

ACTIVE BASS COAST 2018-2028

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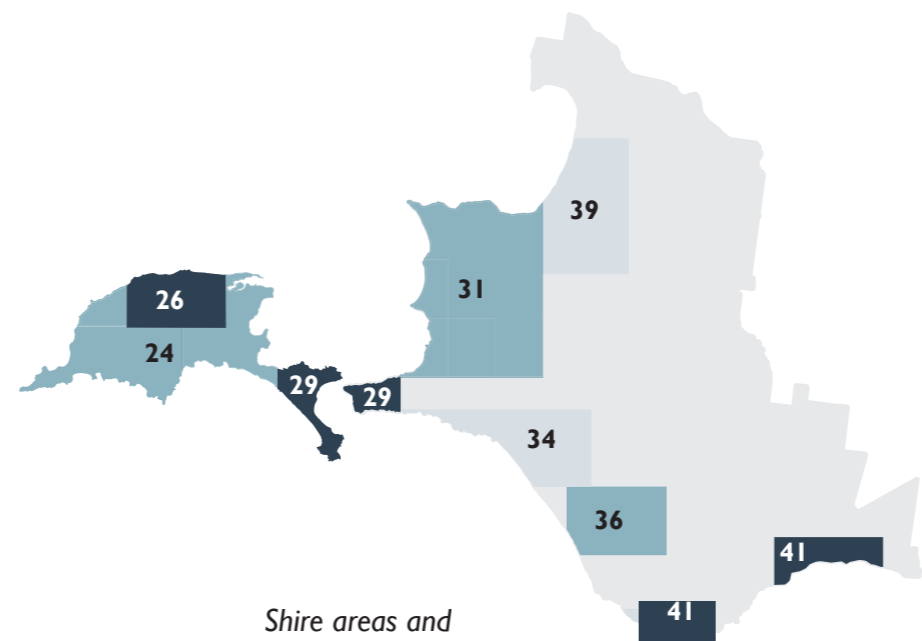


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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Cr Brett Tessari



Cr Julian Brown



Cr Les Larke



Cr Michael Whelan



Cr Pamela Rothfield Mayor



Cr Stephen Fullarton



Cr Clare Le Serve



Cr Bruce Kent



Cr Geoff Ellis

We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land as the first Australians, their relationship with the land and water and pay our respects to their elders past and present and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in our community today.

Active Bass Coast is the Plan that will set our aspiration and actions for recreation and open space in the municipality across the next 10 years. We have had great interest in the development of the project with over 3,000 comments and suggestions from our community, visitors and organisational partners in its development. This is a strong indicator of how invested our community are in our open spaces and recreation facilities within the Shire. It is no surprise that Bass Coast has a strong sporting culture and is home to some of the most beautiful and unique open spaces in Victoria.

Quality open spaces and recreation facilities are fundamental as these places encourage people to be social and active. This is integral to the health and wellbeing of our communities and environment.

This Plan sets out directions for creating healthy and active environments, infrastructure and services in Bass Coast. We know there are health and wellbeing challenges for many people in our Shire. We can not underestimate the value of our recreation and our open spaces in enabling people to participate in sport, socialise, play and relax.

An important part of the Plan is continuing to provide for our community and visitors, opportunities to connect with Bass Coast's natural coastline, bushlands and waterways. This Plan is an important part of developing on the strengths of the activities and events that currently happen within the Shire and planning for the future.

Cr Pamela Rothfield Mayor

Thank you

We thank our community for their input into this Plan. Organisational partners also provided valuable input and we acknowledge the funding assistance from Sport and Recreation Victoria to develop the Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Active Bass Coast is a 10 year Plan that sets the vision for the provision and use of open space and recreation activities across the Shire.

The vision for Active Bass Coast is:

a healthy and connected community that regularly participates in recreation and social activities in both natural and structured open spaces.

The Plan builds on Sport and Recreation Needs Assessment (SARNA) undertaken in 2016 and integrates a number of local strategies such as the Council Plan and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan along with more recreation specific Plans including the Skate Strategy and Play Strategy. This Plan also references key state government Plans and priorities including Active Victoria 2017 (Sport and Recreation Victoria).

The Plan has a number of short, medium, long term recommendations that have been prioritised using criteria that supports the objectives of the Plan and these focus areas.

The recommendations have been categorised broadly into regional projects, township based projects, and planning projects. Under these broad categories, recommendations have been categorised according to the project type. These sub-categories including recreation reserves, parks, foreshores and pathways.

This research and benchmarking along with extensive consultation uncovered key focus areas for the Plan under the themes **Active People**, **Active Places**, **Active Partnerships**.

Active People

1. Adapting to changing trends in sport and recreation participation
2. Increasing physical activity and targeting the least active members of the community
3. Empowering the community to lead the way
4. Ensuring inclusive environments and access for all

Active Places

5. Providing adequate open space and recreation options in growth areas
6. Equitable and sustainable management of facilities, reserves and foreshores
7. Connecting the Bass Coast Shire via walking and cycling trails
8. Conserving the natural environment while promoting sustainable active recreation

Active Partnerships

9. Identifying and prioritising regional recreation facilities
10. Equitable and sustainable relationships with community groups
11. Partnering with government and organisations to increase funding for open space and recreation
12. Boosting the economy via recreation tourism



1 | ABOUT THE PLAN

1.1 OVERVIEW

Council's overarching vision is that 'Bass Coast will be known as a region that supports a sustainable and healthy community, and values and protects its natural assets'.

Active Bass Coast provides strategic direction to strive toward this vision. This Plan encompasses both open space and recreation facilities and services across the municipality and recognises the partnerships that assist us to deliver on our vision, both within and beyond the boundaries of our Shire.

This Plan has been developed with consideration of previous strategic plans, drawing on feedback from consultations undertaken through the development of our Council Plan – A Better Bass Coast 2017-2021, masterplans and population health profiles, along with further specific Active Bass Coast consultations throughout February and March 2018. Our community have strongly shaped this strategy, through provision of information about their use of open space and participation in recreation.

Active Bass Coast is an overarching framework to guide Council's decision-making process in the provision of open space and recreation services and facilities.

The Plan includes actions which range from regional to township level and focuses on aspects such as advocacy and the environment, health and wellbeing, liveability and our character. The Plan outlines short, medium and long term priorities.

The Active Bass Coast Plan recognises that the vision and proposed actions fall into three key categories, helping to conceptualise the key areas of open space and recreation provision in Bass Coast: **Active People**, **Active Places**, **Active Partnerships**.

1.2 VISION & OBJECTIVES

Vision

A healthy and connected community that regularly participates in recreation and social activities in both natural and structured open spaces.

Active People



- Increase participation in physical activity and social activities across the Shire
- Provide diverse opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to participate
- Align provision with community needs and expectations

Active Places



- Provide diverse settings to cater for all recreation activities
- Protect and value the environment
- Optimise use of existing open space and recreation facilities (shared facilities)
- Align with community needs and expectations

Active Partnerships



- Support the community to develop, maintain and protect open spaces and deliver quality recreation services
- Attract funding opportunities for priority projects

Objectives

Through this Plan we aim to:

- Provide clear strategic directions for developing recreation services and facilities in Bass Coast
- Develop a network of recreation facilities and open spaces that provide a diverse range of social, environmental and economic benefits to the community
- Recommend location specific actions for improving open space and recreation facilities
- Identify partnerships to improve the breadth and sustainability of recreation services and opportunities in the Shire
- Develop an implementation plan to guide Council priorities

How will we use the Plan

Active Bass Coast will become a guide for:

- Councillors
- Council officers
- Community groups
- Partner organisations

The Plan will be used as an:

- Advocacy document
- Land use planning tool
- Budget preparation resource

Review Process

Being a 10 year Plan, a review process will be required to ensure long-term validity of the Plan's content and guiding principles.

Minor structural reviews will be undertaken in 2021 and 2025 to ensure the Plan's key directions evolve and adapt with the changing open space and recreation requirements and Council's future corporate plans.

A major review of the Plan will be undertaken in 2028 and will involve a comprehensive review of all research and statistics to ensure the document remains relevant and appropriate.

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I.3 SCOPE OF THE PLAN

The Active Bass Coast Plan considers all public recreation activities but focuses mainly on those that occur within open space. Open space settings include both built and natural features, providing a venue for the majority of recreation activities across the Shire.

The Plan will consider a broad range of settings, irrespective of ownership and management arrangements, however, Active Bass Coast actions primarily focus on outcomes that fall within Council's roles and responsibilities.

This Plan defines open space as the setting for a number of activities undertaken by the community. Recreation refers to all leisure activities that occur within his setting.

Figure 1 outlines the various open space types available within the Shire and the recreation activities that take place within these settings.

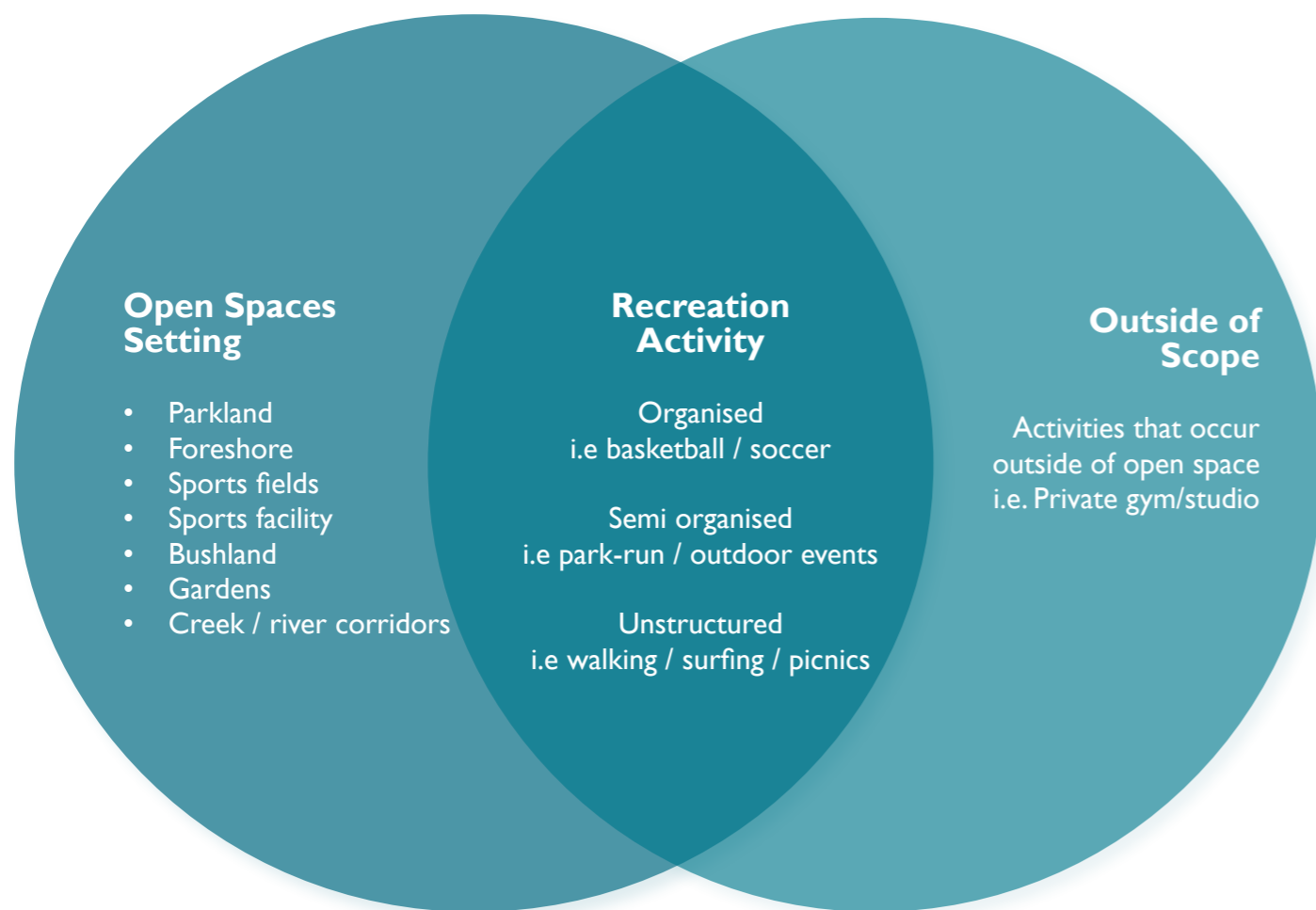


Figure 1 Active Bass Coast Scope

I.4 COUNCIL'S ROLE IN OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

As the level of government with the closest connection to their community, local government has an important role to play in creating healthy and connected communities through:

- Engaging and supporting local people, clubs and volunteers through programs and promotion
- Shaping local places through effective planning and provision of open spaces and recreation facilities

- Implementing efficient management partnerships and processes through local plans and policies
- Working collaboratively to achieve community outcomes

Figure 2 sets out the diverse roles that Council plays in the provision of open space and recreation activities for the Bass Coast community.

OUR ROLE	DESCRIPTION
Service provider	Council provides recreation services through service agreements e.g. leisure centres.
Partner	Council partners with state government departments, schools, sports clubs and Committees of Management to deliver recreation and manage open space.
Facilitator	Assist with bringing together relevant stakeholders to address sport and recreation issues. Assist with developing relationships between relevant parties and strengthening their capacity.
Information provider	Council provides information to the community about recreation opportunities and open spaces via promotion and marketing.
Advocate	Council advocates for state and federal government investment in new open space and recreation projects.
Regulator	Council ensures that open space and recreation facilities are provided and used in accordance with the local law, policies and procedures.
Land manager	Council owns and manages a significant proportion of open space across the Shire. Other land managers include Parks Victoria, Phillip Island Nature Parks and Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

Figure 2 Council's Role in Open Space & Recreation

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1.5 HOW THE PLAN WAS DEVELOPED

The development of Active Bass Coast involved extensive research and consultation. Figure 3 sets out the six key development phases.

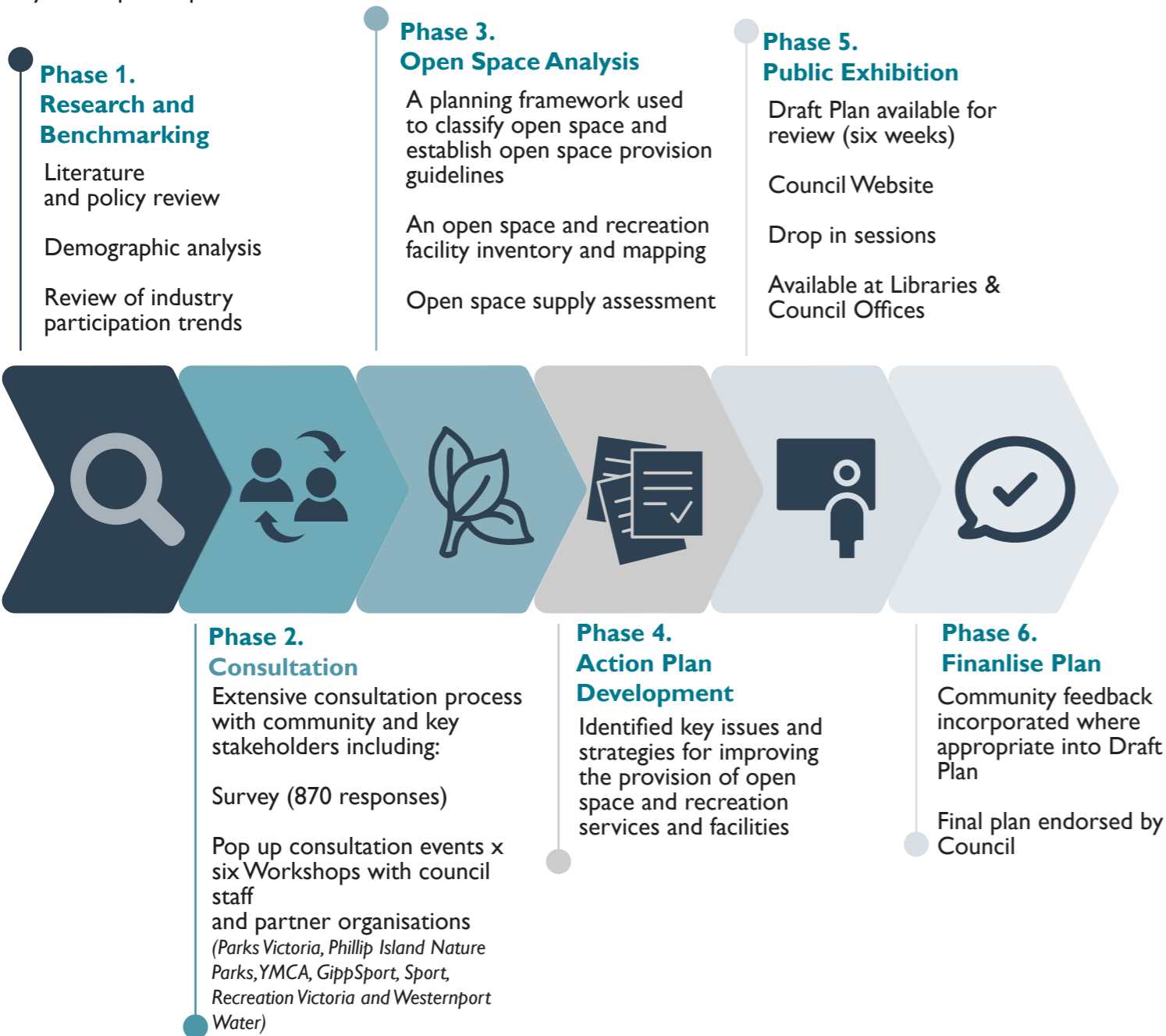


Figure 3 Active Bass Coast Development Process

Strategic Basis

The research and benchmarking phase of the Plan development has been extensive and a number of Victorian plans and policies have helped shape Active Bass Coast.

Over the last four years there have been a number of consultations with community that have fed into strategies and plans. These plans and strategies have been integral to the development of Active Bass Coast. The most relevant are listed:



State Government Plans

2017

Active Victoria (Sport and Recreation Victoria)
Parks Victoria Guide to Healthy Parks Healthy People
Parks Victoria Learning in Nature Strategy
Biodiversity 2037
VicSport Strategic Plan

2014

Victorian Coastal Strategy
VicHealth's Investment Plan (Physical activity, sport and walking)

Bass Coast Shire Plans

2018

Active Bass Coast Community Engagement Report
Skate Strategy

2017

Council Plan – A Better Bass Coast, incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan
Playspace Strategy
Natural Environment Strategy

2016

Sport and Active Recreation Needs Assessment Study
Pathways Plan
Youth Action Plan

2015

Bass Coast Aquatics Strategy

2013

Municipal Recreation Plan

These Bass Coast documents are available on Council's website: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au

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2.1 BASS COAST SHIRE OVERVIEW

Bass Coast Shire is located about 130 kilometres south-east of Melbourne and is predominantly a coastal municipality with a unique coastline complemented by a beautiful hinterland.

Bass Coast Shire has a vast array of recreation reserves, parks, community spaces, sports stadiums, an aquatic facility, a network of off-road trails including the iconic and popular George Bass Trail and Bass Coast Rail Trail and some of the most valued coastal environments in Victoria.

The Shire has significant waterways including Screw Creek, Powlett and Bass Rivers along with protected wetlands. Phillip Island hosts major tourist attractions including the world famous little penguins and a number of natural attractions including a national surfing reserve.

Bass Coast Shire offers a unique and affordable lifestyle in beautiful natural surrounds. Ever improving transport links, paired with Melbourne’s continuous expansion, means the northern parts of the Shire are included within the commuting belt of the outer south eastern suburbs.

Bass Coast is one of the few Victorian municipalities with tourism and agriculture as the two major industries. Cattle and dairy farming are the area’s agricultural backbone.

estimated resident population 2016) and by 2036, the population for Bass Coast Shire is forecast to increase to over 47,000, at an average annual change of two per cent. The Shire encompasses a total land area of 865 square kilometres, including extensive coastal areas.

In line with our rural nature, Bass Coast is home to many small coastal or agricultural villages, with some larger townships scattered amongst them. Established as a coal mining town in the early 1900s, Wonthaggi is today a large regional centre not only for Bass Coast, but for surrounding areas, and is the main source of employment within the Shire, particularly in health, education, community service and construction. Bass Coast Shire has recently been successful in receiving millions of dollars in government grants to improve education, health and sport services to the community in Wonthaggi.

Many of our coastal villages are also characterised by large numbers of holiday homes. Whilst the permanent population of the Shire has been growing strongly in recent years, the population also swells significantly to well over 70,000 during holiday periods. The Shire is visited by 35 per cent of Melbourne’s international visitors each year.

Bass Coast is home to a population of 33, 581 (ABS

2.2 HEALTH & WELLBEING

Sport, recreation and the outdoors form an integral part of the Australian culture and are recognised as an important part of a well-balanced, healthy lifestyle.

A range of social, environmental and economic benefits are derived from participating in sport and recreation and engaging with open spaces in a variety of settings including parks and coastal environments. With this in mind, we have developed a holistic plan encompassing active and passive recreation, ensuring that we consulted with a broad range of people and age groups.

Bass Coast is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Victoria. So it is important that we understand not only the growth in our municipality and future need, but the associated age demographics and health and wellbeing indicators.

We understand that many factors come together to affect the health and wellbeing of our community. The World Health Organisation states that community determinates of health (those areas that impact a person’s health and wellbeing), include; the social and economic environment, the physical environment and a person’s individual characteristics and behaviours (www.who.int/hialevidence/doh.en - accessed 25-5-18).

Figure 4 sets out the benefits derived from providing quality recreation options within a variety of open space settings.

Individual Benefits	Social Benefits	Economic Benefits	Environmental Benefits
Increases physical fitness Increases health and wellbeing	Supports social inclusion Promotes social connections Provides a place for social gatherings, celebrations, events and play	Reduces healthcare costs Provides lifestyle benefits that attract employees to the region Generates nature-based recreation and tourism activities	Encourages appreciation for the natural environment Protects open space and natural assets Supports biodiversity

Figure 4 Benefits of Open Space and Recreation

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2.3 DEMOGRAPHICS

The Plan draws on these demographics to formulate recommendations that address specific characteristics of the Bass Coast Shire community. The Plan includes a number of recommendations that relate specifically to our unique demographics including targeting the least active members of the community, ensuring access for all through inclusive environments and providing quality playgrounds and skate parks (free informal recreation activities).

Population

Australia, among many other countries, faces an ageing population. Bass Coast Shire is ageing faster than most regions with many older adults choosing to retire to the Shire.

The age group with the most population is 60-64 years (2,713 persons and 8.7 per cent of the total persons)
The median age of people residing in Bass Coast is 50 years (up from 45 years in 2011 Census - compared with 37 years for Victoria).

The largest increase in persons between 2016 and 2026 is forecast to be in ages 75 to 79, which is expected to account for six per cent of the total persons in Bass Coast.

The predominant family type is "couples without children" (49.5 per cent).

The average household size for the Shire is 2.2 persons per dwelling.

Health

59 per cent of Bass Coast residents visit a green space at least once per week (DHHS 2013).

There are 1,723 people in Bass Coast living with a profound or severe disability. The top five causes of disability are neurological and sense disorders, mental disorders, malignant cancers, chronic respiratory disease and cardiovascular disease.

58.7 per cent of residents do not meet physical activity guidelines 'sufficient time and sessions' (DHHS 2014).

Bass Coast rates of obesity for men are above the state average (Bass Coast 28 per cent, Victoria 20 per cent) (DHHS 2014).

The top cause of death in Bass Coast is malignant cancer, followed by cardiovascular disease, chronic respiratory diseases (DHHS 2014).

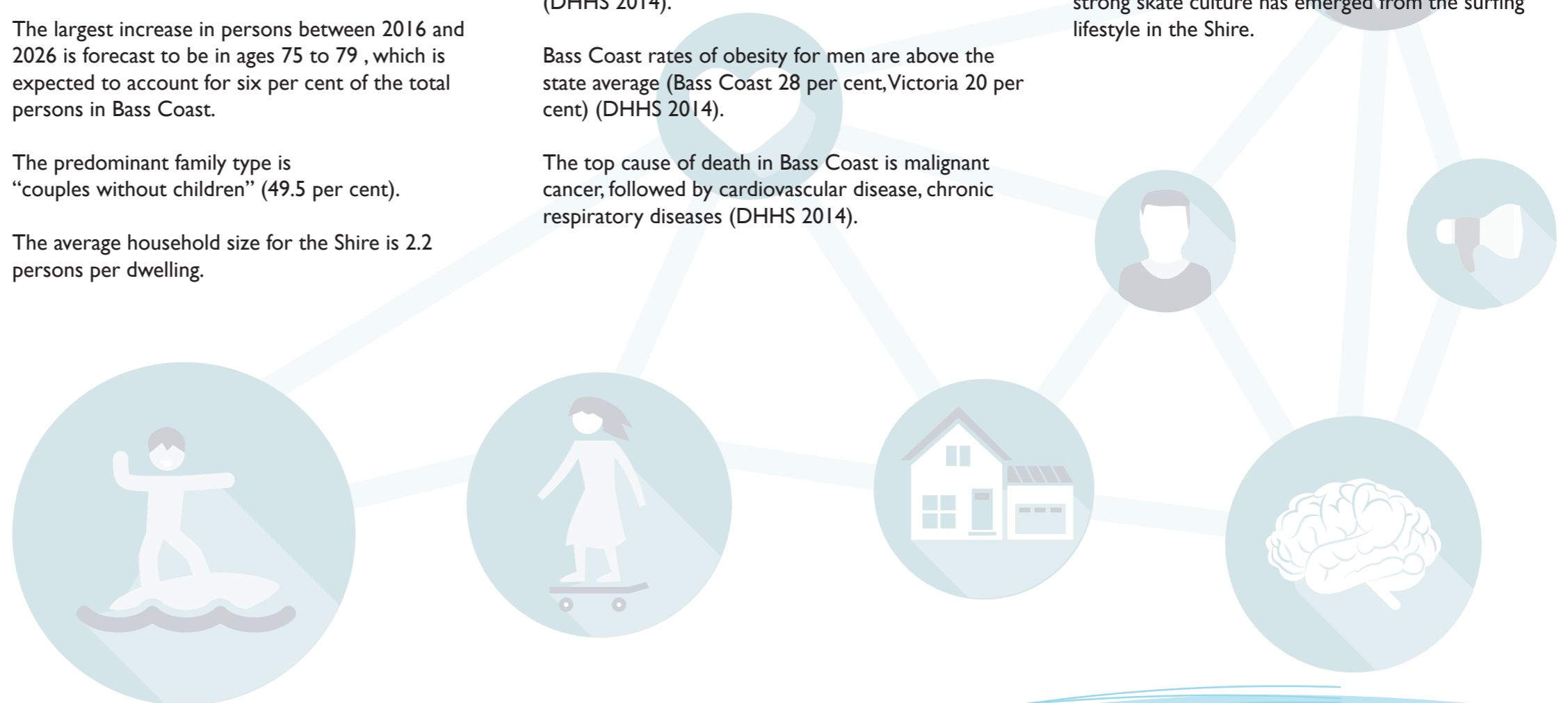
Social

The percentage of households with mortgage stress is among the highest in the state.

25 per cent of Bass Coast residents volunteer, higher than across Victoria (19 per cent).

The Shire has a strong arts community with numerous artists living and working in the Shire.

The Shire has a strong surfing culture due to the number and quality of surf beaches available. A strong skate culture has emerged from the surfing lifestyle in the Shire.



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2.4 ACTIVE BASS COAST CONSULTATION SUMMARY

A range of methods and tools were used to engage with the community including six place-based pop-up consultations, a key stakeholder workshop, internal Council staff workshop and an online survey. During the community engagement activities, a wide range of people were consulted including children, young people and adults as well as people who live in Bass Coast and visitors to the region.

Staff who supported the most recent consultation process found the community were highly engaged when asked about the best ways to get our community outdoors, active and social. People were excited about the prospect of more support, facilities and opportunities in the future. The responses gathered during the consultation process included over 3,000 comments.

Feedback from the engagement activities informed the priorities and focus areas identified in the Plan. The following is a summary of the Consultation and Engagement Report June 2018.

Community Feedback: Facilities

The most popular topic during the engagement was requests for the upgrade or development of new facilities, across Bass Coast. Over 400 comments were received about the state of current facilities, including the need for upgrades and the development of a range of new facilities to enable people to get outdoors, active and social more often. Comments about aquatics related to both an upgrade to the Wonthaggi pool and a new facility on Phillip Island (around 220 requests).

When looking at localities, there were over 50 specific requests for improvements to the Inverloch* Recreation Reserve including; netball courts, pavilion, oval lighting and goal post netting as well as tennis courts. The need for a windsurfing club house and storage on the foreshore were also raised. Over 30 requests were received for township skate parks including Cape Paterson, San Remo, Cowes, Kilcunda and Corinella.

**It should be noted that Inverloch had a significantly higher response rate and these results are considered within the context of the Shire.*

Community Feedback: Walking / cycling paths

The second most popular topic raised during the engagement was walking and cycling trails and path connections. Over 300 comments were received on this subject. The following areas received more than 10 comments:

“Extend the existing trail along the foreshore in Inverloch to the surf beach and to Cape Paterson” (49 specific requests)

“Develop a shared cycling and pedestrian path between Wonthaggi and Inverloch” (15 specific requests)

Community Feedback: Festivals, events and activities

There were over 150 comments referring to the need for more festivals and events across Bass Coast. Suggestions included:

- fun runs
- more sporting activities
- ‘come and try’ days for children
- kid friendly active classes
- outdoor groups activities such as Tai Chi and dancing
- more walking groups and clubs

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The top priorities emerging from the survey under the themes included:

People

“Provide open spaces and recreation facilities that cater for ALL ages, level of ability and gender i.e. facilities for female teams within clubs, ramp access to the beach”

“Create better walking / cycling connections i.e. new paths, upgraded paths, directional signage, promotional material”

Place

“Improve infrastructure for outdoor recreation activities that are NOT organised sport programs i.e. playgrounds, windsurfing, mountain bike/BMX, skate parks”

“Protect our natural open spaces to allow us to connect to the environment i.e. nature appreciation, biodiversity, nature play, bushwalking, beach play”

Partnerships

“Collaborate with partners to attract funding and share resources i.e. shared facilities with schools, physical activity referral programs (doctors), state government”

What does our community like doing?

More than 35 per cent of community members indicated that walking was their favourite activity. Others preferred activities included spending time on the beach, swimming, cycling, walking the dog and surfing. Refer Figure 5.

What are their participation barriers?

Respondents to the Active Bass Coast nominated a number of reasons for not participating in open space and recreation activities as regularly as they might like to. The most prevalent barriers nominated were the poor state or lack of facilities followed by safety. The Active Bass Coast survey confirmed the participation barriers identified in previous surveys.

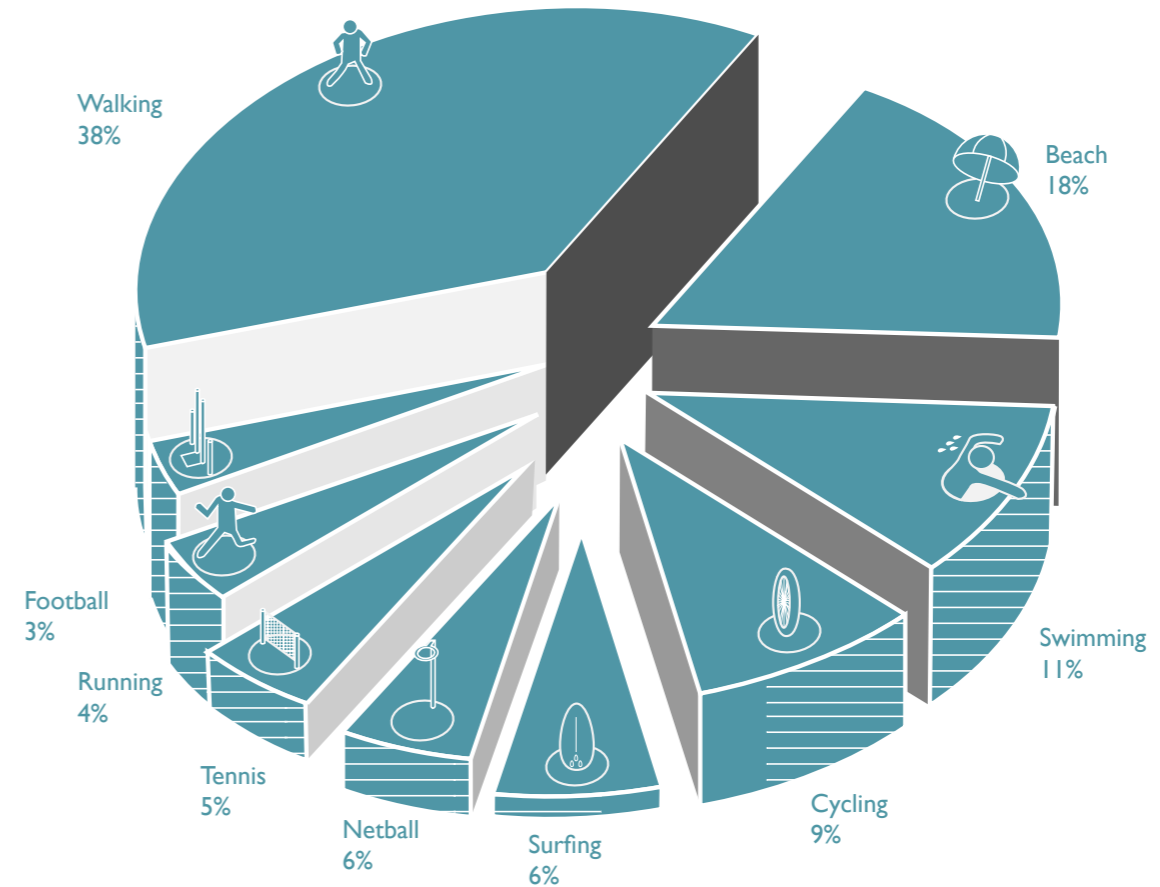


Figure 5 Bass Coast Survey - Favourite Activity (786 respondents)

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2.5 SPORTS AND ACTIVE RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Summary

The Sports and Active Recreation Needs Assessment (SARNA) 2016 found the following in relation to recreation needs in the municipality:

- Participation rates for most sports fall well below state and national averages
- Participation in the majority of organised sports has remained steady from 2012-2015
- Netball and soccer have experienced the most growth
- 'Lifestyle' and 'extreme' sports and activities have increased in popularity including surfing, stand up paddle boarding, windsurfing and skating
- Participation rates in tennis and lawn bowls have plateaued
- There is a need to address the inadequate indoor aquatic facility provision across the Shire
- There is a need to upgrade player and umpire change rooms to ensure they are female and family friendly
- There is a need to address netball and tennis court non-compliance and surface condition issues
- There is a need to support the growth of soccer through provision of improved player and umpire change rooms, floodlighting and playing fields
- There is a need to address the gap in the current planning and provision for highly participated informal and active recreation pursuits including walking, cycling and skate
- Water and lifestyle sports (e.g. windsurfing, surfing) require continued support through increased infrastructure and facility access such as storage, meeting spaces and amenities

Participation rates

SARNA found that participation rates for most sports fall well below state and national averages. While this finding can be due to a number of contributing factors, consultation with local clubs, sporting associations and the wider Bass Coast community indicated poor facility condition, suitability (e.g. fit for purpose facilities) and accessibility was a key barrier to attracting new participants and enabling club growth and sustainability.

Project research, participation rates and consultation suggests that with the exception of basketball, netball, soccer, croquet, indoor aquatics facilities and shared trails, the Shire's current facility provision (number of playing facilities) is adequate, however the condition of support facilities is below standard.

As a result there is a strong need to upgrade and improve the condition of existing facilities 'on and off the playing field' with a large number of non-compliant fields, courts and facilities preventing club development and overall sport and recreation participation growth.



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2.6 FOCUS AREAS

The following section is a summary of the extensive research and consultation undertaken to determine the priorities for Active Bass Coast. It provides some overarching issues and areas for action or consideration which relate specifically to Bass Coast. The implementation plan takes these focus areas and describes them in more detail in Section 5 of this document.

ACTIVE PEOPLE

Focus Area 1 – Adapting to changing trends in sport and recreation participation

There has been a significant rise in demand for informal recreation opportunities and the natural coastal landscape of Bass Coast Shire provides outstanding opportunities for many outdoor pursuits.

A greater percentage of our community participate in active recreation than in organised sport. Physical activity in outdoor green spaces is also strongly connected to health and wellbeing. The amount of time people spend on sport and outdoor activities has decreased. This plan supports a number of outdoor informal recreation pursuits including but not limited to windsurfing, surfing and stand up paddle boarding.

Another changing trend is the rise in demand for some organised sport activities. In Bass Coast, these include soccer and basketball as well as a rise in female participation in football and soccer.

Specific Actions:

- Partner with coastal recreation groups to increase participation while protecting the foreshore environment
- Partner with Gippsland Councils to deliver a Tracks and Trails Plan
- Support the development and delivery of foreshore and recreation reserve masterplans
- Ensure all recreation reserves include female and family friendly change rooms

Focus Area 2 – Increasing physical activity levels and targeting the least active members of the community

Within the Bass Coast community there are many groups that don't achieve adequate levels of physical activity to stay healthy. Some of these groups include older adults, community members with low socio – economic status and youth. In line with state-wide trends, Bass Coast Shire experiences a significant drop off in sport participation when children reach their teenage years.

Specific Actions:

- Support GippSport and other health promotion organisations to develop programs that target the least active members of the community
- Provide a variety of recreation opportunities for older children and teenagers within regional parks i.e. new playspace at Guide Park in Wonthaggi
- Improve existing and develop new facilities for informal use that are free of charge i.e. skate park / playspace

Focus Area 3 - Empowering the community to lead the way

The Bass Coast Shire community has a large number of volunteers and community groups with a vested interest in improving their local environment and the health of their local community. This Plan identifies the need to empower these groups.

Specific Actions:

- Support Council's community grant process
- Support community led projects such as Woni Proud using the principles of Asset Based Community Development (ABCD)
- Set up community advisory groups as required to empower the community to influence and improve their local neighbourhoods i.e. Bass Coast Walks Advisory Group to assist in promoting walks across the Shire

Focus Area 4 – Ensuring inclusive environments and access for all

Bass Coast Shire prides itself on being an inclusive municipality. The Shire is an accredited White Ribbon Workplace and a 'Refugee Friendly Zone'. The Council is also a signatory to the Age Friendly Victoria Declaration and hosts the LGBTI Inclusion Network. To continue to advocate for inclusive environments, this Plan will focus on increasing female participation and recreation opportunities for all abilities.

A greater percentage of men participate in sport than women, particularly in club-based sport even though women make up a larger percentage of the overall population. Furthermore, men dominate the non-playing positions in sport including governance, managerial and administrative roles and coaching.

The Shire has a high number of residents with a disability and consultation activities highlight the community's priority to improve access to open spaces and recreation facilities to allow everyone to participate. Active Bass Coast supports the Disability Action Plan 2016 and will work in partnership with the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee to deliver these actions.

Specific Actions:

- Work with the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation and GippSport to raise the profile of Women in Sport within Bass Coast
- Support local clubs and community groups to improve governance, attract volunteers/ members and attract more women to participate at all levels
- Develop programs to encourage and promote skating for women and girls across the Shire and at the future regional skate park
- Implement foreshore masterplans with access as the priority to ensure all residents can access popular beaches
- Implement recreation reserve masterplans with access as the priority to ensure all residents can access popular parks
- Promote accessible recreation facilities using Council's brochures that feature accessible beach access and accessible trails

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ACTIVE PLACES

Focus Area 5 - Providing adequate open space and recreation options in growth areas

Bass Coast is experiencing moderate to high levels of population growth, and there has been an increase in the number of residential lots created within the municipality over the last seven years. This is projected to continue at a similar rate into the future. Bass Coast also has a significant transient visitor population, mainly focussed on the coastal towns within the shire. This steady increase in population places pressure on the existing open space network and creates demand for more open space and the need for improvement of existing open space.

Specific Actions:

- Develop new parks and recreation facilities to cater for the population growth across the Shire
- Ensure new subdivisions comply with Council's Public Open Space Policy

Focus Area 6 - Equitable and sustainable management of facilities, reserves and foreshores

Many sporting and foreshore facilities require upgrading across the Shire. Council's capital works budget has limited and finite annual funds to address all of these within the life of this Plan. This Plan identifies the prioritising process in line with service levels, budgets and community need.

There are many operational requirements of recreation reserves and open spaces. Consultation has shown that standards and expectations require clarification to ensure we can manage our assets consistently and sustainably.

Specific Actions:

Develop design guidelines and funding models for:

- Pavilions
- Ovals
- Courts
- Flood lighting
- Cricket nets
- Other recreation infrastructure

Develop guidelines and policies to effectively manage Council owned and managed land including:

Recreation Reserve and Open Space Fees and Charges Policy

- Seasonal and casual hire agreements
- Signage and advertising
- Commercial and community use
- Club contributions to facility development
- Council subsidies

Recreation Reserve Management Guidelines

- Priority of use for recreation facilities
- Roles and responsibilities of clubs and Council
- Shared use of facilities

Focus Area 7 – Conserve the natural environment while promoting sustainable active recreation

The unique environment is our most valuable asset and the reason that people make Bass Coast Shire their home, and attracts 3.4 million visitors every year. The Shire has environmental and landscape values of regional and national significance, including Ramsar listed wetlands, marine parks, UNESCO Biosphere and remnant native vegetation.

As screens / technology and organised sports tend to dominate lifestyles, the need to promote the benefits of being active in the natural environment for improved health becomes more vital. Attracting the community into natural places raises the profile of our environment and encourages the community to appreciate and take care of it for future generations.

Specific Actions:

- Support the actions of the Natural Environment Strategy Action Plan July 2017
- Support kindergartens, schools and other community groups to promote and establish nature play programs
- Support Parks Victoria to encourage the community to utilise the bushland reserves around Wonthaggi for walking, jogging and bike riding

Focus Area 8 - Connecting the Bass Coast community via walking and cycling trails

A reoccurring theme in all community consultation has been to improve the network of walking and cycling trails across the Shire. Given the popularity of walking as a recreation activity and the benefits to communities when there are opportunities walk or ride rather than travel by car, these are considered high priorities.

Specific Actions:

- Support Bass Coast Pathways Plan 2017 and advocate for pathways priorities (outlined in implementation plan)
- Support the Gippsland Tracks and Trails Plan

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Active Partnerships

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Focus Area 9 - Equitable and sustainable relationships with community groups

There are many community groups (committees of management / clubs) that manage open space and recreation facilities on behalf of the Bass Coast Shire community and Council has varying support roles. This Plan aims to clarify processes and better support these groups to ensure sustainability and more efficient management of our assets.

Specific Actions:

- Develop guidelines for Council working with Committees of Management and Clubs
- Support Committees of Management to improve communication and processes to ensure Council is able to provide the appropriate level of support
- Promote open space and recreation priorities within the Shire to funding bodies and fundraising organisation

Focus Area 10 – Identifying and prioritising regional recreation facilities

Due to limited funding options and the uneven population distribution across the Shire, it is important to nominate and locate regional facilities that will cater to all residents within and beyond Bass Coast.

Specific Actions:

- Design and construct the new regional skate park at San Remo in partnership with San Remo Foreshore Committee and local traders
- Continue to investigate and plan for aquatics across the Shire
- Review the Bass Coast Aquatics and Leisure Centre Masterplan
- Partner with State Government to construct and oversee the new Bass Coast community Stadium in line with the usage guidelines as the regional basketball facility for the Shire
- Upgrade Guide Park Playspace in Wonthaggi as the regional playspace for the Shire

Focus Area 11 - Partnering with government and organisations to increase funding for open space and recreation

Council benefits from partnerships with organisations to reduce the financial burden and provide quality facilities to keep our community active.

Specific Actions:

- Develop a three year funding plan that identifies funding sources including grants, donations and community / club contributions
- Continue to partner with schools to deliver shared recreation facilities
- Promote open space and recreation priorities within the Shire to funding bodies and philanthropic organisations

Focus Area 12 - Boosting the economy through recreation tourism

The Bass Coast environment is ideal for attracting tourism based on recreation and natural spaces. Bass Coast Shire's status as an iconic location and tourist destination attracts a large number of travellers, backpackers and visitors over the summer months. During peak season, many tourist destinations are at capacity, while during the off peak season, visitation drops dramatically. This Plan aims to attract recreation events and use of open spaces during the off peak season.

Specific Actions:

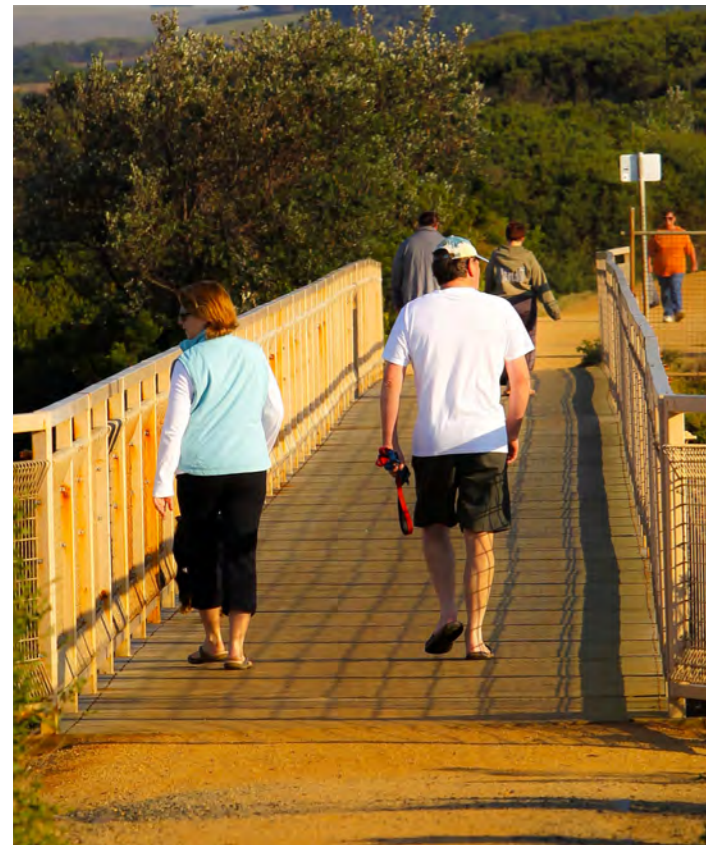
- Advocate for the extension of regionally significant walking / cycling trails including the extension of the George Bass Trail and the Bass Coast Rail Trail
- Develop a regional skate park to attract events and tourism
- Support coastal recreation groups to continue to deliver water sport opportunities to the community

3 | OUR PRIORITIES

There are a large number of essential and aspirational projects that have been identified through masterplanning and strategic planning processes. Careful consideration needs to be given in relation to funding, resources and priority order of implementation to achieve the best outcomes over the short, medium and long term.

Through the development of Active Bass Coast, a prioritising tool has been developed to support this decision making. It has been applied to the projects identified by community, clubs and partner agencies.

The prioritisation tool includes project evaluation principles and criteria (Refer Figure 6), time frames and the hierarchy of use (Refer Figures 7 & 8).



3.1 PRIORITISING PRINCIPLES

The prioritising principles underpin our decision making processes. These principles draw on what we have heard throughout the consultation for the Plan, what we know about our population health e.g. rates of disability and principles already highlighted in guiding Plans and Strategies.

Efficiency

- Flexible - multi-use design
- Shared facilities
- Sustainable financial management

Participation

- Increasing levels of participation
- Reaching target groups

Diversity

- Wide range of recreation opportunities
- Wide range of open space settings

Partnerships

- Partnering with organisations for improved outcomes

Universal Design

- Safety
- Inclusive of gender
- All ages / all abilities

3.2 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation criteria has been developed based on the principles above which reflect vision and objectives of this Plan. Each project is scored against the criteria below with the different categories attributing a percentage of the total. All projects must meet the 'strategic justification' category to be considered as a priority project.

Each action has a timing priority attributed to it. These are determined using the evaluation criteria. In most cases, the higher priority projects are recommended to be funded in the shorter term.

- Short Term - less than three years
- Med Term - three to six years
- Long Term - seven to 10 years
- Future - 10 years and beyond
- Current
- Ongoing

35%

Active People

- Increases participation numbers
- Attracts least active to participate
- Addresses target groups
- Fills an identified gap
- Encourages broad participation

35%

Active Partnerships

- High level of community support
- Grant/s available
- Community contribution (in kind or financial)
- Established partnership between government departments or land managers

30%

Active Places

- Identified location is suitable (size / topography / access etc.)
- Supporting infrastructure available
- Improvement to local amenity
- Addresses safety risk
- Promotes flexible / multi use opportunities
- Supports universal design
- Protects the natural environment

Strategic Justification (compulsory)

- Supports regional plans
- Supports other Council strategies and plans
- Supports Financial Plan
- Identified in Active Bass Coast Plan
- Supports Council Plan and Health Plan

Figure 6 Active Bass Coast Evaluation Criteria

3 | OUR PRIORITIES

3.3 FACILITY HIERARCHY

Our open space network and recreation facilities should encourage more active lifestyles by offering a variety of safe and attractive spaces that are well distributed throughout townships, are accessible and cater to the sporting and recreational needs of the community.

The classification of a facility usually represents the level of use. Facilities and parks that attract higher levels of usage may be assessed as higher priorities for the community in line with the evaluation criteria outlined.

The classification of existing and proposed facilities are highlighted in the recommendations and on the maps.

The following hierarchy is used to identify whether an open space (Refer Figure 7) or a recreation facility (Refer Figure 8) is considered a regional, township or local level park.

Open Space Classification	Description	Size
Regional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caters for more than one township or community May cater for the whole municipality and visitors to the area Incorporates a range of facilities i.e. multi-use open space, play / picnic areas and courts 	At least 3ha
Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caters for a community or town Caters mainly for residents of the township and may offer some opportunities for visitors 	1- 3ha
Local	Localised within residential or rural areas	3000m2 - 1ha

Figure 7 Active Bass Coast Open Space Classification



3.4 OPEN SPACE IN NEW RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Council's Public Open Space Policy 2017 provides guidelines to ensure that adequate open space is provided within new growth areas.

The purpose of open space contributions is to provide for the open space needs generated as a result of subdivision and consequent development of land. Open space contributions can be taken as land or as cash-in-lieu of land, or a combination of the two.

Active Bass Coast supports the Policy's guidelines that aim to establish a network of well-distributed neighbourhood public open space that includes:

- Local parks within 400 metres safe walking distance of at least 95 per cent of all dwellings. Where not designed to include active open space, local parks should be generally one hectare in area and suitably dimensioned and designed to provide for their intended use and to allow easy adaptation in response to changing community preferences.

- Additional small local parks or public squares in activity centres and higher density residential areas.
- Regional or township level open space within one kilometre of 95 per cent of all dwellings. To be suitably dimensioned and designed to provide for the intended use, buffer areas around sporting fields and passive open space:
 - Sufficient to incorporate two football / cricket ovals
 - Appropriate for the intended use in terms of quality and orientation
 - Located on flat land (which can be cost effectively graded)
 - Located with access to, or making provision for, a recycled or sustainable water supply
 - Adjacent to schools and other community facilities where practical
 - Designed to achieve sharing of space between sports
- Linear parks and trails along waterways, vegetation corridors and road reserves within 1 kilometre of 95 percent of all dwellings.

When locating new open space, the Policy recommends that open space should:

- Be provided along foreshores, streams and permanent water bodies
- Be linked to existing or proposed future public open spaces where appropriate
- Be integrated with floodways and encumbered land that is accessible for public recreation
- Be suitable for the intended use
- Be of an area and dimensions to allow easy adaptation to different uses in response to changing community active and passive recreational preferences
- Maximise passive surveillance
- Be integrated with urban water management systems, waterways and other water bodies
- Incorporate natural and cultural features where appropriate

Open space contributions cannot include land reserved for:

- Drainage purposes
- The protection of significant flora and fauna
- Sites of significant cultural heritage
- Buffers (to protect particular uses)

Recreation Facility Classification	Description
Regional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draws participants from all parts of the Shire and neighboring municipalities Accommodates appropriate competition standards and allows for multiple teams to compete at the same venue Accommodates regional events, drawing from neighboring municipalities
Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draws participants from its town and neighboring towns Caters for local competition
Local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caters for nearby residents (usually walking distance) i.e. playspaces or half-court basketball

Figure 8 Active Bass Coast Recreation Facility Classification

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3.5 PROJECT DELIVERY PROCESS

Figure 9 sets out the three phases required for the delivery of all Council projects. In line with this process, many complex projects may take several years to progress.

Project evaluation and classification occurs during the first phase 'planning' stage. The priority projects identified through this Plan, will be investigated and developed with further consultation and concept planning. An estimated budget is determined before the project enters the 'fund' phase.

The 'fund' phase looks at the Active Bass Coast priorities in the context of Council's financial plan and competing priorities across all areas of Council.

The 'deliver' phase begins once the funding for the project has been committed. Projects are delivered via a number of Council programs including the Capital Works Program for new infrastructure and the Renewal Program to upgrade existing infrastructure to the appropriate standard.



Figure 9 Active Bass Coast Plan, Fund, Deliver Process

4 | IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

4.1 COUNCIL FUNDING

Council has a capital works budget which includes both new works, renewals and upgrades of approximately \$20,000,000 per year.

Open space and recreation projects account for an average of approximately 30 per cent (approximately \$6,000,000 in 2018/19) of the total budget and include projects such as:

- Sporting / recreation facilities (new/upgrade) i.e. pavilions, floodlights
- Foreshore recreation upgrades (new/upgrade) i.e. access tracks, playspace
- General parks facilities (new/upgrade) i.e. seating, shelter
- Pathways i.e. walking and cycling

Funding for our parks and recreational facilities is derived from general rate revenue, government grants and contributions by developers as well as clubs and community groups. A critical requirement for Council is the consideration of ongoing recurrent costs that occur through requirements to maintain, renew and in some cases to operate services when an upgrade occurs.

Renewal Funding

Renewal works restore an asset to its original condition. Funds for the renewal of Council's open space and recreation assets are determined through its Asset Management practices. This is informed through regular condition inspections of each individual asset. Typically the yearly capital works renewal program prioritise first those assets which are in the greatest need of renewal based on these condition assessments.

Developer Contributions to Open Space

Council's Public Open Space Policy 2017 prescribes developers contribute five per cent of the value of the land that is being developed to Council.

The purpose of open space contributions is to provide for the open space needs generated as a result of subdivision and consequent development of land. Open space contributions can be taken as land or as cash-in-lieu of land, or a combination of the two.

The cash taken in lieu of open space shall be returned to regional open space, or open space in the vicinity of where it was taken.

Open space projects that meet the criteria outlined in this policy are identified, prioritised and considered through the annual budget process.

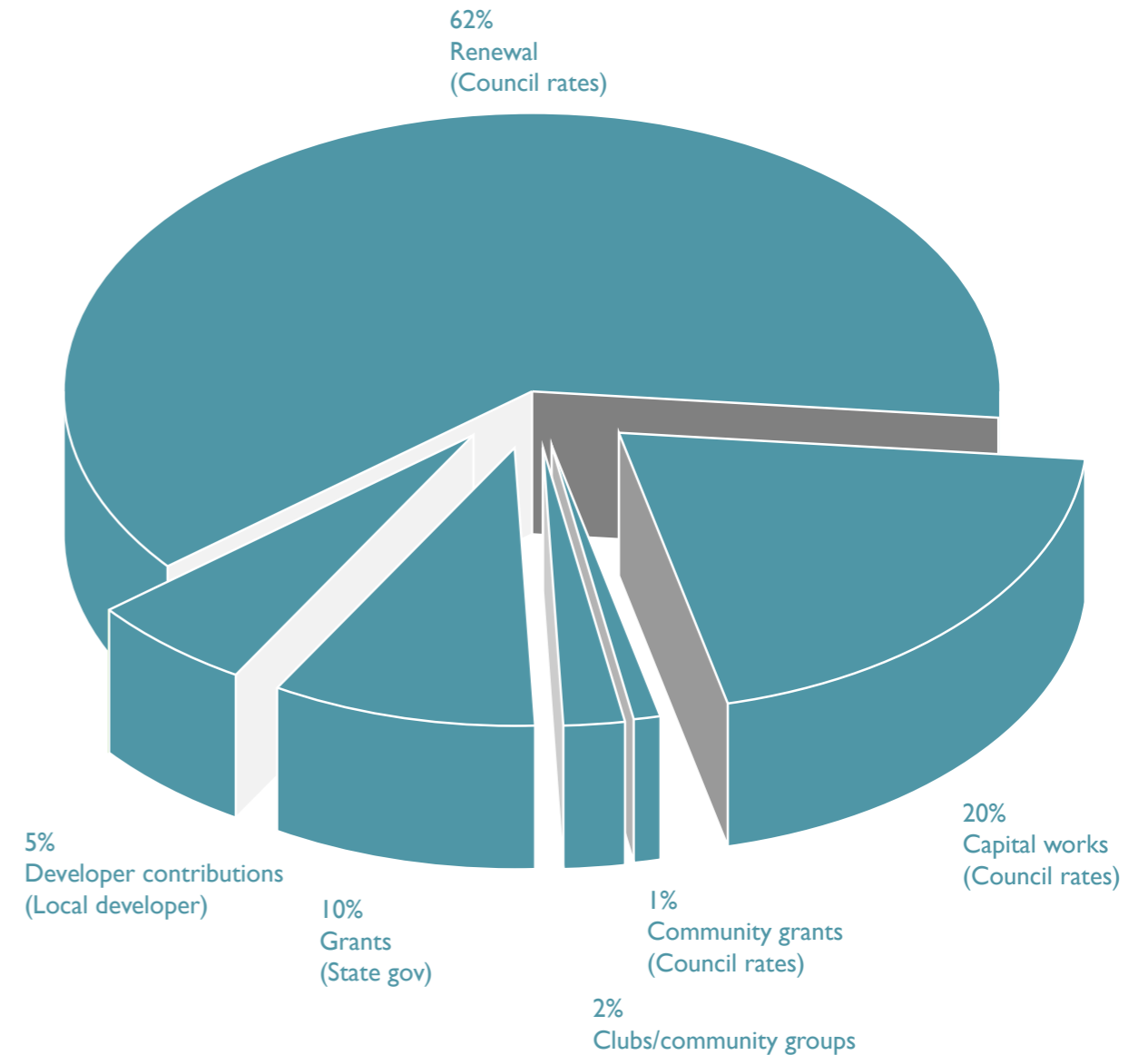


Figure 10 Funding Streams for Open Space and Recreation Projects (approximate breakdown – figures from projected 10 year Financial Plan 2017/18 – 2027/28)

4 | IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

Other funding options

Councils have a number of other options to fund open space and recreation projects (outside the operational, renewal and new projects funding):

- Developer contributions
- Grants for capital investment (grants do not cover ongoing operational or maintenance costs and some grant applications require matching funding from Council or the community/clubs)
- Corporate sponsorship through advertising
- Partner with neighbouring Councils to save or share the cost of a new regional facility or service
- Increase fees and charges on services
- Partner with local schools to share facilities
- Decommission recreation assets that are not providing adequate value to the community
- Other options as provided in Council's Revenue Strategy

Funding Active Bass Coast

The implementation of the Active Bass Coast Plan will be funded from within Council's existing resources wherever possible for service delivery, infrastructure renewal, open space and facility upgrades and planning.

In addition, Council will seek external funding to support projects or services that will assist in delivering the objectives of the Active Bass Coast Plan.

This Plan includes a number of recommendations that aim to improve funding equity and efficiencies:

- Ensure that Council subsidy amounts to sporting clubs and community groups are clearly specified and publicly available
- Develop new guidelines for outdoor sport infrastructure that:
 - Ensure efficient and effective use of Council and community resources and to maximise use of the facility
 - Define who is responsible for the costs associated with infrastructure including club contribution standards
 - Clearly stipulate a standard facility (building) fit out
- Partner with Wonthaggi Secondary College to construct the regional Community Stadium for the Shire
- Support the development of the Gippsland Tracks and Trails Plan

Budget Review Process

The Active Bass Coast Implementation Plan will inform Council's 10 year Capital Works Program.

An annual review process will be undertaken to monitor the Plan's success in line with the action and implementation plan timeline and to ensure the organisation is on track with priorities of the current Council.

An annual Active Bass Coast Business Case Report will be prepared including:

- Funding priorities from the implementation plan (planning, promotion/engagement and capital projects)
- Key open space and recreation achievements and challenges



5 | OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PROJECTS

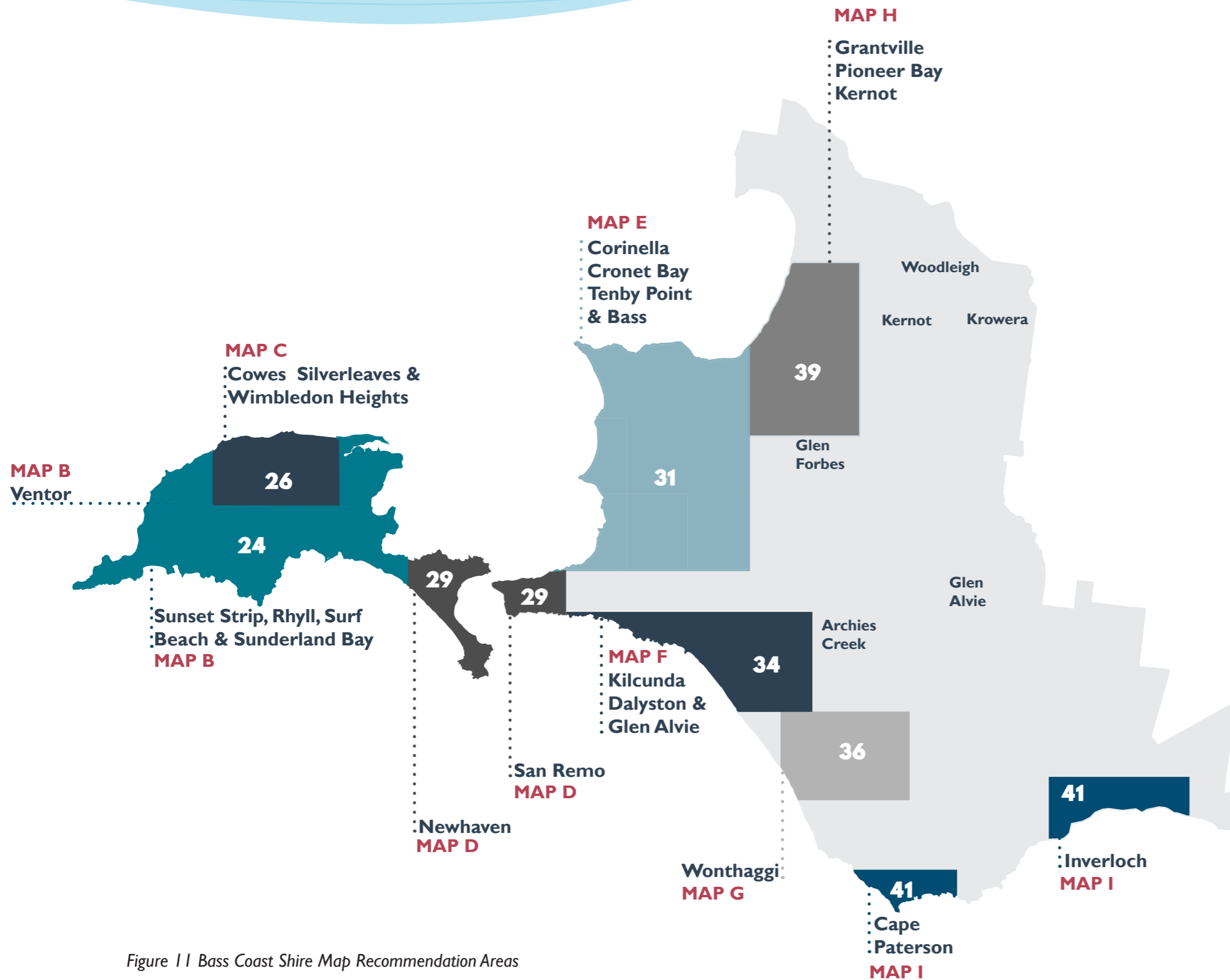


Figure 11 Bass Coast Shire Map Recommendation Areas

The following implementation plan lists projects in the following categories:

- regional projects
- shire-wide projects
- recreation reserves
- foreshores
- pathways
- parks

These projects have been selected from a range of sources including consultation activities and other endorsed plans and strategies and address the focus areas outlined on page 13. These projects have been assessed against the principles of the Active Bass Coast Plan and evaluation criteria on page 16.

All projects are at different stages of the 'plan', 'fund', 'deliver' cycle (refer Figure 9) and will be reviewed in line with Council's financial planning process.

*Some listed projects will require significant grant funding to enable their delivery.

Community Halls are located at the following towns with recreation activities such as social gatherings and table tennis:

- Krowera
- Wooleigh
- Glen Forbes
- Archies Creek

MAP A REGIONAL PROJECTS

- 1 Partner with State Government to provide Community Stadium
- 2 Develop new regional skate park including play elements for all abilities
- 3 Develop a masterplan for newly aquired land in Cowes
- 4 Bass Coast Aquatic Strategy
- 5 Develop new regional play space at Guide Park, Wonthaggi

Legend

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| | | |
| Aquatics | Motorcross | |
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| Football | Tennis | Netball |
| | | |
| Pony Club | Marine National Park | National Surf Reserve |

Upgrade playspaces as regional facilities:

- 6a Erehwon Point, Cowes
 - 6b Wyeth McNamara Playspace, Inverloch
 - 7 Develop a masterplan for the Rhyll boat ramp upgrade by 2030
- Advocate and partner on regional trail projects:
- 8a Rail trail extension Woolamai to Nyora
 - 8b San Remo – Kilcunda (George Bass)
 - 8c Wonthaggi to Inverloch
 - 8d Inverloch - Leongatha

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| | | | | |
| Proposed Boat Ramp (upgrade) | Proposed Recreation Reserve | Proposed Aquatics | Proposed Rail Trail | Proposed Shared Path |
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| Proposed Skate Park | Proposed Community Stadium | Proposed Aquatics | Rail Trail | Shared Path |
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| Proposed Playspace | Lifesaving Club | Open Space | | |



MAP A REGIONAL PROJECTS

Project	Description	Partners	Time frame	
1	Partner with State Government to construct and oversee the new Bass Coast Community Stadium as the regional basketball facility for the Shire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three court facility (multi-use courts) Victorian School Building Authority to complete construction Develop usage guidelines and ensure the facility meets the needs of the local community (Council) 	State Government Local clubs Wonthaggi Secondary College	Short term
2	Develop new regional skate park including play elements for all abilities	Design, seek funding and construct regional skate park. Support skate programs including women and girls initiatives	Local community groups and traders	Short term*
3	Undertake acquisition process for regional recreation land in Cowes and prepare masterplan	Review existing masterplan for neighbouring property (Hilton Chadwick Reserve) and expand to include new property (corner Phillip Island Road and Ventnor Road)	Local community Local clubs	Short term
4	Bass Coast Aquatic Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to investigate and plan for aquatics across the Shire Review the Bass Coast Aquatics and Leisure Centre Masterplan 	Aquatic Working Group Local community	Short term
5	Develop new regional playspace at Guide Park, Wonthaggi	Design, seek funding and construct regional playspace for all ages and abilities	Local community	Short to medium term*
6a	Upgrade Erehwon Point Playspace as a regional facility, Cowes	Design, seek funding and construct regional playspace for all ages and abilities	Local community	Medium term
6b	Upgrade Wyeth McNamara Playspace as a regional facility, Inverloch	Design, seek funding and construct regional playspace for all ages and abilities	Local community	Medium term
7	Develop a masterplan for the Rhyll boat ramp to facilitate the upgrade to a regional boat ramp by 2030	Partner with on State Government Recreational Boating Facilities Framework 2030	State Government	Long term*
8	Advocate and partner on regional trail projects to improve recreation opportunities: a. Rail trail extension Woolamai to Nyora b. San Remo – Kilcunda (George Bass) c. Wonthaggi to Inverloch d. Inverloch - Leongatha	Support the development of the Gippsland Tracks and Trails Plan and stimulate tourism as prioritised through Council's Pathways Plan	State Government Gippsland Local Government Network	Ongoing

*Some listed projects will require significant grant funding to enable their delivery.

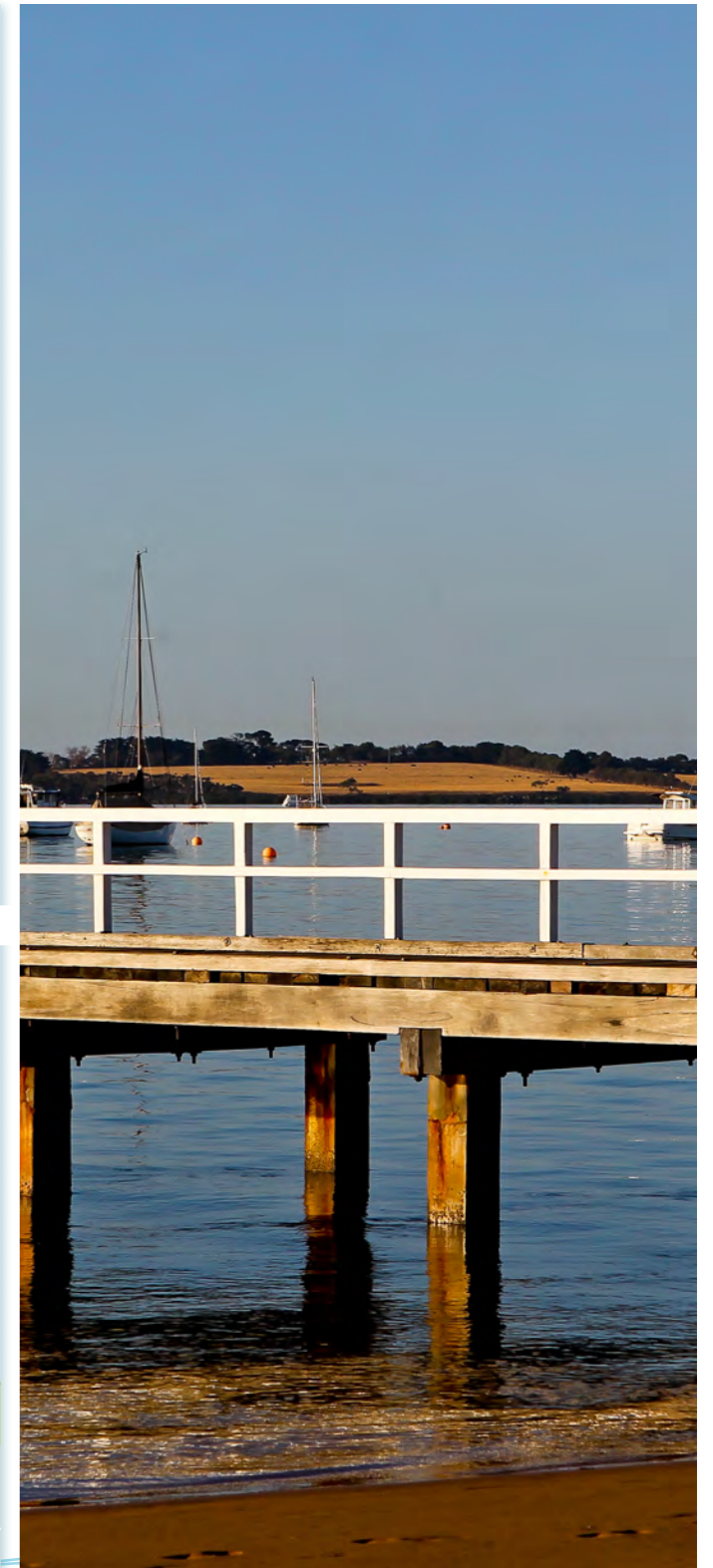
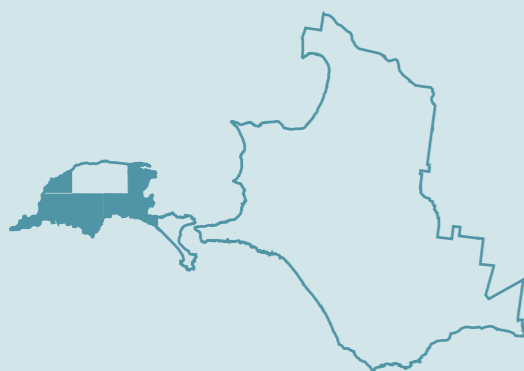
MAP B

VENTNOR • RHYLL • SUNSET STRIP • SURF BEACH SMITHS BEACH • SUNDERLAND BAY

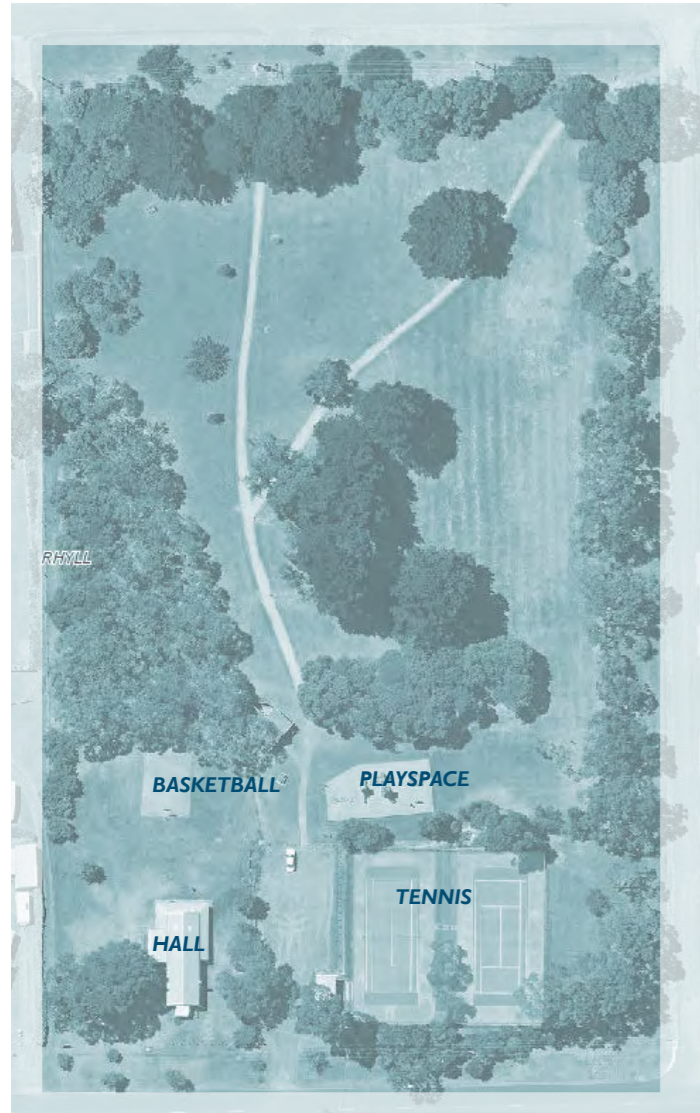
- 7** Develop a masterplan for the Rhyll boat ramp upgrade by 2030 (MAP A Recommendation 7)
- 9** Rhyll Recreation Reserve
- 10** Improve walking/cycling connections between townships on Phillip Island
 - Rhyll and Cowes
 - Rhyll and Oswin Roberts Reserve
- 11** Deliver Ventnor Common and Old Pine Plantation masterplan (healthy active stations)
- 12** Continue to promote the walking trails throughout Scenic Estate

Legend

- Park (playspace)
- Existing Recreation Reserve
- Community Hall
- Bushlands
- Open Space
- Proposed Shared Path
- Shared Path



MAP B RECOMMENDATIONS



Rhyll Recreation Reserve

Recreation Reserve

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time Frame
9	Rhyll Recreation Reserve Renew tennis courts	Rhyll	Township	Committee of Management Local clubs	Long term

Pathways

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time frame
10	Improve walking/cycling connections between townships on Phillip Island Plan for off road walking/ cycling connections between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cowes and Ventnor • Cowes and Rhyll • Rhyll and Oswin Roberts Reserve 	Cowes Rhyll Ventnor	Township	Local community	As per Pathways Plan

Parks

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time frame
11	Deliver Ventnor Common and Old Pine Plantation Masterplan Healthy active stations	Ventnor	Township	Local community	Medium to long term
12	Continue to promote the walking trails throughout Scenic Estate Consider improved promotion and signage	Surfbeach	Township	Local community	Ongoing

Relevant Plans
Ventnor Common and Old Pine Plantation Masterplan
2010

MAP C

COWES • SILVERLEAVES • WIMBLEDON HEIGHTS

- 3** Undertake acquisition process for regional recreation land in Cowes and prepare masterplan (MAP A Recommendation 3)
- 6** Upgrade Erehwon Point Playspace as a regional facility (MAP A Recommendation 6a)
- 13** Blue Gum Recreation Reserve masterplan
- 14** Upgrade Cowes Recreation Reserve
- 15** Improve access for all abilities to main beaches across the Shire
- 16** Support Cowes Yacht Club to replace the launching ramp
- 17** Deliver Cowes Jetty Triangle redevelopment
- 18a** Improve walking/cycling connections between Cowes and Ventnor
- 18b** Improve walking/cycling connections between Cowes and Rhyll
- 19** Improve walking / cycling connections along the Cowes East foreshore
- 20** Upgrade Olive Justice Place
- 21** Open the school pool for the local community over summer
- 22** Upgrade Wimbledon Heights Recreation Reserve

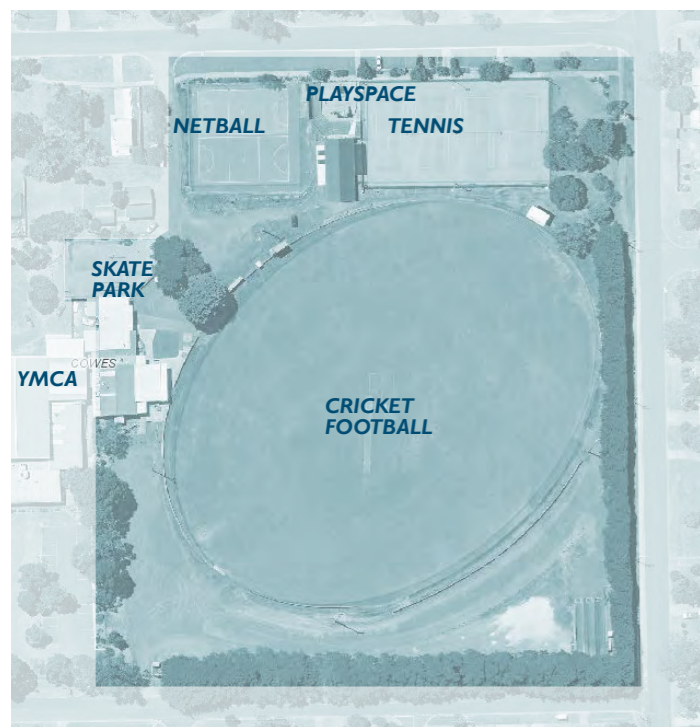
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| Park (playspace) | School |
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| Recreation Reserve | Open Space |
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| Skatepark | Proposed Shared Path |
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| Proposed Recreation Reserve | Shared Path |
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| Bushlands | Community Hall |



MAP C

RECOMMENDATIONS



Cowes Recreation Reserve

Recreation Reserve

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time Frame
13	Blue Gum Recreation Reserve masterplan Develop a masterplan for Blue Gum Reserve in partnership with the local community. Consider • Integration of public toilets in new croquet pavilion • Dog off lead area	Cowes	Township	Friends of Blue Gum Reserve Local clubs	Short term
14	Upgrade Cowes Recreation Reserve	Upgrade skate park	Cowes	Local community	Short term
	Upgrade netball courts • Reconfigure N-S • Resurface • Install floodlighting / shelters	Cowes	Township	Local clubs	Short term
	• Construct netball & football/cricket away change rooms and umpire change rooms • Refurbishment of existing football pavilion change rooms	Cowes	Township	Local clubs	Underway
	Install oval drainage and floodlighting	Cowes	Township	Local clubs	Medium term

Foreshore

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time Frame
15	Improve access for all abilities to main beaches across the Shire	Cowes	Regional	Access Inclusion Advisory Committee	Medium term
16	Support Cowes Yacht Club to replace the launching ramp	Cowes	Township	Local community Local club	Medium term
17	Deliver Cowes Jetty Triangle redevelopment	Cowes	Regional	Local community	Underway

Pathways

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time frame
18	Improve walking/cycling connections between townships on Phillip Island Plan for off road walking/ cycling connections between- Cowes and Ventnor Cowes and Rhyll Continue to work with local schools to promote walking/riding to school	Cowes Rhyll Ventnor	Township	Local community	As per Pathways Plan
19	Improve walking / cycling connections along the Cowes East foreshore	Cowes	Township	Local community	As per Pathways Plan

Relevant Plans

Cowes Jetty Triangle Masterplan 2014

Cowes Recreation Reserve Masterplan 2010

Cowes Activity Centre Plan 2015

MAP C RECOMMENDATIONS



Blue Gum Reserve

Parks

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time frame
20	Upgrade Olive Justice Place	Cowes	Local	Local community	Short term
21	Continue to open the school pool for the local community over summer	Cowes	Township	Local community YMCA	Ongoing
22	Upgrade Wimbledon Heights Recreation Reserve	Wimbledon Heights	Township	Local community	Long term



MAP D

SAN REMO • NEWHAVEN

CAPE WOOLAMAI

- 2** Develop new regional skate park including play elements for all abilities
- 23** San Remo Recreation Centre
- 24** Newhaven Recreation Reserve
- 25** San Remo foreshore masterplan
- 26** Improve access for all abilities to main beaches across the Shire
- 27** San Remo foreshore trail
- 28** Support Phillip Island Nature Parks to improve trails and beach connections in Cape Woolamai
- 29** Future shared path connection between Phillip Island Road and the foreshore
- 30** Advocate for the walking connection between San Remo Foreshore and George Bass Trail
- 31** Future walking connection from foreshore to cemetery and Anderson Reserve
- 32** Proposed playspace Anderson Reserve
- 33** New local level park within growth area

Legend

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| | |
| Recreation Reserve | Bushlands |
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| Skate Park | Caravan Park |
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| Park (playspace) | Lifesaving Club |
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| National Surf Reserve | Cemetery |
| | |
| Proposed Skate park | Community Hall |
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| Proposed Recreation Reserve | Future growth area |
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| Proposed Playspace | School |
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| Proposed park (playspace) | Open Space |
| | |
| Proposed shared path | Shared path |



MAP D RECOMMENDATIONS



San Remo Recreation Centre

Recreation Reserve

	Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time Frame
23	San Remo Recreation Centre	Support development of the San Remo Recreation Centre Masterplan Plan for local clubs including Westernport Tennis Club and San Remo Bowls Club	San Remo	Township	Committee of Management State Government	Short term
24	Newhaven Recreation Reserve	Develop a masterplan for Newhaven Recreation Reserve in partnership with the local community	Newhaven	Township	Local clubs	Short term
		Pavilion upgrade – (female and family friendly change rooms)	Newhaven	Township	Local clubs	Medium term
		Install floodlighting	Newhaven	Township	Local clubs	Underway

Foreshore

	Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time Frame
25	San Remo foreshore masterplan	Partner with San Remo Foreshore Committee to finalise and implement the foreshore masterplan	San Remo	Committee of Management Westernport Water State Government	Committee of Management Westernport Water State Government	Underway
26	Improve access for all abilities to main beaches across the Shire	Implement foreshore masterplans with access as the priority	San remo	Access Inclusion Advisory Committee	Access Inclusion Advisory Committee	Medium to long term
27	San Remo foreshore trail	Partner with San Remo Foreshore Committee of Management to support the completion of San Remo foreshore trail	San Remo	Committee of Management	Committee of Management	Long term
28	Support Phillip Island Nature Parks to Improve trails and beach connections in Cape Woolamai	Support Cape Woolamai Coastal Reserve Masterplan	Cape Woolamai	Township	Phillip Island Nature Parks Local community	Medium to long term

Relevant Plans

San Remo Foreshore Masterplan (underway)

San Remo Recreation Reserve Masterplan (underway)

Cape Woolamai Coastal Reserves Masterplan 2016

Skate Strategy 2017

Playspace Strategy 2017

MAP D RECOMMENDATIONS



Newhaven Recreation Reserve

Pathways

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time frame
29	Future shared path connection between Phillip Island Road and the foreshore (along Potters Hill Rd)	San Remo	Township	Developer Local community	Long term
30	Advocate for the walking connection between San Remo Foreshore and George Bass Trail	San Remo	Regional	Committee of Management Local community	As per pathways plan
31	Future walking connection from foreshore to cemetery and Anderson Reserve	San Remo	Township		As per pathways plan

Parks

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time frame
32	Anderson Reserve Playspace	San Remo	Local	Community	Medium term
33	New local level park within growth area	San Remo	Local	Community	In line with subdivision development

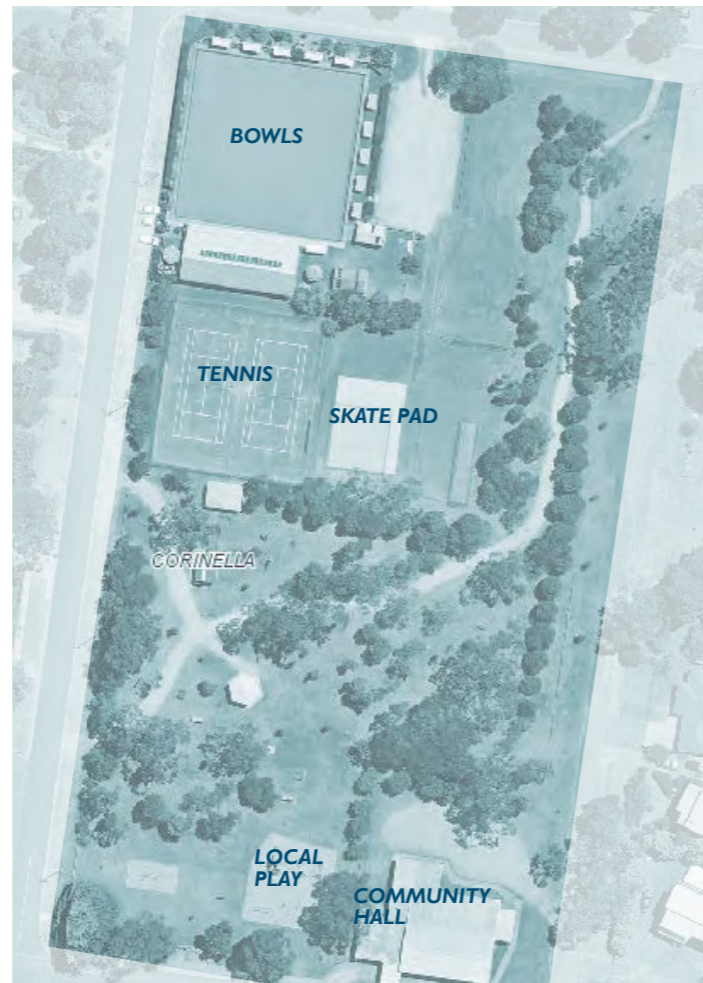
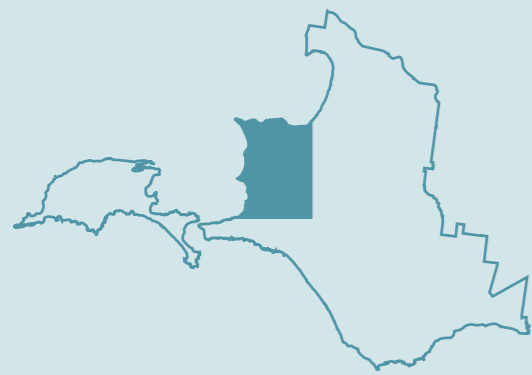
MAP E

CORINELLA • CORONET BAY • TENBY POINT • BASS

- 34** Upgrade Harold Hughes Reserve (Corinella)
- 35** Upgrade Bass Recreation Reserve
- 36** Upgrade Coronet Bay Recreation Reserve
- 37** Upgrade Corinella boat ramp in line with State Government recommendation
- 38** Coronet Bay foreshore management
Provide a walking/cycling path to Bass Valley Primary from Corinella:
- 39a** Option One
- 39b** Option Two
- 40** Advocate for Bass River pathway and connections (community aspirations)
- 41** Provide new local parks within growth areas

Legend

- Recreation Reserve
- Park (playspace)
- BMX
- Proposed park (playspace)
- Bushlands
- Community Hall
- School
- Future Growth Area
- Open Space
- Proposed Shared Path
- Shared Path



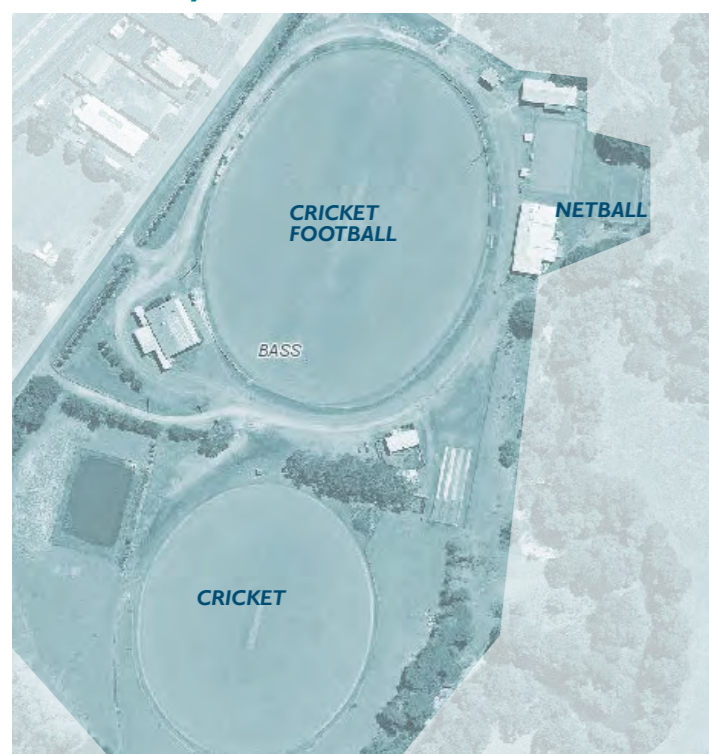
Harold Hughes Reserve (Corinella)



MAP E RECOMMENDATIONS



Coronet Bay Recreation Reserve



Bass Recreation Reserve



Recreation Reserve

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time Frame
34	Upgrade Harold Hughes Reserve (Corinella) Redevelop activity area • Skate • Two multi-use courts (Tennis / basketball / soccer / cricket - remove cricket nets) • Playspace	Corinella	Township	Local community	Short term
35	Upgrade Bass Recreation Reserve Upgrade football and netball change rooms	Bass	Township	Committee of Management Local clubs	Medium term
	Upgrade ovals including lighting and irrigation	Bass	Township	Committee of Management Local clubs	Long term
36	Upgrade Coronet Bay Recreation Reserve (Fred Gratton Reserve) Upgrade netball / basketball court	Coronet Bay	Township	Committee of Management	Long term

Foreshore

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time Frame
37	Upgrade Corinella boat ramp in line with State Government recommendation Develop masterplan to upgrade Corinella boat ramp to a district facility by 2030	Corinella	Township	State Government Local community	Long term
38	Coronet Bay foreshore management Review foreshore management to establish one land manager	Coronet Bay	Township	Committee of Management State Government	Long term

Pathways

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time frame
39	Provide a walking/cycling path to Bass Valley Primary from Corinella	Corinella	Township	Community	As per Pathways Plan
40	Advocate for Bass River pathway and connections (community aspirations) Community aspiration / Bass Valley Landcare: • Walking/cycling trail along Bass River and connecting to Rail Trail • Investigate walking path along the Bass River in partnership with Bass Valley Landcare	Bass	Township	Community	Aspirational

Parks

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time frame
41	Provide new local parks within future residential growth areas • Within new residential development • In line with Council's Public Open Space Policy 2017	Corinella Coronet Bay	Local	Community Developers	Long term

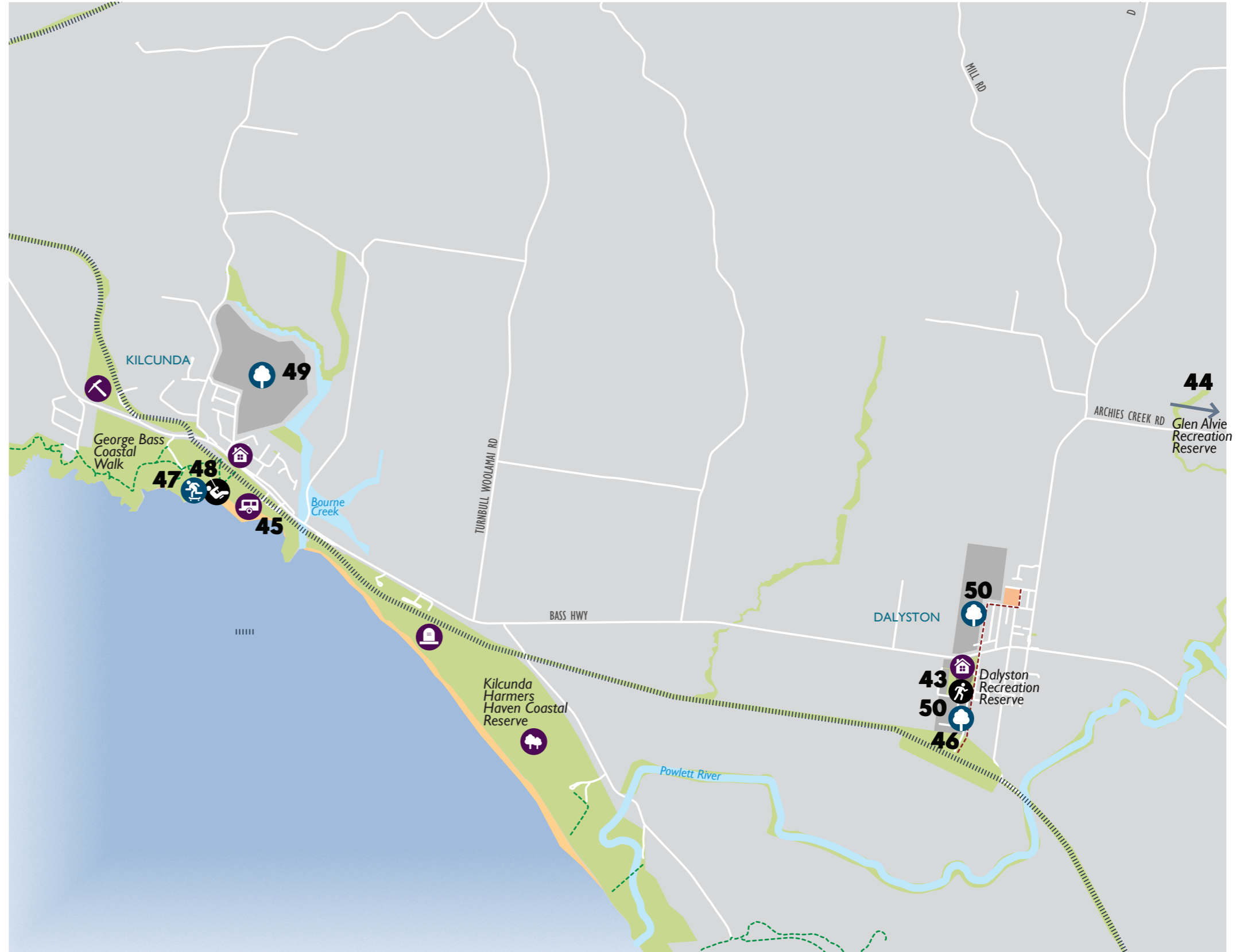
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KILCUNDA • DALYSTON • GLEN ALVIE

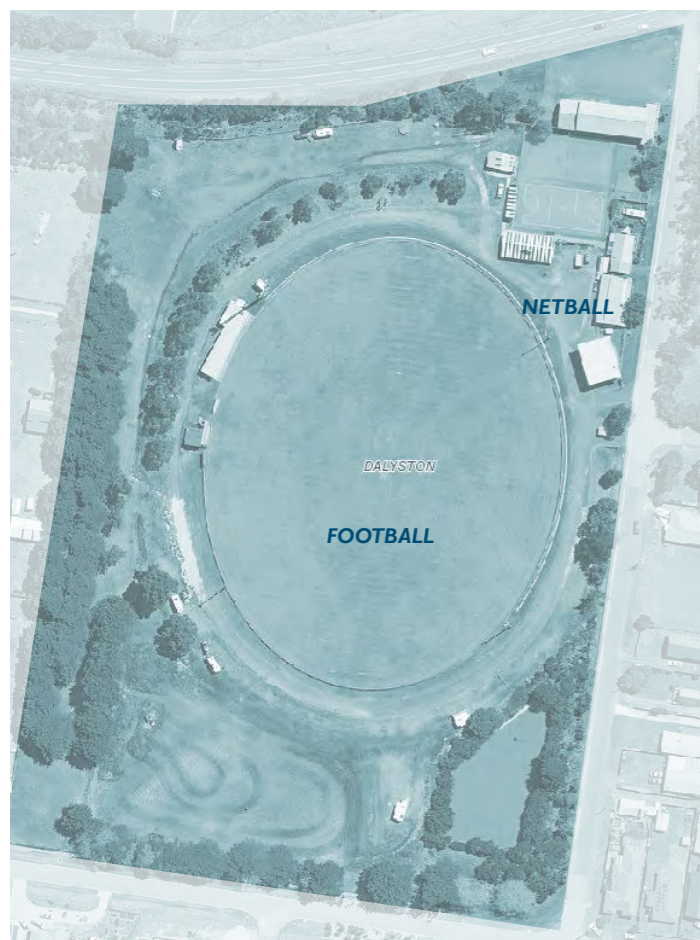
- 43** Upgrade Dalyston Recreation Reserve
- 44** Upgrade Glen Alvie Recreation Reserve
- 45** Deliver Kilcunda foreshore management plan
- 46** Plan for new walking paths in Dalyston
- 47** Improve Rail Trail and George Bass Coastal Walk signage
- 48** Plan for a new skate park in Kilcunda
- 49** Provide new local park within future residential growth area in Kilcunda
- 50** Provide new local parks within future residential growth area in Dalyston

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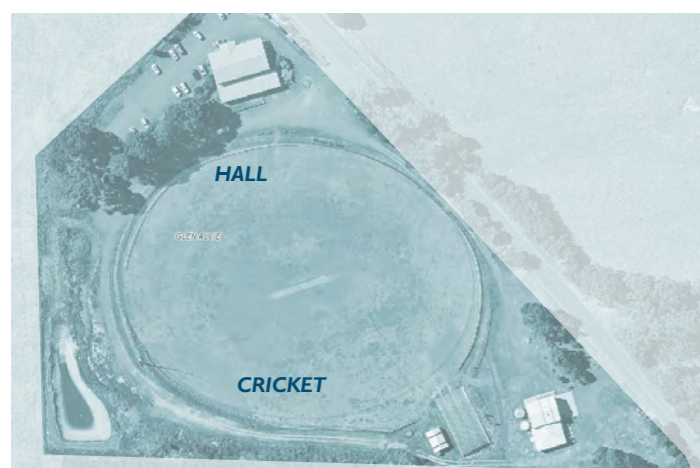
-  Community Hall
-  Cemetery
-  Historic Mining
-  Caravan Park
-  Bushlands
-  Proposed park (playspace)
-  Proposed Skate park
-  Park (playspace)
-  Recreation Reserve
-  School
-  Future Growth
-  Open Space
-  Proposed Shared Path
-  Shared Path
-  Rail Trail



MAP F RECOMMENDATIONS



Dalyston Recreation Reserve



Glen Alvie Recreation Reserve

Recreation Reserve

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time Frame
43 Upgrade Dalyston Recreation Reserve	Pavilion upgrade	Dalyston	Township	Committee of Management Local clubs	Underway
	Netball court upgrade	Dalyston	Township	Committee of Management Local clubs	Underway
	Install oval floodlighting	Dalyston	Township	Committee of Management Local clubs	Medium term
44 Upgrade Glen Alvie Recreation Reserve	Install drainage and irrigation	Glen Alvie	Township	Committee of Management Local clubs	Medium term

Foreshore

Project	Description	Township	Partners	Partners	Time frame
45 Kilcunda foreshore management plan	Deliver Kilcunda foreshore management plan	Kilcunda		Kilcunda Development Community Association	Medium to long term

Pathways

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time frame
46 Plan for new walking paths in Dalyston	Investigate walking/cycling paths to better connect Dalyston <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Township with rail trail Township with primary school 	Dalyston	Township	State Government Community	As per Pathways Plan
47 Improve Rail Trail and George Bass Coastal Walk signage	Promote walking and cycling from and to Kilcunda	Regional	Regional	Local community Kilcunda Development Community Association	Medium term

Parks

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time frame
48 Kilcunda Skate Park	Plan for new local skate park at Kilcunda	Kilcunda	Local	Community	Medium term
49 Provide new local park within future residential growth area in Kilcunda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local level park including playspace In line with Council's Public Open Space Policy 2017 	Kilcunda	Local	Community Developers	In line with subdivision development
50 Provide new local parks within future residential growth area in Dalyston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local level parks including playspaces In line with Council's Public Open Space Policy 2017 	Dalyston	Local	Community Developers	In line with subdivision development

Relevant Plans

Kilcunda Foreshore Management Plan 2016

Skate Strategy 2018-2028

Dalyston Recreation Reserve Masterplan (Revised) 2017

MAP G

WONTHAGGI

- 51** Upgrade Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve
- 52** Plan for a township level recreation reserve in Wonthaggi North East
- 53** Partner with State Government to provide Community Stadium and shared path connections to the new campus (MAP A Recommendation 1)
- 54** Partner with land managers to activate the bushland areas around Wonthaggi
- 55** Plan for a pathway from the Desalination Plant to the Rail Trail
- 56** Improve rail trail signage to promote use
- 57** Future shared trail connection through Wonthaggi North East
- 58** Future path connection from rail trail to Guide Park
- 59** Wonthaggi to Inverloch off-road shared trail (MAP A Recommendation 8c)
- 60** Plan for new local parks in Wonthaggi North East
- 61** Guide Park Regional Playspace (MAP A Recommendation 5)
- 62** Investigate future recreation land in Wonthaggi South
- 63** Activate central parks in Wonthaggi including Apex Park and Wisharts Reserve

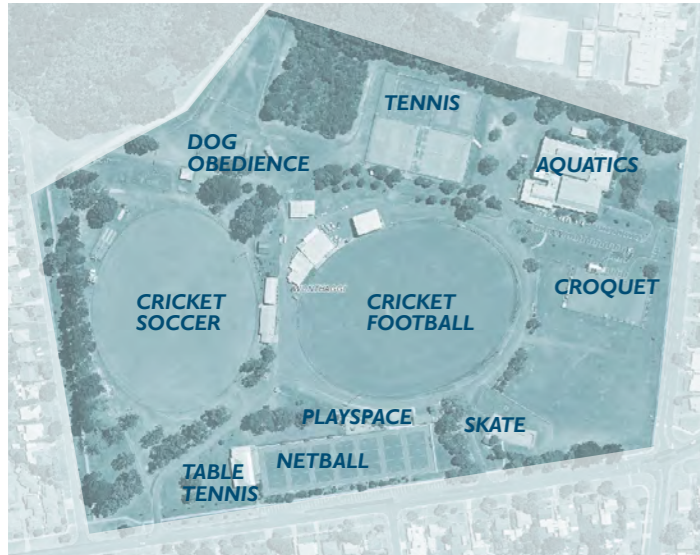
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-  Cemetery
-  Caravan Park
-  Proposed Play
-  Proposed Recreation Reserve
-  Proposed Park (playspace)
-  Recreation Reserve
-  Skatepark
-  Park (playspace)
-  Bushland
-  Community Hall
-  Rail Trail
-  School
-  Shared Path
-  Open Space
-  Proposed Shared Path
-  Future Growth



MAP G

RECOMMENDATIONS



Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve

Recreation Reserve

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time Frame
51 Upgrade Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve	Construct new soccer pavilion expand oval 2	Wonthaggi	Regional	Local clubs Local community	Short term*
	Construct new multipurpose cricket nets				Short term*
	Resurface tennis courts				Short term
	Construct new shared pavilion (tennis)				Medium term
	Construct new croquet pavilion				Medium term
	Construct new netball changerooms				Medium term
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct new croquet lawns Install oval drainage oval 1 Expand playspace Harvest Storm water Stage 2 main pavilion upgrade (Football) Skate park redevelopment 				Long term
52 Plan for new township recreation reserve in future growth area in Wonthaggi North East	Facilities to include - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playspace Two playing fields Two courts 	Wonthaggi	Township	Local community	In line with subdivision development
53 Partner with State Government to develop the new Bass Coast Community Stadium as the regional basketball facility for the Shire	Victorian School Building Authority to complete construction. Develop usage guidelines and ensure the facility meets the needs of the local community	Wonthaggi	Regional	Local Clubs State Government Wonthaggi Secondary College	Short term

*Some listed projects will require significant grant funding to enable their delivery.

Relevant Plans

Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve Master Plan 2017

Wonthaggi North East Structure Plan 2018

Wonthaggi Activity Centre Plan (underway)

Wonthaggi Secondary College Masterplan (State Government) 2016

Bass Coast Aquatic Strategy 2015

MAP G

RECOMMENDATIONS



Pathways

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time frame
53	Plan for walking and cycling connections from key destinations to the new education precinct and community stadium	Wonthaggi	Regional	State Government Wonthaggi Secondary College	Short term
54	Partner with land managers to develop a plan to activate the bushland areas around Wonthaggi	Wonthaggi	Township	Local community groups Parks Victoria	Medium term
55	Plan for a pathway from the Desalination Plant to the Rail Trail	Wonthaggi	Township	State Government	As per Pathways Plan
56	Improve rail trail signage to promote use	Wonthaggi Dalyston Kilcunda	Regional	Local community	Short term
57	Future shared trail connection through Wonthaggi North East	Wonthaggi	Township	Local community	In line with subdivision development
58	Future connection from rail trail to Guide Park	Wonthaggi	Regional	Local community	As per Pathways Plan
59	Wonthaggi to Inverloch off-road shared trail	Wonthaggi Inverloch	Regional	Local community	As per Pathways Plan

Parks

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time frame
60	Plan for new local parks in future growth area in Wonthaggi North East	Wonthaggi	Township	Developers State government Community	In line with subdivision development
61	Develop new regional playspace at Guide Park, Wonthaggi	Wonthaggi	Regional	Community	Medium term
62	Investigate future recreation land in Wonthaggi South	Wonthaggi	Regional	Community	Long term
63	Activate central parks in Wonthaggi including Apex Park and Wisharts Reserve	Wonthaggi	Township	Community	Short - medium term

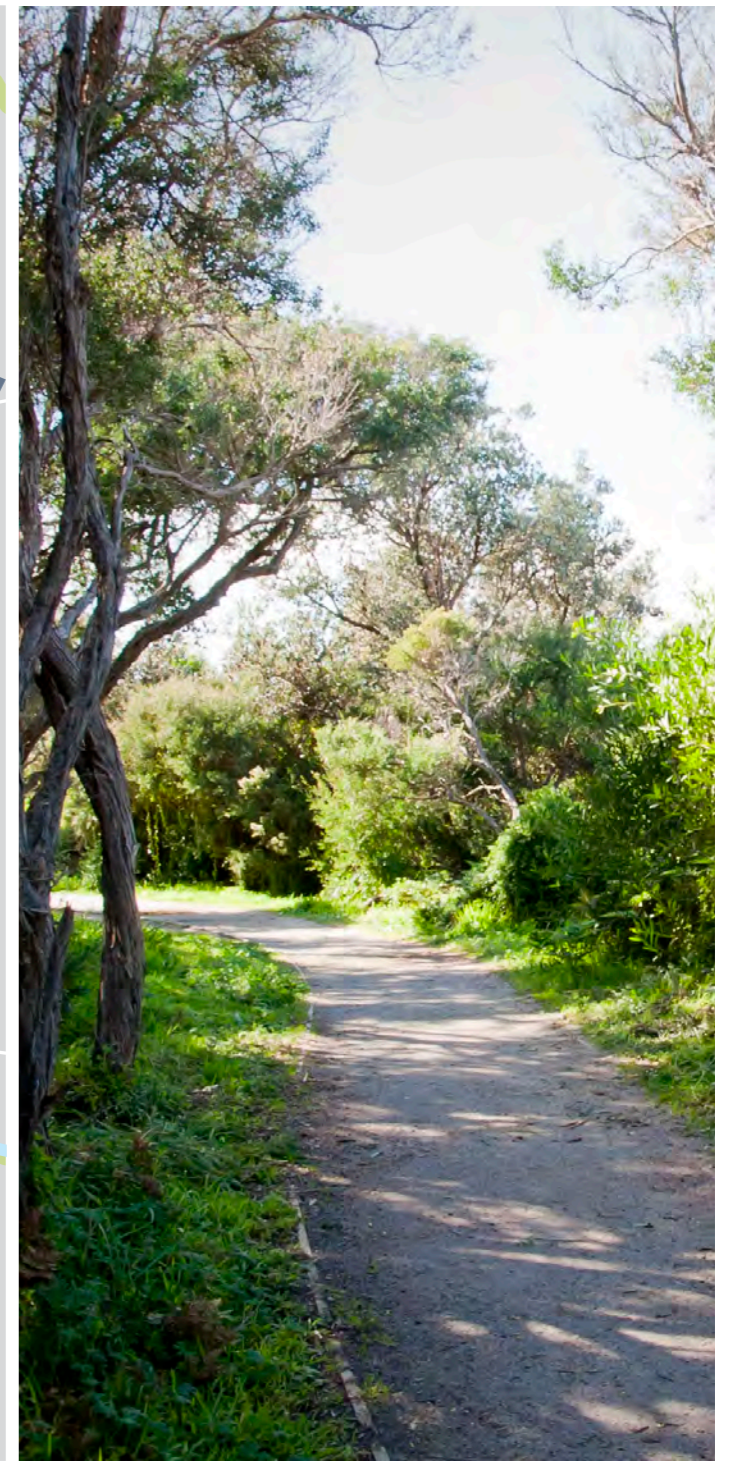
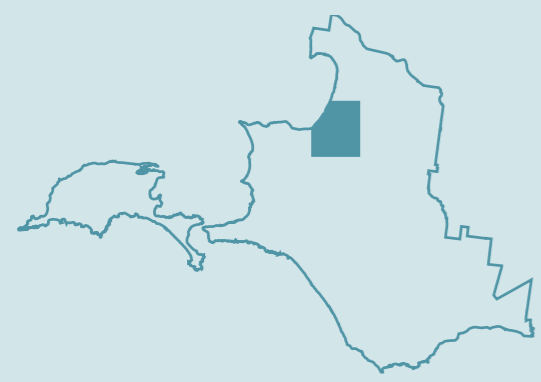
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GRANTVILLE • PIONEER BAY • KERNOT

- 64** Grantville Recreation Reserve
- 65** Pioneer Bay Reserve
- 66** Upgrade the Grantville foreshore pathway connection
- 67** Partner with Parks Victoria to promote bushwalking and informal mountain bike riding in the Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve
- 68** Provide new local park and playspace within future growth area

Legend

- Park (playspace)
- Recreation Reserve
- Proposed Park (playspace)
- Bushland
- Caravan Park
- School
- Community Hall
- Open Space
- Future Growth Area
- Shared Path



MAP H RECOMMENDATIONS



Grantville Recreation Reserve

Recreation Reserve

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time Frame
64	Grantville Recreation Reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis court • Skate park • Multipurpose court • Playspace 	Grantville	Township	Committee of Management Local clubs	Short term
65	Pioneer Bay Reserve Work with the local community to deliver community meeting place and toilets	Pioneer Bay	Local	Committee of Management	Long term

Pathways

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time frame
66	Upgrade the Grantville foreshore pathway connection Improve pathway connection from foreshore to recreation reserve	Grantville	Township	Committee of Management	Medium term

Parks

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time frame
67	Promote bushwalking and informal mountainbike riding in the Gurdies Conservation Reserve Partner with Parks Victoria	Grantville	Township	Parks Victoria Local community	Ongoing
68	Provide new local park and playspace within future growth area In line with Council's Public Open Space Policy 2017	Grantville	Local	Local community Developers	In line with subdivision development

Relevant Plans
 Daisy Recreation Reserve Landscape Masterplan 2009
 (Pioneer Bay Progress Association)

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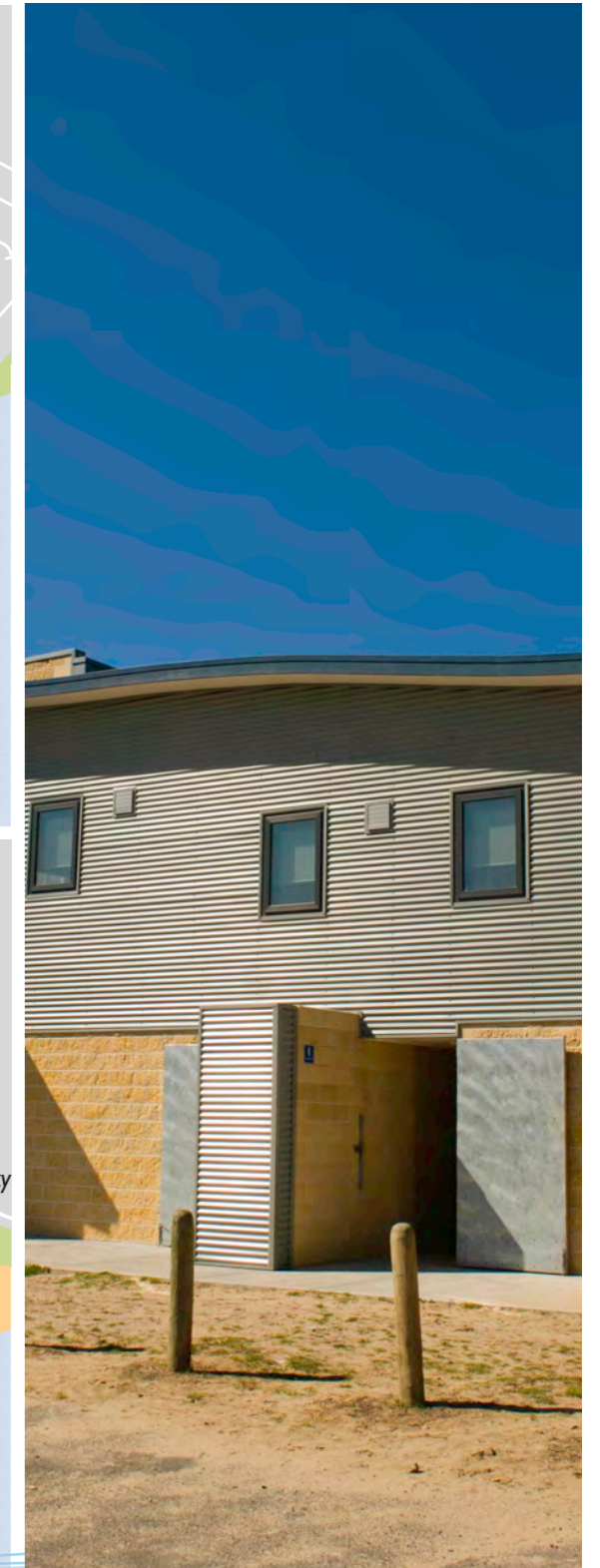
INVERLOCH • CAPE PATERSON & HARMERS HAVEN

- 69** Upgrade Inverloch Recreation Reserve
- 70** Upgrade Thompson Reserve (Inverloch)
- 71** Cape Paterson Lifesaving Club
- 72** Inverloch sound shell
- 73** Cape Paterson Beach masterplan
- 74** Extend Surf Parade shared path
- 75** Investigate shared trail to Leongatha
- 76** Connect Screw Creek trails to Cuttriss Street
- 77** Improve pedestrian access across Screw Creek
- 78** Future shared path to Wonthaggi (MAPA Recommendation 8c)
- 79** Proposed playspaces
- 80** Upgrade Wyeth-McNamara (Rainbow) Park playspace (MAPA Recommendation 6b)
- 81** Provide new local park and playspace within future growth area

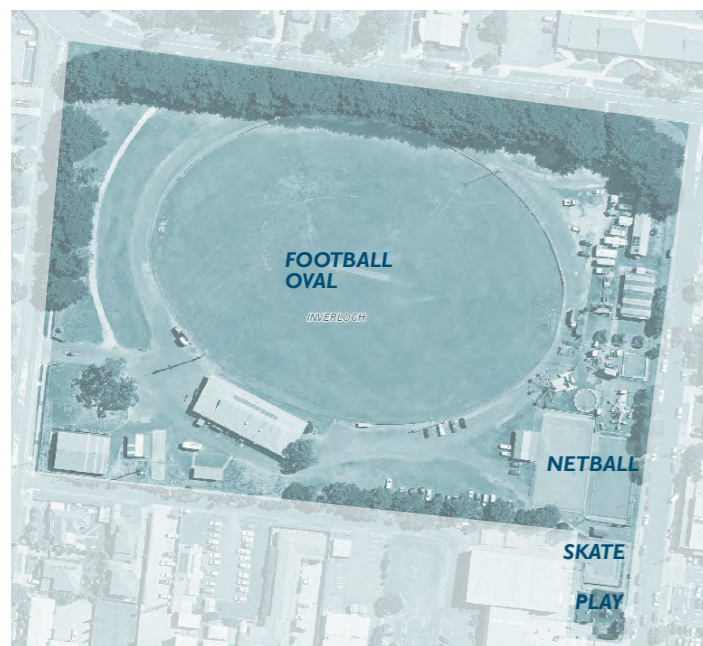
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- Skatepark
- Recreation Reserve
- Park (playspace)
- BMX
- Proposed Playspace
- Proposed Recreation Reserve
- Proposed Park (playspace)
- Community Hall
- Cemetery
- Bushland
- Caravan Park
- Lifesaving Club
- School

- Proposed Shared Path
- Shared Path
- Open Space
- Future Growth Area



MAP I RECOMMENDATIONS



Inverloch Recreation Reserve



Thompson Reserve

Relevant Plans
 Inverloch Recreation Reserve Masterplan 2007
 Thompson Reserve Masterplan 2013
 Masterplan Surf Parade Shared Path 2017
 Inverloch Foreshore Reserve Masterplan 2008
 Cape Paterson Bay Beach Activity Area Masterplan 2014
 Cuttriss Street Activity Area Plan 2014

Recreation Reserve

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time Frame
69 Upgrade Inverloch Recreation Reserve	Assist Inverloch Recreation Reserve Committee of Management to complete Landscape/Masterplan	Inverloch	Township	Committee of Management State Government	Short term*
	Construct new netball pavilion and redevelop two existing netball courts floodlighting and fencing (multiuse)	Inverloch	Township	Committee of Management Local clubs	Short term
	Install oval Floodlighting	Inverloch	Township	Committee of Management Local Clubs	Medium term
	Upgrade and extend existing pavilion Install oval Irrigation and drainage	Inverloch	Township	Committee of Management Local clubs	Long term
70 Upgrade Thompson Reserve (Inverloch)	Review masterplan	Inverloch	Township	Local Clubs	Short term
	Install multipurpose cricket nets	Inverloch	Township	Local clubs	Medium term
	Inverloch tennis club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resurface courts south bank courts (4) & floodlights Floodlighting (18/19) northern bank 	Inverloch	Township	Local clubs	Short term

Foreshore

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time Frame
71 Cape Paterson Lifesaving Club	Support construction of Cape Paterson Lifesaving Club	Cape Paterson	Regional	Local club Community State Government	Short term
72 Inverloch sound shell	Support the installation of sound shell within the Glade	Inverloch	Township	Service groups Local community	Short term
73 Cape Paterson Beach Masterplan	Deliver Cape Paterson Beach Activity Area Masterplan with improved beach access as the priority	Cape Paterson	Township	Local community	Short/ medium/ long term

*Some listed projects will require significant grant funding to enable their delivery.

MAP I RECOMMENDATIONS

Pathways

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time Frame
74	Extend Surf Parade shared path <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veronica to Goroke Avenue Goroke to RACV 	Inverloch	Township	Local community	Short-medium term
75	Investigate shared trail to Leongatha	Inverloch	Township	Local community	As per Pathways Plan
76	Connect Screw Creek trails to Cuttriss Street	Inverloch	Township	Local community	As per Pathways Plan
77	Improve pedestrian access across Screw Creek	Inverloch	Township	Local community Parks Victoria	Short term
78	Future shared path to Wonthaggi	Regional	Township	Local community	As per Pathways Plan

Parks

Project	Description	Township	Classification	Partners	Time Frame
79	Proposed new playspaces	Inverloch	Regional	Local club Community State Government	Short term
80	Upgrade Wyeth- McNamara (Rainbow) Park playspace	Inverloch	Township	Service groups Local community	Short term
81	Provide new local park and playspace within future growth area	Cape Paterson	Township	Local community Developers	In line with subdivision development

PLANNING PROJECTS



Project	Description	Partners	Timeframe
82	Recreation and Open Space Design Guidelines	Local community	Short term
83	Develop Guidelines for club/community contributions to recreation / open space improvements.	Clubs	Short term
84	Establish a Shire-wide physical activity network	YMCA GippSport Service providers Bass Coast Health	Short term
85	Develop guidelines for outdoor fitness equipment/gyms	YMCA GippSport Service providers Bass Coast Health	Short-term
86	Promote walking across the Shire	Heart Foundation Victoria Walks Walking groups Schools Bass Coast Health	Short term
87	Consult with the Registered Aboriginal Party to strengthen indigenous connections to open space as part of the Reconciliation Action Plan	Registered Aboriginal Party Local community	Short term
88	Review land management models at recreation reserves	Committees of management Local clubs	Short term

PLANNING PROJECTS cont...



	Project	Description	Partners	Timeframe
89	Develop guidelines to strengthen Council partnerships with Committees of Management across the Shire including	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 86 Committees (reporting to Council) Committees reporting to the Crown (DELWP) Processes for improved communication Clarify roles / responsibilities and reporting Clarify funding arrangements Council officers to attend committee meetings where appropriate and assist with master planning processes and grant applications 	State Government Committees of Management (Recreation Reserve and Foreshores)	Short term
90	Facilitate an annual Open Space and Recreation Funding Forum to promote shared community priorities and fundraising initiatives	Work together to fund projects that are most important to the local community	Rotary Probus Bendigo Bank Sport and Recreation Victoria Bass Coast Foundation	Short term
91	Work with partner organisations to encourage the community to spend more time in natural spaces	Partner with Parks Victoria and Phillip Island Nature Parks to promote our natural spaces and nature programs such as bush walking and bush kinder	Parks Victoria Phillip Island Nature Parks Schools/ Kindergartens	Short term
92	Bass Coast Sports Clubs development	Continue to partner with GippSport to assist local sports clubs and community groups to improve governance, attract volunteers/members and attract female participation at all levels. Create positive and collaborative partnerships between Council and community sporting organisations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incentives Accreditation Forums 	GippSport	Ongoing
93	Support state-wide / national campaigns that encourage physical activity and social connections	Such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active April Heart Week (29 April - 6 May) Walktober Nature play week 	Agency partners Community Bass Coast Health	Ongoing

PLANNING PROJECTS cont...



Project	Description	Partners	Timeframe	
94	Continue to work with community groups and partner organisations to deliver recreation events attract additional events to the Shire particularly during off peak season	Clubs Community	Ongoing	
95	Provide opportunities for the community to walk their dogs off lead on beaches and on the mainland	Community	Ongoing	
96	Implement Sites and Themes Plan	Partner with local townships to enhance township open spaces via placemaking initiatives such as unique public art pieces	Community Arts and Culture Advisory Committee	Ongoing
97	Encourage people of all ages and abilities to access our beaches and parks	Promote Council's resources including: • Easy Access Beaches • Bass Coast Walks and Trails Brochure • All Terrain Wheelchair Hire	Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Community	Ongoing
98	Raise the profile of Women in Sport within Bass Coast	Support the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation to deliver initiatives	GippSport State Government	Ongoing
99	Support coastal recreation groups to continue to deliver water sport opportunities to the community	Partner with coastal recreation groups (water sports) to increase participation while protecting the foreshore environment	Community	Ongoing
100	Improve access for all abilities to main beaches across the Shire	Implement foreshore masterplans with access as the priority including • Cowes • Cape Paterson • Inverloch • San Remo	Access Inclusion Advisory Committee	Medium term



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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 Overview

ChatterBox Projects was engaged by Bass Coast Shire Council via Playce to lead the community engagement process for the Active Bass Coast Plan.

A range of methods and tools were used to engage with the community including six place-based pop-up consultations, one key stakeholder workshop, one internal council staff workshop and an online survey.

During the community engagement activities, a wide range of people were engaged including children, young people and adults, people who live in Bass Coast and visitors to the region.

1.2 Key findings

The responses gathered during the consultation process included over 3,000 comments. These responses resulted from an online and hard-copy survey, place-based engagements and key stakeholder workshops.

The engagement highlighted some key overall themes to be considered as part of the development of the Active Bass Coast Plan.

People, Place & Partnership Priorities

As part of the survey and the place-based pop-up dotmocracy activity, community members were asked to rank a list of overall priorities under the three themes of people, place and partnerships. The results from both the survey and the pop-up engagement were very similar.

The top priority emerging from the survey under the theme of 'people' was 'Provide open spaces and



recreation facilities that cater for ALL ages, level of ability and gender *i.e. facilities for female teams within clubs, ramp access to the beach*' followed closely by 'Create better walking/ cycling connections *i.e. new paths, upgraded paths, directional signage, promotional material.*' Creating better walking/ cycling paths was

also the top priority under the theme of 'people' from the dotmocracy activity.

Both the survey and the dotmocracy activity had very similar results under the theme of 'place.' 'Protect our natural open spaces to allow us to connect to the environment *i.e. nature appreciation, biodiversity, nature play, bushwalking, beach play*' received more 1st priority votes in both the survey, and the dotmocracy activity, however with the weighted average, 'Improve infrastructure for outdoor recreation activities that are NOT organised sport programs *i.e. playgrounds, windsurfing, mountain bike/BMX, skate parks*' was the top priority in the survey.

Under the 'partnership' theme, both the survey and the dotmocracy results had the same outcome.

'Collaborate with partners to attract funding and share resources *i.e. shared facilities with schools, physical activity referral programs (doctors), state government*' had the highest weighted average.

Favourite Activities on The Bass Coast



Over 800 respondents stated that their favourite activity was to get outdoors and be active and social in Bass Coast.

More than 35.5% of community members indicated that walking was their favourite activity. Other preferred activities included spending time on the beach, swimming, cycling, walking the dog and surfing.

- *Love walking the rail trail with my dog, very relaxing and also great for the kids to ride their bikes*
- *I and my young family love swimming and the beach*

Key engagement themes

The below outlines the major themes that emerged from the community through the engagement activities including the survey and place-based pop-ups.

Most comments received were via the hard copy and online survey in response to the following questions.

1. What is your one big idea to encourage the Bass Coast community to spend more time outdoors, being active and being social? (728 comments)
2. Do you feel like you have enough options to maintain your health and wellbeing by being outdoors, active and social in Bass Coast? (Respondents were asked to provide further details with 806 respondents providing comments)
3. Are there any barriers to you being outdoors, active and social as often as you would like in Bass Coast? (Respondents were asked to provide further details with 784 respondents providing comments)
4. General 'other' comments? (252 'other' comments were received)

In section B, where respondents were asked to prioritise a range of specific town projects, respondents were also able to list 'other' projects, with over 430 comments received.

Approximately 3,000 comments have been analyzed to determine the themes.

Facilities (New and Upgrade)



The most popular topic during the engagement were requests for the upgrade or the development of new facilities across Bass Coast. There were just over 400 comments about the state of current facilities including the need for upgrades, and the development of a range of new facilities to enable people to get outdoors, active and social more often.

There were over 220 specific comments mentioning a pool or aquatic centre. These included requests for a new pool on Phillip Island (Approximately 57 specific requests) as well as the need for an upgrade to the Wonthaggi pool (Approximately 40 specific requests).

It must be noted that most requests for a pool or pool upgrade did not mention a specific location or pool so could not be explicitly listed under Phillip Island or Wonthaggi. However, many comments can be assumed to be specifically about these two facilities.

“Our facilities are old and not up to current standards... e.g. Wonthaggi Pool”

“There is no public indoor swimming pool on Phillip Island”

“Cowes needs an indoor swimming pool to enable fitness opportunities in winter and to give us a positive space to interact as a family over winter”

“We live on Phillip Island, we have to travel to swim in a pool”

“We desperately need a pool on Phillip Island, it is the best way to maintain fitness and while we have beautiful beaches you can’t do laps regularly and safely in the ocean without drifting off into Bass Strait”

There were over 50 specific requests for improvements to the Inverloch Recreation Reserve facilities including the need for more and improved netball courts, improvements to the pavilion, improved oval lighting and goal post netting. It must be noted that many of the requests for netball or football upgrades may also have been specifically referring to the Inverloch Recreation Reserve, however could not be counted under Inverloch Recreation Reserve due to the location not being mentioned in the respondents’ comments. It can be assumed however that many of these comments were specifically directed towards the Inverloch Recreation Reserve facilities.

“Upgrade facilities for the Inverloch Kongwak football netball club”

“The netball courts, storage and room facilities are not adequate for the growing club. I would love to see an upgrade of these facilities, so we can keep encouraging more community members and visitors to join and be involved.”

“Upgrade facilities at Inverloch recreation reserve. Two new Netball courts, football ground and netball court lighting, new football goal posts and nets”

“Fix the netball courts at Inverloch”

There were over 30 requests for skate parks in towns including Cape Paterson, San Remo, Cowes, Kilcunda and Corinella.

“Build permanent skate park in San Remo / Newhaven”

“Skate parks that are safe, appropriately designed and visible to the public”

“Skate park for Cowes for all ages/ability”

There were also comments addressing the need for the Inverloch tennis courts to be upgraded, the need for lighting for the Wonthaggi croquet club and the need for a windsurfing club house and storage on the foreshore.

Walking/Cycling Paths and Connections

The second most popular topic raised during the engagement was that of walking and cycling trails and connections. Over 300 comments on this subject were received during the consultation process. Trails were mentioned on numerous occasions in all open-ended survey questions. There were many specific requests, the following of which received ten or more requests. It must be noted that many requests for trails and walking paths may also be linked to the below requests; however due to the respondents not mentioning a location, they cannot be counted as such.

- *Extend the existing trail along the foreshore in Inverloch to the surf beach and to Cape Paterson (Approximately 49 specific requests)*
- *Develop a shared cycling/pedestrian path between Wonthaggi and Inverloch (Approximately 15 specific requests)*

There were also numerous requests for the following:

- *Join up walking paths on Phillip Island*
- *Link the George Bass Trail to Inverloch*
- *Continue the Wonthaggi rail trail to the beach*
- *Improve and link townships with walking/bike paths such as Ventnor to Cowes and Cowes to Rhyll*
- *More coastal walking trails*
- *Walk/cycling trail along coast from Smith's Beach to Sunderland Bay*
- *A walking /bike track from Rhyll to the Nobbies Center*
- *Coastal walking tracks and a raised board walk through mangrove and beach area adjacent to Esplanade Corinella*

There were many general comments regarding the need for more walking and cycling paths and trails, improving connections between paths and providing supporting infrastructure such as seats and drink taps along paths and trails.

Festivals, Events and activities



There were over 150 comments referring to the need for more activities, festivals and events across Bass Coast, to provide more opportunities to get outdoors and active as well as to encourage the community to connect and be social.

Suggestions included fun runs, more sporting activities, 'come and try' days for children, kid friendly active classes and outdoor group activities such as tai chi and dancing.

There were also suggestions to create more walking groups and clubs as both a social activity and to keep people fit. These suggestions were for people of all ages, including both young people and middle-aged people.

There were requests to have free community/family days to bring communities together, more regular markets, free music in the park events, parent get togethers, free family fun days and beach activities, organised street parties and activities for teenagers.

- *Walking groups - set time place then walk*
- *Support smaller groups e.g. walking groups- financially*

- Free group fitness in parks
- Free recreational day to come and try a sport or club
- More community activities for teens and young adults
- Regular *INCLUSIVE* (really inclusive - not segregated groups) community gatherings/ activities
- Organise 'street parties' at various parts on the Island to encourage neighbours on the local area to get to know each other
- Once a month or so community days in an open park e.g. Apex park run by volunteers including things like group bike rides, yoga or tai chi, petting zoo, motivational talks, group games etc.
- Have more festivals and activities celebrating the amazing landscapes we live in

Safety



The consultation responses included over 100 comments referring to safety; most of these were in response to the question 'Do you have any barriers for getting outdoors, active and social more often?'

The main concerns raised were the lack of safe cycling/walking paths, the lack of footpaths, the issue of road safety, the lack of safe lighting, the safety issues of dogs and horses on beaches and the concerns around snakes.

- If Bass Coast Shire could co-operate with Vic Roads and Sth Gippsland Shire to expand and seal the shoulders of the Bass Hwy between Inverloch and Leongatha (or Koonwarra, or both) then there would a safe environment for cycling stretching from Cowes to Welshpool. At present it is a busy and dangerous missing link in a potential cycling network.
- Not enough footpaths to feel safe walking
- Not enough safety in dark areas lack of lighting
- There are no enough shared pathways in the waterline communities. E.g. Corinella Rd needs a bike/walking path to encourage safe riding to school from the local towns. It is currently a 100km zone with no option for local children and families to ride or walk to school.
- Remove the horse access on the Norsemans Rd Coronet Bay beach area so locals can walk safely in this area again
- Only road walking available in pioneer bay
- some parts of the Inverloch foreshore path are narrow and dangerous
- There is no safe way myself and my family can walk or ride to be active and social in the township of Dalyston
- Walking tracks don't link up. Unsafe walking on roadways
- I would like to be able to cycle safely from Ventnor to Cowes. A better surface on the path between Anchorage Rd and Red Rocks Rd would help here, as it can be precarious without wide bike tyres.
- The horses access on Coronet Bay beach is not safe

Dogs



Over 70 comments were made about dogs. These included positive comments, such as support for more dog off-leash areas and less restrictions for dog walking on beaches, and negative comments, such as complaints about dogs off leads and safety. Many respondents saw the lack of dog areas (on and off lead) on beaches and in their towns and neighbourhoods as a genuine barrier to their ability to get outdoors, active and social.

There were 31 specific comments that indicated that the restrictions placed on dog owners, particularly during the summer months, acted as a barrier to their participation.

- *More suitable on leash dog times on the beaches. From Feb to April there is hardly anyone on the beach, so no dogs seem inappropriate.*
- *Not many off leash places to take dogs at other beaches such as Cape Paterson and Kilcunda*
- *You took a lot of people's choices away by limiting hours of dog walking on the beach*
- *If you ban dog walking on beaches, then a lot will not exercise*

Other respondents however, indicated that having dogs on beaches was a safety issue and a barrier to them.

- *Dogs hinder my ability to enjoy the beach as owners ignore rules vis-a-vis off leash and no dog areas. I feel threatened by out of control dogs. These dogs have walked in front of my bike while cycling because they are not on a lead. I am therefore put at risk of a fall, due to bad dog owners.*
- *Too many off leash dogs. Often in places along the coast that are clearly signed for no dogs or dogs on leash. I had international visitors staying that are keen bird photographers. On 4 occasions, after setting up all their equipment on the beach, dogs came running and frightened the ocean birds away. No dogs off leash in sensitive environmental areas - beaches.*
- *Too many off leash dogs on the beaches and in places like the Wonthaggi Heathlands*

There were many more comments (31) requesting more dog off leash areas and less restrictions than those requesting more restrictions (6).

Footpaths



Over 65 comments referred to footpaths, focusing mainly on the lack of them. These respondents indicated that the lack of footpaths presented both a barrier to getting outdoors, active and social and also a safety concern for many.

Comments were made about Silverleaves on Phillip Island, Inverloch, North Wonthaggi and other smaller towns and locations.

- *Not enough footpaths to ensure safety and poor lighting along foreshore footpaths*
- *Lack of footpaths in Inverloch*
- *The footpaths in the town of Corinella are too sporadic and do not connect together. I am an older person and there are no footpaths on the main road Cuthbert Street to Smythe street Corinella. In winter time the roadside nature strip is wet and boggy and cannot be walked on, this forces us onto the bitumen road and it is very dangerous, a connecting concrete or even hard sand footpath would allow us to walk all year round.*
- *No footpaths for my kids to walk to school*

Township Priorities

As part of the survey, respondents were asked to rank a pre-determined list of projects for seven towns: Bass, Corinella, Grantville, Kilcunda, Inverloch, San Remo and Wonthaggi. Council has funds available for each town through developer contributions and has prioritised a range of projects through previous community consultations.

Please note: some of these results were quite close so please see 3.2 Section B: Township Projects for full results.

The top priority for each town as ranked by survey respondents were:

Bass-Oval improvements (irrigation)

Corinella-Off-road pathway from Corinella township to Bass Valley Primary School

Grantville-Tennis Courts (includes multi-use court- basketball, cricket, soccer)

Kilcunda-Interpretive and Wayfinding signage

Inverloch-Netball court (Inverloch Recreation Reserve)

San Remo-Playground (Anderson St Park, cnr of Stuart and Anderson St)

Wonthaggi-Regional playground (Guide Park)

Respondents were also able to list other project ideas in an 'other' section. A list of these project ideas can be seen in section 3.2 along with some comments made about priority projects for Phillip Island.

1.3 Conclusion

Overall the community members were highly engaged about how to get the Bass Coast community outdoors, active and social more often. Many people appreciated the fact that council proactively popped-up in their town to seek their views, and were excited about the prospect of more support, facilities and opportunities in the future.

In relation to further contact, 305 respondents (35%) opted to 'be kept up to date' about the Active Bass Coast Plan. It is now important for council to capitalise on this initial engagement by continuing the conversation and, most importantly, reporting back to people about the outcome of the engagement program, how community feedback has been incorporated and what future actions could be implemented as a result.

2. PROJECT OVERVIEW

2.1 Purpose and objectives

The purpose of the project was to consult with the Bass Coast community regarding the Active Bass Coast (Municipal Open Space/Recreation Plan) Plan.

The purpose of the engagement was to build an understanding of community needs and expectations to inform the development of the Active Bass Coast Plan and to help Council deliver on the Active Bass Coast Vision.

Vision: A healthy and connected community that regularly participates in recreation and social activities in both natural and structured open spaces.



2.2 Target Community

The engagement activities were designed to target a broad range of people, both local and visitors), including “people who live full-time, part-time, are visitors/tourists, work or have holiday homes” in Bass Coast Shire.

One of the key success factors for this engagement was to engage with the ‘hard to reach’ or ‘quiet majority’ and gather data from most towns and hamlets. This was achieved by undertaking the place-based pop-up engagements in six locations across the municipality, promoting the engagement widely and by providing an opportunity to provide feedback and ideas online.

2.3 Community Engagement Constraints and Considerations

The Bass Coast Shire is a geographically large area, covering approximately 864 km², with a population of 32,804 (2016) across 41 towns and villages.

Bass Coast has the second highest proportion of vacant dwellings relative to housing numbers in Victoria. Data from the 2006 Census indicates that approximately 38% of dwellings are vacant. This data reflects the high proportion of holiday homes in coastal communities.

Key challenges influencing this engagement activity included:

- timing – being able to engage with residents, visitors and tourists, taking into consideration major events and festivals;
- engaging beyond the physical area – reaching part-time residents and visitors, not just those residing full-time in Bass Coast; and
- weather - planning for adverse weather for the place-based pop-up consultation events.

All the above considerations influenced the engagement design and selected methodologies.

2.4 Engagement approach

The use of the ChatterBox trailer for the place-based pop-up consultations enabled engagement with people who otherwise may not have ever interacted with council or participated in traditional engagement methods. The placed-based intercept style of engagement is designed to reach people where they already are and communicate with them during their normal day to day activities. The six pop-up consultations connected with a wide range of people including hard to reach groups like people with a disability, people with low mobility, people from low socio-economic backgrounds, people with low levels of literacy, people from culturally diverse backgrounds, and visitors and tourists.

A range of engagement tools were used at the place-based pop-ups, enabling the community to provide their feedback in a variety of ways. These different tools also enabled many people to engage at the same time, which was highly beneficial during busy times.

The tools included a hard copy survey (mirroring the online version), dotmocracy board, giant chatboard, voting pods, and a drawing sheet targeted towards children.

Placed-based pop-up events



Six place-based pop-up consultation events were held around the Bass Coast Shire over two weekends: 2-4 March and 9-11 March at the following locations/ events: Rhyll Boat Festival (2 March), Bass Valley Festival (3 March), Koala Conservation Centre on Phillip Island (4 March), Wonthaggi Plaza (9 March), the main street of Inverloch (10 March) and the main street of San Remo (11 March). The pop-up events included a range of interactive engagement activities as indicated above.

Stakeholder Workshops



Two stakeholder workshops were held, one with external groups and organisations and another with internal council staff. The workshops were held on Thursday 15 March in Kilcunda and Wonthaggi. The external key stakeholder workshop was undertaken using the World Café engagement process.

Survey

BASS COAST

Active Bass Coast-Get Outdoors, Get Active, Get Social

Section A: The Plan-What you have told us so far.

Over the last couple of years the community has told us about their recreation experiences during consultation activities including the 'Help Shape a Better Bass Coast' campaign in 2017 and the Active Open and Inclusive Needs Assessment in 2016. We have summarised this feedback so you can tell us your priorities. We understand that an active and healthy community focuses a focus on People, Places and Partnerships and the questions have been grouped accordingly.

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PEOPLE

1. Do you agree with these priorities?
(Rank your top three priorities between 1-3 with 1 being the most important)

1st priority 2nd priority 3rd priority

Provide open spaces

An online survey was developed to enable the community to provide their feedback and ideas if they were unable to attend the place-based pop-up consultation sessions. The online survey was open from 23 February until Sunday 18 March.

The online survey was promoted via email and an Active Bass Coast postcard and was also accessible via the council website.

2.5 Participation profile



Images 1-6- Photos from Pop-up events

Over 3,000 written ideas and views were gathered throughout the community engagement process, via the hardcopy and online surveys. A further 630 opinions, thoughts and ideas were gathered via other engagement tools, including the dotmocracy activity, drawings, voting pods and giant chatboards at the place-based pop-up events.

- 867 people completed a survey - 613 online, 192 in person at the place-based pop-up consultations and 62 at home (returned via reply-paid envelope).

At the place-based pop-up events:

- 14 children and young people provided their feedback by drawing their ideas;
- 165 people engaged with the dotmocracy activity;
- 373 people engaged with the voting pod activity; and
- 92 comments were recorded on the giant chat boards.

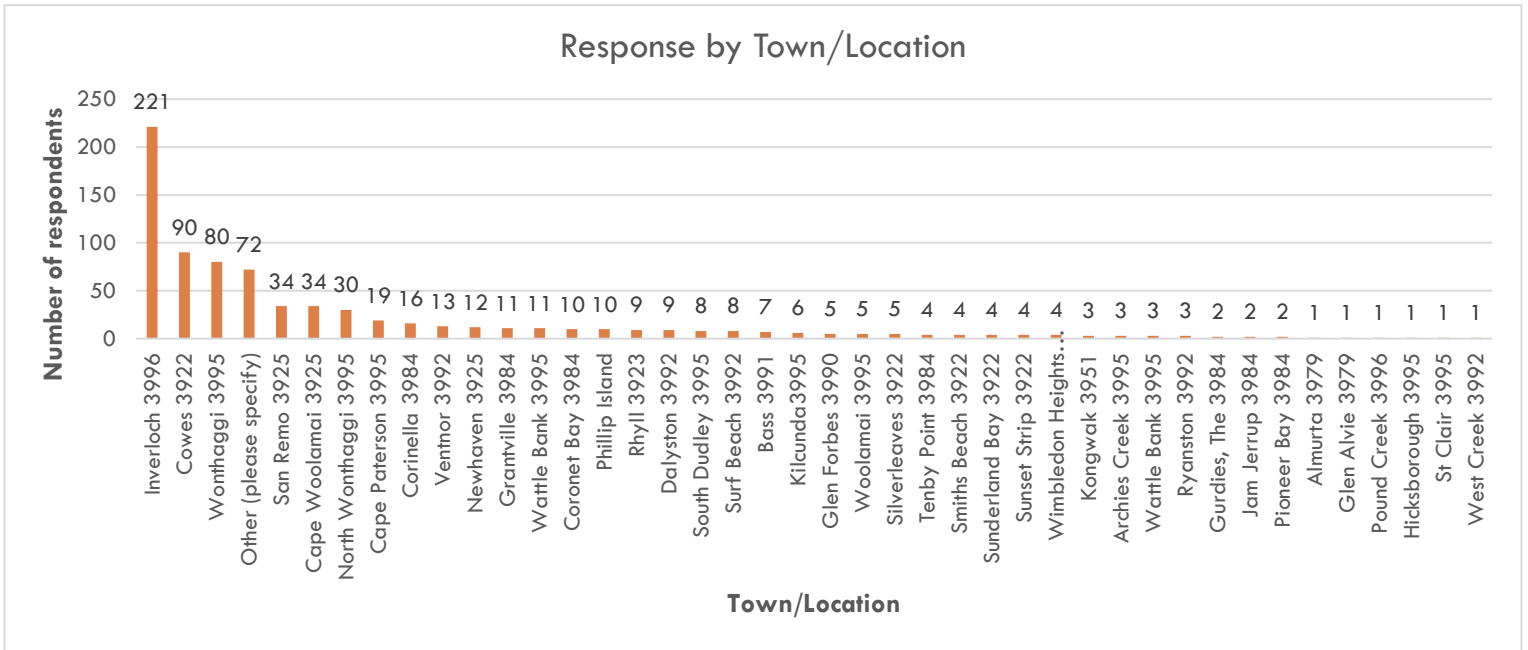
Of the 867 people who completed a survey:

- the most widely represented age group was people aged 35-44 years (22.22%) followed by 45-54 years (21.86%) and 65+ years (17.39%);
 - 7.61% of respondents were under 25 years;
 - 26.3% of respondents identified as a person with a disability and 36.99% indicated they were an associate or a carer of a person with a disability; and
 - 68.36% of respondents were female, 29.83% were male and .48% were gender diverse.
- Responses were received from 40 of the 50 listed towns and locations across Bass Coast. Of these, 29.55% were from Inverloch, 12.08% from Cowes and 10.74% from Wonthaggi.

Town/Suburb

Bass Coast is home to over 30,000 permanent residents. Bass Coast's main centres are Wonthaggi, Cowes (Phillip Island), Inverloch, San Remo and Grantville.

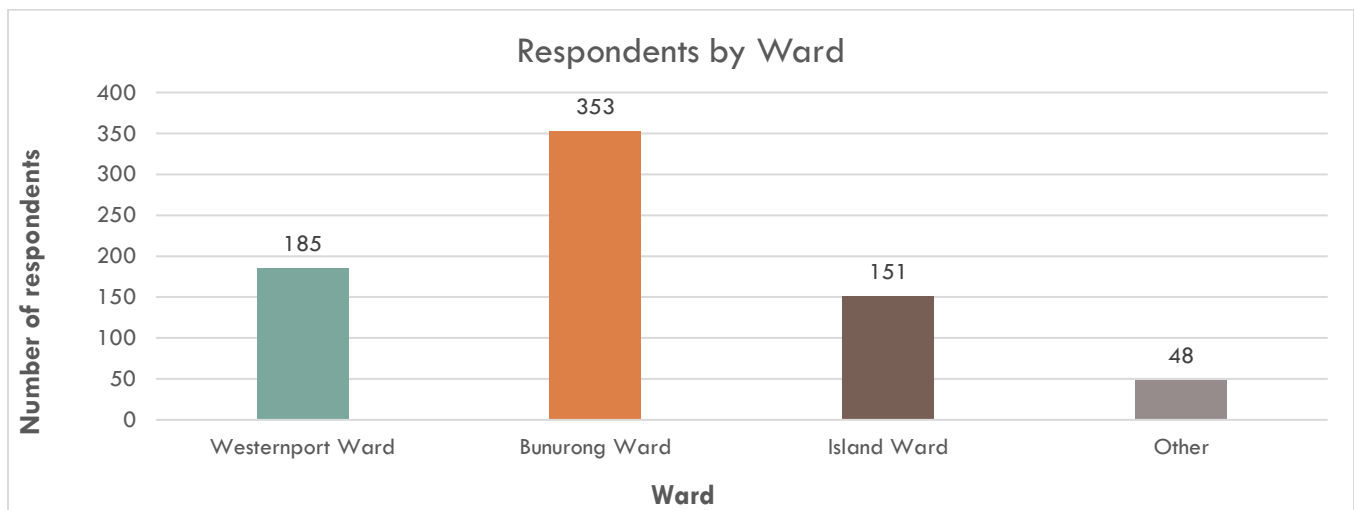
Of the 867 survey respondents, 745 indicated where they lived. The towns that had the highest level of respondents were Inverloch with 221, Wonthaggi with 110, Cowes with 92, and Cape Woolamai and San Remo with 34.



In addition, there was also 72 respondents who indicated that they lived elsewhere, including Leongatha, (5) many suburbs of Melbourne and some interstate locations.

Ward

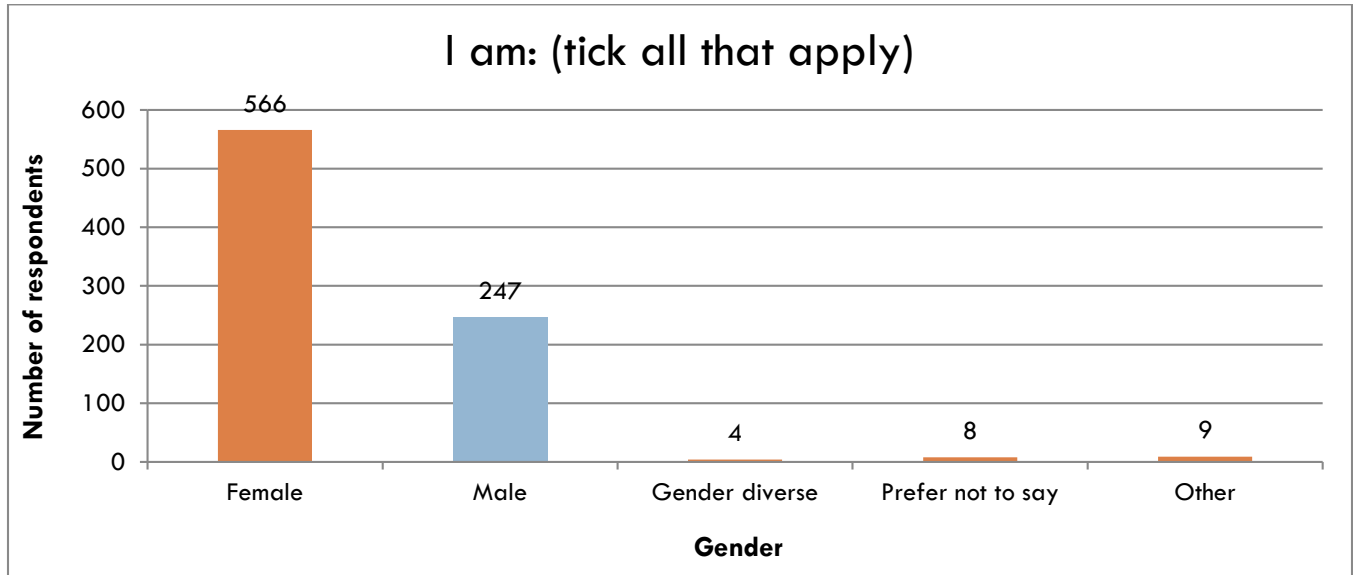
Of the 725 respondents who indicated where they lived, most respondents lived in the Bunurong Ward (359) followed by Westernport Ward (187) and Island Ward (151).



Gender

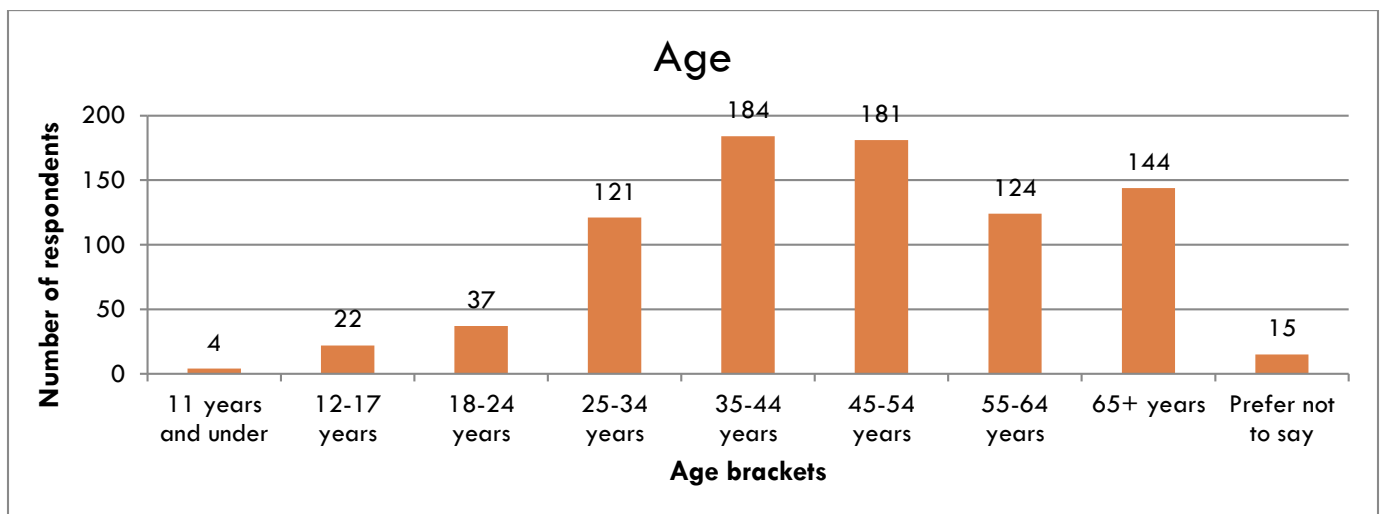
Of the 828 respondents who indicated their gender, 68.35% were female, 29.83% male and .48% gender diverse.

As indicated by the graph below, there was a much higher proportion of female respondents.



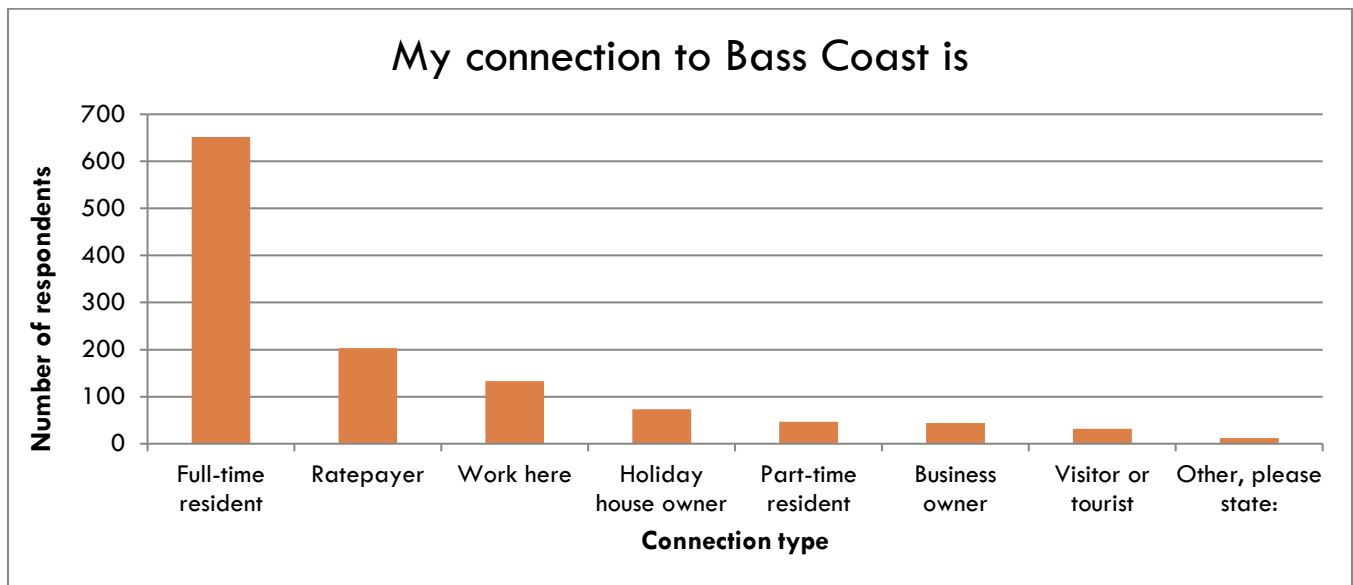
Age

The high response rate for people over 50 could be explained by the overall population statistics of Bass Coast Shire. The proportion of residents aged over 50 is significantly higher in Bass Coast (44.9%) than across the state (32.20%). Furthermore, 24.3% of this population is aged over 65 years, compared to 15.02% for the state.



Connection to Bass Coast

There was good representation in survey responses from full-time Bass Coast residents (80.59%) as well as some representation from part-time residents (5.8%), visitors/tourists (3.96%), holiday house owners (9%), business owners (5.5%) and people that worked in Bass Coast (16.4%).

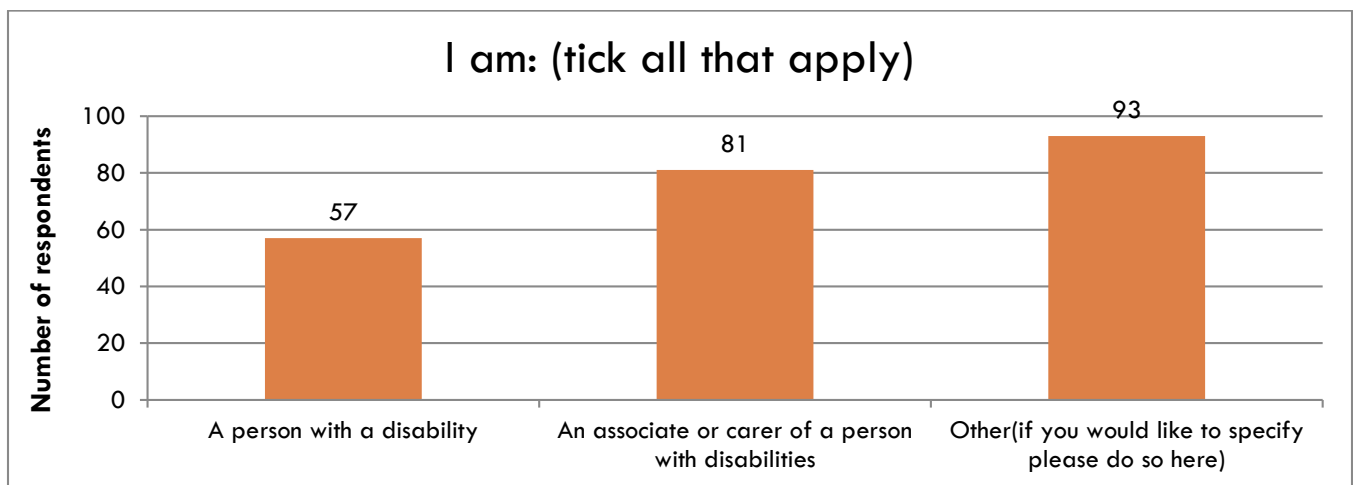


Disability

More than a quarter of respondents to this question (26.3%) indicated that they had a disability, and 36.9% (81) indicated that they were an associate or carer of a person with a disability.

On the online version of the survey, respondents had the opportunity to fill in an 'other' section and provide details if they wished.

Seven people indicated that they had health issues, 16 people indicated that they were a parent, eight indicated that they were retired and two indicated that they were volunteers. There were also a range of other individual comments.



3. OVERALL SURVEY RESULTS

This section provides all results from the hard copy and online surveys that were completed by the community. A total of 867 surveys were completed, 613 online, 192 at pop-up events, and 62 posted back via reply paid envelopes.

The survey had a total of 22 questions: five open ended questions, 10 ranking questions (including seven providing an opportunity to add further details,) one closed ended question and six demographic questions (please find copy of survey in the appendix).

The survey had two sections. Part A focused on priorities, favourite activities, big ideas and demographics. Part B was a list of township projects that respondents were asked to rank in order of importance.

3.1 Section A: The Plan

The community were asked to rank a list of priorities under the three themes of people, place and partnerships. These priorities were developed from a range of past consultations including the 'Help Shape a Better Bass Coast' campaign in 2017.

Respondents were asked to rank the top three priorities from a list of between three and five priorities.

The weighted total is calculated by multiplying the priorities as follows:

1st priority=3 points

2nd priority=2 points

3rd priority =1 point

People

Question 1: Do you agree with these priorities?

There were four priorities listed under 'people,' and the community were asked to rank their top three priorities.

Provide open spaces and recreation facilities that cater for ALL ages, level of ability and gender <i>i.e. facilities for female teams within clubs, ramp access to the beach</i>
Provide a broader range of programs and opportunities for people of ALL ages and abilities to be active in open spaces and recreation facilities <i>i.e. group fitness programs, exercise in the park (tai chi), events and festivals</i>
Create better walking/ cycling connections <i>i.e. new paths, upgraded paths, directional signage, promotional material</i>
Protect our cultural heritage and promote our unique identity <i>i.e. recognise indigenous heritage, celebrate our history, interpretive signs, events, public art</i>

As indicated below, the top priority as ranked by 852 respondents was *Provide open spaces and recreation facilities that cater for ALL ages, level of ability and gender* with a weighted total of 1,520. This was followed by *Create better walking/cycling connections* with a weighted total of 1,483.

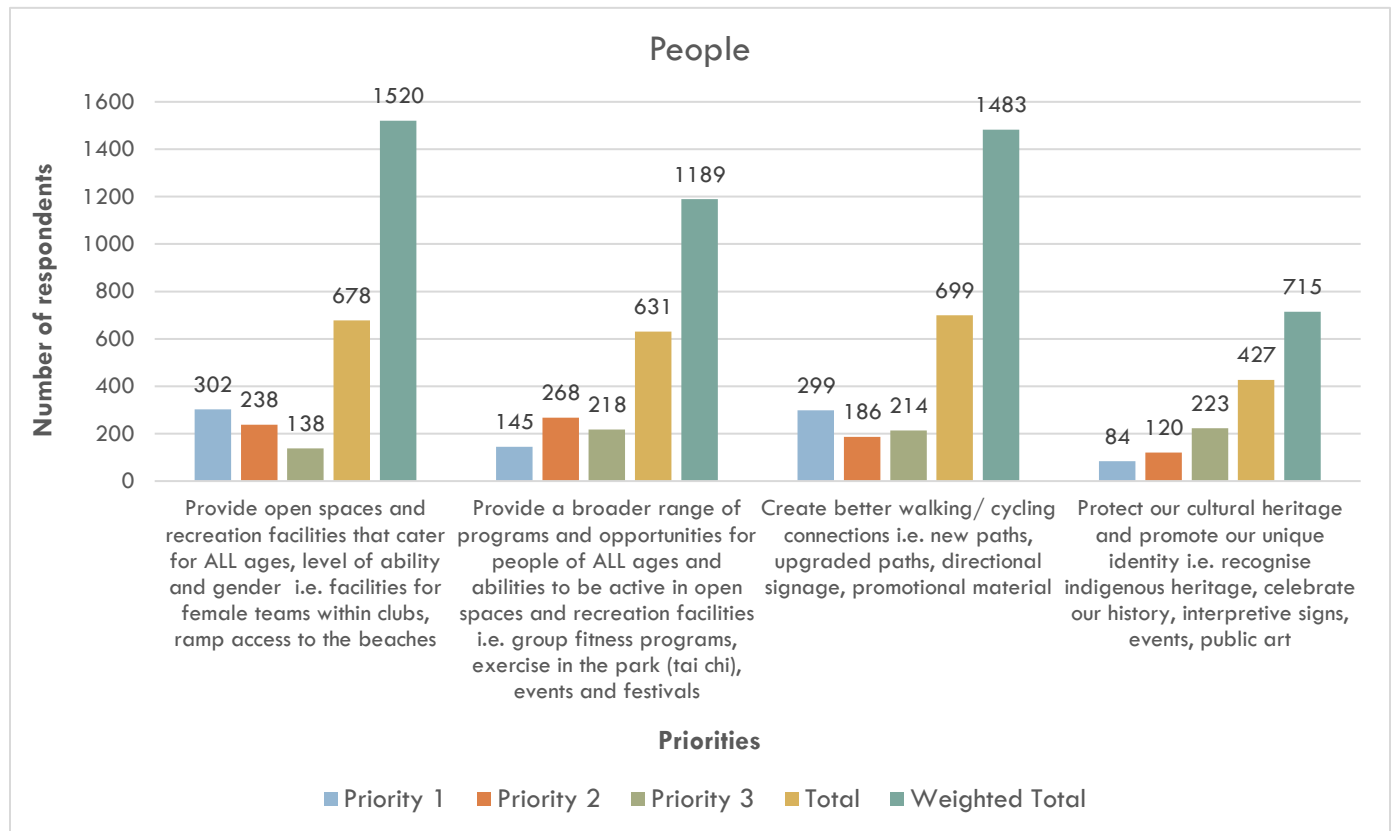


Image 7- Inverloch Pop-up

Places

Question 2: Do you agree with these priorities?

There were five priorities listed under ‘places,’ and the community were asked to rank their top three priorities.

Upgrade our existing recreation facilities to a higher standard <i>i.e. resurface courts, upgrade pavilions, floodlighting</i>
Build new recreation facilities to better support sport now and into the future <i>i.e. basketball stadium, soccer pitches</i>
Improve infrastructure for outdoor recreation activities that are NOT organised sport programs <i>i.e. playgrounds, windsurfing, mountain bike/BMX, skate parks</i>
Build new park facilities to improve our enjoyment of natural open spaces <i>i.e. seats, picnic areas, shelters, public art, tree planting, shade</i>
Protect our natural open spaces to allow us to connect to the environment <i>i.e. nature appreciation, biodiversity, nature play, bushwalking, beach play</i>

The graph below shows that the top priority as ranked by 850 respondents was *Improve infrastructure for outdoor recreation activities that are NOT organised sport programs* with a weighted total of 1,056 followed by *Protect our natural open spaces to allow us to connect to the environment* with a weighted total of 1,026.



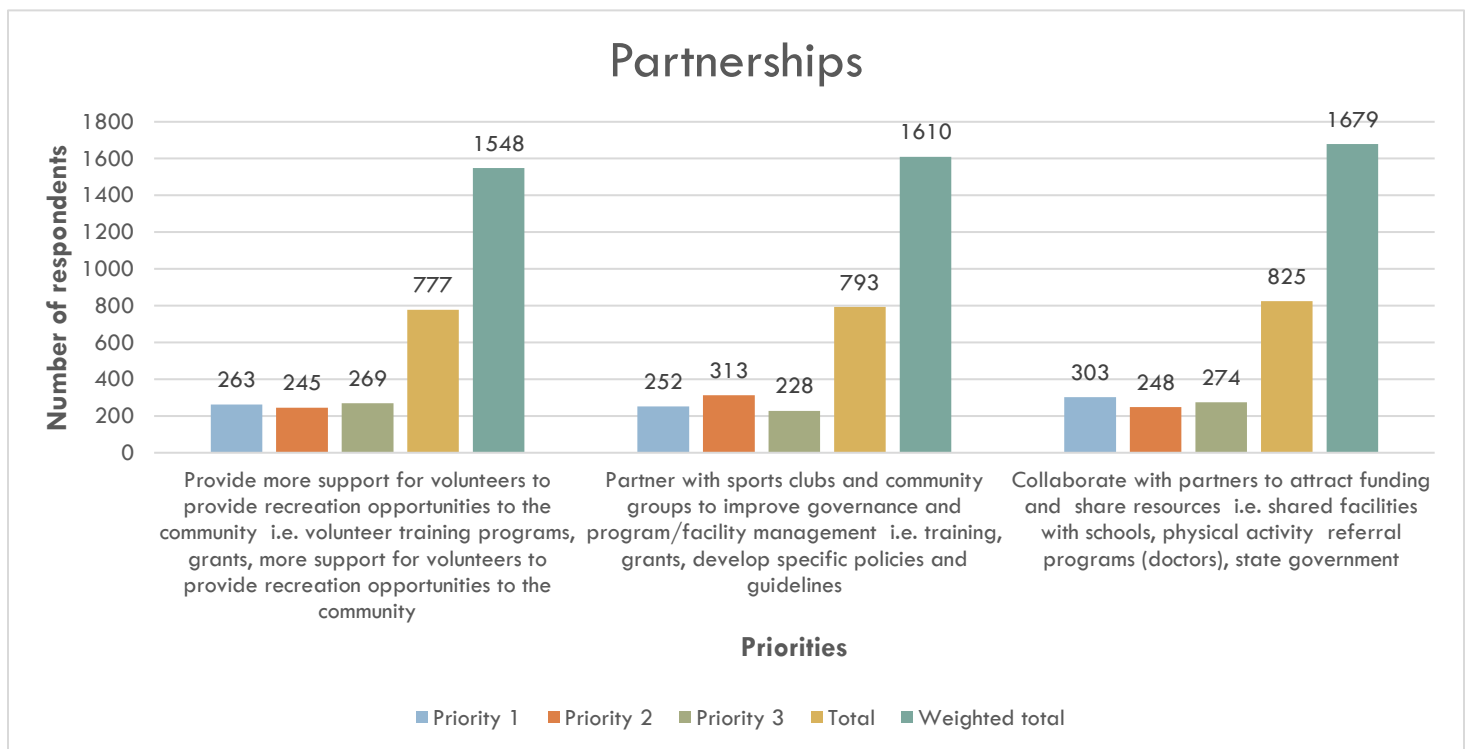
Partnerships

Question 3: Do you agree with these priorities?

There were three priorities listed under ‘partnership’ and the community were asked to rank these in order of priority.

Provide more support for volunteers to provide recreation opportunities to the community <i>i.e. volunteer training programs, grants</i>
Partner with sports clubs and community groups to improve governance and program/facility management <i>i.e. training, grants, develop specific policies and guidelines</i>
Collaborate with partners to attract funding and share resources <i>i.e. shared facilities with schools, physical activity referral programs (doctors), state government</i>

The graph below shows that the top priority as ranked by 845 respondents was *Collaborate with partners to attract funding and share resources* with a weighted total of 1,679 followed by *Partner with sports clubs and community groups to improve governance and program/facility management* with a weighted total of 1,630.

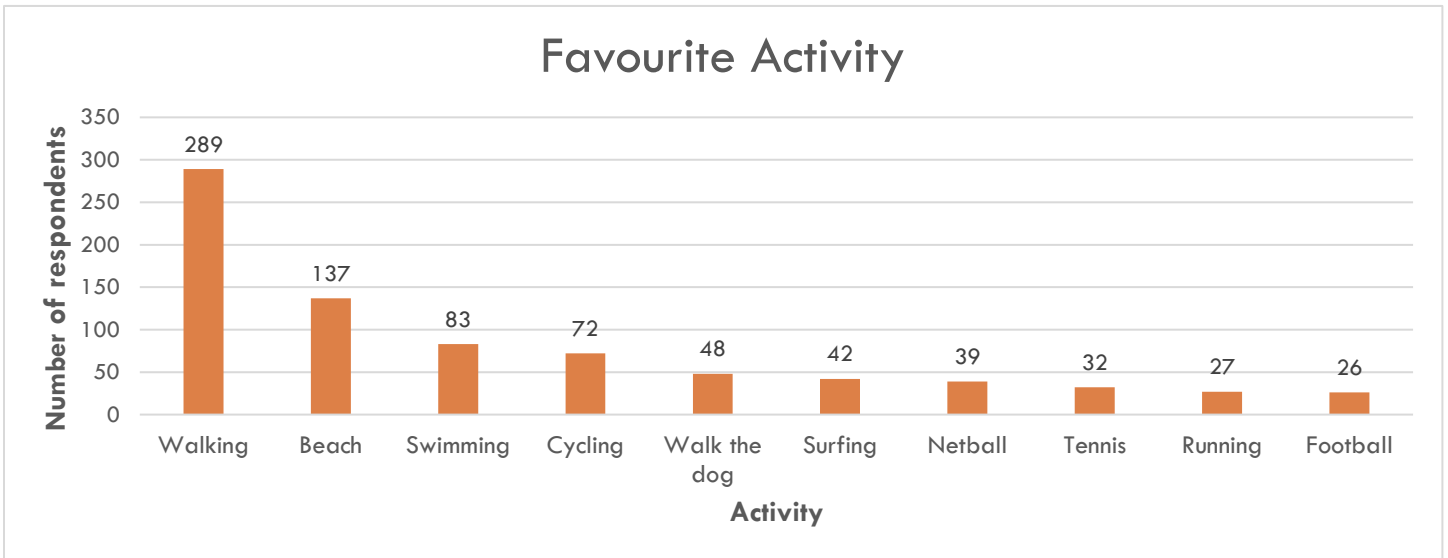


Question 4: What is your favourite activity to do outdoors, to get active or to be social in Bass Coast?

A total of 813 respondents listed their favourite activity to get outdoors, active and social on the Bass Coast.

The top ten favourite activities were walking, (289), going to the beach (137), swimming (83), cycling (72), walking the dog (48), surfing (42), playing netball (39), playing tennis (32), running (27) and playing football (26).

Other activities listed included fishing (19), windsurfing (15), playing croquet (14) and visiting playgrounds (13).



Question 5: What is your one BIG idea to encourage the Bass Coast community to spend more time outdoors, being active and being social?

There were 728 respondents who listed one or more big ideas to encourage the Bass Coast community to spend more time outdoors, being active and being social.

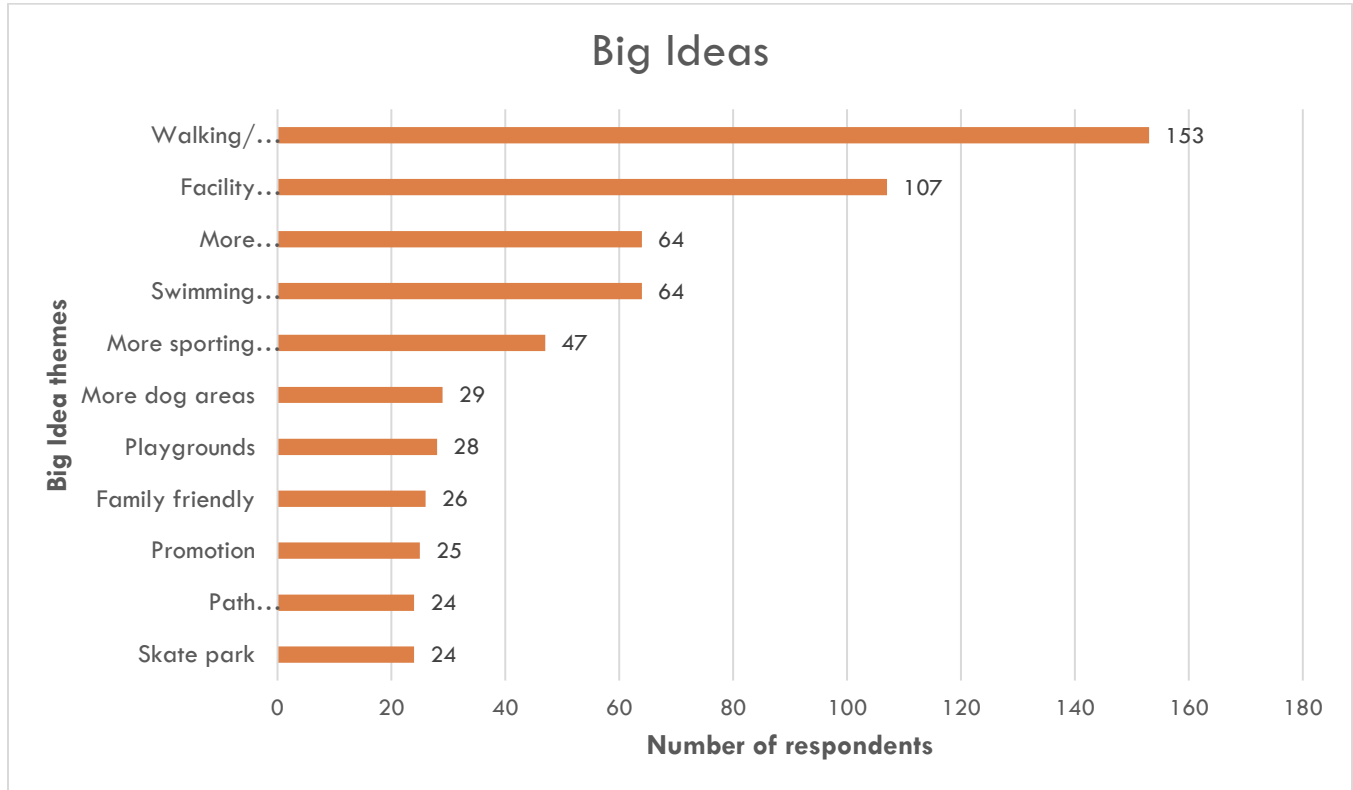
Walking and cycling trails was the most frequently suggested BIG idea with over 150 people making comments related to this topic. These included suggestions for walking and cycling trails between Inverloch and Cape Paterson, Cape Paterson and Wonthaggi, Wonthaggi and Inverloch, more trails on Phillip Island and better path connections.

WALKING/CYCLING TRAILS

“More walking paths that interconnect and have chairs to stop and appreciate what’s around, then let everyone know what’s there. People don’t know all the great things we have on our door step.”

“Continuing the Wonthaggi rail trail to the beach”

Other themes to emerge from the Big Ideas included: providing more facilities and upgrading existing facilities (107), providing more activities (64), more festivals and events (61), upgrading existing swimming pool and developing a new swimming pool/aquatic centre (54), providing more opportunities to play sport (47), creating more dog areas with less restrictions (29), ensuring activities and events are family friendly (26), improving path connections (24) and safety (20).

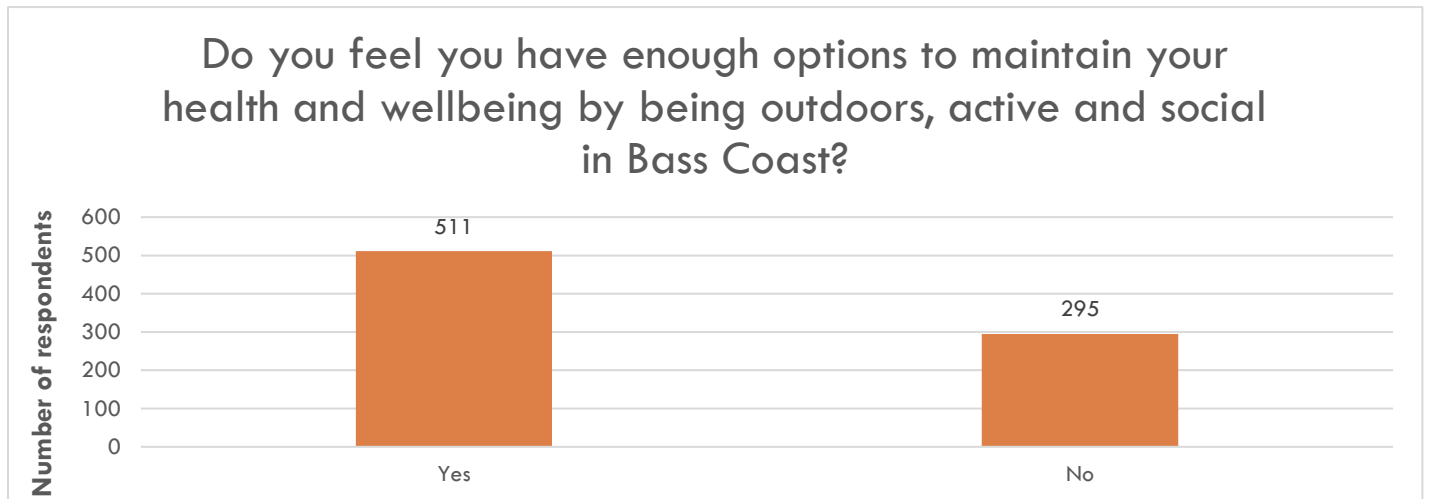


Question 6: Do you feel you have enough options to maintain your health and wellbeing by being outdoors, active and social in Bass Coast?

There were 511 (63.40%) respondents who felt they had enough options to maintain their health and wellbeing. Respondents indicated there were a variety of social events and groups to join and a good range of walking and cycling paths.

ENOUGH OPPORTUNITIES
“plenty of social events, active groups to connect with”
“We do have a good range of outdoor and indoors if you wish”
“many opportunities you are doing well”

Of the 295 (36.6%) respondents who indicated there were not enough options, 272 provided reasons why.



The key themes that emerged from the ‘No’ comments are shown in the chart below, and include:

- the request for more cycling and walking paths including improvements to connections between paths (61 comments) and
- requests for a new or upgraded pool (60 comments), with most requests being for a pool on Phillip Island, and requests for an upgrade to the pool in Wonthaggi.

Requests for new facilities and upgrades to facilities were general in nature with a few specific requests for upgrades at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve.

REASON	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS
Not enough cycling or walking trails	61
New pool or upgrade of existing pool required	60
New or upgraded facilities	35
The need for more activities	26
Issues of safety	26
More footpaths	20
Skate park	9
More dog areas including less restrictions and more off lead areas	9
Not accessible	8

CYCLING/WALKING TRAILS

“improve walking & cycling connections”

“There are limited places to run that aren’t on the hard footpaths. It would be brilliant to expand and link the trails better.”

“Walking paths are disjointed they don’t connect”

“The cycling path from San Remo to Anderson is ridiculous, improve it and I will use it and I think many others would.”

FACILITIES:

“Not enough places to sit & the netball & football oval is not a nice place to be because of how low the standard of the courts are”

“Because the Inverloch Kongwak football netball club needs more lights, nets ect”

“Some of the facilities for organised sports are disgraceful”

“Limited public facilities and support. I.e. Lack of adequate aquatic centre facilities”

“Modern watersports are not catered for in terms of facilities”

SAFETY

“Safety can be an issue ie lighting, locations not used by many people”

“More places to ride a bike safely from Inverloch”

“I’m frightened of dogs and horses and this impacts where I can walk along the beach”

“Need more places where older people feel safe”

POOL

“We need a swimming pool on Phillip Island that can be used all year round”

“If I had no parents to take me places I would not be able to swim, there needs to be a more local pool”

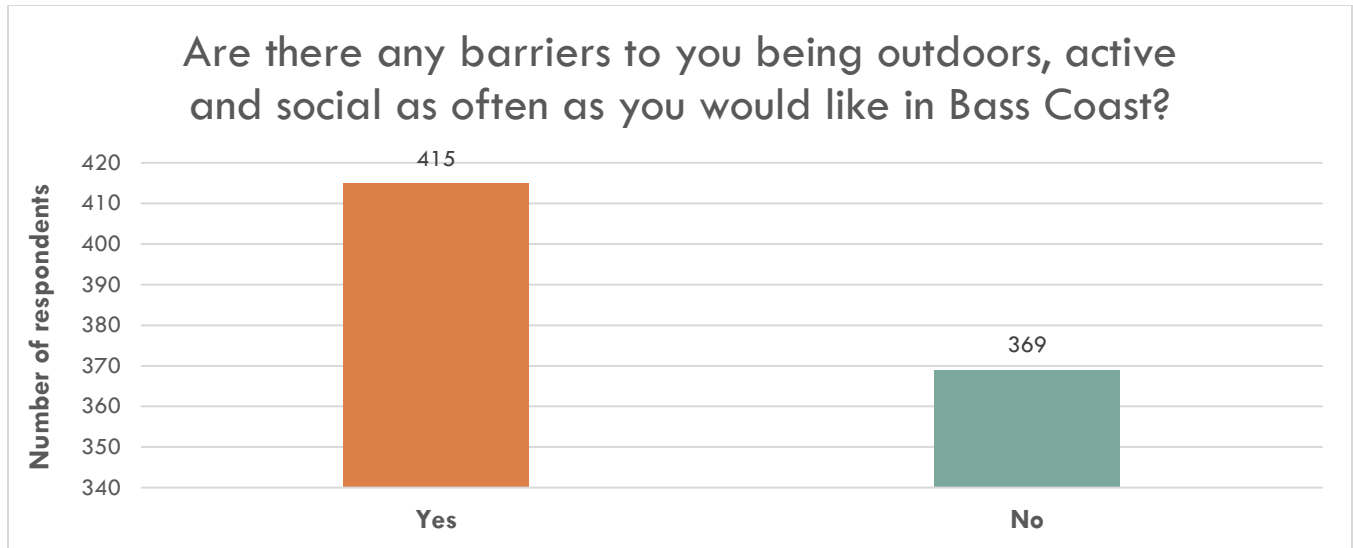
“We NEED a public pool for access by all ages in health, rehabilitation and safety on Phillip Island.”



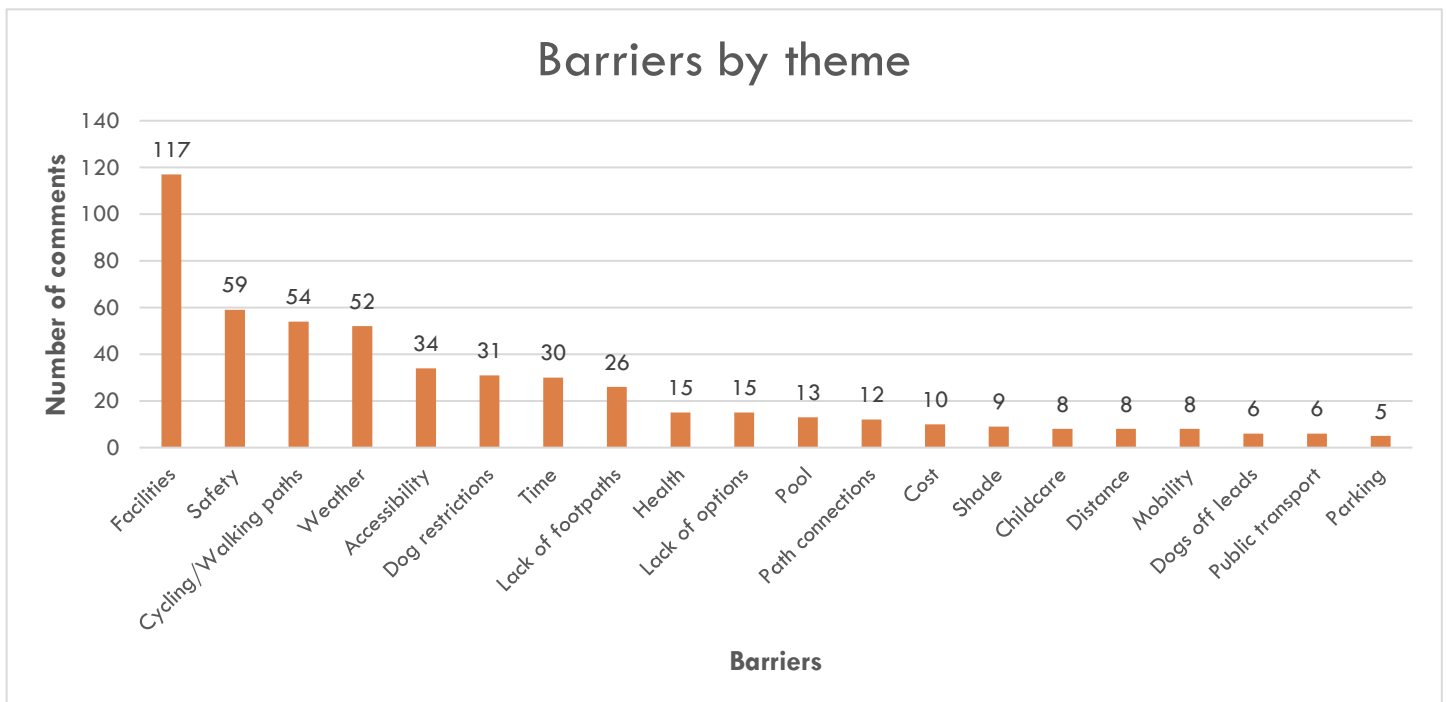
Image 8- Rhyll Pop-up

Question 7: Are there any barriers to you being outdoors, active and social as often as you would like in Bass Coast?

There were 415 (52.93%) respondents who indicated there were barriers to getting outdoors, active and social as often as they would like.



The key themes that emerged are shown in the chart below and included: lack of or the need for facilities to be upgraded (117), safety (59), lack of cycling and walking trails (54), weather (52), accessibility (34), dog restrictions (31), time (30), lack of footpaths (26), , health and mobility (23), lack of options (15) lack of access to pool (13) as well as childcare, cost, distance to facilities, lack of path connections, shade and parking.



Question 8: Are you a school student, parent or staff member?

Respondents were asked if they were a student, parent or staff member at a local Bass Coast school. Schools had a chance to win a \$500 voucher by encouraging their school community to fill in the Active Bass Coast survey.

Respondents were associated with every school across Bass Coast at varying levels.

Question 9: General comments.

The 252 respondents who provided further comments were mostly reiterating comments already made within the survey. There were more overall positive comments than negative comments, a few of which are listed below.

POSITIVE COMMENTS

“I am so happy to see the Bass Coast council out in the community asking the people their ideas and aiming to make a difference”

“We received this survey at the Rhyll Wooden Boat Festival. I believe the local council assisted the festival by providing a generous grant. Thank you so much. The committee did an amazing job and need to be congratulated!! It was a fantastic weekend.”

“Thanks for putting out the survey. Lots of room for improvement...the trails in the region are accessible for many people...connecting some of our main towns further can only boost well-being and economic benefits for our community.”

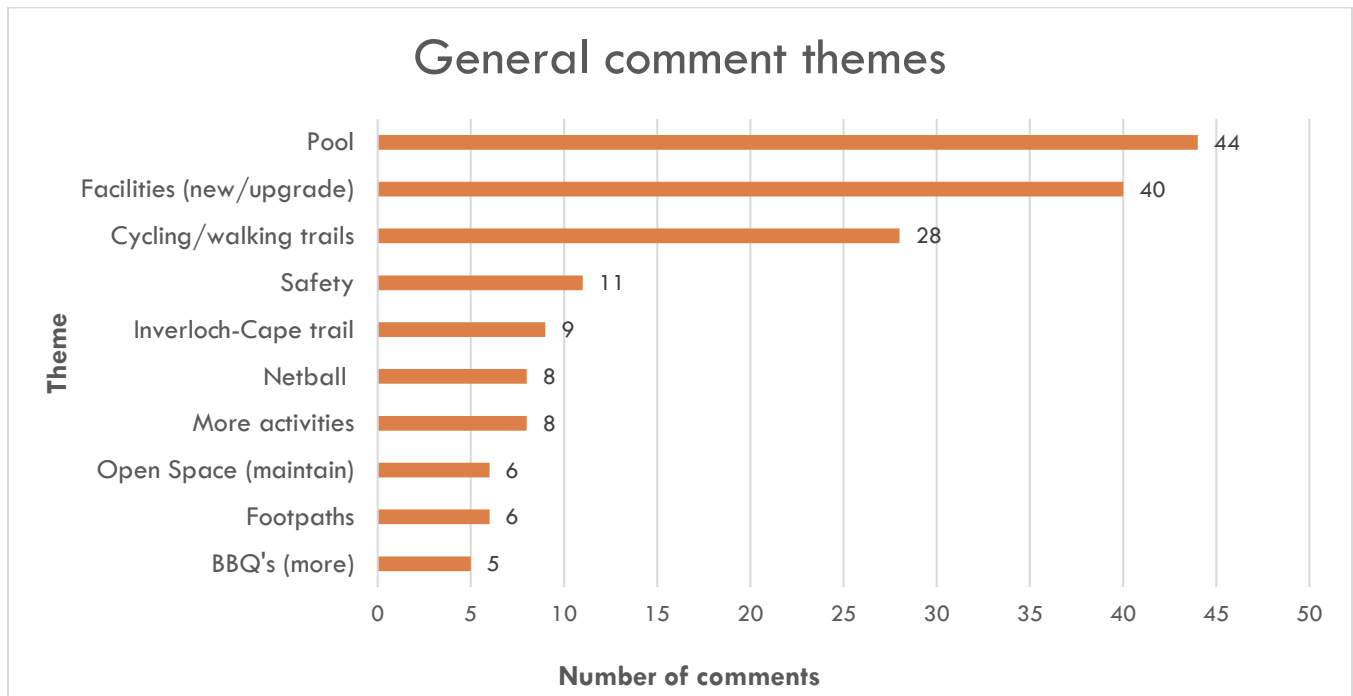
“Please, thank You for the opportunity to comment, as older residents I Really feel we would all be more active if there was a council examination of the foot paths in Corinella and if council would look at putting foot paths in along Cuthbert Street and Balcombe road though to Smythe street to allow residents to get walking. It would be a great thing to get us out and about!”

NEGATIVE COMMENTS

“Role of council is to provide basic services at lowest possible cost to ratepayers, not to enlarge council role at ratepayers expense. Why should I as a ratepayer pay for someone else’s enjoyment or recreation.”

“Why in section 2 does skate park come up as a priority for most towns - come on BCSC maybe have a better look at our community demographic and include facilities that will suit ALL abilities not just a minority”

Emerging themes from the general comments were: the need for a new pool or pool upgrade (44), facilities (new or upgrade) (40), Cycling and walking trails (28) and safety (11).



There were a range of comments made about specific towns: Inverloch, Wonthaggi and Phillip Island received the most comments. Please note that there were many comments made that did not specify the town or location, so therefore could not be specifically listed under the town they might have been referring to. (The following comments are verbatim responses.)

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COMMENTS REFERRING TO INVERLOCH
Where is funding for Cape Paterson? Bike track from Cape Paterson to Inverloch along the coast, not inland track. Huge tourism benefits along the coast. Also safety issues the current state of riders on road.
Inverloch needs bike/walking tracks comparable with San Remo and Phillip Island
Inverloch football oval lights and club rooms could do with an upgrade
Upgrade Inverloch's football and netball facilities
Would love to see nicer outdoor areas / kids parks / picnic areas in Inverloch. When you go to places like peninsula the parks are amazing and 'beachy' with so much for kids to do as well as fitting in with the natural beach surroundings. If also love to see the area get a sports stadium with a large pool and gym / courts etc. For various sports (like the new one in Warragul and the many in Melbourne suburbs).
Need footpaths in Inverloch!
Love life here in Inverloch
Would like more outdoor movies at Inverloch football ground on long weekends. The music festival on a sat in Jan or Sunday, rather than Friday due to work
Would like to see bike pump facilities returned @ hub Inverloch
Paradise!!! Have been here nine years now. Inverloch has everything that I want
Just an idea but a self-propelled gym would be great on the Inverloch foreshore.... i.e. equipment that uses your weight to provide the resistance of traditional gym equipment.
I would like to see improved walking and especially footpath and bike lanes for the children of Inverloch. We have a beautiful area, but not safe for kids to get out and ride outdoors.

COMMENTS REFERRING TO INVERLOCH

New children's playground in Inverloch Surf Beach estate (Paperbark Ave)

I wish to commend the BSC on the new Inverloch shared pathway to Veronica Street; it is fantastic for the local area and very popular amongst local residents. I am a father of 3 young children and this shared pathway allows us to be protected from motorists when commuting on bicycle from the Inverloch Township to the SLSC. I am excited about the proposed new stretch between Veronica Street and the SLSC.

We love living in Bass Coast and we understand that a certain amount of 'public space' is the beach itself. However, it is disappointing that developers of new estates to the north and west of Inverloch are not providing any playgrounds for young families. South Gippsland Shire has some beautiful parks with big trees and play equipment and I wonder if we can't manage to secure some funding for something similar? With the area set to grow substantially, in line with Victoria's predicted growth, we should be looking to provide infrastructure that will service our community for the next 20+ years.

Existing sporting facilities such as tennis courts need upgrade. Inverloch has hundreds of members and a great junior program.

As above bike path from Cape Paterson to Inverloch, so people can safely ride/walk our beautiful coastline

Love Inverloch as a place that encourages me to be physical active

Build a path from Inverloch to Cape Paterson. Would be a world class track.

The netball courts at Inverloch are one of the worst we have seen. It's dangerous and needs to be fixed ASAP. Women sports are supposed to be receiving a lot of funding but have not seen any there

Windsurfing has a long history with The Bass Coast area and specifically Inverloch. Just take a look at the mural outside the Shell Museum - there are more windsurfers painted on the wall than sailing boats! It is not a mainstream sport however it has brought much to the area in support to the local community and tourism that other sports have not. In Inverloch it has had significant growth over the past 12 years.

I have travelled all over the world following my passion of windsurfing. We have a world class windsurfing destination right here at Inverloch...we have heard time and time again how Council acknowledges the presence of windsurfing, but so far all we have is a shed 1.5 k's away from the beach....it could be so much more if there was a bit of forethought and inspiration.

Build the pathway in Inverloch all the way to Cape Paterson

We need a club house in Inverloch for all member have access

I would love to see a significant focus on supporting water sports infrastructure. Facilitating open dialogue between yacht clubs, Inverloch windsurfing club, the board riders, surf club etc should be a great starting point. Trying to get the angling club to understand that they're a community club and to work with others will continue to be too difficult with the current committee profile.

Connecting major towns with bike paths ie Inverloch and Wonthaggi

Inverloch tennis courts have unsafe light towers that move in the wind. Which are a concern when my son is playing or training.

The tennis courts are uneven and need to be upgraded.

The absolute winner for outdoor activities in Bass Coast would be a quality bike track along the cliff tops between Cape Paterson and Inverloch. The Age called this stretch of highway Victoria's mini Great Ocean Road. Imagine if it had a bike track!

- I enjoy all sorts of activities but feel like women are not given the same opportunities as men to use facilities e.g. Ovals. Our facilities like the pool and pavilions are old, not accessible or meeting our needs.

- I would love to be able to do mountain biking in the Shire.

- I would love an off road path between Wonthaggi and Inverloch.

- I would love for the Wonthaggi pool to be redeveloped.

- I would love for there to be one playground in the shire that is worth visiting as it caters for the whole community.

COMMENTS REFERRING TO WONTHAGGI

Wonthaggi heated pool facilities are old and rundown pool is small and crowded

Wonthaggi pool needs to be upgraded facility is in poor condition and needs to be increased in size to 50 m we have the fastest growing swim club in Victoria why is the shire not supporting it with better facilities

Please update Wonthaggi pool and gym

The Wonthaggi pool should have been included in this survey. It is out dated and doesn't cope with the service demands.

A BBQ facility at the Wonthaggi recreation reserve near the toilet area would be a great idea. Look into it ????

Highest priority for our family is new pool for Wonthaggi

COMMENTS REFERRING TO WONTHAGGI

Wonthaggi needs more areas for kids to hang out instead of Maccas, library etc.

The elderly often tell me they want more seats in the Wonthaggi wetlands

With the future development of North Wonthaggi there needs to be something like a linear park connecting Shan's Bush (Elizabeth St) and around to near Toyota - that would create a natural bushland wildlife corridor with walking track connections.

When new residents arrive in Wonthaggi a booklet of free vouchers should be given to attend such things as the pool, gymnasium etc.

I understand we have the beaches and a mere pool. However are not heated to facilitate those who require warmer water than the 'heated' pool Wonthaggi Pool falsely mark. Aquatic exercise and encouragement of warmer water and bigger swim parks will not only encourage 'active' people but also those physically affected throughout all seasons.

Dog park in Wonthaggi is poorly fenced, dogs can get through. No shade in summer and too wet in winter to use

Improve Wonthaggi YMCA swimming pool

Investment in local facilities will be essential for everyone to access quality living standards.

Athletics track

Wonthaggi swimming pool rebuild

Would love a 50 m indoor pool. This would be great in Wonthaggi for the region. Also add in hydro pool and encourage rehab. Grants from state gov. Partner with bass coast health

Connecting major towns with bike paths i.e. Inverloch and Wonthaggi

Lots of pressure is put on volunteers to run sporting clubs. I'm part of the basketball club, tennis club, soccer club little athletics and netball association in Wonthaggi. Fees/insurances are high. I volunteer, but soccer and netball may not even run this year due to low volunteer numbers. I fear that a lot of these clubs won't be around in the future. If some of the money could be used to take the pressure off volunteers.

Need to improve the aquatic facilities in Wonthaggi. They are outdated and not sufficient to provide for the bass coast community

The Wonthaggi heated pool is disgraceful. It needs urgent updating. There's not enough room to accommodate social swimming, lap swimming, swimming lessons and squad. It is out dated and embracing the shire with such a large tourist population has such a poor facility with nowhere else to go than another shire.

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COMMENTS REFERRING TO PHILLIP ISLAND

Please support bike riding by providing safe riding especially families. This would bring more visitors to the area thus bringing more tourism money to the Bass Coast & Phillip Island

I love going walk/running and surfing/swimming but these things are harder to do during the Winter months. Please provide an indoor aquatic centre on Phillip Island to help our fitness and wellbeing all year round.

BUILD AN AQUATIC CENTRE ON PHILLIP ISLAND! NOW!

A family with 3 active children involved in both sporting and community organisations we are hindered in our ability to develop our skills and level of physical activity without a recreational facility on Phillip Island that has a swimming pool open year round. Driving to Wonthaggi is not always an option and when at the YMCA the access to facilities are often limited due to other bookings. It's just not good enough

Build a pool complex on Phillip Island

██████████ Phillip Island Swim Club for the past 4 years, our need for a pool that adequately services our community is long overdue.

POOL ON PHILLIP ISLAND PLEASE!!!!

The facilities in and around Phillip Island do not match the number of households and the rates they pay. Households, accommodation places and caravan parks should be considered relative to the population and infrastructure, yet Wonthaggi appears to be the "hub" for council infrastructure. Having raised two boys from birth on the island and minimal weekly visits to Wonthaggi to access facilities, even the skate park and swimming pool is disappointing. We love Park Run on Churchill Island, great free event and we hope that you continue to support it. We would love a mountain bike park in

COMMENTS REFERRING TO PHILLIP ISLAND

the area. We haven't been able to logistically manage consistent use of the bike tracks as they are an "out and back" endeavour, not very popular with children.

I know that this is an outdoor recreation survey, but we need an indoor pool on Phillip Island. Our residents of all ages need to be able to swim all year to maintain swimming fitness for health and water safety. I live in Ventnor, so it's a 90-minute round trip to the Wonthaggi pool.

Charge tour buses to go on to Phillip Island \$2 per person!!!

I think there is a lack of open space on Phillip Island. If it wasn't for the beach there is only footy oval and golf course. Golf course is precious open space

Forget fancy 'aspirational' walking pathways and focus on functional ones that allow people who live on Phillip Island to walk safely around the townships and connect townships to each other. This would also allow children to walk or bike safely into Cowes from other areas for schooling.

A serious lack of sporting facilities on Phillip island hinders many clubs and individuals. I look forward to seeing the upgrade and creation of many facilities to help ease the burden of driving to Wonthaggi for things like swimming, athletics or the use of indoor courts.

Protect our natural environment on Phillip Island

Phillip Island is in desperate need of a skate park/complex

Need to support the Phillip Island Cricket Club in developing Rhyll Cricket Ground to provide a third oval in the area to take the pressure of the Football Ground

Phillip Island YMCA needs expansion. Group Fitness areas are way too small to cope with numbers, & members are being turned away from classes. Not good when people are trying to get active and improve their health and general wellbeing.

Phillip Island swells to a huge population during the tourist season - we need a skate park, better playgrounds and outdoor recreational activities to also enjoy throughout the year. The netball courts are also in disrepair

Besides the above, Phillip Island would benefit from a leisure centre that had a swimming pool. That would satisfy a lot of residents recreational needs

Build a pool on Phillip Island. I went to the Newhaven Primary Swimming School sports on Tuesday and 1/2 the students could not swim - this is due to lack of access of a pool within reach to parents - i.e. pool on Phillip Island.

we need improved sports facilities similar to those on the west coast. Cowes needs attract more council funding

BASS

Improve Bass and Dalyston Rec reserve facilities to attract kids away from the big clubs like Phillip island and Wonthaggi ... we need our Football, Netball, cricket etc. to survive in these areas ... it won't the way it's heading

CAPE PATERSON

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CAPE WOOLAMAI

More foreshore seating need at various locations at Sam Remo, New Haven, Cape Woolamai. signage for safe swimming at Cleeland Bight must be displayed to discourage people from swimming at the Woolamai surf beaches. Lives were lost again this summer. common sense to prevail. signage on council roads.

CORINELLA

A walking track around the retarding basin at the bottom of Norsemans Road, Coronet Bay / Corinella has been proposed for several years but still has not been implemented

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Cornella is awesome Plant more big trees for wildlife

CORONET BAY

Where are the projects for Coronet Bay or Tenby Point??

A walking track around the retarding basin at the bottom of Norsemans Road, Coronet Bay / Corinella has been proposed for several years but still has not been implemented

Would love to see BBQ facilities and toilet facilities with seating at the end of Noremans Road Coronet Bay. Its becoming very popular and with more people moving in its needed.

Farmers close by to 'open spaces' and residential areas need to be monitored regarding crop spaying and use of pesticides. Farmers spraying at Coronet Bay close to recreation areas (aerial spraying) Factoring in growth of area and clashing with out of date practices to protect community health

It's about time Coronet Bay got a better deal. we are part of the Bass Coast

As stated previously, I'm either sharing an entrance and a beach with dogs or horses and I believe the beach is large enough to have an animal free zone instead of having it overrun by people with horses, many of whom don't live in Coronet Bay and get to go back to their nice clean beaches while ours is a pig sty.

DALYSTON

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Keeping our kids active is vital in this day and age. The footpaths stop at Broome Crescent so our kids have to walk or ride on the road which is unsafe so I drive them, also the Dalyston netball courts are disgraceful and dangerous to play on.

Once again I am saying the same things. Dalyston is the forgotten town in the Bass Coast. My children are another year older and they still can't walk to school safely or be active in our own town because of the highway and no paths around town.

How can there not be a park, nor a plan for a park, in Dalyston? I think your last plan suggested they would look at a plan within the next five years ... look at a plan ... not build. Seriously? If you are trying to promote active lifestyles either support the school in its walking track or playground or build a park.

SAN REMO

Upgrade the park facilities in Anderson Street and improve the overall presentation of San Remo Main Street.

My partner and I adore our beach home but both have bad backs so would love a local pool for exercise (Wonthaggi is too far and quite a busy pool) and as above more dog friendly beaches - make the whole of San Remo back beach (from the ramp) dog friendly, the kids have plenty of others if they dislike dogs.

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TENBY POINT

Tenby Point is only a small place, but it really needs a place where people can gather and socialise.

Where are the projects for Coronet Bay or Tenby Point??



Image 9- Bass Pop-up event

3.2 Section B: Township Projects

In section B of the survey, respondents were asked to prioritise a list of projects for seven towns where funds were available through developer contributions. Each town also had 'other' to enable respondents to list other projects they thought were a priority for each town.

Respondents were asked to rank their top two priorities.

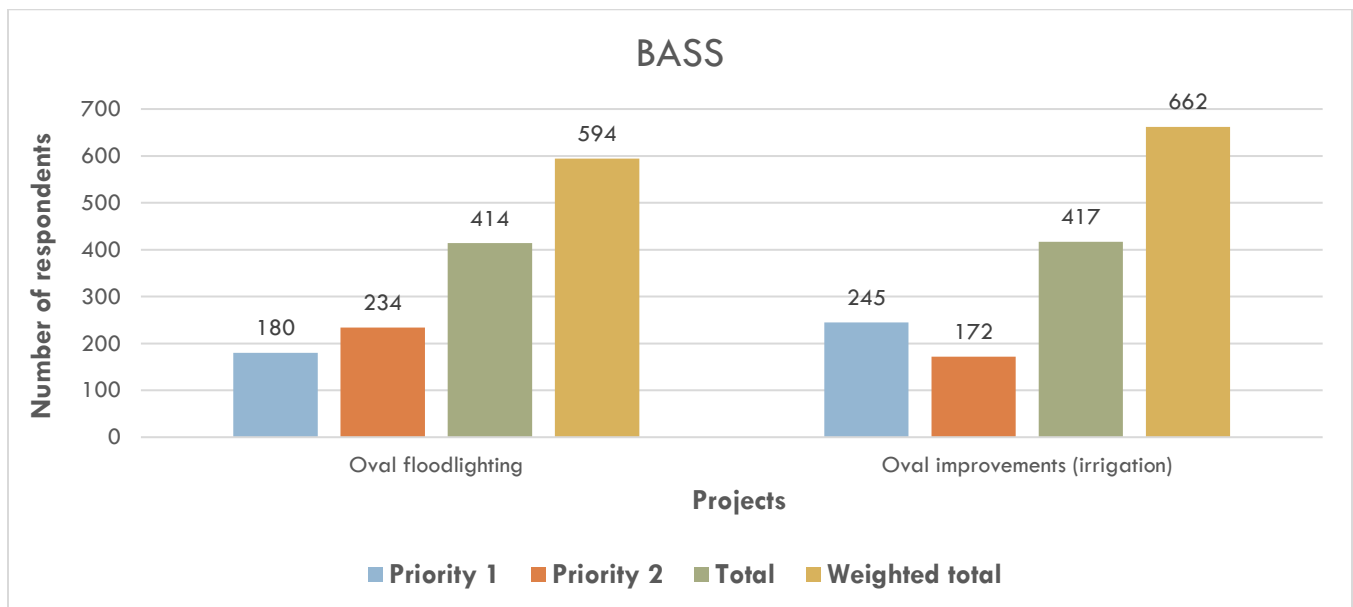
Each town received a different level of response, with some people only choosing to prioritise projects in towns that they were associated with and others choosing to prioritise projects in all towns.

The weighted total has been used to determine which projects were the priority for each town.

Bass

There were 448 people who prioritised projects for the town of Bass. Bass had two projects to prioritise: floodlighting for the oval and oval improvements including irrigation.

Oval improvements (irrigation) was the most prioritised project.



Other: 51 other comments were received about Bass, including: the need for a swimming pool (7 requests), children's playground improvements (4 requests) and more trees (3 requests).

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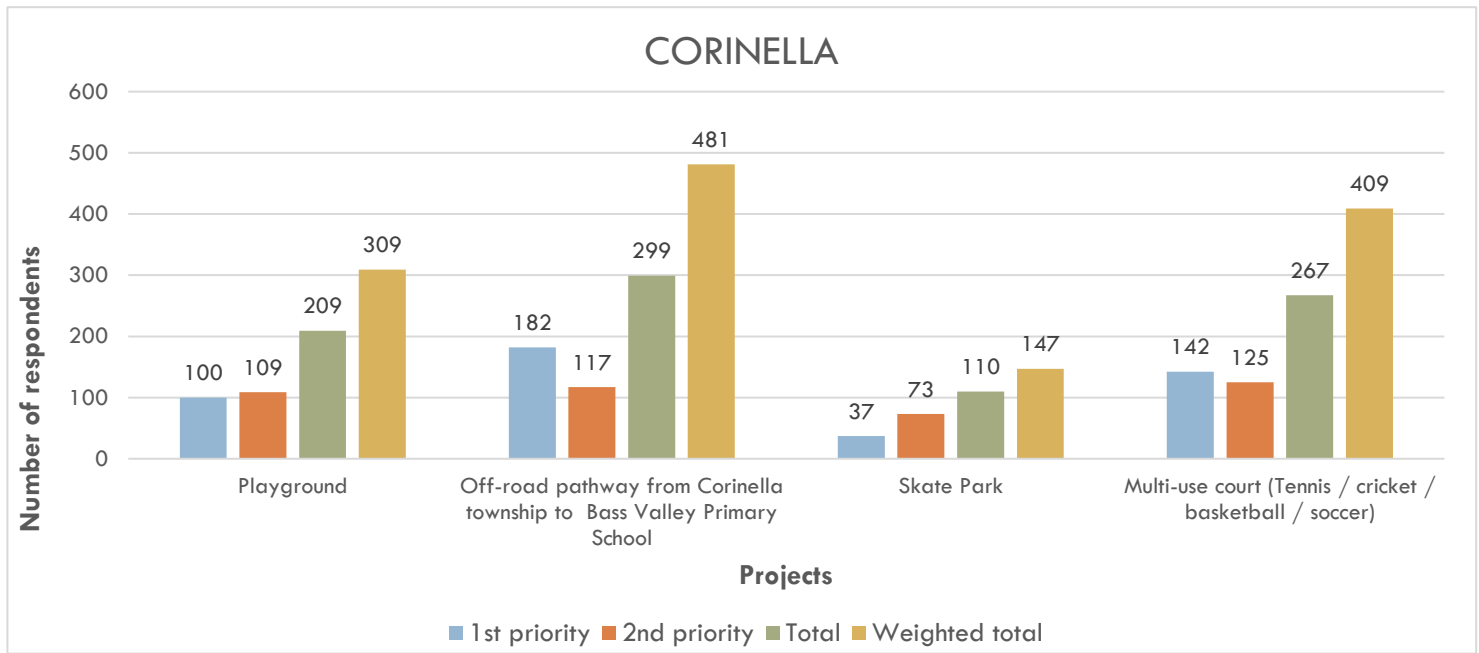
BASS 'OTHER' COMMENTS
Collaborate with Bass Landcare to ignite their plan for a Community garden/meeting place
Improve public facilities
Swimming pool
A roundabout to be able to get out onto the main road!!! (Cape Woolamai)
Affordable accommodation for tourists backpackers etc
An area that caters for families e.g. BBQ area, somewhere for families to gather, accessible public toilets, places for people to go to relax and socialise.

BASS 'OTHER' COMMENTS
Basketball Stadium
Better lights for tennis courts
Bigger pool
Bridge works
Children playground improvements
Children playground improvements
Cleaner & tidier wetland areas
Consider active recreation infrastructure to activate the reserve outside of footy/netball season
Coronet bay needs funding and facilities
Cowes indoor pool
Croquet courts need improving
Extend path to surf beach
Flooding in general (drainage)
Fresh fruit/veg outlet in Bass or Grantville
Goal posts and nets
Heated swimming pool
I'm unsure as I thought they had both been done?
improvement to public park area BBQ seating and gardens
Indoor pool needs fixing up
Indoor swimming pool and stadium for Cowes. Why is Phillip Island exclude from money?
Keeping natural open spaces
More facilities
More Trees
More Trees
More Trees
Mountain bike track and playground
Bass facilities for AFL have received substantial funding in past
Open space and parkland.
Outdoor amphitheatre
Parks & toilets
Parks & toilets
Playground improvements
Reinstate tennis courts
Road Maintenance
Sporting grounds don't need work there are more people in the community who don't play sport or associate with a sporting group the shire need to look at what will suit the community as a whole not just a minority affiliated with a sporting group
Swimming pool
The Bike trail joining up the Rail Trail
Trails connecting all coastal villages
Upgrade the George Bass Playground or build one at the Recreation Reserve
Walking tracks
Well shaded open spaces with facilities- toilets, BBQs, seating
Work on phone outages

Corinella

There were 472 people who prioritised projects for the town of Corinella. Corinella had four projects to prioritise: playground, off road pathway from Corinella township to Bass Valley Primary School, skate park and a multi-use court (tennis, cricket, basketball, soccer).

The off-road pathway from Corinella to Bass was the most prioritised project, followed by the multi-use court.



Other: 13 'other' comments were received about Corinella including requests for more trees (2 requests) and paths and trails (2 requests).

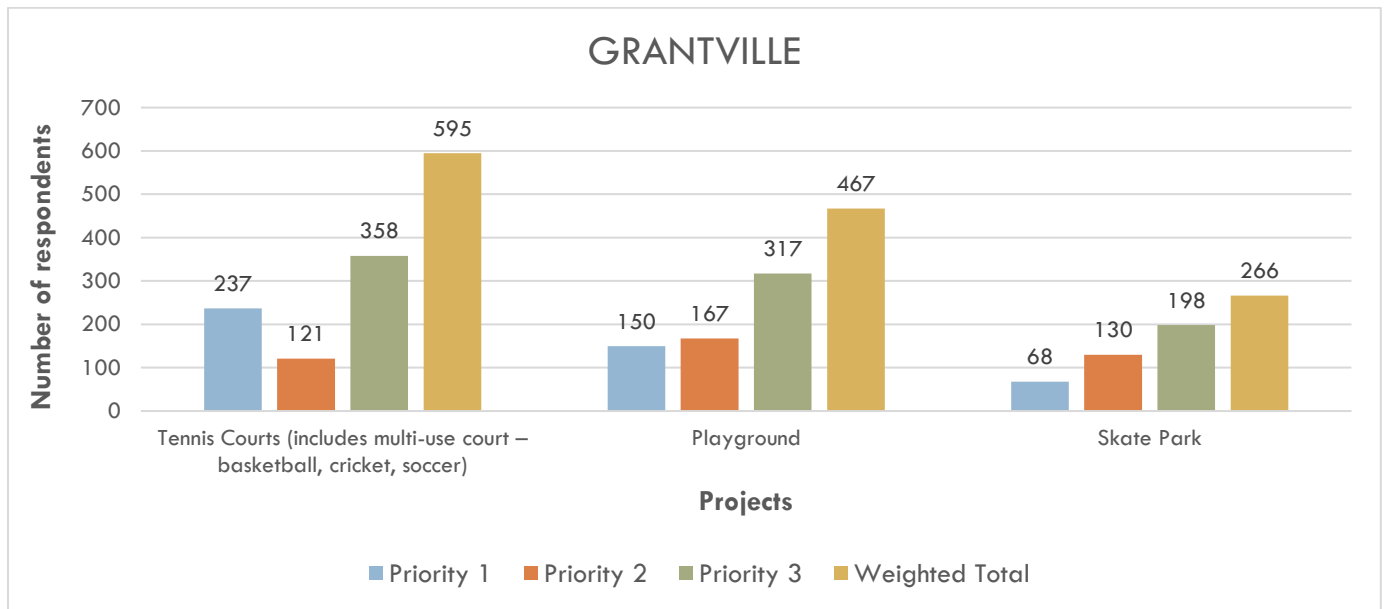
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CORINELLA 'OTHER' COMMENTS
BMX track
A playground with a difference. A playground for visitors and locals. Imaginative and creative.
Cycle trails
Develop meeting place area - European style, seats, chess games, boiles, shaded areas on foreshore reserve. Music workshops in summer - guitar/ukulele etc.
Heated swimming pool
More Trees
More Trees
More undercover BBQ facilities near the beach.
Mountain bike track
Parks and walks
Please! The Foot paths!
Tourist fishing spot. Access, etc.
Trails connecting all coastal villages

Grantville

There were 468 people who prioritised projects for the town of Grantville. Grantville had three projects to prioritise: tennis courts which included a multi-use court for basketball, cricket and soccer, a playground and skate park.

The tennis court (multi-use court) was the most prioritised project for Grantville, followed by the playground.



Other: 22 'other' comments were received about Grantville including requests for walking and cycling paths and connections (5 requests), a supermarket (4 requests), more parks (3 requests) and more trees (2 requests).

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GRANTVILLE 'OTHER' COMMENTS
A Supermarket and shopping mall so that the community can shop and come together.
Beach park
Better drainage- sealed Rd
Better public transport
Connecting walking paths to other suburbs
Cycle trails
Heated swimming pool
Improve beach carpark and area end of pier rd.
Local community needs.
More parkland
More Trees
More Trees
Mountain bike track
Parks and walks
Pool
Recreation parks
Supermarket

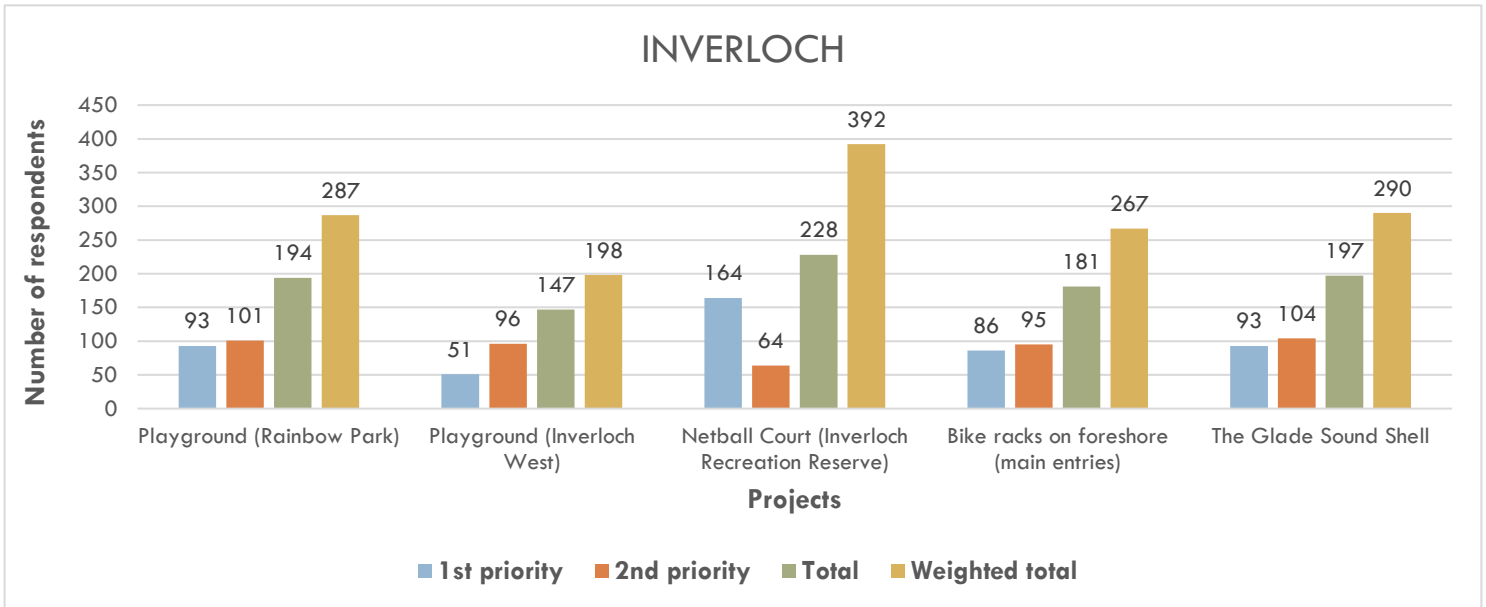
GRANTVILLE 'OTHER' COMMENTS

- Supermarket!!
- Supermarket needed
- Trails connecting all coastal villages
- Walking tracks
- Walking/cycling tracks linking Grantville up with nearby towns Almurta, Kernot and Corinella

Inverloch

There were 526 people who prioritised projects for Inverloch. Inverloch had five projects to prioritise: playground for Rainbow Park, playground for Inverloch West, netball Court at Inverloch Recreation Reserve, bike racks on the foreshore at main entries and the Glade sound shell.

The netball court at Inverloch Recreation Reserve was the most prioritised project for Inverloch, followed by the Glade Sound Shell and playground at Rainbow Park.



Other: 141 other comments were made about Inverloch

The themes which emerged from the 141 'other' comments were: tennis court upgrade (34 requests), football goal netting (23 requests), Inverloch Reserve lighting (20 requests), cycling trails (19 requests), walking paths (19 requests), trail between Inverloch and Cape Paterson (13 requests), and windsurfing facilities (3 requests).

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INVERLOCH 'OTHER' COMMENTS

- BMX track
- High performance water sports training facility at Sth Gippy Yacht club site. Provision of training room for windsurfing, SUP, board riders, all clubs to form MOU to utilise as social and meeting space. Change facilities to be developed in line with this. 2. Finalise the foreshore path and extend to Cape Paterson.
- 18 hole public golf course. Better jetty for launching boats
- Dog friendly park (fully enclosed and fenced)
- A bike track from Inverloch to Wonthaggi
- Better cycling and walking facilities, better facilities for water sport activities (i.e not motor powered)

INVERLOCH 'OTHER' COMMENTS

Better tennis courts

Better to ask an Inverloch local that.

Bicycle lane on the coast road between Cape Paterson & Inverloch

Bike and walking paths for the entire foreshore

Bike path connecting Inverloch to Wonthaggi along unused roads

Bike path linking Townsend Bluff and Screw Creek new housing estates.

Bike path to Cape Paterson road

Bike racks on main street, due 2 years ago

Bike track to Wonthaggi

Bike tracks

Bowling alley.

Change rooms on the foreshore!

Complete new drainage on recreation reserve

Complete the bike/walking path all the way to the surf club

Completion of a footpath out to RACV

Connecting pathway to surf beach

Connection to George Bass Rail Trail

Continuation of shared path all the way to the caves.

Continue the concrete pathway up to the Surf Beach as 1st priority

Create a reef/surf break at the surf beach

Cricket nets upgrade (Thompson reserve)

Cycle trails

Dedicate more funds to lesser funded areas. Like Bass, Grantville, Corinella.

Dog specific park with walking tracks of at least one kilometre to be constructed 1st priority

Ease of access to the beach and seating for the elderly to enjoy things like Fish and Chips or Coffee, etc.

Extend bike paths

Extend bike/walking track

Extend Surf Parade walking path as far as possible

Extend walking/bike track to cape

Extended share trail along surf beach

Extension of the shared path along surf parade

Extension of walking/bike track to RACV (with keep left or arrow instructions) I was hit by a bike on the existing track and also cautions re: bikes travelling at speed

Fenced in dog park, extended cycling and walking trails

Football ground and netball court flood lighting, football goal posts and nets.

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Football oval goal posts and netting need upgrading (like Wonthaggi) lighting upgrades, netball court upgrades

Football oval lighting

Football/netball club room renovations

Full time police

Goal Post & netting at the Inverloch Recreational Reserve & Lighting at the same venue.

Goal posts and nets behind the posts

Goal posts and netting at Recreation Reserve

Heated swimming pool

INVERLOCH 'OTHER' COMMENTS
I don't live here so I'm unsure
IKFNC upgrade, clubrooms netball/footy, facilities and lights
Indoor swimming pool and stadium for Cowes. Why is Phillip Island exclude from money?
Interpretive signage (plants, history) along beach and beachside paths
Inverloch tennis club replace light towers on courts 5&6
Inverloch tennis club.
Inverloch tennis courts
Inverloch Tennis courts
Inverloch Tennis courts is in big needs of resurfacing.
Inverloch Tennis courts. Desperate need for repair. Lightning upgrade.
Joint cricket/soccer pavilion & changerooms
Ladies change facilities at Thompson Reserve
Lighting on Inverloch foreshore path
Lighting upgrades & goal posts with netting at the recreation reserve.
More BBQs
More trees
More trees
More walking / push bike tracks
Need to improve existing sporting facilities (tennis courts) as well as paths. The foreshore path is the most used sporting facility in Inverloch.
Netball court lights and football ground goal posts and nets
Netball courts and lighting - Football oval and rear goal netting
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Nets behind the football goal posts
Nets behind the goals at recreation reserve put solar security lighting in reserve
New flood lighting at football oval
New lights for Inverloch Rec Reserve. Goal post & nets for football club.
New pool
New tennis courts
None of above. I think all of these are adequate. Girls changerooms at Thompson Reserve, Inverloch 1st priority and trail between Inv and Wonthaggi 2nd priority.
Path extension from Veronica street to surf club
Path extension to mains surf beach and then linking to Cape Paterson and Wonthaggi
Path through to surf club asap
Prefer funds to go to coronet bay
Rail trail Wonthaggi to Inverloch. Water feature- playground. More public toilets/access
Re surfaced tennis courts
Rec Reserve changerooms upgraded #1
Resurface Inverloch tennis courts
Resurfacing Inverloch tennis courts.

INVERLOCH 'OTHER' COMMENTS
Rubbish bins at beach entrances. Toilets at Eagles Nest
Self-propelled gym in foreshore
Shared facilities for female participants at Thomson Reserve
Skatepark
Spend this money on other under-resourced towns in BCS
Storage shed for windsurfing
Tennis club
Tennis club resurfacing
Tennis court resurface upgrade first priority
Tennis court resurfacing
Tennis court revamp
Tennis court surface and lighting upgrade
Tennis court up grade and new light posts that are safe.
Tennis court upgrade
Tennis court upgrade / resurfacing
Tennis court upgrade is also a priority given the number of individuals accessing the facilities each year.
Tennis court upgrade/ repairs
Tennis court upgrade/ repairs
Tennis court upgrade/repairs
Tennis court's
Tennis courts need upgrading
The flooded car park that occurs every time it rains at the Angling Club
The netball court surface is dangerous- it needs to be fixed
The pathway to the beach IS the priority and not even mentioned shame on you
This area does not affect me
Trails connecting all coastal villages
Up Grade football ground and surrounds
Upgrade club rooms at IKFNC recreation reserve, improve lighting at recreation reserve
Upgrade Inverloch Recreation Reserve lighting, football oval & supply football nets at both ends of oval, plus provide footpath on oval side of Bayview St opposite Primary School
Upgrade lights and goalposts at football ground and upgrade netball facilities
Upgrade of Skate park
Upgrade old camping areas toward Cape Paterson
Upgrade tennis courts
Upgrade tennis courts
Upgrade tennis courts & add more
Upgrade tennis courts, resurfacing and lighting
Upgrade the tennis courts. They have a great club and the facilities are quite outdated. The courts have big cracks and humps in them.
Upgrade to tennis courts
Upgrade/resurfacing of Inverloch tennis courts
Walking paths and footpaths
Walking track on the foreshore
Walking tracks

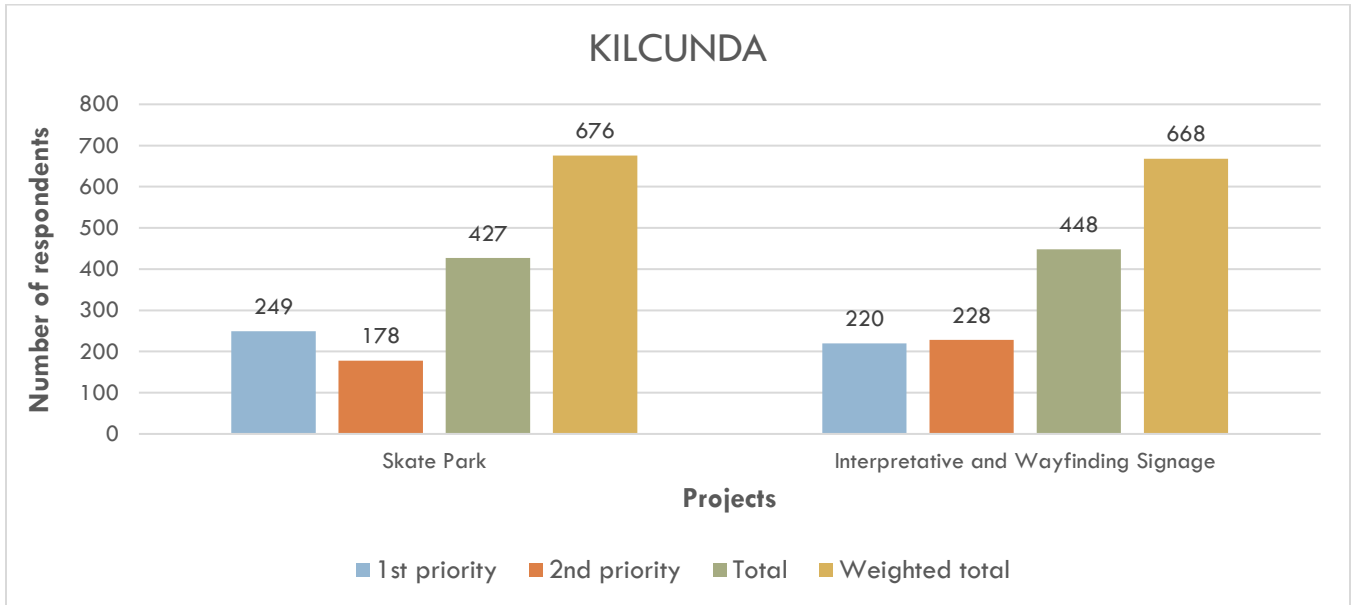
INVERLOCH 'OTHER' COMMENTS

Walking tracks linking Inverloch up with nearby towns Wonthaggi and Cape Paterson
Walking trail extension towards Cape Paterson
Walking/bike paths
Water feature in playground more public toilets. Rail trail to Inverloch to Wonthaggi
We need proper car parking for the school. A proper bike / walking track from Inverloch to Wonthaggi
Where is Dalyston?
Windsurf training facility
Windsurfing/ Wind sports facility

Kilcunda

There were 481 people who prioritised projects for Kilcunda. Kilcunda had two projects to prioritise: skate park and interpretive Wayfinding signage.

Both priorities received very similar support with the Wayfinding signage receiving slightly more support overall.



Other: 33 'other' comments were received for Kilcunda including requests for better cycling/walking trails and signage (6 requests), playground (5 requests) and improved or more parking (5 requests).

Please note: the following comments are unedited verbatim responses as submitted

KILCUNDA 'OTHER' COMMENTS

Secure main street crossing to beach
All age and abilities playground equipment
BBQ area
Better quality parking.
Better signage for walking tracks
Cycle trails
Cycle trails

KILCUNDA 'OTHER' COMMENTS

General use oval (cricket, football, soccer)

Heated swimming pool

Historical trail with interpretative signs, a project initiated by local community

Historical walks

Improved car parking near the rail bridge and the next two locations up to the cemetery

Improvements to public park area BBQ, seating and gardens

Larger, updated playground area for all child ages

Lights to be installed opposite Kilcunda Pub for safe access across the road to surf beach

Maybe look at some other options that suit all abilities not a skate park

More care parking or ease of coming from beach side parking

More open space in the development areas.

More trees

More trees

Mountain bike track

Mountain bike trail through the local state park

Playground

Playground

Playground

Recreation parks

Reinstate mountain biking tracks

Safe parking for Hotel Patrons

Signed walks and cycling paths. More community sheltered BBQ areas.

Trails connecting all coastal villages

Upgrade toilets

Walking paths north into the hills

Water front view carpark (sealed)

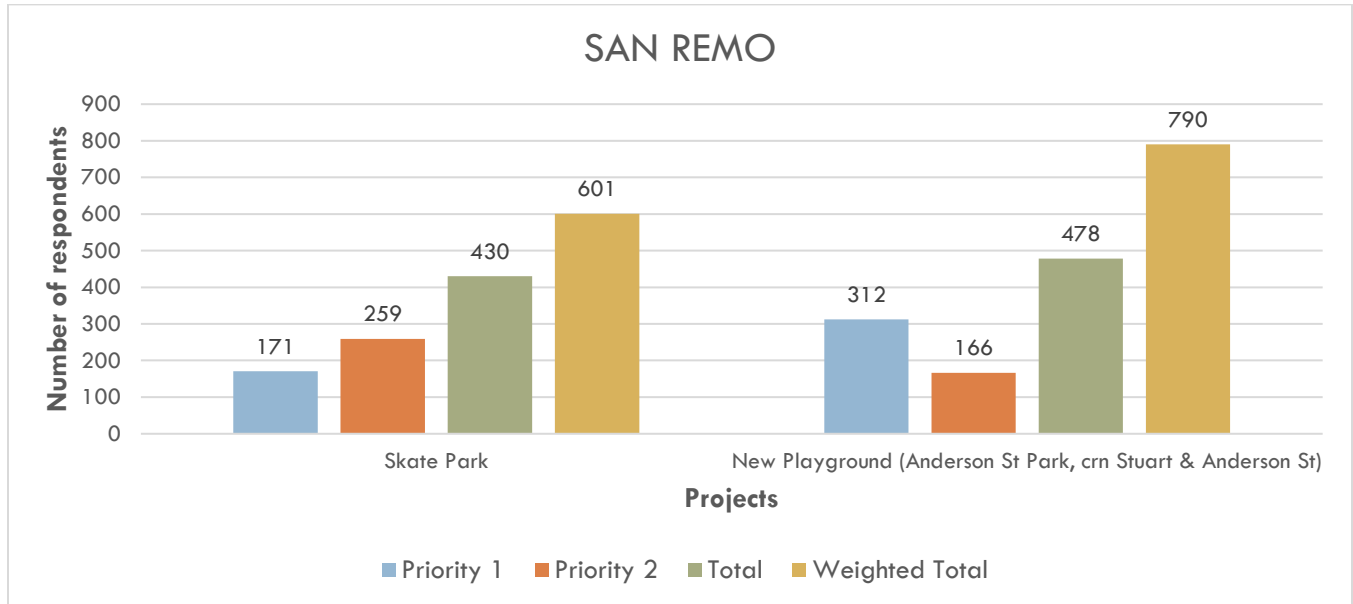


Image 10- Inverloch Pop-up event

San Remo

There were 500 people who prioritised projects for San Remo. San Remo had two projects to prioritise: skate park and a new playground in Anderson Street Park.

The new playground was the most prioritised project for San Remo.



Other: 41 'other' comments were received about San Remo including requests for more trails and better connections (8 requests), more playground equipment (3 requests), more trees (4 requests) and more facilities at the foreshore including shelter, BBQs and seating.

Please note: the following comments are unedited verbatim responses as submitted

SAN REMO 'OTHER' COMMENTS
Coastal walkway extended to Silverwater Resort from Town Centre
A public pool if Phillip island don't.
Bayside park and facilities
Bike hire shop
Bike paths
Bike track/BMX/Mountain Bike
Bowling alley
Cemetery upgrade
Clean up the beach so elderly can access
Cycle trails
Exercise equipment together with play equipment thereby catering for the whole community.
Extend George Bass Coastal Walk from Punchbowl Rd to Foots Lookout as first priority
Finish Beach path to RACV club
Fix smelly overflowing toilets at beach to make current area more appealing
Foreshore amenities & Shelter
Golf Course pool
Heated swimming pool

SAN REMO 'OTHER' COMMENTS

Historical walks

Improve pathway around San Remo coastal fringe

Link to rail trail safely

Lions park

Maybe look at some other options that suit all abilities not a skate park

More covered seating areas at dedicated sightseeing spots e.g. The off road parking area just outside of San Remo on the left heading towards Anderson would be a great spot to create an off road parking come sightseeing area with substantial seating.

More facilities at the beach, BBQ's, walking paths etc

More playground equipment installed in the park across from BCH in Back Beach Road.

More trees

More trees

More trees

Mountain bike track and connection to George Bass walk

New playground on the foreshore

Parks and walks

Public pool

San Remo needs to have a more inclusive playground catering for all abilities. It is also the gateway to the Island and should reflect that.

Somewhere for teens to gather that is social rather than sport focussed - or a swimming pool - this is physical and social

The park is a great area for dogs to exercise when the weather is bad on the beach please consider this if a playground is built. There is a great playground just down the road I think it's unnecessary.

Trails connecting all coastal villages

Update San Remo recreation centre

Upgrade Manlease of San Remo Retirement Village/Bass Coast, needs painting

Water sports - passive kayaking and paddle boarding

We have a great spot in Anderson St and we would really love some TLC. Even if it's some bulk planting of trees, and we'll be happy to look after them.

With gazebo and BBQ

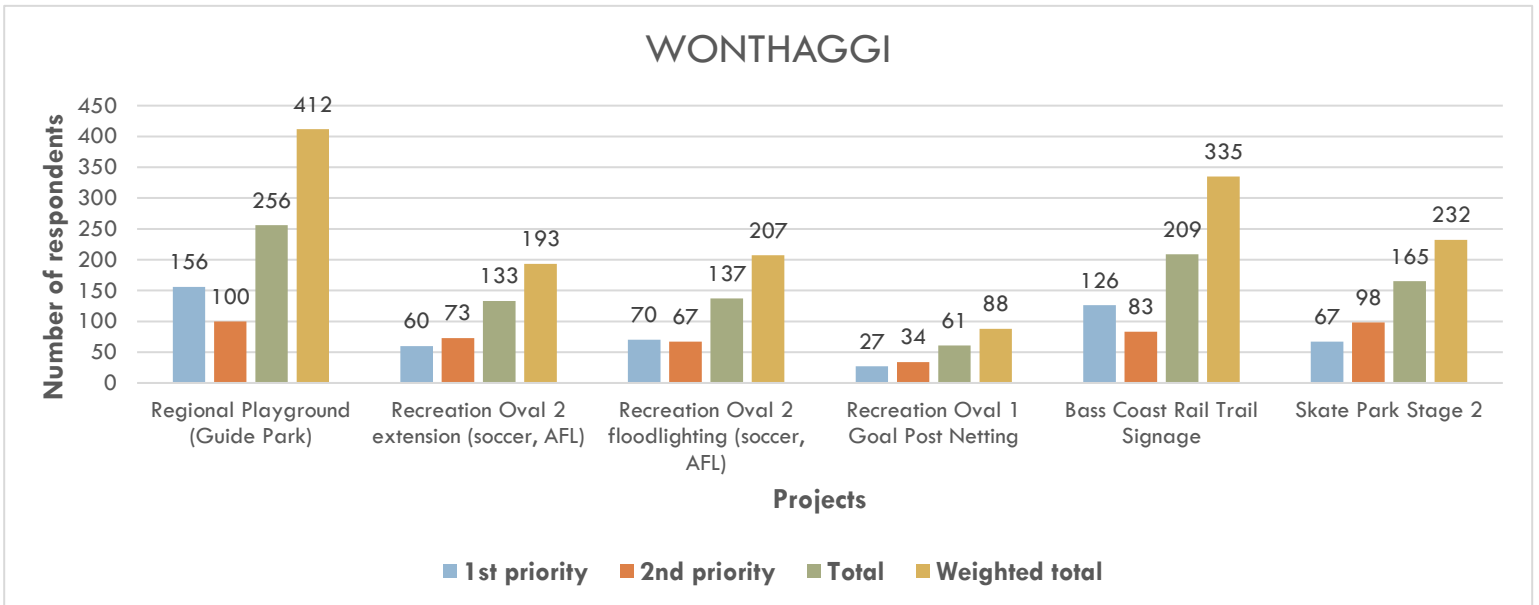


Image 11 - San Remo Pop-up event

Wonthaggi

There were 525 people who prioritised projects for Wonthaggi. Wonthaggi had six projects to prioritise: regional playground at Guide Park, extension to the recreation oval (soccer/AFL), floodlighting for the recreation oval (soccer/AFL), Bass Coast Rail Trail signage and stage two of the skate park.

The regional playground at Guide Park was the most prioritised project for Wonthaggi, followed by the Bass Coast Rail Trail signage.



Other: The themes which emerged from the 75 'other' comments were: pool upgrade (27 requests), improve and build new walking/cycling paths and trails (14 requests), extend and upgrade croquet facilities (8 requests) and basketball/netball stadium (9 requests).

Please note: the following comments are unedited verbatim responses as submitted

WONTHAGGI 'OTHER' COMMENTS
Hydro therapy & swimming pool upgrade.
Youth centre/club
Seniors playground - Wonthaggi has a high % of seniors. Also more room space for library
1st priority would be undeveloped open spaces
BMX track
activity of teens that is not skate park!
An extra court and lighting for Wonthaggi Croquet Club
Another park would be nice.
Basketball stadium
Basketball/ netball stadium. Rec 2 needs a decent turf wicket for cricket
Better walking and cycling connectability around town to open space areas and to other towns e.g. Inverloch
Bike lanes
Bowling alley
Croquet 3 lawns
croquet courts improvement
Dog park fencing and drainage and shade. Walking paths and links

WONTHAGGI 'OTHER' COMMENTS
Drainage at dog park
Extension of trail linkages around town
Fix drainage at Dudley oval or build synthetic track.
Footpath extension to cemetery
forget Inverloch sound shell, put one in the wetlands reserve. There's plenty of open space and grassland plus parking.
Gymnastics offered in Wonthaggi and upgrades to Aquatic Centre
heated swimming pool
I think Wonthaggi have had more than their fair share!
Improve the Croquet courts. Nowhere near as good as Phillip Island, Leongatha or Korumburra
Improve the swimming pool
Improved surfaces on bile/walking tracks
Improved swimming pool.
Increased power outlets for our stall holders esp food to use at our show time - Good for other events too
Indigenous information
indoor netball/basketball stadium with multi courts
Indoor stadium for basketball, netball etc
Indoor swimming pool and stadium for Cowes. Why is Phillip Island exclude from money?
Indoor ten pin bowling at old Coles building
Link Wonthaggi to Inverloch and implement your aspirational paths, tracks and trails plan.
More Open space and parkland
More playground facilities in general safe for young children. Fencing, etc.
more trees
more trees
Multipurpose basketball/Netball stadium
Nature walks
New 50m indoor pool for competition use
New Aquatic Centre 1st priority
New pool
new swimming pool
Outdoor 50m pool
Pool and gym upgrade
Pool upgrade
Rail trail style path linking Wonthaggi to Inverloch via Cape Paterson
Re development of the indoor pool
Refurbishment of Wonthaggi Heated Pool. Very tired. Would be great to have a 50m pool to attract events to Wonthaggi as closest is Korumburra and most regional events held in Sale.
Shared walking and cycling path from Wonthaggi to Inverloch
Signed walking paths. Outdoor community gym equipment at parks spread out over an area with designated stations for each exercise.
Swimming pool
Swimming pool upgrade
swimming pool upgrade 50meter pool
Swimming pool upgrade at the YMCA
Third green and lighting for Croquet to enable membership to grow and allow play outside working/school hours.

WONTHAGGI 'OTHER' COMMENTS
Trail between Wonthaggi and Inverloch.
Trails connecting all coastal villages
Upgrade aquatic centre
Upgrade croquet all facilities
Upgrade Pool
Upgrade pool facilities
Upgrade to heated pool
Upgrade Wonthaggi pool
Upgrading of the Croquet greens and club house
Walking tracks
Wonthaggi Heated pool needs an upgrade. The facilities are poor and ageing. The opportunity to swim laps in a lane that's not crowded is non existent. Between swimming lessons, squad and water aerobics its seems impossible. Totally over crowded.
Wonthaggi pool redevelopment
Wonthaggi should include heated pool upgrade
Wonthaggi swimming pool upgrade due to its age / refurbishment required
Work with Parks Vic to open more areas of significance/walking areas up to show that we are proud of our mining history
Would like a new clubhouse for the croquet club.
YMCA

Phillip Island

Even though Phillip Island had no projects to prioritise (as council will be allocating the developer contribution funds to purchasing more open space), 64 comments were received about projects needed in this location via the hard copy surveys. There was no option to comment about priority projects for Phillip Island on either the hard copy or the online survey, however many hard copy respondents made comments which were recorded.

Once again, the topic of a pool for Phillip Island was raised by many respondents with 19 specific requests as well as some support for council purchasing land for more open space.

Please note: the following comments are unedited verbatim responses as submitted

PHILLIP ISLAND COMMENTS
Pool
Skate park
A mariner would be handy too. Should use some of these funds to make the foreshore more usable for fitness as per previous notes.
A natural playground in bushland
A pool maybe not in Cowes maybe somewhere near the middle that all the other schools can access.
Add outdoor exercise equipment
All projects are worthwhile for locals. Visitors to the island need better access to attractions and facilities. Considering the number of visitors to the island there needs to be greater emphasis on facilities, awareness, access, activities to encourage greater outdoor involvement
And an Aquatic centre I hope
As I've said earlier in this survey, I know that this is an outdoor recreation survey, but we need an indoor pool on Phillip Island. Our residents of all ages need to be able to swim all year to maintain swimming fitness for health and water safety. Even on summer days, the Cowes Primary School pool is often very cold due to cloudy weather and exposed to wind. My kids cannot regularly train there because of this. I live in Ventnor, so it's a 90-minute round trip to the Wonthaggi pool.

PHILLIP ISLAND COMMENTS
Bad idea.....just build a pool in available land, or land made available to council
Blue Gum Estate has no open space or playground. It lacks infrastructure as earlier explained.
Build an aquatic centre in Cowes link all the paths up on Phillip island
BUILD PHILLIP ISLAND AN AQUATIC CENTRE!
Cowes residents we seem to be missing out i.e. Hospital /not ferry
EXCELLENT!!!
Fantastic
Foot path Rhyll to Cowes high priority along rd.
For a pool!!! Pleeease!!
For dog parks
good
good
Good idea
Good, No more development
great - walk/cycling path along clifftop rd from nobbies to Summerland bay would be great
Great. Put in a pool
Hopefully for the new aquatic centre!!
How about you complete the path all the way along Woolamai Beach Road to Anzacs carpark.
I don't understand what this is trying to receive commentary on??this is a statement So what? Further investment in recreational facilities on the island is welcome but should reflect numbers, diversity, participation, previously council funding and support to build equity between codes and recreational activities.
Indoor/outdoor climbing centre, indoor/outdoor pool,
Just build us a damned pool!!!
Love Churchill Island and Phillip Island
more decent toilets
More funding to less developed areas of the shire.
MORE OPEN SPACE SAN REMO FORESHORE
Need a BMX track! Like the old one
Need indoor pool for children and elderly
Ok
Or how about scrapping the Inverloch and Wonthaggi budgeting of 700k and splurge it here instead?
Outdoor pool
Phillip island is strongly swayed at the moment?
Playgrounds, BBQ/picnic spaces, bicycle track to Rhyll
Please provide more details for Phillip Island for Newhaven (Boys Home road) Cape Woolamai and the multiple new residential estates in and around Cowes. Please provide council policy for developer contribution (land and funds)
Public open space funds generated from a township should be spent in that township. The subdivision Act implies that the contribution is required where in a small subdivision it is not feasible to provide 5% of the land for public open space. Therefore funds provided by subdivisions in Rhyll should be spent in Rhyll. If this money is spent in Newhaven of example it is not benefitting Rhyll where the funds were collected.
Round the Island walking tracks
Skate park for Cowes
Spend more at Phillip Island. Improve visual appearance of Thompson Ave
Stop more development. Improve traffic problems
Swimming pool, skate park
That should not preclude the development of existing spaces or even perhaps a swimming pool?

PHILLIP ISLAND COMMENTS

This is good. A hospital is a vital need.

To build an Aquatic Centre and start developing new football grounds.

To what purpose? will residents be able to express any views on priorities for the island?

Top two!

Use it to widen roads

Use some funds to complete the development of the Ventnor Common

Use this to part facilitate the construction of a quality swimming aquatic centre in Cowes NOT elsewhere

Walking Tracks are a priority

We need an Aquatic centre!!!!

We need skate park/pool and a hospital

What about Dalyston? * Avenue of European trees on approach to Dalyston

What about the land where the carnival is held?? That carnival is so bad, I don't think many locals go more than once, we don't need a carnival.... we do need a skate park!

where is the proposed new space

Why are we missing out? Most of the rate come from us

Yes and wildlife bird preservation

Yes!



Image 12- Rhyll Pop-up event



Image 13- Phillip Island (Koala Conservation Centre) Pop-up event

4. PLACE-BASED POP-UP ENGAGEMENT

4.1 Overview

The approach used for the place-based engagement activities was the ChatterBox pop-up trailer platform. This platform is a bright yellow custom built mobile trailer that has been specifically designed to: take creative and fun engagement to busy locations where people already are, and house and support a range of engaging and unique tools enabling the community to provide feedback and input in many different ways.

The pop-up trailer went out to six different locations across the shire of Bass Coast including festivals, shopping centres, events and shopping strips.

These locations, and the times of the pop-ups, were carefully selected to ensure the engagement activity intersected with busy periods, providing the best chance to connect with a large number and broad range of community members who are typically hard to reach.

Most locations were selected with the purpose to engage and connect with community members from a particular town. However, some locations such as those at festivals and events were also selected to capture community members who were visitors to the shire as well as locals.

Active Bass Coast place-based engagement pop-up schedule

POP UP	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Pop Up 1	Friday 2 March	4pm-7.30pm	Rhyll Wooden Boat festival
Pop Up 2	Saturday 3 March	10am-1pm	Bass Valley Festival, Bass
Pop Up 3	Sunday 4 March	11.30am-2.30pm	Koala Conservation Centre Phillip Island
Pop Up 4	Friday 9 March	2pm-5pm	Wonthaggi Plaza
Pop Up 5	Saturday 10 March	11am-2pm	Inverloch Hub (Jazz festival), Inverloch
Pop Up 6	Sunday 11 th March	11am -2pm	San Remo Main street

4.2 Pop-up trailer engagement tools

The tools used as part of the pop-up platform were specifically designed to:

- gather data that aligned with the Active Bass Coast Survey;
- enable people to get involved in a range of ways, especially if they felt uncomfortable filling in a survey or were time poor; and
- encourage responses from a diverse range of people including young people.

The table below outlines the pop-up platform engagement tools that were used.

TOOL	QUESTION
Giant Chatboard 1	What is your ONE big idea to encourage the Bass Coast/Your community to: Get outdoors Get active Get social

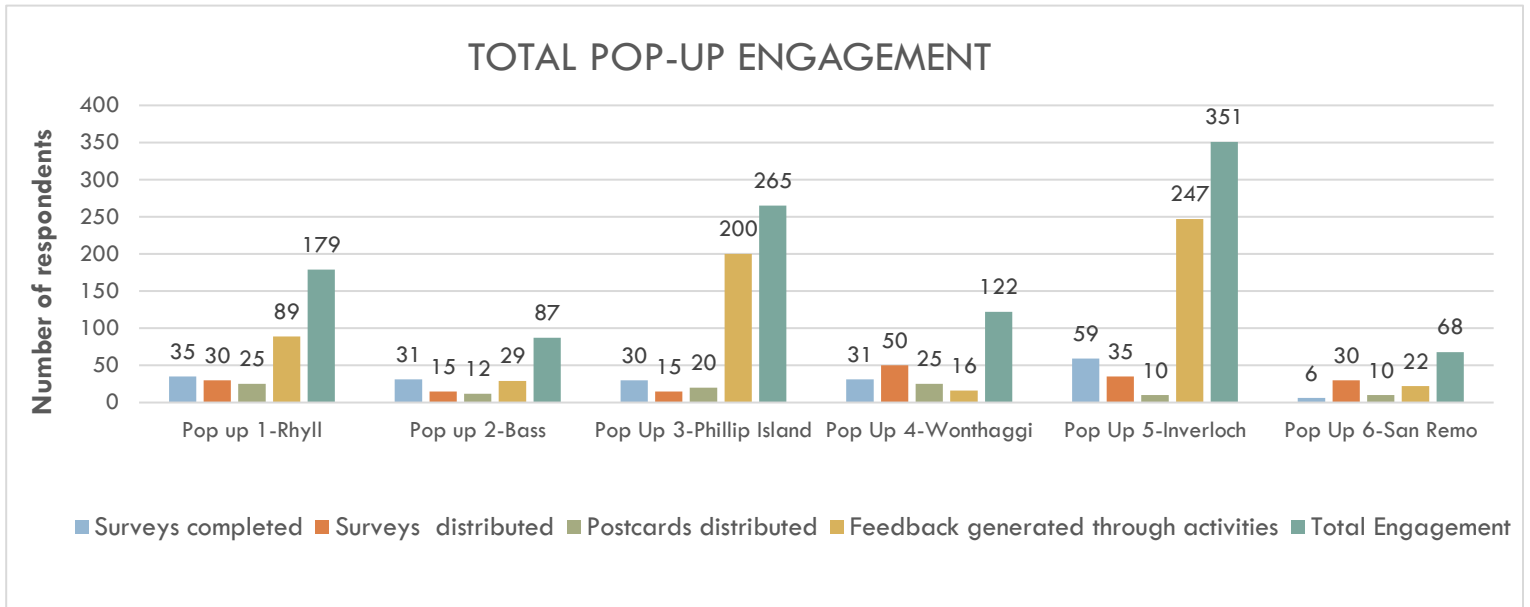
TOOL	QUESTION
Dotmocracy board:	What is your No.1 priority under each theme People, Place & Partnerships: Different coloured dots were used to capture different ages. Under 18years 18-34 (tertiary, independent, young workers) 35-59 (parents and homebuilders and pre-retirees) 60+ (retirees, seniors and elderly aged)
Speech bubble chatboards	What I love doing OUTDOORS, or to get ACTIVE or Social in Bass Coast is...
Voting Pods	Which activity to you love the most in Bass Coast Shire? Surfing/boogie boarding Playgrounds Skate Park Different coloured balls were used to capture age: Under 12 years 13-18 years 18 years and above
Children's activity x 1 BIG IDEA	My Big Idea for Bass Coast is.... Children get to draw their big ideas for helping them get outdoors, getting active and getting social....

Not all tools were used at every pop-up location. The tools selected for each location were based on: the space available at each site, the main audience being targeted, the general behavior or movement of people at those locations (for example people at busy shopping centres usually do not have a lot of time to stop so they are more inclined to take a survey with them and pop a ball in a voting tube), and the weather.

All tools were utilised at larger sites and where there was access to a wide range of people who had more time to stop and participate (for example at festivals and events). At all pop-up locations the main priority was to promote the Active Bass Coast survey and encourage people to either fill one in, take one with them or fill the survey in online.

In total, over 580 ideas and views were gathered through the place-based consultation activities (chatboards, voting pods, big ideas drawings sheets etc.) and 192 surveys were completed on-site. An additional 175 surveys were distributed to the community to complete at home. Further, the place-based activities enabled engagement with people that otherwise may not have participated in traditional council engagement methods, such as children, busy parents/carers, older people, people with a disability, people with low literacy levels and people from low socio-economic backgrounds.

The breakdown of the type of participation by town is shown in the chart and graph below.



	Surveys completed	Surveys distributed	Postcards distributed	Feedback generated through activities	Total Engagement
Pop up 1-Rhyll	35	30	25	89	179
Pop up 2-Bass	31	15	12	29	87
Pop Up 3-Phillip Island	30	15	20	200	265
Pop Up 4-Wonthaggi	31	50	25	16	122
Pop Up 5-Inverloch	59	35	10	247	351
Pop Up 6-San Remo	6	30	10	22	68

The towns/locations with the large spikes in participation (Phillip Island, Rhyll and Inverloch) were a result of attendance at the Inverloch Jazz festival weekend, the Rhyll Boat Festival and the free Nature Park community day. These events attracted a large number of people and participants. Conversely the festival at Bass had a low number of attendees, and a large number of people at San Remo were tourists visiting for the first time so were not interested in participating.

4.3 Overall Findings

Dotmocracy

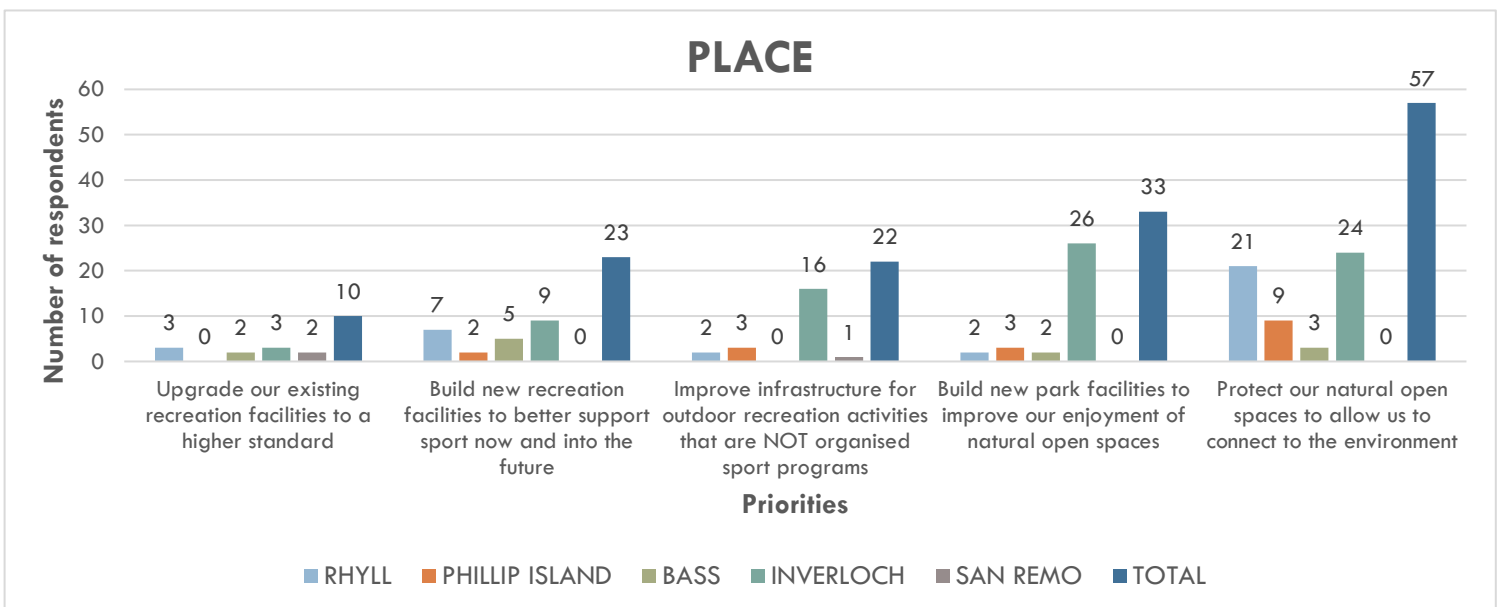
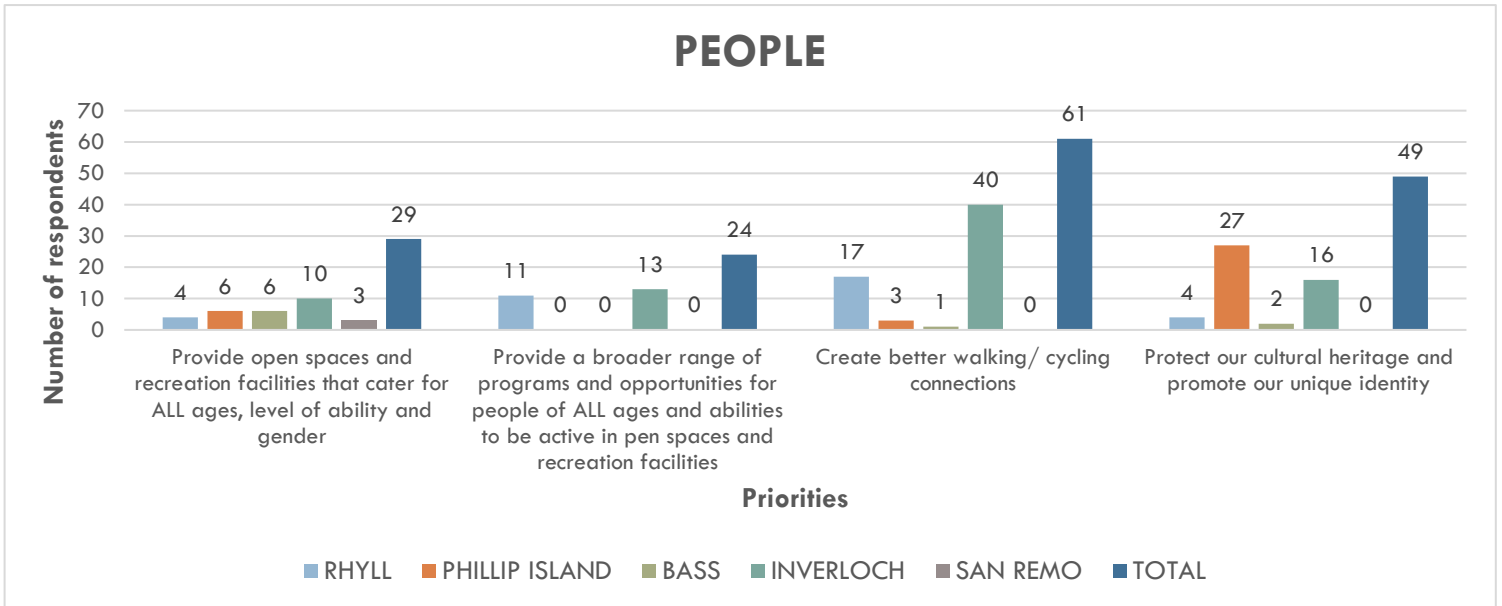
A total of 165 people participated in the dotmocracy activity at the six place-based pop-up events.

Overall, the top three priorities for participants under the three themes of people, place and partnership were:

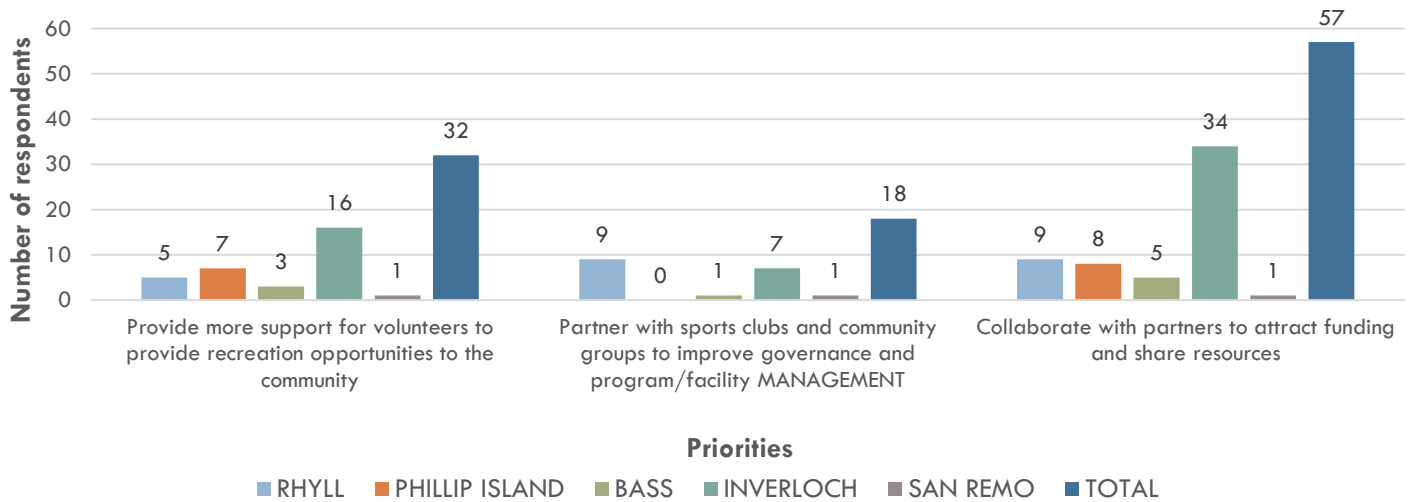
PEOPLE- Create better walking/cycling connections (37.4%)

PLACES- Protect our natural open spaces to allow us to connect to the environment (39.3%)

PARTNERSHIPS- Collaborate with partners to attract funding and share resources (53.2%)



PARTNERSHIPS

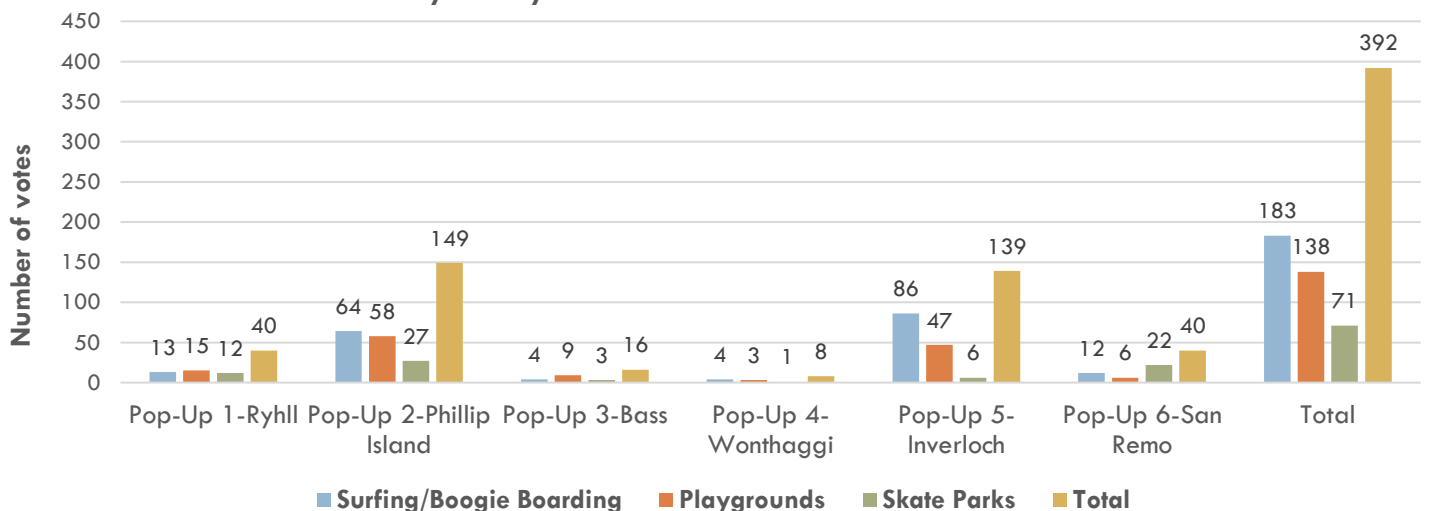


Voting Pod

The voting pod activity was used to engage with children and young people as well as adults with a total of 394 participating. The question posed was ‘What activity do you love doing the most in Bass Coast Shire?’

The greatest levels of participation were at Phillip Island and Inverloch, due to there being large scale events. San Remo, Wonthaggi, Phillip Island and Inverloch participants voted surfing/boogie boarding as their favorite activity while Rhyll and Bass voted for playgrounds.

What activity do you love the most in Bass Coast Shire?



Chatboard responses

A total of 86 comments were received on the Chatboards at the place-based pop-up events. Of the 86 comments, 16 of these were received at Phillip Island, 14 at Rhyll, 29 at Inverloch, 8 at Bass, 11 at San Remo and 8 at Wonthaggi.

There was a diverse range of comments made under the three themes of Get Outdoors, Get Active and Get Social. Summaries for each town are summarised below.

	Phillip Island	Rhyll	Inverloch	Bass	San Remo	Wonthaggi	
Get Outdoors	11	8	13	1	8	2	
Get Active	2	4	12	3	3	3	
Get Social	3	2	4	4	0	3	
TOTALS	16	14	29	8	11	8	86

All comments:

My BIG idea for Bass Coast is...		
GET OUTDOORS	GET ACTIVE	GET SOCIAL
Skate Park (Coves) Pool ✓✓✓✓✓✓	Waterpark (Coves) like Seville Kids gym	Bins and BBQ's at parks Coves school Facebook (seniors)
Surf Park	All year indoor swimming pool	Shower (outdoors) at Red rocks beach and drinking tap
Skate park and pool for Grantville	Hydrotherapy pool ✓✓✓✓	More live music
Skate park	Aquatic Centre ✓✓✓✓	Outdoor music/picnic events
Skate Park	Large recreation garden (Coves)	Volunteer at local radio station 3MFM
Skate Park	Indoor swimming pool	Volleyball tournaments held regularly
Skate park	Install drinking fountain at Angling end of path ✓✓✓	Museum and art gallery
Pool	Free dog litter bags (counter comment) bring your own	Join Wonthaggi C Band
Pool	Drinking fountain at park run ✓✓	Community garden
surfing	Another playground	Community games e.g.: cricket in park, footy or soccer
Community gardens/roadside nature strips	Have more animal shelters	Council bus trips
Veggie plots in San Remo	More bike racks in town ✓	Keep caravan parks
More seating with back support	Mountain bike trails ✓	More mummy get togethers
Share structures/trees	Aqua park	Youth centres ✓
Cut Wi-Fi at times	More walking tracks	Youth hub
More off leash beaches for dogs ✓✓✓	Tracks with more seating	
Off leash at Ventnor all day all year	Marching practice	
Nature strip veggie plots	Dog friendly	
Better/fix up skate park In Wonthaggi	Roller skating events	
Skate park for Venus Bay	Swimming pool	
Walking track between Inverloch and Cape Paterson	Skateboard park	
Zip Line (somewhere)	Turn off electronics-concise decision to spend screen time outdoors	

My BIG idea for Bass Coast is...		
Trail riding on beach	More free camping sites in Bass Coast	
Horse camps/trail rides overnight	Bike connections on Island	
No dog mess all over the place	More sport facilities	
No barking dogs	More netball courts	
More parks	Bowling alley in old d store (opposite police)	
Adult size swings please, give us a go too		
More seats for sitting to relax		
More room for dogs on beach on lead		
Dog park for Inverloch		
Footpaths		
More lawn bowling		
Rubbish bins on beaches		
More toilets		
Coronet Bay boat ramp		
Bike tracks		
Footpaths along Panorama Drive and Shetland Heights Road essential		
More patrolled beaches		
Link path from San Remo to George Bass Coastal walk		
More festivals		
Food local food festivals		

Drawings

A total of 25 *Big Ideas for Bass Coast* drawings were received at the place-based pop-ups at Inverloch (7), Bass (2), San Remo (4) and Phillip Island (12).

Many of these were from very young children and so could not be analyzed.

Some of the children's Big ideas included:

- a pool for Cowes or Phillip Island;
- to ban all plastic bags to save the environment;
- a zip line and bigger skate park in Inverloch; and
- a new playground in Bass.

Katelin (10 years) from Leongatha would like a new playground.

My BIG IDEA for Bass Coast is...
What would help you to get outdoors, active and social more often in your town or neighbourhood?

Name: Tabby L Age: 11 Suburb: LOWEST

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My BIG IDEA for Bass Coast is...
What would help you to get outdoors, active and social more often in your town or neighbourhood?

Name: Eehan Age: 6 Suburb: SEVEN

My BIG IDEA for Bass Coast is...
What would help you to get outdoors, active and social more often in your town or neighbourhood?

Name: Violet Age: 6 Suburb: LOWEST

My BIG IDEA for Bass Coast is...
What would help you to get outdoors, active and social more often in your town or neighbourhood?

Name: Bella Age: 9 Suburb: Cherrywood Park

My BIG IDEA for Bass Coast is...
What would help you to get outdoors, active and social more often in your town or neighbourhood?

Name: Al cher Age: 7 Suburb: McKinnon

My BIG IDEA for Bass Coast is...
What would help you to get outdoors, active and social more often in your town or neighbourhood?

Name: HARWEY Age: 5 Suburb: McKinnon

My BIG IDEA for Bass Coast is...
What would help you to get outdoors, active and social more often in your town or neighbourhood?

Name: ANIKA Age: 3 Suburb: POUNO CREEK

Images 14-21 - Big Idea drawings from Pop-up

4.4 Pop-up results by location

Rhyll

Participation and engagement



The Rhyll place-based pop-up engagement was held on Friday 2 March between 4pm-7pm and was part of the Rhyll Wooden Boat Festival.

Approximately 60 people were engaged.

While the location of the pop-up trailer was effective as we were part of the market stalls at the Wooden Boat Festival market, the event attracted very low numbers.

The demographic was mostly people aged over 60, with only 2 people under 35 and no one under the age of 18 participating.

A few people commented about how good it was that council came to Rhyll.

Participation	
Number of surveys completed @ pop up	35
Number of surveys distributed with reply paid envelope	30 approx.
Number of flyers/postcards distributed	25
Number of people participating in dotmocracy activity	36
Number of people participating in voting pod activity	40
Number of comments of Chatboard	14
Approximate number of people engaged	60
Number of photos taken/posted	2
How many big idea drawings?	0

Dotmocracy results



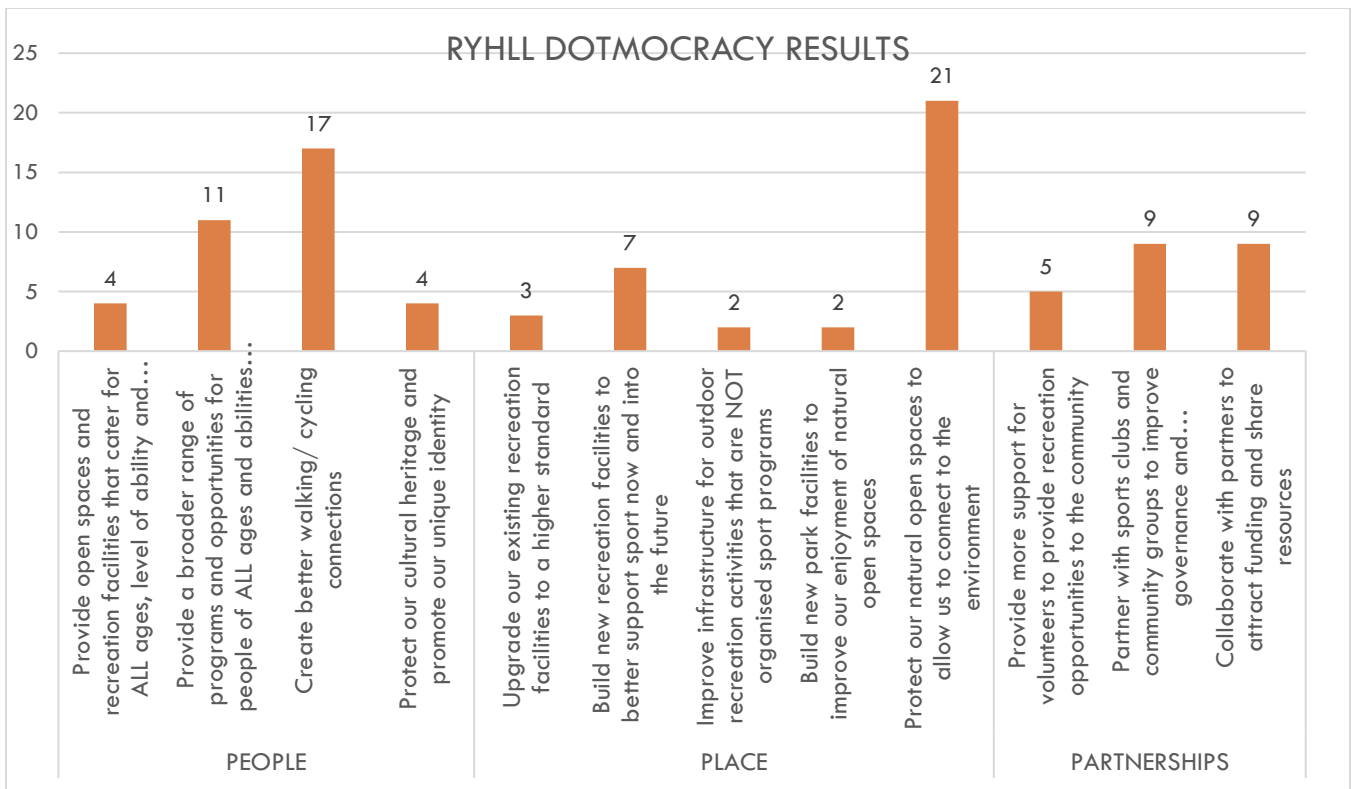
A total of 36 people participated in the dotmocracy activity at the pop-up event in Rhyll.

In Rhyll, the top three priorities for participants under the three themes of people, place and partnership were:

PEOPLE- Create better walking/ cycling connections (47.2%)

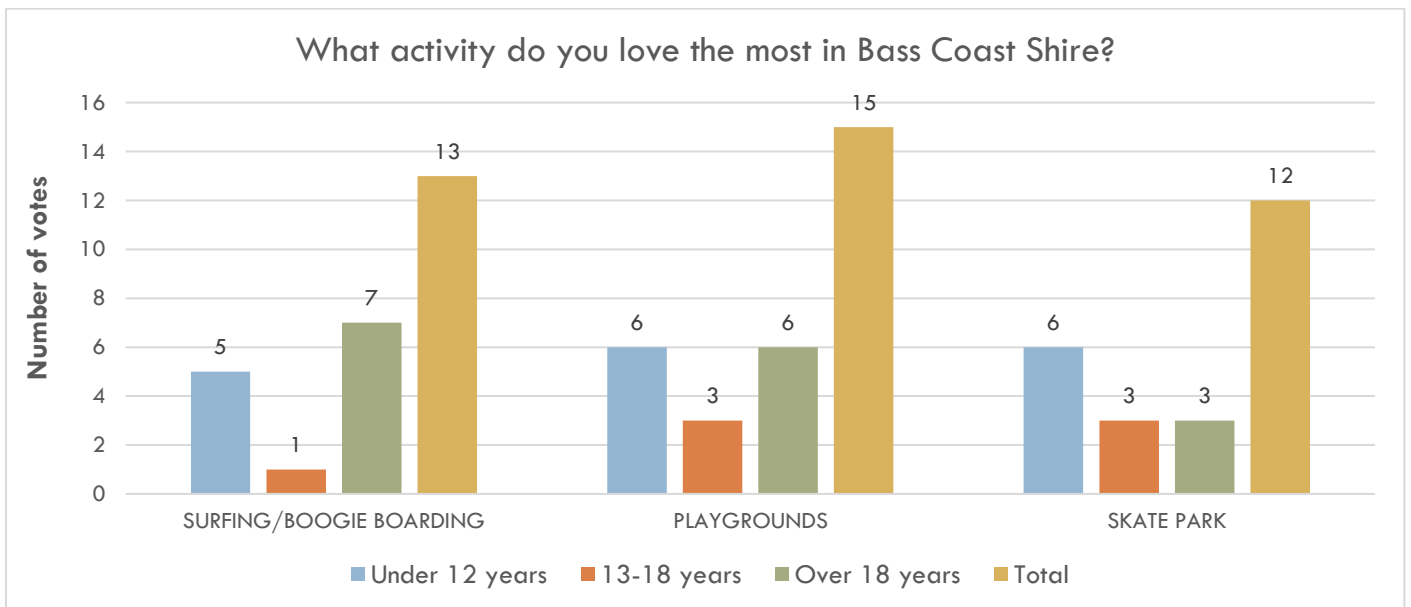
PLACES- Protect our natural open spaces to allow us to connect to the environment (60%)

PARTNERSHIPS- Both Partner with sports clubs and community groups to improve governance and program/facility management and Collaborate with partners to attract funding and share resources received the same number of votes (39.1% each)

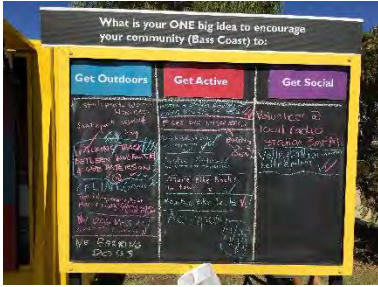


Voting Pod results

A total of 40 people participated in the voting pod activity in Rhyll, resulting in playgrounds being voted the most loved activity in Bass Coast with 15 votes (37.5%). This was closely followed by surfing/boogie boarding and skate park.



Overall Chatboard comments



There were 14 comments written on the Chatboard in Rhyll.

Many comments were received about the need for an aquatic centre or pool and hydro-therapy pool for Phillip Island. Other ideas for Getting Outdoors were for more off leash dog beaches, more seating with back support, and more nature strip veggie plots.

Some suggestions for Get Social included more live music and outdoor events.

My BIG idea for Bass Coast is...		
GET OUTDOORS	GET ACTIVE	GET SOCIAL
Community gardens/roadside nature strips	All year indoor swimming pool	More live music
Veggie plots in San Remo	Hydrotherapy pool ✓✓✓✓	Outdoor music/picnic events
More seating with back support	Aquatic Centre ✓✓✓✓	
Share structures/trees	Large recreation garden (Cows)	
Cut WIFI at times	Indoor swimming pool	
More off leash beaches for dogs ✓✓✓		
Off leash at Ventnor all day all year		
Nature strip veggie plots		

DRAWINGS

No drawings were received

Phillip Island (Koala Conservation Centre)

Participation and engagement



The Phillip Island place-based pop-up engagement was held on Sunday 4 March between 11:30am-2:30pm. The pop-up was part of the Nature Parks free community day expo at the Koala Conservation Centre.

Approximately 150 people were engaged.

The location was great, close to the entry of the centre with a range of other information and display stalls. A lot of families attended the free open day, which provided good engagement with this target group.

The community at this location were very engaged, and there was good engagement with a diverse range of people including some local Indigenous community members.

Participation	
Number of surveys completed @ pop up	30
Number of surveys distributed with reply paid envelope	15 approx.
Number of flyers/postcards distributed	20 approx.
Number of people participating in dotmocracy activity	22
Number of people participating in voting pod activity	149

Participation	
Number of comments on Chatboards	16
Approximate number of people engaged	150 approx.
Number of photos taken/posted	2
Number of speech bubble photos	2
How many big idea drawings?	12

Dotmocracy results



A total of 22 people participated in the dotmocracy activity at the pop-up event in Phillip Island. Instead of allocating one dot per theme, many people chose to place all of their dots on the 'protect our cultural heritage and promote our unique identity' priority. This has therefore skewed the results of this activity at this event compared to other events.

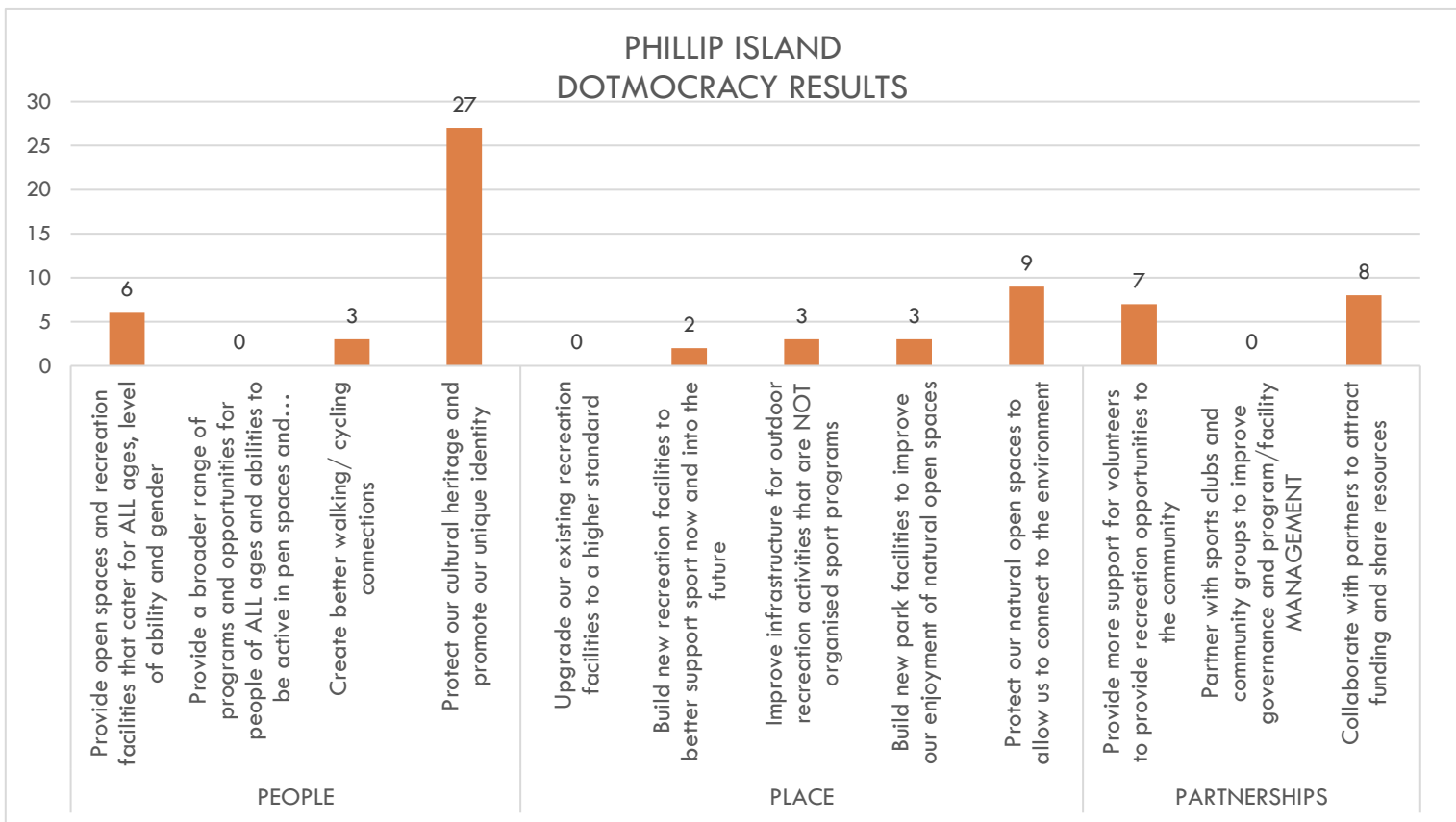
There were 36 dots allocated to the people theme, 17 to place and 15 to partnerships.

In Phillip Island, the top three priorities for participants under the three themes of people, place and partnership were:

PEOPLE- Protect our cultural heritage and promote our unique identity (75%)

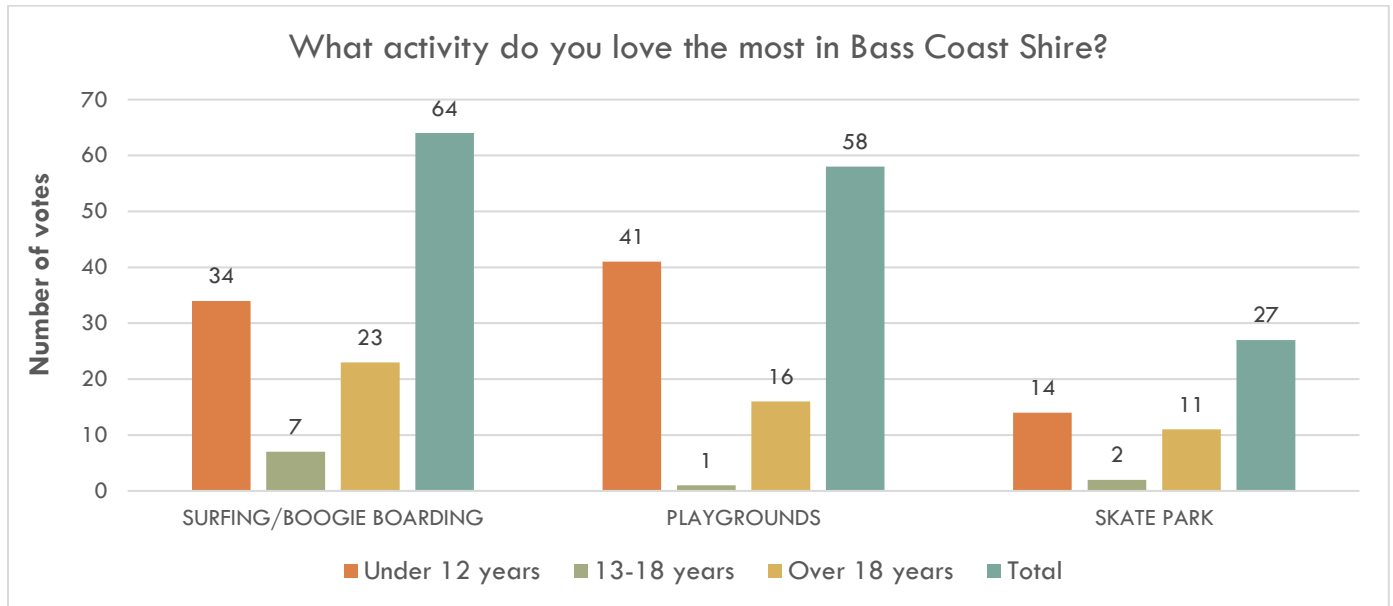
PLACES- Protect our natural open spaces to allow us to connect to the environment (52.9%)

PARTNERSHIPS- Collaborate with partners to attract funding and share resources (53.3%)

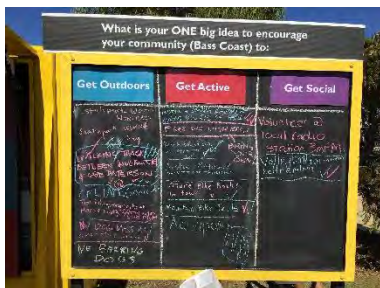


Voting Pod results

A total of 149 people participated in the voting pod activity in Phillip Island resulting in Surfing/boogie boarding being voted the most loved activity in Bass Coast with 64 votes (42.9%).



ChatBoard comments



There were 16 comments written on the Chatboard in Phillip Island.

Skate park and a pool were the most popular comments received on the Chatboards; a pool was recorded three times and a further six ticks of agreement were added. Skate park was written five times. Other suggestions were a shower at Red Rocks, a kids gym and a water park.

Some suggestions for Get Social included volunteer at the local radio station and hold a volleyball tournament regularly.

My BIG idea for Bass Coast is...		
GET OUTDOORS	GET ACTIVE	GET SOCIAL
Skate Park (Coves)	Waterpark (Coves) like Seville	Bins and BBQ's at parks
Pool ✓✓✓✓✓✓	Kids gym	Coves school Facebook (seniors)
Surf Park		Shower (outdoors) at Red rocks beach and drinking tap
Skate park and pool for Grantville		
Skate park		
Skate Park		
Skate Park		
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Pool		
Pool		
surfing		

Drawings

A total of 12 Big Ideas for Bass Coast drawings were received at the place-based pop-up at the Koala Conservation Centre on Phillip Island.

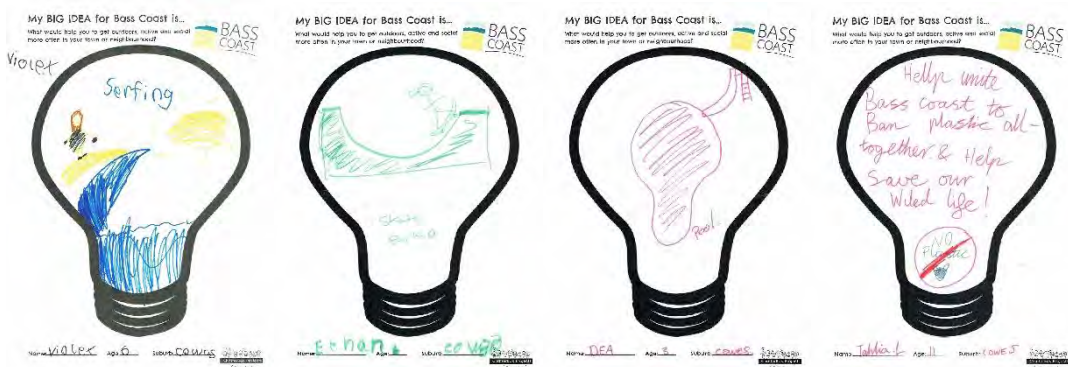
Many of these were from very young children and so could not be analyzed.

Dea (3 years), Ellen (7 years) and Abby (6 years) from Cowes, would like to see a pool built in Cowes or Phillip Island

Ethan (6 years) from Cowes would like to see a skate park in Cowes

Tahlia (11 years) from Cowes would like to ban all plastic to save the wild life

Georgia (11 years) from Cowes would like to see a kid's gym built and Violet (6 years) from Cowes says surfing is her big idea



Images 22-25- Big Ideas drawings at Rhyll

Bass

Participation and engagement



The Bass place-based pop-up engagement was held on Saturday 3 March between 10am-1pm. The pop-up was part of the Bass Valley Autumn Festival.

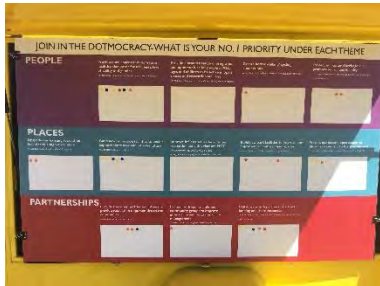
Approximately 60 people were engaged.

There were very low numbers at the festival and it did not really get started until about 11 am. However, the people that did attend were really engaged, were diverse and lived in both the local area and surrounding hamlets and towns.

Participation	
Number of surveys completed @ pop up	31
Number of surveys distributed with reply paid envelope	15 approx.
Number of flyers/postcards distributed	12 approx.
Number of people participating in dotmocracy activity	11
Number of people participating in voting pod activity	16

Participation	
Number of comments on Chatboards	8
Approximate number of people engaged	60 approx.
Number of photos taken/posted	1
How many big idea drawings?	2

Dotmocracy results



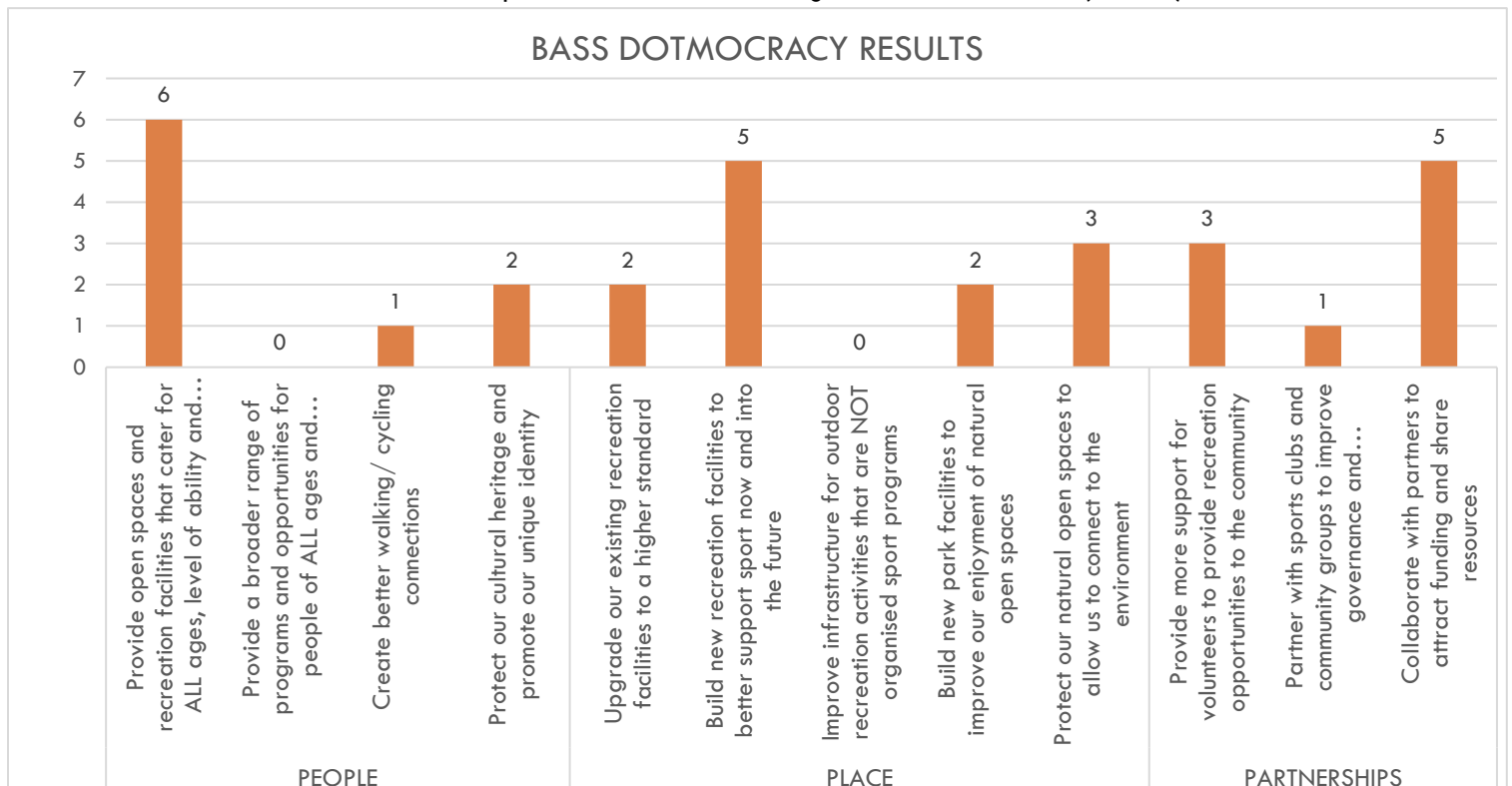
A total of 11 people participated in the dotmocracy activity at the pop-up event in Bass.

In Bass, the top three priorities for participants under the three themes of people, place and partnership were:

PEOPLE- Provide open spaces and recreation facilities that cater for ALL ages, level of ability and gender (66.6%)

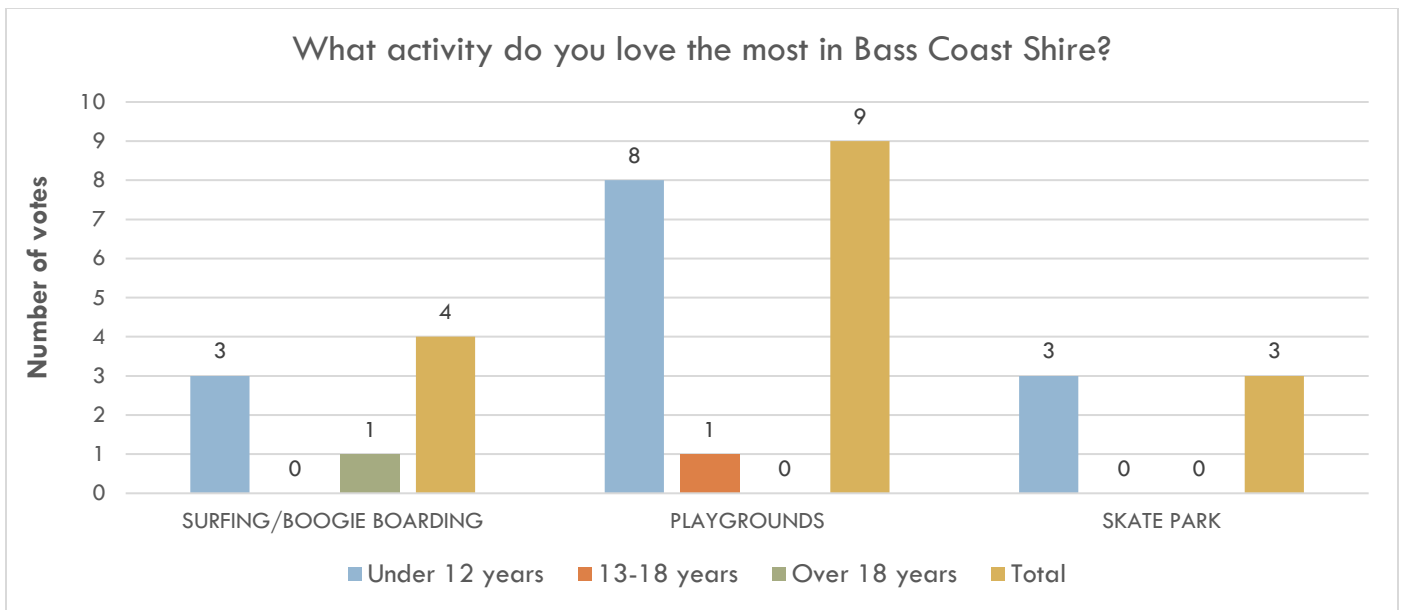
PLACES- Build new recreation facilities to better support sport now and into the future (41.6%)

PARTNERSHIPS- Collaborate with partners to attract funding and share resources (55.5%)



Voting Pod results

There was low participation in this activity with a total of 16 people participating. Playgrounds was voted the most loved activity in Bass Coast by the people at Bass.



ChatBoard comments

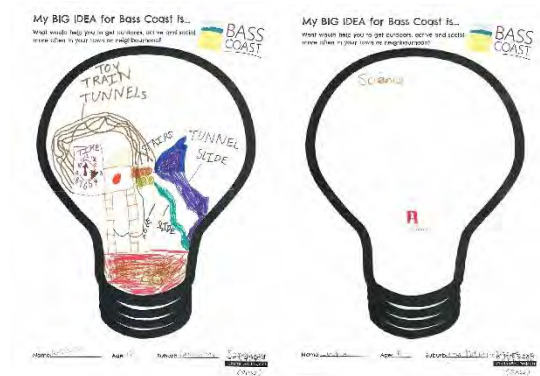
There were eight comments written on the Chatboard in Bass. Suggestions included the need for footpaths, a swimming pool and skate park, roller skating events, a community garden and a community games day.

My BIG idea for Bass Coast is...		
GET OUTDOORS	GET ACTIVE	GET SOCIAL
Footpaths	Roller skating events	Community garden
	Skateboard park	Community games e.g.: cricket in park, footy or soccer
	Swimming pool	Council bus trips
		Keep caravan parks

Drawings

A total of 2 Big Ideas for Bass Coast drawings were received at the place-based pop-up at the Bass Valley Festival.

Katelin (11) from Leongatha would like a new playspace and Lincoln (6) from Grantville would like a volcano.



Images 26 & 27- Big Ideas drawings at Bass

Wonthaggi

Participation and engagement



The Wonthaggi place-based pop-up engagement was held on Friday 9 March between 2pm-5pm outside the Wonthaggi Plaza. Approximately 60 people were engaged.

Being at the shopping centre provided some challenges in getting people to stop and engage. Many were in a hurry to get in and do their shopping. Although this was the case, the pop-up was effective in promoting the project and consultation. Many postcards were handed out and surveys with reply

paid envelopes (over 50).

The actual location was good, although the distance from the main entry doors meant that people did not engage with the dotmocracy board. Even though there were low numbers of engagement with the interactive tools, it was still a good location for engaging with hard to reach groups, including people who were socially economically disadvantaged, people with a disability and people with low mobility, people who had low or no literacy and young mums.

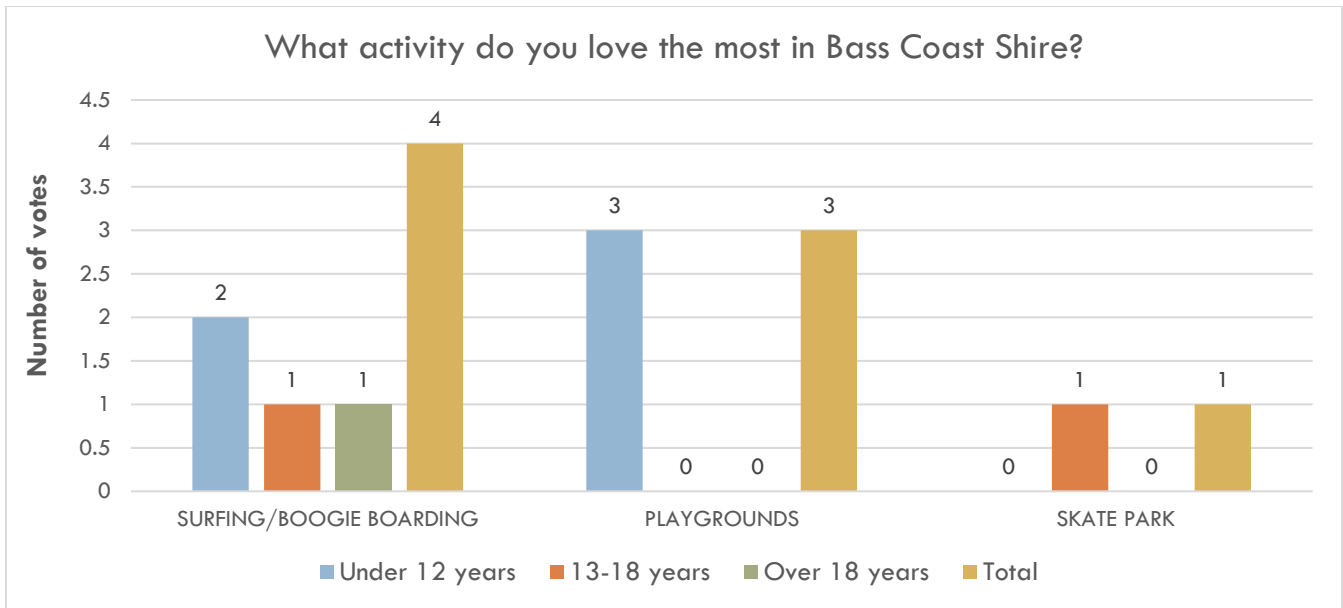
Participation	
Number of surveys completed @ pop up	31
Number of surveys distributed with reply paid envelope	50
Number of flyers/postcards distributed	25
Number of people participating in dotmocracy activity	0
Number of people participating in voting pod activity	8
Number of comments on ChatBoards	8
Approximate number of people engaged	60
Number of photos taken/posted	2
How many big idea drawings?	1

Dotmocracy results

There were no participants in the dotmocracy activity at the Wonthaggi pop-up.

Voting Pod results

There was low participation in this activity with only eight people taking part. Surfing/boogie boarding received slightly more votes as the most loved activity in Bass Coast.



ChatBoard comments

There were eight comments written on the Chatboard at Wonthaggi Plaza. Suggestions included more festivals and events, mummy get togethers at local parks, more sporting and youth facilities and a bowling alley.

My BIG idea for Bass Coast is...		
GET OUTDOORS	GET ACTIVE	GET SOCIAL
More festivals	More sport facilities	More mummy get togethers
Food local food festivals	More netball courts	Youth centres ✓
	Bowling alley in old store (opposite police)	Youth hub

Drawings

No drawings were received

Inverloch

Participation and engagement



The Inverloch place-based pop-up engagement was held outside the Inverloch Hub on Saturday 10 March between 12pm-3pm. The Inverloch Jazz Festival was on during this weekend, drawing a large crowd, especially between 12pm-2pm.

Approximately 150 people were engaged.

The location was excellent, directly outside the hub where there were many activities as part of the jazz festival, and close to some live entertainment and the Rotary BBQ.

The community were very engaged, and the pop-up was successful in connecting with a diverse range of people. The community of Inverloch seemed to be very connected and engaged both socially and actively within their communities.

We also had five general council requests forms filled in at this location.

Participation	
Number of surveys completed @ pop up	59
Number of surveys distributed with reply paid envelope	35
Number of flyers/postcards distributed	10
Number of people participating in dotmocracy activity	79
Number of people participating in voting pod activity	139
Number of comments on ChatBoards	29
Approximate number of people engaged	150-200
Number of photos taken/posted	2
How many big idea drawings?	7

Dotmocracy results



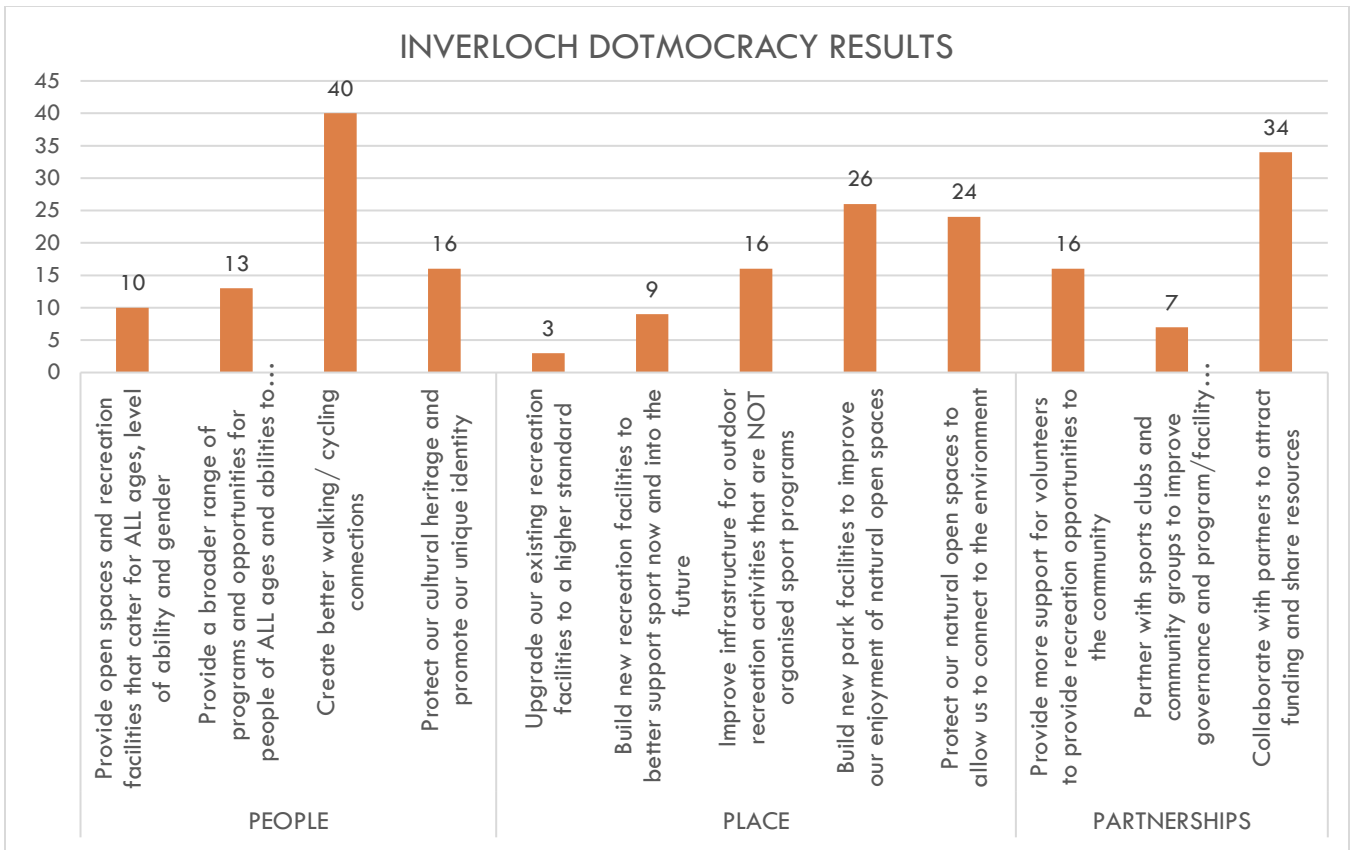
A total of 79 people participated in the dotmocracy activity at the pop-up event in Inverloch.

In Inverloch, the top three priorities for participants under the three themes of people, place and partnership were:

PEOPLE- Create better walking/cycling connections (50.6%)

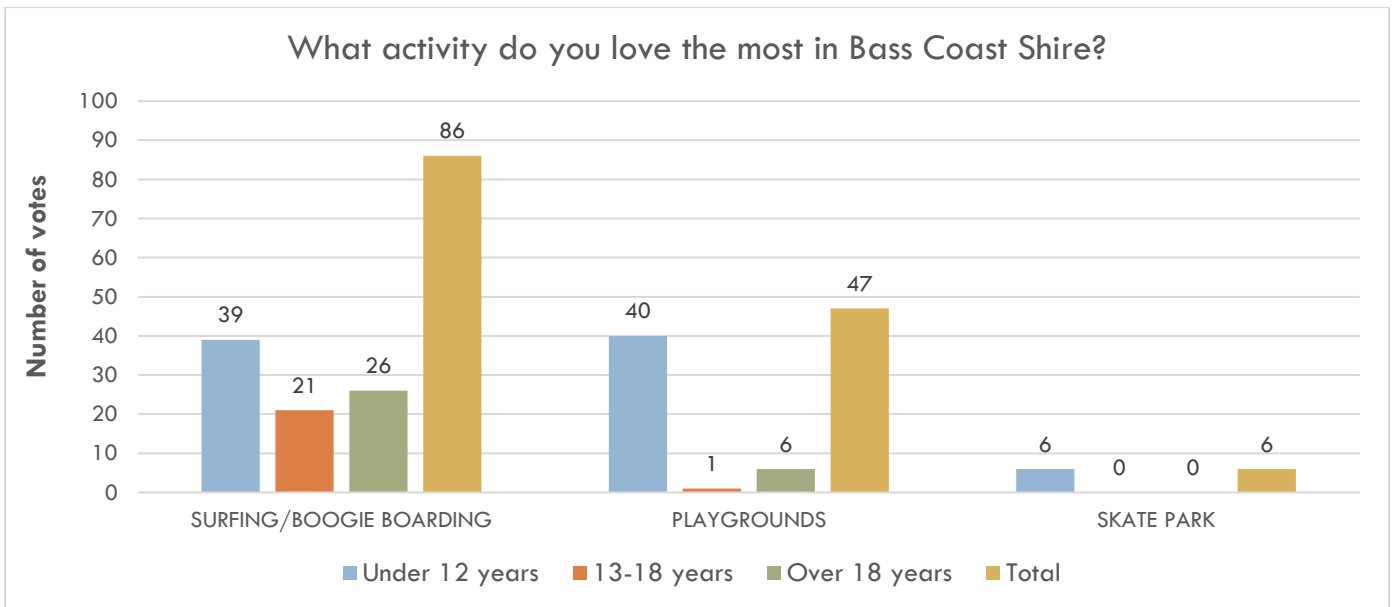
PLACES- Build new recreation facilities to better support sport now and into the future (33.3%)

PARTNERSHIPS- Collaborate with partners to attract funding and share resources (59.6%)

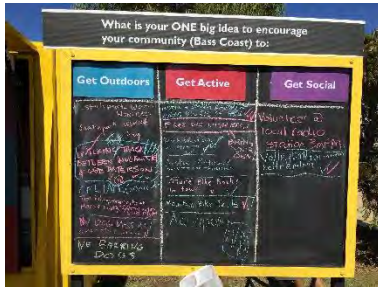


Voting Pod results

A total of 139 people participated in the voting pod activity in Inverloch resulting in Surfing/boogie boarding being voted the most loved activity in Bass Coast with 86 votes (61.8%).



ChatBoard comments



There were 29 comments written on the Chatboard in Inverloch. There were a few conflicting comments such as those advocating for more dog parks and less restrictions and those remonstrating against the dog mess. Some suggestions for Get Outdoors included completing the walking/cycling track between Inverloch and Cape Paterson and providing more parks and seating.

Some suggestions for Get Active included installing drinking fountains at the Angling end of the path and at the park run (this was supported by two people adding ticks to both suggestions) and providing another playground and more bike racks in town.

Some suggestions for Get Social included volunteering at the local radio station and holding a volleyball tournament regularly.

My BIG idea for Bass Coast is...		
GET OUTDOORS	GET ACTIVE	GET SOCIAL
Better/fix up skate park In Wonthaggi	Install drinking fountain at Angling end of path ✓✓	Volunteer at local radio station 3MFM
Skate park for Venus Bay	Free dog litter bags (counter comment) bring your own	Volleyball tournaments held regularly
Walking track between Inverloch and Cape Paterson	Drinking fountain at park run ✓✓	Museum and art gallery
Zip Line (somewhere)	Another playground	Join Wonthaggi C Band
Trail riding on beach	Have more animal shelters	
Horse camps/trail rides overnight	More bike racks in town ✓	
No dog mess all over the place	Mountain bike trail s✓	
No barking dogs	Aqua park	
More parks	More walking tracks	
Adult size swings please, give us a go too	Tracks with more seating	
More seats for sitting to relax	Marching practice	
More room for dogs on beach on lead	Dog friendly	
Dog park for Inverloch		

Drawings



A total of seven Big Ideas for Bass Coast drawings were received at the place-based poo-up at Inverloch.

Bella (9) from Chirnside Park likes the beach and surfing

Sarah (4) from Wonthaggi would like a big slide, seat for nanna, shade trees and a 360 swing

Celina (7) would like a bird's nest swing and a big slide

Anika (3) from Pound Creek likes the beach, grass and park

Evelyn (3) from Inverloch likes grass, trees, sand and the beach

Annabelle (9) from Inverloch would like a zip line

Jenson (8) from Inverloch would like more skate parks

Dotmocracy results

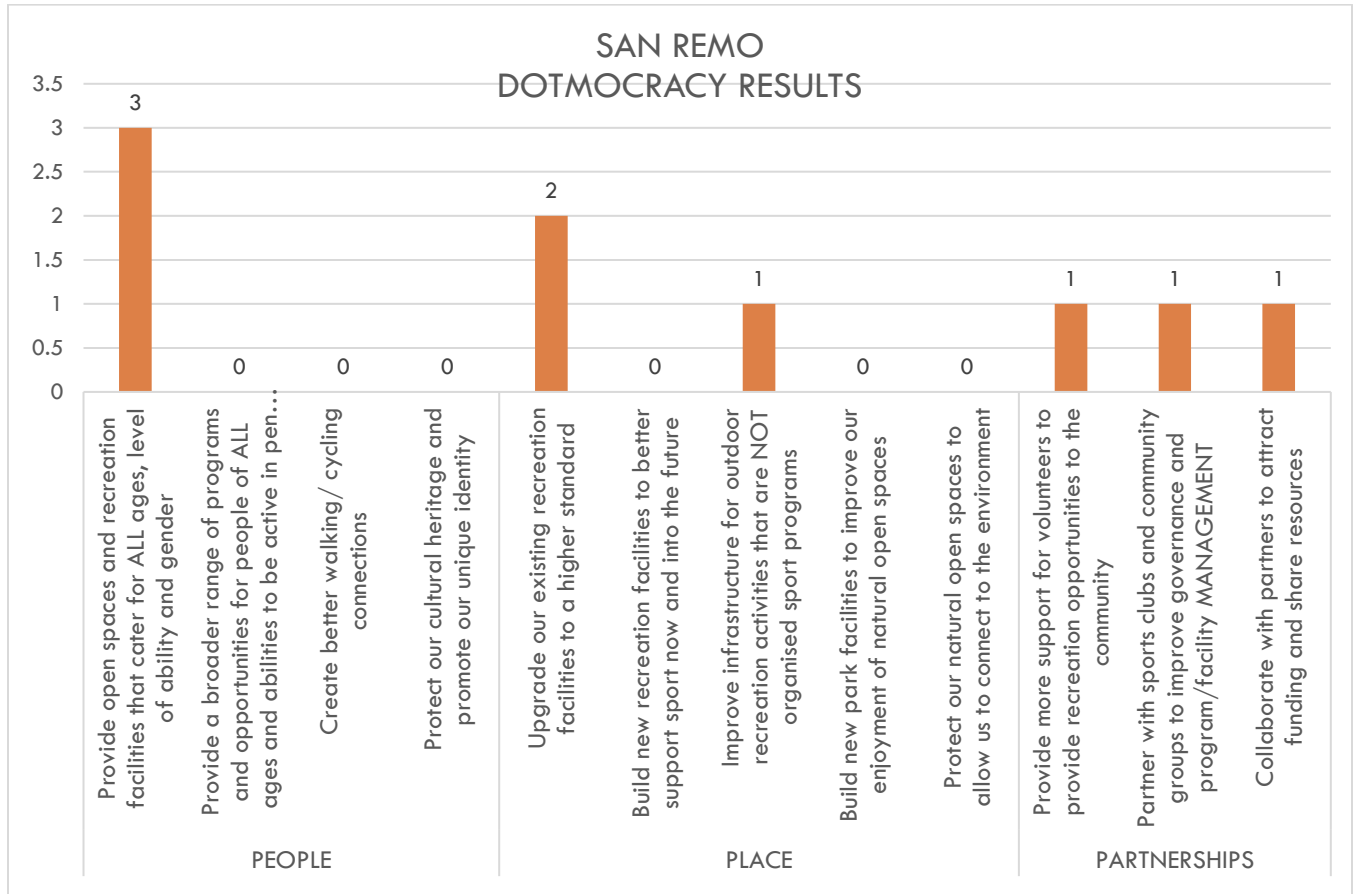
A total of three people participated in the dotmocracy activity at the pop-up event in San Remo.

In San Remo, the top three priorities for participants under the three themes of people, place and partnership were:

PEOPLE- Provide open spaces and recreation facilities that cater for ALL ages, level of ability and gender (100%)

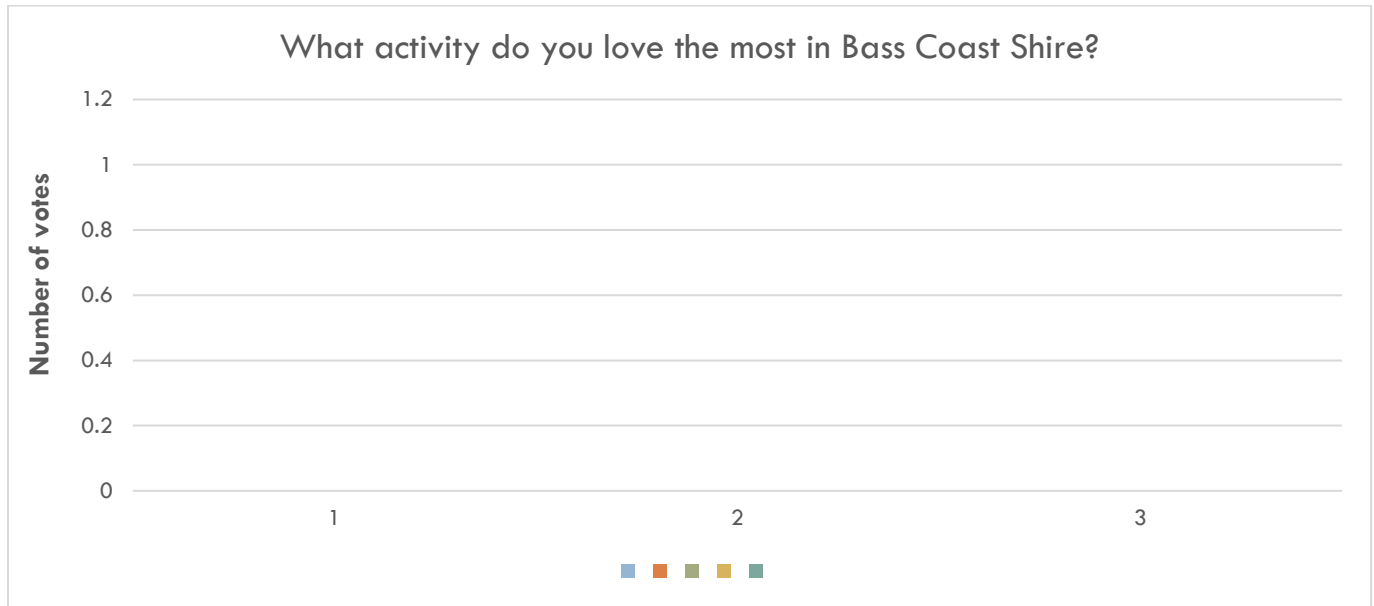
PLACES- Upgrade our existing recreation facilities to a higher standard (66.6%)

PARTNERSHIPS- all priorities received one vote each



Voting Pod results

A total of 21 people participated in the voting pod activity in San Remo resulting in Surfing/boogie boarding being voted the most loved activity in Bass Coast with 11 votes (52.3%).



ChatBoard comments



There were 11 comments written on the Chatboard in San Remo.

Some suggestions for Get Outdoors included the provision of bike tracks, linking the path from San Remo to George Coastal Walks and providing more toilets and rubbish bins

Some suggestions for Get Active included turning off electronics, providing more bike connections on the Island and more free camping sites in Bass Coast. There were no comments under Get Social.

My BIG idea for Bass Coast is...		
GET OUTDOORS	GET ACTIVE	GET SOCIAL
More lawn bowling	Turn off electronics-concise decision to spend screen time outdoors	No comments made
Rubbish bins on beaches	More free camping sites in Bass Coast	
More toilets	Bike connections on Island	
Coronet Bay boat ramp		
Bike tracks		
Bike tracks		
More patrolled beaches		
Link path from San Remo to George Bass Coastal walk		
Footpaths along Panorama Drive and Shetland Heights Road essential		

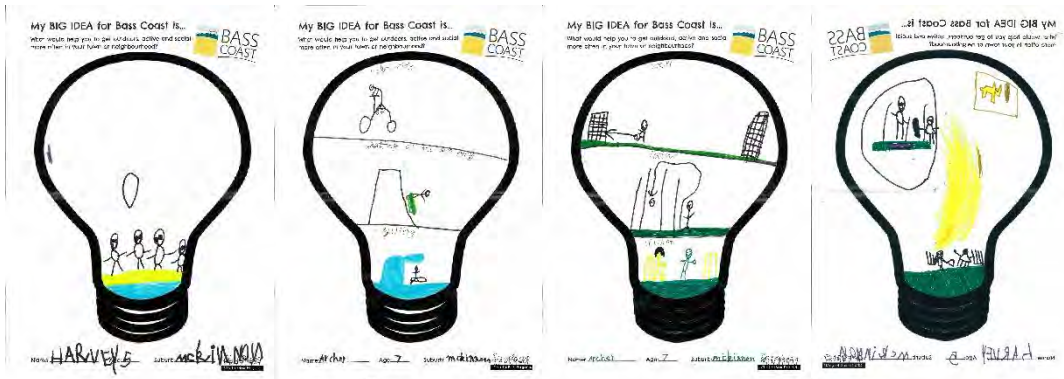
Drawings

A total of four *Big Ideas for Bass Coast* drawings were received from two children at the place-based pop-up at San Remo.

Bella (9) from Chirnside Park likes the beach and surfing

Harvey (5) from McKinnon likes going out with his family

Archer (7) from McKinnon likes bike riding at the skate park, surfing, cricket and football



Images 31-34- *Big Ideas* drawings at San Remo



Image 35- Children drawing their *Big Ideas* at the Inverloch Pop-up event

5. KEY STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS

5.1 Overview

A key stakeholder workshop was undertaken with representatives from local groups, organisations and state authorities. There were representatives from DHHS, Friends of Blue Gum Reserve, Gipp Sport, Parks Victoria, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Sport & Recreation Victoria, Westernport Water, Wonthaggi Seed Bank and the YMCA.

The workshop structure included some overall discussions on the best thing about Bass Coast and its biggest challenge as well as a range of round table discussions on the themes of people, place and partnership.

People

The questions workshopped with the group under people were:

- What are the barriers that stops the community getting outdoors, active and social in Bass Coast?
- How can these barriers be addressed?
- What Big ideas do you have for encouraging people to get outdoors, active and social in Bass Coast?

Places

The questions workshopped under places were:

- Where are the great places where the Bass Coast community get outdoors, active and social?
- What challenges are being faced (for your group or organisation) in terms of places on the Bass Coast?
- What big ideas do you have for improving or developing spaces (natural/facilities) that will help get the community outdoors, active and social?

Partnerships

The questions workshopped under partnerships were:

- What partnerships do you currently have that get the community outdoors, active and social in Bass Coast?
- What are the barriers for creating more partnerships between groups, organisations and council? How can these barriers be addressed?
- What Big ideas do you have for new partnerships that can get more of the community outdoors, active and social in Bass Coast?

5.2 Outcomes

What is the best thing about the Bass Coast?

Comments
A great place to raise kids
Accessible areas
Penguins / wildlife
Rail trail
Sense of community

Comments
Wild life
Lots of great natural areas to explore
Wild places
Community. Know so many people
rural community
Coastal environment
The natural beauty
Beautiful Coastline
Natural environment
Coast
Coast
Remnant Vegetation
Low Population
Urban lifestyle – benefits close proximity to natural landscapes
Coastline
Environmental Coast
Beautiful Places

The biggest challenge for getting the Bass Coast community outdoors, active and social is.....

Comments
Facilities for older people and people with disabilities
Timing / limited ovals – e.g. footy and soccer are at the same time
\$\$ to create new places and spaces
Lack of open spaces
Connectivity of Trails
Very few non coastal open spaces / bush
Locality of parks
Money
Don't know the locals anymore
Always have to get in a car
Group activities
Ageing infrastructure/ facilities are not accessible
Fear of judgement, ability & priorities
Cost of infrastructure improvements
Maintaining physical and mobility independence
Lack of connecting trails for walking & cycling
People are disengaged based on past experience
Providing a range of affordable activities across life stages
Public transport
Parents lack of adventure
Expensive to use recreation facilities - pool, gym
Cost of structured sport
Connectivity - footpaths/trails
Lack of spare time

Comments
Car culture
Lack of facilities/open space/infrastructure
Trail linkages
open spaces nearby
Can be a long way to drive for activities from one end of shire to other for sporting activities
Communication of opportunities
Busy lifestyles
Mobile phones and Computers
Perceived barriers
Sport relies on volunteers

PEOPLE

What are the barriers that stops the community getting outdoors, active and social in Bass Coast?

BARRIERS
Lack of playgrounds / themed, kids to think creatively e.g. water play
Need for exercise equipment / all accessible playgrounds
Build awareness of muscle strength and balance for elderly / education about importance of mobility
Distance / lack of public transport
Cost – club cost / insurance / travel
Time / activities run at the same time – clashes
Lack of time – busy schedules
Bad experiences with clubs / not welcome / cliques / intimidating / too elite not social
Where can they go – less competitive options
Lack of promotion of facilities – trails / free sites / free group sessions
Clubs have limited places on teams i.e. lack of rec reserves limits team available
Opening times e.g. Cowes school pool / longer sessions needed after school and warmer months
Ageing population and lack of mobility
Facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Age appropriate ▪ Access to equipment (hire/loan/programs such as bike share, billy carts, bikes co-op) ▪ Agility equipment ▪ Having public accessible spaces and places (trails and paths, and connectivity to transport) ▪ Promotion to community re: what's available4Health benefits
People demographics, tourists versus local
Hard to ride bike to school safely

How can these barriers be addressed?

HOW CAN THESE BARRIERS BE ADDRESS?
Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local cafe (free orange juice)
Strava, Belong, Facebook, cycle, swim, walk
Park run
Dog walking
Look at what the people are doing for their recreation activity and promote opportunities rather than barriers.

What Big ideas do you have for encouraging people to get outdoors, active and social in Bass Coast?

BIG IDEAS
Paid deliverers – not so reliant on volunteers
Offer programs to attract new volunteers
Stronger linkages with young families and keeping them engaged
Paid deliverers – not so reliant on volunteers
Community Hub at Inverloch and should be copied in other areas e.g. Philip Island / San Remo Grantville
Put facilities in open spaces that are lacking – toilets / BBQ's / Shelters / Water fountains / BMX / Skateboarders / Pool
Retrofitting universal design of existing facilities

PLACES

What challenges are being faced (for your group or organisation) in terms of places on the Bass Coast?

CHALLENGES
Signage/ directions / Maps – people don't know how to find them
Aging Infrastructure
Lack of Footpath Connections
Public access – Community Groups / management / ownership
Risk management / Booking Process
Cost to use
Lack of Universal design / poor planning
Perceived barriers to using places
New emerging sports / where do they fit
People / groups can share
Volunteer management – can't maintain facilities
Changing environment
Lighting – minimum standard for sporting facilities

Support / \$\$ for facility maint / upgrades
Consolidation – have hard conversations i.e. Cape Paterson

More Activity

Structures
Information e.g. mini soccer
Fitness stations

George Bass Rec Reserve

Connection across Hade Ave
Arboretum
Oval – sporting
Wheelchair friendly path
Historical Stories – Signage

There are residential developments e.g., Wonthaggi north/smiths Beach/ Cape Woolamai where there is no open space.

Does the planning scheme address this for new residential developments?

Can existing residential areas be retro fitted

Footpaths and shared pathways to essential services e.g. schools / shops / recreation areas



Image 35 & 36- Key stakeholder workshop

What big ideas do you have for improving or developing spaces (natural/facilities) that will help get the community outdoors, active and social?

BIG IDEAS
Signage – increase awareness
Access
Footpath Links
Drink taps
Events / activities to showcase new areas
Development of playgrounds
BBQ / Toilets – family friendly
Planning – Education about what is realistic, hard conversations
Trends – embrace new activities
Offer programs to attract new volunteers
Stronger linkages with young families and keeping them engaged

PARTNERSHIPS

What partnerships do you currently have that get the community outdoors, active and social in Bass Coast?

CURRENT PARTNERSHIP
BCRH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Walking Group ▪ Westernport Water – PINP, BCSC – Water fountains / south Coast water partnership / Gippsport / sport clubs – Choose Tap
BCSC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contractual Partnerships with user groups of council owned facilities e.g. Tennis / Croquet ▪ Planned Activity groups
Bass Recreation Reserve – Landcare – Footy and Netball clubs
Parks Victoria – Licence Tour Operators
South Coast Access Alliance – focus on limited mobility / Does it exist anymore??
South Coast Primary Care Partnership – alliance on organisations to plan and implement physical activity
YMCA Victoria - Wonthaggi & Cowes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Basketball, disability access, sporting clubs, Hospitals and Rehab services / Youth groups / spaces rebuilt
Nature Parks
BCSC pathways plan
Community Groups / Bushbank / Coastcare groups / friends
Education department – school group activities
Environmental Based Volunteer Groups
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seedbank, South Gipps Conservation Society, Friends of Wonthaggi, Heartland & Coast, Hooded Plover, Cape Paterson residents group, PI conservation society, Wonthaggi Gardeners group, Wonthaggi Pensioners Group, Bass Coast Landcare, Clean Ocean
Neighbourhood Houses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Partnerships with BCSC, each other and develop ▪ Programmes for groups e.g. mothers groups ▪ Relationships with above

CURRENT PARTNERSHIP

Gippsport

- Sporting Clubs, SSAs, Council, SRV, Southcoast Water Partnerships, VicHealth, School, Disability Service providers, Community organisations

What are the barriers for creating more partnerships between groups, organisations and Council? How can these barriers be addressed?

BARRIERS

Community Foreshore Groups – need consistency or partnership in coordinating activities and projects

Perceived Inequities – e.g. Phillip Island

BCRH discharge and connection to YMCA or physical activities / doctors / parks / yoga etc.

Resources, time and limits on work / scope of work

Right people at the right time

Having an active community Hub / backbone

Gender Equality

Finding the common ground

Travel around community

Sporting clubs not seeing themselves as part of the puzzle

Increased load on volunteer groups / admin etc.

Environmental volunteer groups – challenge to get new volunteers

Seedbank – no problem getting volunteers / clearly defined time and role

Policies and procedures of organisations – forms etc. / Rules / Regulations / Insurance

What Big ideas do you have for new partnerships that can get more of the community outdoors, active and social in Bass Coast?

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Create more linkage with people with loneliness or retired

Linkage between community Groups e.g. Coastcare

Promote younger organisations to assist / get involved

Learning from past experience and other communities working well

Backbone importance

Foreshore managers – coordinate

Talk – proactive talk

Volunteer conference – mechanism to allow sense of belonging

Funding Following Strategy – Implementations

Bass Coast Alumni – Legacy groups remembered

Merchandise for volunteer causes / Belonging / Something that volunteers are proud of

Create connections for volunteer groups to exchange

6. APPENDIX

6.1 Survey

SECTION A: The Plan

We want to know what's important to you and what's needed to get our community outdoors, active and social in Bass Coast.

We are currently preparing a new Active Bass Coast Plan to set our direction for creating healthy and active environments and services in Bass Coast Shire. The Plan will recognise the value of recreation and our open spaces and aims to encourage people to participate in sport, to socialise, play and relax in our parks, engage in community activities and to connect with Bass Coast Shire's natural coastline, bushlands and waterways.

Bass Coast is home to some of the most beautiful and unique open spaces in Victoria. These places encourage people to be social and active and are integral to the health and wellbeing of our communities and environment.

This survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete.



What you have told us so far.

Over the last couple of years the community has told us about their recreation experiences during consultation activities including the "Help Shape a Better Bass Coast" campaign in 2017 and the Active Sport and Recreation Needs Assessment in 2016.

We have summarised this feedback so you can tell us your priorities.

We understand that an active and healthy community requires a focus on **People**, **Places** and **Partnerships** and the questions have been grouped accordingly.

Council collects and holds this Personal Information in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic) Principles.



PEOPLE

Do you agree with these priorities?

(Rank your **top THREE** priorities between 1-3 with one being the most important)

- Provide open spaces and recreation facilities that cater for ALL ages, level of ability and gender
i.e. facilities for female teams within clubs, ramp access to the beach
- Provide a broader range of programs and opportunities for people of ALL ages and abilities to be active in open spaces and recreation facilities
i.e. group fitness programs, exercise in the park (tai chi), events and festivals
- Create better walking/ cycling connections
i.e. new paths, upgraded paths, directional signage, promotional material
- Protect our cultural heritage and promote our unique identity
i.e. recognise indigenous heritage, celebrate our history, interpretive signs, events, public art

PLACES

Do you agree with these priorities?

(Rank your **top THREE** priorities between 1-3 with 1 being the most important)

- Upgrade our existing recreation facilities to a higher standard
i.e. resurface courts, upgrade pavilions, floodlighting
- Build new recreation facilities to better support sport now and into the future
i.e. basketball stadium, soccer pitches
- Improve infrastructure for outdoor recreation activities that are NOT organised sport programs
i.e. playgrounds, windsurfing, mountain bike/BMX, skate parks
- Build new park facilities to improve our enjoyment of natural open spaces
i.e. seats, picnic areas, shelters, public art, tree planting, shade
- Protect our natural open spaces to allow us to connect to the environment
i.e. nature appreciation, biodiversity, nature play, bushwalking, beach play

PARTNERSHIPS

Do you agree with these priorities?

(Rank your **top THREE** priorities between 1-3 with 1 being the most important)

- Provide more support for volunteers to provide recreation opportunities to the community
i.e. volunteer training programs, grants
- Partner with sports clubs and community groups to improve governance and program/facility management. *i.e. training, grants, develop specific policies and guidelines*
- Collaborate with partners to attract funding and share resources
i.e. shared facilities with schools, physical activity referral programs (doctors), state government

A Little About You

What is your favourite activity to do outdoors, to get active or to be social in Bass Coast?
(List only one)

What is your one big idea to encourage the bass coast community to spend more time outdoors, being active and being social?

Do you feel like you have enough options to maintain your health and wellbeing by being outdoors, active and social in Bass Coast?

YES (Provide detail)

NO

Are there any barriers to you being outdoors, active and social as often as you would like in bass coast?

YES (Provide detail)

NO

Are you a school student, parent or staff member? Yes No

Tick your school below and you will have the chance to win a \$500 voucher to get your school community outdoors, active and social!

- Bass Valley Primary School
- Cowes Primary School
- Inverloch Primary School
- Newhaven Primary
- Newhaven College
- Philip Island Village School
- Powlett River Primary School
- San Remo Primary School
- Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School, Cowes
- St Joseph's School, Wonthaggi
- Wonthaggi North Primary School
- Wonthaggi Primary School
- Wonthaggi Secondary College

The following information helps us make sure that we have heard from a broad range of people from different demographics (age, gender) and from different towns.

I am:

- Female
- Male
- Gender Diverse
- Other

I am:

- A person with disabilities
- An associate or carer of a person with disabilities

I am:

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 years and under | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12-17 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 65+ years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 years | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

I live in:

(write down the suburb or postcode you live in)

My connection to the Bass Coast is:

(tick all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Work here |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Ratepayer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday house owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Business owner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor or tourist | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please state _____ |

Any other comments?

If you would like to be kept up to date about the Active Bass Coast Plan, please provide your details below.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address (only if no email) _____

SECTION B: Township Projects

To ensure that we are able to cater for our growing population, developers are required to contribute land or funds for open spaces within new subdivisions.

Funds that are provided to Council as a developer contribution are set aside for future recreation and open space projects.

There are seven townships where funds have been provided including Bass, Corinella, Grantville, Inverloch, Kilcunda, San Remo and Wonthaggi.

To better understand your priorities for your townships, we would like you to rank the following projects from current strategic plans that funds may be contributed to.

What is more important to you?

Number your **top TWO priorities** in order of importance with one being the most important (You can do this for as many townships as you like)

Bass \$44,000

- Oval floodlighting
- Oval improvements (irrigation)
- Other _____

Corinella \$532,000

- Playground
- Off-road pathway from Corinella township to Bass Valley Primary School
- Skate Park
- Multi-use court (tennis / cricket / basketball / soccer)
- Other _____

Grantville \$23,000

- Tennis Courts (includes multi-use court – basketball, cricket, soccer)
- Playground
- Skate Park
- Other _____

Kilcunda \$42,000

- Skate Park
- Interpretative and Wayfinding Signage
- Other _____

Inverloch \$708,000

- Playground (Rainbow Park)
- Playground (Inverloch West)
- Netball Court (Inverloch Recreation Reserve)
- Bike racks on foreshore (main entries)
- The Glade Sound Shell
- Other _____

San remo \$290,000

- Skate Park
- Playground (Anderson St Park, crn Stuart & Anderson St)
- Other _____

Wonthaggi \$725,000

- Regional Playground (Guide Park)
- Recreation Oval 2 extension (soccer,AFL)
- Recreation Oval 2 floodlighting (soccer,AFL)
- Recreation Oval 1 Goal Post Netting
- Bass Coast Rail Trail Signage
- Skate Park Stage 2
- Other _____

Phillip island \$761,000

Due to the need for the additional community recreation and open spaces on Phillip Island, Council proposes to allocate Phillip Island developer funds to the purchase of new open space.

Thank You For Your Feedback And Ideas

Survey closes Sunday 18th March 2018