

Newsletter

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Geelong City Deal projects in Colac Otway Shire

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

The City Deal is a 10-year plan to revitalise Geelong and unlock the potential of the Great Ocean Road economy. The Australian and Victorian governments, together with local government, will deliver \$382.48 million under the City Deal, supporting the region's continued economic diversification and growth of the visitor economy.

Project details are on the [Colac Otway Shire website](#).

New City Deal team members

Two new faces have joined the City Deal team in Apollo Bay, Paula Gardiner and Emma Ashton.

Paula and Emma join existing team members Frank Castles - Project Director; Chris Baker - Project Manager for the Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek Coastal Trail and Kennett River Tourism Infrastructure Improvements, and Lisa Healey - Administrator and Projects.

Paula will be replacing Stan Antczak as Project Manager for the Apollo Bay Harbour Redevelopment Project and Emma joins the team as Communications and Engagement Officer.



Paula Gardiner and Emma Ashton join the team

Apollo Bay Harbour Redevelopment

This project continues to work through the Planning and Detailed Design stage for the Harbour precinct. The areas that are currently being studied include the civil works for the precinct, new waterfront promenade and boardwalk and the Port Operations depot and golf maintenance shed.

In recent weeks site investigations have been completed for the service locations of power, water, sewerage and NBN.

A Request for Tender (RFT) to undertake the Detailed Design work for the Apollo Bay Fishermen's Co-op was advertised on Friday 13 August. This tender period closes on 15 September. Information can be found on Colac Otway Shire Council's website.

Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek Coastal Trail

The Coastal Trail project also continues to work through the Planning and Detailed Design phase. Upcoming works include:

- Concept Plan development and project costings
- Geotech, flora and fauna and cultural investigations
- Road safety audits

Kennett River Tourism Infrastructure Improvements

The Kennett River project is also working through the Planning and Detailed Design stage. Upcoming works include:

- Geotechnical, flora and fauna and cultural heritage investigations and project costings
- Finalisation of the design for the proposed wastewater treatment plant
- Visual representations of the new public toilet block as provided by the preferred tenderer Modus

The draft Kennett River Township Masterplan received comprehensive community feedback in July, and is now being updated.

COMING SOON...

A community drop-in session to provide an update on the City Deal projects in Apollo Bay and Skenes Creek is being prepared and is expected to be held in October. This event will be open to the local community and will be an opportunity to see the latest proposed designs. To stay informed and to register your interest, you can email us at: inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au