



# GEELONG CITYSCOPE

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With a population of over 280,000, the Geelong Region is Victoria's largest provincial centre. The Region has a strong and robust economy and a business base of over 20,000 enterprises.

In the last 12 months there has been over \$348m worth of construction projects completed across a wide range of sectors. A further \$813m worth of redevelopments and construction is currently underway, and projects worth more than \$1.8b are confirmed and awaiting commencement.

With so many major growth and development opportunities in the region and a positive attitude to investment, Geelong is a City - Open for Business.

If you're thinking about investing in the City of Greater Geelong, there has never been a better time.



*Front Cover: Aerial view of the \$28m extension of the Corio Quay North ship loading facility. Photograph courtesy: VRCA. Photographer: katrinalawrence.com*

# PROJECTS UNDERWAY...

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- > The Federal Government has supported **\$216m in education related construction projects** in the Corio and Corangamite electorates under its Building the Education Revolution program. The program is part of the Government's Economic Stimulus Package.
- > Construction is well underway on Section 4a of the **Geelong Ring Road**. The \$125m extension stretches 2.5km, providing a direct connection with Anglesea Road. Work is due for completion in late 2010.
- > Construction is nearing completion on Australand's **\$90m Grossman Road Retirement Village** at Torquay. The development will include 231 homes, 52 apartments, a 160 bed aged care facility and a 200sqm commercial facility.
- > Construction work on Barwon Water's **\$76m bio-solids drying facility at Black Rock** is well advanced. The fully enclosed facility will transform waste product from the nearby Black Rock Water Reclamation Plant into nutrient-rich farm fertiliser and renewable fuel. The thermal drying facility is expected to be operational by the end of 2010.



Aquatic Centre, Waurn Ponds

- > Successful applicants have commenced work on second-round projects of the Federal and State Government's **Geelong Innovation and Investment Fund (GIIF)**. \$21m worth of investment and 326 jobs are expected to be created from projects at RPC Technologies, Dulhunty Power Ltd, Backwell Group, Geelong Galvanizing, Geelong Glass and Aluminium, Insulpak, Express Promotions, ASCO Fertilizers, All Areas Replace a Glass, Quality Australian Farmed Rabbit and Loxley Trading.
- > Work has commenced on the **\$20m redevelopment of the Western Heights Secondary College** in Vines Road, Hamlyn Heights. The state-of-the-art facility will combine the college's three campuses and include the existing Vines Road Community Centre.
- > Construction is well underway on **Chemring Australia's \$20m expansion** of its Lara facility. The company, which manufactures defence and marine safety products, is a recipient of two rounds of GIIF funding.
- > Work is almost complete on the **seven-storey \$20m Pier Point Apartments** along Waterfront Geelong. The development houses 40 apartments and a café/restaurant on the ground floor.
- > Loddon Mallee Housing Services have commenced **construction of \$20m worth of low rental housing** projects in Geelong. Construction of 30 dwellings for low income households are underway with plans to build another 60 properties over the next 18 months.
- > **Deakin University has commenced a \$12m** upgrade of amenities at its Waurn Ponds Campus. Upgrades include the food precinct, student lounge, internet café and bookshop.

- > Reconstruction of the historic **Barwon Heads Bridge** in Barwon Heads is well underway. The \$31.3m project includes a pedestrian bridge.
- > Work on the City of Greater Geelong's **new \$30m Aquatic Centre** in Waurn Ponds is due for completion in September 2010.
- > Techne Pty Ltd has commenced construction of a new **\$30m five-storey office building** in Lt Ryrie Street, Geelong. Future tenants will include Centrelink and the Australian Taxation Office.
- > Work has commenced on the **\$26m redevelopment** of the site on the corner of Moorabool and Kilgour Streets, Geelong. Stage One includes a four-storey social housing building comprising 30 units for the elderly and three ground level shops. The development is funded through the Federal Government's Economic Stimulus Package. Stage Two will be a mix of two-storey townhouses and apartments housed inside the existing heritage building.

## PROJECTS UNDERWAY THE FACTS

- 31 projects currently underway
- Total value of projects \$813m
- Significant investment growth across the region

## PROJECTS UNDERWAY

- > Work has commenced on **Faggs Mitre 10's \$11m redevelopment** of its South Geelong facility. E&S Trading will relocate to the existing Moorabool Street building whilst Mitre 10 will redevelop the existing timber yard and the remainder of the site, which extends to Bellarine Street, to establish a new hardware store. Work is expected to be completed in late 2011.
- > Stage One of **Avalon Airport's \$10m redevelopment** of its terminal is well underway. Work includes an additional 400sqm of check-in area and alignment of the building for further eastward expansion. Long term plans include an international passenger terminal and jumbo sized tarmac worth \$30m. Tiger Airways will commence services from Avalon in late 2010.
- > Work is underway on Greyhound Racing Victoria's **\$8m upgrade of Geelong's Beckley Park**. Plans include a new grandstand and racetrack.
- > Construction has commenced on the **Gordon's \$7.8m upgrade of its trade training facility** at the East Geelong Campus. The new facility, funded by the Federal Government, will extend the existing Constructing Futures Enterprise which delivers programs targeted at the construction sector.
- > The Federal Government has commenced work on the **\$7m super medical clinic** on the corner of Princes Highway and Reynolds Road, Belmont. The centre will include General Practitioners and a range of allied health services.
- > The **Geelong Future Cities Project is underway**. The project aims to enliven the City's cultural precinct and includes redevelopment and integration of the Geelong Library and Heritage Centre (GLHC), a major upgrade of the Geelong Performing Arts Centre (GPAC), an upgrade of the old Courthouse Building and eventual expansion of the Geelong Gallery. The \$6.5m Courthouse redevelopment is underway. The City has committed \$20m towards an upgraded GLHC on the existing site (adjacent to Johnstone Park) and discussions are underway with the Federal and State Governments to secure funding support for the project of an additional \$30m over and above the council commitment. The GLHC and GPAC redevelopments are ready to go pending funding.



Greyhound Racing Grandstand, Beckley Park



The Gordon, East Campus

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Avalon Airport



- > Work on the **Geelong Transit Cities Project** has commenced. The Project includes a \$6.5m redevelopment of the entrance to the Geelong Railway Station off Bayley Street that will improve access to the Waterfront particularly for Deakin University and the TAC. Other key aspects of the project include streetscape works to Cunningham Street and a series of way-finding map based signs to assist pedestrians and cyclists.
- > The **Ocean Grove Bowling Club** has commenced a \$5m redevelopment of its facility.
- > The State Government has commenced the expansion of the **Margoneet Correctional Centre** at Lara to accommodate an additional 88 beds. Work is expected to be completed by April 2011.
- > Work has started on the redevelopment of **Cunningham Pier's iconic Smorgy's restaurant**. Plans include event space (capacity for 800 people), a fine dining restaurant, a boutique bar, meeting room space and a cafe. The Pier's entrance and walkway will undergo a \$4m upgrade. Work is expected to be completed in late 2010 and will create 90 ongoing jobs.
- > Construction work has commenced on the new **\$4m Northern Community Hub**. The new facility will be a headquarters for Diversitat and a cultural hub for the region's multicultural communities.

- > The Golden Plains Shire has commenced construction of a new **\$3.3m Community and Cultural Centre and Library** in Bannockburn. The new facility will include a 200 seat multi purpose hall and community learning centre.
- > Construction is progressing on the new **\$3m St Mary's Primary School** in Myers Street, Geelong.
- > Work on **GMHBA's \$2m refurbishment** of its Moorabool Street headquarters is well underway.
- > **Bethany Community Support's \$1.8m expansion** of its North Geelong facility is well advanced.
- > Construction has commenced on **Turi Foods' \$1.5m expansion** of its chicken processing facilities at Anakie, Bannockburn and Geelong. The company are recipients of GILF funding.
- > Work has commenced on **Ambaco Pty Ltd's \$1.2m expansion of its North Geelong facility**. The seafood processing company is a recipient of GILF funding.



Cunningham Pier



Bethany Community Support

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## IN THE PIPELINE

### AWAITING COMMENCEMENT...

- > VicRoads is undertaking work on statutory processes to deliver the **\$220m duplication of the Princes Highway** (west) between Waurm Ponds and Winchelsea (Section 4C). The Highway is a key route through south-western Victoria providing strategic links from Geelong to the South Australian border and beyond to Adelaide. Work is expected to commence in late 2010 and be completed in 2013.
- > Barwon Water is finalising the design for the **Melbourne Geelong Interconnection**. The pipeline will be able to deliver 16,000 million litres of drinking water a year to the Geelong Region - equivalent to about half the region's current supply. The \$137.9m project will link Geelong to the State water grid and is critical to meeting the region's water supply needs for the next 50 years. Construction is set to begin in the third quarter of 2010 and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2011. The State Government has committed \$20m to the project.
- > The Federal Government has announced funding for a \$100m research facility for carbon fibre innovation at Deakin University's Waurm Ponds Campus, Geelong. A new carbon fibre pilot plant will be established as part of an **Australian Future Fibres Research and Innovation Centre (AFFRIC)**. The Centre will be a collaboration between Deakin University, CSIRO and the Victorian Centre for Advanced Materials Manufacturing (VCAMM). The cost of the project includes capital works to establish a new facility and equipment to accommodate up to 300 additional staff and students, including 85 CSIRO staff.
- > Plans have been approved for Quay Consortium's \$100m **WaterMarque apartment complex** in Mercer Street, Geelong. The 15 level twin tower development will include 80 serviced apartments, 77 dwellings and a mix of retail and office space.
- > Barwon Water has awarded the contract for the design, construction and commissioning of the **\$90m Northern Water Plant** to John Holland. The significance of the project has been recognised with the Federal Government contributing \$20m and the Victorian State Government contributing \$9.2m towards the project. The facility will be located in Corio adjacent the Shell Geelong Refinery and will treat a mix of waste water from the Refinery and domestic sewerage to generate Class A recycled water. Recycled water will be utilised within the Refinery to replace potable water and as irrigation water for the Stead Park sports complex. The Plant will save over 5 percent of Geelong's drinking water, equivalent to the water used by 10,000 households.
- > The Surf Coast Shire is working through approvals for the **RACV's \$80m Torquay Golf Club** redevelopment. Plans include a hotel, upgraded 18-hole golf course, swimming pool, tennis court, gym and restaurant.
- > Plans have been approved for the **\$68m Rippleside Quay development** on the former Rippleside Ship Repair site in North Geelong. The development will include 176 dwellings, a marina and recreational facilities.
- > Design work is well underway for a new road that will **reduce height restrictions and flooding on Breakwater Road**, Belmont. The proposed new route will create a direct connection from Breakwater Road to Fellmongers Road, avoiding the existing Tucker Street link. The \$63m VicRoads project will improve the industrial area of Breakwater Road with better connections to the industrial zone and the recreational area of Belmont Common. Construction work is expected to commence in the second half of 2010 and be completed by mid 2012.
- > Plans have been approved for Australian Unity's **\$50m expansion of the Waurm Ponds Shopping Centre**. The redevelopment will include a new Kmart, a relocated and expanded Coles Supermarket, Officeworks, a liquor outlet and specialty stores.
- > Plans are being finalised for the delivery of **Section 4b of the Geelong Ring Road**. The \$45m, 5km road will link Anglesea Road to the Princes Highway and will provide for future access to the Surf Coast Highway. Work is expected to commence in the second half of 2010.
- > In 2007, the Victorian Government announced **\$40m for the Norlane Regeneration Project** to build 200 affordable new homes in Norlane. Stage One included 40 new public housing units and tenants are now living in these new homes. Stage Two of the project will see 60 homes for public housing and 100 affordable rental homes built across two areas in Norlane. These new homes will help to meet the local need for modern, affordable accommodation for families, singles and elderly Victorians, particularly people with a connection to the greater Norlane area. A not-for-profit housing association will be appointed to take responsibility for the project following a rigorous tender process by the Victorian Government. Submissions from housing associations are currently being reviewed. Stage Two will be completed by June 2012.
- > Plans have been approved for the **\$25m Bayside Tower complex** in Brougham Street, Geelong. The seven-storey development will include residential apartments and commercial/retail space on the ground floor.
- > Plans have been approved for a **\$25m six-storey office tower in Gheringhap Street**, Geelong. The development known as G73 will include five levels of office space and an underground carpark.
- > Ford Australia has announced a **\$20m upgrade to its Geelong stamping plant** to enable delivery of a contract for one million brake components for Bosch Chassis Systems Australia.
- > Barwon Water has commenced detailed design work on a new **\$20m recycled water plant at Black Rock**. The Federal Government will kick-start the staged construction of the project by contributing \$10m. The plant will produce Class A recycled water suitable for residential use and also improve the quality of Class C recycled water for industry, irrigation and sports grounds. The new plant is expected to be operational in early 2012 and will service the new residential suburb of Armstrong Creek.

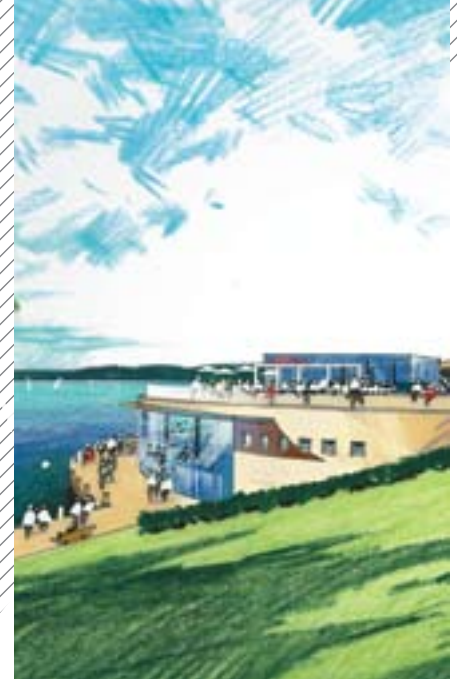
## IN THE PIPELINE

- > Plans have been approved for a \$17m **office and apartment complex in York Street**, Geelong.
- > The Federal and State Governments have committed \$12m toward the investigation of **geothermal power near Anglesea** by Green Earth Energy. The Geelong Geothermal Power Project will commence its first exploratory drilling in late 2010.
- > The Federal Government has announced plans to establish an **\$11m state-of-the-art vocational education and training facility** in Corio. The new building to be established at the Corio Bay Secondary College will cater for students from nine northern Geelong schools undertaking VET courses. The project, which is expected to commence in late 2010, is part of the Trade Training Centres in Schools program.
- > The Surf Coast Shire is continuing to work through approvals for the **\$10m Edge Development** in Torquay. The development will include 18 apartments and 8 commercial premises at street level.
- > Plans have been approved for a **\$9.5m ten-storey student accommodation** building in Brougham Place, Geelong. The facility will include 113 student apartments.
- > A residential apartment complex in McClarty Place, Geelong has been approved. The **\$8m Grand Central Apartments** will include 16 apartments and retail space on the ground floor.
- > Plans have been approved for the **conversion of the former grain silos** in Mercer Street, Geelong into 40 residential apartments.
- > The City of Greater Geelong has approved plans for an **\$8m upgrade of the Shell Reserve** in Ocean Grove. Plans include co-locating football, soccer, netball and cricket facilities on the site.
- > The City of Greater Geelong is working toward the delivery of servicing to the 327ha **Geelong Ring Road Employment Precinct**, the largest industrial area west of Melbourne. Stage One worth \$7.8m, which includes an access road and stormwater drainage to part of the estate, will deliver 15.5ha of market ready land. Work is expected to get underway in the second half of 2010.
- > Plans have been approved for the **\$6.5m redevelopment of the Ritz Flats** in Bellarine Street, Geelong.
- > Work on the **Gordon's new \$6m Geelong Technical Education Centre (G-TEC)** is due to commence in late 2010. The facility will accommodate new trade workshops and associated facilities for Year 11 and 12 students who choose to pursue a trade career.
- > The City of Greater Geelong is finalising the design for a new **\$5.2m Library in Waurin Ponds** to be located next to the new Leisurelink centre. The facility will include a public library, multi purpose community rooms, youth area, information technology lounge, and children's area. Work is scheduled to commence in early 2011.
- > The City of Greater Geelong and the Minister for Planning have approved plans for a **\$2.85m Aldi Supermarket** on the corner of Torquay and Grove Roads, Grovedale. The Minister is currently considering three other applications from Aldi in Highton, Geelong West and Drysdale.

## IN THE PIPELINE

### ON THE DRAWING BOARD...

- > Barwon Water has budgeted \$160m over 10 years for the provision of water, sewerage and recycled water trunk infrastructure in **Armstrong Creek**.
- > The City of Greater Geelong has completed a business case for the redevelopment of the Osborne House area. The project, known as the **Geelong Marine Industry Project**, seeks to transform the area into a marine industrial precinct and will include manufacturing, slip/lift facilities, dry-stack facilities, boat storage, maintenance/repair areas and improved public facilities.
- > A **\$90m office building to accommodate State Government based services** has been announced for Geelong. The State Government has committed \$25m toward the new facility earmarked for the Isuzu truck dealership site in Mercer Street, Geelong. The major tenant for the project will be Barwon Water. The project will form an integral component of the Western Wedge and Transit Cities projects.
- > Plans for further **redevelopment of Skilled Stadium** have been announced. The \$70m project will include redevelopment of the Northern Stand (bringing the ground's capacity to more than 35,000), a 1,000 seat function room suitable for private and corporate functions, a sporting museum and a purpose built wellness and education centre. The development will improve Geelong's ability to attract major sporting and cultural events and will also ensure a thriving future for the Cats at Skilled Stadium. The State Government has committed \$25m towards the project as part of its new Blueprint for Regional Victoria.
- > The City of Greater Geelong and Geelong Otway Tourism are working with industry, Government and key stakeholders to establish a **Convention and Exhibition Centre**. The purpose built conference and exhibition space is designed to cater for up to 1,200 delegates and will include 4,000sqm of associated exhibition space, banqueting and meeting room facilities and retail space. The Centre will create a new industry sector for Geelong, delivering innovation, knowledge and performance to local business, medical and science communities through the conferences it secures for the region as a direct result of increased professional meeting capacity.



Proposed Convention and Exhibition Centre

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## IN THE PIPELINE

- > The Department of Defence has unveiled plans to refurbish the **Point Wilson explosives pier**. Contractors are being sought to undertake the work estimated at between \$50m to \$70m. Work is expected to be completed by 2014.
- > The Surf Coast Shire is working towards a **\$40m Civic and Community Precinct** in Torquay. The 20ha site adjacent to the Surf Coast Highway will include new Council offices as well as sporting and recreation facilities. Design plans are being finalised for Stage one worth \$22.5m.
- > Barwon Health has commenced planning for a **\$30m Geelong Hospital upgrade**. The development will include a 24-bed surgical ward, operating theatres, eight new mental health beds and other theatre and infrastructure upgrades. Design is expected to be completed in 2010.
- > The State Government has launched a Masterplan for the development of a **Safe Harbour at Portarlington**. The Masterplan allows for a larger commercial fishing fleet, recreational berths, ferry berth and onshore commercial and recreational facilities. The development will seek to enhance aquaculture development in the area and support tourism growth. Whilst State Government funding of the project's first stage is pending, the City of Greater Geelong has commenced detailed work on the town square component of the project.
- > Planning work is underway on the **Gordon's \$25m redevelopment of the former James Harrison College** in Boundary Road, East Geelong. Work will include the demolition of existing buildings and development of a new facility that will be an integral component of the campus.
- > Plans have been unveiled for the **\$22.4m reconstruction of the former iconic Yarra Street Pier**. The City of Greater Geelong together with Parks Victoria and the Royal Geelong Yacht Club, have developed a vision that includes shops, restaurants and the addition of an extra 47 boat berths. The City and the Yacht Club have committed funding toward the project. The remainder will be sought from Government and private developers.
- > Developers, Links Living, have unveiled plans for a large **Woolworths hardware store** on the former Geelong Golf Club Site in North Geelong. The project also proposes a medical centre and takeaway food outlets.
- > The St Mary's School Hall site in Myers Street, Geelong has been sold to not-for-profit agency **Common Equity**. The site is earmarked for a \$50m transformation that will deliver a mix of accommodation and other uses.
- > The City of Greater Geelong has unveiled plans for the development of a therapeutic **Mineral Springs and Bathhouse along the Geelong Waterfront**. The facility would utilise naturally occurring mineral water that emanates from the coast embankment at Eastern Park.



## IN THE PIPELINE

### GREENFIELD DEVELOPMENT...

- > The State Government has approved two Precinct Structure Plans to guide development of land within the **Armstrong Creek Urban Growth Area**. The Growth Area located to the City's south will provide for 22,000 homes and accommodate 60,000 people. The Structure Plans will enable residential and employment precinct development to commence in the second half of 2010.
- > Work on the **\$330m Stockland residential development at Point Lonsdale** is due to commence in late 2010. The 194.6ha development adjoining the Bellarine Highway at Lonsdale Lakes, Point Lonsdale includes a residential subdivision of approximately 600 lots with integrated waterways, retirement village, aged care facility, multi-purpose community centre, convenience store, public open space and habitat land protected for conservation purposes.
- > The Moltoni Group's land around the former Fyansford Cement Works and Quarry has been rezoned from industrial to residential. The development known as **Fyansford Green will allow for 2,000 residential lots** as well as retail and community facilities. Some sites are expected to be available by early 2011.
- > A planning scheme amendment has been approved for the rezoning of 158ha of land in the **Jetty Road Urban Growth Area** at Drysdale/Clifton Springs with more detailed Development Plans also under consideration. The development will provide for 1,500 residential lots, a Neighbourhood Activity Centre and large public open spaces.
- > Land known as the **Riverlee Residential Estate** in Fyansford has been rezoned to residential. The 83ha development by Riverlee Corporation Pty Ltd will provide for up to 964 residential-lots and a small retail hub. A planning permit will be sought for the subdivision/development.
- > A planning scheme amendment (C60) is awaiting approval for the rezoning of 228ha of land in the **Ocean Grove Urban Growth Area**. The City of Greater Geelong is currently considering Development Plans for the area, which will facilitate the subdivision and the release of land for development. The rezoned growth area will accommodate up to 1,990 residential lots and will provide for an activity centre, expanded industrial estate and a regional park.
- > Work is well underway on the **Grand Lakes Estate**, at Lara. Extensive work has been undertaken on the development of wetlands and when complete the estate will consist of approximately 790 residential lots.
- > Construction work is well underway in the **Arlington Rise Estate** in Portarlington. The 24.6ha estate will consist of approximately 300 residential lots.

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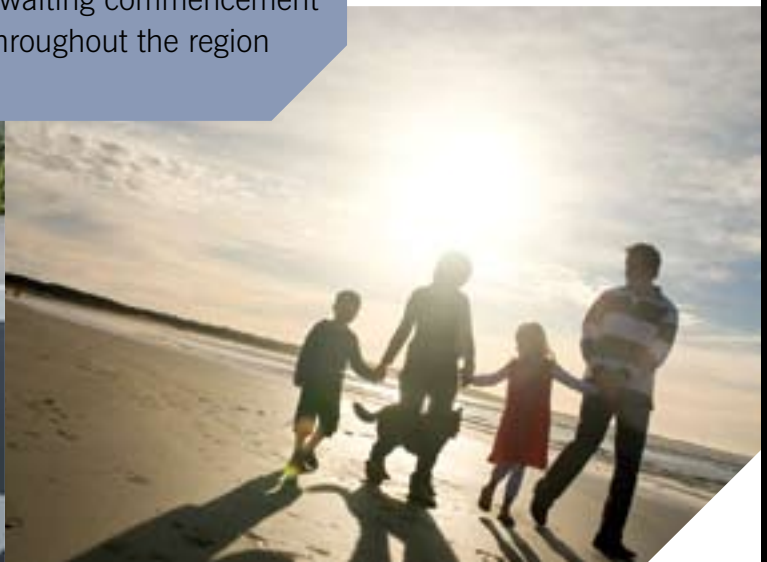
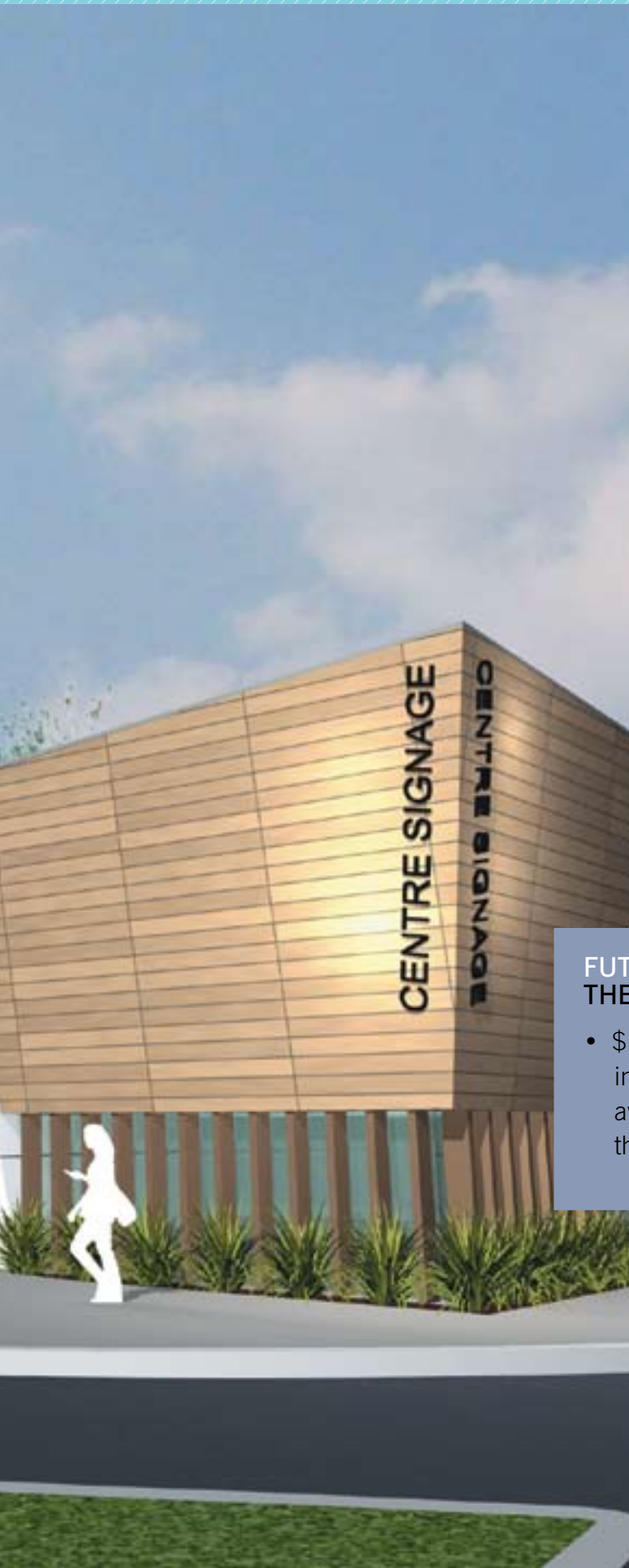


## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- > Amendment (C129) to the **Greater Geelong Planning Scheme** has been approved by the Planning Minister. The amendment facilitates changes that have resulted from a review of the Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) and Planning Policies and enables a wide range of strategies and structure plans that have implications for the use and development of land in the municipality.
- > A report commissioned by the City of Greater Geelong and the State Government has identified a 670ha site along the Geelong to Melbourne railway line in Lara, as the preferred site for an **inter-modal transport freight facility**. The recent Lara Structure Plan 2009 also supports the strategic development of this site as an intermodal facility. A planning scheme amendment has been submitted to Council for consideration.
- > The Amendment process to implement the adopted **Drysdale/Clifton Springs Structure Plan** is well advanced. The Plan sets out development boundaries as well as identifying preferred sites for community and commercial activities.
- > The City of Greater Geelong has adopted an Urban Design Framework to guide commercial development in the **Portarlington Town Centre**. The City will make minor changes to the planning scheme to support its implementation.
- > The Amendment process to implement the adopted **Fyans/West Fyans Street Precinct Structure Plan** is well advanced. The Plan identifies opportunities for mixed use and high density residential living.
- > The City of Greater Geelong has adopted the rezoning of a 12ha parcel of land along **Bacchus Marsh Road**, Corio from Residential 1 to Business 3 to accommodate a business park (C166).

### FUTURE DIRECTION THE FACTS

- \$1.8b worth of investment projects are awaiting commencement throughout the region



## PROJECTS COMPLETED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

- > Barwon Water has commissioned the **Anglesea Borefield**. The \$55m project, which was complete in late 2009, will supply an average 7,000m litres of drinking water a year, or 20% of the region's current demand.
- > Stage Two of the **Promenade Towers Apartments** has been completed. The \$40m nine-storey residential development along Waterfront Geelong includes 37 apartments.
- > Major refit and repair work has been completed on two major oil rigs the **Kan Tan V1** and the **Ocean Patriot**. The work carried out at the Port of Geelong is estimated at more than \$40m.
- > Construction work has been completed on the **\$35m** 6,000sqm redevelopment of **Queenscliff Harbour**. The new 24-hour facility accommodates 280 wet-berths, 100 dry-berths, 30 land storage berths and a retail component.
- > Work has been completed on the **\$30m Geelong Private Medical Centre** adjacent to the Geelong Private Hospital. The five-storey facility by developers Argyle Street Central includes consulting suites, a pharmacy, a café and a pathology centre.
- > Work on the Geelong Football Club's **\$28m refurbishment of Skilled Stadium** has been completed. Redevelopment of the Ross Drew Stand has increased capacity at the facility to 30,000 people.
- > Construction of Stage One of Geelong's new **\$20m Clinical Teaching Unit** in Ryrie Street has been completed. The Deakin University – Barwon Health initiative provides three above ground levels for dedicated teaching and research and two levels of basement parking. Completion of the facility coincides with the progression of third year medical students undertaking their twelve months with Geelong Hospital.
- > The Port of Geelong has officially opened the \$28m extension of the **Corio Quay North ship loading facility**. The expansion almost doubles the wharf's length to 675m to create a dedicated berth for woodchip exports and frees up existing berths for other cargo such as steel, aluminium ingots, mineral sands and timber products.
- > **Ford Australia** has completed \$21m upgrades to its Geelong plant for the development and construction of the I6 engine.
- > Deakin University has completed its \$13m expansion of the **Geelong Technology Precinct**. The new building accommodates a new design, proof of concept and manufacturing research centre.
- > **Target Australia** has opened its \$10m Ocean Grove store.
- > Geelong Grammar has officially opened the \$9m **Dame Elisabeth Murdoch girl's boarding house** at its Corio Campus. The new facility accommodates 68 students and is part of the school's ongoing commitment to co-education.
- > The \$5m **Eureka Hotel refurbishment** has been completed.
- > Work has been completed on the \$4.9m redevelopment of the **Geelong Fire Station** on the corner of Yarra and McKillop Streets, Geelong.
- > The Gordon has completed work on its new **\$3.9m library and bookshop** at the East Geelong campus. The facility is part of the overall redevelopment of the campus.
- > Work has been completed on the Geelong's Performing Arts Centre's **\$3m upgrade of the Ford Theatre**.
- > **Avalon Airport** has completed a \$2m upgrade to its terminal and kitchen facilities.
- > The 16,000sqm **Geelong Gateway** project has been officially opened. The development includes 11 retail stores at Geelong's entrance in Corio.



Geelong Technology Precinct, Deakin University

## PROJECTS COMPLETED THE FACTS

- \$348m worth of construction projects completed across a wide range of sectors

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