

CONNECTING REGIONAL VICTORIA

GIPPSLAND



The Gippsland region will benefit from more frequent and reliable public transport services and better facilities to get people where they need to go quickly, reliably and safely.

The Regional Network Development Plan will guide investment in regional public transport infrastructure and services over the next 20 years to boost capacity and efficiency across the network, and support population growth.

The plan aims to deliver 20 minute peak services and 40 minute off peak services for commuter lines, and five services five days a week for long distance regional lines.

The Victorian Government talked to people across Gippsland and considered local transport plans to ensure the plan reflects the community's needs.

Planning and delivery will start straight away so we can get on with improving regional public transport.

Here's a summary of the projects planned now and into the future to better connect the Gippsland region.



Population: 259,816

(ABS census data 2011)

Projected population in 2031: 333,210

(Victoria in Future 2015)



Train between Melbourne and Bairnsdale (via Traralgon)



Coaches service: Traralgon, Moe-Newborough, Morwell, Warragul, Sale, Bairnsdale, Drouin, Wonthaggi, Lakes Entrance, Maffra, Leongatha, Churchill and Yarram. All of these locations also have a town bus service, except for Leongatha and Yarram.



234 people attended workshops held in Warragul, Sale, Bairnsdale, Traralgon, Wonthaggi, and Leongatha

WHAT COMMUNITIES TOLD US

Reliability and capacity

- Better reliability on the train service to Melbourne
- Improving the journey time to Melbourne

Frequency

- More frequent train and bus services, particularly in the counter-peak direction
- More train and bus services in major regional centres
- More frequent services between Traralgon, Sale and Bairnsdale

Timetabling

- Longer operating hours – services that start earlier and finish later

Connectivity/services

- Improving connections between Gippsland towns, including between South Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley
- Improving integration of services – trains, buses and taxis
- More frequent bus services between regional centres and smaller towns

Ticketing

- Simpler ticketing

Public transport experience

- Better facilities, including improvements to bus stop shelters and signage
- Better car park facilities

GETTING STARTED

The following are initiatives funded in the 2016-17 State Budget:

More train services

- Two additional return off-peak services from Melbourne to Traralgon each day

Better bus services

- Regional bus service improvements for the Latrobe Valley
- Upgrade coach interchanges in Wonthaggi, Leongatha, Anderson, and Koo Wee Rup
- Upgrade bus stop signage in Bairnsdale and Sale

Rolling stock improvements

- Revamp classic fleet to upgrade air conditioning

Station upgrades

- Investigate and increase car park capacity and station amenity to meet demand at Morwell, Moe and Traralgon stations

Improving reliability, punctuality and frequency

Remove nine level crossings and upgrading signalling on the Caulfield to Dandenong corridor.

Planning work for upgrades on the Gippsland line to enable more train services and improve reliability. This includes planning for:

- Passing loops between Moe and Traralgon, Traralgon and Sale, and Sale and Bairnsdale
- Duplicate the single track section between Bunyip and Longwarry
- Replace the Avon River Bridge at Stratford

WORKING TOGETHER ON LOCAL PROJECTS

The Victorian Government is partnering with local communities to deliver regional transport improvements through the *Transport Investing in Regions* initiative. The following projects will begin soon or are already underway:

- Gravel seal entry road, car park and station platform at Walhalla Goldfields Railway station to improve safety and amenity for users

- Develop and install wayfinding signage to improve cycling connections in Drouin
- A new Parkiteer bike cage at Traralgon Railway Station so cyclists can securely park bikes when using public transport
- Design wayfinding signage to help locals and visitors connect to public transport and popular tourist locations on Phillip Island
- Upgrade road crossings along the Gippsland Plains Rail trail to improve safety and install signage to highlight local history

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- Extra passing loops and extra track to facilitate more trains
- Upgrade track to allow for higher speeds of up to 160 km/h
- Build train stabling at Sale to facilitate additional services
- Upgrade signalling to allow more trains through to Sale
- Improve safety at regional level crossings
- Retire classic fleet and procure replacement stock
- Investigate opportunities for local transport in Gippsland to provide additional travel options for residents
- Review and upgrade stations and facilities in Gippsland in line with changing community needs
- Plan for and implement bus service improvements across Gippsland as demand for services change

More information

Further information about the project can be found on the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources website at transport.vic.gov.au/rndp

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