



Appendix 1b

13.1 Chief Executive Officer Report

Barwon Regional Partnership 2021-22 Priorities

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 7:00pm

Queenscliff Town Hall

Barwon Regional Partnership

2021-22 Priorities



Integrated Water Management Project Package

The implementation of integrated water management projects to sustain and improve the long-term health and well-being of our natural assets and our community. Projects include:

- Colac Otway Shire: Colac Elliminyt (Stormwater) Wetlands
- Surf Coast Shire: Jan Juc Creek Daylighting and restoration
- Surf Coast Shire: Winchelsea IWM stormwater capital works
- Deakin University: Waurin Ponds Campus ecological rehabilitation and stormwater management

Regional Renewable Organics Network (RRON) – Renewable Energy and Local Manufacturing Boost

Investment in the Regional Renewable Organics Network to boost the renewable energy production and local manufacturing content. This investment would more than double the energy production and commercialise an innovative technology (known as the Barton Engine) manufactured by a Geelong based manufacturing business.

Recycled Water – Growing the Surf Coast Hinterland

Secure funding for concept design and business case for the provision of recycled water from the Black Rock Water Reclamation Plant to the Thompson Valley and Surf Coast hinterland for agriculture, horticulture, viticulture and tourism development.

Closing the Gap through Self Determination – Kitjarra-dja-bul bullarto langi-ut (Barwon River Parklands)

The implementation of high priority projects identified within the *2011 Barwon River Parklands Strategy* and the up-coming Masterplan, that enables self-determination opportunities through investment in the Kitjarra-dja-bul bullarto langi-ut project area.

Closing the Gap through Self Determination – Porrongitj Karrong (Aqueduct Park)

The delivery of base infrastructure works and the development of a business case to progress projects aligned with the principles in the *Paleert Tjaara Dja, Let's Make Country Good Together 2020-2030 Wadawurrung Country Plan*, across the 66ha culturally significant site of Porrongitj Karrong (Aqueduct Park).

Barwon Pathfinder Fund

The creation of a government led Barwon Pathfinder Smart Manufacturing Fund to attract and activate significant private sector investment in smart manufacturing and Direct to Consumer Manufacturing (D2CM) opportunities in the region.

Geelong Metropolitan Public Transport Plan

The development of a Geelong Metropolitan Public Transport Plan that will leverage the existing rail network as a spine, consider Fast Rail opportunities and new connections to key destinations.

Geelong is one of the fastest growing cities in Australia and requires significant investment into its public transport network. An improved transport network would enable sustainable population growth for the region while maintaining its high liveability standards.

Major Roads Infrastructure – Barwon Heads Road Duplication

The preparation of a business case for the construction of the Barwon Heads Road duplication Stage 2 (Reserve Road to Lower Duneed Road).

This proposed road duplication is expected provide opportunities for increased tourism to the region, reduce congestion and travel times, as well as improve safety.

Social Housing in the Colac Otway Shire through the Big Housing Build

The prioritisation of the delivery of 344 new social housing units in the Colac Otway Shire under the Victorian Governments Big Housing Build.

Increased social housing will play an important role in building economic and social capacity across the municipality while providing increased safe, secure and affordable social housing to disadvantaged cohorts.

Great Ocean Road Key and Essential Worker Housing Solutions

The delivery of bespoke accommodation solutions in the Great Ocean Road region with a focus on Lorne and Apollo Bay and addressing housing supply shortages for the region's key and essential workforce.

Deliver the Barwon Women's and Children's Hospital

A commitment by the Victorian Government to support full scope implementation of the Barwon Women's and Children's Hospital which will deliver the additional capacity and fit-for-purpose facilities required to provide care for the growing number of maternity, paediatric and women's health patients across region.

Deliver Community Mental Health Hubs in Colac, Corio and Torquay

A commitment by the Victorian Government to deliver Barwon Health Community Mental Health Hubs in in Corio, Torquay and Colac.

These new hubs will be help attract and retain mental health clinicians while also improving community-based mental health services in the region.

Spirit of Tasmania Passenger and Freight Terminal Precinct

The Victorian Government and the Commonwealth Government to support Spirit of Tasmania's relocation from Port Melbourne to North Geelong through activation of the port terminal precinct with a focus to boost tourism and freight growth.

Geelong Gallery Expansion Project

The redevelopment of Geelong Gallery through a significant expansion into the Geelong Town Hall and provide greater access to the Gallery's collections and exhibitions.

Connecting Barwon – Delivering high-capacity fibre to the region

The prioritisation of funding allocations from the Victorian Governments \$550 million Connecting Victoria digital infrastructure program to providing solutions that deliver high-capacity fibre connectivity to identified priority areas in the Barwon region.