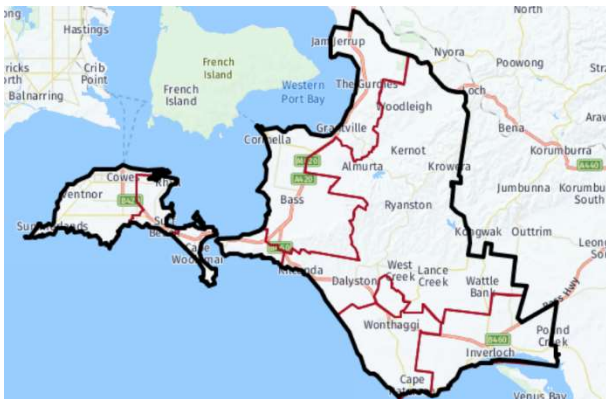


Growing Suburbs Fund 2022-23

The Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF) is a \$425M contribution to support the delivery of high priority community infrastructure projects for Victoria's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. Designed to support the existing and future local infrastructure needs of Melbourne's interface and peri-urban communities, the GSF brings forward local infrastructure projects that are essential to the liveability of outer suburban families.

Bass Coast Shire Council



Bass Coast Shire, located approximately 140km from Melbourne CBD, is a rural, residential and holiday area. The Shire encompasses a total land area of about 860 square kilometres, including substantial coastal areas. The major towns are Wonthaggi, Cowes, Inverloch, San Remo, and Grantville, with numerous smaller townships.

Known as one of Victoria's peri-urban councils, the area recorded a growth rate of 3.1% in 2019-20¹. The current population of 37,445 is expected to grow to 48,145 or 28.6% by 2036².

Victoria's population growth slowed during the pandemic period with the impact over this time mainly felt in the inner and middle suburbs of Melbourne; regional areas were less affected due to increased migration from Melbourne. Based on the latest available data, areas across Victoria are now expected to return to normal rates and patterns.

Bass Coast Rail Trail Wonthaggi Precinct

Murray Street, Wonthaggi 3995

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Bass Coast Shire Council to enhance the Wonthaggi Railway Station Museum to provide an outdoor undercover exhibition space that can be experienced from the trail as a static display.

The scope of the project includes:

- Replacing concrete planks of the retaining walls
- Glazing the platform to create an outdoor undercover exhibition and community space

Expected date of commencement: September 2023

Expected date of completion: March 2024

Total Project Cost: \$438,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$388,000

Other contributions:

- Bass Coast Shire Council: \$50,000

The other projects in Bass Coast Shire Council to receive funding from the 2022-23 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Anderson Street Reserve San Remo (\$517,000)
- Rhyll Foreshore Playspace Stage 2 (\$235,000)

¹ ABS Regional Population Growth, March 2022

² Victoria in Future, 2019



Figure 1 Project Site Wonthaggi Rail Platform

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund projects at <https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants/growing-suburbs-fund>.

For more information about the Growing Suburbs Fund, please contact gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au.

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