Sunish stepping it up, 1001 Steps - Bayview Park Narre Warren. 214571 Picture: STEWART CHAMBERS

HEALTH

Residents are serviced by a network of healthcare providers led by general practitioners and allied health professionals such as radiologists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, dietitians, psychologists, audiologists and podiatrists.

Casey Hospital provides a comprehensive range of health services for the rapidly growing communities of Melbourne's southeast. It received expansion works that were concluded in 2020, adding 13,000 square metres of space to the hospital, comprising 12 intensive care unit beds, 128 inpatient beds, 12 day surgery beds and four new operating theatres among other new features.

SPORT

The City of Casey has long been a hub of sporting activity in Melbourne's southeast.

Locals and visitors have the option to check out the Endeavour Hills Skate Park, which opened in 2020 as a part of the Endeavour Hills Community Precinct Project. It includes more than 865 square metres of terrain including bowls for skateboards and a street course, a new playground, lawn area, gymnastics and parkour equipment, and terraced landscaping.

Casey Fields is the region's premier sports and recreation precinct, home to Melbourne City Football Club and the Melbourne Demons AFL/AFLW teams. It also regularly hosts cricket, rugby, athletics and BMX events televised nationally. Boasting more than 30 fields, tracks and courts across its 87 hectares, there is also a dedicated train station in the works for Casey Fields as a part of the Clyde Rail extension.

Casey Stadium has also undergone an $18 million investment from the City of Casey in partnership with the state government. Launched in 2017, the redevelopment features five new courts, spectator seating, a multipurpose room, additional parking, a cafe as well as new change rooms and toilets.

THE FUTURE

The future looks bright for the growing shire as new road, school and infrastructure projects progress over the next few years.

The Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) prepares Precinct Structure Plans (PSP) for Melbourne's growth areas, with 16 PSP areas in the City of Casey. A council advocacy plan promotes future planning and development of the remaining growth areas of Casey, while the plan encourages innovative planning approaches that respond to community needs and ultimately work toward the goal to help create Australia's most liveable city.

Matthew Burt (19 South Croydon) lands on Bryce Rutherford (4 Berwick). 276104

Adrian Russo (44 Cranbourne Eagles). 276110

Hilltop Park in Berwick.

Chris with his daughter Sophie at Fitzwilliam Circuit Playground Clyde North. 242947