

Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22

The Growing Suburbs Fund is a contribution towards meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. It is positioned to quickly respond to the pressures being experienced by interface and peri-urban communities by bringing forward local infrastructure projects that will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives 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 2036.²

Victoria's population has witnessed a considerable slow-down in growth due to COVID and a pause in overseas migration. This is mostly felt in the inner/middle suburbs of Melbourne but is still evident in outer suburbs. Regional areas are much less impacted, at least partly due to migration from Melbourne to the regions.

¹ ABS Regional Population Growth March 2022

² Victoria in Future, 2019

Inverloch to Wonthaggi Trail

Corner Goroke Street and Drowleys Road, Inverloch 3996

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Bass Coast Shire Council to deliver a connected trail project.

The Inverloch to Wonthaggi Trail Project will connect to the Bass Coast Rail Trail and provide new active recreation and commuter links for the community and provide key tourism infrastructure.

The project will deliver a 14 kilometre long, 2.5-meter-wide shared cycling and walking link, connecting two of Bass Coast's key residential and commercial towns.

Expected date of commencement: June 2023

Expected date of completion: June 2025

Total Project Cost: \$7,700,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$3,000,000

Other contributions:

- Bass Coast Shire Council: \$4,700,000



Figure 1: Project location

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

For more information regarding these projects contact the GSF team at gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au

Authorised by the Hon Shaun Leane MP, Minister for Local Government and Suburban Development

Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions
 1 Spring Street Melbourne Victoria 3000
 Telephone (03) 9651 9999

© Copyright State of Victoria,
 Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions 2022

Except for any logos, emblems, trademarks, artwork and photography this document is made available under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Australia license.

This document is also available in an accessible format at djpr.vic.gov.au