

# 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.

## Mornington Peninsula Shire Council



Mornington Peninsula Shire is situated on a promontory located more than 40 km to the south east of Melbourne, with more than 190 km of coastal boundaries. It is characterised by a mix of urban areas, resort towns, tourist developments and rural land. The Peninsula is one of the major holiday and retirement destinations for Melbournians.

Mornington Peninsula Shire Council is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 0.7% in 2019-20.<sup>1</sup> The population is projected to grow from 168,862 in 2020 to about 200,365 or 18.7% per cent by 2036.<sup>2</sup>

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.

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

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

## Sommerville to Baxter Shared Path

Stage 1: Eramosa Road to Frankston-Flinders Rd/Hawkins Rd Intersection

Stage 2: Frankston-Flinders Rd/Hawkins Rd intersection to Baxter and Peninsula Link Trail (via Watsons Creek)

The Growing Suburbs Fund will support Mornington Peninsula Shire Council to deliver the Somerville to Baxter Shared Path project.

This project will deliver an identified missing link in the Peninsula Trail network and will provide users the opportunity to undertake safe, extended, and uninterrupted walking and cycling trips by connecting the two key townships of Somerville and Baxter.

The project scope includes:

- A 4.64 km shared asphalt path to achieve an integrated off-road trail
- Supporting public amenities including rest stop facilities at trail nodes, and DDA compliant street furniture
- Cultural artwork and signage along the path alignment to reference the significance of identified sites.

**Expected date of commencement:** March 2023

**Expected date of completion:** April 2024

**Total Project Cost:** \$7,010,3000  
**Growing Suburbs Fund:** \$3,000,000

**Other contributions:**

- Mornington Peninsula Shire Council: \$2,010,300
- Community Development Grants Program: \$2,000,000

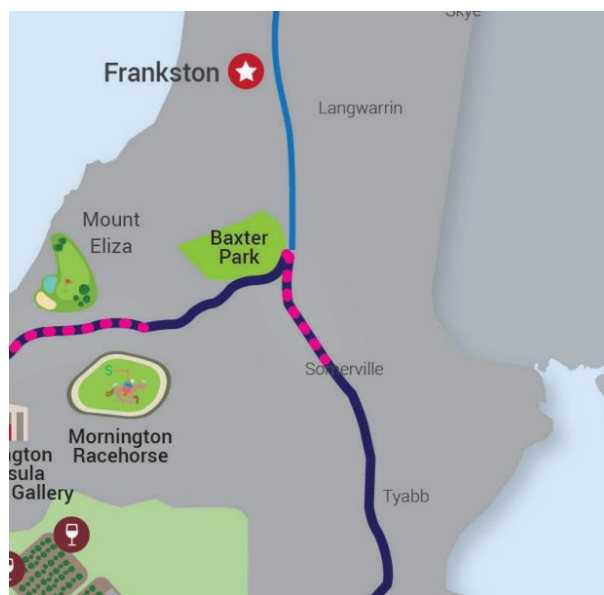


Figure 1 and 2: Trail location

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