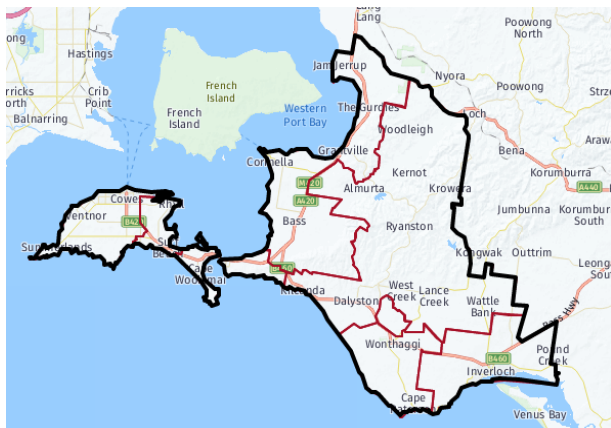


Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21

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 current population of 36,320 is expected to grow to 48,145 by 2036.¹

Cowes Cultural and Community Centre 89-91 Thompson Avenue Cowes 3922

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Bass Coast Shire Council to develop the Cowes Community and Cultural Centre (CCCC). The CCCC will incorporate a library, theatre, gallery

and café spaces as well as a new open space in the centre of Cowes.

The CCCC will be a dynamic & interactive space that will bring together the cultural & social aspirations of the community.

Expected date of commencement:

September 2020

Expected date of completion:

February 2022

Total Project Cost: \$19,000,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$2,500,000

Other contributions:

- Bass Coast Shire Council \$14,500,000
- Community Infrastructure Loans Scheme \$10,000,000



¹ Victoria in Future, 2019



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