



2025/26 Capital Works Program

Boasting more than \$46 million in the year 2025/26, our Capital Works Program provides community facilities, assets, and infrastructure to service the current and emerging needs of our community.

We are so excited to present to you a suite of exciting projects, some of which are already underway and due for completion, and others that we're looking forward to making a start on.

This year you will see major streetscaping, road upgrades, refurbished playgrounds and Council buildings, tree planting, public lighting renewal, toilet block and footpath upgrades and so much more.

This year's draft budget is economically responsible and positions Council to deliver an exciting array of projects, services, and infrastructure for our rapidly growing community.

Did you know?

Baw Baw Shire Council now manages more than **\$1 billion** in assets.

Plan:

- 2026/27 Road Resealing Program
- Strategic review of the Burke Street Sporting and Logan Park Precincts

Design:

- Longwarry Pavillion
- Lighting renewal and upgrades across both indoor and outdoor facilities

Deliver:

- Blackspot Program – Sand Road and Princess Way, Longwarry: **\$1.3 million**
- Copelands Road, Warragul upgrade: **\$3 million**
- Drouin Streetscape Works (Commercial Place): **\$1.6 million**
- Dowton Park Pavilion Upgrade, Yarragon: **\$2.3 million**
- Facility Renewals: **\$1.65 million**
- Loch Street Footpath, Yarragon: **\$0.32 million**
- Rollo Street Masterplan Project, Yarragon: **\$600,000**



2025/26 infrastructure project highlights:

Baw Baw Cultural Connection Precinct (Stage 1)

- Works will begin in early 2026 for an exciting new library and community hub at the corner of Civic Place and Albert Street in Warragul.
- The project is set to be delivered over three financial years: 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28.

Warragul Leisure Water Heating Electrification: \$1.1 million

- Subject to a successful grant application, Council plans to upgrade the Warragul Leisure Centre to help reduce energy costs. This includes switching the pool systems to electric and making the most of the new solar panels installed during the recent stadium expansion. A further \$1.1 million is allocated in 2026/2027, taking the total project cost to \$2.2 million over the two years.

Sealed Roads Renewals: \$4.7 million

- Roads across the shire will see an increased investment towards road resealing, road reconstruction and the repair of localised pavement repairs.

Copelands Road Warragul upgrade: \$3 million

- Copelands Road, Warragul will benefit from major roadworks as part of Council's Road Reconstruction Program. The upgrades are proposed to be completed by late 2025 and open to the public.

Drouin Streetscape Works: \$1.6 million

- Streetscape improvement works will take place along Commercial Place, Drouin, including improvements to the laneways between Princes Way and Commercial Place. The works will kick off at the end of 2025 and are expected to be finished in 2026.

Downton Park Pavilion Upgrade, Yarragon: \$2.3 million

- Finalisation of the upgrade of the existing pavilion to a modern, compliant and fit for purpose space. Construction is anticipated to be completed by March 2026. Construction will commence later in 2024 with works planned for completion by early 2026.

Strategic Land Purchases: \$6 million

- Allocation for the acquisition of strategic land, subject to future Council resolution, to facilitate the delivery of strategic Council priorities.

Budget Submissions included in the Capital Works Program:

Drouin Netball Courts, Drouin: \$0.085 million

- Resurfacing of the existing two synthetic courts, inclusive of a \$20,000 contribution from the Drouin Netball Club.

Drouin Croquet Fencing, Drouin: \$0.01 million

- Replacement of the wire fencing facing Oak Street as part of the Community Facilities Renewal Program.

Externally Funded Roads and Bridge Renewals: \$7.15 million

- Subject to successful grant applications, the following sections of roads and bridge will be reconstructed:
 - Darnum-Shady Creek Road, Darnum – Stage 1 south of Brookers Road
 - Old Sale Road, Buln Buln East – East of Bloomfield Road
 - Thurlows Road, Shady Creek – Yarragon-Shady Creek Road to End
 - Falls Road Bridge, Narracan

