

Foreshore Reserve Highlights

May 2018

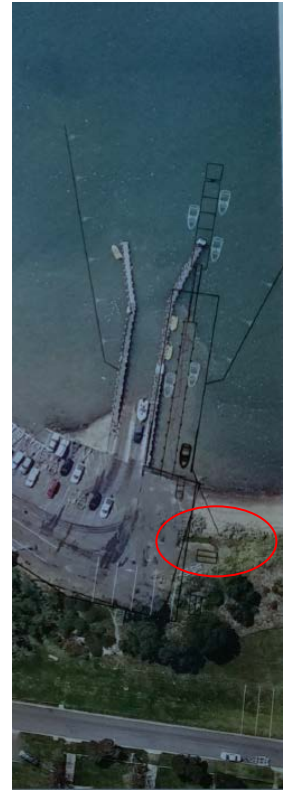
Initiatives in Progress

Ramp Master Plan

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

- ❖ The funding application was lodged in March. Waiting for an outcome to be announced, expected in the next couple of months.
- ❖ Additional information has been provided in support of the CMA application (required to demonstrate compliance with the Coastal Management Act).
- ❖ Boat Ramp Sub Committee will meet with the Corinella Boating and Angling Club, to discuss the proposed upgrade of the fish cleaning facilities.
- ❖ These would be located to the east of the current facility and would be land-based rather than on the jetties (approximate location circled right).
- ❖ Our application includes a phased approach in the event not all funding is granted in the current round.
- ❖ If successful, a Tender process will be undertaken to select suitable contractors to build the infrastructure.
- ❖ Check the website project page for updates:

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



Grants in progress

- ❖ The Boating Safety and Facilities Program grant application in progress for the ramp upgrade. We understand this round is highly competitive with a large number of applications from around the state.
- ❖ 80% of the Better Fishing Fund grant has now been received, to go towards meeting our 20% financial contribution of the Ramp Upgrade. If the upgrade is delayed, the funds must be retained for this purpose only.
- ❖ Waiting for an outcome on the application for a Biodiversity on the Ground grant. Seeking up to \$13,700 for a 3-year program for kikuyu removal on the Northern precinct.
- ❖ The Large Grants Program application for stairs at Settlement Point is waiting for an outcome.

Community Forum

- ❖ A community information session is being planned and will include a session on rabbit management under the VRAN grant received.
- ❖ A World Café format event is being planned for later in 2018. Community members will have the opportunity to participate.
- ❖ Check the website for further information.

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Care and Maintenance of the Foreshore Reserve

Boat ramp/Caravan Park/Picnic facilities

- ❖ Monash University researchers have been back monitoring elephant fish.
- ❖ Wheelie bins have been replaced by Council in the lower carpark/ramp area.
- ❖ Easter weekend was busy with boat rescues.
- ❖ A boat broke free while being retrieved. Another boat eventually arrived and was able to assist with retrieval of the other boat with no damage or injuries.
- ❖ Australian Volunteer Marine Rescue from Hastings towed a boat back to Corinella on 6th April.
- ❖ Seal the Loop box was cleared of a number of handfuls of fishing line, singers, swivels and hooks. Anglers are using the facility to responsibly dispose of used tackle and assisting in reducing impact on wildlife such as birds that may be entangled by discarded line.
- ❖ Another survey of catches was undertaken on the weekend before Anzac Day.
- ❖ A visit by Maritime Safety Victoria on the weekend after Anzac Day, with representatives talking to boaters and anglers about marine safety.



- ❖ Weeding and weed spraying around the Rotunda area has been completed.
- ❖ Debris from fallen branch has been removed from the Rotunda area.
- ❖ Area whipper snipped ready for Luminous Galleries Launch. The foreshore around the Rotunda looked pristine and the new Luminous Gallery lighting highlights the beautiful trees as a backdrop to local artworks (right).
- ❖ Old shrub near the Ladies Toilet block has been removed.
- ❖ Vegetation at the back of Van 18 has been cut back.
- ❖ Mulch has been spread under the Morton Bay Figs in the Caravan Park.

Settlement Point

- ❖ The CFA controlled burn has been completed successfully, with most of the European weeds and grasses having been destroyed by the fire. This has also removed the layers of dead grass laying on the oval, which act to stifle native grasses.
- ❖ The oval is now regenerating with the native Kangaroo grass coming through as brilliant green shoots (pictured right).
- ❖ The oval will continue to regenerate over the next few months, with wildflowers expected for spring.
- ❖ A weed management program will be implemented to keep down the growth of European weeds in order to allow the native grasses and plants to flourish in this area.



Western Precinct

- ❖ Deadly nightshade has been sprayed.
- ❖ Kikuyu has been sprayed on the corner of Albon and Palmer St.



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- ❖ Dead grasses have been removed near the seat opposite Beach St.
- ❖ Stump has been removed alongside the track at Wright St.
- ❖ Sawdust has been moved off the fence at Beach St.
- ❖ Kikuyu has been sprayed over the drain area and over the new pathway to Heritage Bay Estate.
- ❖ Hedge wattle to be trimmed as required on cliffside
- ❖ Contractor has completed a maintenance run in the area.
- ❖ Another report of vandalism (criminal damage) with a number of young sheoaks either snapped near the base or branches broken from mature trees. It appears that damage has been made over a period of time, with some of the breakages being hidden in the scrub and off the pedestrian track so not identified until recently (pictured right are a branch and small tree damaged very recently).
- ❖ The damage has occurred between Albon Street and Beach Street.
- ❖ Anyone with any knowledge of the damage and how it occurred are encouraged to contact the police or the foreshore committee.



Northern Precinct

- ❖ Track sprayed from Hamilton St to Balcombe St and track cleaned up (right).
- ❖ Vegetation at the Moorings needs to be cut back from the track in 3 places.
- ❖ Correa alba has been cut back from the track in two spots



- ❖ Fallen wattle has been cut and mulched for removal
- ❖ Wattle branches hanging over fence lines affecting 2 properties have been inspected (right) and removed.
- ❖ (left) Sighting of the rare Pink Gorilla recently gave residents a bit of a laugh!



Working Bee

- ❖ The next working bee is set for **Saturday 19th May at 12.30** at the Northern Foreshore at French Island Close at the end of Cooper Avenue. 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.