



Key Features

- Enhanced usable public open space and increased green spaces along the service road, riverbank, and in front of Kafe Koala.
- Purpose-built pathways and crossings safely connect key areas and destinations, including Kafe Koala, Kennett River, caravan park, public amenities block and recreation zones.
- The roundabout serves as a central node for pedestrians to key areas. The frontage of Kafe Koala will be upgraded to a vibrant gathering space with landscaping, across from the roundabout, to create a town square feel that complements Kennett River's coastal charm.
- Parking provision includes one long vehicle, four medium vehicles (such as coasters and motorhomes) 24 cars, five motorcycles and six bicycle hoops.
- The caravan park entry and exit has been consolidated to minimise overall vehicle congestion and decrease vehicle-pedestrian conflicts.
- Trail head infrastructure for the nationally significant Great Ocean Road Coastal Trail.

Description

The Precinct Plan prioritises safety, accessibility and environmental sustainability while enhancing public amenities for the local community and visitors alike. In alignment with the Vision and Guiding Principles, the plan introduces designated parking based on vehicle type, a net reduction in parking spaces, and implements traffic-calming measures such as zebra crossings. These initiatives aim to create a safer and more pedestrian-friendly precinct through reducing congestion and improving traffic flows.

The upgrades to road infrastructure and landscaping enhancements are designed to prevent ad-hoc parking, while reducing the extent of hard surfaces and associated infrastructure. A key feature of this plan involves the re-routing of incoming traffic; directing visitors and long vehicles to turn right into a dedicated parking area and roundabout, while caravan park guests turn left upon entry into Hawdon Ave.

Parking along the service road are designated 90-degree spaces, improving parking efficiency, emergency access and pedestrian access to green public open space. A single long-vehicle bay will accommodate vehicles such as towing vehicles, caravans and motorhomes, simplifying manoeuvres and eliminate the need to reverse for these long vehicles. The precinct plan does not allow large tour operator coaches to enter or stop within the precinct.

Hawdon Avenue will have local traffic access only, with dedicated parking near Kafe Koala for local residents' use. Accessible pedestrian paths connect key areas, ensuring safe movement between Kafe Koala, the beach, caravan park, amenities, and recreation zones. These changes are designed to reduce traffic along Hawdon Avenue, make traffic movements safer in the precinct and provide a better experience for locals and visitors.

The new public toilets will be within the caravan park, across from the roundabout and facing the precinct. This location consolidates infrastructure with existing buildings and assets such as the wastewater treatment plant, therefore minimising environmental impact. In addition, the location of the Public toilets within the precinct maintains sightlines from the roundabout and Kafe Koala, and provides multiple pedestrian access points for both beachgoers and day visitors. This location aligns with the objectives and guiding principles, as well as all relevant legislation.

Trail head infrastructure to service users of the Great Ocean Road Coastal Trail has been included in the Precinct Plan, including pedestrian access throughout the precinct, amenities block, shelter, signage and watering point.

The precinct plan balances complex environmental, social, cultural, and economic factors to deliver sustainable infrastructure improvements that enhances Kennett River's unique character.

Legend

- Day visitor traffic movement
- Secondary and local traffic inbound
- Secondary and local traffic outbound
- Pedestrian movement and connection to GORCT

Precinct Plan

- 1 Rehabilitate and resurface Hawdon Avenue, including a right-hand turn into the Great Ocean Road service road (all vehicles)
- 2 Resurface and rehabilitate Great Ocean Road service road
- 3 19 car spaces including one DDA space at river end
- 4 Four medium vehicle spaces (eg. coasters, motorhomes)
- 4A Large vehicles excluded beyond this line marking and signage
- 5 Standalone CFA Staging Area
- 6 Pedestrian crossings – allowing safe public access path from town centre to beach access and public amenities block

- 7 Additional public open space in front of Kafe Koala
- 8 Resurface and enforce one-way vehicle movements
- 9 One long vehicle space (eg. towing vehicles, motorhome)
- 10 Loading and Service Area – with removable bollard, opportunity for incorporating art/storytelling features
- 11 Five motorcycle parking spaces
- 12 Six bicycle hoops
- 13 Five car parking spaces - accessible and local
- 14 Hawdon Avenue - Local traffic only
- 15 Provision of additional public infrastructure including, picnic tables and shelters. Additional tree planting and revegetation to improve biodiversity outcomes and aesthetics
- 16 One public amenities block (Provision of watertanks, four toilet stalls including two accessible and two ambulant) Number of stalls to be confirmed once wastewater treatment plant capacity defined within the caravan park. Buffer planting between toilet and caravan park.

Caravan Park

- 17 Upgraded caravan park entry and exit configuration
- 18 Revised internal road access network
- 19 Upgraded wastewater treatment plant
- 20 Balance tanks & upgraded sub-surface dispersal field
- 21 Campsites affected by road realignment - sites to be reallocated
- 22 Existing caravan park reception block
- 23 Great Ocean Road Coastal Trail route through caravan park, exiting below Surf Life Saving Club

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