

Growing Suburbs Fund 2022-23

The Growing Suburb 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.

Rhyll Foreshore Playspace Stage 2

Beach Road, Rhyll 3923

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Bass Coast Shire Council to deliver stage 2 of a high-quality nature based playspace on the Rhyll foreshore for the community and visitors to enjoy.

The scope of the project includes:

- The installation of a clam shell shelter over the existing BBQ and a new table setting
- Path upgrades to meet DDA standards
- An elevated accessible picnic area
- Extensions to stage 1 of the playspace including the custom squid tower
- Additional accessible seating
- Installation of a series of heritage signs

Expected date of commencement: April 2023

Expected date of completion: December 2023

Total Project Cost: \$295,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$235,000

Other contributions:

- Bass Coast Shire Council: \$60,000

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)
- Bass Coast Rail Trail Wonthaggi Precinct (\$388,000)

¹ ABS Regional Population Growth, March 2022

² Victoria in Future, 2019



Figure 1 Project Masterplan

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

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