



MEANDER VALLEY COUNCIL
PRIORITY PROJECTS 2024





From Left: Ducks on a dam in Reedy Marsh, cave pools at Mole Creek Karst, Liffey River after rain.





Meander Valley Council is committed to the wellbeing and development of the community it serves.

The health, wellbeing and infrastructure needs are at the cornerstone of Meander Valley Council's productivity and our priority projects plan reflects a coordinated approach to see further growth across the municipality in recreation, health, safety, economic development, and inclusivity. These projects, alongside continuing and new investments into critical infrastructure, underpin Council's commitment to improving the liveability of Meander Valley for its residents and

visitors. Council has inclusive strategies to gather input from residents, which not only empowers our community, it also ensures Council's initiatives align with the needs and aspirations of our diverse and growing population. This is characterized by effective infrastructure development, sound financial management, and a commitment to effective governance, collectively contributing to the our region working together.

Our six future directions

Guided by our Community Strategic Plan, Council's vision for Meander Valley is underpinned by six strategic pillars that guide where key investments are made with the goal to see transformational outcomes across the municipality for all residents for years to come.



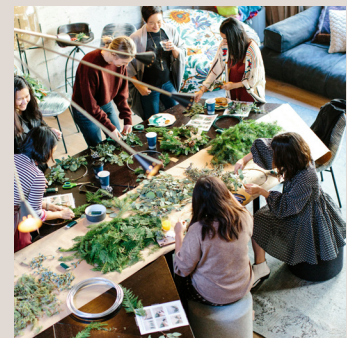
ONE

**A sustainable natural
& built environment**



TWO

**A thriving local
economy**



THREE

**Vibrant & engaged
communities**



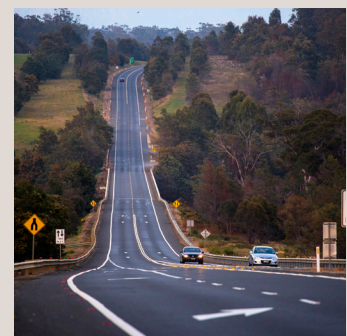
FOUR

**A healthy & safe
community**



FIVE

**Innovative leadership
& community
governance**



SIX

**Planned
infrastructure services**

<i>Proposed Project</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Funding Request</i>
Deloraine Racecourse Recreation Precinct, Stage 2, & New Clubrooms, Deloraine Football Club	Deloraine	\$2,250,000
Westbury Town Centre; Streetscape Renewal	Westbury	\$360,000
Launceston City Football Club; New Clubrooms, Stage 2	Prospect Vale	\$1,300,000
Carrick Recreation Ground; Playground, playing field & parking redevelopment	Carrick	\$360,000
Alveston Drive Recreation Area; Walking paths, public toilets, playground, shade sail & skate park	Deloraine	\$630,000
Passive Recreation Trail improvement program; Bishopsbourne Rd, Carrick, Emu Bay Rd, Deloraine, Panorama Rd, Blackstone Heights	Carrick, Deloraine & Blackstone Heights	\$900,000
Dual lane safety upgrades, Bass Hwy; Hadspen to Latrobe	Hadspen to Latrobe	\$50,000,000
New Signalised Intersection; Country Club Ave & Westbury Rd	Prospect Vale	\$1,350,000
Willow tree removal on the banks of the Meander River	Deloraine & Montana	\$500,000
Deloraine Riverbank Reserve; Interpretive signage & passive walking path lighting	Deloraine	\$270,000
Prospect Vale Park; Internal road safety, parking, vehicle & pedestrian infrastructure improvements	Prospect Vale	\$1,350,000
Bartley St & Meander Valley Rd; New roundabout	Hadspen	\$1,500,000
Bracknell Recreation Ground; Lighting and drainage	Bracknell	\$450,000
Valley Central Industrial Precinct; Biomethane Hub (Private development)	Westbury	\$10,000,000
Bracknell Township; Reticulated Sewerage	Bracknell	\$5,000,000

Deloraine

2,631 Residents

4 Schools

2 Aged Care Centres

Racecourse Recreation Precinct Stage 2: New Clubrooms Deloraine Football Club

Total Project Amount – \$2,500,000

Funding Request – \$2,250,000

Council Contribution – \$250,000

Council is seeking funding support to continue the redevelopment of the Deloraine Racecourse. The recreational precinct is a landmark development for Meander Valley and integrates a variety of active and passive elements, including a parkrun course, overnight RV amenities, new playground, parklands, AFL facilities, and more. Historically, the Deloraine Racecourse was an integral part of the local community, and the home of racing in Central Northern Tasmania. The site hosted the Tasmanian Grand National Steeplechase.

Stage 2 of the precinct redevelopment will be the construction of a new clubroom and function room facilities, to be used by the Deloraine Football Club and the wider community. The football club has a proud history in the town and long association with the precinct. The football club's current clubrooms have incurred damage in the town's flood events of 2016 and 2022. A new facility will provide certainty for the football club's pursuit of recreational opportunities for male and female participants in the future.



The Meander River from Deloraine Riverbank Reserve, framed by the iconic steps of the Great Western Tiers



Looking over Westbury Village Green toward St Andrew's Church, a favourite for locals and visitors alike on a bright, sunny day.

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Westbury

2,006 Residents

681 Families

58,588 tourist visitors in 2023

Westbury Town Centre: Streetscape Renewal

Total Project Amount – \$400,000

Funding Request – \$360,000

Council Contribution – \$40,000

Council is seeking funding for a variety of coordinated projects designed to revitalise Westbury's business, retail and recreational areas. Building upon Westbury's heritage charm and green spaces, the development will create a greater sense of place, enhance the experience of residents and visitors and also deliver safety improvements for pedestrians. The project will improve wayfinding to the town center and includes the upgrading of footpaths and street furniture (chairs & tables), the addition of pedestrian crossings, and expansion of garden spaces.



Cycling along Deloraine's Riverside Reserve Trail

Deloraine, Carrick & Blackstone Heights

Passive Recreation Trail Improvement Program

Total Project Amount – \$1,000,000

Funding Request – \$900,000

Council Contribution – \$100,000

By connecting public spaces with neighborhoods we create environments for interaction. Freely accessible recreation trails create greater urban vitality and provide for social cohesiveness. We aim to deliver additional new path infrastructure that will encourage health activities and reduce the need for vehicle travel which relies on fossil fuels. This program will deliver new trails at Bishopsbourne Road Carrick, Emu Bay Road Deloraine; and Panorama Road Blackstone Heights.

Bracknell

493 Residents

3 Sporting Clubs

142 Families

Recreation Ground: Lighting & Drainage

Total Project Amount – \$500,000

Funding Request – \$450,000

Council Contribution – \$50,000

Home to the Bracknell Football Club (Go Redlegs!), Bracknell Recreation Ground is a hub for recreation, health, and wellbeing opportunities to Bracknell residents. The largest township on the south eastern side of the municipality, the park is also used by the wider community looking for larger recreational space.

To enable greater opportunities to play, particularly during the winter months, and ensure higher standards of safety, Council is seeking funding to upgrade the lighting and drainage at Bracknell Recreation Ground. The recreation grounds are low lying, during the winter football season become quite muddy and at times the grounds have been required to be closed to users.

Carrick

721 Residents

214 Families

Heritage significance

Recreation Ground: Playground, Playing Field & Parking Redevelopment

Total Project Amount – \$400,000

Funding Request – \$360,000

Council Contribution – \$40,000

Used by residents and visitors alike, Carrick Recreation Ground is located in the centre of the historic township and offers various passive recreational options to residents. Much residential growth has occurred to the Southeastern area of the town with the recreation ground providing an essential facility within walking distance for all residents. To improve upon its current facilities and increase patronage, Council is seeking funding to redevelop and revitalise the park by making improvements to the playground, playing fields, public toilets and parking facilities.



Springtime in Walls of Jerusalem National Park



A lost sheep looking for a shepherd in Meander Valley

Tasmania's GREEN HEART.



21,356
Residents



9
Elected
Members



1,644
Local
businesses



193
Bridges



13
Public halls

828
Kilometres of
road networks



3,327
Square
kilometres
of land area



10,568
Rateable
assessments

58
Parks &
Reserves



7 Bike &
skate parks



3 Municipal
waste facilities

8

Sporting
grounds



193
Bridges

2

Municipal
swimming pools



41

Sporting
facilities



36 Playgrounds &
fitness stations



7,060
Kerbside
collections

This is
**MEANDER
VALLEY.**



A misty winters morning over a dam in Reedy Marsh

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One of Deloraine's most famous residents: the platypus who makes his home along the banks of the Riverbank Reserve

Prospect Vale

8 levels of competing teams

Highest level team in Tasmania:
competes within the National
Premier League (state level)

Launceston City Football Club: New Clubrooms Stage 2

Total Project Amount – \$1,300,000

Funding Request – \$1,300,000

Council Contribution – \$0

Based out of Prospect Vale Park with a vast Meander Valley fan and player base, the Launceston City Football Club provides a pathway from junior to senior levels beginning from the age of 4 through to adulthood for both men and women. The club serves residents across key townships in the region and plays a major role in community engagement, health and wellbeing outcomes in Prospect Vale and beyond.

Council is advocating for funding for Stage 2 of the development for new clubrooms to be built to ensure the growing numbers of players are catered for. In recent years the club has, from time to time, been required to hire shipping containers for use as women's change rooms. The current changerooms are not currently used by children or young people as they do not meet adequate child safe standards. The proposed additional two change rooms would support the 700 plus members, including participation of women and youth football and include a designated first aid room, club room refurbishment and all-weather spectator amenity improvements connecting to the new change rooms.



Overlooking the Bass Highway (two lane) at Westbury

Bass Highway

Dual lane highway safety upgrades: Bass Highway from Hadspen to Latrobe

9,000+ drivers per day

2% traffic growth projected

330 crashes between 2015-20

Total Project Amount – \$50,000,000

Funding Request – \$50,000,000

Council Contribution – \$0

The Tasmanian Government have developed a corridor strategy for improvements to the Bass Highway between Hadspen and Latrobe, the report states "There were 330 crashes between 2015 and 2020, comprising five fatalities and 114 injury crashes". The Highway is a key freight route constantly used by heavy vehicle traffic. In the interest of community safety, the Council has for many years been advocating for the Highway to become four lanes (dual carriageway in each direction). Unfortunately our local community volunteers are often first responders to vehicle accidents on the Highway due to it's proximity between two major cities (Launceston and Devonport). Over time there has been significant investment in the Midlands Highway and Bass Highway North West from Devonport, it seems that the stretch of road raised has been the forgotten link.



Prospect Vale Park from above via drone.

Prospect Vale

Internal road safety, parking, vehicle & pedestrian infrastructure improvements: Prospect Vale Park

5,433 Residents

1,536 Families

High growth area

Total Project Amount – \$1,500,000

Funding Request – \$1,350,000

Council Contribution – \$150,000

A key recreational facility for Prospect Vale and the surrounding suburbs of Blackstone Heights, Prospect Vale, Travellers Rest and beyond, Prospect Vale Park offers residents a range of recreational facilities that encourage physical and mental health and wellbeing outcomes. Over 1,000 sport users visit the site each week. Council is seeking funding to upgrade the carpark and redesign the internal road network within the Prospect Vale Park sports precinct. Prospect Vale Park is Council's highest use recreational facility and upgrades are essential to cope with increased traffic flows and improve pedestrian safety. Council has purchased an adjoining property and created a road stub to the Park and constructed a roundabout on Westbury Rd as an entry point. The project will achieve better separation and movement between playing surfaces and also deliver the ability to restrict vehicle traffic flow to certain areas of the site.

Prospect Vale

5,433 Residents

13 Recreational Spaces

1,536 Families

New signalised intersection: Country Club Avenue & Westbury Road

Total Project Amount – \$1,500,000

Funding Request – \$1,350,000

Council Contribution – \$150,000

With 78% of residents over the age of 15 using a car to travel to work, safe, reliable and efficient road infrastructure is incredibly important to Blackstone Heights residents.

Council is seeking funding for the installation of new electronic signals at the high traffic intersection of Country Club Ave and Westbury Road. Works will improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians and enable residential growth in an emerging suburb. The intersection is also a key route to St Patrick's College with 1,500 students attending daily. A key intersection with high traffic volumes, this upgrade will ensure residents, business and industry can travel safely and efficiently.

Deloraine

2,631 Residents

731 Families

188,945 tourist visitors in 2023

Deloraine Riverbank Reserve: Interpretive signage & passive walking path lighting

Total Project Amount – \$300,000

Funding Request – \$270,000

Council Contribution – \$30,000

Council is seeking funding for improvements to enhance the riverbank walk, in the heart of Deloraine. The installation of energy efficient lighting will increase public use through enhanced accessibility, pedestrian safety and complement the native plantings, sculptures and mosaics that form this iconic and much loved river walk. The project also aims to make improvements to signage and deliver a new interpretive sign relating to the platypuses that swim in the river.

Valley Central, Westbury

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Valley Central Industrial Precinct: Biomethane Hub (Private development proposal)

Total Project Amount – \$50,000,000

Funding Request – \$10,000,000

Council Contribution – \$0

Council is seeking funding for the development of a private sector Biomethane Hub at the Valley Central Industrial Precinct, Westbury. The developers have been liaising with the Tasmanian's Government's Office of the Coordinator-General regarding this important project. The hub will divert over 150,000 tonnes of food processing and agri-waste per annum from landfill and land spreading to produce 100% renewable biogas that helps accelerate the decarbonisation of Tasmanian industry.

On top of huge reductions in unrenewable waste, the development will provide 80 short-term jobs and 10 permanent jobs in the fields of biology, engineering, waste management and skilled anaerobic digester plant operators.

Deloraine

2,631 Residents

4 Schools

982 under 29 years old

Alveston Drive Recreation Area: Passive recreation development

Total Project Amount – \$700,000

Funding Request – \$630,000

Council Contribution – \$70,000

With forecasted growth in key emerging groups in Deloraine and surrounds, Council is seeking funding for the development of additional recreational facilities at Alveston Drive to provide and cater for current and future residents.

This new passive recreation development includes walking paths, public toilets, a playground with a shade sail, and relocation of the town's skate park. It will improve upon health and wellbeing outcomes, continue to stimulate growth in Deloraine's tourism and hospitality sector and provide further accessible options for inclusive recreation for all users. Council completed a pump track on the site in 2022 and the elements from this proposed project will complement and build upon the good work achieved to date.

Hadspen

2,337 Residents

667 Families

78.5% Travel to work by car

Bartley Street & Meander Valley Road: New roundabout

Total Project Amount – \$1,500,000

Funding Request – \$1,500,000

Council Contribution – \$0

Council is seeking funding for upgrade of road and roundabout at intersection of Bartley Street and Meander Valley Road. Three hundred new residential properties have been approved for subdivision, however new stages of this subdivision will be on hold due to the current intersection on the State Government road being inadequate which is proposed to be improved with a new roundabout development. Plans for the roundabout development were submitted to the Tasmanian Government's Department of State Growth in 2023.

The upgrade will improve safety and access for residents and open up additional residents in this high growth area.

Meander River

Meander River: Willow tree removal

Total Project Amount – \$500,000

Funding Request – \$500,000

Council Contribution – \$0

Declared a serious environmental weed in Tasmania, willow trees choke waterways, increase erosion and silting, reduce water availability, and damage aquatic habitats for fauna and flora. Areas of the Meander River flooded in October 2022 which included the Townships of Meander and Deloraine. Council is seeking advocating for the removal of willows in Deloraine and Montana by the Tasmanian Government to ensure the Meander River's precious and delicate ecosystems are protected for years to come.



Lambing season in rural Bracknell.

Bracknell

493 Residents

210 Private dwellings

81.6% under the age of 65

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Bracknell Township: Reticulated Sewerage

Total Project Amount – \$5,000,000

Funding Request – \$5,000,000

Council Contribution – \$0

Council is seeking delivery of reticulated sewerage to service 460 residents, the Bracknell Primary School and local sporting clubs. The population of Bracknell is 500 and the Council has been calling on the delivery of reticulated piped sewerage to the Town for many years. This infrastructure is essential to address environmental and public health issues in the Bracknell community. Tasmanian's water and sewerage authority TasWater, in conjunction with the Tasmanian Government are recommended to design and construct this essential infrastructure in accordance with a regional sewerage treatment plant strategy.



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