



REGIONAL PRIORITIES

MAY 2017



**CORANGAMITE
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**WARRNAMBOOL
CITY COUNCIL**



**Southern Grampians
SHIRE COUNCIL**



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SHIRE**



The Great South Coast has a broad range of strategies and actions to oversee delivery as detailed in the Great South Coast Regional Strategic Plan. The plan seeks to provide a framework for future growth through the identification of five strategies:

Position for Economic Growth

Improve our connections

Sustain our natural assets

Strengthen our communities

Increase collaboration



The Great South Coast Group's role is to provide:

Regional Leadership

- Initiate action and lead regional activity
- Set the agenda and direction based upon Great South Coast Regional Strategic Plan and emerging priorities.

Advocacy

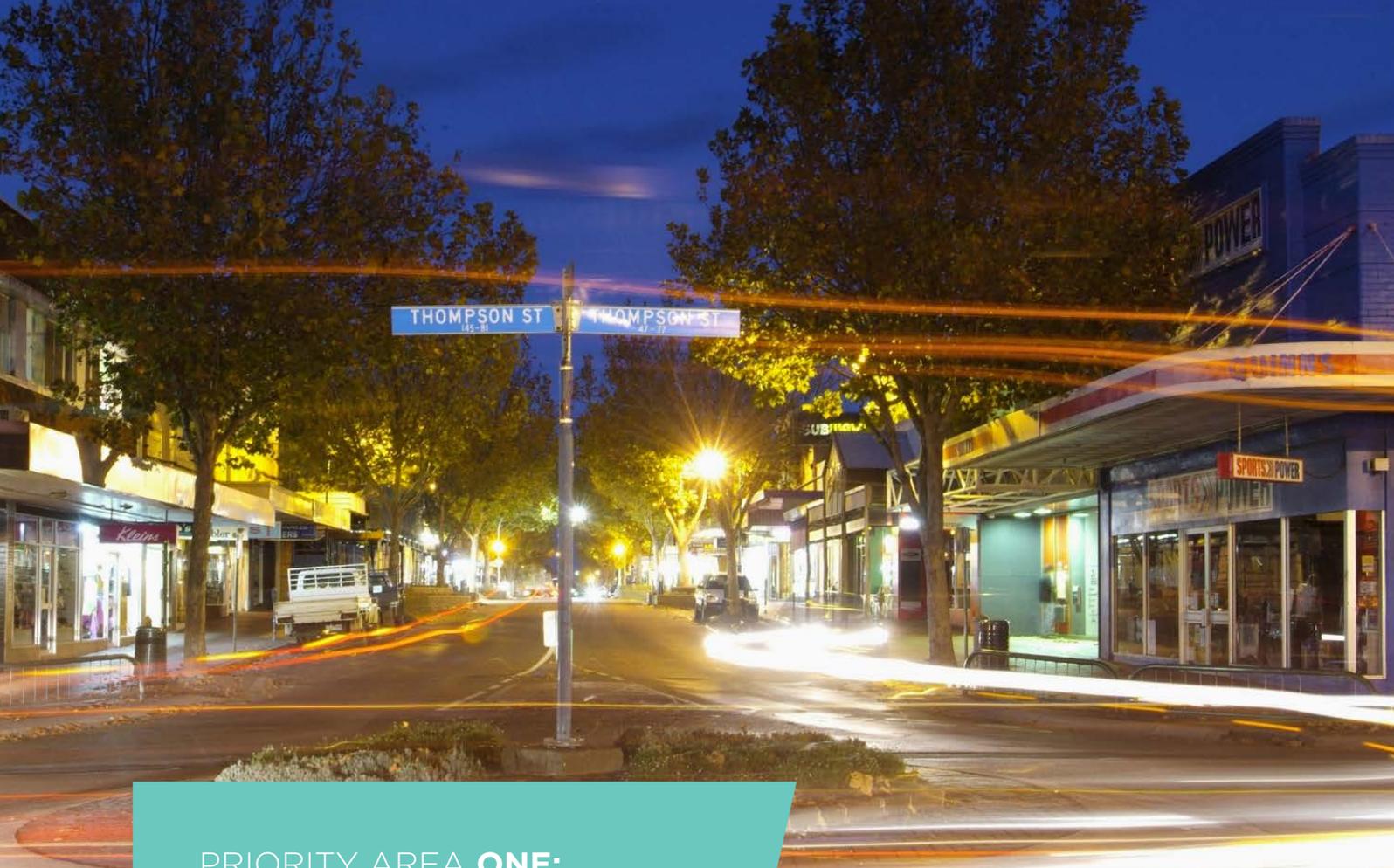
- Represent the region and pursue outcomes on behalf of the Councils and the region.

Partnerships

- Join with other stakeholders to deliver projects or initiatives.

Delivery

- Initiate, develop proposals and implement projects with a dedicated budget or resources.
- Ensure clear outcomes, ongoing monitoring and evaluation and accountability for all projects and initiatives.



PRIORITY AREA **ONE:** **Position for economic growth**

Our healthy economy faces new challenges in securing skilled workers, affordable employment land and infrastructure efficiency to allow growing and emerging industries to compete in a global market.

What's needed?

LEVERAGE OUR REGIONAL ADVANTAGES

- Hamilton CBD revitalisation project
\$40 million staged over five years
- Port Campbell Streetscape and foreshore
\$6 million
- Port Fairy Streetscape
\$1 million
- Regional Economic Migration Pilot funding
\$50,000
- Barwon South West Population Levers –
work with Federal & State Government to
implement Policy Initiatives identified.

ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE

To seek policy support for funding stream to support investment in infrastructure to enable the establishment or expansion of industry in regional Victoria. This is primarily aimed at water and waste water services and 3-phase power.



PRIORITY AREA TWO: Improve our connections

Strong physical, virtual, environmental and social connections are vital ingredients for a prosperous, equitable and sustainable region.

What's needed?

PASSENGER RAIL IMPROVEMENTS

GSC welcomes the State Budget announcement of Regional Rail Revival Plan and increasing the daily passenger train services to Warrnambool with connecting coach services - \$100 million.

We require additional passing loops at Weerite, investment in signalling, new rolling stock, major track upgrades and a possible upgrade to the Warrnambool station.

Advocacy to ensure we have access to four daily passenger rail services and connecting coach services, with five daily services in the longer term and \$500,000 towards signalling control upgrades at Camperdown Station.

Support to the recently released Western Victoria Passenger Rail Services Feasibility – Rail to Hamilton:

Phase 1 - \$3 million timetabling, additional services, connections

Phase 2 - \$360 million daily passenger rail to Hamilton and Horsham.

RAIL FREIGHT

The GSC welcome key rail freight initiatives from the 2017/18 State Budget but of concern is the lack of investment targeted to support rail freight across the network and the ongoing lack of clarity and detail around upgrades, works and maintenance funded through the Budget.

- 4 Further detailed information around the delivery of the \$316 million for sleeper replacement and works and timelines for the delivery of State Government 2017/18 Regional Rail Revival budget package is needed.

A dedicated Minister and rail freight authority to coordinate Government investment in rail and logistics and provide much-needed leadership within Government.

We are also supporting an advocacy effort by the Rail Freight Alliance for the State Government to commit to \$500,000 towards signalling control upgrades at Camperdown Station, and ensuring the Port Shuttle project - to have freight transferred from truck to rail in the outer suburbs to reduce congestion in the city - is implemented as soon as possible.

DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

GSC Digital Strategy and Southern Grampians (Glenelg) Digital Strategy 'Smart Cities project' Digital innovation and capacity building \$340,000 includes connected CBD, wi-fi, sensors, open data.

REGIONAL ROADS

The Great South Coast Group has a particular focus on ensuring our region's roads are upgraded to at least on par with roads elsewhere in the state. Specific priorities are to:

- Upgrade the Princess Highway West between Colac and the South Australian border
 - o Princes Highway West - Colac to Portland
 - o Develop an upgrade plan by September 2017
 - o Advocate for funding for the staged implementation of the plan
- Maintain and repair the arterial roads across the region – Glenelg, Hamilton and Henty highways
- Design and plan for a heavy vehicle bypass of Hamilton
- North South access Great Ocean Road and Princess Highway \$22 million.

PRIORITY AREA **THREE**: Sustain our natural assets

Addressing environmental challenges including climate change, water security, land use and the health of our ecosystems.

TOURISM AND THE VISITOR ECONOMY

The Great South Coast will be Victoria's premier nature-based tourism destination. And as the western gateway to the Great Ocean Road and southern gateway to the Grampians, we will become an internally renowned destination in our own right leveraging our cultural, food and wine, heritage and natural attractions.

- Great Southern Touring Route revitalisation linked with Grampians Tourism and broadened focus on Greater Hamilton Region
- Shipwreck Coast Master Plan Stage 1 - \$152 million
- BudjBim progress towards World Heritage
- Funding for upgrade of Tower Hill and surrounds. Minor funding for protection works at Moyjil \$5 million.



PRIORITY AREA **FOUR**: Strengthen our communities

Our people's access to transport, education, health services, housing and support networks will determine the strength of our future.

What's needed?

HEALTH

- Hamilton Base Hospital redevelopment \$40 million
- Camperdown Hospital redevelopment \$33 million
- South West Hospital Stage 2: Theatre & Emergency Renewal \$113 million, Funding for design \$7 million
- Port Fairy Hospital \$2 million

CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION

This newly adopted Priority Project for the Great South Coast Group focuses on children and young people and seeks to effect a significant cultural shift within our region.

A world first, over the next 15 to 20 years, Great South Coast Obesity Prevention Project aims to reduce the prevalence of obesity within our region.

Support a pilot school & community project within Greater Hamilton of a smart phone/tablet application to address childhood health and wellness \$50,000.

LIFELONG LEARNING

- Warrnambool Regional Learning Hub - \$12 million
- SWTAFE & Deakin education hub in Hamilton
- Continuing support to Deakin Warrnambool campus for 3 years sustainability project



PRIORITY AREA FIVE: Increase collaboration

Leadership, communication, strong alignment to agreed priorities and new, innovative ways of getting things done will take our plan from vision to reality.

What's needed?

GREAT SOUTH COAST SHIFTING RESPONSIBILITIES & COSTS - IMPACTS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Great South Coast has a detailed report on project, programs and initiatives both implemented or underway shifting responsibilities and costs onto communities.

The Great South Coast requests that a Minister and Department be given accountability to work with Regional and Rural Councils to address this ongoing issue.

Our recommendation is the Minister for Local Government and Local Government Victoria.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

The Great South coast will facilitate an annual forum of regional leaders with appropriate guests and keynote speakers to both inform and question the priorities and progress of the region.

This commenced in 2016, is planned for August 2017 and will continue to listen, discuss, debate and provide forward looking ideas and strategies.

GREAT SOUTH COAST GROUP

The Great South Coast will continually review its strategic direction and key priorities on at least an annual basis to ensure we remain relevant and focussed on the tasks at hand. This will be achieved through the regular Board meetings throughout the region engaging with business, government and industry sectors and non-Government organisations, annual forum, formal annual review and regional priorities refresh.



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