

Help Shape a Better Bass Coast

Community Engagement – Amenity of Towns

Wonthaggi

- I would like to see some improvements at the guide park for our kids to enjoy...comparing Wonthaggi's main park, to Leongatha's park, for example, I feel ripped off.
- I would like to see the main street of Wonthaggi to get landscaped and given a more modern look trees flowers the lavender is good
- Wonthaggi needs a botanic gardens it has no were a bride good have photos to many gum trees
- Wonthaggi would look great with bulbs daffodils and tulips like Leongatha
- Family tree Park, families buy a beautiful tree to create a beautiful park! Creating family trees and also plant trees along the rail trail in memory of the people whom worked in the Wonthaggi mine.
- I would like to see larger more welcoming signs at the entrances to Wonthaggi . I have visited towns a lot smaller, that encourage you to visit with interesting Town Entrances
- Permanent Town beautification for wonthaggi like more local sculptures around town and at town entrances. Christmas decorations in trees.
- Things I would like to see: Improved entry to the town from the Dalyston side, i.e. avenue of trees, community plantings, (have a look at the roadsides in Penguin Tasmania) Turn Graham St between McBride and Bilson into a mall with trees, seating, cafe seating.
- A comprehensive tree planting scheme to beautify towns and approaches. There are many very attractive towns surrounding Wonthaggi & Inverloch that seem to take pride in their tree planting and street scaping. When the urban renewal took place in Wonthaggi within the last 10 years I was schocked that trees were not planted in Graham Street for instance as there is plenty of room for planting. Most country towns have beautiful trees (deciduous and indigenous) and I don't understand why Bass Coast Towns have been neglected in this way. We are impressed with the streetscapes of Mirboo North, Foster and Meeniyar for instance.
- Make the entries from both ends of town more appealing.
- The parks and gardens and streetscapes are generally miserable and unattractive (particularly in Wonthaggi).
- The whole town of Wonthaggi is totally disconnected. Council needs to work with the community to connect the town centre areas (Graham St / McBride Ave) to the area at the back of Safeway (Woolworths) in Murray Street, to Big W and The Plaza.

- Wonthaggi - improve general street scape and the entrance into town from Melbourne side.
- Improved feeling of arrival into Wonthaggi, and more of a sense of town. Retain the historic aspects of the town like the buildings and the whistle
- improve street scape on entrance to all towns, especially wonthaggi on east & west entrances
- The signs into wonthaggi, we represent the coal mine, a big beautiful laser cut, coal miner (his head with a work hat an light on) I'd love to see some life back into the Main Street.
- Would be nice if there was more of a welcome into the town (Wonthaggi) on all sides.
- some simple things like at first like keeping all grass cut along roads and a boost in restoring our historical areas. i would like to hear the P.A system in the wonthaggi main street on a saturday, perhaps tuned to 3MFM. i know its a pipe dream but i would love to see historical buildings like the no.5 brace restored before we lose it completely. also, like ludbrooks corner i would like to see the front of all buildings in the main street reverted back to their original facades including verandahs.
- Beautification of Wonthaggi, more trees and parks
- Change the whole look and feel of Wonthaggi to make it an inviting and attractive town for visitors and residents. Currently people only drive through on their way to Inverloch and beyond, Wonthaggi is not a destination - but it could be!
- Its a great place to visit throughout the year. Love the beaches and general environment. Better than great ocean rd... needs promotion. Love the flowers at roundabouts. Love the village atmosphere in Wonthaggi. Love the very friendly people..
- More appealing entrances when driving in to Wonthaggi from all directions.
- Improvement in entrances to Wonthaggi with greater visual appeal - industrial estates/ commercial at both entrances.
- Wonthaggi CBD could do with a spruce up.
- Great job with parks and gardens, neat and tidy. Especially Wonthaggi.
- Town entrances to highlight facilities and points of interest
- Clean up town entrances
- Make the approaches to the town more attractive ✓
- A plan for Wonthaggi to be true regional centre – improved amenity as well **
- More street planting in town centre of Wonthaggi.
- Having a welcoming 'town square' that encourages people to gather as a community. At the moment, for example, the centre of Wonthaggi is merely commercial. Once the shops close it is deserted and there is no cafe open after 4.00-4.20pm. Closing off the centre as a pedestrian area and embellishin it (e.g. paving, flowers, fountains etc) amd having areas where people can just sit and chat, meet, would make a great difference.
- Street trees and seating outside in Graham Street. So dead and no atmosphere on weekends over summer to attract visitors or permanents. Cowes and Inverloch are a good example on how this can be done.
- Wonthaggi needs to improve the centre park area - more trees, artwork. It needs to be more welcoming. A place to sit and enjoy! Christmas lights at Christmas!

- Make Graham Street attractive with large street trees and more seating (similar to Cowes).
- Creative inspiration for all ages (I'd especially like to see Wonthaggi rear laneways more tidy and appealing)
- Improve visual appearance of Wonthaggi by enforcing bylaw and removing unregistered vehicles, old trailers, etc from nature strip (caravans, boats)
- A revamp of McBride Avenue Wonthaggi
- A clock in the center of McBride Ave – so all can see.

Grantville/Waterline

- I would like to see the park in Grantville transaction centre have those horrible grasses taken out and a park everybody could be proud of put there the roses are good
- And please please beautify the very ugly wall along pioneer bay.
- Lets Alos acknowledge Grantville as "The Entrance to Bass Coast"< Dress up the streetscape and put in an Information Centre (Rural Transaction Centre springs to mind here)
- More public seating provided in the area. In Corinella, if oldies want to go for a walk, we have to find a fence to lean on, as there are very, very few places to sit. The only public seating is on a limited part of the Esplanade, and in picnic areas.
- I would like the Council to think outside the box and be inventive in the way the town is presented. There is a lot of potential to make Wonthaggi a really exciting arts precinct and to beautify the town in a way that will encourage visitors and provide residents and businesses with opportunities to develop.
- Weakness: Lack of tables/bins Coronet Bay foreshore
- Opportunity: Welcome to Grantville sign to promote the area *****
- Improve the entrance to Grantville ie: signage 'Gateway to the Bass Coast & Phillip Island' (see Hastings, good example) Advertise/market permanently *****
- No welcome sign
- Better signage – see Hastings signage **
- Opportunity: Revitalise corners
- sense of arrival
- Clean up The Gurdies Conservation Forrest and maintain parks and bridges. Help Clean up Kernot Railway Reserve to make it more attractive for public use. There are many local people willing to help with this.
- Grantville is bleak – beautiful!? Extend tree (flowering gums) planting in front of industrial areas, shops, hardware, even one or two trees would help! Attractive street furniture – Seats along for elderly and disabled

Inverloch

- The bunurong gardens in the centre of Inverloch is messy should be rocks and sand landscaped

- The Thomson reserve in Inverloch has been neglected. The boardwalks are not safe and the paths over grown with weeds.
- A Community Garden in Inverloch would be great.
- More facilities along the beach at Inverloch ie: showers, change rooms
- Foreshore at Inverloch cleaned up, very shabby and unkept.
- Beautify Inverloch shopping area
- Weeds - footpath
- Metal cover outside bayside lady – what for?
- Beautification master plan for Inverloch commercial precinct
- Facelift for shopping centre (Inverloch)
- Tidy up gardens along foreshore path – all the way (thistles, bracken fern, sticky weed)
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Kilcunda

- We need a new Entrance sign at Kilcunda!
- The Welcome to Kilcunda sign is hidden by foliage at the moment.

Cowes/Phillip Island General

- I would like to start with the drive up to Cowes after you come over the gurdies creek the untidiness of the trees. And then a terrible blank timber noise barrier wall that sits on the highway at pioneer bay could be beautified with thoughtful art.
- New landscaping/boardwalks/toilets/playground and generally to create a better atmosphere in the Cowes main street and esplanade like most coastal towns which have skate parks, outdoor showers, clean toilets with soap and hand dryers, bench seats, bbqs
- Revitalization of Cowes.
- A destination town on the island. This can be achieved by revitalisation of Cowes.
- A more attractive Main Street - Thompson Ave is tired and higgldy-piggldy.
- Improve the Cowes main street , it should be a jewel of the town not an embarrassment , Flinders is a good example of a great village feel .
- Perhaps put in more plants and garden beds to beautify the foreshore. Cowes
- An improved township of Cowes. Such a stunning location but so very sad in places
- Improvement on the look of the Cowes Foreshore and main street.
- The streetscape of Cowes desperately needs to improved, it needs to be more inviting for families to wander from the top end of the street down to the foreshore and back. In turn more foot traffic may encourage more sales helping decent retail traders to maintain year round income. With that brings families with a higher income base which will benefit everyone.
- improve the look of main st Cowes. improved public amenities at the beaches/parks

- Improved streetscape in Cowes, encourage business there to reduce number of empty /\$2 shops. Maybe reduce rates to provide short-term incentive. Create 'entrances' to townships in shire to highlight their different characters and make them more interesting.
- Cowes main street.
- Thompson Ave is an embarrassment - the visual impression is a negative to most of the visitors I speak with (and it's a lot!)
- - More attractive streetscape in Thompson Avenue –
- Make Thompson Ave, Cowes more attractive! –
- Improved street scapes especially in Cowes and San Remo - make the streets interesting to walk down rather than the run down atmosphere currently presented.
- Improve streetscape in Thompson Ave COWES particularly towards the beach.
- Upgrades for Cowes main street.
- Improve presentation of town centres in Inveloch, San Remo and Cowes.
- new design for Cowes main street and esplanade
- A better look for Cowes
- Perhaps update the toilets in Cowes, put in some nice tables and chairs, add some more bench seats along the waterfront, however, leave the Jetty Triangle alone.
- Along with a revamp of the Cowes esplanade with newer amenities/ and maybe some art and sculptures.
- The township of Cowes is a mecca for tourism yet the town is run down and tired. The streets are full of trashy shops and the town offers very little in terms of inviting places to sit and ponder or interesting things for people to do. Phillip Island has so much to offer but unless you are going to the nature park facilities, the rest of the Island is in the dark ages.
- Gentrification of Cowes shopping strip – less ugly buildings/facades
- A little more thought into the overall vision for the streetscape to present a more attractive environment - keep rubbish bins emptied; seasonal plantings of flowers; screen public toilets in busy areas (eg Thompson Ave cowes), more regular street sweeping/cleaning especially in busy periods. Create separate identities for different suburbs to complement the singular "Bass Coast" identity. Many areas have very different histories and this should be highlighted for all to see.
- rather than spending millions of \$ on a new culture Center & Jetty Triangle alterations spend money on beautifying Thompson Ave. & its buildings. It is obvious that the landlords of these properties collect exorbitant rents & put nothing back into improving the appearance of these buildings.
- spruce up Thompson Ave
- Cleaner, nicer, better forshore areas on Phillip Island instead of focussing on the crappy re-planting of the roundabouts every couple months (which is also a waste of money and natural resources) put more effort into the foreshore keeping it natural and accessible by enhancing native coastal species and aiding user aspects with sustainable options for infrastructure
- Improve appearance of the main street of Cowes

- Leave Cowes jetty triangle and old shire offices alone
- The main street of Cowes is embarrassing poor design maintenance is poor ,needs improvement
- Cowes foreshore improvement needed more to attract.
- There is a great need for enhancing the appearance of Thompson ave which at present is dirty, poorly maintained & over stocked with 'discount shops'.
- Clean up the appearance of Thompson Ave. & it's buildings
- the redevelopment of Thompson Avenue Cowes.
- More picnic tables eg Rhyll wetland rear drop toilet.
- Opportunity: Phillip Island is the destination of international visitors
- Improve the appearance of Cowes. Do upkeep when needed.
- Whole foreshore of Rhyll to be improved - Beautification
- Cowes main street scheme- very tired looking footpaths need to be made safer all uneven brickwork unsafe for young and old pedestrians
- San Remo foreshore facelift
- Landscaping entry to Phillip Island for 2 kms
- Town entrances should reflect unique character of town
- Improve external face of Coles!!
 - Patterned or photo glass and some plants!
 - Take a trip to Coolum in QLD for ideas! Especially landscaping! **
- Improve appearance of main street of Cowes *
- Attractive entrance to the Island that represents the beauty of the Island and is well maintained
- Improve landscape design down Thompson Ave
- Beautify Rhyll Beaches * More picnic seats etc. ✓
- Strength: Potential beauty of Thompson Avenue
- Opportunity: Improve Streetscape at Thompson Avenue
- Thompson Avenue streetscape
- Street scape improvement (Thompson Avenue) *
- Roundabouts are good – love vegetables
- Thompson Avenue needs facelift – mall down to esplanade, centre plantings
- Island presentation improved*
- Improve present streetscape
- Improve streetscape – Thompson Avenue
- A beautiful attractive city square and/or gardens
- Beautify our town eg planting, seating, Mussell Rocks, fence along Esplanade needs replacing *
- Upgrade entire streetscape – Thompson Avenue
- Retain in Cowes the trees in the main street.
- Keep the lovely trees (on foreshore and main street).

San Remo

- Improve the 'Entrance' of S/R
- Improve the appearance of the entrances to San Remo and Phillip Island as major tourist destination for international visitors – most unimpressive!

RoundABOUTS

- Less money spent on flowers at the roundabouts, I'd love to see a mosaic or similar done by local schools or artists.
- Whilst the roundabouts in Wonthaggi look beautiful, I do think its a waste of resources to keep replanting them so frequently, and think that the plants should be perennials or natives that could be maintained instead of buying in annuals all the time.
- I really love the plantings in the roundabouts in Wonthaggi. I love to see the plantings change with the seasons. Keep up the good work.
- retain flower beds in roundabouts,
- Dont waste money eg new flowers at the RSL roundabout every 2nd month
- Plant indigenous grasses and groundcovers on all shire roundabouts and simply maintain these plants. Far too much money is spent planting and then replanting exotic/native species each year on shire roundabouts.
- I don't understand why the round abouts in town don't have water sensitive plants that can just stay there. every week I see new plants going into round abouts and outside the council office and there is literally nothing wrong with the plants they pull out.
- Having less money spent on roundabouts
- Plant natives in the garden beds at round abouts.
- (too much seasonal planting on in Town roundabouts)
- Roundabouts – WHITE PETUNIAS!!!! NO!!!
- Keep roundabout gardens so a clear view is available. Pansies not gumtrees.
- Retain the plantings in the Wonthaggi Roundabouts
- The roundabouts should be planted with native plants.

Cape Paterson

- Retain the sleepy village feel of Cape Paterson.
- Improve Cape Paterson facilities. Also to have 10, 20, 50 year vision statements that work towards the long term health and function of our community (& not just this term)
- Influence the urban feel of the streets – retain vegetation on streets

General/Other

- Perhaps you could put some appropriate art or a heritage mural ... Very very untidy area., Embarrassing as we have coaches coming thru all the time...
- Street beautification planning and implementation
- main street could be visually improved with shop facades updated. street looks tired and without losing that small town feel could have a more vibrant and attractive look.
- Cleaner streets, especially around food outlets where people eat outside the premises and leave their mess that is not cleaned up by the owners - especially Inlet Fish and Chips Inverloch. Filthy every day. Send around the health inspectors regularly to all food outlets to ensure a high standard
- Have hard rubbish collections 4 times a year, this will improve the look of the shire as it will stop the holiday home owners from just dumping their rubbish on the nature strips and leaving it there.
- Community Service to Clean streets/beaches etc
- We like money spent on making the towns gardens attractive. The main roads into towns need plenty of vegetation.
- More pride and regular maintenance of the area
- Currently, the general presentation of main streets, shopping precincts, beaches, tourist areas/attraction is below international levels necessary to attract permanent residents, international and domestic tourists.
- A commitment to ensuring each town retains its character and does not sprawl.
- Retain the amenity of the Bass Coast despite increasing visitor numbers.
- The main street lacks a certain welcoming outlook to a certain degree.
- Parks and open space
- aesthetics of community, some new developments are out of character, building aesthetics need to fit in and compliment existing environment.
- Tree plantings in residential streets
- Continual maintenance and updating of public areas such as parks, carparks, public amenities and coastal areas.
- I would like to see more attention paid to each town's history and heritage, whether this be through signage or monuments placed at entrances to towns or on websites, I think it's good to know a bit about the area when you travel and locals alike may find it interesting.
- Our foreshores to be improved and updated with attractive statues and walkways.
- As much as the new bridge is quite stunning in appearance it is spoilt by all the weeds along the wire fence, why they weren't removed prior to the mulching and re-planting defies logic
- Main street beautification.
- Foreshore reserves and parks
- I would like to see more town gardening like of Leongatha.
- Main Street appeal

- The shire has a "tired" feeling. That is not to say everything needs to be new, but it does need refreshing at times. Phillip Island in particular, with such a massive tourist influx every year looks terrible (it is sad that council did not get the funding to renew the cultural centre).
- more trees, more parks.
- Great improvement is needed in local parks and gardens, public spaces and streetscapes. There are fantastic opportunities for a town so close to the coast, yet this is poorly capitalised on, poorly promoted.
- Helicopter noise.
- Loud noise like illegal fireworks, hoons, and teenagers committing anti-social crimes frightening people.
- Revitalisation of key activity areas.
- We need a clean tidy town.
- create nicer entrance to town
- Basscoast to be more vibrant and lively in off-peak season as well
- I would love to see a long term plan put in place for the entrances into our towns to be neatened up and have some sort of uniformed plantation design done, so that the bass coast area starts to stand out with its own identity and cohesion (first impressions last)
- we are a top visitor area but we lack so many basic facilities to be able to enjoy area.eg. Toilets, parks our foreshores should be something beautiful.
- retain the amenities we have already .
- As above and ongoing tree planting, care and maintenance in all streets.
- Main street
- an increase in trees and parks and a reduction in new housing developments.
- Instill a sense of pride in the community by being more proactive with maintenance of parks, roadsides, beaches etc. When compared to many other tourist areas, I believe that we let ourselves down with our presentation of our public eye areas & as we all know, we only get one chance to make a first impression & encourage our tourist to want to turn again & again to visit our Island & not just the Penguin Parade.
- Stronger focus on anti graffiti
- Improve parks and gardens.
- Stop illegal fire works. Ensure the area is presentable to visitors at all times
- Better maintained parks, gardens,roadways etc so the shire actually looks loved be the people...
- Removing helicopters from Cape Woolamai.
- Street maintained, gutters & drains cleared!
- Representation Maintenance of streets beaches roadsides etc - more value than expensive projects like the jetty triangle
- the township feel of the region
- Concentrate on improving services to Phillip Island
- complete neighbourhood character studies

- Focusing more on community development. I think Phillip island has lost its "feel or vibe" in a way but I'm not sure how to bring that back. I'd love to see more input towards renewable energy education and community projects such as community gardens
- Facilities
- I would like Dalyston not to be forgotten about as it has been for so many years. We pay rates the same as the rest of the basscoast.
- main street appearance
- Improvements on Phillip Island everything seems to be else where and nothing done here.
- The most important thing for Council to do is listen to what the people have to say. Listen to the residents who live, work and play in Inverloch we love our village. To sort out the the type of development that would be suitable and caring of our environment for now and into the future and not to destroy beautiful Inverloch we know. I would hate to see lose it's identity like so many other beach village areas.
- Implement improvements for all towns, not just the major ones.
- More services of all kinds available for people in the Bass Coast would encourage people to live there.
- Exciting, respected and well used community hubs.
- I have seen how Craigieburn has grown throughout the years from being a satellite town to now a major development. Even Hastings when houses started to be built had a supermarket and a sporting complex. My grandchildren couldn't go to Bass Valley for personal reasons so ended up going to lang lang. Their friends that went to Bass Valley had swimming in the curriculum, my grandchildren are missing out.
- Get a landscape / streetscape design consultant in and then follow through on the recommendations! Surely the costs will be offset by increases in local business and rents, not to mention a boost in property values for a town with all the facilities and so close to Melbourne and the Coast and the Island its a shame that it is not well designed. The parks and gardens are a disgrace! Swamp gums planted haphazardly and a few paperbarks - do not make for an attractive town. It's not rocket science, there are plenty of people at different towns/councils who are able to provide advice.
- Make the supermarkets accountable for retrieving their trollies from all over town. It' an eyesore!!
- Would like to see more local/native trees planted on nature strips to emphasis the natural beauty of the town
- Main shopping area made more inviting
- Beautification of the town
- Better Xmas decorations NYE celebrations - street parades and bands Night markets
- Keep up maintenance
- Higher priority on landscape character/recreation areas.
- Maintain Council ambience.
- Entrance to all towns looking good - keep this up.
- Improve amenities at Inlet (toilets, BBQs, Shelters).
- Continued improvements to capital works, roads and infrastructure to make this area an attractive place to live and visit.

- keep it clean and well maintained.
- Enhance entrances to towns.
- Beautify the entrance to the Shire, remove the old shop at the Gurdies, clean up the industrial estate beside the wood yard at Grantville. Control the erection of signs for events along the roads.
- Better visual approach to Grantville and Wonthaggi.
- Clean - grafitti free
- The community feel - mostly feels like a country town. This is good.
- Retain serenity
- Improve - town entrances and grafitti removal
- Effective rules against visual polution be introduced and enforced to eliminate unathorised signs, banner, falgs and mobile billboards and so preserve the natural ambience which attracts tourists and is the reason for many of us living here.
- Keep bass Coast Beautiful
- More planting of native trees in streets.
- Weakness: Street cleaners
- To pick up rubbish and clean up the shops a bit.
- Country feel with good facilities.
- Keep towns graffiti free
- Keep public space clean and tidy.