



Newsletter

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Geelong City Deal projects in Colac Otway Shire

The **Geelong City Deal** is an exciting investment to deliver three major infrastructure projects along the Colac Otway Shire coastline over the next three years, at Apollo Bay, Kennett River and Skenes Creek.

The Geelong City Deal projects are funded by the Australian Government and are focused on improving investment and coordination across three levels of government to support a prosperous and liveable future for Geelong and the Great Ocean Road.

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

Apollo Bay Harbour Redevelopment

The Apollo Bay Harbour Redevelopment is currently in the Planning and Detailed Design phase which includes the permit and approvals process, and project costings. Current activities include:

- Preparation of a Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Precinct with onsite ground investigations being undertaken.
- Assessment of electrical, sewer and water loads and requirements for the precinct which form the basis of discussions with Powercor and Barwon Water.
- Request for Tender (RFT) documentation for the design of the Civil Works, Waterfront Promenade & Boardwalk, Depot Operations Building & Golf Maintenance Shed, and Fishermen's Co-operative Building.

Skenes Creek to Apollo Bay Coastal Trail

The Skenes Creek to Apollo Bay Coastal Trail is currently in the Planning and Detailed design phase and current activities include:

- Engagement with Authorities to assess impacts of the construction of the trail (Authorities include *DELWP, EMAC, RRV, GORA, CCMA, COS and Barwon Water). Assessments cover things such as flora and fauna, cultural heritage studies, road safety audits, feature and level survey works, coastal vulnerability, visual impacts and geotechnical assessments.
- Concept designs and visualisations being prepared for community consultation, as well as cost estimates.

Kennett River Tourism Infrastructure Improvements

The Kennett River Tourism Infrastructure Improvements project is in the final stages of the Concept Development phase following extended community consultation requested in February. Activities have included:

- Two facilitated community workshops to determine key community priorities for the project and provide further options for community consideration.
- Community Survey. The Kennett River community were invited to participate in an online survey in April to help inform final decisions for the location of the new public toilet facility and road & parking improvements. 65 responses were received in total.
- The survey results were endorsed by the Project Control Group and Council in May, and are now available on the [website](#).
- Request for Tender (RFT) process for the Road & Parking Planning and Detailed Design was completed in May 2021 and a consultant has now been appointed.
- The wastewater treatment plant design associated with the new public toilet will be finalised in July 2021.

**Department of Environment, Land, Water, Planning; Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation; Regional Roads Victoria; Great Ocean Road Authority (formerly Otway Coast Committee); Corangamite Catchment Management Authority; Colac Otway Shire*



Colac Otway Shire Councillors joined Geelong City Deal Project Director Frank Castles at the sign unveiling on Wednesday 26 May prior to the May Council Meeting in Apollo Bay.



Cr Chris Potter, Cr Joe McCracken, Frank Castles, Cr Stephen Hart, Cr Marg White, Mayor Kate Hanson, Cr Graham Costin

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:

