

Foreshore Reserve Highlights

Committee Meeting 7th March 2017

Foreshore Reserve Highlights provides an update on the activities and key points from Committee meetings.

Initiatives in Progress

Ramp Master Plan

The Plan aims to upgrade the Corinella Boat Ramp and facilities. Closing date for the application for funding is November 2017.

- ❖ The Infrastructure Design Plan is in progress to secure a grant to help fund improvements to the boat ramp area.
- ❖ A letter will be going out this month seeking input and support from key organisations such as the Coast Guard, VRFish, Water Police, EPA, Corinella Boating and Angling Club etc to contribute to the overall Plan.
- ❖ Work continues on the preliminary preparation, such as liaison with the Ports Manager at San Remo regarding dredging which will need to be done; getting information together for the tender that will need to go out, sourcing information for the grant application etc.
- ❖ The second community forum will be held in May to provide an update on progress of the Draft Master Plan, and provide an opportunity for further input before the Plan is finalised in the second half of 2017.
- ❖ Date and details will be widely advertised once we can confirm availability of key people for the forum.

Grants in progress

- ❖ Still waiting on the outcome of the Recreational Fishing Grant for cutting back the corner of the hill at the bottom of Peters Street where it joins the jetty/ramp area to allow more room for cars with trailers to turn as they exit the ramp area.

Care and Maintenance of the Foreshore Reserve

Boat ramp/Caravan Park/Picnic facilities

- ❖ Line marking has been completed for the main part of the ramp area, with the invalid/disabled markings to be completed at a later date. The Keep Clear markings also need attention and will be referred to the Bass Coast Shire Council.
- ❖ Anglers have been very responsive to the 'Seal the Loop' program, disposing of used fishing line and rigs at the disposal point. This has helped reduce bird and other wildlife injuries.
- ❖ Fisheries have been inspecting fish sizes again.
- ❖ Ramp users and visitors will have noticed the new Coast Guard sign which provides details about who to call in an emergency on the water (000).

- ❖ The Caravan Park 12 month permits are up for renewal at the end of June. The annual inspection and maintenance review will start in the next few weeks, and site permit holders will be contacted in due course.

Settlement Point

- ❖ Representatives from DELWP recently inspected the current rough/informal access point used by people to get down the cliffs to the rocky area below Settlement Point. The committee will be looking for a suitable grant when it becomes available through the Department to install steps to improve access down the slope for the community. Watch this space!
- ❖ Mulch has been delivered ready for the **March 19th working bee** at the Rotunda, and the area whipper snipped ready for mulching.
- ❖ The kikuyu grass has been sprayed again in the area near the barge landing – this has been tackled for over 3 years and the work continues to keep it under control.
- ❖ The edge along the Esplanade has also been sprayed to control invading kikuyu.
- ❖ Volunteers are doing a great job in minimising weeds in the area around Bowman Street.
- ❖ The rotunda balcony will have some maintenance done shortly to replace missing uprights.
- ❖ Sadly, there are people dumping their rubbish at the Settlement Point reserve. These incidents are reported to the council for clean-up. Inspection of the contents may lead to prosecution.

Western Precinct

- ❖ Vegetation has been clipped back along the Beach Street steps.
- ❖ The track between Cuthbert and O'Connor Road has been inspected and widening has been scheduled – this will result in scraping of the flatweeds on either side to remove them and to provide a wider walking path.
- ❖ Committee have contacted the Department regarding the state of the reserve in front of Heritage Bay Estate where weeds, debris removal and general maintenance are required.
- ❖ The guards on the remaining plants in this area also need to be removed as a matter of urgency to allow the plants to develop a strong root system. Some of the previously uncovered mature plants have blown over and/or split or perished as a result.

Northern Precinct

- ❖ The track has been sprayed for weeds.

Southern Precinct

- ❖ The tables have been stained at O'Connor Road and Norsemen's Road by volunteers and are now fully ready for use again.
- ❖ Around 40 weed trees have been pulled out of the reserve before they could become established – these were pine and pittosporum.

Working Bee

- ❖ The next working bee will be around the Rotunda, Caravan Park and Settlement Point area on Sunday 19th March 2pm-4.30pm. Call Darryl on 0402 243 032 with any enquiries. Volunteers welcome.

Horses & Dogs on the Beach

- ❖ Committee have been working with the Bass Coast Shire and other stakeholders to create an equitable solution to the shared beach accessed from Norsemen's Road.
- ❖ We will look at closing the beach to horses over Easter.

- ❖ More signage will be installed to remind residents and visitors alike that Dogs must be on a lead at all times unless in an off-leash area.
- ❖ Dog owners are encouraged to access the designated off-leash beach accessible at Beach Street and O'Connor Road.

Rabbits

- ❖ There are many rabbits around and in Corinella at the moment.
- ❖ The government has released a new strain of the calici virus (the RHDV-K5 Korean strain) across Victoria on 1 March.

“Fascinating Foreshore” Session Coming Soon

- ❖ The committee will be hosting a session on our Fascinating Foreshore and the relevance of our Management Plan.
- ❖ It will be a great opportunity for community members to hear from experts about various aspects of the Reserve and Foreshore, and to ask questions.
- ❖ It will be widely advertised as soon as relevant experts can confirm their availability.

Guest attendance at Committee Meetings

Did you know that community members can attend committee meetings? There are certain requirements for guest attendance.

Meeting attendance is managed in line with the *Committees of Management Responsibilities & Good Practice Guidelines 2005 (S3.4 “Invited Guests”)* which is published by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

“A non-committee member may only attend a committee meeting if invited by the chair or another member on behalf of the committee.”

“It is up to the committee to determine the item(s) or part thereof which the invited guest may attend. A non-committee member must not participate in any committee decisions unless requested to do so by the chair and never takes part in any committee decision.”

- ❖ If you'd like to attend a committee meeting:
 - please contact the Secretary, Corinella Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management by email at corinellaforeshore@gmail.com at least 2 weeks prior to the committee meeting with details of any particular item you're interested in hearing about
 - meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday each month
 - Your attendance and details of the meeting (time etc) will be advised (if approved you'll receive an invitation by email)
- ❖ Guests attend as observers
- ❖ Guests attend those parts of the meeting where general and community information is covered, but not where commercially sensitive information (such as contractor rates, consideration of contracts, tenders, wages etc) may need to be discussed.