



G21 Alliance elects new leaders to drive advocacy

MEDIA RELEASE

The Geelong Region Alliance (G21) is pleased to announce that Cr Jason Schram, and Cr Stretch Kontelj OAM, have been elected Chair and Deputy Chair, respectively.

Cr Schram is the Mayor of the Colac Otway Shire and Cr Kontelj is the Mayor of the City of Greater Geelong. They will lead the alliance as its public representatives, ensuring G21 continues to be an active and impactful voice for the region as it works to engage stakeholders for vital investment and policy outcomes.

G21's mission is to unite local governments across the shires of the City of Greater Geelong, Surf Coast, Colac Otway and Golden Plains and Queenscliffe. CEOs of each local government area will also form part of the G21 board.

The alliance's strategic objectives focus on infrastructure, housing, jobs, transport and enhanced liveability for all member communities.

The new leadership has been elected as part of a restructure which was announced in September, streamlining its advocacy to both State and Federal governments, positioning the alliance at the centre of the region's policy decision-making.

G21 is now an advocacy body made up of the five member councils. Former member organisations will be engaged as stakeholders on relevant priorities.

While G21 will continue to work closely with local businesses, individuals, and community groups as part of its advocacy, only Councils will be formal members of the recast alliance.

Quotes attributable to Chair Cr Jason Schram

"We are focussed on securing a fair share of government investment across this region and will be driving a new advocacy model focussed on just this."

"As Colac Otway's Mayor, my election as G21 chair represents the organisations ongoing focus on the region including but not limited to Geelong. I look forward to working with Cr Kontelj and the rest of the G21 to ensure our communities are well represented."

Quotes attributable to Deputy Chair Cr Stretch Kontelj

"Our mission is firmly focussed on local governments engaging stakeholders for vital investment and policy outcomes."

"The alliance has achieved great things in its 21-year history and we are committed to ensuring this legacy continues for many years to come."



Media contact: Maggie Hill, 0404 196 452

G21 Alliance members:

Colac Otway led by Cr Jason Schram

City of Greater Geelong led by Cr Stretch Kontelj

Golden Plains led by Cr Owen Sharkey

Queenscliffe led by Cr Donnie Grigau.

Surf Coast led by Cr Libby Stapleton,