

# Foreshore Reserve Highlights

Summer Edition Jan 2018

*The Committee wish all members of the Corinella community a happy and safe 2018. We hope you enjoy this summer edition of the Foreshore Highlights, and can get out and enjoy our beautiful foreshore reserve.*

## Around the Foreshore Reserve



The Reserve was host to the annual Christmas Carols event held by the Corinella Residents and Ratepayers Association. The Rotunda and surrounding picnic area was well utilised by the community for the event.

On New Year's Eve, many community members enjoyed the Coronet Bay and Cowes fireworks from vantage points around the foreshore reserve and beach.



The boat ramp is busy with many people on holidays and either staying locally or driving here to make use of the ramp facilities and fishing opportunities. Queues may be seen on busy days, particularly when the weather changes and boaties all return to port at the same time (right).



(left) The Caravan Park and camping grounds are busy with holiday makers and enquiries continue to for accommodation through the summer period.

## Bursaria in bloom

Walkers may have spotted the Sweet Bursaria in bloom around the reserve. This lovely shrub can be spotted in each of the precincts, ranging from small bushes through to larger shrubs, and even a large old tree specimen which can be found on the Settlement Point track.



Bursaria attracts butterflies, particularly at dusk when butterflies can mass on the flowers.



Far left: Clump of Sweet Bursaria on the Settlement Point Track

Left: Bursaria in the Western Precinct  
Right: The Sweet Bursaria flowers



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## Grasses in glory

Many of the native grasses have been at their peak in recent months and some are still impressive to see. The tall Sword Sedge still has red/brown seed heads which contrast with its bright green foliage (right)



(Left) Lomandra have distinct male and female plants, with the females displaying brown seed heads (far left), while the male Lomandra now have dried stalks on display.



Broad expanses of native grasses can be sighted such as along the Western precinct near Albon Street, where Wallaby grass, Austrostipa, Kangaroo Grass and Poa mingle (pictured left).

The Beach Street Gully was planted out with a range of grasses and these are now coming along nicely. They include Nobby Rush Grass, Poa, Prostrate Goodenia and Spiny Headed Lomandra (Right)



## Care and Maintenance of the Foreshore Reserve

### Boat ramp/Caravan Park/Picnic facilities

- ❖ The new light pole has been erected at the boat ramp, providing good lighting at night time for users of the ramp area.
- ❖ The caravan park road has been resurfaced.
- ❖ The weeping willow has been trimmed to uplift it from the rooves of two of the vans.
- ❖ Damaged fascia has been replaced and painted on the amenities block, and men's showers have been repaired.



- ❖ General whipper snipping along the camping ground has been completed.



### Jetty precinct

- ❖ Weed spraying, whipper snipping, and mowing completed.
- ❖ Mulch was spread by volunteers.

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.

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## *Settlement Point*

- ❖ A firebreak has been cut around the historic oval area.
- ❖ Tracks have been checked and mown where required, and sides of tracks snipped to remove seed heads.

## *Western Precinct*

- ❖ The mulched area to be planted when conditions are suitable.
- ❖ High grass removed from base of the she-oak
- ❖ Kikuyu snipped and sprayed on the corner of Albon and Palmer Street.
- ❖ Some sawdust has been removed from the fence line at Beach Street, further removal to be scheduled.



## *Northern Precinct*

- ❖ Track has been sprayed and whipper snipped to French Island Close from Balcombe Street.
- ❖ Holes along the track have been filled.

## *Heritage Bay Estate area*

- ❖ Mulch has been moved into place all through the area in front of Heritage Bay through to Cuthbert Street.
- ❖ This will greatly assist with weed management and the revegetation process.



## *Annual Fire Management Plan inspection*

- ❖ The annual fire management inspection was conducted in December by Committee Members and CFA Environmental Officer Gareth George.
- ❖ No further action required for the summer season.

## *Working Bee*

The final working bee for 2017 was held on 10<sup>th</sup> December

- ❖ Volunteers pulled weeds and spread mulch the Esplanade, followed by a well-earned beverage and nibbles to celebrate the final Bee for the year.
- ❖ Thank you to all the volunteers who give up their time to help keep our Reserve looking beautiful!!



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