

FACT SHEET

Gippsland Regional Partnership



Listening - Following consultation with our communities, we have identified the following priorities:

Connectivity – transport network and digital technologies are current and well-functioning to meet the needs of Gippsland's people;

Energy and resources – securing Victoria's future resource needs and uses while also considering new energy technologies;

Family and community wellbeing – ensuring Gippsland's people meet the health and wellbeing standards of the average Australian;

Food and fibre – positioning Gippsland as open for business for Agriculture investment and as a leader in food and fibre technology;

Skills and education – Gippslanders have increased aspiration and improved infrastructure to participate and succeed in education at all levels;

Visitor economy and tourism – boosting the Gippsland tourism industry and increasing visitors;

New jobs and industry – to improve employment opportunities in our region.

And delivering - Budget 2018/19 outcomes:

Partnership priorities supported in the Victorian Government Budget include:

- **\$35.5 million** to redevelop **Federation Training Morwell**, including a Future Skills Training Centre and a Technical Training Centre of Excellence
- **\$25 million** for **Federation Training's Port of Sale Development** to consolidate its services in Sale into a new **Educational Community and Industry Hub**
- **\$0.7 million** to establish a **food and fibre taskforce** to drive the development of the Gippsland Agriculture Agenda in the food and fibre sectors.
- **\$115 million** to expand the **Wonthaggi Hospital Emergency Department**



Key investments in the 2018/19 Budget relevant to all Regional Partnership regions

Gippsland will share in a range of significant state-wide investments including:

- More than **\$941 million** for **better regional roads** across the state, including:
 - \$333 million for regional road restoration
 - \$261 million for road upgrades in regional Victoria
 - \$229 million for Continuing Towards Zero, providing safety upgrades to our regional road network
 - \$100 million for grants to rural councils to undertake local road remediation projects
 - \$17.4 million to establish Regional Roads Victoria
- **\$303.8 million** to create over **30,000 additional training places**
- **\$188.7 million** for **regional rail infrastructure and new regional trains**
- **\$180.8 million** to **build or upgrade 60 regional schools**
- **\$171.9 million** for **TAFE free** for priority courses from 1 January 2019. Priority courses include those related to construction, the NDIS, agriculture, infrastructure and specific regional priorities
- **\$70.6 million** for the **health of our parks** and to grow their economic benefits for regional Victorians
- **\$60 million** to extend the **Community Sport Infrastructure Fund** to improve access and participation in community sports
- **\$51.1 million** to grow **Victoria's visitor economy** through funding for international, interstate and intrastate marketing campaigns and expansion of the Regional Events Fund and Major Events Fund
- **\$50 million** for a boost to the **Regional Health Infrastructure Fund** to enable rural and regional health services to maintain assets and respond to population changes and the changing health needs of local communities
- **\$33.9 million** to **build, expand and improve early years infrastructure** across Victoria
- **\$26.2 million** for **regional rail sustainability** to enable V/Line to retain service levels and standards in connecting regional Victoria
- **\$25 million** for continuation of the **Community Crime Prevention Program** to fund local crime prevention initiatives, develop positive promotion of local communities and promote positive results of local crime prevention projects
- **\$22.7 million** for **pedestrian and cycling paths** across Victoria
- **\$22.2 million** for **additional regional bus services** and improvements to the regional traveller journey experience
- **\$20 million** for **rural council transformation**, a grants program to help rural councils across Victoria improve their financial viability
- **\$16.1 million** to grow **Victoria's agricultural exports, farms and tourism**
- **\$11 million** for the **Victorian Mobile Project Round 4**, building on the Government's existing commitment to remove mobile black spots in regional Victoria
- **\$3 million** for **recontracting of regional bus services**.



Other significant 2018/19 Budget investments in the Gippsland region

- **\$8 million to build and upgrade schools** across Gippsland, including:
 - \$6 million for Stage 1 of the Traralgon Education Regeneration Project to deliver modern infrastructure for Latrobe Special Developmental School and Traralgon College
 - \$0.9 million for Orbost Secondary College to upgrade and modernise facilities
 - \$0.5 million for Tarwin Valley Primary School to upgrade and modernise facilities
 - \$0.4 million for Boisdale Consolidated School to upgrade and modernise facilities
 - \$0.1 million for Orbost North Primary School to upgrade and modernise facilities
 - \$0.1 million for Kongwak Primary School to upgrade and modernise facilities
- **\$5.5 million** for the **Latrobe Valley Mine Rehabilitation Commissioner** to provide independent advice on mine rehabilitation and planning in the Latrobe Valley and help develop the Latrobe Valley Regional Rehabilitation Strategy. Funding includes a strategic review of coal resource zones and overlays
- Funding for the **Gippsland Tech School** in Morwell
- Funding for a **30-bed alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation service** in Gippsland
- Funding for **Phillip Island Road/Back Beach Road intersection** upgrades
- Funding for the **Moe and District Netball Association** for a new netball precinct at Monash Reserve
- Funding for the **Drouin Netball Centre** to upgrade facilities.

New initiatives in 2018/19 to empower local communities

- **Pick My Project** is a **\$30 million** initiative that will enable local residents to nominate and decide on funding priorities in their region. Projects between \$20,000 and \$200,000 will be eligible, with funding spread between the nine Regional Partnership Regions and six Metropolitan Partnership Regions.
- **My Victoria** will provide Victorian communities and businesses with unprecedented access to the information they need to facilitate economic growth and create new jobs for Victorians. My Victoria will display Government infrastructure combined with location intelligence such as demographics and market analysis in a map-based format. The government has created My Victoria to make information more accessible, consumable and relevant for all Victorians



Our achievements over the past two years

The Gippsland Regional Partnership is about transforming the way our communities work with governments, and together, to make our vision for the region a reality.

The Partnership has been effective over the past two years in: bringing different levels of government together, getting people talking, finding solutions together and addressing issues that matter to our communities. Our advocacy has contributed to a number of outcomes, including:

- Major investment in **upgrading the Gippsland Line** as part of the \$1.7 billion Regional Rail Revival program, meaning more frequent and reliable train services and 400 construction jobs; **better mobile coverage being rolled out on Traralgon line trains**;
- The establishment by Transport for Victoria of a **Local Transport Forum** to help identify local transport gaps and opportunities;
- **Digital planning** for Gippsland underway. A priority for all Partnerships in 2016, the Government responded by investing \$45 million in regional digital connectivity. The Partnership has been working with Government, and the community, to develop a digital plan tailored to our region's needs; while **enhanced broadband is on its way for Morwell**;
- **\$400,000 to develop a Destination Management Plan for the region**; this will include consultation with industry and businesses in coming months;
- Commitment to establish a **GovHub in the Latrobe Valley**, bringing 150 public sector jobs to the region.

For more information on the Gippsland Regional Partnership, go to <http://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/regional-partnerships/gippsland>