

Foreshore Reserve Highlights

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Initiatives in Progress

Ramp Master Plan

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

- ❖ Work is continuing on the various approvals required to progress with the ramp upgrade.
- ❖ Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment has been completed and confirmed as low impact. However, if artefacts are found during the upgrade, the status would change, and require investigation.
- ❖ Planning Permit Application with Bass Coast Shire Council is still in progress
- ❖ The Works Permit application is still in progress with Parks Victoria, who are the authority for the waterways around the ramp.
- ❖ A traffic management consultant has been engaged to undertake a traffic management review. He will assess the proposed upgrade and current issues with traffic and parking around the ramp area and nearby streets and make recommendations on how to configure and manage traffic flow and parking after the upgrade.
- ❖ Work on the tender requirements continues.
- ❖ Check the website project page for updates and/or subscribe on the project page for email updates:

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

Grants in progress

- ❖ Still awaiting an outcome on the application for stairs at Settlement Point.
- ❖ The Victorian Rabbit Action Network Grant has funded the Rabbit Management session (more details below). Some funds remaining to support action on rabbit management around the foreshore and community over the next few months.

Community Forum Held – Rabbit Management Information Session

- ❖ Around 30 community members attended the Rabbit Information Session on Saturday 25th August.
- ❖ Our guest speaker, Tim Bloomfield is a noted feral animal expert with 41 years' experience working across Victoria and interstate with and as a consultant for local and state governments to control pest species.
- ❖ His most recently completed strategies are on the Feral Cat management of Phillip Island and how to Keep Phillip Island Fox Free, following the implementation of his co-authored strategies that saw the eradication of the red fox on Phillip Island.





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- ❖ Tim provided some fascinating insights into rabbits, how they live and why they are so destructive. He also covered a range of rabbit control measures and encouraged community action.
- ❖ Please check the website for some of Tim's tips on rabbit management, and to view his very interesting presentation which includes options for management – available on the community page at www.corinellaforeshore.com.au
- ❖ *Further action on rabbit management will occur over the next few months – keep checking the website for details, or please contact the committee at corinellaforeshore@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved.*

Care and Maintenance of the Foreshore Reserve

Boat ramp/Caravan Park/Picnic facilities

- ❖ The eastern jetty had another pylon loose. This has now been fixed by our contractor. This highlights the state of the jetty and the need for replacement.
- ❖ Fish cleaning tables have been replaced where needed.
- ❖ The Jetty Shed has been reviewed for maintenance and will undergo some minor repairs.
 - ❖ Maintenance continues in preparation for the coming spring and summer seasons.
 - ❖ Van 5 is being refurbished – the old air conditioner has been removed, and interior wooden wall panel has been replaced, the tow bar has been boxed in and paving stones and a gravel path have been laid alongside the van (pictured left).
 - ❖ The new garden bed outside the amenities block has had grasses and lomandras planted.
 - ❖ August has seen a steady patronage of caravaners and travellers staying at the Caravan Park, enjoying the serenity of our Park in winter.



Western Precinct

- ❖ Right - A well-meaning person has been pulling down this creeper (Native Clematis) from trees near the Heritage Bay Estate area, however this is NOT a weed.
- ❖ It can be easily confused with Bridal Creeper which can strangle trees and bushes (pictured below).



CRFCoM thank the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Bass Coast Shire Council and community volunteers for their support in helping to keep the Corinella Foreshore Reserve in order.

The Committee are also all volunteers

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- ❖ Native Clematis is an important food source for butterflies and small birds and should not be removed.
- ❖ Centre Right – Bridal Creeper has small flowers and is a weed of national significance.
- ❖ Far Right – Native Clematis has similar leaves, but the flowers are larger. It should be left alone on the reserve to support our native fauna.



- ❖ Maintenance around the Western Precinct during August has focused on whipper-snipping and spraying of weeds from Hughes Street up to the Café (photo right shows the extent of cape weed along the track).

Northern Precinct

- ❖ Another working bee at the Moorings plateau has continued to focus on the weeds in the area to get them under control.



Settlement Point

- ❖ An echidna was spotted recently ambling through the reserve (left). A great reason to please keep your dogs on-lead at all times!



Southern Precinct

- ❖ A word of caution to track users who may have noticed wombat holes on the southern precinct - O'Connor Rd to the bridge. Please avoid the wombat holes when walking, and ensure your dogs are restrained at all times.

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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.