



# 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 \$500 million of investment under the City Deal, supporting the region's continued economic diversification and growth of the visitor economy.

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

## Apollo Bay Harbour Redevelopment

Following the community engagement activities held in November 2021, the project team has taken the community feedback to the designers to incorporate suggestions, where possible, to the designs. Key recommendations include:

- Boat hulls theme for the promenade is the preferred design option and will be further explored
- Additional green space to be incorporated
- Use of Australian hardwood timbers (recycled if possible) is preferred for furniture and balustrades
- Widening of the intersection at Nelson Street and Trafalgar Street to create a sense of arrival is recommended
- 10km/h speed restrictions on all shared use zones is recommended
- Inclusion of bins and bicycle infrastructure and recommendation to address lighting and security issues

In February, workshops are being held with representatives from the project Community Reference Group and other key stakeholders to inform the public realm aspects that are being included in the designs.

Following these workshops, the Office of the Victorian Government Architects will review the designs for the entire Apollo Bay Harbour precinct to ensure they are fitting with this key Great Ocean Road location.



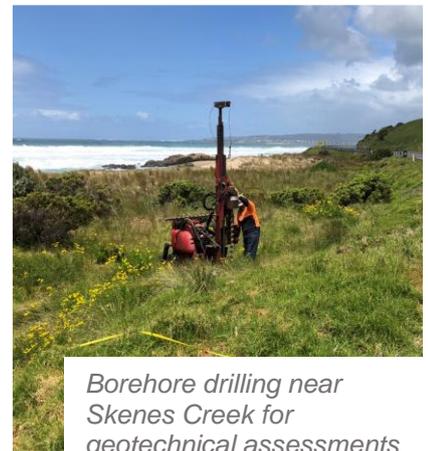
*The Harbour Theme using boat hulls as a design feature was the preferred option. See survey results on the [website](#).*

## Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek Coastal Trail

Studies and assessments required to build the Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek Coastal Trail continue for this project.

Since the feasibility study was completed in 2018, a number of compliance measures and environmental factors have come to light which have impacted on the build costs for the trail. Environmental factors include; a requirement to build to year 2100 sea level rise, native vegetation removal offset costs, and other flora and fauna impacts.

This has resulted in the trail requiring extended boardwalks which has impacted the budget. A review of budget options is currently underway, and completed studies are available on the project website.



## Kennett River Tourism Infrastructure Improvements

The Kennett River Tourism Infrastructure Improvements project is currently reviewing options for locating the waste water treatment plant. An option being considered is to upgrade the Holiday Park's treatment facility to possibly service the new public toilet. A feasibility study and discussions for this alternative approach have commenced with the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority, and DELWP.