

Foreshore Manager's Report

June 2023

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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to ensure that the Committee of Management and Community are provided with ongoing updates on operational matters associated with the management of the foreshore reserve.

Note – Bold headline text denotes CMMP Strategy Area (Bold text in brackets denotes action reference number) – Normal headline text denotes specific report topic, highlight or information related to strategy area and action.

1. Climate Change (3) - Solar Installation

- Solar Power including panels and batteries have now been installed at Camerons Bight Amenity block, Stringer Amenity Block, and the foreshore office.
- Works are continuing in June and will include completion of the installation of solar panels on Tyrone Amenity Block.

2. Access to beach and Foreshore Areas (35) – CPAR Grant Applications

- Inverness Stairs have now been completed, under budget.
- Initial meetings with engineers for baytrail feasibility studies have been undertaken.

3. Beach Shower at Blairgowrie Shops

- Shower installation at this shire owned and managed facility has been advocated for by the community.
- Upon meeting with the Shire, they have agreed to install a shower at this location.

4. Access to the Beach and Foreshore Areas (32) – Vicroads assistance with roadside

- The North side of Point Nepean Road is VicRoads Reserve.
- WCCB lack the funding and traffic safety management skills to safely trim trees on roadside verge to the minimum standards set out by Vicroads.
- Following 10 months of requests for assistance with managing this side of the road safely, a complaint has been filed with the ombudsman for action.

5. Community Use and Engagement (44) – Attended Blairgowrie Local Area Action Plan Meeting

- The Foreshore Manager attended the Shire-administered Blairgowrie LAAP meeting.
- Feedback was received regarding the watercraft management program and the installation of an amenity block at Seviles carpark.
- Federal Minister Zoe Mckenzie and Nepean Ward councillors were present and positive conversations were had with them regarding various matters.

6. Community Use and Engagement (44) – Cool Changes Program and Friends Group

- The second 'Cool Changes' session was held indoors at Rye Primary School due to inclement weather. Foreshore Ranger, Bryce, taught the children about plants and they painted tree guards.
- These tree guards were then used by the friends group to plant trees in recently weeded sections of the foreshore.

7. Assisted Lang Lang Foreshore with Boatshed Audits.

- The CoM was approached by Lang Lang Foreshore CoM to assist in their initiation of a boatshed audit and compliance program.
- In agreement with the Chair, it was decided that Senior Foreshore Ranger, Richard would attend Lang Lang Foreshore and assist with the use of the auditor program and outline how the CoM and management have approached the matter throughout the years.
- Feedback from Lang Lang Foreshore was complimentary to Richard and the Committee for facilitating the arrangement.

8. Better Boating Victoria Grant Application

- A grant application for completion of recommended works on Camerons Bight Jetty was successful.
- A project plan has been completed to the satisfaction of Better Boating Victoria.
- Works will commence upon receipt of Parks Victoria work permit – estimated August 2023.

9. Picnic Table and Bench Seat Installation

- As previously advised, the temporary installation of picnic tables at Whitecliffs will occur in late June, after receipt of the picnic tables in early June.
- Eight Bench Seats completed by the Mens Shed will also be installed at a similar time in recognized gaps across the foreshore.

10. Carpark 1 Safety Upgrade works

- Long delays in the Shire planning department have delayed these works.

- The planning permit advertised period has now ended and a planning permit is expected to be issued in late June.

Common Acronyms Used in Manager's Reports:

CMMP – Coastal and Marine Management Plan 2019 – 2024

BBV - Better Boating Victoria

BYS – Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron

CoM – Whitecliffs to Camerons Bight Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management

CBBC – Camerons Bight Boat Club

DEECA – Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action

MACA – Marine and Coastal Act

MPSC – Mornington Peninsula Shire Council

PV - Parks Victoria

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