

# **Foreshore Reserve Highlights**

February 2018

# **Initiatives in Progress**

### Ramp Master Plan

The Plan aims to upgrade the Corinella Boat Ramp and facilities.

- There has been an extended delay in the opening of the grant application period. This had been expected to open in November. The grant application period has not yet commenced, and we are waiting for confirmation when the application period has opened.
- Timing of the works are dependant on the funding timelines. If funding is approved, a tender process will follow, run by the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning, to appoint a suitable contractor.
- This may still occur in 2018.
- Check the website project page for updates:

https://www.corinellaforeshore.com.au/rampupgrade.html

#### Grants in progress

- Work is progressing to prepare for a grant for stairs down to the rock platform at Settlement Point for fishing access. Quotes have been received and are being refined.
- A grant for fish cleaning facilities will also be sought alongside the ramp upgrade. This would fund new land-based fish cleaning tables to replace the current facilities located on the finger jetties.

# Rabbit Management Information Session

- The committee has been successful in securing a small grant through the Victorian Rabbit Action Network (VRAN), to fund a community information session on rabbit management.
- This VRAN project is funded through the Established Pest Animals and Weeds initiative, part of the Australian Government's Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper, the government's plan for stronger farmers and a stronger economy.
- Corinella and surrounds has a very active rabbit population, and this session should assist community members in understanding rabbit management measures.
- The information session will be held in the next couple of months, date to be advised shortly.

# Care and Maintenance of the Foreshore Reserve

#### Boat ramp/Caravan Park/Picnic facilities

- The caravan park has been very busy over the holiday period with high attendance and ongoing enquiries for accommodation.
- An incident of hooning through the caravan park resulted in police being called after one of the cars raced through the caravan park and up the Settlement Point walking track with their lights off in the dark.

# Jetty precinct

Weed spraying and whipper snipping completed, and the area mowed.



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- Mulch was moved into position in late November and then spread by volunteers.
- ✤ A further mow was completed prior to Australia Day
- Mulch was spread by volunteers.
- Follow-up up after the December working bee with spraying the edges of the plantation to repel kikuyu.

# Settlement Point

- A firebreak has been cut around the oval
- Whipper snipped around the edge of the camping ground
- The tracks were checked and mowed before the Xmas period
- Sides of track were snipped to remove seed heads and neaten the area
- The missing boards have been replaced on the fence at the Lookout.
- An environmental burn is planned for Autumn 2018 in conjunction with the CFA.

#### Western Precinct

- Mulch was moved on the corner of Albon St
- Maintenance has been completed on the site opposite the walkway from Burchell Close
- Some saw dust has been removed from the fence line at Beach St
- High grass removed around base of She-oak
- Kikuyu was snipped and sprayed on the corner of Albon and Palmer St
- ✤ A maintenance run has been completed prior to Australia Day.

#### Beach Street Gully

Subsidence is still an issue along the pipeline.

#### Northern Precinct

- Track has been sprayed and whipper snipped to French Island Close from Balcombe Street.
- Holes along the track have been filled.
- The Large dead black wattle had fallen across the beach access track at the Jamieson Street end of the reserve. It was removed with the assistance of volunteers.

#### Heritage Bay Estate area

Weeds sprayed, and mulch spread in the area in front of Heritage Bay estate.

#### Southern Precinct

- Area from Norsemen Rd back to the picnic area requires weed spraying and whipper snipping, this will be organised shortly.
- Area at O'Connor Rd has been whipper snipped by a committee member.

#### Working Bee

- Our highly dedicated Working Bee co-ordinator is away for a couple of months. On return working bee dates will be confirmed for the rest of the year.
- In the meantime, a working bee may be scheduled in the next few weeks if needed. Check the website for details.

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# **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 <u>corinellaforeshore@gmail.com</u> 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.