

CEO's Report

Issue 33 – May 2018



Council's advocacy results in historic funding announcements

Bass Coast Shire Council joined the community to celebrate the historic announcement of \$115 million of funding for the Wonthaggi Hospital upgrade and \$9.7 million for the upgrade of the Phillip Island Road/Back Beach Road intersection.

These two projects are listed on Council's advocacy priority document titled 'Representing our community: shaping our future', a document which Council has been sharing, promoting and presenting to ministers, local members and industry leaders at every occasion.

Council's advocacy priorities came about through our 'Help shape a better Bass Coast' campaign, the largest community engagement Council has ever undertaken.

From our advocacy priorities we now have four funded projects, totalling an investment from the State Government of over \$150 million. These projects are:

- Wonthaggi Secondary College new senior campus: \$25 million (expected completion February 2020)
- Wonthaggi Highball Stadium: \$6 million (expected completion February 2020)
- Phillip Island Road/Back Beach Road intersection upgrade: \$9.7 million
- Wonthaggi Hospital upgrade to sub-regional Status: \$115 million



The Back Beach Road/Phillip Island Road will receive a much needed upgrade.

The remaining priorities Council are advocating for are:

- Transfer of current Wonthaggi Secondary College site to Council
- Cowes Jetty Replacement
- Wonthaggi North East Precinct Infrastructure
- South West Gippsland Transport Strategy
- 24 Hour Pharmacy Care and Nursing Facility in Cowes

For further information on advocacy or to view Council's Advocacy Priority document visit

www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/advocacy.



Harriet Shing MP, Don Paproth (Chair Bass Coast Health Board), Cr Brett Tessari (Deputy Mayor), The Hon Daniel Andrews MP (Premier Victoria), Cr Pamela Rothfield (Mayor Bass Coast), Jan Child (CEO Bass Coast Health).

Draft 2018/19 Budget



Council has prepared a draft 2018/19 Budget for the financial year starting 1 July 2018 and ending on 30 June 2019. Council will consider the adoption of this document at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 20 June 2018.

Key projects

Our investment in capital works continues to be a priority with funding of \$21.2 million. The key projects to be funded include:

- Ongoing development of skate parks across the municipality with replacement of the Cowes Skate Park and design for a Regional Skate Park on Phillip Island, \$500,000
- Acquisition of land for future community needs in Cowes, \$2,000,000
- Further development of the Cowes Transit Centre and all day car park, \$727,000
- Construction of the Pioneer Bay roads and drainage upgrade scheme, \$4,364,000
- Planning for an upgrade to the car park at Anderson Road Boat Ramp, Cowes, \$25,000
- Master Plan works for the Beachcomber YCW activity area, \$15,000
- Design of Olive Justice Park, Cowes \$25,000
- Upgrade of lighting at the Inverloch Tennis Club, \$40,000
- Works and signage for the Corinella Boat Ramp car park, \$45,000
- A contribution to the Inverloch Soundshell, \$45,000
- Refurbishment of the netball courts at Cowes, Bass and Dalyston, \$920,000
- Extension of Surf Parade shared path to Goroke St, Inverloch, \$926,000
- Replacement of the pavilion at Dalyston Recreation Reserve, \$1,100,000
- Replacement of the air conditioning at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, \$350,000
- Refurbishment of the Phillip Island Football Club rooms, \$350,000
- Rehabilitation of Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Kongwak, \$300,000
- Rehabilitation of Ventnor Beach Road, Ventnor, \$317,000
- Renewal of Bourne Creek (Kilcunda) Trestle Bridge, \$400,000

Highlights

- We continue to be low rating and low spending – Bass Coast is the third lowest rating council out of 19 large rural councils in Victoria
- Supporting the Wonthaggi Shared Highball facility and the second year contribution for Cape Paterson Life Saving Club replacement, \$500,000
- Council's day-to-day operational costs have also been contained below CPI to less than 1.9 per cent compared to 2017/18 Budget excluding one-off contributions – Wonthaggi Highball Facility and Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club
- Average General Rate increase of 2.25%, in line with the State Government's Rate Cap
- The draft 2018/19 Budget continues to deliver the themes of the Council Plan

For more information visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/budget

Bass Coast Shire Council, 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi, VIC 3995 DX 34903 Wonthaggi
PO Box 118, Wonthaggi, VIC 3995 basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au |
www.basscoast.vic.gov.au | 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211 or or via the National
Relay Service on 13 36 77 (for people with speech or hearing difficulties)