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New hub to bring more allied health, education and employment services to the City of Melton

A new purpose-built hub that will provide a central space for City of Melton residents to access a range of community, allied health, education, employment, and culturally specific services will begin construction in 2023.

Located in the heart of the Cobblebank Metropolitan Activity Centre, the hub is a Melton City Council initiative supported by the State Government through the Growing Suburbs Fund.

It will help meet a service gap for fast-growing communities in the City of Melton and the surrounding region.

As part of the planning for the new facility, Council is welcoming expressions of interest from community service organisations interested in becoming tenants of the new hub. Space will be available at reduced commercial rate for a range of community, allied health and education services.

City of Melton Mayor Cr Goran Kesic said the hub would help meet critical service needs in the local area.

“We’re developing a space that will attract the quality services our community needs, from allied health, to education, employment and more,” Cr Kesic said.

“This hub will help address the gaps in health and community services by providing an accessible and affordable central space to deliver services.

“It’s about making these services accessible to everyone, by having them available locally, and in a place that people can reach on public transport too.

“This is going to be a state-of-the-art facility that will serve one of Australia’s fastest growing communities.

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“It’s also a great opportunity for service providers to be part of the new hub at a reduced rate, and I’d really encourage those community organisations to get in touch with us as soon as possible.”

Council identified the need for the hub after recognising gaps in health and community services including family violence services, mental health services, disability and early intervention services, children’s services, employment services, alcohol and other drug support services, refugee support services and culturally specific services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and culturally diverse communities.

With health and human services providers highlighting a lack of affordable, co-located accommodation in central locations, Council has taken the initiative to build a hub that will provide an accessible and affordable central space to deliver a fully integrated co-located community service space to deliver critical service gaps.

To find out more about what Council’s Cobblebank Community Services Hub will deliver for residents or to register your interest as a service provider, visit cobblebankcsh.com.au

Expressions of interest for service providers close on Friday 17 June.

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