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# Filming and Still Photography in Bass Coast

## Economic Development Department

### Introduction:

Bass Coast Shire Council is a film-friendly location and organisation. It recognises the economic and promotional benefits filming projects bring to the municipality while balancing the local amenity of the community, residents, visitors and businesses.

The information on this page relates to commercial filming, including television, feature films, advertising and television commercials, documentaries and music videos on land or infrastructure it controls.

All commercial filming activities are required to apply for a permit for the use of a Council controlled public space or Council infrastructure. This ensures the activity is in accordance with the regulations of Council. A list of the general terms and conditions of a filming permit are included in the Guidelines for Filming and Stills Photography which can be accessed from this website.

### Filming Permits

A Council Officer will respond to your application within five business days of receiving it. Please note that for major filming projects it may take us more than five days to issue a permit.

To apply for a permit, please complete the Application Form and send it to the contact listed below.

### Filming Permit Fees

Fees may be applicable for the issue of a filming permit. Fees should they apply will be based on the recovery of Council costs. This may include the cost of the hire of facilities or public land and any other costs incurred by Council.

### Contacts

Coordinator Events Bass Coast Shire Council

- (03) 5671 2439 or 0418 529 310
- [events@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:events@basscoast.vic.gov.au)
- PO Box 118 Wonthaggi VIC 3995

Events Officer Bass Coast Shire Council

- (03) 5671 2278 or 0403 603 340
- [events@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:events@basscoast.vic.gov.au)
- PO Box 118 Wonthaggi VIC 3995

## **Other resources and related forms**

- Code of Contact for Film Crews
- Film Victoria [www.film.vic.gov.au](http://www.film.vic.gov.au)
- Guidelines for Filming and Stills Photography in Bass Coast (link)
- Guide line for the use of Drone in Bass Coast (link)

## **Image Library**

Bass Coast Shire Council has developed a library of images of various possible filming locations around the Shire. The images are to help promote what the region has to offer prospective film makers.

## **Low Impact Filming**

Most people conducting commercial filming must apply for a permit to use public space. If filming activities are minor and 'low impact' (see below) a filming permit may not be required. Regardless of a permit being required contact must be made with the Bass Coast Shire Council Events team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) for approval to film in Council managed locations. To approve a low impact filming activity proof of current public liability insurance and two (2) business days' notice is required.

Low impact filming activities are defined by the following criteria:

- a filming activity of six people or less (includes all production crew and talent) for one day
- no more than one camera, one tripod, and handheld sound recording equipment
- public safety is maintained at all times and all public pathways, footpaths and roads must not be blocked

## **Filming Approval Act 2014**

In August 2014 the Victorian Government passed new legislation to standardise the process for obtaining commercial filming permits on public land managed by local councils and state government agencies in Victoria.

The Filming Approval Act 2014, effective 1 March 2015, provides a framework for the approval of filming permits. It outlines eight film friendly principles and the guidelines for commercial filming on public land across the state.

Victoria's Film Friendly Guidelines can be viewed on [www.film.vic.gov.au/film-in-victoria](http://www.film.vic.gov.au/film-in-victoria)