

Strategy and Delivery: 2019/2020 Priorities

The VPA is the State Government's urban growth planner. We work in designated areas across the State to plan for sustainable future communities. Our planning brings land to market to unlock tomorrow's urban Victoria.

We are now at the midpoint of our current Strategic Plan and in September 2019 we released our new work plan. Here's what this means for our partners and stakeholders across the State.

A renewed mission

We translate policy into place. This means we implement government policy objectives by preparing plans for high quality, sustainable future communities.

We help speed up land to market for housing and jobs, streamlining plan preparation and post-plan approvals to remove development blockages and promote affordability.

We provide a gateway into government for our stakeholders to leverage opportunities and foster collaboration, enabling better planning and infrastructure outcomes for the communities in our precincts.

A broader planning remit

The VPA continues to play a unique role in government being the only state agency that delivers practical plans for urban growth in designated areas across the state.

This year we have a specific new role in Government. While we continue to report to the Minister for Planning through our Board, we now have an expanded role in delivering for the Minister for Priority Precincts. This is strong recognition of how our planning adds value to broader Government priorities.

We are also moving to support the priorities of the re-elected Government. You will see us active not only in priority precincts, but in supporting the Suburban Rail Loop project, in planning for affordable housing, in supporting integrated water management, in unlocking urban growth in our regions and in working across Government to support better infrastructure coordination to support urban growth.

Our Strategic Plan 2017-2020

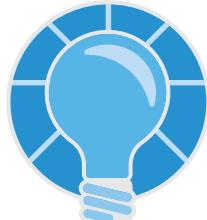
We are now halfway through the life of our strategic plan.

Our four pillars remain at the heart of what, how and why we operate the way we do –

Pillar 1 – Partnering to plan great precincts and places



Pillar 2 – Innovative spatial planning and infrastructure coordination solutions



Pillar 3 – A dynamic and high performing organisation that delivers



Pillar 4 – An inspiring workplace



Our work program for 2019/2020

The Minister for Planning has issued us with a new Statement of Expectations and signed off our Business Plan for 2019/2020. Our approved work plan also empowers us to advise the Minister for Priority Precincts on land use planning solutions in key priority precincts. We will also be moving to establish strong working relationships with the new Suburban Rail Loop Authority to support delivery of this city-changing once-in-a-generation project.

Our Minister has established a program-based approach for our work, setting broad outcome requirements for the next two years and empowering the VPA to recommend projects that give effect to these requirements.

Our work program delivers on seven distinct program areas:

1. Priority Precincts
2. Urban Renewal in Melbourne
3. Melbourne Growth Corridors
4. Regional cities and towns
5. Infrastructure planning and coordination
6. Streamlining plan delivery
7. Planning solutions, innovation and partnerships

This means that our annual work program and project list is now established through our yearly Business Plan. We can now ensure our work program responds more effectively to changing factors from year to year – ensuring the VPA remains nimble and responsive to the critical planning issues across Victoria.

Our Business Plan for 2019/2020 sets out our significant work program across the state with around 100 projects across the seven program streams.

Highlights of our work program include:

- **Priority Precincts** – maximising the government's investment in infrastructure and making sure people have choices about where they live and work in eight priority precinct projects across established Melbourne including Arden, Sunshine and in support of the Suburban Rail Loop.

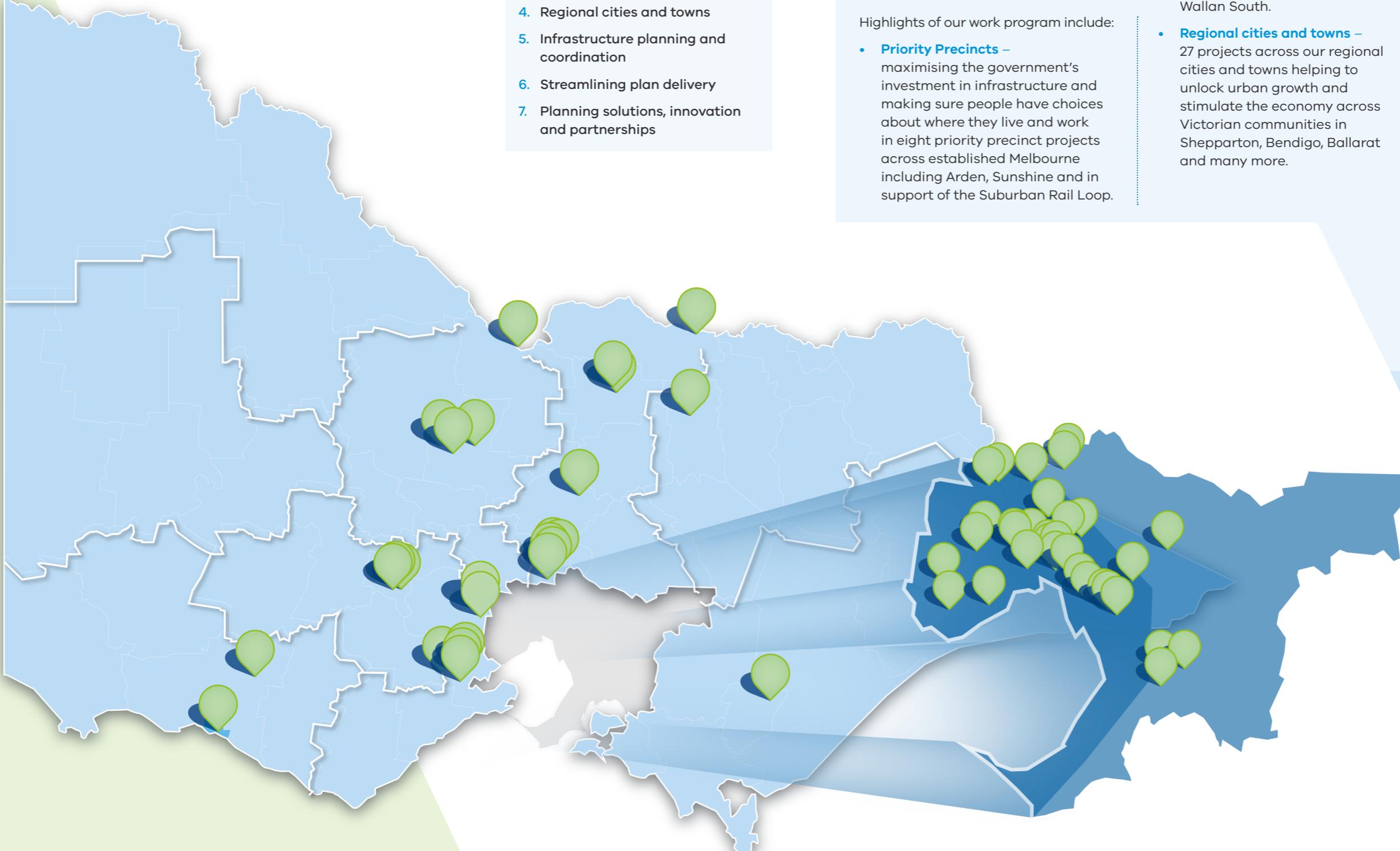
- **Urban Renewal in Melbourne** – ensuring the opportunities of urban renewal are achieved through planning for strategic sites including Defence Site Maribyrnong, Preston Market and Caulfield Station Precinct.

- **Melbourne Growth Corridors** – unlocking land and ensuring a pipeline of zoned land through 22 projects in Melbourne's growth corridors from Officer South to Beveridge North West, and Craigieburn West to Wallan South.

- **Regional cities and towns** – 27 projects across our regional cities and towns helping to unlock urban growth and stimulate the economy across Victorian communities in Shepparton, Bendigo, Ballarat and many more.

- **Infrastructure planning and coordination** – 13 projects and services to strengthen coordination of infrastructure and land use planning across the state, including delivering GAIC WIKs, supporting Integrated Water Management and providing strategic advice to align the infrastructure and development pipelines in our growth precincts.
- **Streamlining plan delivery** – seven core projects including delivering the Government's Streamlining for Growth fund to speed up delivery of land to market and spread innovations in planning and post-planning processes such as PSP 2.0 and streamlining permit processes in our growth precincts.
- **Planning solutions, innovation and partnerships** – six continuous improvement and innovation projects, including our new Precinct Structure Planning Guidelines, Small Lot Housing Code and continuation of our thought leadership through the VPA's Futures Thinking series.

You can find out more about our business plan online at www.vpa.vic.gov.au.



Streamlining for Growth in the Regions

In addition to the 27 Business Plan projects in regional Victoria, the VPA is involved in 14 projects under its Streamlining for Growth program. This includes projects in the regional cities of Mildura, Horsham, Wodonga and other cities and towns.

Our track record – 2018/2019 in review

Over 2018/19, the VPA:



How we can help

If you would like to learn more about how we can help you with planning projects, or you would like to know more about who we are and what we do, please get in touch:

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