



# APOLLO BAY HARBOUR REDEVELOPMENT

Community update and feedback request– November 2021



## Geelong City Deal funded redevelopment

The Apollo Bay Harbour Redevelopment project is a \$12 million, three year project funded by the [Geelong City Deal](#).

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.

The \$12 million redevelopment of Apollo Bay Harbour will provide an improved visitor experience and broaden the commercial and recreational opportunities in the area.

The Harbour redevelopment project will see five main upgrades occur. They include:

- a new waterfront promenade and boardwalk along the harbour’s edge \*
- a new port operations depot with public amenities \*
- upgrades to harbour precinct roads and carpark, including upgrading the Nelson Street footpath \*
- services upgrades to power, NBN and sewerage
- extension of the Apollo Bay Fishermen's Co-operative building

(\* designs available for community feedback November 2021)

The City Deal funding will deliver approximately 66% of works as shown in the [Apollo Bay Harbour Development Plan](#). The remaining works to complete the redevelopment will depend on future funding opportunities. To see what's remaining please visit the Apollo Bay Harbour Redevelopment [website](#), and scroll to the remaining project elements section.



All designs for the Harbour will align with the Development Plan adopted by Council in December 2020.

The Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority is a newly established public land manager for the Great Ocean Road. The Authority manages a wide variety of public land from National Parks to coastal beaches to town foreshores. Once completed, the new improvements at the Apollo Bay Harbour will be the responsibility of this Authority.



## New Waterfront Promenade and Boardwalk:

This project seeks to:

- Recreate a public gathering point through activation of the harbour waterfront promenade
- Create a linkage (boardwalk) to the Boat Ramp carpark that compliments and enhances the promenade experience
- Create a public space for events and community interaction

Designs are underway to construct a new Waterfront Promenade and Boardwalk. By relocating the current Port Operations Depot, a new Promenade will be created overhanging the frontage of the site and will continue as an elevated 2.5m Boardwalk from the east side over the beach area to the boat ramp.

Design consultant, Enlocus Pty Ltd, are undertaking the design works for the new Waterfront Promenade and Boardwalk, with design expected to be completed later this year.

Once constructed, the Promenade will increase amenity for the public to be able to enjoy the water's edge inside the Harbour precinct. Designs for the Promenade will align with the Development Plan adopted by Council in December 2020.

## New Port Operations Depot:

This project seeks to:

- Relocate the current Port Operations Depot building to make way for the new Promenade
- By relocating the current Depot, enable future opportunities at this waterfront site such as retail outlets, tourism operations and a public gathering point
- Improve functionality of the harbour precinct, by establishing a new Depot at Mother's Beach carpark that improves visual amenity and provides a great location for a new public toilet and shower facilities

Designs are underway to construct a new Port Operations Depot Building at the Harbour precinct. Bellarine-based design consultant, DE Atelier, is undertaking design works for the new Port Depot together with a new Golf Club Maintenance shed.

Works will commence to remove the existing Port Operations Depot building early next year. The new building for the Port Operations will include new public toilet and shower facilities which will be available to the public year round.

## Road and parking improvements (civil works):

This project seeks to:

- Improve access, movement and make a safer road network in the Harbour precinct
- Improve linkage between the town centre and harbour
- Provides safe pedestrian access

Designs are underway for civil works to improve parking, pedestrian and vehicle access to the Harbour. Design consultants, SMEC, are undertaking the detailed design for the civil works which are expected to be completed later this year.

The proposed upgrades on **Nelson Street** will include the provision of on-street parking bays, inclusion of a new shared user path on the north side of the road and extension of the existing footpath on the south side of the road. The upgrades are anticipated to provide approximately 30 on-street parking bays and a 3-metre-wide concrete shared path providing linkage for pedestrians between the Great Ocean Road and Breakwater Road.

Improvements will be made to the intersection of Nelson Street, Breakwater Road and Trafalgar street to create a **Gateway to the Harbour** and a 'Sense of Arrival' using streetscape design. The existing carriageway of Breakwater Road and Harbour Entry road will be widened to include 3.2 m wide lanes. On Harbour Entry Road, retaining structures will be installed to widen the existing formation and cater for a shared user path connection between Nelson Street and the Mothers Beach Carpark.

**Mother's Beach Car Park** will also be upgraded to include sealed pavement surfacing, line-marking, landscaping and approximately 64 parking spaces. The carpark area will provide opportunity for streetscape and water sensitive urban design to be incorporated to align with the contextual environment of the Harbour precinct.



## **Road and parking improvements (civil works)... continued**

Improvements are proposed to be made to the existing **boat trailer parking area**, including the installation of an additional 35 standard parking bays and improved traffic flow through one-way circulation in the parking area.

Once constructed, the civil works upgrades will improve accessibility to the Harbour precinct together with facilitating safer movement throughout the precinct overall. Designs for the civil works will align with the Development Plan adopted by Council in December 2020 following extensive community consultation.

## **OTHER UPDATES**

### **Utilities (services) upgrades :**

The Geelong City Deal is providing \$700,000 towards utility upgrades for the Harbour precinct. Plans include undergrounding the power lines entering the precinct from Nelson Street, NBN provision and ensuring the Barwon Water sewer and water assets can service the precinct now and into the future.

### **Extension of the Fishermen's Co-operative Building :**

The Fishermans Co-Op building is being redeveloped as a joint initiative between the Port of Apollo Bay Fishermen's Co-Operative and the Geelong City Deal. The development will include upgrades to the cooling system, improvements to the existing Café and the inclusion of an upstairs restaurant.

The Fishermen's Co-op extension project was recently released for tender to undertake the detailed design. Once the designs for this project are prepared, the City Deal team will provide another opportunity for a community update, most likely early in 2022.