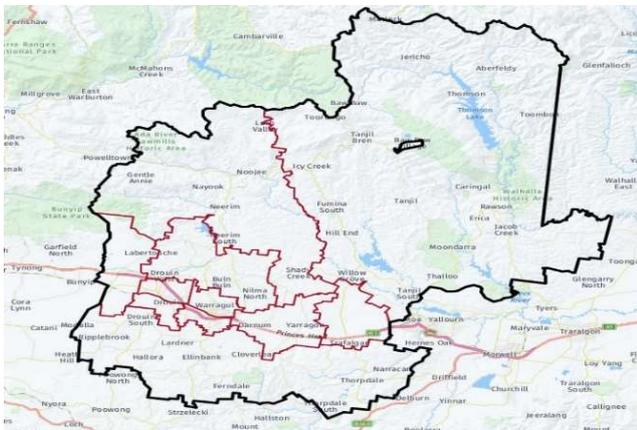


# Growing Suburbs Fund 2022-23

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.

## Baw Baw Shire Council



Baw Baw Shire is located in the West Gippsland region of Victoria, about 100 kilometres east of the Melbourne CBD. Baw Baw Shire is bounded by the Yarra Ranges Shire and Mansfield Shire in the north, Wellington Shire and Latrobe City in the east, South Gippsland Shire in the south, and Cardinia Shire in the west.

Known as one of Victoria's peri-urban councils, the area recorded a growth rate of 2.8% in 2019-2020.<sup>1</sup> The current population of 54,884 is expected to grow to 75,819 or 38.1% by 2036.<sup>2</sup>

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.

## Queen Street Warragul Streetscape Project

50 Queen Street, Warragul 3820

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Baw Baw Shire Council to deliver the final stage of the Queen Street Warragul Streetscape Project to create greater community connectedness.

### The scope of the project includes:

- An upgraded pathway
- Shade through natural landscape
- A new toilet block and shelter
- Minor improvements to the open space amenity.

**Expected date of commencement:** October 2023

**Expected date of completion:** January 2025

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,710,000

**Growing Suburbs Fund:** \$673,962

### Other contributions:

- Bass Coast Shire Council: \$443,038
- Developer Contributions: \$593,000

**The other project in Baw Baw Shire Council to receive funding from the 2022-23 Growing Suburbs Fund is:**

- 3-5 Rollo Street Yarragon – Community Open Space Reserve (\$1,528,132)

<sup>1</sup> ABS Regional Population Growth, March 2022

<sup>2</sup> Victoria in Future, 2019



Figure 1 Project Concept Plan (Mason Street roundabout)

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](mailto:gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au).

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