



Long Term Infrastructure Plan 2023/24 -2033/34

Plan, design, deliver – for a healthy, thriving and sustainable Baw Baw Shire.

Ahead of the 2023/24 Annual Budget, Council's Long Term Infrastructure Plan was reviewed and realigned to mitigate against the impacts of rising costs, interest rates, severe weather events and contractor shortages.

We have adopted an innovative 'plan, design, deliver' approach that will see \$58 million of community infrastructure delivered this financial year and create a Community Infrastructure Reserve to enable future investment in recreation facilities, early years infrastructure and community facilities for the benefit of our residents. This reserve will grow over time and provide opportunities for Council to respond and serve the growing needs of our community.

An additional \$1.5 million has also been allocated to boost our roads maintenance budget in readiness for the predicted impacts of La Nina.



Plan, Design, Deliver.

Plan

- Second sporting oval in Trafalgar

Design

- Major road reconstructions & roundabouts
- Public toilet facilities
- Sporting pavilions at Western Park, Longwarry Recreation Reserve, and Neerim South Rec Reserve

Deliver

- Warragul Leisure Centre Stadium Expansion – \$7.7 million
- Baw Baw Culture and Connection Precinct – Stage One – \$4.4 million (of a total estimated \$30 million)*
- Rokeby – Noojee Trail – \$3.65 million
- Rollo Street Masterplan – \$1.95 million
- Bellbird Park East Pavilion – \$1.57 million
- Baxter Park Pavilion Redevelopment – \$1.44 million

**These projects are dependent on grant approval funding. If grant approval funding does not occur, the project will be delayed.*

Delivering now, laying down markers for the future.

2023/2024 Project Highlights

Warragul Leisure Centre Stadium Expansion – \$7.70 million

- A game-changer for indoor sports, the WLC Stadium Expansion is one of the biggest projects in Baw Baw's history. It will see the addition of two multi-use indoor sports courts, a new café, changerooms and public amenities (including a Changing Places facility) and spectator viewing areas.

Baw Baw Culture and Connection Precinct – Stage One – \$4.20 million*

- In 2023/24 Council will continue to progress Stage One of the Baw Baw Culture and Connection Precinct – a state of the art, regionally significant library and learning centre. The multi-level facility will include a new community library, including a children's library, maker's space, video gaming, reading, collection and study areas and much more.
- **At a total estimated cost of \$30 million, the project is subject to external grant funding to progress to the delivery phase.*

Rokeby – Noojee Trail – \$3.65 million

- Stage one of the Rokeby – Noojee trail will progress with \$3.65 million upgrades to the existing trail sections between Rokeby to Crossover and Crossover to Apex Lookout in Neerim. The project aims to transform the popular recreational destination into a major tourist drawcard and provide an economic boost to the region.

Rollo Street Masterplan – \$1.95 million

- The \$1.95 million delivery of the Rollo Street Masterplan will transform the site of the old Yarragon Primary school into a valuable community open space with a shared loop path, shelter, park furniture, interactive play area, information signage, artwork, raised garden beds and established trees.

Bellbird Park East Pavilion – \$1.57 million

- The construction of a new multi-use pavilion catering to sporting clubs and community groups alike will see multiple outdated buildings at the site replaced with one fit-for-purpose community facility including: A commercial kitchen and servery, new storage spaces, four new player change rooms, two official's rooms with amenities, first aid room, office/meeting room, two canteens, amenities and additional carpark drop off zone.

Baxter Park Pavilion Redevelopment – \$1.44 million

- Following the completion of [Baw Baw's first synthetic soccer pitch project in 2021](#), the Baxter Park Pavilion Redevelopment project will add the final touches to a complete overhaul of the reserve, including new female-friendly changerooms, first aid room, storage, administration area, lighting and carpark upgrades, and an undercover spectator area added to the existing pavilion.



Safeguarding existing infrastructure.

Prudent infrastructure management is about more than delivering new projects. Baw Baw Shire Council takes a proactive approach to maintaining and renewing the valuable assets and infrastructure that our community already uses every day.

This year our Renewal Program will invest:

- \$16.8 million for road projects across the Shire, including upgrades to Weerong Road, Drouin and Saleyards Road, Trafalgar and 200,000 square metres of resealing works on 15 local roads.
- \$3.16 million for streetscape upgrade works in Drouin and Warragul.
- \$2.45 million for bridge related projects in Yarragon.
- \$1.24 million towards buildings and community facility projects, improving accessibility and amenities across throughout Baw Baw.
- \$2.4 million for recreation and open space projects, featuring the renewal of the senior soccer pitch at Bellbird Park, Drouin and playground renewals in Longwarry, Drouin, and Noojee.

