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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

New show of force for Victorian manufacturing

- ‘The South East Manufacturing Zone’ generally comprises the LGAs of Cardinia, Casey, Frankston, Greater Dandenong, Kingston, Knox and Monash, together with the Bayswater North precinct in Maroondah and the Hastings/Tyabb/Somerville area in Mornington Peninsula Shire.
- It is one of Australia’s largest manufacturing regions.
- The Dandenong and South East Manufacturing Zone is the second largest employer of manufacturing jobs in Australia. Adding approximately 10,000 new manufacturing jobs to Melbourne’s South East means that this region will become the centre of smart manufacturing in Australia.
- The zone comprises:
 - 5,000+ manufacturing businesses
 - Approx. 90,000 manufacturing jobs
 - Over 50% of Victoria’s manufactured product
 - \$8.74 billion in GRP
 - 300+ exporters
 - Leading education, research, innovation and health facilities
- While Melbourne’s South East is one of Australia’s most dynamic manufacturing regions, it is much more than manufacturing: some of the nation’s leading education, research, innovation and health facilities are clustered here, creating a dynamic interplay.
- The region is well organised with strong leadership, including the South East Melbourne Manufacturers Alliance (SEMMA), the South East Melbourne Innovation Precinct (SEMIP) the Southern Melbourne RDA Committee, the South East Business Network and strong Local Governments.
- The Committee for Dandenong’s (C4D) vision is to *Make Dandenong and Melbourne’s South East Australia’s largest and most dynamic smart manufacturing and innovation zone, a provider of employment for the area’s growing population and a significant contributor to Australia’s international competitiveness.*
- This will be achieved through actions based on four key agendas, in close collaboration with C4D’s regional stakeholder partners.

Agenda 1: Smart Manufacturing and Innovation

Melbourne’s South East is one of Australia’s largest and most vibrant manufacturing, innovation and technology precincts and has tremendous potential for further growth and advancement to enhance Australia’s global competitiveness. Importantly, it offers the greatest opportunity for providing much-needed new jobs for the thousands of new residents moving into the Casey-Cardinia growth corridor. Establishing closer links between educators, R&D institutions, industry experts and businesses is also vital for the region’s future prosperity and improving employment prospects for its people.

Agenda 2: Dandenong as the Regional Capital

Ensuring central Dandenong continues to develop as the regional capital of the South East. This includes working for the Dandenong CBD to reclaim its place as a vibrant retail hub and commercial centre, promoting a positive image for Dandenong with high quality design and public realm, expanding the range and quality of education, arts, culture, recreation, entertainment and civic facilities to improve the quality of life and provide jobs for people in the rapidly growing South East.

Agenda 3: Transport Infrastructure

Dandenong and the South East need significant transport infrastructure improvements to fulfil their economic potential and ensure a strong social fabric and a sustainable environment. These include new road and rail infrastructure, improved links to the Ports of Melbourne and Hastings and Melbourne airport and improved local transport services.

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Agenda 4: Social Inclusion, Health and Wellbeing

Building an inclusive community and increasing 'social capital' is essential for the economic prosperity of Dandenong and South East Melbourne. This includes ensuring everyone can enjoy healthy lives and a sense of wellbeing, participate in education and training, be gainfully employed, engage with and participate in community life, have access to sustainable transport and a voice in decision-making.

- Significant priorities and investment ready projects have been identified within each agenda to propel the region into becoming Australia's largest and most significant smart manufacturing and innovation zone.

Point of interest:

Dandenong High School's international success at the Vex Robotics World Championships

On 5 December 2015, Dandenong High School participated in the Vex Robotics World Championships Qualifier event, an engineering competition whereby teams are required to build and program their own robots to shoot balls into nets.

Dandenong High School's Robotics team were named Tournament Champions, and went on to participate alongside more than 200 robotics teams for the Asia Pacific Robotics Championships at the Melbourne Showgrounds on 17 December 2015.

Dandenong High School is seeking funding to enable its Robotics team to travel to Louisville, Kentucky, where they have been invited to attend the 2016 VEX Worlds Robotics Competition High School Division (April 20-23, 2016) and represent Australia.

Approximately 20 per cent of students graduating from Dandenong High School intend to pursue engineering courses.

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C4D Agenda Priorities and Investment Projects – Summary

Agendas	Priorities	Projects	Required Funding
Agenda 1 Smart Manufacturing and Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ South East Melbourne as Australia's Premier Centre of Smart Manufacturing and Innovation ▶ Transport Equipment Manufacturing Cluster <i>(Close Up)</i> ▶ Auto Industry Manufacturing Revitalisation ▶ Future of Manufacturing Program ▶ Food Processing Industries ▶ Manufacturing Connectivity Centre ▶ Growth of Australian Manufacturing via Government Policy ▶ Port of Hastings 	Future of Manufacturing Project	\$300,000
		Manufacturing Connectivity Centre Development	\$1.5 million
		Non-potable Water Feasibility Study (Bunyip Basin)	\$91,500
		Kingston Food Hub Infrastructure Project	TBC in May 2016
		Bayswater Industrial Precinct Initiative	\$80,000
		B2B and Local Government Connection (ASPIRE)	\$500,000
		The Future of Prototyping in Manufacturing and Education in Dandenong and South East Melbourne	\$1.2 million
Dandenong High School Facility Development	\$12 million		
Agenda 2 Dandenong as the Regional Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Revitalising Central Dandenong Urban Renewal Program ▶ Attracting Corporate Headquarters ▶ Infrastructure Funding ▶ Festivals, Events and Tourism ▶ Providing Jobs for the Casey and Cardinia Growth Corridors <i>(Close Up)</i> 	Smart Manufacturing Investment Attraction Initiative	\$1.5 million
		2016 VEX Worlds Robotics Competition	\$36,000
		Centre for Industrial Flow Chemistry <i>(Close Up)</i>	\$4 million
		Robinson Street/Princes Highway Signalisation	\$750,000
		Robinson Street Improvements	\$4 million
		Mason Street Realignment	\$900,000
		'Tear Drop' Removal	\$3 million
Masonic Hall Gallery	\$3 million		
Agenda 3 Transport Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Westernport Highway Duplication ▶ Metropolitan Ring Road North-East Link ▶ Monash Freeway Upgrade Between Eastlink and Clyde Road Berwick ▶ Abbotts Road/Remington Drive ▶ Dandenong to Caulfield Quadruplication ▶ Cranbourne Line Duplication and Extension ▶ Port of Hastings Standard Gauge Rail Freight Line ▶ Monash/Rowville/Wellington Road Light Rail Corridor ▶ Bus Services Upgrade ▶ Third Airport in Melbourne's South East ▶ Develop Hastings as Melbourne's Second Container Port 	Grade Separation of Webster Street	\$120 million
		Dandenong By-Pass Completion	\$250 million
		East West Link (Dandenong Southern By-Pass)	\$123 million
		Dandenong South – Transport Infrastructure Project	\$84 million
		Mordialloc Bypass	\$160 million
		Thompsons Road Delivery	\$280 million
		Dandenong South Inland Port <i>(Close Up)</i>	\$15 million
Agenda 4 Social Inclusion, Health and Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Training and education ▶ Skills training for advanced manufacturing in the region ▶ Health and Medical Services ▶ Affordable Housing ▶ Addressing unemployment and welfare dependence ▶ Public Transport 	Knox Private Hospital	\$185 million
		Healthy Families-Connected Communities Project	\$250,000
		Together We Can	\$300,000
		Wantirna Health Precinct	\$200,000
		The One Per Cent Project	\$250,000
		Officer Library, Youth Hub and Education Facility <i>(Close Up)</i>	\$10 million
		Total	\$1,260,857,500