

# Foreshore Reserve Highlights

Committee Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> July 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.

- ❖ Letters were sent to a range of organisations seeking letters of support for the ramp facilities upgrade. Three letters of support have been received to date.
- ❖ Work will commence on 11 July to cut the corner and widen the tarmac in the ramp area. This vital piece of work will provide a wider area for boat rigging and derigging as well as improve entry and exit from Peters Street. Cars with trailers exiting the area will no longer need to swing out across the path of entering traffic. *See website for details.*
- ❖ Work continues on the master plan and grant application, which is due for submission in November.
- ❖ A third and final community consultation session will be held the next few months to present the final proposal.



### Grants in progress

- ❖ Weed eradication grant is in progress (approximately \$2,500) with a plan to re-establish the native kangaroo grass.
- ❖ Application for the ramp upgrade master plan continues to be developed.

## Care and Maintenance of the Foreshore Reserve

### Boat ramp/Caravan Park/Picnic facilities

- ❖ The ramp area will have restricted access for a few weeks while the corner works and tarmac widening occurs. *See website for more details.*
- ❖ The Caravan Park had a bumper month in June fully booked for campsites and vans over the long weekend in particular.
- ❖ The Country Fire Authority (CFA) undertook their regular inspection of the fire management facilities in the Caravan Park.
- ❖ Renewal of annual caravan permits continues, and includes repair and maintenance works where required as part of the permit renewal conditions.
- ❖ The timber work on the rotunda have been replaced.
- ❖ Assessment of recycled plastic picnic tables and benches is in progress as an alternative to wood. They appear to be very robust and relatively well-priced. The committee are investigating the success of other installations to assess suitability.

### Settlement Point

- ❖ Dead branches hanging over the BBQ shelter have been removed.
- ❖ The walking tracking has been widened in areas where vegetation had grown over the path.
- ❖ Debris has been removed from the picnic area at the look-out and camping ground.
- ❖ The Picnic Area at the lookout requires raking and stumps removed for easier mower access.



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## *Western Precinct*

- ❖ Small pine trees and seedlings have been removed from the cliff face from Albon St. to Settlement Point. Cape Leeuwin wattle has also been removed from the cliff face.
- ❖ Excess debris and small pine seedlings have been removed from the Reserve to Settlement Point, along with dangerous damaged and broken pine branches from pines along this area.
- ❖ Storm damaged She-Oak has been removed from between Beach and Hughes Streets
- ❖ Habitat Creations have been through to maintain their contracted area which stretches from Albon St to Hughes St.

## *Northern Precinct*

- ❖ A weed assessment will be undertaken in this area to assess extent of encroachment of kikuyu. Funding will be required to tackle the weed in this area.

## *Southern Precinct*

- ❖ The rail at O'Connor Rd has now been replaced.
- ❖ The bollard for the Norseman Rd entrance has also been completed.

## *Heritage Bay Estate area*

- ❖ Areas along the track have been widened where vegetation had grown out onto the track.
- ❖ Mulch has been dumped on the reserve ready to revegetate areas less weed bound.
- ❖ A fallen She-oak has been cut up and removed as it had blocked the track.

## *Working Bee*

- ❖ 6 volunteers participated in the Working Bee on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. They focussed on Albon Street and the Esplanade.
- ❖ **The next Working Bee is Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Check website for details.**

## **Research Enquiry from Melbourne University**

- ❖ A Melbourne Uni researcher has contacted the committee for any information to support his research on coastal geology and coastal threats.
- ❖ He was given details of the recent visit by prominent geomorphologist Neville Rosengren, and advised about the existence of photos taken in the area over a long period which highlight changes. Drone footage of the cliff face was also discussed.
- ❖ Details will be forwarded on to him in support of his research.

## **Our Fascinating Foreshore forum recap**

- ❖ A total of almost 80 community members and guests attended the event, and about a third also went on the organised walks through the reserve.
- ❖ Almost one-third of attendees completed the survey on the day to provide their feedback and thoughts on possible future events and topics.
- ❖ Feedback indicated that for future events, almost everyone preferred a formal format with a presentation and catering; and that organised/guided walks are also a desirable option. A number of people also commented on the quality and range of the lunch provided.
- ❖ The Committee would like to acknowledge and thank the Church Guild for their wonderful catering for the event.



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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.