Local Jobs for Regional Recovery

Priorities for Government collaboration
4 October 2022

Today's launch

1. Welcome and overview - ERG Chair, Cr Michelle Kleinert
2. Our **Environment** - Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action Chair, Cr June Dwight
3. Our **Infrastructure** - Eastern Transport Coalition Chair, Cr Stuart James
4. Our **Communities** - Eastern Affordable Housing Alliance Chair, Cr Rebecca Paterson
5. Call for greater collaboration and a strengthened partnership - ERG Chair
6. Close – 2.30pm

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Key partners

> **EAGA** - Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action

> **ETC** - Eastern Transport Coalition

> **MEREDG** - Melbourne East Regional Economic Development Group

> **EAHA** - Eastern Affordable Housing Alliance

> Regional Local Government Homelessness and Social Housing **Charter** Group (made up of 13 councils)

> **ERTWG** – Eastern Regional Trails Working Group

> **EMP** – Eastern Metropolitan Partnership

> **MAV** – Municipal Association of Victoria

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The eastern region

> 20% of Melbourne's population

> 17% of Melbourne's jobs

> Major employment in manufacturing, health, education, service industries and tourism

> Monash NEIC, 23 Major Activity Centres (Box Hill & Ringwood), the Bayswater Business Precinct (BBP), the Dandenong's & Yarra Valley

> Largely developed in the early 1900's and post-war period – ageing infrastructure

Population	Land area	Population density
924,028	**2,901**	**318.5**
ABS ERP 2021	square km	persons per square km

☑ ☐ Small areas
☑ ☐ Eastern Region

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Strategic Plan

Regional Priorities

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Strategic Plan

2021 - 2025
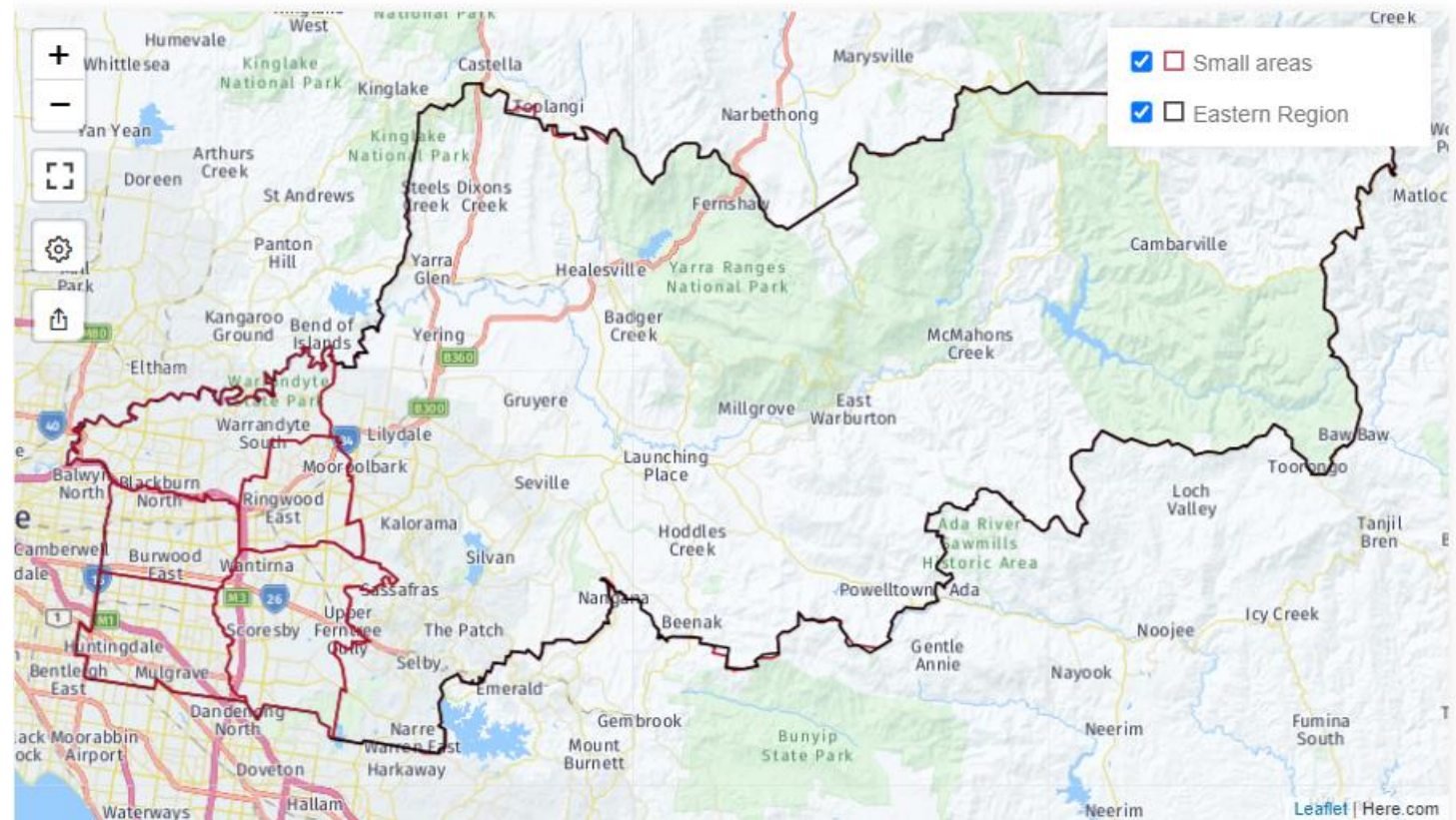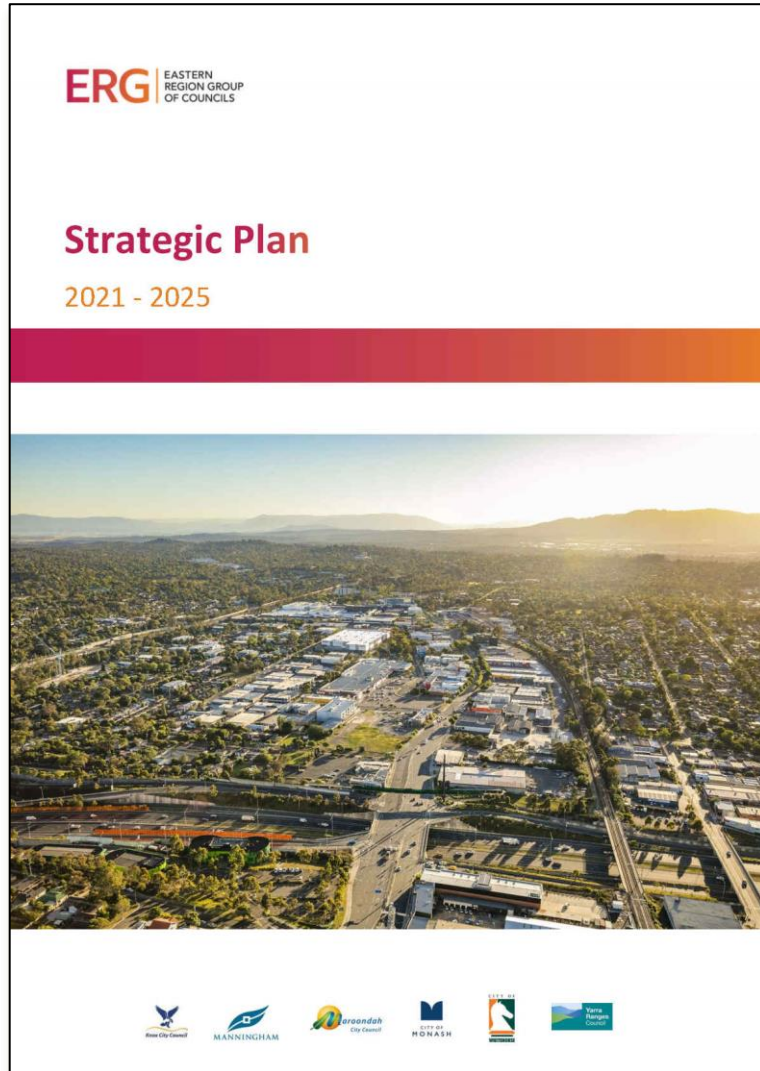
Our vision is to be a connected, healthy, sustainable and prosperous region

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Growing local jobs for regional recovery - a secure future for Melbourne's east

Priorities for Government collaboration - 2022
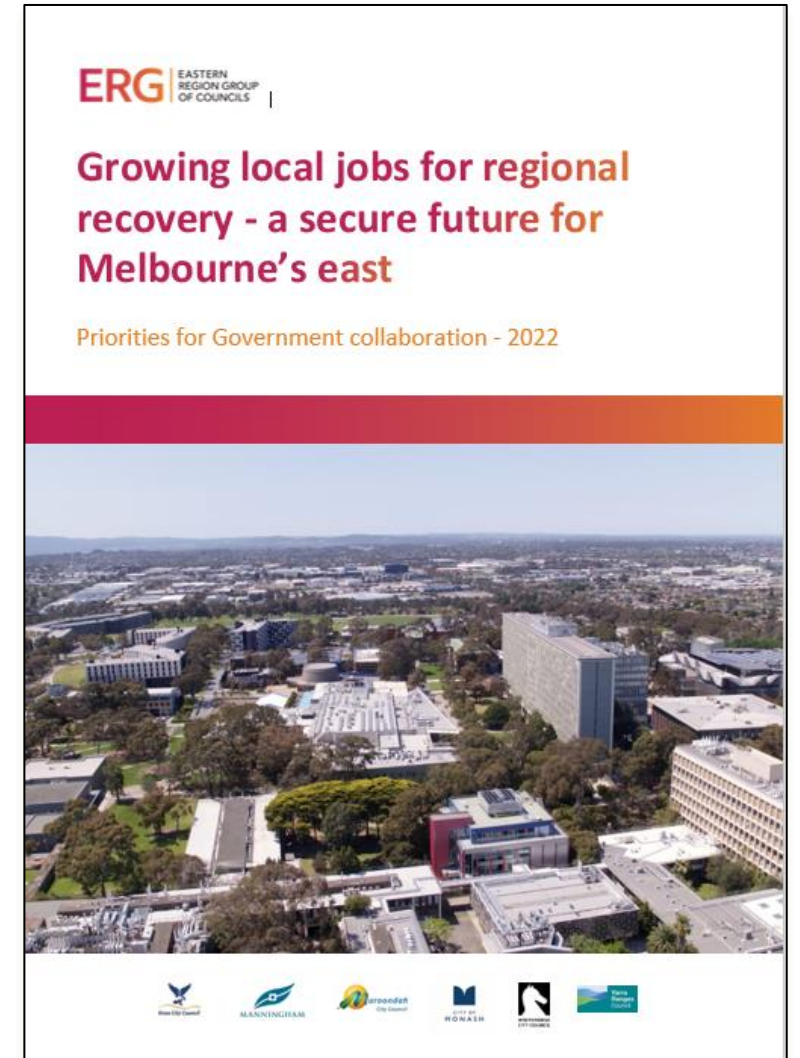
Our economy

Objectives

1. encourage working locally to retain local economic benefits and reduce congestion
2. support regional economic development and investment attraction
3. through MEREDG, utilise shared service opportunities to support economic growth, Better Approvals, and deliver campaigns

Challenges

> significant increase in unemployment particularly in the outer east

> ongoing automation, off-shoring & gig economy impacting service industries and displacing some jobs

> local growth demand is highest in health care and social services, education and construction

> greatest decline in manufacturing with 25% fewer jobs in 2016 compared to 2011

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Our economy

Opportunities

> Develop comprehensive **joint priority precinct investment plans**

> Improve and expand **20-minute neighbourhoods** - to benefit more people and grow jobs closer to home

> Support **COVID recovery** for key sectors, such as retail and tourism

> Explore expanded **co-working clusters**

> Build awareness and uptake of **circular economy** approaches

Diverse local employment opportunities for an adaptable workforce, ready for the jobs of the future

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Our Environment

EAGA's Impact

$3.4M Savings for 1,534 households

-624,907 tonnes CO2e
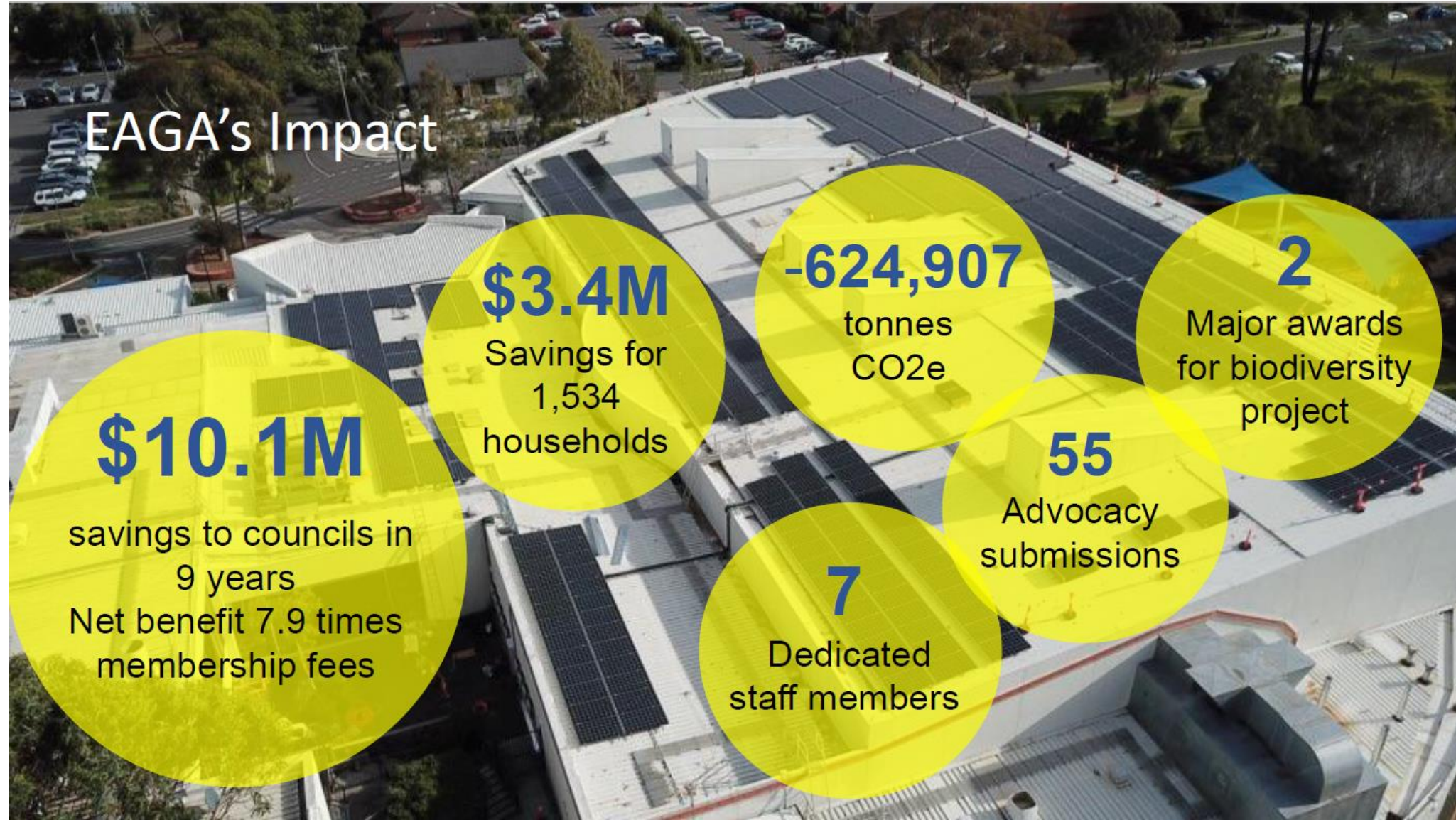
2 Major awards for biodiversity project

$10.1M savings to councils in 9 years Net benefit 7.9 times membership fees

55 Advocacy submissions

7 Dedicated staff members

Our Environment

Objectives

1. Urban greening and increased canopy for shade, clean air and high amenity 20-minute neighbourhoods

2. Reduce regional emissions in line with the Paris Agreement

3. Increase active transport and accelerate roll-out of electric vehicles

4. Seek funding to replace cost-shared street lights and implement smart city technologies

5. Improve recycling and waste management through education, joint procurement and new technologies

Challenges

> more frequent and severe weather events - storms and heatwaves

> canopy loss faster than for other regions of Melbourne

> supply chains impacting roll-out of solar and other programs

> need for stronger consideration of climate risk in development.

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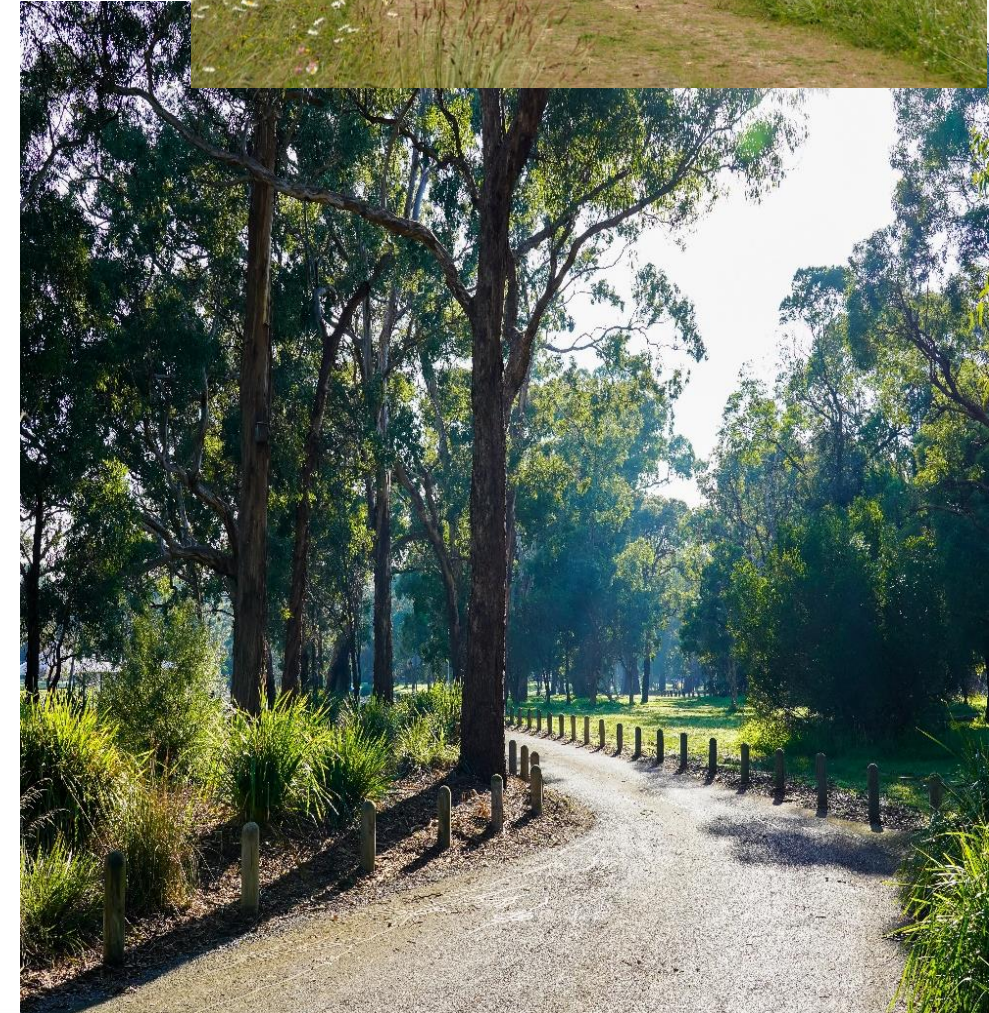
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Opportunities

> **Plan for a Safe Climate** – with major policy and legislative reform

> Facilitate **power purchase agreements** (PPAs) for businesses to transition to 100% renewable energy

> **Resilient local networks** – through micro-grids and community battery solutions - especially for areas most exposed to major storm events

> Faster **roll-out of EV** charging infrastructure to fast track the shift to EVs

> Funding to deliver a 30% **increase in tree canopy**

A region known for its environmental stewardship and responses to sustainability where healthy ecosystems support healthy people and growing economies.

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Our Infrastructure

Objectives

1. Improve transport options, integration and service levels through bus service network reviews and address missing rail and service links
2. Coordinate land use planning to deliver sustainable, resilient, adaptable and healthy buildings and increased affordable housing
3. Improve the contribution of planning and building systems to climate resilience and ESD

Challenges

> poor east-west and north-south links, high car dependency

> poor connectivity and service gaps reduce access to jobs and services, particularly for young people and those without access to a car

> multi-modal connections at train stations

> cost escalations and access to labour and materials impact project delivery

> disruption / value creation through major projects (LXRP, NEL and SRL)

Our Infrastructure

Opportunities

> Create and realise greater value from major projects such as the Suburban Rail Loop and North East Link

> Implement the ETC's Bus Network Review

> Progress the business case for the Caulfield-Monash-Rowville trackless tram.

> Build public transport network capacity:

> > duplicate the Lilydale rail line

> > extend Route 75 tram from Vermont South to the Upper Ferntree Gully Station.

Infrastructure promotes social cohesion, equality of opportunity, resource efficiency and health - in a region that's easy to get around where active transport is preferred for short distances.

Bus Network Review Considerations

Transport & State election | **October**

Free public forums about transport with Q&A

Merri-bek, Melton, Mornington Peninsula, Banyule, Whitehorse & Casey

mtf.org.au /events | **Book a seat Suggest a question**

CAULFIELD · CHADSTONE · MONASH · ROWVILLE

20 MINUTES CAULFIELD TO MONASH · 11 MINUTES MONASH TO ROWVILLE

TRACKLESS RAPID TRANSIT (TRT)

CRANBOURNE PAKENHAM LINE

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Commuters Count Eastern Transport Coalition

Our Communities

Objectives

1. Empower communities to take active responsibility for their own and each other's wellbeing, safety and health
2. Respond to homelessness and increase social housing supply
3. Tackle family violence, mental health and social inclusion
4. Create opportunities for inclusive, creative and cultural experiences
5. Improve pathways to employment for youth and over 50's across key sectors in our region

Challenges

> poor access to mental health services due to demand and access

> labour force shortages in the care economy

> Inflexible funding arrangements, cost-shifting and rate capping

> social and affordable housing shortfall

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EAHA Eastern Affordable Housing Alliance

Our Communities

Opportunities

> Support EAHA's calls for at least 11,700 new **social and affordable homes** in the eastern region by 2032

> > introduce planning controls such as mandatory inclusionary zoning

> > maintain affordable rentals

> > develop public land

> > improve thermal comfort and energy efficiency to reduce operating costs.

> **Mental health** - expand headspace and outreach services

> **Early years** - fund kindergarten infrastructure and 3-year-old kindergarten

> **Sport and recreation** - support shared facilities particularly with schools

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SPORT & RECREATION STRATEGY
2022-2032

More resilient and cohesive, communities with an improving quality of life, better health and wellbeing and great access to services.
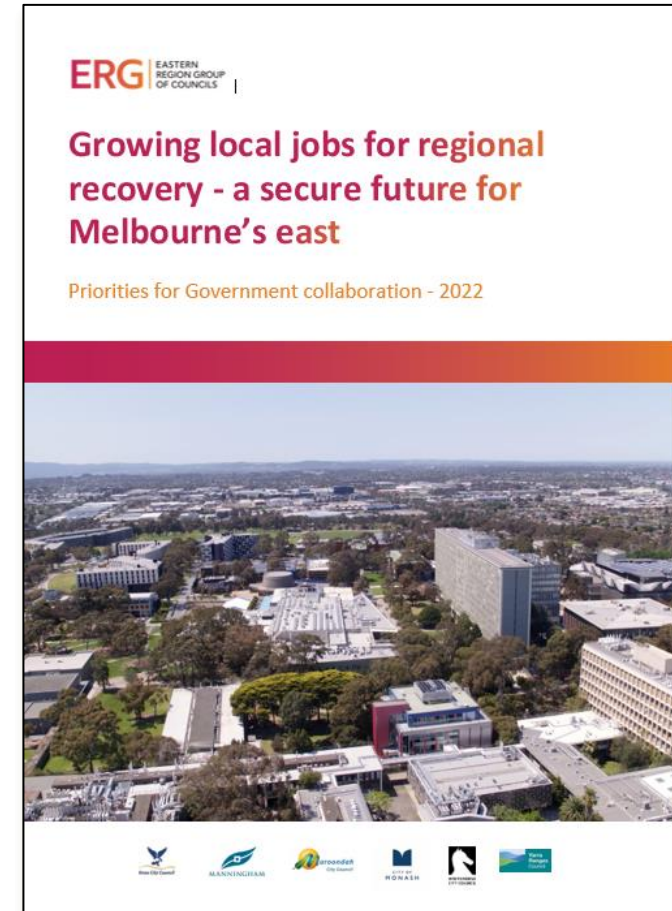

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EAHA Eastern Affordable Housing Alliance

A stronger partnership

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www.easternregiongroup.org.au

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