

Your Great Ocean Road

A NEW ERA FOR MAJOR PROJECTS



As we usher in a new era of capital project delivery for the Authority, it's with great excitement that I update you on three highly anticipated Geelong City Deal funded projects along the Great Ocean Road.

In a major step for our organisation, our Board has provided approval for the Authority to take on the delivery of the Point Grey Redevelopment, Improvements to Tourism Infrastructure at Kennett River and the Apollo Bay Harbour Redevelopment.

POINT GREY - LORNE REDEVELOPMENT

At Point Grey in Lorne, a revised Precinct Masterplan will need to be developed following the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) determination in 2022 to deny a permit for the Point Grey Redevelopment.

The VCAT determination gives us an opportunity to work together to develop an improved Precinct Masterplan, that considers all relevant legislation, including the Marine and Coastal Act (2018), the Policy (2020) and to address the issues raised in the VCAT determination.

We are fortunate to be building on the culmination of 25 years of engagement history and continue to collaborate with the community and key stakeholders to deliver best practice coastal infrastructure at Point Grey.



Our internal knowledge and expertise will be matched by that of external consultants and contractors engaged through rigorous procurement processes.

These projects, delivered in collaboration with the Australian Government and Victorian Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions, are vital to enhancing the liveability and functionality of these popular destinations for both local communities and the millions of visitors to the region each year.

Our team has worked closely with key stakeholders to facilitate a smooth transition of the projects and is recruiting to strengthen our major projects, planning and engagement capacity and capability. Setting the scene for success involves continuing to build meaningful collaboration locally and we look forward to drawing on the incredible amount of research, planning, design and community engagement that has informed each project to date.

We thank the community, Traditional Owners, our local councils and project stakeholders for the contributions made so far and look forward to continuing the collaboration.

Each project has different complexities to navigate including community expectations, government

policy and the changing construction environment.

We also recognise that each project will require smart design and resilient construction to address the impacts of climate change, including coastal erosion and sea level rise.

This is a huge opportunity for us to walk hand in hand with community and stakeholders to deliver incredible precincts nestled in amongst our incredible coastline.

The Great Ocean Road projects are being delivered as part of the \$500 million Geelong City Deal, a collaborative partnership to transform Geelong and the Great Ocean Road by the Australian Government and Victorian Government, and local council with the Authority and key partners.

Together, we work towards a region that is thriving as one, integrated, living entity.

We have provided individual project updates for you below.

Jodie Sizer
CEO

The Geelong City Deal is providing \$10.14 million, the Authority is contributing \$2 million and the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club is providing \$450,000, bringing the total project budget to \$12.59 million.

APOLLO BAY HARBOUR REDEVELOPMENT



The \$12.16 million redevelopment of the Apollo Bay Harbour will provide an improved visitor experience and broaden the commercial and recreational opportunities in the area.

Harbour enhancements include an extension of the Fisherman's Co-operative building, a new port operations depot, improved cycling and pedestrian connections, and upgrades to the harbour precinct roads and carpark.

The Authority is undertaking a review of the Apollo Bay Harbour Development Plan 2020 which seeks to ensure the desired outcomes of the Plan can be achieved in the current legislative and policy environment.

The review is being undertaken by an independent consultant, Coastal Planning, based in Apollo Bay.

The anticipated timeline for completion of the review is November 2023.

We look forward to working alongside the community, stakeholders and all those with an interest in this important project.

IMPROVEMENTS TO TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AT KENNETT RIVER

This \$3.69 million project seeks to appropriately manage the increasing number of tourists visiting Kennett River. Improved public toilet facilities and wastewater management for this environmentally sensitive area are included in the project.



The project aims to deliver road and parking improvements, new signage, and pedestrian paths. The design will seek to prevent large coaches from entering the local road network in Kennett River, provide parking for small tour buses and promote safer pedestrian movement and driver behaviour.



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