

## **Corio Norlane Based Projects**

### **Major Government Initiatives**

1. **Neighbourhood and Urban Renewal in Corio and Norlane:** Corio Norlane was identified as a Neighbourhood Renewal site in December 2002 in response to the recognition that these communities experience high levels of social, economic, physical and environmental disadvantage. Six key action areas including improvements to health and well-being; housing and the physical environment; education, employment and the local economy; crime and safety; access to government services; and civic pride and participation form the focus of local activity.
2. In 2006, a Whole of Victorian Government (WoVG) **Feasibility Study** exploring the potential for major urban renewal of Corio and Norlane, led by DHS and Major Projects Victoria (MPV) was conducted. The recommended next stage of this process is the development of a fully costed **Business Case** that will define the parameters of and assist with securing the necessary government and private investment required for major urban redevelopment.
3. In May 2007 the Acting Premier Thwaites announced \$40m for the **Norlane Regeneration Project**, a proof of concept initiative funded by the State Government through the Office of Housing, to develop 200 new public and social houses. This project will provide a measure of the market potential for a full scale urban renewal project.
4. **Corio Norlane Education Regeneration:** In 2007 DEECD commenced planning for the Corio Norlane Education Regeneration Project under the Building Futures policy framework. This multi-staged project involves the re-configuration of 9 government schools in Corio and Norlane. A regional cross government Project Board has been established to support the implementation of this project.
5. **Northern Suburbs Health Services Redevelopment:** In 2007 DHS and Barwon Health commissioned a review of the provision of Health Services in the northern suburbs of Geelong. This review identified that the existing infrastructure no longer meets community needs and recommended that a number of satellite services be established. Planning for the Northern Suburbs Health Services Redevelopment is well advanced and includes the construction of a new facility in Corio/Norlane that will provide expanded service delivery.

### **Additional Projects of Significance**

6. The **G21 Region Plan** identifies the significance of the Port of Geelong and the importance of improving **inter-modal transport connections** between road, rail and the port to ensure the continued economic growth of the region. The **Geelong Ring Road**, while some way from completion, is likely to impact on traffic flows in residential areas, particularly along Cox – St Georges, Bacchus Marsh and Station Roads. Further work is required to minimise the potential for changed traffic flows to impact negatively on the community and the achievement of other major project objectives.
7. The **Northern Water Plant** funded by Commonwealth and State Governments and Shell Australia is one of the major initiatives in train that is responding to the community's concerns about increasingly scarce water resources. This fully enclosed water treatment plant will result in the annual reduction of industrial use of potable water equivalent to 5% of Geelong's water supply.
8. The City of Greater Geelong is currently leading a number of initiatives occurring in the northern suburbs including the development of the **Heales Road Industrial Estate** and the **Redevelopment of Osbourne House**. It is anticipated that both of these projects will have a significant impact on the local community and economy.
9. In 2007 the **North Shore Railway Station** was identified by the then DOI (now DoT) as a pilot site for redevelopment under the *Train Stations as Community Hubs* program.

The local Task Force driving this project is supported by a State-wide Steering Committee. The DoT is also considering the potential relocation of the existing Corio Station and creation of a new 'park and ride' station somewhere in the northern suburbs of Geelong.

10. In 2007 the current State and Federal MPs for Lara/Corio established **Northern Futures**, to take the lead in planning and leveraging whole of government and community support to minimise the social and economic impact on the Northern Suburbs of Geelong associated with the downturn in the manufacturing industries. Northern Futures has committed to developing an **Economic Independence and Social Inclusion Investment Plan** for the Northern Suburbs. Key stakeholders represented on this committee include Avalon (LinFox), Shell, Deakin, Trades Hall, CoGG, G21, CREATE, DHS and DEECD.
11. Shell's **Community Advisory Panel** was established to engage community and government input into Shell's **Social Investment and Environmental Improvement planning** to deliver health, education and environmental improvements in the northern suburbs of Geelong. Key stakeholders represented on this committee include DHS, DEECD, CoGG, G21, Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, Barwon Health, Gordon TAFE, United Way, the Committee for Geelong and the Corio Norlane Community Development Advisory Board (working title).

### **Other Projects**

12. Food Security Rapid Assessment
13. Home Fire Safety Strategy
14. Health Promotion Projects including Peer Health Coach and Drug and Alcohol related strategies
15. Social Enterprises
16. Integrated Diabetes Management Clinic
17. Park and Playground Redevelopment projects
18. Environmental Restoration Projects
19. Urban Design projects
20. Early Years Planning
21. Community Leadership Program
22. Healthy Cities/Neighbourhoods