

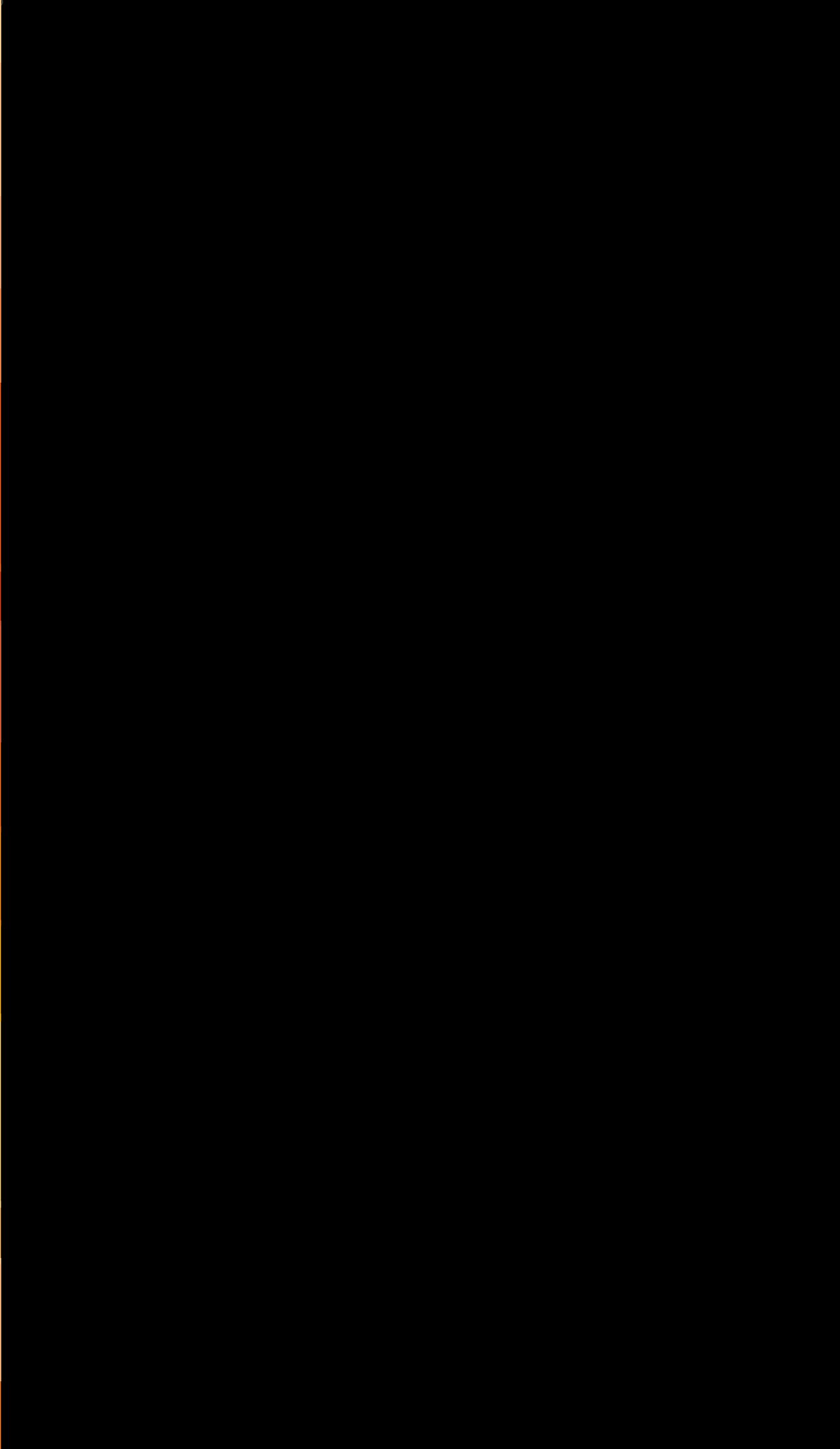
The Community Vision for Latrobe Valley



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Latrobe 2026:

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OVERVIEW

The aim of this document is to identify current strengths and issues that can be built upon or improved to achieve the Community Vision by 2026.

The Community Vision was generated after identifying three broad concepts shared by the Latrobe Valley community – Sustainability, Liveability and Leadership. To achieve these three concepts a range of actions need to be taken.

Those actions have been considered as part of the vision development process with a further nine objectives identified that will take Latrobe Valley forward. These objectives are listed in this document under the headings Economy, Natural Environment, Built Environment, Our Community, Culture, Recreation, Governance, Advocacy and Partnerships and Regulation and Accountability.

The development of the community vision has been facilitated by Latrobe City Council in consultation with many agencies, organisations, groups and individuals. It is hoped that ongoing involvement and support will be demonstrated through the contribution we each make towards the achievement of this vision.

Life in the Latrobe Valley today. It offers excellent rural and urban living enhanced by a diversity of lifestyle choices.



Location

Latrobe Valley is situated in the heart of Gippsland, in eastern Victoria, less than two hours drive east of Melbourne along the Princes Freeway. It offers excellent rural and urban living enhanced by a diversity of lifestyle choices. With the pristine beaches of the Gippsland coastline, Mount Baw Baw snowfields and the famous Gippsland Lakes all within easy reach, its ideal location is one of the Latrobe Valley's greatest attributes.

The City of Latrobe comprises four major towns – Moe, Morwell, Traralgon and Churchill – as well as the smaller townships of Yallourn North, Tyers, Glengarry, Toongabbie, Traralgon South, Yinnar and Boolarra.

People and Culture

Latrobe City, Victoria's fourth largest regional municipality, has an estimated residential population of almost 74,000 people. It is a youthful population with 35% of residents in the 0-24 age group and only 12% over 65 years. A vibrant area shaped by diversity of heritage and cultures, it embraces a migrant population of varied origins and backgrounds.

Latrobe Valley sits within the boundaries of the Braiakaulung Clan of the Gunnai/Kurnai people of Gippsland. The indigenous community accounts for 1.3% of the city's population.

Industry and Economy

Latrobe City is one of the state's strongest regional economies. Annual business turnover is estimated at \$9.3 billion of which \$4.7 billion is exported to businesses outside the municipality.

Based on gross revenue output, the largest industry sectors operating in the Latrobe City are manufacturing (28% of GRP); electricity, gas and water supply (18%) and the construction sector (12.5%). These are followed by property and business services, and the retail trade.

The energy generators are major employers in the Latrobe Valley providing 1,600 jobs directly and an estimated 4,500 jobs indirectly. Maryvale Mill, Australia's largest pulp and paper-making complex, also provides significant employment of more than 900 people with an additional 2,500 people indirectly employed in supporting industries.

Natural Resources

The broader Gippsland region is rich in natural resources including forests, fertile land, water, natural gas and brown coal. The brown coal resource is one of the world's largest deposits and the vast majority of the resource is located in the Latrobe Valley.

The Latrobe Valley brown coal electricity generators supply around 90% of Victoria's electricity. The low cost electricity generated here has contributed to Victoria's economic prosperity. However the high moisture content of brown coal has meant that greenhouse gas emissions produced are high compared to other forms of electricity generation and also make the coal unsuitable for bulk exports. Research is being undertaken to examine alternative uses for brown coal generation and to develop clean coal technologies, such as coal drying processes, carbon capture and storage, biosequestration and algae based technology.

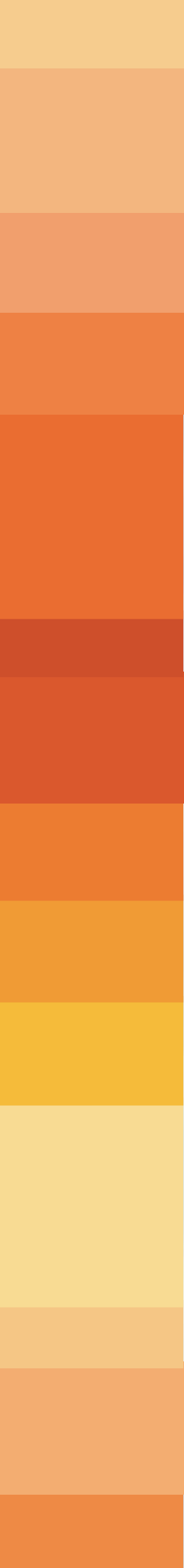
Situated on the fringe of Latrobe Valley, the Gippsland Basin is one of Australia's most prolific and mature petroleum provinces. With approximately two thirds of the basin located offshore from the Gippsland coastline it is a major source

of natural gas with some 24 oil and gas fields currently in operation.

Water is also among Latrobe Valley's most valuable natural resources, with water quality, security and management among key opportunities for the region. Latrobe Valley has a reasonably secure water supply and a very large capacity and sustainable water system.

The generally reliable rainfall has long supported various agricultural endeavours including dairy farming. The area also benefits from ample natural timber resources.

Latrobe Valley boasts the newly constructed Gippsland Water Factory. The first of its kind in Australia, the factory will service a population base of 48,000 and treat up to 35 million litres of waste-water daily, from 15,000 homes and businesses.



Services and Infrastructure

Latrobe Valley is positioned as the principal service centre for Gippsland offering high quality health, education and community services.

Maryvale Private Hospital, Latrobe Regional Hospital (LRH) and Latrobe Community Health Service offer first-rate health and medical services and programs. LRH also houses the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre, making it possible for residents to receive comprehensive radiotherapy, oncology and chemotherapy treatments locally.

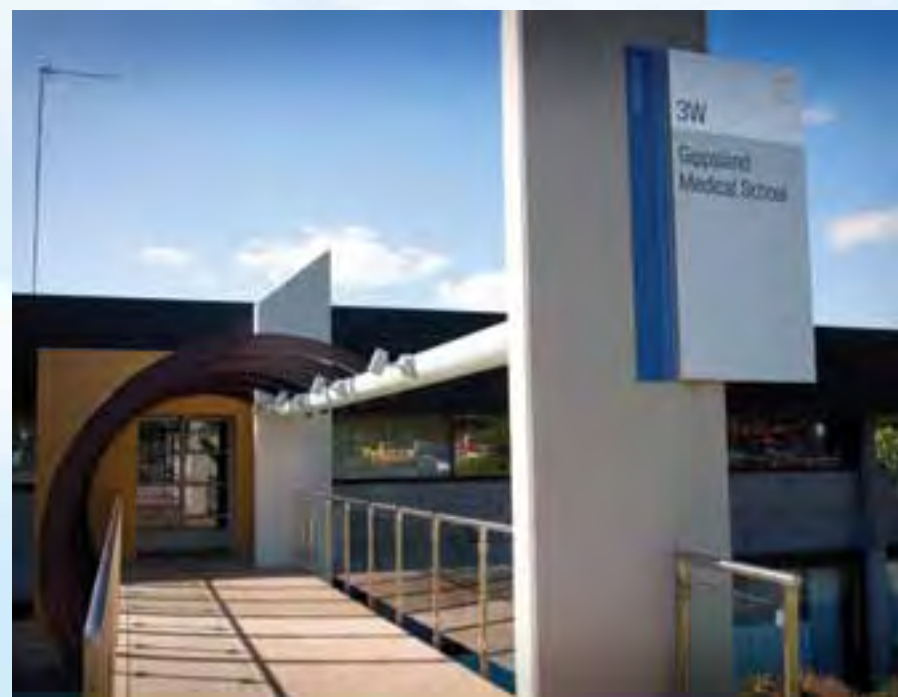
Considered the educational centre of Gippsland, Latrobe Valley boasts a selection of highly regarded public and private primary and secondary schools along with a fully serviced campus of Monash University. Together with GippsTAFE, Apprenticeships Group Australia, and the Gippsland Education Precinct, a vast range of educational options are available in the region.

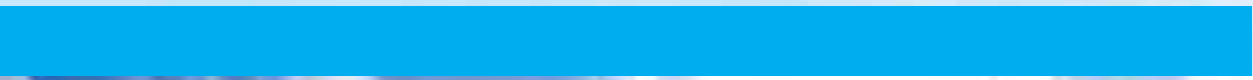
Infrastructure connecting the Latrobe Valley to Melbourne and other parts of the state continues to develop. Recent

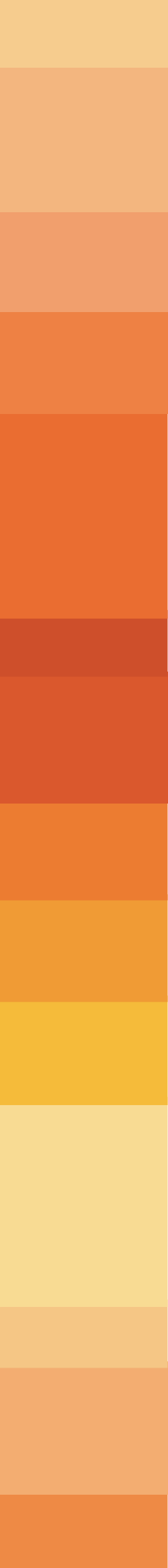
improvements such as the Hallam and Pakenham bypasses and an upgrade of the Princes Freeway East from Traralgon to Sale scheduled to commence in 2010, will further enhance the road network.

Major rail infrastructure upgrades and the introduction of regional fast train services connect Latrobe Valley residents to metropolitan Melbourne in around two hours.

Development of the Gippsland Intermodal Freight Terminal at Morwell will provide local industry with direct access to the national freight network. Preparations are currently underway for a large-scale logistics and distribution precinct that will adjoin the terminal site. The Latrobe Regional Airport, awarded the Rural Airport of the Year by the Australian Airport Association in 2008, is another integral component of the region's transport network.







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to Latrobe City

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Aspirations of the community

In April/May of 2009, independent researchers undertook an extensive survey of Latrobe Valley residents to determine their aspirations for the future of the region. The survey explored economic, environmental and social themes to identify the aspects that residents valued most, and those they would most like to change about living in Latrobe Valley. It also captured the community's perspective on the biggest issues the Latrobe Valley faces in the future.

The most important aspects of community life in Latrobe Valley identified by the survey are, in order of priority:

- Employment opportunities and job security available locally;
- Options and standards of health services available locally;
- Freedom from crime and violence in the local community;
- Attraction of new businesses and more jobs to our region;
- Quality or cleanliness of waterways across our region;
- Options and standard of primary and secondary education available locally;
- Skilled workforce available locally to fill job vacancies;
- Maintenance of road and rail infrastructure across the region;
- Management of domestic water reserves;
- Strength of the local economy;
- Sustainability of locally based businesses; and
- Options and standard of tertiary education available locally.

Aspects of community life in Latrobe Valley with the highest satisfaction levels were:

- Relaxed and peaceful country lifestyle;
- Recreational/sporting options and facilities available locally;
- Active community groups working towards local issues;
- Options and standards of primary and secondary education available locally;
- Range of cultural options and facilities available locally;
- Affordability of living in our region; and
- Options and standard of tertiary education available locally.

Aspects which require further consideration and effort are:

- Freedom from crime and violence in the local community;
- Employment opportunities and job security available locally;
- Attraction of new businesses and more jobs to our region;
- Support and opportunities to reduce welfare dependency available locally; and
- Options and standard of health services available locally.

From August to October 2009, further work was undertaken by a team of Community Facilitators to expand on the information obtained through the survey. Activities were coordinated with emphasis on connecting with community sectors that are traditionally excluded or difficult to engage such as children, people from cultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people with disabilities, and residents who are time poor. Information obtained by the Community Facilitators reinforced the findings of the earlier surveys.

A concise expression of the preferred future articulated by the community is that in 2026 Latrobe Valley will be:

Liveable and vibrant

- A place where people feel safe, connected and proud of their city;

Sustainable and enterprising

- A place where community life complements the environment, and diverse employment opportunities secure our future; and

Committed to collaborative and inclusive leadership

- A place where people work in partnership to facilitate local outcomes.

The community's vision statement:

"In 2026 the Latrobe Valley is a liveable and sustainable region with collaborative and inclusive community leadership."



The community's vision for Latrobe Valley in the future



The community's vision for the future development of the region continues to build on its strength as one of Victoria's key regional economies and its position as the commercial centre of Gippsland with a focus on education, health and community services and facilities.

The other major aspirations are for a community that is both liveable and sustainable, with a continued focus on healthy lifestyles supported by high quality recreational and cultural facilities and a natural environment that is nurtured and respected.

The community has expressed its desire for a future in which people are united in a common purpose whilst respecting the diversity of their heritage and cultures. To enable the vision to become reality the community has identified the need for effective and proactive leadership at all levels, and has expressed a willingness to connect with community leaders to enrich local decision making.



**“IN 2026 THE LATROBE VALLEY IS A
LIVEABLE AND SUSTAINABLE REGION
WITH COLLABORATIVE AND INCLUSIVE
COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.”**

It is important this document provides a platform from which the key ingredients of the community’s vision can be integrated into the planning framework for the future of the region.

Keeping the nine objectives in mind – economy, natural environment, built environment, our community, culture, recreation, governance, advocacy and partnerships and regulation and accountability – will ensure the community’s vision is brought to reality.

This vision is built on the foundation of three core principles.



SUSTAINABILITY

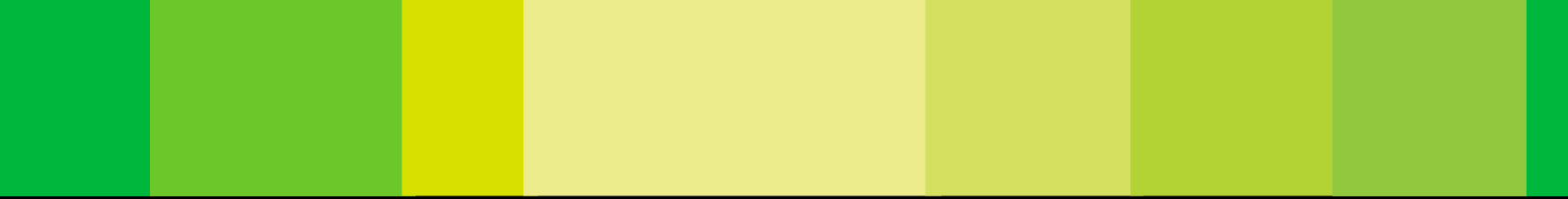
Sustainability refers to our ability to meet the diverse needs of the community today in a way that will not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Whether we are considering the environment, the strength of our economy or our social and cultural wellbeing as a community, we are striving to identify solutions that will achieve sustainable outcomes for the future.

LIVEABILITY

Liveability is about the characteristics that influence people to live in a place including infrastructure and services, employment opportunities underpinned by a strong economy, transport and accessibility, social inclusion and participation, and how safe we feel in our community.

LEADERSHIP

Leadership is the ability to bring people together to achieve common objectives. It's about the capacity of leaders in our community to understand issues and use their expertise to encourage dialogue, participation and transparency in the decision making process. Leadership is about being proactive, having foresight, and initiating positive change in the best interests of the community.



ECONOMY

IN 2026, LATROBE VALLEY HAS A STRONG AND DIVERSE ECONOMY BUILT ON INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ENTERPRISE. AS THE VIBRANT BUSINESS CENTRE OF GIPPSLAND, IT CONTRIBUTES TO THE REGIONAL AND BROADER ECONOMIES, WHILST PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES AND PROSPERITY FOR OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

Diversification and expansion of local industry is fundamental to achieving the community vision and ensuring continued growth of the local workforce. Business attraction and investment is one way in which this will be achieved. With an abundance of natural resources and an opportunity to negotiate directly with local electricity generators, the region offers a valuable point of difference for those considering establishing business.

Latrobe Valley has historically demonstrated an adaptive and progressive economic capability. This is evident in the strong recovery from unprecedented levels of unemployment that followed privatisation of the former State Electricity Commission during the 1990's.

Unemployment rates today are only marginally higher than Victorian and Australian rates.

However the Latrobe Valley still faces challenges to create opportunities that will continue to consolidate its future growth and prosperity. The relationship between the local economy and the built and natural environments are complex with environmental management a major socio-political issue in Australia. Whilst a constraint to urban development, the vast deposits of brown coal located below the valley floor is also a major asset to the local, state and national economy. A key challenge for the Latrobe Valley is the effective transition of the economy to an increasingly carbon emission constrained future.



ECONOMY



**NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT**

IN 2026, LATROBE VALLEY ENJOYS A BEAUTIFUL NATURAL ENVIRONMENT THAT IS MANAGED AND PROTECTED WITH RESPECT TO ENSURE A LASTING LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Latrobe Valley enjoys one of Victoria’s most beautiful environments rich in natural resources such as forests, fertile land, water, natural gas and brown coal.

Arguably the most valuable of all natural resources is air. Predominantly, air pollution comes from industry, motor vehicles and domestic wood burning. Natural sources of air pollution include wind-blown dust and bushfire smoke. In recent years the greatest impact on Latrobe Valley’s air quality has been from bushfires and fuel reduction burning. However ongoing air monitoring shows that Latrobe Valley’s air is less polluted than Melbourne’s.

It is understood the issue of climate change needs to be recognised and addressed. Protection of the environment by reducing the level of air pollution, including greenhouse gas emissions will be supported in the Latrobe Valley with a transition to cleaner technologies, and greater awareness and opportunity for environmentally friendly initiatives.

While there are a number of areas of natural bush in close proximity to Latrobe Valley, retention and responsible management of remnant native vegetation together with regeneration is critical to preserve and enhance land and water health and conserve biodiversity.

Latrobe Valley sits within the Latrobe Catchment Ecosystem. The rivers throughout the area are considered to be in moderate health however the health of the Latrobe River fluctuates in different areas. The continued protection and enhancement of our river health, water quality and environmental flows and wetland habitats are imperative for the responsible management and long-term sustainability of our water resources in the region.





Latrobe City has experienced strong population growth in recent years with an estimated population of almost 74,000 in 2008. Population projections commissioned by Latrobe City Council suggest a population of up to 86,450 in the year 2026.

Planning for the addition of anywhere up to 12,450 residents in Latrobe City will be critical. As population increases so will the demand on local housing, public infrastructure and urban amenity.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

IN 2026, LATROBE VALLEY BENEFITS FROM A WELL PLANNED BUILT ENVIRONMENT THAT IS COMPLEMENTARY TO ITS SURROUNDINGS AND WHICH PROVIDES FOR A CONNECTED AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY.



The role of strategic land use planning is essential to ensure future development is properly considered and able to meet the aspirations of a growing community. Within the Latrobe Valley, 82% of land is effectively unsuitable for urban development due to restrictions related to wildfire and flood prone areas, coal resources and significant state infrastructure.

Three to four years supply of appropriately zoned residential land is currently (2010) available in Latrobe Valley's major towns, with a further 10 to 15 years of supply identified for future rezoning. Continued modernisation of the Latrobe Planning Scheme will be required to identify additional land and adequately plan for future urban growth of the Latrobe Valley.

To realise the vision for a built environment that is complementary to its surrounds, it will be critical for future development to be sensitive to natural resources such as water. For example, carefully planned integration of our urban waterways will ensure greater outcomes for water quality, biodiversity links, and passive and active recreation links between communities.

To achieve the vision for a connected and inclusive built environment it is important that accessibility of community services and facilities are preserved and enhanced as communities evolve. We must also consider key urban needs such as housing; commercial and industrial uses; railway and road infrastructure; water, sewerage and energy supply; and open space and recreational areas.

It is important for public transport to expand in growth areas and to be integrated with other modes of travel. Equally important is well designed infrastructure that supports and encourages alternative transport options.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT



OUR COMMUNITY

IN 2026, LATROBE VALLEY IS ONE OF THE MOST LIVEABLE REGIONS IN VICTORIA, KNOWN FOR ITS HIGH QUALITY HEALTH, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES THAT ARE SAFE, CONNECTED AND PROUD.

A relaxed country lifestyle along with high quality health and education services, affordable housing and a strong sense of community makes the Latrobe Valley one of the most liveable regions in Victoria.

With the number of people aged over 60 expected to double by 2026, changing needs and aspirations of older residents, increased cost of service provision and the attraction and retention of a skilled workforce, is more important than ever to our future.

As with most municipalities, higher concentrations of social disadvantage can be found in small pockets of Latrobe City. Creating opportunity for participation in community life is important to reduce individual disadvantage and welfare dependency, and thus strengthen the Latrobe Valley community as a whole.

Maintaining a safe environment with freedom from crime and violence is a high priority for Latrobe Valley residents. With a higher rate of crime than several other regional cities and rural municipalities, a continued focus on community safety is vital. Safety Committees have been established in Moe, Morwell and Traralgon in collaboration with local government, local businesses, transport providers, community groups and Victoria Police. The committees work to address issues of anti-social behaviour particular to the central business district of each town, and to identify and implement initiatives aimed at reducing undesirable behaviour.

Latrobe Valley offers some of the best educational facilities in regional Victoria including schools, early learning centres, adult and community education and training providers, as well as TAFE and university institutions. It is recognised that the higher education sector, incorporating research, could provide the region with an opportunity to align existing educational facilities and new technologies, in support of local issues. Realisation of such an opportunity would further establish the education sector as a key economic contributor in the Latrobe Valley.

The wellbeing of the community is supported by high quality health services and programs. Like many parts of regional Victoria, Latrobe Valley has experienced a shortage of GPs however numbers have improved in recent times and it is hoped the Monash University Gippsland Medical School which opened in 2008, will also help to alleviate the shortage.

CULTURE

IN 2026, LATROBE VALLEY CELEBRATES THE DIVERSITY OF HERITAGE AND CULTURES THAT SHAPE OUR COMMUNITY, WITH ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES THAT SUPPORT THE CULTURAL VITALITY OF THE REGION.

Latrobe Valley enjoys a strong reputation as a culturally vibrant region, enriched by the diversity of our indigenous and multicultural heritage, and supported by well-established international relationships.

Strong heritage influences continue to shape the region's culture, particularly through British, Dutch, Italian and Germany ancestry. While new settlers have continued to arrive from the United Kingdom, the Latrobe Valley has also become home to many Sudanese families in recent times.



Arts and cultural programs, activities, events, festivals and facilities provide the resources and opportunities in which local communities can express and celebrate their heritage and culture.

As the regional arts capital the Latrobe Valley has a strong history of cultural expression through the arts, music, film and theatre. There are several galleries in the area, headlined by the Latrobe Regional Gallery. Locally, Monash University Gippsland and GippsTAFE also contribute to the field of art and design, providing the training for many successful Gippsland artists. In addition, Latrobe Valley's culture is expressed in a variety of venues and performance spaces such as the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre, Kernot Hall, Moe Town Hall and the Loy Yang Power Latrobe Community Soundshell.



Entrenched firmly in the local culture are several events and festivals that add strength to the local tourism sector and bring economic benefits to the region. The Boolarra Folk Festival, Moe Jazz Festival, Japanese Day and Chinese Festival headline the strong cultural and event programs held throughout Latrobe Valley.

Business and industry also play a key role in the local international community with international corporations establishing themselves in the region. International relationships are also central to many locally based organisations. Monash University has an annual on-campus population of over 290 international students from 31 different countries, bringing cultural diversity to our local communities.

Latrobe Valley is also involved in two official international relationships. Latrobe City Council has formal 'Sister City' relationships with the City of Taizhou, China and Takasago City, Japan. These relationships have been instrumental in the promotion of common prosperity and development by way of international exchange and cooperation in the areas of economy, trade, science and technology, education, sports, health and culture.

CULTURE



RECREATION

IN 2026, LATROBE VALLEY ENCOURAGES A HEALTHY AND VIBRANT LIFESTYLE, WITH DIVERSITY IN PASSIVE AND ACTIVE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND FACILITIES THAT CONNECT PEOPLE WITH THEIR COMMUNITY.

Latrobe Valley's diverse geography and high quality sporting facilities provide for an array of active and passive recreation and leisure choices.

Participation in sport and recreation is firmly embedded in the local culture with the majority of residents supporting or directly participating in some form of activity. Walking is recognised as one of the most popular forms of exercise for adults, for which Latrobe Valley boasts a variety of trails and pathways through our many scenic parks and reserves. Whilst team based sports continue to be favoured by children, particularly Australian Rules football, netball, tennis, and soccer that continues to rise in popularity.

The implementation of 'Access for All Abilities' facilities is becoming more widespread allowing the inclusion of residents from a range of cultures, ages and abilities.

Latrobe Valley also has an abundance of choice in respect to parks, gardens, playgrounds, walking tracks, rail trails and bike paths. Facilities such as Lake Narracan and Hazelwood Pondage provide ideal venues for both water and land based activities.

Strengthening the capacity of sport and recreational clubs and organisations and seeking to improve the quality of local facilities will ensure greater opportunities for participation.

Latrobe Valley's quality facilities help attract national and international events such as the International Tennis Federation Junior Tennis Championships in Traralgon. Home of Gippsland's U/18 TAC football team Gippsland Power, Morwell is a regular host of AFL regional challenge matches. The Joe Carmody Athletics Track in Newborough is recognised as one of the best of its kind in regional Australia, regularly hosting state and national events.

Clearly positioned as the sporting hub of Gippsland, Latrobe Valley will continue to develop first-rate facilities in support of emerging and growing recreational pursuits across the region.



GOVERNANCE

IN 2026, LATROBE VALLEY HAS A REPUTATION FOR CONSCIENTIOUS LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE, STRENGTHENED BY AN INFORMED AND ENGAGED COMMUNITY, COMMITTED TO ENRICHING LOCAL DECISION MAKING.

Latrobe Valley strives to accomplish diligent governance processes and robust leadership, recognising the contrasting yet complementary role of both functions.

Governance relates to how community interests are articulated and managed through democratic processes. Achieving ‘good governance’ requires the competent management of resources and affairs in a manner that is open, transparent, accountable, equitable and responsive to community or customer needs.

‘Community leadership’ refers to the ability to bring people together towards the achievement of common objectives. Leaders within our community must be responsive to community needs and understand the shared values, goals and vision that are community-centred and not self-centred. They are proactive, have foresight and actively work to affect positive change in the best interests of the community. There are various individuals and organisations that contribute to leading Latrobe Valley.

A local initiative aimed at increasing our regional leadership capacity is the Gippsland Community Leadership Program. Operating since 1996, it was the first community leadership program to be established in regional Australia. Supporting the development of future leaders, and bringing together a diversity of backgrounds from across Gippsland, the program explores issues affecting growth, prosperity and social cohesion within the region.



ADVOCACY AND PARTNERSHIPS

IN 2026, LATROBE VALLEY IS SUPPORTED BY DIVERSITY OF GOVERNMENT, AGENCY, INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS, COMMITTED TO WORKING TOGETHER TO ADVOCATE FOR AND DELIVER SUSTAINABLE LOCAL OUTCOMES.

Latrobe Valley benefits from a range of well-established groups and associations who advocate for and deliver local outcomes.

Advocacy towards a shared vision and values, together with collaborative planning and partnerships form the essence of effective community leadership.

Community leadership requires a combination of government, business and community members with established local interest. The collaboration of a group of people with diverse expertise, perspective and function ensures best possible outcomes for the community.

There have been several examples of collaboration in the Latrobe Valley that demonstrate the benefits of working together in the pursuit of local outcomes. The 2009 bushfire response and recovery process was facilitated locally, and is a good example of successful collaboration, and one for which the region is highly respected.

The Central Gippsland Essential Industries Group is another great example. This group consists of representatives from the electricity supply, oil and gas and water industries, emergency services and government departments. Members collaborate to plan precautionary and preventative measures to reduce the likelihood and impact of any major incident and to support recovery should an incident occur.

REGULATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

IN 2026, LATROBE VALLEY
DEMONSTRATES RESPECT FOR
THE IMPORTANCE OF RULES AND
LAWS TO PROTECT PEOPLE'S
RIGHTS, OUTLINE OBLIGATIONS AND
SUPPORT COMMUNITY VALUES AND
COHESION.



Constituted by state legislation, local government is also empowered to make laws, however these are limited to local application (known as local laws or bylaws).

Laws and regulations are an essential part of society in the protection of people's rights, to outline obligations and support community values and cohesion.

Both in conjunction with but independent of government, there are also statutory and regulatory authorities. These public bodies work in a regulatory or supervisory capacity, with the responsibility of enacting legislation for a specific area of the law.

The Department of Justice maintains a significant responsibility for law enforcement at the state level through the provision of police, courts, prisons and emergency services. This is complemented locally by the efforts of local government and statutory and regulatory authorities.

Respect for and compliance with legal obligations is vital to maintaining a safe, cohesive and responsible community. Obligation to abide by laws, regulations and rules rests with individual and corporate citizens alike. Good governance principles call for a high degree of transparency and accountability in public and corporate processes. It is important to demonstrate that the enforcement and compliance responsibilities of organisations are applied with equity and managed with integrity.

REGULATORY AND

Measuring our progress

The Latrobe 2026 community vision recognises many aspects of life in Latrobe Valley that are highly valued and important to residents, whilst also identifying areas for improvement.

One method to encourage improvement is to monitor the progress of each of the Latrobe 2026 objectives. The effectiveness of various initiatives can be measured through the collection of outcome based data from several community indicators.

Outlined below are examples of community indicators that will be monitored to measure our progress towards achieving the Latrobe 2026 community vision. A full suite of community indicators including current data and trend analysis can be found on the Latrobe 2026 community vision website www.ourfuture2026.com.au.

EXAMPLES OF LATROBE 2026 COMMUNITY INDICATORS

- Gross Regional Product of Latrobe City, as a proportion of total Gross Regional Product of Gippsland
- Annual average unemployment rate percentage in Latrobe City, compared to annual average unemployment rate of Victorian regional cities
- Average mean taxable income of Latrobe City residents, compared to urban Victorian centres with population over 50,000 persons (excluding capital cities)
- General Practitioners in Latrobe City per 1000 population, compared to Victorian regional cities
- Latrobe City treated residential water consumption





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- Department of Primary Industries
- Department of Transport
- Destination Gippsland
- EPA Victoria
- Flinders Christian College
- Gippsland Heritage Park
- Gippsland Power Football Club
- Gippsland Water
- GippsTAFE
- GJ & FL Cameron, Traralgon
- HVP Plantations
- International Power Hazelwood
- International Power Loy Yang B
- Kilmany Uniting Care – Luke’s Place
- Kurnai College
- Laser Plumbing, Sale
- Latrobe City Youth Council
- Latrobe Community Health Service
- Latrobe Regional Hospital
- Latrobe Valley Bus Lines
- Law Somerville Industries, Moe
- Lifeline Gippsland
- Loy Yang Power
- Lowanna Secondary College
- LSH Accounting, Morwell
- Michael’s Golden Hen, Moe
- Monash University, Gippsland Campus
- Morwell Neighbourhood House
- Morwell Taxis
- National Foods, Morwell
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- Traralgon Secondary College
- TRUenergy Yallourn
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- Victoria Police
- Victoria State Emergency Services
- V/Line
- West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
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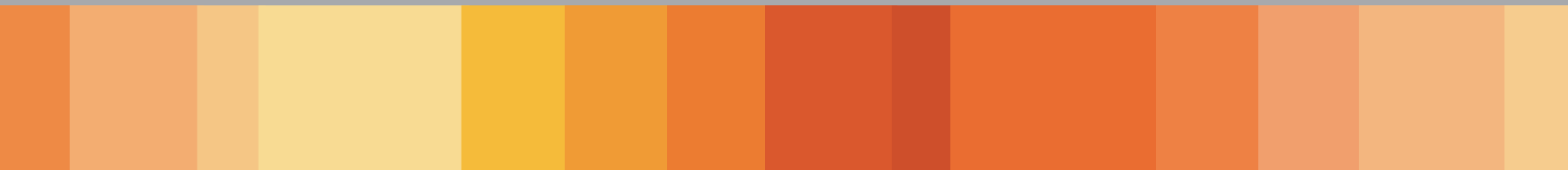
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