

Foreshore Manager's Report

October 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

- This project has lagged slightly with teething issues, expected to be fully complete by the end of October.

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

- Inverness Stairs project is complete, and the grant has been acquitted.
- The Baytrail Concept plans have been received and the grant will be acquitted in the coming weeks.
- The new round of CPAR grant applications is now open. Grant applications could include: an accessibility assessment and strategy, Fire Hydrant installation and baytrail construction.

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

- Vicroads have been assisting with sand removal from Point Nepean Road.
- We have opened conversations with them about

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

- The third 'Cool Changes' session was held in Camerons Bight and School Children used the new nest box inspection equipment to inspect our nest boxes.

5. Picnic Table and Bench Seat Installation

- Picnic tables at Whitecliffs have now been installed at Whitecliffs and are being well used.

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- Six of eight Bench Seats completed by the Mens Shed have been installed in recognised service gaps across the foreshore. The two remaining will be held to fill needs as they arise.

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

- It has been 12 months since the planning permit application was submitted.
- The planning permit has been provisionally issued, pending no objections to it by Friday 6th October 2023.

7. Reimbursement from Eco Structures

- After a few months of negotiating with Eco Structures, we received a \$1,900 reimbursement for expenses incurred during the setup process which were due to faults with eco structures processes.
- The Coastal retreats will be erected Late October, ready for cup weekend and November bookings.

8. Vegetation and Habitat (16) Tree audit

- The annual tree audit identified 3 Critical actions (Action Immediately) and 58 High Priority actions (Action within 12 months).
- The Critical actions and 50% of the high priority actions have been completed, with the remainder to be actioned before Christmas.

9. Access to the Beach and Foreshore Areas (16) Baytrail concept plans - CPAR grant completion

- The concept plans for the baytrail missing links at Hughes Road and BYS are now complete.
- This was completed in consultation with the Shire and will form part of their wider strategic implementation plan to have

10. Well wishes for Ayden

- Ayden has been offered a managerial role at Parks Victoria and sadly leaves the foreshore in preparation for the fire season.
- Interviews to fill his role as Foreshore Ranger (Open Spaces) are continuing.

11. Vegetation and Habitat (16) Vegetation Management Framework

- The staff have reviewed the Vegetation Management Framework and are awaiting a final draft from the contractors.
- Following this, annual vegetation management plans will be drafted to undertake weed control, planting, and other maintenance activities on the Foreshore.

12. Boatshed licences

- We have now formally issued 107 out of 139 Boatshed Licences and are continuing to follow up on outstanding audit actions and public liability issues to ensure all licences are in place by summer.

13. Successful September Camping period

- A successful marketing campaign and favourable weather resulted in \$23,518 earned revenue for 499 nights booked, compared with \$4,633 and 59 nights booked for 2022.

14. Ongoing issues at Whitecliffs Headland

- We have had continued vandalism issues at Whitecliffs Headland and continue to monitor the situation with three weekly patrols.
- The Conservation Regulator has been advised and they will be engaged if evidence of the individuals involved is noted.

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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