

Newsletter

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Geelong City Deal projects in Colac Otway Shire

The [Geelong City Deal](#) is delivering three major infrastructure projects along the Colac Otway Shire coastline at Apollo Bay, Kennett River and Skenes Creek.

The 10 year Geelong City Deal involves the Australian Government, Victorian Government, local Government and funding partners working together to deliver \$382.48 million in investment to the Region supporting Geelong and the Great Ocean Road's continued economic diversification and growth in the visitor economy.

Project details for Colac Otway Shire can be found on the [website](#).

Projects reach next milestone

The three City Deal projects in Colac Otway Shire funded by the Australian Government have progressed to the Planning and Detailed Design phase whereby project concepts undergo refinement to elicit detailed costings, specifications and regulatory approvals. Four contracts have been awarded in recent weeks to conduct this work.

"This is a significant milestone for these coastal projects", says Frank Castles, Project Director of the City Deal projects in Colac Otway Shire.

"It means we can complete the steps necessary to allow us to award construction contracts and commence onsite works next year, all being well."

The Geelong City Deal projects undergo four phases of Project Management; (1) Concept Development, (2) Planning and Detailed Design, (3) Construction, and (4) Project Completion.

It is anticipated these projects will see construction activities underway in 2022 and completion of construction by late 2023.

Apollo Bay Harbour Redevelopment

- Two Planning and Detailed Design contracts were awarded in June and will occur concurrently; Civil works to upgrade the road and parking layout for the Harbour Precinct and construct of a shared footpath to the township via Nelson Street - awarded to SMEC Australia Pty Ltd, and a new waterfront promenade and boardwalk that will create a new tourist destination - awarded to Enlocus Pty Ltd.
- Works have commenced at the Apollo Bay Golf Club on Hole 9 to realign this to allow for the construction of the shared footpath linking the Harbour to the township.

Skenes Creek to Apollo Bay Coastal Trail

- Michael Smith and Associates have been awarded the Planning and Detailed Design contract for the trail.
- Discussions currently underway with Regional Roads Victoria regarding the bridges at Wild Dog Creek and Skenes Creek to look at widening the deck to provide for cyclists including provision of improved barriers.
- Geotechnical investigation works (bore holes) are scheduled for September/October to assess the soil and rock structure on the proposed trail to inform design.
- It is expected that a whole of community information session will be conducted in August 2021 to outline the project proposals via concept plans and visualisations, and this session will be advertised accordingly.

Kennett River Tourism Infrastructure Improvements

- SMEC Australia Pty Ltd was awarded the Planning and Detailed Design contract for the road and parking improvements component of this project.
- Modus Pty Ltd has been nominated as the preferred supplier of the proposed public toilet which matches the community's desired design. Visual representations available in late July.
- Final design of the proposed wastewater treatment plant will be available in August.

Check out our new website.

<https://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/Works-Projects/City-Deal>



Mike Smith of Michael Smith and Associates with Frank Castles. Mike and his team are undertaking the Planning and Detailed Design work for the Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek Coastal Trail.

Project Timeline

It is anticipated these Geelong City Deal projects will be planned, designed and constructed over three years. Due to the range of projects and stakeholders involved, a staged approach will see an approximate delivery timeframe of:

