

Foreshore Reserve Highlights

Committee Meeting 7th February 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.

- ❖ The Infrastructure Design Plan is in progress to secure a grant to help fund improvements to the boat ramp area. Input and support are being sought from key organisations such as the Coast Guard, VRFish, Water Police, EPA etc to contribute to the overall Plan.
- ❖ An agreement with Transport Safety Victoria has been signed to install webcams at the ramp area. The webcams will stream live footage of conditions at the boat ramp and will be accessible via a phone app.
- ❖ The plan will incorporate a phased/staged approach for the redevelopment in case only partial funding is approved upfront.
- ❖ Pre-registration for the boat launching facility improvements has been lodged, and the final submission will be lodged before the closing date in November 2017.

Grants in progress

- ❖ A Recreational Fishing Grant application has been submitted for widening the tarmac at the bottom of Peters Street where it joins the jetty/ramp area. The grant would cover the cost of cutting away part of the corner 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

- ❖ The committee have completed debris removal and mulching behind Van 4, and a further clean-up is required behind Van 10.
- ❖ 2 new picnic tables are planned to be built in the picnic area under the beautiful Moreton Bay fig trees
- ❖ The area around the ramp-masters shed has been snipped and mulch piles have been spread around the plantings in the jetty precinct.
- ❖ Annual Ramp fees are due for 2017 season and collection has started.

Settlement Point

- ❖ Whipper snipping around the boundary of the camping area and around a large area of native grasses has been completed.
- ❖ A firebreak mow was initiated before Christmas.
- ❖ The edge of the track has been snipped and our contractor sprayed the Wild Watsonia and other weeds on the oval. The aim is to let the native grasses and plant flourish while keeping weeds at bay.

Western Precinct

- ❖ Contractor has been in to spray the Paterson's Curse weeds which have been spread around the area. This is a very hardy weed that can spread very quickly.

Northern Precinct

- ❖ Edges of the track have been snipped and tidied up.

Southern Precinct

- ❖ Vegetation was cut back from the walking track from O'Connor Road through to the bridge.
- ❖ After the contractors had completed their vegetation work, a committee member went through the area and removed other debris such as pieces of concrete, bricks and general rubbish.
- ❖ The seat on the track has now been repaired by a committee member and is now usable.
- ❖ A rail at the O'Connor Road track has been damaged (appears to have been hacked with an axe) so will need to be replaced.

Working Bee

- ❖ Another excellent turnout on 14th January, with 18 volunteers. The focus was on the Western Precinct which runs from A representative from Habitat Creations was helpful in educating people on what to keep and what should be removed.
- ❖ *The next working bee will be around the Rotunda, Caravan Park and Settlement Point area on Sunday 19th March 2pm-4.30pm. Call Darryl on 0402 243 032 with any enquiries.*

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.