

2022 Priority Projects

Borough of Queenscliffe



Bellawiyn is the Wadawurrung name for the lands where the Borough of Queenscliffe is located.

Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of these lands, waters and skies, the Wadawurrung People.

We acknowledge and respect their continuing connections to their lands, waters, skies, culture and the contribution they make to the life and spirit of our community.

We pay respect to their past and present Elders and their emerging leaders, and extend this respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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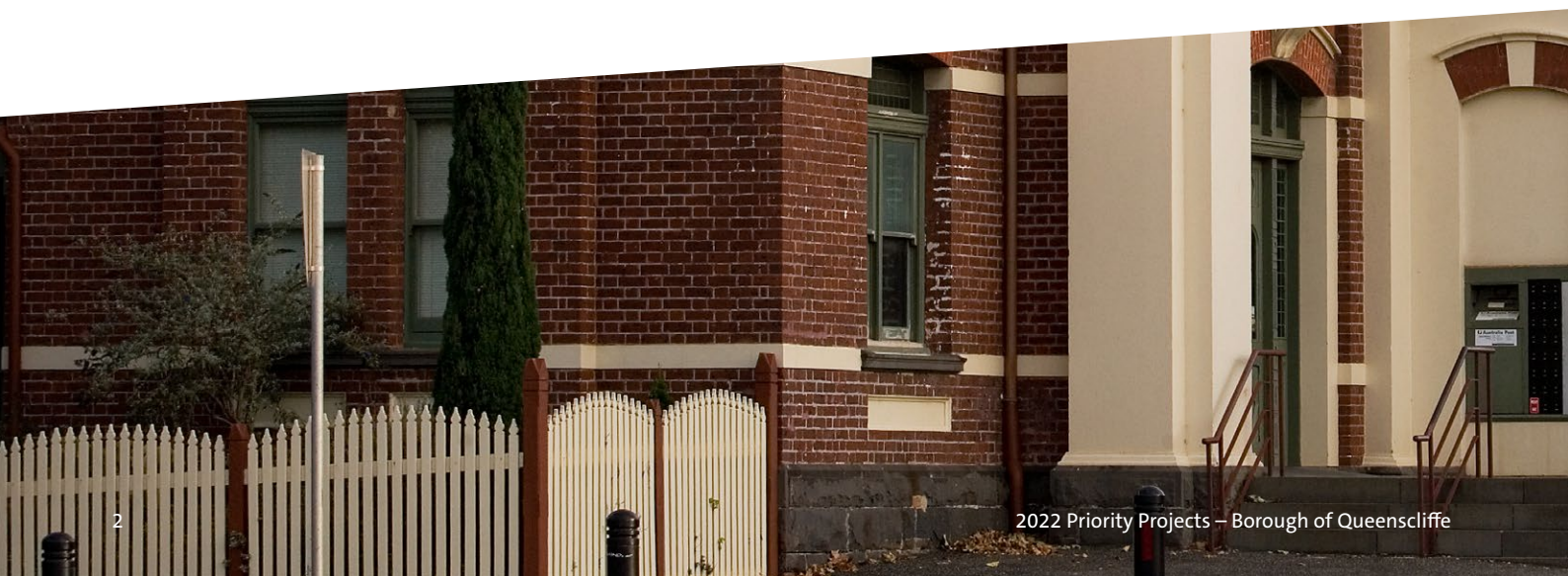
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Introduction

As a regional centre and key transport link for the Bellarine Peninsula, the Borough of Queenscliff needs urgent investment to keep up with population growth, and presents an opportunity to demonstrate environmental leadership in rural Victoria.

With the Point Lonsdale growth corridor welcoming an increasing number of young families and first home buyers, our community needs facilities and infrastructure to support these residents. Youth-focused infrastructure like our proposed **Point Lonsdale bike park and youth activity precinct** would promote healthy outdoor activity while connecting young families, and funding to **improve active transport options** like walking and cycling would reduce congestion and help families get where they need to go.

The Borough of Queenscliffe is also playing a leadership role in demonstrating how communities can work together to become more sustainable. After developing our community-led Climate Emergency Response Plan, we've already started working on local environmental initiatives that deliver real value for residents. We're seeking support to expand the number of **electric car chargers** planned for construction in the Borough, encouraging residents to choose an electric vehicle and

making the Borough a tourism destination for electric vehicle owners. A **public toilet in the Hesse Street shopping precinct** would also make shopping locally more accessible to residents, encouraging ratepayers and visitors alike to support small businesses and avoid unnecessary trips out of town.

This document outlines how government investment in these projects can provide substantial, long-term benefits to our community and the region as a whole. Council has a strong record of working with government to deliver exceptional community facilities like the soon-to-be-completed Queenscliffe Hub, and we're excited to work with government on the important projects our growing community needs.

Sincerely,



Cr Ross Ebbels
Mayor



Bike park and youth activity precinct

Project budget – stage 1: \$400,000
Council contribution: \$125,000
Funding sought: \$275,000

As young families continue to move into Point Lonsdale, the town urgently needs sport and recreational spaces that cater to young people. In fact, local students who take part in Council consultation regularly identify recreational facilities like a pump track as a top priority for our community. Consultation we've conducted on a bike park proposal also saw nearly 100 residents under the age of 30 share design ideas in support of the project.

A youth activity space including a bike park, upgrades to the existing skate park, and facilities will help meet the need for youth-focused infrastructure, promote outdoor activity, and create a space where our youngest residents can meet and socialise.

We're working with riders and skaters to create a unified design for the whole precinct, but funding and construction could be staged. Stage 1 would deliver a pump track, jumps track and associated infrastructure, and could be built and opened before the end of 2022.

"I love the idea that my children can ride safely at a designated track."

– Consultation participant, aged 30-49

"This is a great idea and the sort of thing that the Borough needs to modernise itself, while attracting people to the Borough."

– Consultation participant, aged 30-49

With consultation and design work already under way, this project will be construction-ready by the end of 2022. A staged approach could see components built even earlier.

Alignment with Community Vision

The project aligns with the following goals in the Borough of Queenscliffe Community Vision:

Enhancing Health and Wellbeing

Our community encourages an active and outdoor lifestyle and nurtures the welfare of all

Supporting business and community property

We have a thriving local economy and community that is underpinned by high quality infrastructure and services

Alignment with Council Plan

The project aligns with the following priorities in the Borough of Queenscliffe Council Plan 2021-2025:

Portfolio 4 – Heritage, planning and infrastructure

Priority 5 – Maintain and improve community infrastructure within the Borough





Hobson Street public toilet

Project budget:	\$250,000
Council contribution:	\$100,000
Funding sought:	\$150,000

Accessible communities need more than just ramps, lighting and tactile paving – they need toilets and facilities that cater to everyone.

Hesse Street is the economic centre of Queenscliff, but nearby public toilets are dated and not as accessible as they should be. With more residents and visitors to the Borough requiring accessible toilets, Queenscliff’s main shopping street needs facilities that meet our community’s aspirations to become more accessible. New toilets will also ensure local businesses can benefit from visitors who rely on these facilities.

Hobson Street, which bisects Hesse Street, is a central location primed for a new accessible facility. Council has already identified a site suitable for a new toilet, and allocated funding from its budget for the 2022-23 financial year. A funding partnership with the Victorian Government would allow planning for a new, accessible facility to begin this year.

“Hesse Street is a key reminder of what makes Queenscliff special”

– 2020 Budget consultation participant

Council has already allocated some funding for this project. A partnership with the Victorian Government would allow planning work to begin this financial year.

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Supporting business and community property

We have a thriving local economy and community that is underpinned by high quality infrastructure and services

Encouraging an inclusive and engaged community

We have a welcoming, connected and diverse community that is supported by informed and consultative leadership.

Alignment with Council Plan

The project aligns with the following priorities in the Borough of Queenscliffe Council Plan 2021-2025:

Portfolio 4 – Heritage, planning and infrastructure

Priority 5 – Maintain and improve community infrastructure within the Borough

Electric vehicle chargers

Project budget: \$280,000
Council contribution: \$140,000
Funding sought: \$140,000

Project sites have already been identified and infrastructure is available to support installation as early as the end of 2022.

As the transition to electric vehicles accelerates, regional communities need enough charging stations to ensure residents and tourists can travel with confidence. We're also installing two chargers near the main street in Queenscliff, but more locations are needed to maximise the benefit of this important infrastructure.

A \$280,000 investment would also provide access to chargers at the Queenscliff Harbour (including for ferry passengers) and in the main street of Point Lonsdale.

By reducing local pollution from car exhaust, lowering our impact on the climate, and making the Borough a destination of choice for electric vehicle owners, we can make the Borough a healthier, more prosperous place for just a small investment in charging infrastructure.

“Let’s become a carbon neutral community. Let’s lead Australia and be creative in our response to the climate emergency.”

- Consultation participant, Climate Emergency Response Plan

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The project aligns with the following goals in the Borough of Queenscliff Community Vision:

Supporting business and community property

We have a thriving local economy and community that is underpinned by high quality infrastructure and services

Protecting Country and our natural environment

We mitigate and adapt to the risks of climate change and preserve our ecosystems and biodiversity

Alignment with Council Plan

The project aligns with the following priorities in the Borough of Queenscliff Council Plan 2021-2025:

Priority 5

Maintain and improve community infrastructure within the Borough





Active transport – Lawrence Road and Murray Road

Lawrence Road

Project budget:	\$150,000
Council contribution:	\$50,000
Funding sought:	\$100,000

Council is committed to upgrading our walking and cycling network.

We are currently developing an Active Transport Strategy with our community which builds on a 2021 Pathway Strategy and accords with a key action in our Climate Emergency Response Plan. We are looking to create a safe and easy way for all ages and abilities to continuously travel around, into and through the Borough on foot or by bike. This was a top priority for respondents in our recent consultations for the Community Vision, Council Plan and Coastal and Marine Management Plan.

Lawrence Road connects communities outside the Borough (including The Point development and Ocean Grove) with key destinations in Point Lonsdale, including Point Lonsdale Primary School.

Murray Road is the missing link in the Bellarine Rail Trail, with cyclists and pedestrians forced to ride and walk on the road, presenting a safety issue as they contend with speeding vehicles.

Upgrades to Lawrence Road and Murray Road are both identified as priorities in our Pathway Strategy and the Victorian Principal Bicycle Network and are expected to be ready for construction by mid-2023.

Murray Road

Project budget:	\$400,000
Council contribution:	\$100,000
Funding sought:	\$300,000

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Alignment with Council Plan

The project aligns with the following priorities in the Borough of Queenscliffe Council Plan 2021-2025:

Portfolio 1 – Health and Wellbeing

Priority 1 – Promote healthy and active lifestyles

Portfolio 2 – Environment

Priority 2 – Respond to the impacts of climate change and reduce carbon emissions through the Climate Emergency Response Plan

Portfolio 4 – Heritage, planning and infrastructure

Priority 5 – Maintain and improve community infrastructure within the Borough

