



Delivering for a growing community

We're focused on providing the services and infrastructure to meet the needs of our growing communities, both now and into the future.

Multiple road upgrades will be delivered in Torquay to improve road safety, traffic flow, pedestrian safety, and cyclist safety. This includes reconstruction and widening of Coombes Road from Ghazepoore Road to Messmate Road, construction of the Coombes Road-Messmate Road roundabout, Merrijig Drive and Fischer Street road resurfacing works, and Surf Coast Highway-Bristol Road traffic light installation and intersection upgrade.

Excitement is building for our biggest capital project: the Surf Coast Aquatic and Health Centre. Construction of the \$46m facility will start later in 2024 and is expected to be complete mid-2026.

A Great Ocean Road regional bike route in Jan Juc (\$489,410) will make it easier for people to move around without relying on cars. This is a key element of the community-led Ridgeline Trail project. Steered by community champions, the Ridgeline Trail Community Vision aims to transform 3.7km between Bellbrae and Torquay into a scenic community route that connects people - especially families travelling to and from school - to nature and the places they want to go.

We're proud to play a supporting role in the Ridgeline Trail project via our Community Project Development Program. This program has also empowered Jan Juc Cricket Club to deliver a storage shed, helped by a Council minor capital project grant (\$15,000).

Down at Spring Creek Reserve in Torquay, the Australian Government has committed funding to modernise the changerooms to encourage more girls and women to participate in football and cricket. We've applied for Victorian Government funding to contribute to this important project.

Funding has also been sought for Torquay Town Centre precinct planning, and future land uses for Baines Crescent.

The Karaaf saltmarsh is home to important flora and fauna. A \$100,000 allocation in 2024-25 will enable us to continue to address stormwater challenges and improve the health of these culturally and environmentally significant wetlands. This is in addition to \$1.9m secured in federal government funding to help protect the Karaaf from the impacts of stormwater.