

Community Services and Infrastructure Plan

2022 ADDENDUM



The Community Services and Infrastructure Plan (CSIP) 2020–30 was adopted by Council in 2020 and provides Council with a strategic framework to deliver services and infrastructure that meet the current and changing needs of our community.

This addendum to the CSIP report is intended to provide a summary of population changes and changes to the services and capital works program that have occurred since the plan was adopted in 2020.

Updated population forecasts will be released next year and will inform a review of the provision ratio's that underpin the plan.

COVID and our population

In 2021 Hobsons Bay had an estimated population of 92,275. The effects of the COVID pandemic, including restrictions on overseas migration and population movements to the regions, impacted population across Greater Melbourne, with most local government areas experiencing population declines. Between

2019 and 2021 Hobsons Bay's population declined by 3.5 per cent. However, population changes over the major pandemic years varied across Hobsons Bay: Seabrook and Altona Meadows saw higher population losses relative to their size, whereas Newport and Altona were less impacted (See Figure 1).

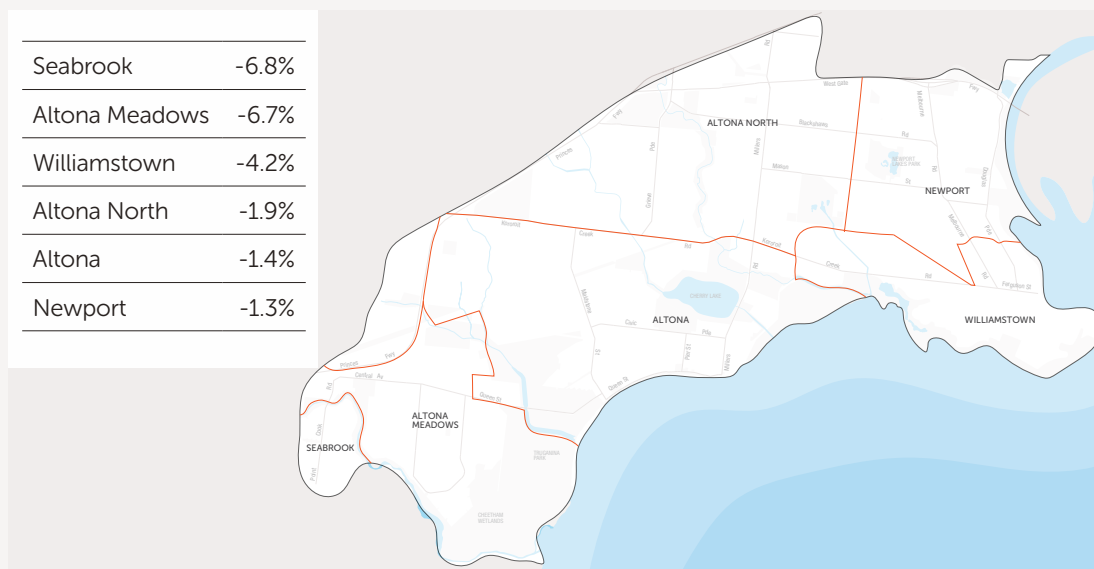


Figure 1: Population change (%) across Hobsons Bay 2019–2021¹

1 Australian Bureau of Statistics (2021), Regional population, ABS Website, accessed 20 October 2022.

Municipal services and infrastructure

Centres of Excellence

The Centres of Excellence will enhance Council managed spaces and places by increasing learning opportunities at a number of Council venues across Hobsons Bay. The Centres of Excellence initiative builds on the existing Envirocentre at Altona Library, Heritage Centre at Williamstown Library, Creative Technology Hub at Seaworks in Williamstown and includes proposed centres of business, entrepreneurship and innovation at the Civic Centre; art and music at the Newport Community Hub; video games and boardgames at the Altona North Library, and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) at Altona Meadows Library and Community Centre.

Schools have been identified as a primary stakeholder and the centres will provide further engagement opportunities for young people in Hobsons Bay.

Council+

Council+ brings together library services and Council customer services at designated sites across Hobsons Bay. Council delivers more than 100 services to the community every month and library service centres allow residents and businesses to access these services in person, closer to home and near shopping hubs. Among the many services available at the Council+ service centres are meeting space bookings and requesting information on aged and disability services such as delivered meals (Meals on Wheels) and home maintenance.

Kindergarten reforms

The Victorian Government has committed to completing the rollout of three-year-old kindergarten (up to 15 hours of funded kindergarten) for all children by 2029. With the introduction of three-year-old kindergarten in addition to four-year-old kindergarten, all Hobsons Bay children will have access to two years of funded kindergarten.

Council is working with the Victorian Government on the delivery of a number of kindergarten expansion and redevelopment projects to meet future projected demand.

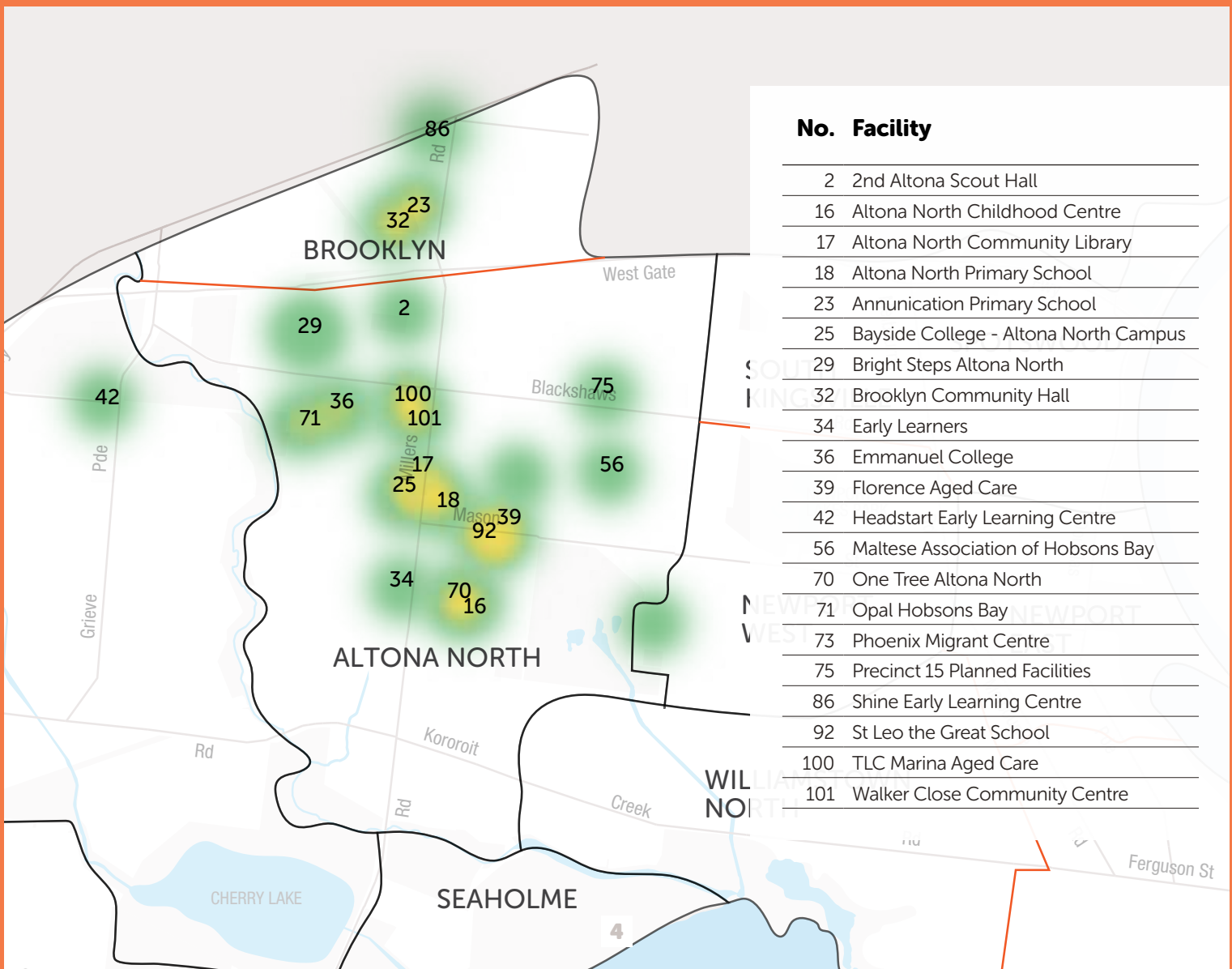


Artist's impression of the Emma McLean Kindergarten upgrade

PRECINCT 1

Altona North and Brooklyn

In 2022 the estimated population of Precinct 1 was 15,794. This is forecast to grow to 20,167 by 2027, and 24,692 by 2032. Over the next ten years the total amount of forecast growth is 8,898 residents, or 56 per cent. This represents an annual average growth rate of 5.6 per cent, which is higher than the rate expected for Hobsons Bay as a whole (1.9 per cent). The higher growth rate is primarily due to the development of Precinct 15. The former industrial (Dons Goods) site is the largest residential development project in Hobsons Bay, with plans for around 3,000 dwellings, a town centre (including community facilities) and open space.



Changes to facilities and services since 2020

- The Williamstown Community and Education Centre has opened a new Community House in Altona North at the Millers Junction development (Plover Drive, Altona North). There are two classrooms downstairs that can cater for up to 12 participants, as well as an upstairs room²
- To also address the shortage of kindergarten places within this precinct a double kindergarten unit for 66 places will be placed on the former Eastona primary school site (Sutton Avenue Altona North) and is planned to be operational by 2024.

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To address the undersupply of kindergarten spaces in Altona North, the Altona North Children's Centre will be expanded. This will be funded by the Department of Education and Council and will provide an additional 33 licensed spaces and support 15 hours of three-year-old kindergarten for families and children in this precinct.

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The Brooklyn Community Hall is undergoing a renovation to bring it in line with current standards and deliver on the community's request for a more flexible space to host meetings, community events and activities simultaneously. The new hall will have a meeting pod and two larger meeting rooms that can be opened up into one larger space.

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Council will also be expanding the One Tree Altona North childcare centre by 36 additional licensed places. The works include constructing a new children's room, extending one of the existing children's rooms, a staff room and a corridor linking the two existing buildings.

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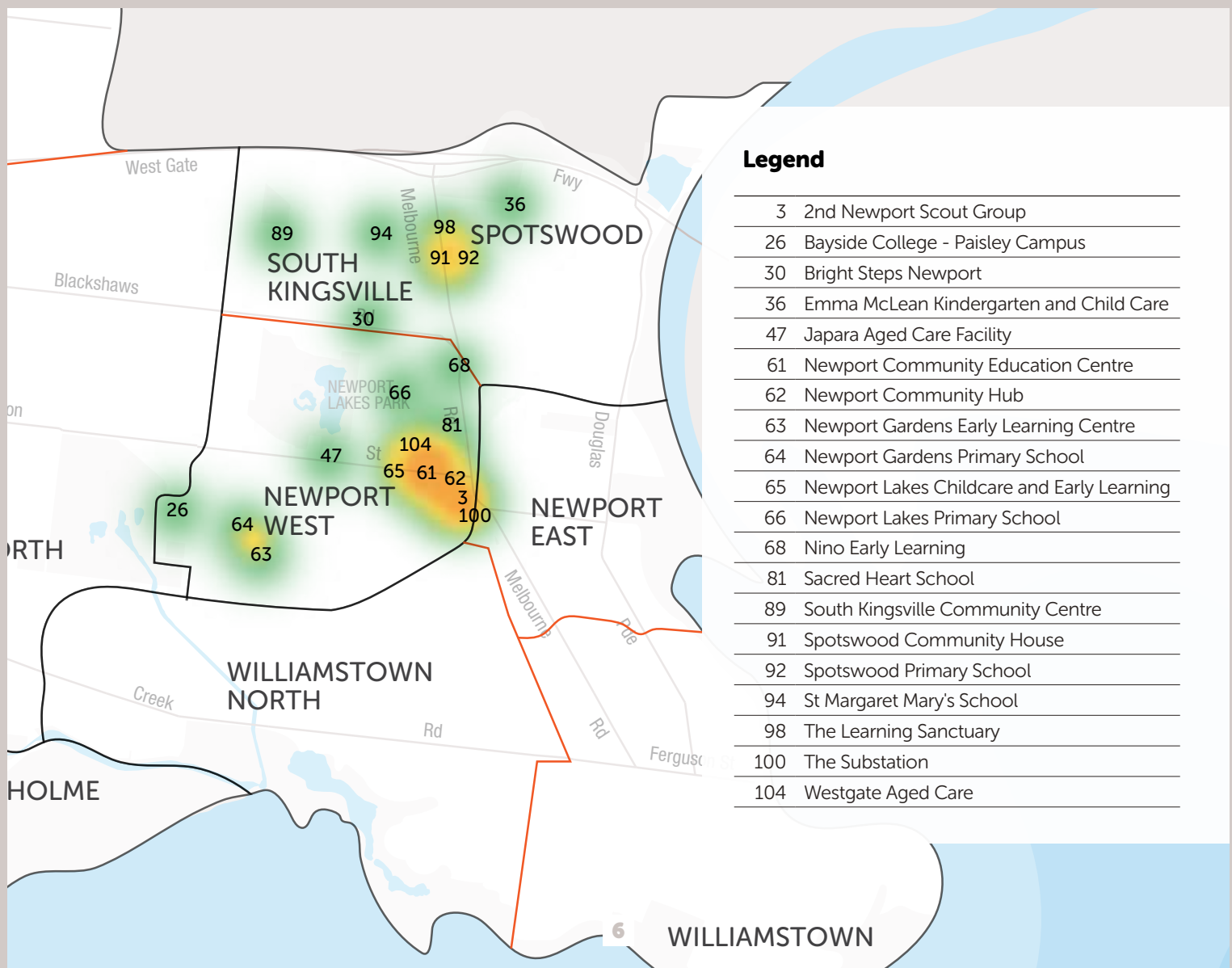
Refurbishments have been undertaken to improve service delivery at the maternal and child health centre co-located at Walker Close Community Centre. Due to the high number of birth notifications and resourcing of the one nurse centre, Council has moved service boundaries so families can also attend Newport Gardens in Maddox Road (Precinct 2) which is currently operating as a dual nurse centre.

² Williamstown Community and Education Centre (2022), Altona North Community House, www.williamstown-spotswoodcc.org.au/venue-hire/altona-north-community-house/ (accessed 25 October 2022)

PRECINCT 2

Newport West and Spotswood – South Kingsville

The estimated population of Precinct 2 in 2022 is 14,537. This is forecast to reach 16,513 by 2025 and 17,805 by 2030. This is a total increase of 3,268 over the next ten years and equates to an annual average growth rate of 2.2 per cent. This higher rate of growth compared to Hobsons Bay is due to planned residential development, including development sites in Spotswood that will deliver townhouses and apartments suitable for smaller households. These include Precinct 16 and 17 (approximately 1,736 dwellings) and Union Square in McLister Street Spotswood (330 dwellings).



Changes to facilities and services since 2020

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A state-of-the-art education and care building will be constructed on the existing Emma McLean kindergarten site and will provide 88 kindergarten and care places for local families. Construction will be completed at the end of 2023.

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Japara Aged Care is now operating as Calvary Trugo Place and remains a 120 suites/bed facility.

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Newport Gardens Early Years Centre was expanded in 2022 and provides an additional 33 licensed places.

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South Kingsville Community Centre underwent upgrades in 2022. Works included new heating and cooling, repainting throughout, new lighting, new flooring and new acoustic walling in the hall. The new space will continue to be shared by the co-located childcare centre which will add seven extra occasional care places, and the refurbished maternal and child health centre.

The Better Places Spotswood & South Kingsville Place Guide was endorsed by Council in October 2021

The Better Places program is a holistic and integrated approach to thinking about designing places for the future. Better Places aims to actively involve the community in the process of shaping the place that they live in.

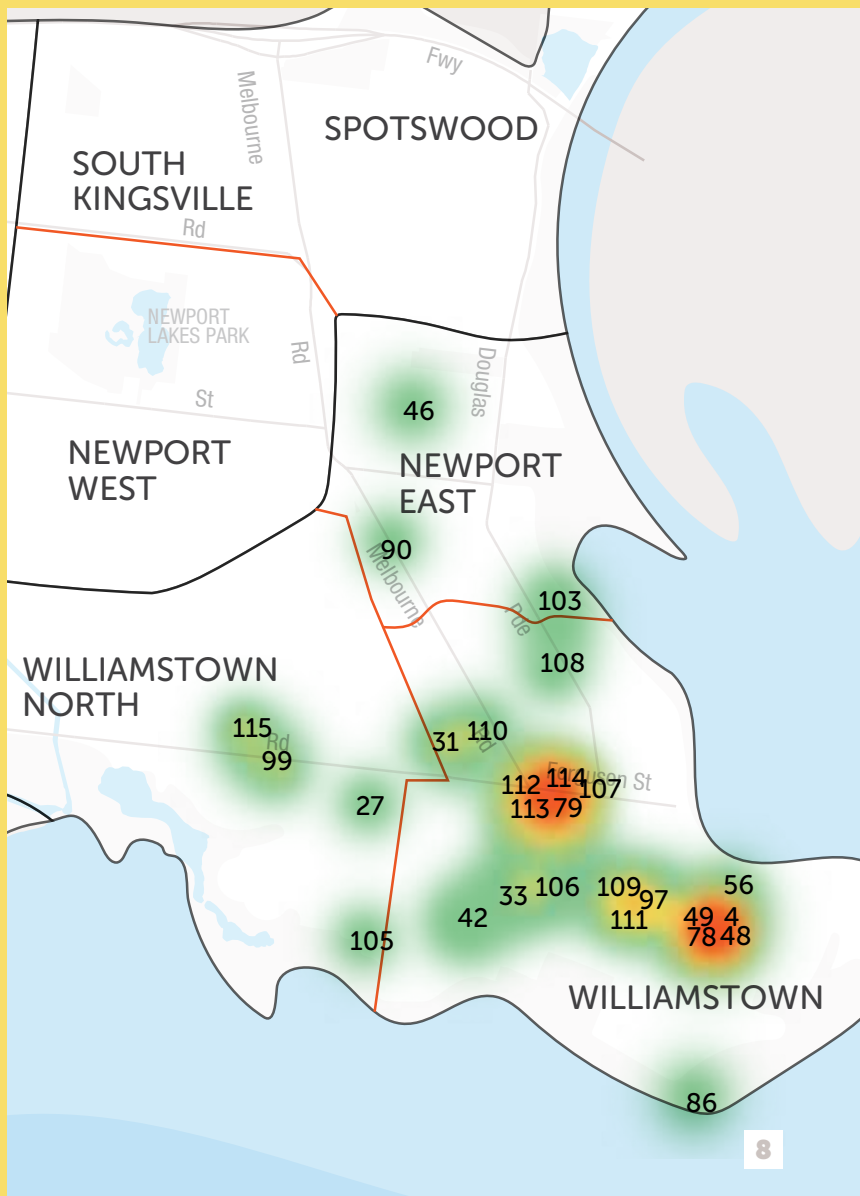
The Better Community Places project in the Place Guide is reviewing the capacity of current community facilities throughout Spotswood and South Kingsville. Council will work with key community groups to assess demand, as well as identify opportunities for reorganising or adding new facilities to cater for population growth into the future.

For more information see participate.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/BPSSK

PRECINCT 3

Newport East, Williamstown and Williamstown North

The estimated population of Precinct 3 in 2022 is 21,135. This is forecast to reach 22,774 by 2025 and 22,972 by 2030. This is a total increase of 1,837 or 8.7 per cent over the next ten years and equates to an annual average growth rate of 0.9 per cent. This is lower than the average for Hobsons Bay as a whole and reflects a relative lack of significant residential development sites. Waterline Place on the former Port Phillip Woollen Mills in Williamstown is the largest development site and involves the construction of around 500 dwellings. Elsewhere there are a number of medium sized projects along the Kororoit Creek Road corridor and in the Williamstown commercial area.



Legend

4	3rd Williamstown Scout Group
27	Bayside College - Williamstown Campus
31	Bright Steps Williamstown
33	Centenary Theatre
42	Hazeldean Transitional Care
46	Home Road Kindergarten
48	Joan Kirner House
49	Kids by the Bay
56	Lumineer Academy
78	Robina Scott Cecil Street
79	Robina Scott Kindergarten and MCH
86	Seaview Williamstown Events Centre
90	Southern Cross Care
97	St Mary's School
99	The Range Children's Centre
103	Westbourne Grammar School
105	Williamstown High School - Bayview College
106	Williamstown High School - Pasco Campus
107	Williamstown Library
108	Williamstown Little Theatre
109	Williamstown Mechanics Institute
110	Williamstown North Primary School
111	Williamstown Primary School
112	Williamstown Proposed Child Care
113	Williamstown Senior Citizens Centre
114	Williamstown Town Hall
115	Wintringham Hostel

Changes to facilities and services since 2020

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The 36 bed Hazeldean Transitional Care, closed in 2020. A 30 bed Transitional Care program is now based at the Williamstown Hospital facility. There are plans for the Hazeldean property in Osborne Street to be renovated to provide 10 single-room palliative care beds with ensuites, new mechanical systems for ventilation, heating and cooling and a new medication room.

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Refurbishments have been undertaken to improve service delivery at the Robina Scott Maternal and Child Health centre.

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Southern Cross Care, which had 37 beds, is no longer operating.

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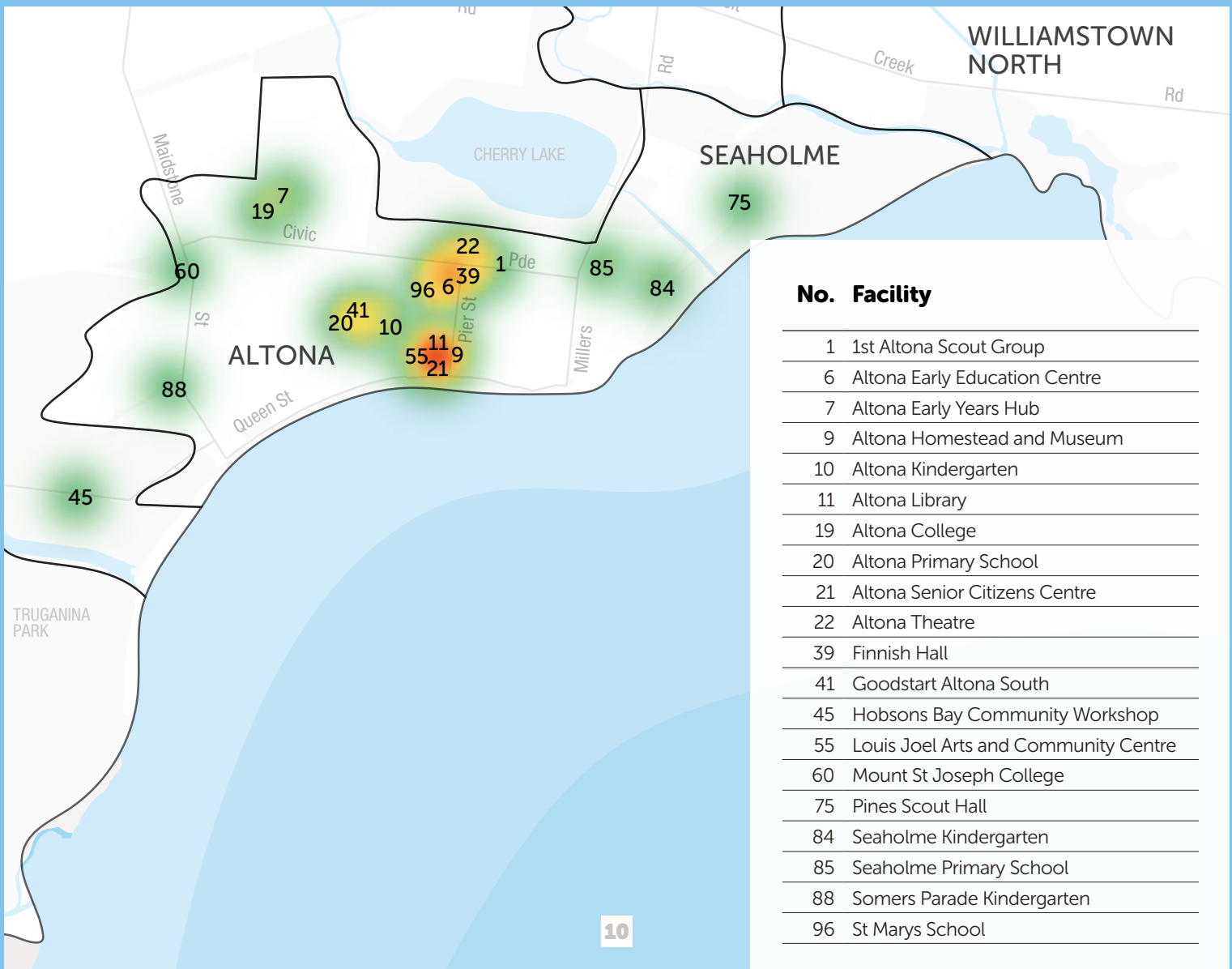
Williamstown Senior Citizens Centre is due to be demolished in early 2023 and will be replaced through the construction of a multi-use community facility. The new centre will accommodate the four existing seniors' groups and the Williamstown Central Tennis Club.

PRECINCT 4

Altona – Seaholme

The estimated population of Precinct 4 in 2022 is 13,958. This is forecast to reach 15,296 by 2025 and 16,101 by 2030. This is an increase of 2,143 or 15.4 per cent over the next ten years and equates to an annual average growth rate of 1.5 per cent, which is slightly below the Hobsons Bay average.

Pier Street has potential for more high-density dwellings due to its location in the central part of the Altona Major Activity Centre (MAC) and larger lots particularly north of the railway line. A number of higher density developments have been completed (118 Pier Street) or are underway (102-106 Pier Street).



Changes to facilities and services since 2020

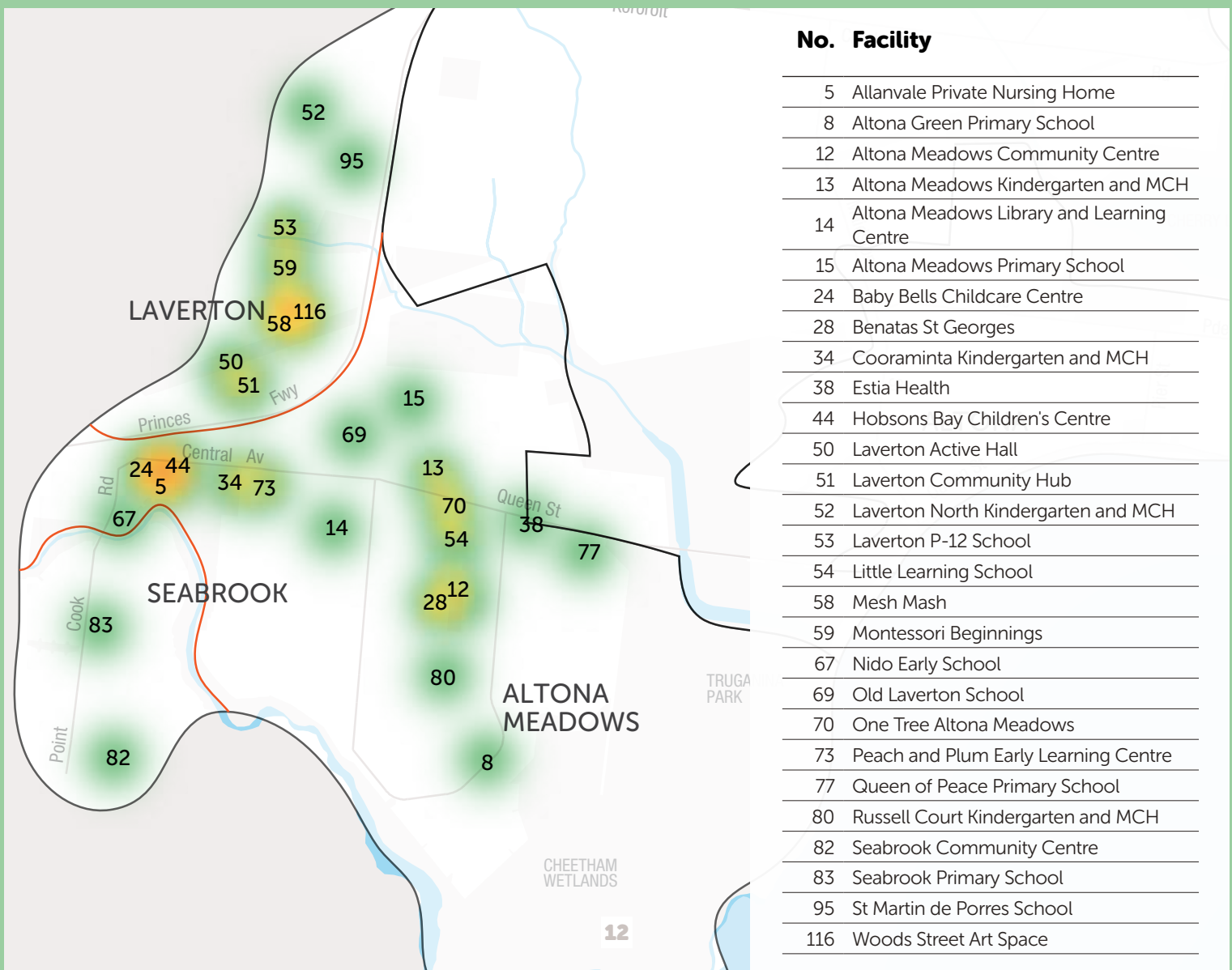
- Hobsons Bay Civic Centre (attached to the Altona Theatre no. 22) was redeveloped in 2019 and provides a number of new community spaces and services including a co-lab working space, a pop-up library, bookable meeting rooms and a digital lounge.
- The introduction of 15 hours of funded three-year-old kindergarten will now see demand exceeding supply by 2026 within Altona. This will be due to the increased number of eligible children taking up a three-year-old kindergarten program and the high participation rate within this precinct. To assist with meeting the increase in demand, a double unit modular will be installed within the precinct. The construction will be funded by the Department of Education and Training, and it is expected it will be operational by 2025.

PRECINCT 5

Altona Meadows, Seabrook and Laverton

Precinct 5 is the largest in terms of population, with a 2022 estimate of 28,613. This is forecast to reach 29,394 by 2025 and 29,947 by 2030. This is a total increase of 1,334 or 4.7 per cent over the ten years and equates to an annual average growth rate of 0.5 per cent.

Overall, future residential development in Precinct 5 is most likely to be on smaller strategic sites, or infill development i.e., older dwellings replaced by two or more townhouses or villas.



Changes to facilities and services since 2020

- The Seabrook Community Centre will be upgraded, and the community room expanded to increase the number of kindergarten places within the precinct. The expansion will be jointly funded by the Department of Education and Training and Council and is expected to be completed by 2025.

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Refurbishments have been undertaken to improve service delivery at the Altona Meadows, Cooraminta, Laverton North, Russell Court and Seabrook Maternal and Child Health centres.