



Community Requested Projects Funded in the 2023/24 Annual Budget

Council's draft budget was put out for community consultation from 13 April to 7 May 2023. During this time the community was invited to provide feedback and make submissions on the budget to ensure it is aligned with community expectations and long-term aspirations of the Shire.

As a direct result of the submissions received during this consultation period, 15 additional community-requested projects have been funded in the 2023/24 Annual Budget.

\$460,000 worth of community-requested infrastructure and projects have been added to the 2023/24 Annual Budget.

Projects funded

The following community submissions have been funded in the Annual Budget:

Project details	Town	Cost
Feasibility study to be undertaken to plan and design a suitable boardwalk situation through Alex Goudie park and 'Snake Gully'.	Drouin	\$30,000
Strategic placement of rocks to a minimum diameter of 800mm along the length of Golden Whistler reserve adjacent to McGlones Road.	Drouin	\$15,000
Undertake a feasibility study for a Environmental & Kurnai Cultural & Visitors Centre at Bellbird Park West inclusive of the business case and potential, the social and health benefits, the educational and tourism potential of the project.	Drouin	\$30,000
Scoping and design for 3 parallel car space in Beverley Street Drouin East.	Drouin East	\$10,000
Further investigation and completion of full day pedestrian movement assessments across various days at Neerim East Road to support investigation into alternate solutions.	Neerim South	\$5,000
Investigation, planning and design for a trail between Crater Lake and the Erica-Thomson Rail Trail to get the project shovel ready.	Rawson	\$30,000



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Projects funded – continued

Project details	Town	Cost
Renewal and replacement of the existing shelters at the Burke Street Netball precinct (subject to the 25% contribution from the WDNA as per their budget submission) and investigation of opportunity to install additional shelters in 24/25 to service remaining courts.	Warragul	\$60,000 (Council) + \$20,000 (WDNA contribution)
Establishment of a fence along the eastern boundary of the Army Drill Hall at 40 Alfred Street Warragul.	Warragul	\$5,000
Investigation and planning for a full upgrade of the lighting system at the Warragul North Tennis Courts to enable this project to be considered in the Sports Lighting Renewal Program.	Warragul	\$5,000
Investigation and Feasibility assessments of the proposed Watershed Trail project.	Warragul	\$75,000
Investigation, planning and design for a trail between Sutton Street and the existing path south of Bailey Drive to get the project shovel ready.	Warragul	\$50,000
Planning, design and engineering for new cricket nets for Western Park to support a future grant application or inclusion into the LTIP.	Warragul	\$15,000 (Council) + \$25,000 (Western Park Cricket Club)
Installation of pedestrian signage and investigation into the operation of the existing car park at Williams Square to support improved pedestrian and vehicle traffic movement.	Warragul	\$5,000
Investigation and planning to review and design lighting upgrades required to meet sporting requirements for night time competition at Western Park. This planning will enable Council to scope and begin to cost the project to then work with the users groups as to how this can be funded noting the clubs indication for financial and inkind works support for this project.	Warragul	\$30,000
Control of Pittosporum and Environmental Weeds and follow up revegetation.		\$50,000

\$415,000 from Council + \$45,000 club contributions = \$460,000 in new community-requested infrastructure and projects

Baw Baw Shire is one of the few Victorian Councils to withhold funds in the annual budget to allocate after the submissions process.

This ensures a truly democratic process that gives the community every opportunity to advocate for what is important to them.

