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Advocacy Plan 2021-2025



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Delivering major projects

Council commitment to advocacy

Under the Local Government Act 2020 Council must give effect to a number of governance principles including:

- achieving the best outcomes for the community;
- promoting the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipality; and,
- pursuing innovation and continuous improvement.

Council is cognisant of these principles and has prepared this Advocacy Plan in line with meeting these obligations to our community.



About Warrnambool

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Warrnambool is a thriving city of 35,500 people and growing.

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The municipality of 120 sqkm is situated within Victoria's most productive farming region and also contains the small towns of Allansford, Woodford and Bushfield.

Aboriginal people have lived in Warrnambool and the South West for more than 40,000 years while archaeological evidence at Moyjil/ Point Ritchie suggests this connection to Country could have endured for more than 80,000 years. In 1918 Warrnambool was declared a city.

In recent years Warrnambool's population has grown rapidly. Warrnambool City Council is planning for a population that could

reach 50,000 by 2036. In 2020/21 Warrnambool reported unprecedented levels of residential building activity broadly double the historical annual average with latent demand for more housing. These indicators suggest a further rise in Warrnambool's population growth in coming years. Warrnambool has more than 2,800 registered businesses and significant employment sectors commensurate with a growing regional city which include health and social assistance (19.69 per cent of those employed), retail (14.23 per cent), education and training (10.07 per cent), accommodation and food services (9.2 per cent) and construction (7.75 per cent).

There are 16,653 jobs in Warrnambool and the municipality's annual economic

output is \$4.7 billion. The Construction industry sector makes the greatest contribution to economic output in the region, which at \$599.5 million accounts for 12.82% of total output. Source: REMPLAN, September 2021.

Warrnambool is a major employment base for the food and fibre sector with significant dairy and meat industries along with an extensive supply chain which services agricultural enterprises.

Tourism is another major driver of the city's economy with the city positioned within the Great Ocean Road region and home to the award-winning Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village. Pre-pandemic Warrnambool hosted more than 700,000 visitors annually. Tertiary education providers Deakin University and South West TAFE have

campuses in Warrnambool which, along with bringing students to the city, provide local people with opportunities to pursue education and vocational training without having to leave the region.

Warrnambool City Council is a major employer and provides a range of community services and also owns and manages community assets including the aquatic centre AquaZone, Warrnambool Art Gallery, Warrnambool Stadium, the Lighthouse Theatre, Surfside Holiday Park and major tourist attraction Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village. Each year Warrnambool City Council manages operating budgets of between \$85 million and \$95 million, depending on the capital works projects being undertaken.

Warrnambool by numbers

Population: **35,000**

Area: **120sqkm**

Rivers: **the Hopkins and the Merri**

Tertiary education: **South West TAFE and Deakin University**

Health: **Warrnambool Base Hospital, Warrnambool Cancer Centre**

Businesses: **2,800-plus**

Unemployment rate: **3.9% (as at June Quarter 2021)**

Distance from Melbourne: **270km**



Transport infrastructure

Air: Warrnambool Regional Airport

Rail: four daily return services to Melbourne

Road: Princes Highway

Climate:

Statistics	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Mean maximum temperature (°C)	24.8	24.8	23.1	20.0	16.5	14.1	13.4	14.3	16.0	18.1	20.6	22.6	19.0
Mean minimum temperature (°C)	11.8	12.4	11.0	9.0	7.5	5.8	5.5	5.8	6.7	7.4	9.2	10.2	8.5
Mean rainfall (mm)	36.7	31.2	47.3	53.8	76.4	77.6	84.9	93.3	74.5	65.1	51.8	2	732.1
Mean number of days of rain \geq 1 mm	4.9	4.6	6.8	8.3	12.8	12.0	15.1	14.8	11.9	10.7	7.7	6.9	116.5

The region we service – South-West Victoria

South-West Victoria covers 23,000sqkm and is home to more than 120,000 people.

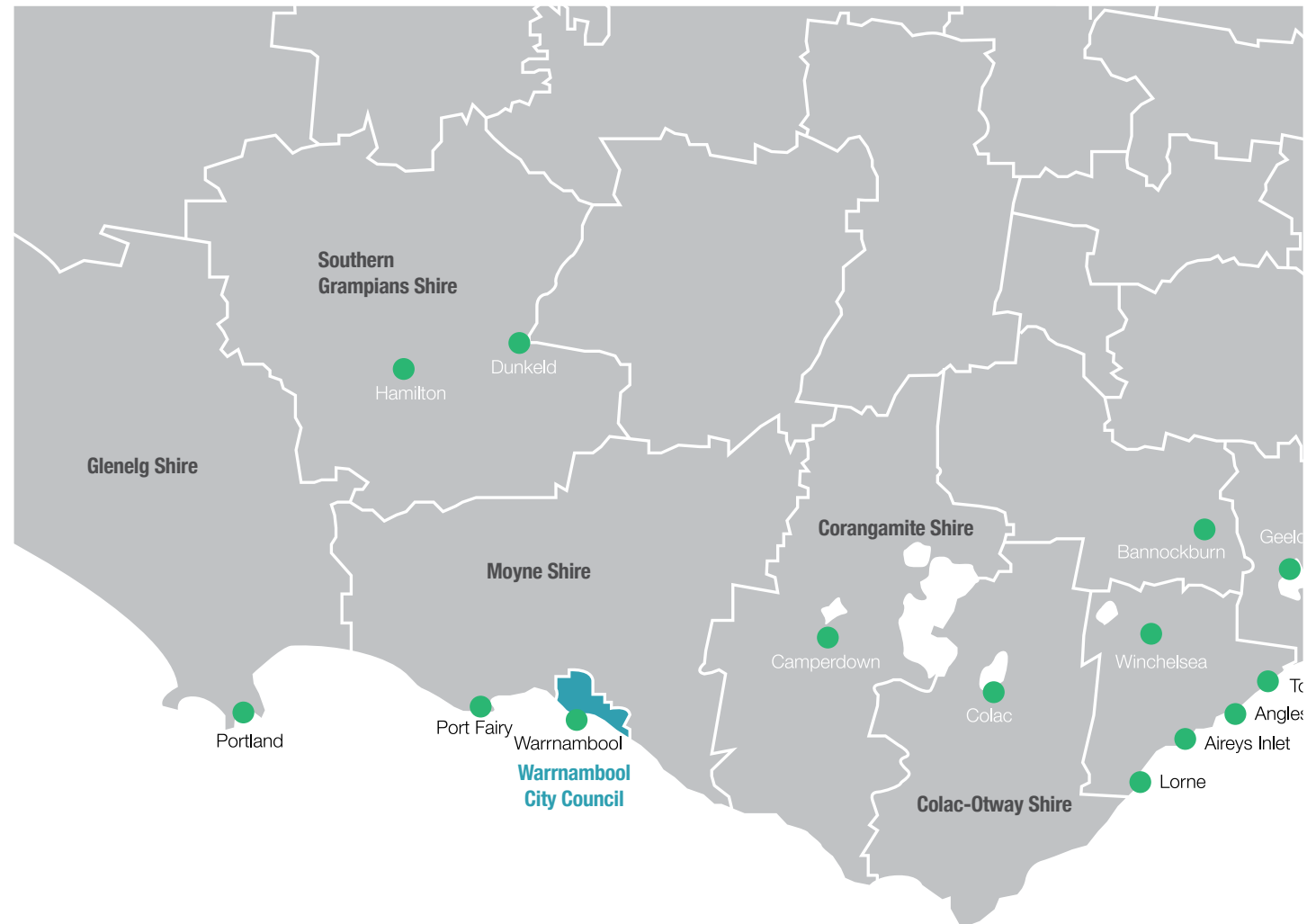
The region extends from Apollo Bay in the east to the South Australian border in the west and includes the municipalities of Corangamite, Moyne, Southern Grampians, Glenelg, Colac-Otway and Warrnambool. Key cities and towns include Warrnambool, Port Fairy, Portland, Camperdown, Colac and Hamilton.

The region is a major centre for traditional industries including agriculture (dairy, meat, wool and grain), fishing, forestry, mining and tourism, with emerging opportunities in energy production.

South-West Victoria is home to two of Victoria's iconic tourism assets, the Shipwreck Coast including the Great Ocean Road and Twelve Apostles, and the southern end of the Grampians. The Shipwreck Coast is Victoria's number one tourism destination and marketing icon, attracting more than five million visitors each year.

The region is also abundant in renewable energy assets (wind, geothermal, wave and natural gas reserves), and is becoming a major alternative energy hub.

In order to achieve and sustain future growth and maximise the region's potential, there is a need to expand the workforce, upgrade infrastructure and improve local services.



South-West Victoria

Population: 120,000

Main centres: Warrnambool, Portland, Hamilton, Port Fairy, Camperdown, Colac

Iconic attractions: Great Ocean Road and the 12 Apostles, southern section of the Grampians



Warrnambool, capital of the South West

Warrnambool continues to record the fastest growth of towns and cities in the South West.

It is expected that this trend will continue and the city is in a position to continue to grow with structure plans having created a residential and industrial land supply that will last beyond the next two decades.

The economy

The following sectors account for over two-thirds of employees whose place of work is located within Warrnambool: healthcare and social assistance; retail trade; education and training; accommodation and food services; construction and manufacturing.

Warrnambool is a popular and expanding tourism destination which draws around 700,000 visitors each year. Property and business services, Government administration and construction are also key growth sectors in the City.

Employment: 16,653 jobs
Gross regional product: \$2.308 billion

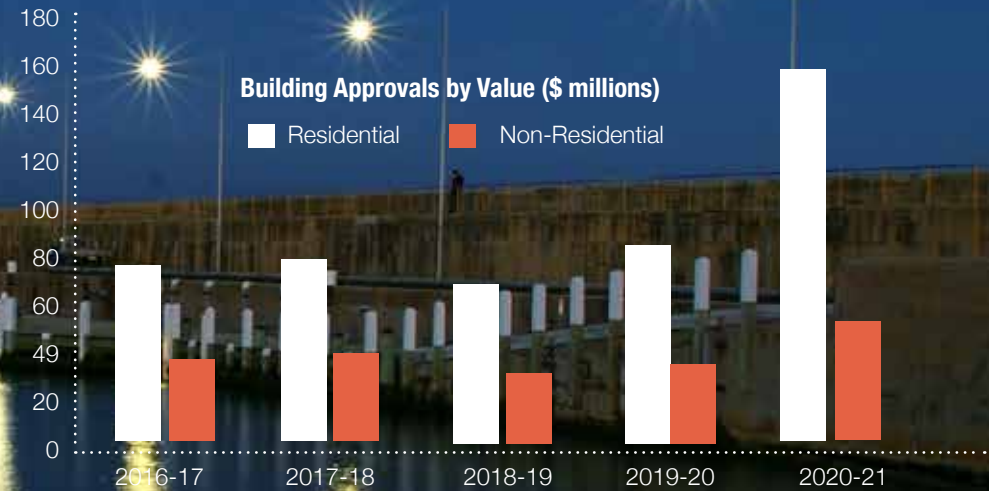
Industry	Jobs
Health Care & Social Assistance	3,279
Retail Trade	2,370
Education & Training	1,677
Accommodation & Food Services	1,532
Construction	1,290
Manufacturing	959
Public Administration & Safety	929
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	752
Other Services	697
Wholesale Trade	586
Transport, Postal & Warehousing	556
Administrative & Support Services	518
Financial & Insurance Services	345
Electricity, Gas, Water & Waste Services	328
Arts & Recreation Services	260
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate Services	212
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	192
Information Media & Telecommunications	167
Mining	4
Total	16,653



Source: ABS Building Approvals Cat 8731.0

The table above illustrates the buoyant construction environment in Warrnambool with a sharp jump in housing approvals over 2020-2021 which included significantly more housing diversity than previous years.

Note: Other residential includes flats, units, apartment and townhouses.



Source: ABS Building Approvals, Cat. 8731.0

The table above shows the value of building approvals over the past five years.



Future Warrnambool

In 2017 and 2018 the Warrnambool community took part in a community engagement project that led to the development of a long-term community plan, Warrnambool 2040.

That plan provides a strategic roadmap for the next two decades and describes where the community wants to go and how to get there.

Warrnambool 2040 considered a range of priority actions and aspirations in the key areas of people, place, environment and economy. In 2021 Council officially endorsed Warrnambool 2040.

Warrnambool 2040 – long-term goals

OUR PEOPLE:

Warrnambool will be a city where all people thrive

1. A welcoming and inclusive city
2. A safe and connected community
3. Warrnambool's people are healthy
4. Value local Aboriginal identity and culture
5. A learning community

OUR PLACE:

Warrnambool will be Australia's most liveable regional city

1. An affordable and accessible place to live for everyone
2. Encourages and prioritises sustainable transport
3. Well-connected outside the city
4. Has accessible, high-quality public spaces and facilities

OUR ECONOMY:

Warrnambool will be Australia's most resilient & thriving regional economy

1. Embrace digital innovation and technological change
2. Grow a resilient and diverse economy
3. Foster a creative and collaborative culture
4. Think globally

OUR ENVIRONMENT:

Warrnambool will be Australia's most sustainable city.

1. ZERO WARRNAMBOOL - innovative, solutions for zero net emissions
2. ADAPTABLE WARRNAMBOOL - adapt to the impacts of climate change
3. WISE WARRNAMBOOL – a wise city, that wastes not
4. NATURAL WARRNAMBOOL - enjoy, love, respect and care for the natural environment
5. BLUE WARRNAMBOOL - water for life
6. GREEN WARRNAMBOOL - a city in nature

Our city and regional advocacy priorities

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These priorities accord with the long-term community vision, Warrnambool 2040, and the Council Plan 2021-2025.
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- Safer, more user-friendly boat launching at the Port of Warrnambool
- Restoration of the historic breakwater at the Port of Warrnambool.
- Upgrade of the aquatic centre and investigation into the viability of a multi-sport precinct.
- Modern facilities for the Warrnambool Surf Life Saving Club.
- Small town structure plan.
- Small town sewerage upgrades.
- A new Warrnambool Art Gallery building.
- Improved frequency, speed and accessibility of V/Line services.

A new community aquatic and fitness centre

The Warrnambool community is currently served by popular council-owned fitness and aquatic centre, AquaZone.

AquaZone features a 50m outdoor pool (open seasonally), a 25m indoor pool, a shallow learn-to-swim pool and a toddlers pool (open year-round).

It also contains a spin cycle (exercise bike) space and a gymnasium able to accommodate people of all-abilities.

Although AquaZone has been refurbished over the years to maintain functionality and compliance, it now struggles to meet the demands of a growing community.

Pre-COVID-19 AquaZone recorded circa 200,000 visits annually. It is a facility that serves the region, with many clients coming from the surrounding Moyne Shire, which is without a comparable aquatic centre.

Strategic alignment

The community, through the Warrnambool 2040 plan, aspires to have community, cultural and recreational facilities that support and encourage healthy lifestyles and that are accessible and available to all residents - particularly people who are vulnerable or disadvantaged.

Council's recreation strategy, Active Warrnambool, outlines a commitment to "undertake work to guide the future provision of aquatic facilities in the city post-2025."

The facility has limitations in terms of floor area, it also has challenges which relate to having a 50-metre outdoor pool that has served the community well but which, after nearly six decades, presents ongoing and costly maintenance issues.

In considering the provision of a new aquatic centre, Council is cognisant of the potential to achieve longer term operational savings through co-location with other key sporting and recreational facilities, including the Warrnambool Stadium and an athletics facility.

What we are seeking

Council is proposing a rigorous evaluation this will include feasibility study that will consider several options including:

- Rebuilding of AquaZone at the current site;
- Rebuild of AquaZone at a new site;
- Co-location of sports facilities in a precinct that includes an aquatic centre, multi-sport stadium and athletics track.

Funding for a feasibility study: \$200,000



A safer Port of Warrnambool

Fishing has long been a favourite recreational pursuit among Victorians and South-West Victoria provides some of the state's most exciting and bountiful off-shore fishing.

The Port of Warrnambool provides a launching place for commercial and recreational fishing vessels. The Port manager, Warrnambool City Council, is committed to providing safer boating facilities.

The Port of Warrnambool, constructed at the western end of Lady Bay, consists of a boat ramp, an historic 19th century breakwater and other facilities including a jetty, power and water supplies.

Breakwater repair

The breakwater has, in recent years, shown signs of serious deterioration. The eastern or seaward end of the breakwater is particularly vulnerable and was closed to foot traffic following a severe storm in May, 2021, that lifted pavement, flicked stone capping into the ocean and ripped out safety railing.

The loss of pedestrian access has meant the loss of an important visitor attraction.

Council will advocate for the repair of this important, historic state-owned asset.

The restoration has two aspects:

Visitor amenity: this includes repairs to breakwater pavement, railing and capping in order to restore access to the full length of the 400m breakwater.

Breakwater integrity: to prevent further deterioration of the structure significant rock armoury needs to be installed along the south facing side of the breakwater, the eastern end and a short span along the northern side.

Better boat launching

Lady Bay is part of the Shipwreck Coast and faces the Southern Ocean. Conditions for launching boats are frequently challenging.

It is estimated that prevailing conditions mean it is safe to launch a boat less than 50% of the time.

Better Boating Victoria has provided \$3.5 million to upgrade the boat ramp at the Port. A new ramp will enable safer launching and retrieval of boats at Lady Bay, particularly in combination with a regular dredging schedule.

To protect the investment in the boat ramp, Council is seeking to implement a schedule of regular dredging. This will ensure the new boat ramp remains functional in the medium to long-term.

It is anticipated that the combination of an improved boat ramp and regular dredging will result in conditions that will enable safer boat launching about 70 per cent of the time.

The benefits

The improved launching facilities will be used by recreational and commercial vessels along with the Warrnambool Coast Guard.

Enhanced boat launching facilities align with the Victorian Government's plan to increase participation in recreational fishing.

The project also aligns with the objectives of the Boating Safety and Facilities Program, in particular:

- ensures safe access to waterways
- decreases boating incidents and fatalities
- improves boating facilities and the planning of these facilities
- promotes increased safety
- provides improved search and rescue services

Warrnambool Harbour Master Plan adopted in March 2018 identifies the historic Warrnambool Breakwater as a key structure at the Port of Warrnambool that requires ongoing maintenance.

Strategic alignment

The long-term community plan Warrnambool 2040 contains an aspiration for Warrnambool to Australia's most liveable regional city with "accessible, high-quality public spaces and facilities". The Port of Warrnambool Master Plan also describes the works required at the port including safer boat launching and notes that the breakwater, which is under a heritage overlay, requires ongoing maintenance.



What we are seeking

Breakwater

Repair storm damage

- Permanently fencing the far end of the breakwater with an access gate \$4,600.
- Permanently fencing the far end of the upper walkway \$880.
- Replacing the dislodged seat capping including stainless pins \$9,600.
- Replacing the light at the boat ramp \$7,500.

Breakwater upper walkway

Midsection concrete repairs: \$80,000.

Repair concrete seating, lower section, \$10,000.

End section concrete and handrail repairs: \$30,000 (concrete), \$20,000 (handrail).

Total: \$140,000.

Construction of the rock armouring:

estimated cost \$8 million-plus.

Dredging

Initial major dredging, \$850,000.

Maintenance dredging

Interval for maintenance dredging is like to be two to three years.

Over a 10-year period this is estimated at \$2.4 million.



Warrnambool Surf Life Saving Club – upgrade to a 21st century facility

The home of the Warrnambool Surf Life Saving Club is approaching the end of its useful life.

The Warrnambool Surf Life Saving Club is a Life Saving Victoria club and operates as an emergency service under Emergency Management Victoria to deliver beach patrols, an after-hours response, surf sports training, Nippers (juniors) and public surf safety education programs.

The building occupied by the club, which dates from the 1950s, cannot accommodate the growing club membership and does not meet 21st century expectations and regulations for all-abilities access.

The building is Council-owned and situated on Crown Land. The Club is proposing that the current building be replaced with a modern facility. Preliminary plans for a new building achieve objectives of providing improved surveillance of the swimming area, greater accessibility, meeting rooms that can accommodate the club's growing membership and storage areas for surf boats and trailers. Plans also include dedicated training rooms, a First Aid room, modern changerooms, a patrol support and training room and storage for emergency response equipment.

It is also proposed that in keeping with current building any new facility would have a section leased out for a commercial restaurant business which would generate revenue to assist with building maintenance and other operating costs.

Strategic alignment

The long-term community plan Warrnambool 2040 seeks to have public infrastructure that is accessible for everyone and encourages social connection by providing activities to suit all ages and abilities.

The plan also seeks to have facilities and activities that “support and encourage healthy lifestyles”.

What we will do

Council will continue to work with the Warrnambool Surf Lifesaving Club to develop a modern facility that enhances and provides for Beach and Water Safety for all, through volunteer lifesaving and that meets the needs of the Warrnambool community.

The Warrnambool Surf Life Saving Club building is no longer fit-for-purpose.





Rail – more frequent, faster and more accessible

Warrnambool, Victoria's largest coastal city outside Port Phillip Bay, is situated at the terminus of the South Western rail corridor.

The South Western rail corridor services a population, including Geelong, in excess of 350,000 people. Currently, four daily return services operate between Warrnambool and Melbourne.

Improved public transport means better social connectivity and improved two-way opportunities to conduct business, access sporting and cultural events, educational institutions and medical services.

Warrnambool has a Base Hospital which services Victoria's South West and south-east South Australia. It also has a Deakin University campus and the main campus for the South West Institute of TAFE. Along with Warrnambool's professional services these facilities contribute to our city being a regional destination with a growing population. The provision of reliable and regular rail services has proven to be a significant driver of growth in regional Victoria. This is evident along the rail corridors serviced by the VLocity trains: Geelong (51 Mon-Fri daily services), Ballarat (20 services), Bendigo (20 services) and the Latrobe Valley (19 services).

The rail services in these centres, and other Victorian regional cities, are complemented by dual carriageway roads.

Accessible, thriving regional centres help ease pressure on an ever-expanding Melbourne.

Council recognises the significant investment that has been made to improve the rail line and this critically important work is now under way.

Over time an upgrade of the ageing rolling stock is desirable. In recent years issues have arisen around some V/Line carriages being inaccessible to wheelchair users. This is a deterrent to rail travel and in some instances has meant that V/Line has had to subsidise taxi fares between Warrnambool and Melbourne for passengers using wheelchairs.

Strategic alignment

The long-term community plan, Warrnambool 2040, contains an aspiration to have the rail trip between Warrnambool and Melbourne reduced to two hours by 2040.

An upgrade of the station would also assist with its function as an important regional hub

for the Hamilton and Portland communities whose residents come to Warrnambool for connecting train services and for educational, business and medical services.

Warrnambool City Council's desire to see the number of rail services increased is shared by the South-West Victorian group of Councils which include the municipalities of Moyne, Corangamite, Southern Grampians, Glenelg and Colac-Otway. Residents within these municipalities access the South Western Victoria rail line.

What we are seeking

- Fifth weekday service which could be an express to Geelong, then express from Geelong to Melbourne.
- A long-term plan for the South Western Rail Corridor that considers replacement of ageing rolling stock, improved accessibility of the trains and the Warrnambool Station and shorter travel times.

Flagstaff Hill - Future Directions

Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village is a significant built visitor attraction in Warrnambool.

The village is situated on a prime central location on Crown land which overlooks the ocean. Each year more than 50,000 people visit the museum, recreated 19th century fishing village and a sound and light show which operates at night.

The village, alongside the Visitor Information Centre and a popular restaurant, requires a subsidy from Council each year. Council is looking at opportunities to maximise the benefits of what is a unique location with enormous potential.

This process has already received Victorian Government support in the form of a \$110,000 grant to progress a Flagstaff Hill master plan and business case. As part of the business case development, Council is engaging with stakeholders including the Great Ocean Road Parks and Coast Authority.

The master plan and business case will ultimately provide certainty over the type of development that could occur at the site.

Strategic alignment

The long-term community plan Warrnambool 2040 includes an aspiration for the city to have “high-quality, regional-level arts, cultural and recreational facilities which are activated and programmed to meet the needs of the whole community and to attract visitors”.

What we are seeking

This is Crown land and any land use change will require the consent and endorsement of the Victorian Government.



Warrnambool Art Gallery

Operated by Council, the Warrnambool Art Gallery, known locally as the WAG, is a vitally important cultural institution that actively engages the local arts community, the Aboriginal community, students and visitors to Warrnambool.

The WAG has reached the limits of its capacity to meet the growing needs of the arts community, the wider community and visitors to Warrnambool and the region.

The WAG can display only a fraction of its amazing permanent collection. The vast majority of its collection is in storage and unable to be viewed on a regular basis by the public.

The WAG's capacity to host new exhibitions is also limited. Equally significant are the challenges around climate control in the current building. Having the right environment within the gallery is of critical importance for the proper care of valuable and irreplaceable works of art.

The guiding vision for the future WAG is: "A new place that is more connected to the civic and natural setting of Warrnambool and which embraces local Indigenous culture".

WAG is exploring option which include a new building on the current site or a new building at nearby Cannon Hill. These options have been examined in a feasibility study produced by SMA Tourism on behalf of the WAG.

Council will ask the community for feedback on a preferred site.

Once a preferred site has been identified a

business case will be required for the long-term future of the WAG to be secured.

Funding for the business case is being finalised.

Strategic alignment

The long-term community plan Warrnambool 2040 anticipates planning for a new gallery building to be under way.

What we are seeking

Funding for the design and construction of a new WAG building pending the completion of the business case.





Brierly Park

Brierly Park is an important 12ha open space for the growing population in the northern area of Warrnambool.

The park contains some sporting facilities including cricket ovals and related buildings. The population of north-east Warrnambool and the adjacent urban area known as North of Merri is 5,150. These areas are growing at a rate of about 1.6 per cent annually.

Council is updating a master plan that will guide improvements to the park and its infrastructure over the coming decade. An early master plan identified an opportunity for Brierly Park to accommodate a multi-purpose community building.

Following the updated master plan Council will prepare a business plan ahead of seeking funding for infrastructure improvements at Brierly Park.

Strategic alignment

The long-term community plan Warrnambool 2040 includes an initiative to seek funding for implementation of the Brierly Park Master Plan.

What we are seeking

Council will seek funds to implement infrastructure improvements following the completion of a business plan.

Bushfield- Woodford Structure Plan

Council received strong representations from the Woodford and Bushfield communities in 2021 during Council Plan consultation with items raised including a community hub, skatepark, traffic management and improvements to the Bushfield Recreation Reserve.

Council has committed to further consultation with residents to better understand township priorities.

Council will also submit an application to the Victorian Planning Authority to fund a structure plan for the Bushfield-Woodford townships.

Strategic alignment

The long-term community plan Warrnambool 2040 includes a goal to have all public spaces, infrastructure and facilities designed to be accessible for everyone and which encourage social connection.

What we are seeking

Funding for the development of a Bushfield-Woodford Structure Plan.

Raglan Parade Pedestrian Safety

Council has received approaches from community members concerned about pedestrian safety along Raglan Parade. The concerns centre around the safety of students crossing Raglan Parade when commuter traffic is at its peak.

Council is working with Regional Roads Victoria to consider treatments that would improve safety without the requirement to lower the speed limit. Outcomes will be aligned with the Botanic Local Area Traffic Management Plan.

Strategic alignment

The long-term community plan, Warrnambool 2040, states that Warrnambool will be a city where all people thrive and which has a “safe and connected community”. By 2040 Warrnambool is to have an urban environment in which “most children walk or cycle to school daily” and “most adults walk or cycle for transport daily”.

What we are seeking

Pedestrian safety measures to be introduced along Raglan Parade by Regional Roads Victoria.



Small Town Sewerage Upgrades

The Warrnambool municipality is growing at a steady pace and this growth extends beyond the main city of Warrnambool to the small towns of Allansford, Bushfield and Woodford.

Residential growth in these towns is expected to grow however a constraint on that growth is the current sewerage system.

What Council will do

Council will work with Wannon Water and the Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authority to ensure the effluent management needs are met.



Delivering on investment

Warrnambool currently has a strong investment pipeline with a large number of major projects at an advanced planning stage, with planning approval, or under construction.

In aggregate these investments conservatively exceed \$600 million across many of our City's major employing sectors – health and social services, education, food and fibre, aged care, water, and tourism.

Warrnambool City Council's track record indicates a capacity to successfully deliver major projects that have attracted external funding.

These projects show the benefit of investment in Warrnambool and its people.



City Centre Renewal

The 2017-2018 \$18 million renewal of Warrnambool's main street and nearby key intersections was a once-in-a-generation project.

The renewal transformed tired infrastructure into an inviting and accessible space that has a focus on people instead of cars. Activity nodes, wider footpaths paved with local basalt, feature lighting, new street furniture and the elimination of kerbs were among the changes. Below ground, ageing and failing drainage and service conduits were replaced.

The business support program, designed to attract customers to the city centre while the construction under way, went on to win the 2019 Economic Development Australia marketing and promotion award.

The project was funded by Council with an additional \$5 million from the Victorian Government and a further \$5 million from the Australian Government.



Now under way or
recently completed



Reid Oval Redevelopment

This project positions Reid Oval as the region's premier sports ground.

With support from the Victorian Government Council has:

- upgraded the playing surface on Reid Oval to a regional standard for AFL and cricket;
- upgraded lighting to allow night fixtures to be played;
- built modern player and umpire facilities that cater equally for male and female players and umpires;
- built spectator amenities; and,
- improved cricket training facilities.

Funding:

Victorian Government, \$10 million; Warrnambool City Council, \$3 million, Cricket Victoria \$200,000; AFL Victoria, \$250,000.

Library and Learning Hub – a shared learning space with South West TAFE

Warrnambool City Council and South West TAFE are building a new \$20.25 million shared library.

Right: the library under construction at the South West TAFE campus, September 2021.

The library was made possible through a \$16.3 million contribution by the Victorian Government, \$3 million from Council, the provision of prime CBD land by SW TAFE and generous philanthropic support. The new library will be operated by the Warrnambool City Council for the benefit of both TAFE and Warrnambool communities.

The new building will have greater accessibility, more access to computers, improved study and meeting spaces, a vibrant children's library, generous collection spaces and room to expand for our growing community.





Lake Pertobe Adventure Park upgrade

Lake Pertobe is a garden, park and series of playgrounds situated behind Warrnambool's foreshore.

It is a major drawcard for visitors and residents and is undergoing a \$2.9 million upgrade.

The middle playground will receive a major overhaul with new features including a water play space, an indigenous play and soundscape area, all-abilities equipment, sensory games, an eight metre slide and south-west Victoria's largest climbing net.

Other upgrades include new paths between key areas in the park and a toilet toilet and change room facility to the south of Pertobe Road in McGennans Car Park.

These components were identified as part of the Lake Pertobe Master Plan, which was created based on extensive consultation with the community.

Funding: Australian Government, \$1.45 million; Warrnambool City Council, \$1.45 million.