

# Foreshore Reserve Highlights

Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017

## 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.*

- ❖ Final community information session was held to present the final plans for the boat ramp.
- ❖ Around 60 people attended. We were also fortunate to have our Mayor, Cr Pamela Rothfield in attendance.
- ❖ Attendees were able to view the designs, showing a 3+1 configuration for the ramps, with removal of the eastern finger jetty, and a new jetting being built with a floating pontoon section.
- ❖ The floating pontoon will make boating more accessible to those who may have difficulty climbing the jetty ladders.
- ❖ Some additional work is to be undertaken on the corner to finalise this work.
- ❖ Still waiting for the opening of the grant application period.



### *Grants in progress*

- ❖ The Biodiversity on the Ground grant (for weed eradication over a 2-year period) was oversubscribed and unfortunately, we were unsuccessful this time around. This was slated to be used on the Oval area at Settlement point. The committee has sought feedback on why the application failed, to assist with improving future submissions.
- ❖ The committee has been successful in securing a Rabbit Victoria Rabbit Action Network grant to fund a community information session about rabbit control. This will likely be held around March or April 2018.
- ❖ A grant will eventually be sought to fund new stairs for beach access at Settlement point. A height survey has been completed, and a design for the stairs is in progress, so that cost estimates can be obtained.

## Care and Maintenance of the Foreshore Reserve

### *Boat ramp/Caravan Park/Picnic facilities*

- ❖ Urgent repairs were carried out on the western finger jetty, where a galvanised pipe had rusted and exposed wires. This has now been fixed.
- ❖ Sea grass build-up has been cleared from the ramps through the month.
- ❖ Volunteer Coast Guard and Volunteer Marine Rescue each towed boats back to the ramp in separate incidents during September.
- ❖ EPA continue to launch from Corinella to undertake research.
- ❖ The number of ramp users is starting to increase again with the warmer weather.
- ❖ The Caravan Park has been busy over the Grand Final weekend.
- ❖ A water tank adjacent to the female shower block has been moved away from the Besser bricks to facilitate better air circulation and avoid damp build-up on the bricks.

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## Settlement Point

- ❖ Weeds have been wipper-snipped around the old cypress stump.
- ❖ There are a missing plank and broken rail which need to be replaced.
- ❖ The fence boundary may need to be reviewed and redesigned to limit access to the cliffside without compromising viewing access.

## Western Precinct



Beach Street stormwater pipe line. The subsidence has occurred following the heavy rain (pictured above).

- ❖ A site inspection highlighted the need to remove debris, cut back vegetation that had become lanky to enable it to reshoot. Revegetate the area as required - opposite the walkway from Burchell Close. Contractors may need to be brought in to do this work.
- ❖ Mulched the area to be planted near Albon Street - Lomandra and Poa will be planted if available – these are low grasses
- ❖ Asbestos and rubble dumped in the gully have been reported to Bass Coast Council – they have advised it is Foreshore Committees responsibility to remove the asbestos. Further advise will be sought to find a suitable contractor to remove this safely.
- ❖ There is an area of subsidence near Beach Street which will be reported to the developer along with the weed infestation at

## Northern Precinct

- ❖ Quotes have been sought for cost of management/eradication of the kikuyu which has spread in the area.
- ❖ This will help with any potential grants which may become available, so the committee will be ready to apply.

## Southern Precinct

- ❖ A fallen banksia had to be removed from Norsemen Road beach access area (right).
- ❖ This is a sand dune area where the banksias are well suited. New Banksias will be planted.



## Heritage Bay Estate area

- ❖ A tree branch has fallen and is stuck in a tree and will need to be removed.
- ❖ Weeds are taking over part of the area replanted by the contractors and needs to be brought back under control (right).





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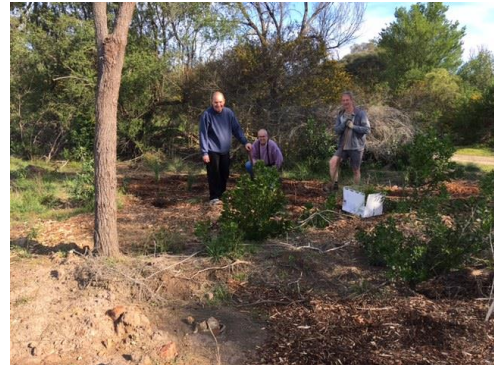
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## *Annual Fire Management Plan inspection*

- ❖ A meeting with the Local Laws and Emergency Management officer from Bass Coast Shire Council and the CFA group leader will be held to assess the Reserve for the scheduled annual inspection under the Fire Management Plan.

## *Working Bee*

- ❖ A working bee was held on 17<sup>th</sup> September in the Heritage Bay area.
- ❖ This was one of the three areas where mulch has been spread ready for replanting.
- ❖ Approx. 30 plants were planted – primarily Grasses, Lomandras, Hedge Wattles and 3 gums.
- ❖ A small turnout enjoyed good weather.



- ❖ **The next Working Bee is Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November.** *Check 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](mailto: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.