To plant a "Sunshine Special" passionfruit vine in Scarborough's coastal sandy soil, buy Baileys Soil Improver Plus (or Baileys Clay & Compost adapted for sandy enrichment, though Soil Improver/compost works best for sandy build-up) plus Seasol for root establishment from Bunnings Warehouse. (Note: You do not need bagged potting mix for in-ground planting; garden/soil improver compost is used to amend sand).

Site Selection

- **Sun:** Full sun (at least 6 hours of direct sun daily).
- **Wind:** Sheltered from strong coastal/freeway/sea breezes (Scarborough winds can shred tender growth).
- **Drainage:** Critical. Sandy Scarborough soil drains well, which is great, **provided** it never waterlogs in winter lows.

How to Prepare and Plant

1. **Choose Timing:** Plant in **spring** as the soil warms up, avoiding harsh cold or extreme summer heatwaves.
2. **Dig the Hole:** Dig a hole twice as wide as the nursery pot, and the same depth (do not bury deeper than the original pot line; keep the graft/base level).
3. **Amend Sandy Soil:** Mix aged compost, well-rotted manure, or Baileys Soil Improver Plus into the excavated native sand. Do not dump heavy rich manure directly against bare roots; blend it well into the backfill soil.
4. **Plant the Vine:**
    - Gently slide the plant out. **Do not tease/disturb the roots heavily** (passionfruit hate root disturbance).
    - Place the root ball level with the surrounding soil surface.
    - Backfill with your enriched sandy-compost mix and firm down gently.
5. **Water In:** Soak the root zone thoroughly with diluted **Seasol** solution to settle the soil and reduce shock. Water daily for the first week.
6. **Mulch:** Apply organic mulch around the base to keep roots cool, leaving a 10–15 cm gap clear around the main stem to prevent collar rot.
7. **Train Support:** Tie the main stem loosely to your fence wire or trellis using soft garden ties.