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# Bass Coast Shire

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## Profile

Bass Coast is located about 130 kilometres south-east of Melbourne and is predominantly a coastal municipality with a unique coastline complemented by a beautiful hinterland.

Bass Coast is one of the few Victorian municipalities whose two major industries are tourism and agriculture. Cattle and dairy farming are the area's agricultural backbone, with boutique farming such as venison and vineyards fast emerging.

Bass Coast Shire has one of the highest growth rates in Victoria and 29% of the resident population is over the age of 60. During peak holiday periods, Bass Coast's population exceeds 60,000.

The Shire is visited by 35% of Melbourne's international visitors each year.

Bass Coast is part of the Large Shire council grouping and can be compared with similar councils. More information on council groupings can be found [here](https://knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/29439/DOC-15-313642-Victorian-Local-Government-Comparator-Groups-2015-FINAL.pdf).

### Victoria in Future Profile

[Bass Coast - Victoria in Future 2016](http://www.planning.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0014/11444/Bass_Coast_VIF_2016_One_Page_Profile_Output.pdf)

### Victoria in Future Profile

[Bass Coast Aboriginal Community Profile (includes Aboriginal organisations)](http://www.maggolee.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/LGA-Profile-Final-Bass-Coast.pdf)

## Localities

Adams Estate, Almurta, Anderson, Archies Creek, Bass, Blackwood Forest, Cape Paterson, Cape Woolamai, Churchill Island, Corinella, Coronet Bay, Cowes, Dalyston, Dudley South, Glen Alvie, Glen Forbes, Grantville, Harmers Haven, Inverloch, Jam Jerrup, Kernot, Kilcunda, Kongwak, Krowera, Lance Creek, Lang Lang, Loch, Newhaven, Outtrim, Pioneer Bay, Pound Creek, Powlett River, Queensferry, Rhyll, Ryanston, San Remo, Silverleaves, Smiths Beach, St Clair, Summerlands, Sunderland Bay, Sunset Strip, Surf Beach, Tenby Point, The Gurdies, Ventnor, Wattle Bank, West Creek, Wimbleton Heights, Wonthaggi, Wonthaggi North, Woodleigh and Woolamai.

For a detailed map showing shire boundaries and locality names, visit [VICNAMES](http://maps.land.vic.gov.au/lassi/VicnamesUI.jsp).

## Community Satisfaction

[Bass Coast Shire Council Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey Results](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/about-council/community-satisfaction-survey)

## Annual Report

[Bass Coast Shire Council Annual Report 2019/20](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/about-council/annual-reports)

## Elections

For further information regarding Local Government elections visit:

* [Local Government Victoria](http://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/council-governance/candidate-training)
* [Victorian Electoral Commission](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au/)

## Councillors

9 Councillors elected in October 2020.

Bunurong - Cr Leticia Laing

Bunurong - Cr Les Larke

Bunurong - Cr Brett Tessari - Mayor

Island - Cr Ron Bauer

Island - Cr David Rooks

Island - Cr Michael Whelan - Deputy Mayor

Western Port - Cr Clare Le Serve

Western Port - Cr Rochelle Halstead

Western Port - Cr Bruce Kent

## Population data

Estimated resident population. Source: Victoria in Future 2016 - Population and Household Projections to 2031

* **2016** 32,825
* **2021**36,990
* **2026**40,952
* **2031**44,798

## Finances

Source: Victoria Grants Commission.  
The figures in the bottom two rows of the table show combined one-off and ongoing funding received by council from both the Federal and State Governments. It is important to note that this amount can change significantly from year to year as individual government funding programs change and natural events such as fires and floods occur.

Data shows the amount allocated in respect of the relevant financial year. In some years, that amount will vary from the payments received that year, as a result of the Commonwealth "bringing forward" some payments.

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|  | 2018-19 | 2017-18 | 2016-17 | 2015-16 | 2014-15 | 2013-14 | 2012-13 | 2011-12 | 2010-11 | 2009-10 |
| Recurrent Expenditure ($) | 86.010m | 73.056m | 70.508m | 70.954m | 68.035m | 66.062m | 61.391m | 59.873m | 51.657m | 47.002m |
| Recurrent Revenue ($) | 81.402m | 78.062m | 84.365m | 68.193m | 68.208m | 68.643m | 67.964m | 72.650m | 63.711m | 59.373m |
| - Rates and Charges | 58.582m | 55.323m | 52.333m | 50.090m | 46.126m | 43.114m | 33.358m | 37.251m | 28.156m | 31.812m |
| - VGC Grants | 6.060m | 6.037m | 5.608m | 5.495m | 5.544m | 5.544m | 5.481m | 5.517m | 5.106m | 4.596m |
| Non-Recurrent Government Grants | 2.871m | 2.890m | 2.312m | 2.533m | 1.841m | 3.748m | 3.792m | 2.850m | 2.672m | 1.477m |
| Recurrent Government Grants | 9.491m | 10.532m | 14.232m | 7.691m | 2.885m | 4.436m | 4.143m | 4.284m | 4.939m | 3.428m |