



Baw Baw Culture and Connection Precinct.

We're advocating for a new culture and community connection precinct for all in the heart of Baw Baw Shire.

The Baw Baw Culture and Connection Precinct aspires to build on existing underutilised areas surrounding the West Gippsland Arts Centre and Civic Park to create a new civic and community building, improve open spaces and maximise opportunities for community connectedness. Located in the heart of Warragul – Baw Baw's largest town – the precinct will provide vital social infrastructure to service our rapidly growing community for generations to come.

The \$30 million multi-level facility will feature a new community library with reading/study zones, a gallery and cultural space, community meeting rooms, co-working areas, cafe, rooftop terrace – all with accessible amenities, underground car parking and pedestrian connections to surrounds.



Connect

An inviting and inspiring place for our community to meet, collaborate and forge strong connections.



Belong

A safe and inclusive space to celebrate all walks of life that make up our diverse and vibrant community.



Learn

A place to nurture learning, innovation and development opportunities for both children and adults in our community.



Play

A fun and exciting place to come together and explore arts, culture, music and even digital gaming.



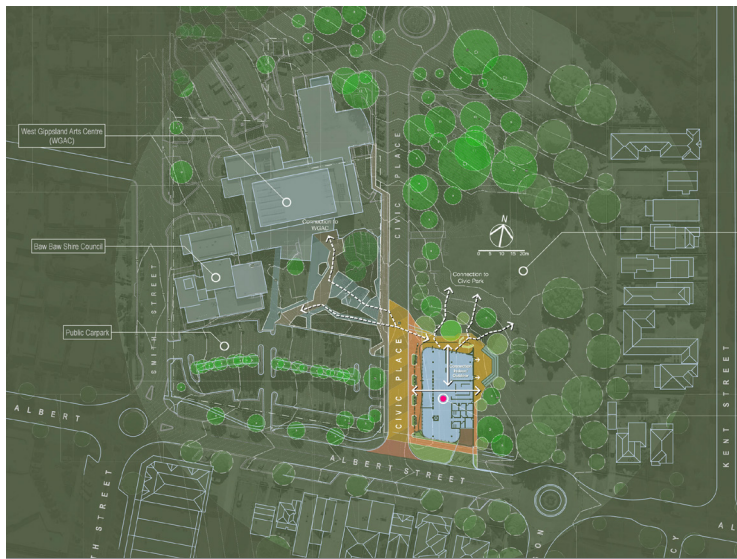
What do we need?

Baw Baw Shire Council has pledged \$10 million for the Culture and Connection Precinct – the largest investment in a single project in Council's history.

We are now seeking funding support of \$10 million each from both State and Federal Governments to deliver this vital and significant community facility.

\$10 Million	Baw Baw Shire Council	✓
\$10 Million	State Government	?
\$10 Million	Federal Government	?

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Connecting the Warragul township.

Perfectly positioned on the northern fringe of Warragul's town centre, the new facility will integrate seamlessly with the existing West Gippsland Arts Centre – Baw Baw's key arts, entertainment and culture venue – which recently underwent a successful \$14 million redevelopment and includes a 760 seat theatre, meeting rooms and function spaces.

The two buildings will be connected by an accessible pedestrian plaza that feeds into Warragul's town centre to the south and Civic Park to the north – a 12 acre established parkland with existing walking tracks and an accessible all-ages playground.

A new state of the art library will replace the old and outdated existing Warragul library currently positioned away from the town centre and other community amenities.

Land for the proposed facility is owned by Council and shovel-ready for development.



Accessible all-ages playground at Civic Park, Warragul

Supporting our growing community.

Baw Baw Shire is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Victoria. Over the past five years, our two largest towns Warragul and Drouin have seen record growth rates of 11% and 27% respectively, far exceeding the 2.5% state average.

Population and growth



54,888

Population 2021



80,000

Population 2041

31% Aged 24 years and younger

29% Aged 25 and 49 years

41% Aged 50 years and above

19 Babies born each week

39,221 West Gippsland Regional Library Corporation members (2019/20 WGRLC Annual Report)

Building a strong and resilient economy.

Baw Baw Shire Council is committed to enhancing our thriving economy by supporting local businesses/suppliers and providing more local jobs through Council projects.

Throughout construction the Baw Baw Cultural and Connection Precinct is estimated to have the following economic impact:

\$63M

Short term economic output including all direct, supply-chain and consumption effects

156 jobs

Equivalent jobs created by direct, supply-chain and consumption effects