate this additional growth. Kilmore offers quality education facilities, with three primary schools and two secondary schools, including a private and catholic secondary school. It also offers a well equipped hospital with maternity facilities, large golf course and a leisure centre with indoor pool.

Although Kilmore boasts many benefits, its town centre appeal, community library space and connectivity throughout the town is lacking. As a result, Kilmore's potential for economic growth is limited, and opportunities for its current and future community to engage with each other is restricted.

Artist's interpretation for Kilmore Town Plan

1. Kilmore Structure Plan (2016), Guiding the Growth of Kilmore, Mitchell Shire Council

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PROJECT DETAILS

1. KILMORE TOWN CENTRE UPGRADES

Stage One will expand the recent improvements in Mill Street into both Sydney Street and the Creek Corridor. The Sydney Street improvements will provide a cross street connection for pedestrians, as well as significantly improving the public realm. The Kilmore creekside improvement works will see development of a small civic space beside the Kilmore Creek. Together the elements will provide a vital new East-West link (from Victoria Parade to Sydney Street) in the centre of Kilmore.

Further Stages - a tree-lined boulevard with new trees the length of Sydney Street, between Bourke and Clarke Street. This will create shade, wider footpaths, greater connectivity with more crossings, and improved attractiveness of the streetscape with lighting and furniture upgrades.

2. KILMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE PRECINCT MASTER PLAN

The community centre precinct master plan will look at improving the existing library building located in the centre of Kilmore. The existing infrastructure is inefficient, confusing, inaccessible and outdated, and does not cater for the growing and diversifying community. Therefore the master plan will look at:

> Improving accessibility

> Creating more flexible spaces

> Improving navigation and connections both internally and externally

> Providing better lighting

> Creating areas for meetings, training and play

3. KILMORE CREEK CORRIDOR COMPLETE PROJECT INCLUDING MASTER PLAN AND DELIVERY

The Kilmore Creek is a central linear open space corridor running parallel to the town centre and a number of community facilities including the hospital, library, park, leisure centre, kinder, maternal child health and International School.

Improvement works to the corridor will aim to enhance amenity, infrastructure and connectivity and will facilitate the improved use of Kilmore Creek as a continuous recreation corridor that provides the primary pedestrian and cycle access into and through the town centre. It will also create new spaces for various community led initiatives/projects. It will provide a link from the Northern part of town to Hudson Park and include Mill Street water front feature to link Sydney Street to the Creek. The shared path parallel to the creek would serve as the link for Kilmore as it grows and would have an environmental impact improving the creek area. (Wallan to Heathcote Rail Trail).

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THE ASK

THE ASK CONSISTS OF THREE PARTS:

1. **KILMORE TOWN CENTRE UPGRADES $17 MILLION**
   STAGE ONE: UPGRADES AT EITHER END OF MILL STREET (SYDNEY STREET AND KILMORE CREEK ENDS)
   Deliver Sydney Street upgrades between Clarke and Bourke Streets, which includes constructing wider footpaths and pedestrian refuges, new street furniture and lighting, as well as planting a deciduous tree avenue.

2. **KILMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE PRECINCT MASTER PLAN $13.3 MILLION**
   A Master Plan for an integrated all-of-life Community Centre including life-long learning.

3. **KILMORE CREEK CORRIDOR COMPLETE PROJECT INCLUDING MASTER PLAN AND DELIVERY $6 MILLION**
   Providing a vital link of continuous shared paths and associated furniture for the growing population of Kilmore, while restoring the Kilmore Creek's natural environs.

THE BENEFITS

1. **KILMORE TOWN CENTRE UPGRADES**
   The Kilmore Town Centre Upgrades will not only improve connectivity and visual appeal, but will also increase private investment in retail and property improvements.

   The upgrades will increase pedestrian and vehicle safety, enhance amenities and provide greater access and connectivity throughout the town activity centre. By creating a shady bustling retail and cafe strip, these improvements will help to realise direct estimated economic benefits of +$22.5 million in additional retail turnover, +$5.9 million in property value uplift, +$2.2 million in private sector investment and provide an additional 60 jobs over a 10 year period.

2. **KILMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE PRECINCT MASTER PLAN**
   The master plan will ensure that best use is made of the existing building, providing a clear guide on how to implement improvements to meet the growing community's needs. The plan will identify possible improvements that will make the centre more accessible and flexible, increase options for the provision of community services and education and training programs and ensure that best practice for environment safety and energy efficiency is reviewed.

3. **KILMORE CREEK CORRIDOR COMPLETE PROJECT INCLUDING MASTER PLAN AND DELIVERY**
   Delivery of the master plan will improve the creek's natural environment and also provide opportunities for community, environmental recreational and even residential development to face and interact with the creek corridor – greatly enhancing the sense of place and high-quality amenity that makes a town a desirable and enjoyable place to visit and to live in.

   In the Town Centre area it also will spur land holders and developers to activate their creek frontages and orientate future commercial and community development towards the creek corridor.

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MORE INFORMATION.

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