

# Placemaking Program – Darnum Project Shortlist

## Project List:

### 1. Footpath link to bus stop (along Main Street from Cropley Street)

Indicative costs: \$20,000

Project is for 1.5m wide concrete footpath to link Cropley Street and the bus stop on the Princes Freeway off-ramp. Total distance required is approximately 110m. Note that this project may form part of a future Capital Works project within in the next three years. Choosing this option would accelerate the process and have this project delivered sooner.

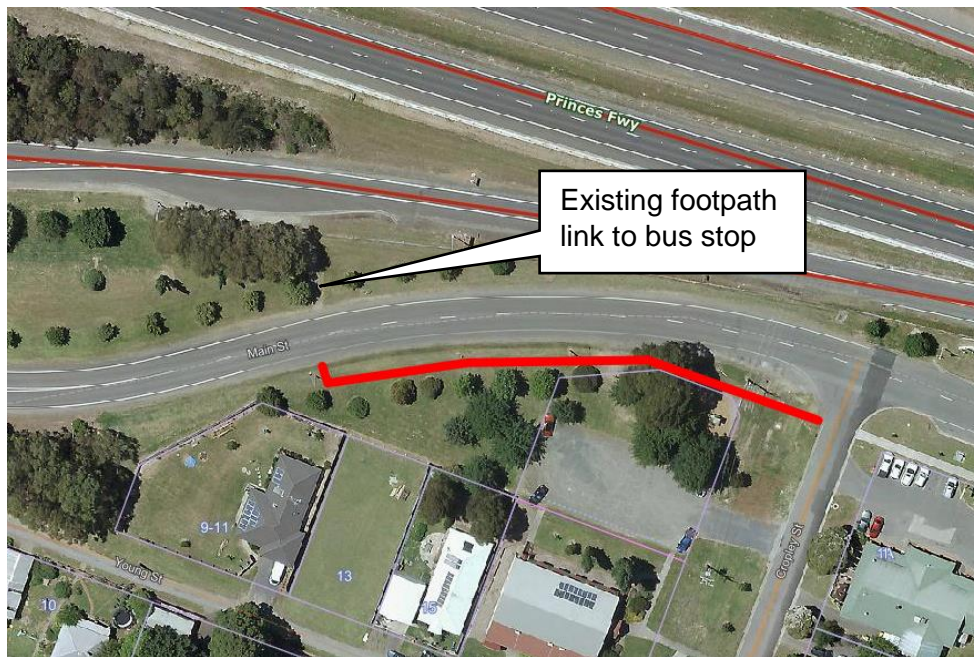


Figure 1 Footpath link to bus stop

### 2. New BBQ & water facilities next to playground at Memorial Hall

Indicative costs: \$50,000

Provision of new public BBQ facilities as well as water fountain facilities to the park at the Memorial Hall next to the playground.



Figure 2 Example of BBQ facilities and shelter

This project involves:

- Design for the shelter and BBQ
- New BBQ unit (including connection to electrical services)
- New shelter for BBQ, including concrete foundation
- Building permit for the shelter structure (including post construction inspection)
- Construction of water fountain facilities and connection to water services

Due to budget constraints, the playground equipment portion could not be achieved in conjunction with new BBQ equipment. Another option has been included for the equipment upgrade and the survey will determine which of the projects are a priority for the community.

### 3. Expansion of playground equipment at the Memorial Hall

Indicative costs: \$50,000

Addition of play equipment for the park at the Memorial Hall.

This project involves:

- Supply and installation of new play equipment
- Supply of softfall material
- Expansion of fencing to enclose the playground

The play equipment may be selected in consultation with the relevant stakeholders such as the Memorial Hall and other Darnum residents.

It is expected that this project would require the full budget to construct.



Figure 3 Example of potential play equipment

### 4. Allambee Street park upgrade

Indicative costs: \$40,000

The option for a park upgrade at Allambee Street will involve installation of bollards to restrict vehicle access into the park and installation of additional seating in the area. In addition to new park furniture, a new shelter will be constructed (like the shelter shown in option 2).

This project involves:

- Design for the shelter
- Construction of new shelter, including concrete foundation
- Building permit for the shelter structure (including post construction inspection)

It was originally raised that this park would benefit from a BBQ area. Due to budget constraints of connecting power to the park, this portion of the project had to be excluded.

## 5. Historical signage and walk

Indicative costs: \$20,000

This project involves the design and installation of historical signage throughout the town. Some examples of cultural and historical signage that can be included are links to Darnum's logging history, the musical village, Fox family and Dead Man's Gully.

The final design and content of each historical sign would be confirmed with the community prior to sign printing.

It is expected that each sign could cost ~\$3,000 to design, supply and install.



Figure 4 Example of historical signage from Palmerston St, Warragul

## 6. Wayfinding tourist maps showing places of interest

Indicative costs: \$15,000

This project includes the design and installation of a new tourist map for Darnum which would display the town's points of interest for visitors.

It is proposed that two of these large map signs be installed in Darnum (one at Memorial Hall and the other at the public toilets) to allow visitors of both locations to consider and find out what Darnum has to offer.

It is expected that each sign will cost approximately \$5,000 each to design and manufacture. An allocation of \$5,000 will be used to install the signs.



Figure 5 Example of map sign in Walhalla

## 7. RV overnight parking area at the 'Darnum Historical Complex'

Indicative costs: \$50,000

Located adjacent to the Recreation Reserve, this project will provide an area for self-contained RVs to park overnight. The parking area will be located at the 'Darnum Historical Complex' which is located on Pedder Street, on the north side of the freeway.

This project involves:

- New gravel surface of approximately 1,250m<sup>2</sup> in area
- Associated signage with rules for parking

The parking area shall be confirmed with all stakeholders prior to works commencing. It is expected that this project will utilise the full Placemaking Program budget.

Works would be undertaken on land owned by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and permission would be sought prior to works commencing. Consultation with the Baw Baw Old Engine & Auto Club would also be undertaken.

## 8. Raised garden beds and community gardens in village centre

Indicative costs: \$15,000

This project will provide the main street of Darnum (in front of the post office and shop) raised garden beds that may be used for colourful shrubs or various community gardens (including edible community garden).

Each planter box is estimated to cost \$2,500 each and it is anticipated that five planter boxes could be installed.

Inclusion of canopy trees has been considered as part of this project.



Figure 6 Example of a raised garden bed for installation in the main street

## 9. New street furniture and garden beds in village centre

Indicative costs: \$50,000

This option is a more developed version of the previous option which involves the addition of garden beds and street furniture such as public seating which has been recently installed in Smith Street, Warragul. Canopy trees will be considered for planting as part of this option.

Consultation with the community will occur if this option is preferred to ensure that the works meet the community's expectations.



Figure 7 Example of new seating

## 10. Public art/mural at a location to be determined

Indicative costs: \$10,000

It was originally suggested that this mural be painted on the side of the public toilet block on Main Street. As the toilet block is timber which links to the timber heritage of Darnum, this location is not considered appropriate for a mural.

After an appropriate location has been selected by the community, the project will involve hiring an artist to develop concepts of art that are taken back to the community for approval. The art would be in the style of 'silo art'. The preferred concept chosen by the community would be painted at the preferred location.



Figure 8 Example of 'silo art' style in Albury, NSW

## 11. Street lighting upgrades throughout town to compliment footpaths

Indicative Cost: \$16,000

This project provides the opportunity to utilise existing power poles to install street lighting along footpaths on Cropley Street and Gaul Avenue. It is estimated that for each existing pole, \$4,000 is required to install a new light fitting and mounting arm to the existing electrical infrastructure. Installation to be co-ordinated with AusNet Services who currently manage this infrastructure.



Figure 9 Street lighting on a power pole

## 12. Historical Complex loop path/trail

Indicative Cost: \$36,000

A gravel path would be constructed on the southern side of the historical complex which would provide a link between Railway Avenue and Pedder Street. The approximate length of the path is 340m which is estimated to cost \$36,000 based on a rate of \$70/m<sup>2</sup> and 1.5m wide path.

Works would be undertaken on land owned by DELWP and permission would be sought prior to works commencing. Consultation with the Baw Baw Old Engine & Auto Club would also be undertaken.



Figure 10 Gravel path to link the Historical Precinct loop

## Projects that could not be achieved through the Placemaking Program:

- **Main Street toilet upgrade**  
This project could not be achieved through the Placemaking Program due to budget constraints. Toilet upgrades are typically in the proximity of \$100,000.
- **Allambee Street park BBQ**  
New BBQ facilities at this park would require a new BBQ unit, shelter and connection to electrical services. As there are no existing electrical connection points at this park, the cost to undertake these works will exceed the budget for the Placemaking Program.
- **Footpath from bridge to the Recreation Reserve**  
The total length of footpath required would be approximately 820m. To construct a concrete footpath that is 1.5m wide, it is estimated to cost \$150,000. This project is currently being considered for future new footpath programs.
- **Cycling paths to link to town**  
Due to the costs required to construct new cycling paths, this project could not be achieved through the Placemaking Program.
- **Development of town walking trails**  
The Placemaking Program budget allows for approximately up to 500m of gravel path if the full \$50,000 budget is used. At this stage, the scope has not been defined to a specific area and has not been included in the option list.
- **Development of trail behind Fonterra site**  
This land is privately owned and would require agreement from the landowner or purchase of land. As with the options above, significant costs are required to develop paths greater than 500m in length.
- **Clean up of Pine Forest Reserve**  
This project has an undefined scope and has not been included as part of the Placemaking Program.
- **Open air movie on the side of the Hall**  
This project has not been included as it is considered that events such as this would be better suited to be coordinated by the community. There is potential for a community grant to be provided by Council that may be utilised to purchase any necessary equipment.
- **Small park on the north side of town**  
The location for this park is on the site of the old Darnum train station. It is expected that a new park on this land would exceed the Placemaking Program budget. This land is owned by VicTrack and Council would require permission prior to works commencing.
- **Sealing of the Memorial Hall car park for the market**  
This project is estimated to cost approximately \$70,000 to complete. While the car park project can't be included in the Placemaking Program, the project has been included in the list for the car park program for the 2020/21 financial year. The budget will be finalised in late June 2020. Letters of support to Council for this project will improve the chances of this project being included in the final budget.

## Contact us

If you have any queries about the Placemaking Program and survey, please send them through to [connectingcommunities@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:connectingcommunities@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au) or call 03 5624 2411 and ask for Matthew Robinson.