

15 December 2020

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Dear Madam / Sir

Geelong City Deal - Kennett River Tourism Infrastructure Improvements – Project Update

You are receiving this letter as a resident or ratepayer of land in Kennett River, to provide you with an update on the **City Deal Project - Kennett River Tourism Infrastructure Improvements** being delivered by the Colac Otway Shire over the next two years.

Colac Otway Shire Council (COS) will receive \$18.9 million in funding from the Australian Government for various improvements to coastal infrastructure as part of the Geelong and Great Ocean Road City Deal. \$1.9 million of this amount is specifically allocated to delivering tourism infrastructure improvements in the coastal hamlet of Kennett River on the Great Ocean Road.

The Kennett River tourism infrastructure improvements will deliver parts of the *Kennett River Tourism Parking and Traffic Strategy* which was adopted by Council in July 2019 following extensive community consultation. City Deal works include:

- Road and parking improvements to both the local road network and the Great Ocean Road
- A new permanent public toilet facility and associated onsite wastewater treatment plant.

Since July 2020, the City Deals Project Team has undertaken the following:

- Update of the carpark and road improvements concept plan for Kennett River (drawing on the original Design Option 2 from Council's Strategy), as well as public toilet location options. This will be available for community comment from January 15, 2021. This concept plan now complies with Australian road standards and guidelines, and this has impacted on parking capability. The project team and consultants are working closely with key community stakeholders in developing a revised concept plan (Revision 2) which has important updates for community consideration – *in progress*.
- Land Capability Assessment to determine viable areas for toilet location options – *completed*.
- Wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) design inclusive of Wisconsin (sand) mound in which to dissipate treated wastewater. This is almost finalised and indicates the area west of the wetlands as the most viable option. This land is managed by Colac Otway Shire – *90% complete*.
- Toilet facility interior design in terms of cubicle numbers and cubicle type. Criteria for design is being based on carpark capacity and estimated queuing times – *in progress*.
- Toilet location and aesthetics – there are 2 parts to this assessment. A community survey of the preferred location and aesthetics will occur in April 2021 – *upcoming*.
- Survey works for title re-establishment, zoning and overlay boundary confirmations – *completed*.



- Liaison with Authorities as works progress. This includes Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation, Aboriginal Victoria, Environment Protection Authority, Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, Southern Rural Water, Regional Roads Victoria/VicRoads, Department of Transport, Heritage Victoria, Department of Environment Land Water & Planning, Great Ocean Road Coast & Parks Authority, Otway Coast Committee (as a transitional body) – *in progress*.
- Kennett River materials palette for the township to inform current works including external aesthetics for the new public toilet facility – *upcoming*.
- Kennett River Masterplan to illustrate community vision for the township beyond the City Deal project. This is a new inclusion to the Project. COS is funding the Masterplan preparation, but as yet, the delivery of these works are unfunded – *upcoming*.

Next Community Consultation for Tourism Infrastructure Improvements – 6 February 2021

On Saturday 6 February there will be an onsite meeting (with online options available). This meeting will be an opportunity to hear about all the inputs to this important project and how your contribution will be included. Prior to this meeting, the Concept Plan will be available online from 15 January, with a link for comments and suggestions.

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By signing up now to Stay Informed, you will be notified by email when the concept is ready to view for comment as well as receiving regular project updates. This includes updates on final dates for various community engagement activities:

www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/Works-Projects/City-Deal

Representatives from the community and local business are assisting delivery of the Kennett River City Deal Projects via the Community Reference Group and Kennett River Working Group. If you have any enquiries concerning this matter or require further information, please contact the City Deal Projects Team as follows:

City Deal Projects Team

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GEELONG CITY DEAL – COLAC OTWAY SHIRE PROJECTS

The Geelong City Deal has provided **\$18.9 Million in Australian Government funding** for three separate projects in the Colac Otway Shire to be delivered over the next two to three years. Alongside the Kennett River Tourism Infrastructure Improvements, City Deal Projects in Colac-Otway include:

- Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek Coastal Trail - **\$5M in Australian Government funding**
- Redevelopment of Apollo Bay Harbour - **\$12M in Australian Government funding**

For full project details and to sign-up to stay informed visit:

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Yours sincerely



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