

# YOU CAME TO PLAY... **now want to stay?**



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Great South Coast Region

## MAKE IT HAPPEN IN THE GREAT SOUTH COAST REGION...

**AN IMPRESSIVE COMBINATION OF WIDE OPEN SPACES, thriving cities and towns, clean living and a relaxed lifestyle ensures the Great South Coast is one of Australia's most vibrant and exciting regions in which to live, work and invest. People living in the region enjoy excellent education and health services, sporting and recreational facilities, retail shopping, as well as an established arts scene and busy calendar of festivals and events.**

**From the beauty of the Great Ocean Road to rainforests, lush farming districts and the craggy rocks and mountains of the Grampians National Park, residents can choose a wide range of lifestyles.**



### EVERYDAY LIVING

Protected rainforests, spectacular coastlines, mountain cliffs, volcanic craters, lakes and waterfalls offer a multitude of outdoor activities for families and sporting enthusiasts living in the region. Water sports are very popular with renowned surf beaches and world-class diving.

There are a number of enviable sports complexes, golf courses and aquatic centres and the region offers sporting clubs for just about every sporting interest. Thoroughbred and harness racing courses, speedways and go-karting facilities also run throughout the year.

Daily rail services operate, connecting the Great South Coast region with Melbourne and the national rail system. Buses travel regularly throughout the region and to Melbourne. Daily air services to Melbourne are available from Hamilton and Portland.

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Aluminium Smelting; Automotive; Building; Childcare; Community services; Construction; Dairy and meat processing; Education; Engineering; Fishing; Food trades; Health; Legal; Manufacturing; Mineral sands; Plantation timber harvesting; Quarrying; Retail; Seafood and Primary industries; Tourism; Wool production; Wind energy and Gas fired power generator.



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**THINGS TO SEE AND DO** Explore the wild ocean and wind-swept coast, stunning national and coastal parks, the bustling seaside city of Warrnambool and historic Port Fairy and Portland. Be inspired by the towering Twelve Apostles rock stacks, the diverse rural hinterland, the mountains of the Grampians and discover the region's tumultuous volcanic past, great lakes and native animals.

Then there's the Great Ocean Road, which passes through some of the most spectacular coastal scenery in the world. Great surfing beaches, picturesque seaside towns, and holiday villages will keep you busy. Not to mention the fabulous restaurants, cinemas, live music venues and numerous fairs and festivals throughout the year.

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING** 12 hospitals - Doctors, community nurses, dentists, child and maternal health centres, pharmacies and alternative health practitioners provide high-quality health care throughout the Great South Coast region. Hospital facilities with emergency care are offered at a number of centres.

**LEARNING AND EDUCATION** 41 pre-schools, 66 primary schools, 25 secondary schools, TAFE Colleges, South West TAFE Glenormiston (agricultural studies), RMIT (Hamilton) and Deakin University (Warrnambool).

The Great South Coast is highly regarded as a centre of excellence in education. Government and independent facilities are available across the region. TAFE Colleges operate in a number of centres with RMIT and Deakin University offering tertiary courses at local campuses.

**WORK** The area's rich soil provides the basis for thriving industries in horticulture, viticulture, dairy production, timber plantation/harvesting, cattle grazing and wool production. The region is also home to a wide range of industries including manufacturing, service, forestry and fishing. The area attracts large numbers of tourists throughout the year, making tourism and retail growing industries.

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#### POPULATION

125,967 est.

(est. = estimated combined regional population)

Colac	21,448
Corangamite	17,270
Glenelg Shire	20,871
Moyne	16,215
Southern Grampians	17,451
Warrnambool	32,712

#### THE WEATHER

	Summer	Winter
Average Max Temp	23.6 °C	13.3 °C
Average Min Temp	7.8 °C	5.4 °C
Average Rainfall	102.5mm	249.2mm

#### PROPERTY PRICES

Median Housing Cost	House	Unit
Camperdown	\$180,000	\$170,000
Colac	\$222,000	\$185,000
Hamilton	\$195,000	\$290,000
Port Fairy	\$292,500	\$275,000
Portland	\$194,500	\$163,000
Warrnambool	\$296,125	\$216,000*

\*Inaccurate or incomplete data series for previous figure

#### Median Weekly Rental Cost

	House 3 bdrm	Unit 2 bdrm
Colac Otway Shire	\$200	\$170
Corangamite Shire	\$180	\$160
Glenelg Shire	\$190	\$135
Moyne Shire	\$190	\$155
Southern Grampians Shire	\$200	\$170
Warrnambool City	\$245	\$180

#### TRAVELLING TIMES

Melbourne	Distance	Time
Melb - Camperdown	190kms	2h 25m
Melb - Colac	150kms	1h 50m
Melb - Hamilton	300kms	3h 40m
Melb - Port Fairy	290kms	3h 45m
Melb - Portland	360kms	4h 40m
Melb - Warrnambool	260kms	3hr#

# Reduction in travel time based on Geelong by-pass

#### Neighbouring towns

Colac - Camperdown	45kms	35m
Portland - Colac	210kms	2h 50m
Portland - Port Fairy	70kms	55m
Warrnambool - Colac	110kms	1h 15m
Warrnambool - Hamilton	110kms	1h 15m



The Great South Coast region is working in partnership with the Victorian Government to encourage more people to live, work and invest in provincial Victoria through the 'Make it Happen in Provincial Victoria' campaign.

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