

Foreshore Manager's Report

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Whitecliffs to
Camerons Bight
Foreshore Reserve
Committee of
Management

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

- As previously communicated, the CoM was successful in securing grants for the replacement of Inverness Stairs and the Baytrail Feasibility studies – both projects have now commenced.

2. Eco-Cabin/Tent update (2020 Business Plan Action/Strategy)

- A total of 42 bookings for 102 nights were completed.
- Projected earnings for the financial year are \$14,500 with Cost of Sales at approx. \$3,360 – with an average booking turnover cost of \$75 including linen and cleaning.
- A successful competition was run, collecting 1000 entrants, these entrants will be targeted in Spring to secure further bookings.

3. Summer Foreshore Camping Season Revenue

- Projected earnings for the financial year are \$680,000 which is \$20,000 higher than the target of 660,000.

4. Community Use and Engagement (44) – Nature walk with Friends Group

- Instead of a traditional Friend's Group session, the rangers conducted a 'Walk and talk' across the foreshore, explaining different aspects of vegetation and culture.
- This was well attended and well received, which could be an indication there is an appetite for learning type events in the community.
- This could be further expanded by including sessions with local experts in the 23/24 Friends Group Calendar.

5. Community Use and Engagement (44) – Cool Changes Program

- The first lesson of the Cool Changes Program was successfully held with Rye Primary School students.

6. Council Budget Submission

- The Foreshore Manager made a budget submission for the resurfacing of existing baytrail sections – a Shire Responsibility.

7. Boats and Boating (19) (22) (24) - Watercraft Management Removal Program

- 113 Notices of Demand were issued in the first pass across the foreshore.
- The week beginning the 24th of April is now planned for watercraft removal.

8. Attended Future Foreshores Meeting

- The Foreshore Manager attended the Future Foreshores meeting held by DEECA, this explored the Coastal and Marine Management Plan grant that is currently open and general thoughts around current management structures.

9. Incident with children causing issues at Whitecliffs Campground

- A group of approximately 20-30 children started a fire (on a total fire ban day) at Whitecliffs beach, before proceeding to throw objects at campers and onlookers that attempted to intervene.
- Damage to a catamaran was recorded and some campers reported that the incident had made them feel scared to stay in the campground.
- The CFA were in attendance to extinguish the fire. When they arrived, the children scattered.
- Upon further discussions with police, they advised they were held up with a missing persons report in St. Andrews so were slow in attending the incident.
- Security was asked to attend the Campgrounds and monitor the beach more frequently on the following weekend to ensure they were monitored if they did return.
- No further action is deemed appropriate at this point.

10. Staff training

- Bryce attended a Social Media Marketing Course to assist his role in social media management.
- The Foreshore Manager attended a 'Finance for Non-Financial Managers' course.
- Options are still being explored for training with the Bunurong Land Council.

11. Better Boating Victoria Grant Application

- A grant application was submitted for funding of the works recommended for Camerons Bight Jetty outlined in the condition assessment.

12. Climate Change (1) - Sewer connection

- The Foreshore Manager met with South East Water and its associated contractors.
- A quote for the connection of two blocks to sewer has been slow to obtain.
- South East Waters verbal estimate was \$125,000.

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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