

Foreshore Reserve Highlights

Committee Meeting 2nd May 2017

Foreshore Reserve Highlights provides an update on the activities and key points from Committee meetings.

Initiatives in Progress

Ramp Master Plan

The Plan aims to upgrade the Corinella Boat Ramp and facilities. Closing date for the application for funding is November 2017.

- ❖ A site inspection of the ramp area has been completed by representative from the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR).
- ❖ A meeting held with DEDJTR, the consultant working on the Plan, and the Foreshore Committee to agree on next stage.
- ❖ A site survey will be undertaken as a mandatory requirement needed to proceed with design and for the funding application.
- ❖ The **second community forum is to be held on Sunday 21st May at 1.30 (Corinella Hall)** to provide an update on progress of the Draft Master Plan, and provide an opportunity for further input before the Plan is finalised in the second half of 2017.

Grants in progress

- ❖ No further update at this stage on the progress of the Recreational Fishing Grant for cutting back the corner of the hill at the bottom of Peters Street.
- ❖ The plan is to allow more room for cars with trailers to turn as they exit the ramp area.

Care and Maintenance of the Foreshore Reserve

Boat ramp/Caravan Park/Picnic facilities

- ❖ Monash University students were sighted conducting research on elephant fish
- ❖ The ramp area received visits from the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard and from the Environment Protection Authority during the month, along with regular patrols to the area by the Victoria Police
- ❖ The annual inspection and maintenance review continues in the Caravan Park in preparation for the renewal of the 12 month permits.
- ❖ The new Caravan Park Manager will start on 18th May.

Western Precinct

- ❖ There are rampant chickweed growing along the area adjacent to Heritage Bay Estate.
- ❖ Chickweed is an annual, so poisoning/mowing/removing won't affect the seeds which can survive in the soil. It will need regular attention to get the area back under control until the native grasses can re-establish. Kikuyu has invaded the reserve and needs attention.
- ❖ Many of the young plants which were planted in the area by the developer have now outgrown their guards, which have yet to be removed.

- ❖ The next Working Bee (7th May) will target this area to free and trim the young plants.

Northern Precinct

- ❖ The last Working Bee was effective with a trailer-load of rubbish removed by three keen volunteers.

Southern Precinct

- ❖ Rubbish was found dumped in the area and has now been removed.
- ❖ There has been another maintenance run through the area and the area now looks spectacular.

Working Bee

- ❖ The working bee on 8th April started at French Island Close and removed a trailer load of rubbish.
- ❖ A great effort by the volunteers.
- ❖ The next **Working Bee is Sunday 7th May 2.30-4.30 at the end of Cuthbert Street near the Heritage Bay Estate.**

Horses & Dogs on the Beach

- ❖ Discussions continue and Bass Coast Shire Council will be contacting user groups in due course.

Coast Care Forum

- ❖ Several committee members attended the recent Coast Care Forum held on Phillip Island over the weekend of 29 and 30 April.
- ❖ Representatives from similar professional, volunteer and research groups from across Victoria attended
- ❖ There were many and varied topics covered. Sessions included:
 - Native Vegetation Management – Issues, Actions & Geological Influences
 - Scenic Estate Conservation Reserve – Regeneration of a Landscape
 - Citizen science aiding resident and migratory bird species management on Phillip Island

Website

- ❖ Our new website is now up and running!
- ❖ It provides information about the role of the Corinella Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management, the government frameworks under which we work, our Management Plan which sets out the priorities for the Committee
- ❖ It also covers information about our wonderful foreshore reserve, its walking tracks, and facilities including the Caravan Park, boat ramp and jetty.

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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.