

Foreshore Manager's Report

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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 (1) – Stringer Amenity Block Sewer Installation

- This project is now complete, and the block is connected to sewer.
- The remaining amenity block on a septic system is Camerons Bight amenity block and may require grant funding to complete via the Port Phillip Bay Fund or similar.



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

- Three grant applications have been submitted.
- Projects submitted include:
 - a. the provision of Emergency Marker Signage along the foreshore alongside our access and signage plan

- b. Installation of Fire Hydrants in the campground as stage one of the Fire Services Plan.
- c. Assessment and engineering of replacement options for the steps at Sevilles Carpark.

3. Access to the Beach and Foreshore Areas (32) – Fencing in unpowered camping section at Camerons Bight

- As highlighted in the October Committee meeting, this fencing was dilapidated and has now been renewed.
- The fencing and some surrounding infrastructure has been painted with bitumen paint to increase longevity.
- The timber used is a local hardwood, sourced from a mill at Red Hill which had milled recently fallen trees and was more economical than pine options.



4. Camping Amenity Block – Door and Lock Installation

- Doors and locks have now been installed on the Camerons Bight and Stringer Amenity blocks.
- This means that all doors on camping amenity blocks are now locked/coded – increasing security and subsequently peace of mind for campers using the facilities at night.
- Camerons Bight and Whitecliffs amenity blocks do not have public toilet facilities directly adjacent – the provision of these facilities should be included in the campground masterplan to facilitate public use.



5. Whitecliffs Amenity Block Shower Upgrade

- The Whitecliffs Amenity Block regrouting and replacement tiling is now complete.

6. New Maintenance Shed

- The new maintenance shed is now almost complete with the shed install beginning the week of the 27th of November.
- Following the installation of the shed kit, trades will attend the site for the provision of stormwater services, water services, security hardware and electrical services.



7. Beach Management (10, 11, 13) – BYS OEMP Dredging

- The BYS dredging and subsequent renourishing of Camerons Bight Beach is complete.
- Results from the survey for total amount of sand moved is due late November.



8. Community Use and Engagement (44) – Summer By the Sea

- Bryce has worked with DEECA to plan for the delivery of several events in conjunction with the Summer By the Sea program.
- This bolsters a busy program of community engagement events for summer that includes a creative writing session, drawing/art session, Junior Foreshore Ranger programs and others.
- There is also planning underway for the delivery of passive engagement events such as a free sausage sizzle or similar.

9. Access to the Beach and Foreshore Areas (36) - Carpark 1 Safety Upgrade works

- The Carpark 1 Safety Upgrade works are now complete – with the baytrail rerouted to completely avoid the interaction with vehicular traffic, heavily reducing the risk of an accident in this area.
- Ranger Richard's diligent work should be noted in liaising with multiple contractors to execute the project during a busy time of year.

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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