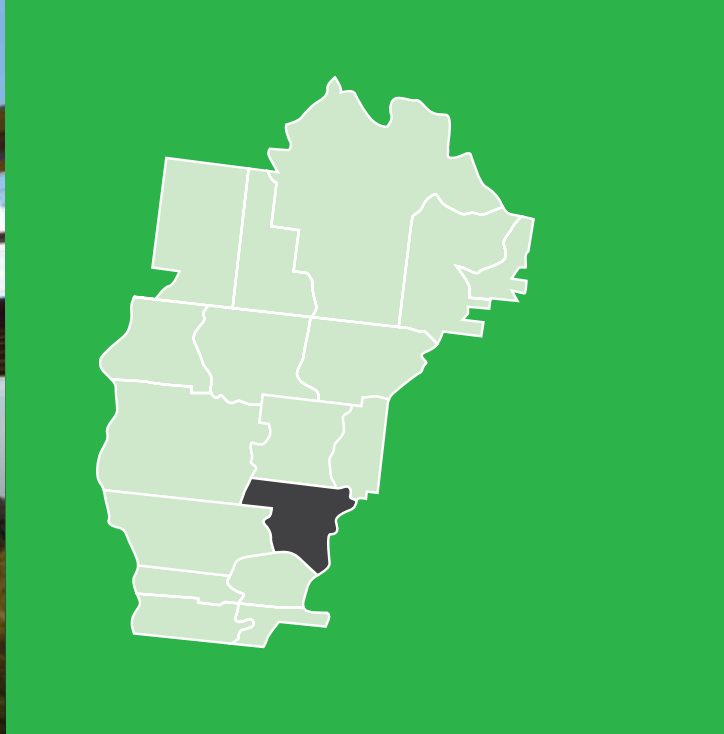




SOUTH MORANG



Local history

South Morang is located 23 kilometres north-east of Melbourne's city centre and covers an area of approximately 19 square kilometres.

European settlement started from 1870s with the post office opening in November 1873 followed by the first primary school in 1877.

Planning and development

The South Morang Local Structure Plan (1997) guides development within the South Morang area, but can be subject to change.

More information

All planning and development plans can be viewed at Council's website.



Population

In 2015 there is an estimated 21,000 people living in South Morang with a 9 per cent increase forecast by 2036 to 23,100.

In 2015, 25 per cent of residents are aged between 35 to 49 years. The number of people aged 50 plus is expected to almost double by 2036.

Births

It is estimated there will be 386 births in South Morang in 2015 (seven births per week on average) and by 2036 this is expected to decrease to 357 births per year (six births per week on average).

Diversity

The most common languages spoken other than English are Macedonian, Italian and Greek and the most common countries-of-birth other than Australia include India, Italy and Republic of North Macedonia.

Families and households

In 2014 there are 6,831 dwellings. This is expected to increase to 8,244 dwellings by 2036 with around half of all households consisting of couples with children (51 per cent).

Employment

The most common types of occupation are clerical and administrative workers (18 per cent), with more residents working in manufacturing and retail than any other industry.

Education

There are proportionally more residents who are attending school (primary, secondary and pre-school) compared with the broader population of Greater Melbourne (21 per cent vs 16 per cent).



Travelling in and out

About 70 per cent of households have access to two or more vehicles with residents more likely to drive a car to work, compared with the broader population of Greater Melbourne (74 per cent).



Farm Vigano

Advocacy priorities

A Complete Findon Road

Council is advocating to the state government to fund the completion of Findon Road between Williamsons Road and Gorge Road in order to ease current traffic congestion and dangerous traffic conditions. Findon Road is the only planned main east-west arterial road north of the Metropolitan Ring Road.

B Transport Network

The state labor government made a pre-election commitment in 2014 of \$600 million to extend the South Morang train line to Mernda. Council is seeking state government funding to extend the number 86 tram line from RMIT University Bundoora to the South Morang Transport Hub and then through The Lakes Boulevard to join with Plenty Road.

Yan Yean Road duplication: Yarrambat to Doreen

Council is seeking state and federal government funding to duplicate Yan Yean Road north of Kurrak Road to Bridge Inn Road.

E6 construction from Metropolitan Ring Road to Bridge Inn Road

Council is seeking state and federal government funding to construct the 11 kilometre E6 road to alleviate congestion on Plenty Road and High Street/Epping Road. The new E6 could be capable of carrying more than 60,000 cars per day.

Duplication of Plenty Road

Council is advocating for the state government to duplicate Plenty Road from Riverdale Boulevard to Bridge Inn Road and install traffic lights at Plenty Road and Bridge Inn Road, Mernda.

Municipality-wide

Bus services for the municipality

Council is seeking state government funding to improve bus services across the municipality.

Northern Hospital expansion

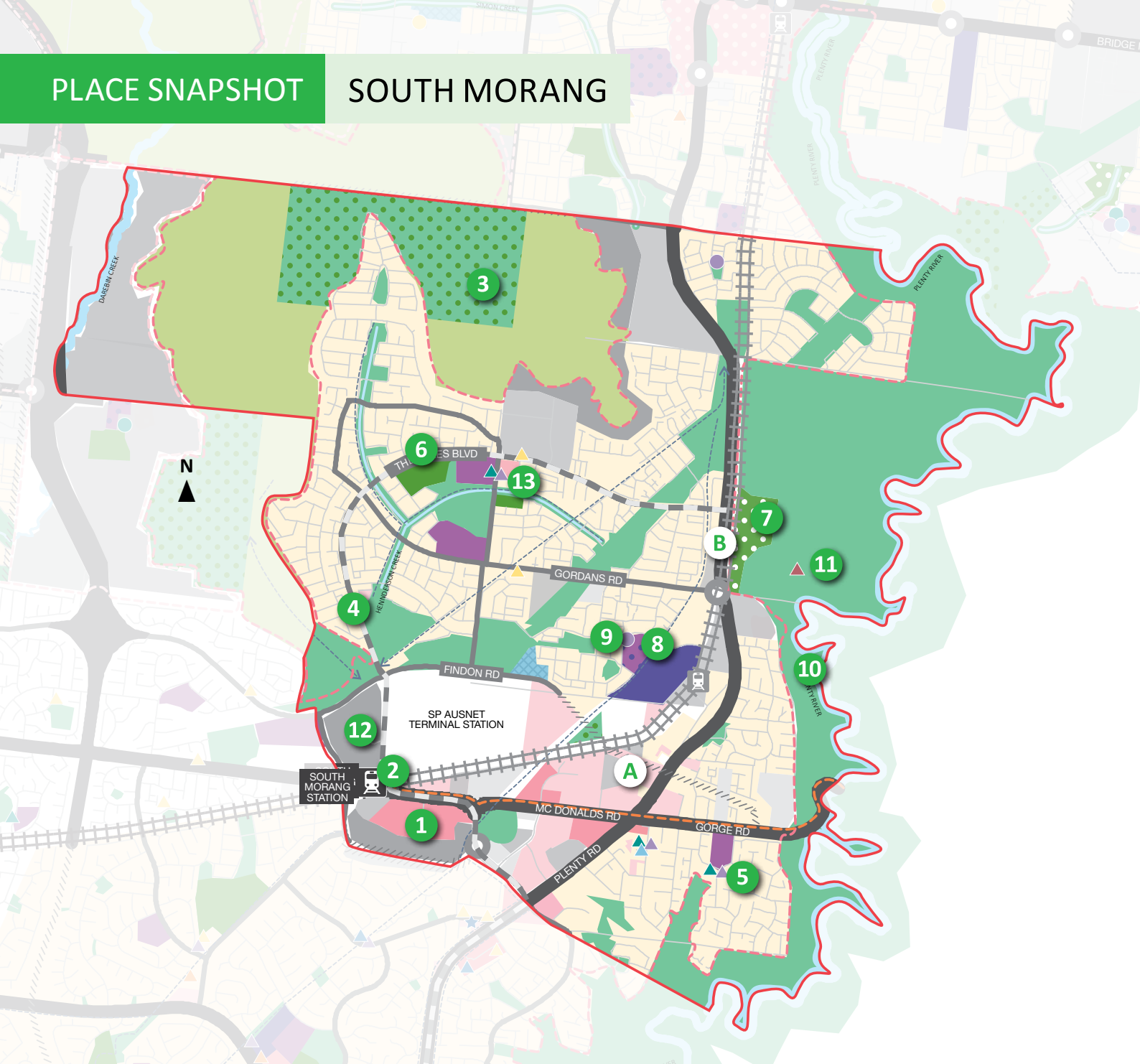
There is a critical need to expand the Northern Hospital to adequately service the growing population in the City of Whittlesea and Melbourne's north. The Northern is the only public hospital in the northern growth corridor. Council is advocating for additional beds and Royal Children's Hospital paediatric services.

Proposed South Morang civic precinct

Council is advocating to the state government to invest in a Civic Precinct on the Civic Centre at Ferres Boulevard that potentially includes:

- Magistrates' Court
- Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
- Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal
- County Court
- Victoria Police
- Community Correctional Services
- Social services, non-government agencies, businesses and residential development.





- Place boundary
- Major roads
- Roads
- - - - Proposed roads
- # # # # Railway line / station
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- - - - Potential future tram line
- - - - Smart bus / bus interchange
- - - - Shared pathway (walking / bike)
- Rivers / creeks / waterways
- - - - Urban growth boundary
- - - - Precinct structure boundary
- 2017-2020*
- 2020-2025*
- 2025+*
- Private school
- Government school
- Proposed school
- Open spaces
- Proposed open spaces
- Sports pavillions / ovals / pitches
- Proposed sports pavillions / ovals / pitches
- Non-urban land
- Residential
- ▲ Existing childcare
- Proposed childcare
- ▲ Existing kindergarten
- Proposed kindergarten
- ▲ Existing CAS (Community Activity Space)
- Proposed CAS
- ▲ Existing MCH (Maternal and Child Health)
- Proposed MCH
- ▲ Historic sites (Le Page Homestead)
- Future signalled intersections

*These timeframes estimate relate to lot release, they do not relate to housing construction. Lot release is when titles are officially released after a Statement of Compliance is issued for any stage of an estate. Generally, houses are constructed anytime between six to 18 months after a stage is 'released.' Housing construction is dependent on market demand.

1 Plenty Valley Town Centre

Plenty Valley Town Centre is an area of three square kilometres covering parts of Mill Park, South Morang and Epping. It includes Westfield Plenty Valley, GP Super Clinic, other shops, businesses, residential areas and public transport options.

A structure plan is being prepared, which will provide a shared vision for Plenty Valley Town Centre, identifying the type and scope of change over time. It will be a tool to help manage, influence and facilitate future development of the area including how it is used, building heights, community spaces, parks and transport links.

There are proposed plans to further extend Westfield Plenty Valley shopping area to offer a department store, cinema, additional specialty stores, cafés and restaurants.

2 Transport Network

The state labor government has committed funding to extend the South Morang train line to Mernda. The project is being led by Public Transport Victoria with planning for the project underway. The train line is expected to be operational in 2019.

The project will include:

- Approximately eight kilometres of dual tracks
- Two new stations will be constructed, one at the future Mernda town centre and an additional station between South Morang and Mernda..

3 Quarry Hills Regional Parkland

Council has been working towards establishing the Quarry Hills Regional Parkland. Currently, approximately 100 hectares of the parkland are open for the community to use, but the ultimate size of the parkland will be approximately 1100 hectares. Council is currently preparing a Landscape Masterplan for the future design and management of the parkland. Facilities within the parkland currently include walking trails, shelters, car parking and a series of viewing platforms with views to the city and to Mount Disappointment.

4 Mill Park Lakes meeting space

A meeting room that seats 50 people is available for community meetings and activities.

5 Riverside Community Activity Centre

Available for private and community events:

- main hall seats up to 150 people
- two meeting rooms, seating up to 70 people
- three and four-year-old kindergarten program.

6 Mill Park Lakes Recreation Reserve

The Reserve of over eight hectares includes two football and cricket ovals, a pavilion, playground, barbecue, and picnic facilities.

7 Hawkstowe Recreation Reserve

The Reserve, 13 hectares located next to Plenty Gorge Park, the nationally significant Morang Wetlands, and Parks Victoria's Hawkstowe Park. A master plan has been developed which will provide for the future planning and construction of a range of community facilities which may include a sports pavilion and soccer fields, Australian Football League (AFL)/cricket ovals.

8 Proposed Mill Park Lakes East Primary School

Dependent on state government.

9 Proposed Redgum Child and Family Centre and Scope Respite Centre

Scope disability services is operating a new and much needed respite service for families.

10 Farm Vigano

Heritage listed Farm Vigano was previously the home of iconic Melbourne restaurateur Mario Vigano of Mario's in Exhibition Street and his wife, Maria Teresa, a noted artist during the 1930s, 40s and 50s.

11 Le Page Homestead at Plenty Gorge Park

Le Page Homestead – built in the 1850s – is located within Hawkstowe Park in South Morang and includes an art gallery and heritage orchard, which still features a couple of the original fruit trees.

12 City of Whittlesea Council Offices

- The main council office where you will be served by our Customer Service Team, Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm.
- Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre – a multi-purpose venue that provides live theatre entertainment for the local community, and can be booked for wedding receptions, social functions and corporate events.

13 Mill Park Lakes Community Activity Centre

Includes kindergarten and tennis facilities.