

# Invest in Latrobe's Transformation

FEDERAL ELECTION PRIORITIES







Latrobe City Council acknowledges that we live, work and play on the traditional land of the Braiakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation and pays respect to their Elders past and present.

# From the Mayor

With the State and Federal elections fast approaching, Latrobe City will advocate on our community's behalf for a range of priority projects to further enhance our regional city's liveability, economy and overall health.

Council will work hand-in-hand with our state and federal government partners to work through a period of major transition, building on the success and momentum created by our community's 2016 Strength Led Transition work.

Working with all levels of government, the Strength Led Transition has already resulted in major outcomes on the ground, including the establishment of a Latrobe Health Innovation Zone, High Tech Precinct and Employee Transitioning Centre.

It led to funding for long-anticipated projects such as the Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre, Gippsland Performing Arts Centre and the Morwell to Traralgon shared pathway.

We also welcomed major investments in the Morwell based Govhub, Latrobe Regional Hospital expansion, Gippsland line rail upgrades and many more across our region.

Once again, we are poised to transform our economy and move toward new industries as we continue our proud tradition of powering the state.

Building on the strengths of our workforce and community, we will focus on a range of action items.

In the economy and employment sector we have a number of shovel ready investment opportunities we believe represent great value for our city, state and nation.

Developing the Gippsland Logistics Precinct would be a major boost to Eastern Victoria's \$21 billion supply chain.

Securing a 50,000 tonne Gippsland Material Recovery Facility in Morwell would strengthen our position as a leading regional circular economy.

Expanding the Latrobe Regional Airport is a chance to offer new aviation and business opportunities outside of the metropolitan area.

Harnessing alternative energy sources and commercialising hydrogen is a priority for our region to continue its long legacy of power generation.

Furthering our defence manufacturing sector is another target area.

Council also has some key goals in the fields of education, innovation and health.

We will continue to work closely with Federation University and TAFE Gippsland to grow student numbers and match skills with current and future demand.

We will support Fed Uni and Latrobe Regional Hospital to deliver a new health and education clinic, improving access for patients and providing advanced training opportunities.

Latrobe City is eager to fully realise the StartUp Gippsland initiative to support local innovation and entrepreneurship.

Council also hopes to secure funding for several local projects across Latrobe City.

Delivering the third and final stage of the Moe Revitalisation Project, which will redevelop Moore Street, is a key focus for liveability.

Advancing the Traralgon Bypass project, including flood mitigation infrastructure, is an opportunity to empower local businesses and improve transport links.

Securing a suite of new facilities for flood affected user groups at the Traralgon Recreation Reserve is also high on our list, as is the delivery of an inter-township trail network to improve connectivity.

Council's role leading up to the elections is to enable transition, harnessing our community's aspirations to advocate for positive change.

Collaborating with all tiers of government, we will pursue these projects to ensure Latrobe City continues to evolve as a smart, sustainable, healthy and connected regional city.

**Cr Kellie O'Callaghan**  
**Mayor Latrobe City Council**





# Latrobe City

## – Overview of who we are

Latrobe City is Victoria's eastern regional city and Gippsland's primary service centre and employment hub. It provides retail, entertainment, education, government and health services to the region.

Latrobe City is situated between the Strzelecki Ranges to the south and the Great Dividing Range to the north. It is a 90-minute drive east of Melbourne and covers 1425 square kilometres.

Latrobe City is renowned for its provision of electricity to Victoria via the Yallourn and Loy Yang power stations, and boasts one of the largest brown coal reserves in the world. The power industry has traditionally supported a large engineering industry that is expanding to service other fields.

The City's biggest employer is the health and social assistance sector, underpinned by the Latrobe Regional Hospital at Traralgon. We have a major forestry industry that services Australian Paper's pulp and paper mill and other sawmills. We are also home to food manufacturing, led by Bega Cheese's large processing factory at Morwell.

The education sector is a considerable employer, highlighted by Federation University at Churchill which is complemented by TAFE colleges and many secondary, primary and pre-schools.

As Gippsland's Regional City, Latrobe City is the regional headquarters of many government departments and companies.

The outlying rural locations support a diverse agricultural sector and offer an affordable rural lifestyle.

The combination of major employers, the City's regional significance and affordable housing makes Latrobe City a centre of opportunity for both businesses and residents.

The City has three large towns in Moe, Morwell and Traralgon, which all have essential services and a variety of shopping, sporting, recreation and arts facilities.

The City is connected to Gippsland and the rest of Victoria by a freeway and a railway line, offers the convenience of being close to hills, mountains and parks and is within an hour's drive of the coast.

Latrobe City is home to a large and diverse population.

Many people have lived in the city their whole lives, others have moved here for work or education, while some have settled after arriving from overseas.







# A Strength Led Transition

Latrobe City has a strong advocacy and intergovernmental relations agenda. A voice for community aspirations, Council advocates all levels of Government on the needs of the community through a variety of ways, including but not limited to public campaigns, formal submissions, meetings with Ministers and their advisors and maintaining ongoing relationships with key government departments.

Our advocacy is also underpinned by our Advocacy Strategy, *Transition Latrobe 2021-2025*.

## A Strength Led Transition achievements

Working with all levels of government, the Strength Led Transition has already led to major outcomes on the ground for our community including:

- ✓ Latrobe Health Innovation Zone
- ✓ Latrobe Regional Hospital Employment (Stage 3) (election promise)
- ✓ Employee Transitioning Centre
- ✓ Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre
- ✓ Iconic Walking Track – Morwell to Traralgon
- ✓ Gippsland Performing Arts Centre
- ✓ Morwell – Traralgon Corridor – Master Plan and Development Plan
- ✓ Housing Land Supply
- ✓ High-Tech Precinct

# Transforming Latrobe City

Building on the foundations of the Strength Led Transition, Latrobe will lead with vision as we continue towards a new future.

Working together we will transform our economy, creating jobs and career pathways for our young people as we support our transition towards a low emissions future and a diversified economy.

Leveraging off our strengths and competitive advantages, together we will forge a new future at the forefront of innovation. We will grow our economy by moving toward new industries as we continue our proud tradition of keeping Victoria’s lights on.

We will become the most liveable regional city and our thriving communities will be vibrant, progressive, smart, connected, sustainable and resilient.



## Impacts of COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic caused loss and grief, impacted the lives of many and hurt our local economy. The impacts on Latrobe City's community and businesses were varied and, like other regional cities, far-reaching.

Although Regional Victoria experienced shorter sustained periods of lock down than metropolitan Melbourne, the impacts were no less significant. Our local economy felt the absence of visitors from Melbourne and further afield, with no international arrivals and highly restricted intrastate travel. Local businesses, tourism and hospitality suffered and are still on the road to recovery.

Latrobe City's tourism industry is still facing the challenge of bouncing back from two years of significant disruption. Latrobe City is part of the Gippsland tourism region and is positioned at the gateway to the Gippsland Lakes. The visitor economy in Gippsland is worth \$1.3 billion in visitor expenditure each year and employs over 13,000 people.

The impacts of the pandemic were devastating on the Gippsland visitor economy. Over 1.8 million visitors, 1.6 million visitor nights and \$330 million in visitor expenditure were lost in the six months between April – September 2020 (compared with the same period in 2019). The cumulative impacts of COVID-19 and the significant flooding and storm event in June 2021 has left the community of Latrobe reeling with ongoing support needed.



**1.8m  
Visitors**



**1.6m  
Visitor  
Nights**



**300m  
Visitor  
Expenditure**

## Council supports the Latrobe community during pandemic

In recognition of the immense challenges our businesses and community faced during the pandemic, Latrobe City Council adopted an immediate short-term emergency Business and Community Support Package - valued at approximately \$162,000 - in response to COVID-19 shutdowns in April 2020. This first phase of the package allowed Council to provide some immediate support to businesses while developing a longer-term strategy.

After careful consideration of State and Commonwealth support packages that were being implemented, and by listening to businesses, Council endorsed the implementation of a second phase Business and Community Support and Recovery Package valued up to over \$1.7 million.

The support package included the following measures:

### **Latrobe City COVID-19 Helpline**

The telephone Helpline helped community members who needed information and assistance to access local support during the pandemic and to support the community to remain resilient. The dedicated phone line was a 'one-stop-shop', staffed by trained officers to assist the community with up-to-date information in the fast changing COVID-19 landscape.

### **Charges refunded**

Refunds for health registrations from 3 March 2020 to 30 June 2020 were given to businesses impacted by the pandemic, and free health registrations will continue throughout 2020/21. Specific types of planning permit fees were also waived for 2020/21.

### **Cash flow improved**

Council committed to paying all invoices/suppliers within 14 days to improve their cash flow, rather than the usual 30 days.

### **Permits refunded**

Street trading and outdoor dining permit charges were refunded from 1 March 2020 until 30 June 2020, and no permit charges will be applicable in 2020/21.

### **Rental relief**

Council provided a 50 per cent reduction in rent for café and restaurant tenants in Council-owned buildings until the prohibition on in-house dining was lifted.

### **Backing business groups**

Council provided additional support for chambers of commerce/trader groups. This included an Events Partnership Program, a Business Support Program, and establishing a dedicated business section on Council's corporate website to help local businesses. Council made a contribution to Destination Gippsland for a region-wide tourism campaign.

### **Supporting sporting, community groups**

Council waived permits and fees for sporting clubs using grounds for the summer and winter seasons, and rent for clubs/organisations using Council-owned lands/grounds and buildings. Venue hire fees for Latrobe City community groups were also waived.

### **Extending Community Grants Fund**

Council extended the Community Grants Fund program to include new funding criteria.



Council delivered the State Government's Outdoor Dining Initiative which aimed to encourage the community to support local cafés and restaurants safely during the pandemic.





# Priority Projects



## Liveability & Connectivity

### Moe Revitalisation Project – Stage 3

Complete the Moe Revitalisation Project with the redevelopment of Moore Street Shared Zone and construction of a commuter car park to position Moe as an attractive place to live.

### Latrobe City Flood Recovery

Future proof the Traralgon Recreation Reserve Pavillion from storm and flood events and importantly provide social and community benefits to 19 user groups.

### Traralgon Bypass

Finalise the Traralgon Bypass, including flood mitigation infrastructure, to improve road safety and connectivity, reduce congestion and improve liveability in Traralgon and enhance Gippsland's major transport route.



## Economy & Employment

### Gippsland Logistics Precinct

Continue the development of the Gippsland Logistics Precinct by developing key infrastructure, including internal road and utility infrastructure and establishing the Gippsland Intermodal Freight Terminal.

### Defence Manufacturing

Advance defence industry manufacturing opportunities and deliver significant employment opportunities for the region.

### Hydrogen Industry

Establish a new billion-dollar industry in Latrobe City to support the region's economic transformation through the attraction of alternative and new energy research and technology investments.

### Latrobe Regional Airport Runway Duplication

Build a new runway at the Latrobe Regional Airport to build economic and employment opportunities, including generation of new business and investment opportunities in the manufacturing and food and fibre sector.

### Gippsland Material Recovery Facility

Build a 50,000-tonne capacity Material Recovery Facility in the Morwell Heavy Industry Precinct to improve recycling and local reprocessing of paper and cardboard, plastics and glass and the quality of materials for reprocessing and re-manufacturing.





# Invest in Latrobe’s transformation

## - Gippsland’s Regional City

### LATROBE CITY COUNCIL - FEDERAL ELECTION PRIORITIES

#### SUMMARY AND OVERVIEW

Opportunity / Priority	Funding Requested	Partnership opportunity	Outcomes
Hydrogen Industry	COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITY	Commit to Latrobe City as a Clean Hydrogen Industrial Hub and support the full commercialisation of the HESC (Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain) Project in the region.	Establishment of a new billion-dollar industry in Latrobe City to support the region’s economic transformation through the attraction of alternative and new energy research and technology investments.
Gippsland Logistics Precinct	\$19 MILLION STAGE 2: \$11.5 MILLION STAGE 3: \$7.5 MILLION	Commit to the continued development of the Gippsland Logistics Precinct through: Stage 2 - Development of key infrastructure including internal road and utility infrastructure, and flood mitigation earthworks.  Stage 3 - Establishment of the Gippsland Intermodal Freight Terminal including new signalling and upgrade of the rail siding.	The project will deliver superior transport infrastructure to improve connectivity throughout Eastern Victoria, establishing Latrobe City as the new centre for freight, serving as a catalyst for the attraction of new industries to the region. It is anticipated between 300-500 ongoing jobs will be directly created through the project.
Gippsland Material Recovery Facility	\$10 MILLION  TOTAL PROJECT COST \$30 MILLION	Support and financially contribute to the construction of a 50,000-tonne capacity Material Recovery Facility to be located in the Morwell Heavy Industry Precinct in Latrobe City.	Improved recycling and local reprocessing of paper and cardboard, plastics and glass and the quality of materials for reprocessing and re-manufacturing. Support the circular economy through the generation of a high volume of quality recycled products necessary to attract market demand and investment in recovered materials and re-manufacturing.
Traralgon Bypass	IN-PRINCIPLE SUPPORT	Consult with community and finalise plans, designs and funding for the Traralgon Bypass, including flood mitigation infrastructure.	Enhance Gippsland’s major transport route through improved road safety and connectivity. Reduce congestion and improve liveability in Traralgon.
Moe Revitalisation Project – Stage 3	\$7.56 MILLION	Contribute to the completion of the Moe Revitalisation Project, third and final stage, which includes the redevelopment of Moore Street Shared Zone and construction of a commuter car park.	Enhance city growth by improving the overall amenity of Moe, while positioning the township as an attractive place to live through improved community connections and social inclusion including increased safety and connectedness of the central business district area.
Latrobe Regional Airport Runway Duplication	\$25 MILLION	Commit to the construction of a new runway at the Latrobe Regional Airport.	Economic and employment opportunities for residents across Latrobe City and the Gippsland region, including generation of new business and investment opportunities in the manufacturing and food and fibre sector.
Latrobe City Flood Recovery	\$10 MILLION	Construction of a new pavilion within the Traralgon Recreation Reserve, above flood levels which incorporates facilities primarily for the sporting clubs/ groups. Facilitate the relocation of the many community groups, who do not rely on the sporting facilities within the reserve, by constructing new buildings in alternate locations within Traralgon.	The project will future proof the reserve from storm and flood events and importantly provide social and community benefits to 19 user groups.
Defence Manufacturing	COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITY	Government support to advance defence industry manufacturing opportunities in Latrobe City.	Defence manufacturing offers unprecedented economic prospects for Latrobe City’s industrial, manufacturing and engineering capability in addition to delivering significant employment opportunities for the region.





# Gippsland Logistics Precinct

## - Victoria's new centre for freight

### INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY \$19 MILLION

The Gippsland Logistics Precinct (GLP) is an opportunity to establish a fully serviced intermodal industrial precinct in Latrobe City. It will provide serviced industrial land with road and rail-based connectivity to meet the logistics needs of Eastern Victoria. The project will provide direct benefits to Victoria's \$21 billion supply chain and logistics sector.

Latrobe City entered into an agreement with the Victorian Government in 2018 for the GLP site activation project (Stage 1), supported by a grant of \$5 million. Stage 1 is underway, delivering roads and utility infrastructure, the upgrade of the intersection of Enterprise Drive and Tramway Road in Morwell and entry signage, lighting and landscaping. Works are due to be completed by December 2022.

Additional funding of \$19 million would enable the activation of Stage 2 of this project (detailed below). Stage 3 would facilitate an open access intermodal freight terminal including rail siding and site development.

### Partner with us to achieve

- Gippsland Logistics Precinct - Stage 2
  - Internal road and utility infrastructure and flood mitigation earthworks - \$11.5 million
- Gippsland Intermodal Freight Terminal (GIFT) - Stage 3
  - New signalling - \$6.3 million
  - Upgrade of the rail siding - \$1.2 million

**Total investment \$19 million**

### Outcomes and community benefit

- **Long term infrastructure development**  
The project will deliver superior transport infrastructure to improve connectivity throughout Eastern Victoria.
- **Employment**  
Between 300-500 ongoing jobs will be directly created through the project.
- **Industry attraction**  
Latrobe City will be the new centre for freight, serving as a catalyst for the attraction of new industries to the region.
- **Efficiency**  
State-of-the-art freight facilities will maximise efficiencies for businesses by reducing freight and transport costs.
- **Safe and sustainable**  
The precinct will provide a safe environment for business to occur and encourage environmentally and economically sustainable practices.



# Hydrogen Industry Commercialisation in Latrobe City

## COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITY

Hydrogen presents an emerging economic opportunity for the region. Latrobe City Council is committed to working with all tiers of government to commercialise hydrogen. This will stabilise and grow the region's economy and employment during profound energy sector changes, building on the region's existing strengths and competitive advantages.

### Why Latrobe City?

Latrobe City was the only Victorian location originally shortlisted by the Commonwealth Government as a potential future 'Clean Hydrogen Industrial Hub', alongside six other locations across the country.

The Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain (HESC) trial project in the Latrobe Valley intends to produce liquefied hydrogen from the region's brown coal to be transported to Japan for use in fuel cell electric vehicles and power generation.

### Partner with us to achieve

Latrobe City Council is seeking Commonwealth Government support to confirm our future as a Clean Hydrogen Industrial Hub. This will support the full-scale commercialisation of the Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain (HESC) project in the Latrobe Valley.

### Outcomes and community benefit

- **Economic transformation**  
Establishment of a new billion-dollar industry in Latrobe City to support the region's economic transformation.
- **Investment attraction**  
Attract alternative and new energy research and technology investments.
- **New jobs and career pathways**  
Deliver positive outcomes for the Latrobe City community through the creation of new jobs and career pathways.







# Latrobe City's Defence Manufacturing Opportunities

## INCREASED ENGAGEMENT

As Latrobe City's economic base is diversified, defence has the potential to drive the region's economic growth. Latrobe City has engineering capacity, experience and skills built over generations and is well placed to contribute to the defence industry supply chain nationally and internationally.

## Why Latrobe City?

Our regional city's ongoing transition away from coal-fired power generation will continue to result in an available highly skilled workforce with strong engineering and manufacturing capabilities. Latrobe City Council has collaborated with the Australian Defence Alliance (ADA) (formerly Australia Industry Defence Network Vic) to develop the Latrobe Valley Defence Profile. This initiative profiles 20 local engineering and educational organisations with identified capability, experience and transferrable skills to defence, with a quad chart developed for each organisation. Several Latrobe City based businesses have engaged with defence primes, including Boeing and Naval Group and have entered their global supply chains.

## Partner with us to achieve

Latrobe City Council would welcome the Commonwealth Government's assistance to:

- Send a Minister's Delegation to Latrobe City to find out more about the region's defence manufacturing capability.
- Provide individualised support to businesses represented in the Latrobe Valley Defence Alliance through the Office of Defence Industry Support (ODIS) to further develop their defence manufacturing capabilities (\$5000 for 20 businesses; \$100,000 in total).

## Outcomes and community benefit

- **Economic transformation**  
Defence manufacturing offers unprecedented economic prospects for Latrobe City's industrial, manufacturing and engineering capability.
- **Employment**  
Delivering significant employment opportunities for the region will provide immediate and long-term social benefits.



# Gippsland Material Recovery Facility

## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY \$10 MILLION

The Morwell Heavy Industry Precinct is the ideal location for the 50,000 tonne Gippsland Material Recovery Facility. The project will create opportunities for the Gippsland region to effectively manage the recovery and reprocessing of recyclable materials in line with State Government goals.

### Why Latrobe City?

A Regional Material Recovery Facility will improve product quality and quantity, attracting new markets, job creation and investment to the wider Gippsland region.

Latrobe City is well placed to be a leader in the circular economy, with a highly-skilled workforce with expertise in reprocessing of green waste, plastics, cardboard and paper. Latrobe City offers more than 400 hectares of well buffered industrial zoned land, serviced by regional road and rail transport networks.

A joint procurement approach by participating Gippsland councils will increase material availability to the resource recovery market through aggregation and consolidation of volumes, increasing viability in recovering valuable resources from waste. This project directly aligns with Commonwealth and Victorian Government's policy and contributes to shared local, state and commonwealth recycling goals.

### Partner with us to achieve

- \$10 million for a 50,000-tonne capacity Material Recovery Facility to be located in the Morwell Heavy Industry Precinct in Latrobe City (total project cost \$30 million).

### Outcomes and community benefit

- **Direct and indirect jobs**  
The facility is expected to deliver 100 direct jobs during the construction phase, with 25 direct jobs following its completion.
- **Improved process and outcomes**  
Improved recycling and local reprocessing of paper and cardboard, plastics and glass and the quality of materials for reprocessing and re-manufacturing.
- **Attract market demand**  
Generation of a high volume of quality recycled products necessary to attract market demand and investment in recovered materials and re-manufacturing.
- **New opportunities for region**  
Maintenance and creation of new re-manufacturing. Opportunity for business to adopt innovative re-use and recycling methods.
- **Improved service efficiencies.**
- **Reduced waste to landfill.**
- **Reduced service liability and cost to residents.**





# Moe Revitalisation Project – Stage Three

**INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY \$7.56 MILLION**

The third and final stage of the Moe Revitalisation Project will create an appealing streetscape for businesses, commuters and pedestrians in the Moe town centre. It includes the redevelopment of Moore Street, between George Street and Albert Street, along with the construction of a commuter car park at the eastern end of George Street.

The Revitalisation Project is an opportunity to enhance Moe as highly liveable community. The project will enhance connectivity, safety and encouraging business growth through improved amenities.

This final stage of the project ties directly into Stage Two, which is currently funded by the Community Infrastructure Loan Scheme (CILS) and will be delivered by Council by September 2023.

## Partner with us to achieve

- \$7.56 million for Moore Street Shared Zone and construction of car park (Stage 3 – Moe Revitalisation Project).

## Outcomes and community benefit

- **Direct and indirect jobs**  
The project will support 55 direct and indirect jobs through the construction phase, with a further 38 ongoing direct and indirect jobs, with an anticipated economic output of \$39.9 million over 10 years.
- **Community inclusion**  
Improved community connections and social inclusion by increasing safety and connectivity of the city area.
- **City growth**  
Enhanced city growth by improving the overall amenity.
- **Regional income increase**  
Increase in regional income generated by the project is estimated at \$7.334 million.





# Latrobe Regional Airport Runway Duplication Project

## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY \$25 MILLION

A new runway at Latrobe Regional Airport will develop and expand the region's hub for aviation services and create opportunities for new business.

### Why Latrobe City?

Extensive technical and stakeholder engagement studies show that in its current condition, the runway 03R/21L and associated airport infrastructure are not suitable for the chosen aircraft to operate under the legislation. With the support of government, Latrobe City could become a major regional aviation hub capable of creating new transport networks across the state and country.

### Partner with us to achieve

- \$25 million for a new runway at the Latrobe Regional Airport.

### Outcomes and community benefit

- **Direct and indirect jobs**  
This project will create 68 direct and 65 indirect jobs.
- **Future transport options**  
Options for future transport services along with inbound and outbound tourism opportunities for Regional Victoria.
- **Investment attraction**  
Generation of new business and investment opportunities in the manufacturing and food and fibre sector.
- **Support freight industry growth**  
Potential to generate significant growth in freight services given the extensive export opportunities available from the immediate and wider region.







# Latrobe City Flood Recovery

## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY \$10 MILLION

The June 2021 storm and flood event caused major damage to the Traralgon Recreation Reserve, which has significantly impacted many user groups. The extent of this damage was more extreme than anticipated, with a number of buildings beyond repair and requiring demolition. This presents an opportunity to partner with government to create new, purpose-built spaces to better accommodate all user groups and prevent future damage in the event of flooding.

Latrobe City Flood Recovery Project will include two key developments:

- Construction of a new pavilion within the Traralgon Recreation Reserve, above flood levels which incorporates facilities primarily for the sporting clubs/groups.
- Facilitate the relocation of the many community groups, who do not rely on the sporting facilities within the reserve, by constructing new buildings in alternate locations within Traralgon.

## Partner with us to achieve

- \$10 million in funding is required to build a new pavilion at the Traralgon Recreation Reserve and develop a multi-purpose precinct at the nearby Glenview Park to accommodate a range of user groups.

*Latrobe City Council has already committed \$2 million to the project.*

## Outcomes and community benefit

- **Future proof for flood events**  
The project will future proof the reserve from storm and flood events
- **Support community**  
Social and community benefits to 19 user groups.
- **Support jobs**  
The construction phase is expected to support 50 jobs.
- **Grow the game**  
The Glenview Park precinct will incorporate regional first purpose-built facilities for dodgeball and roller derby, as well as a host of other groups.

Hear from affected community groups in a short video:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=eePfRYnSJTY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eePfRYnSJTY)





# Traralgon Bypass

## IN-PRINCIPLE SUPPORT

The Traralgon Bypass has long been identified as a priority project to remove heavy vehicles and passing traffic from an increasingly busy town centre.

The bypass will provide a safe and efficient traffic link for Gippsland's growing communities, heavy vehicles and visitors to the region and support the region's economic growth.

## Why Latrobe City?

Traralgon is the largest town in Gippsland without a bypass.

Gippsland is a freight driven region and producers need the competitive opportunity to bring their products closer to market. The bypass could also assist with Traralgon flood mitigation with the inclusion of a retarding basin and dam.

Significant work was carried out by VicRoads in the 2000s that included a preliminary road design for the bypass route, as well as flora, fauna, economic, land use and cultural heritage assessments.

The routing was formalised in the Latrobe Planning Scheme in 2009 before the State Government announced \$1.4 million for bypass planning in 2017.

Regional Roads Victoria conducted planning study including community feedback on the route and interchange locations. The study investigated the economic, environmental, social and traffic impacts of the bypass. The project has since been on hold due to the route's proximity to the Loy Yang mine which may impact rehabilitation options.

## Partner with us to achieve

In-principal support; subject to completed planning, design and community consultation by the Victorian Government.

## Outcomes and community benefit

- Improve road safety and connectivity
- Support for the region's economic growth and productivity
- Create jobs
- Reduce congestion and improve liveability in Traralgon
- Enhance Gippsland's major transport route



