

BACKGROUND



About the Project

The Apollo Bay, Skenes Creek and Marengo Community Infrastructure Plan (the CIP) is being undertaken by Colac Otway Shire (Council), in partnership with the Otway Coast Committee (OCC) and Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP).

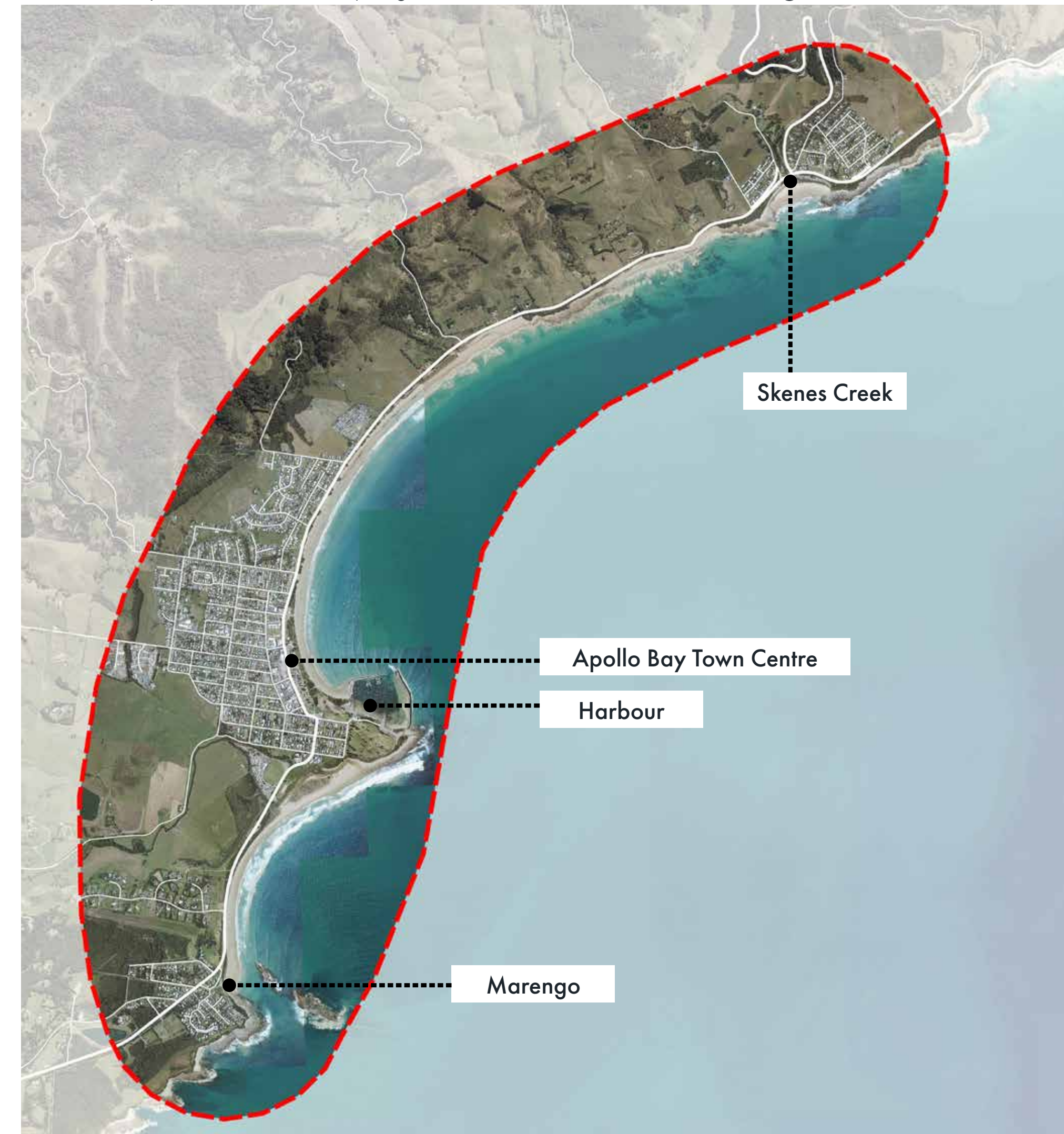
Key aspects of the project will include:

- **A Community and Civil Infrastructure Plan** – plans for Apollo Bay, Skenes Creek and Marengo focusing on the public realm and community and civil infrastructure.
- **Apollo Bay, Skenes Creek and Marengo District Plan** - which identifies:
 - Key activity centres and destinations (including the harbour, foreshore and commercial hub and others as identified through this project)
 - Linkages between towns and between activity centres and destinations, including options for types of travel (e.g. walking, cycling, driving)
 - Design Guidelines for public infrastructure, with a materials and planting palette covering things such as signage, street furniture and landscaping
- **Detailed Master Plans** - for activity centres identified through this project.

The project aims to ensure that the towns continue to grow and prosper, while remaining enjoyable places to live and visit.

Study Area

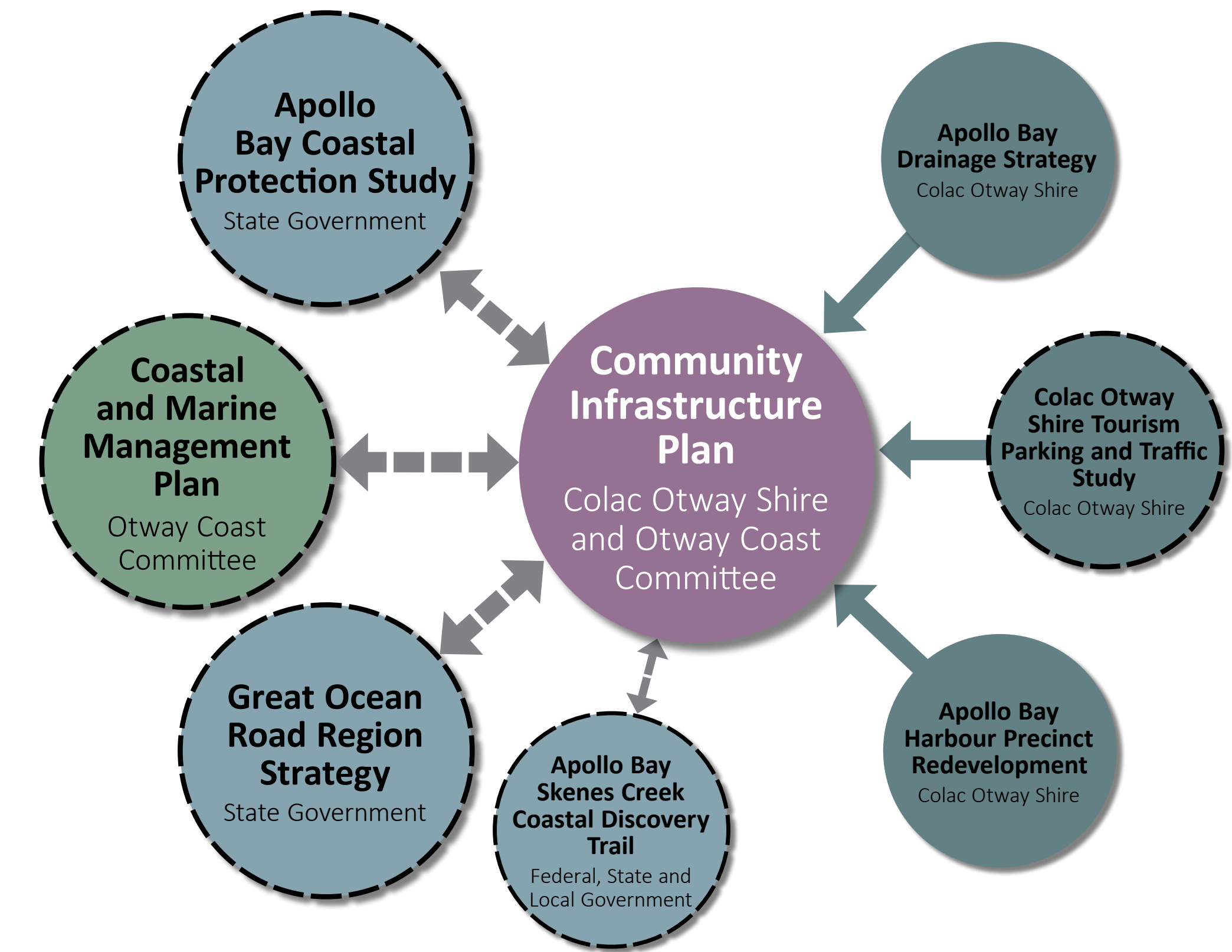
The study area for the project is outlined below in Figure 1.



Site Plan / Investigation Area

Project Linkages

A number of projects are currently underway in Apollo Bay that will influence the CIP, including:



Project linkages

Project Non Negotiables

The following matters are outside the scope of the CIP project:

- Changes to land use zoning across the study area, including the Harbour Precinct
- Changes to land use permitted or prohibited by existing zone provisions (for example, Accommodation is a prohibited use in the Special Use Zone which applies to the Harbour).
- Development on private property
- Building heights

- Bypass of Apollo Bay
- Relocation of the Golf Course
- Mitigation of erosion on the foreshore (the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning are addressing erosion as part of a separate project)
- Infrastructure not provided by Colac Otway Shire Council including water, sewer, gas and telecommunications

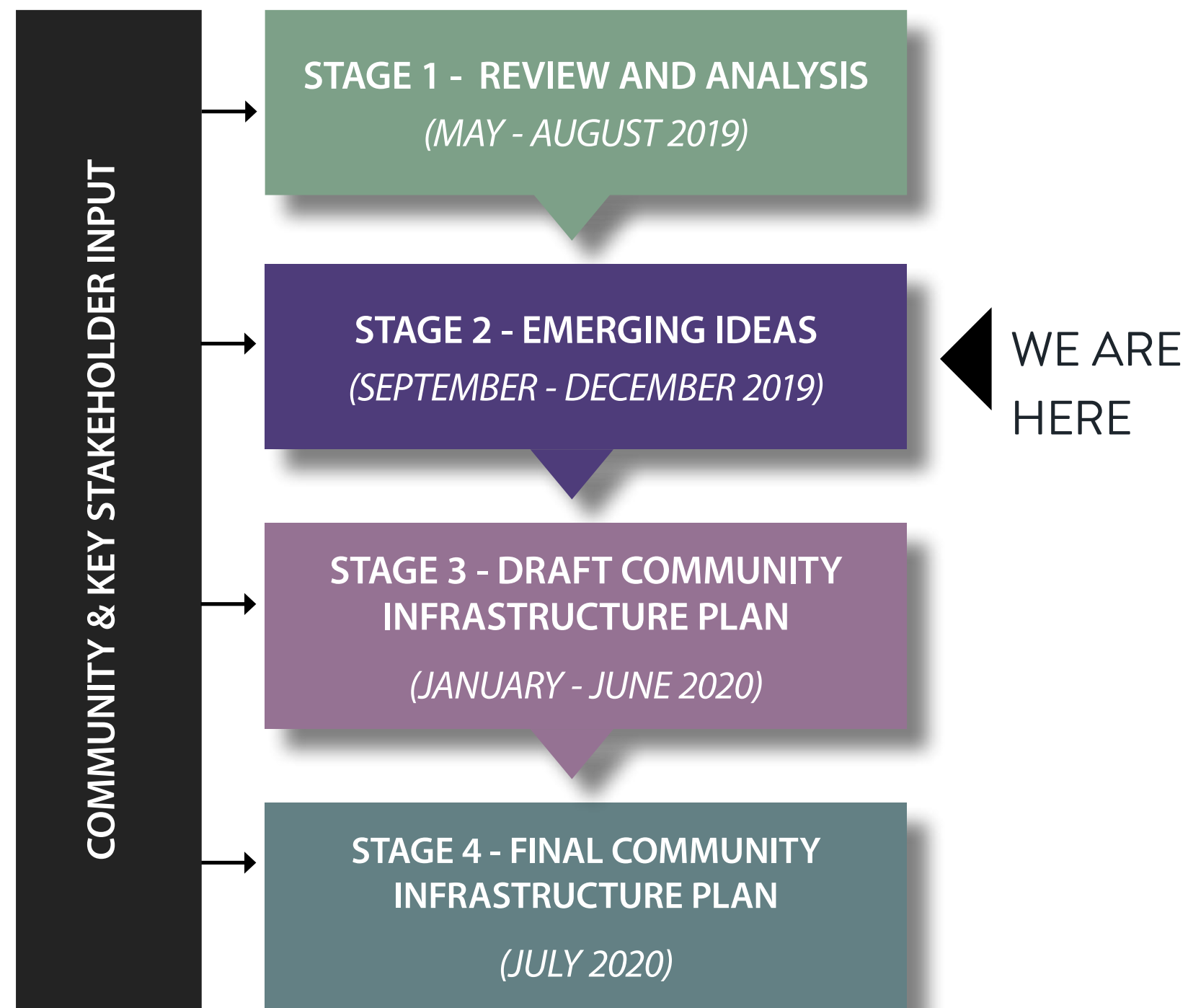
- Alignment and detailed design for the Skenes Creek to Wild Dog Creek Coast Discovery Trail (separate project)

It should also be noted that any proposed plans will need to obtain a range of consents prior to proceeding and comply with various legislation including the Victorian Coastal Strategy (2014), the Maritime and Coastal Act (2018) and Cultural Heritage legislation.



The Process So Far

The Apollo Bay, Skenes Creek and Marengo Community Infrastructure Plan will be developed across a number of stages as outlined below. The process is anticipated to take about 12 - 18 months.



Stage Diagram

Stage 1 of the project is now complete and included a range of community engagement events.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES PAPER

An Issues and Opportunities Paper has been prepared to identify and understand the context, issues, processes, challenges and opportunities facing the townships of Apollo Bay, Skenes Creek and Marengo. Additional technical studies, along with numerous other previous reports and Stage 1 Consultation feedback have been considered in the development of the emerging ideas.

For further details on the Stage 1 Consultation or the Issues and Opportunities Paper, please visit <https://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/Works-Projects/Community-Infrastructure-Plan-Apollo-Bay-Skenes-Creek-Marengo>

Stage 2 - Emerging Ideas

In this stage of the project, Stage 2 - Emerging Ideas, we will be testing preliminary thoughts and ideas for the Apollo Bay, Skenes Creek and Marengo Community Infrastructure Plan.

The thoughts and ideas have been informed by the Issues and Opportunities Paper, Technical Studies (various), Stage 1 Consultation, Council feedback and site visits.

These Emerging Ideas will be used to gain feedback from you; the community; and stakeholders, that will then help in developing a draft Apollo Bay, Skenes Creek and Marengo Community Infrastructure Plan.

The ideas being explored as part of this stage include:

- Guiding Principles** - Outlines the guiding principles that have informed the development of emerging ideas and will be used in later detailed planning and design.
- Recreational Trails** - Outlines recreational trails identified through previous studies and consultation.
- Township Connections** - Opportunities to improve pedestrian and cycle connections across the three towns.
- Recreation Reserve** - High level options for the potential relocation of the recreation reserve.
- Apollo Bay Foreshore** - A framework for the development and the siting and design of facilities and infrastructure within the foreshore, reflecting current user needs.
- Apollo Bay Harbour** - Opportunities to expand Harbour based activities whilst providing additional attractions that enhance the Harbour as a key tourist destination (in line with current planning policies and strategies).
- Collingwood Street (Great Ocean Road)** - Options for improving pedestrian access along Collingwood Street and between the shops and foreshore reserve.
- Pascoe Street** - Options to facilitate the re-directing of traffic along Pascoe Street (allowing for pedestrian prioritisation of Collingwood Street), to provide additional bus parking and improve pedestrian access.
- Nelson Street Intersection** - Options to improve the safety of vehicles and pedestrians at the intersection of Great Ocean Road and Nelson Street and to facilitate the re directing of buses along Pascoe Street.
- Skenes Creek Foreshore** - Opportunities to improve the appearance, functionality and amenity of the foreshore reserve, public toilets area and Skenes Creek Reserve.
- Marengo Foreshore** - Opportunities to improve the appearance, functionality and amenity of the Marengo foreshore reserve and car parking area.

PLEASE NOTE: Foreshore areas are currently managed by the Otway Coast Committee (OCC) on behalf of the State Government. Future management and development of these areas will ultimately be governed by a Marine and Coastal Management Plan (MCMP) currently being prepared by the OCC. The following concepts and ideas are intended as suggestions for further consideration as part of the MCMP process.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts!