



Foreshore Reserve Highlights

March 2018

Initiatives in Progress

Ramp Master Plan

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

- ❖ The infrastructure grants are now finally available and 6-week application period has opened!
- ❖ Our CMA Consent (under the Coastal Management Act) is ready to be lodged with the Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning (DEWLP)
- ❖ The application for the grant is now in progress, with final lodgement by 22 March (closing date)
- ❖ The committee has letters of support from key groups and bodies, including the Corinella Boating and Angling Club
- ❖ If the application for funding is successful, the next step is a Tender process to be led by DELWP
- ❖ Check the website project page for updates:

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

Grants in progress

- ❖ The committee has secured a grant of \$100,000 from Victorian Fisheries Authority towards the total funding for the ramp & related infrastructure upgrade. Conditions of this funding are that it must only be used for the ramp upgrade (ie cannot be used for other purposes).
- ❖ The grant application for the main infrastructure upgrade is in progress for lodgement by 22 March 2018.
- ❖ An application has been lodged for a grant to fund new steps down to the rock platform at Settlement Point. This would provide a safe access point for anglers who fish off the rocks, and others. A response is expected in around 3 months time.

Rabbit Management Information Session

- ❖ The committee recently secured a small grant through the Victorian Rabbit Action Network (VRAN), to fund a community information session on rabbit management.
- ❖ The community information session is expected to be held in the next few months and a date will be announced shortly.
- ❖ 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.

Care and Maintenance of the Foreshore Reserve

Boat ramp/Caravan Park/Picnic facilities

- ❖ The committee welcomed a new Caravan Park Manager this month (Lee Taylor) and thanked Molly Hocking for her service. After almost 1 year, Molly is moving interstate. Lee and his family have moved to Corinella and we believe will be an asset to the community and the running of the Caravan Park.

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- ❖ A load of mulch was recently secured at no cost, and has been used at the Caravan Park to mulch the area beneath the Moreton Bay figs
- ❖ This should provide some protection to the roots, and act as a deterrent to stop people parking directly over the roots as has been happening frequently over summer.
- ❖ The committee will organise railing around the trees to protect them once the peak season is over.
- ❖ The boat ramp has been busy over summer but not as busy as previous seasons. There have been some very busy days, but overall weather conditions have kept boaties away.
- ❖ The Victorian Fisheries have been down to the ramp a couple of times ramp to undertake their regular survey.

Settlement Point

- ❖ An environmental burn will take place in Autumn in conjunction with the CFA
- ❖ A post has been replaced at the round about
- ❖ Rail has also been replaced
- ❖ Recently spotted were 2 copperhead snakes mating just off the path – good reminder to keep on the lookout for our slithering Reserve residents, and to keep your dogs on a lead!
- ❖ Also visible was this amazing orb web spider and her mate (he's the little one clearly visible above the female in the third pic below right).



Western Precinct

- ❖ Sadly, a young blackwood tree was cut down by unknown vandals (damage pictured right).
- ❖ This is illegal activity and will be prosecuted if the offender is identified.
- ❖ In the past the committee has responded to acts of destruction of vegetation by installing a large sign in the same area until the vegetation is re-established. Any further removal or destruction of vegetation will be treated in this way.



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- ❖ Help protect our beautiful reserve. Anyone with information about this incident should report it to the committee or to the police.
- ❖ Our contractors have recently completed a maintenance run through the Western Precinct (right).



Northern Precinct

- ❖ The Northern Precinct will have some serious attention this month with a contractor being brought in to attend to the kikuyu grass which is prevalent in the area.
- ❖ Blackberry has also been sighted and will be treated.
- ❖ There have also been sightings of *Juncus acutus*, or Spiny Rush, (pictured right) which will also need to be eradicated.
- ❖ The spiny rush is considered a serious environmental weed.



Southern Precinct

- ❖ A star picket has been removed from O'Connor.

Working Bee

- ❖ Our highly dedicated Working Bee co-ordinator is still away on an extended holiday. 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 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.