

Foreshore Manager's July Monthly Report 16/7/2020

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.

Item 1. Maintenance

The team have focused on general maintenance of revegetation and landscaping areas with weed control, mulching planting being undertaken throughout the month of June.

Works have continued on reinstatement of clear zones along the sections of the Bay Trail between Centre Drive and Canterbury Drive. In addition to the above works preparation of the surface has been completed on the section of the Bay Trail between Centre Drive and Flinders Street. Preparations have commenced for the reinstatement of all Bay Trail/Beach access points entering from Point Nepean Rd, work will include:

- Resurfacing of all paths
- Replacement of fence posts with bollards, including directional signage
- Installation of beach access signage
- Closure of informal beach access point causing erosion

Item 2 Grants Program

Public Risk on Public Land Grant (PRoPL)

Two applications have been submitted to the PRoPL grants for the following works;

- Stair and Steps Replacement Program (\$25K)
The program is designed to upgrade a number of existing beach access stairs and steps that have come to the end of their serviceable life.



- Traffic Calming Device Installation Program (\$27K)
The program is designed to resurface the vehicle access points from Point Nepean Rd into the Camerons Bight camp grounds, the works will include the installation of traffic calming devices (raided platforms) In addition, temporary moulded traffic calming devices will be purchased for installation throughout the camp grounds during the peak season.



Item 2 Grants Program Cont.

Port Phillip Bay Fund Round 3- Community Grants

Approval for a variation to an existing grant has been received. The following projects are designed to prevent the discharge of stormwater into the bay will now proceed. They include;

- Upgrade of Soak Pit in WhiteCliffs Camp Ground (September/October)
- Improvements to access track drainage at Blairgowrie (July)
- Improvements to drainage around public toilet (car park 1) through diversion of stormwater from Point Nepean Rd. (July)



Works have now been completed on the Stormwater Outfall Drain project. The project is designed to improve the quality of the stormwater being discharged into Port Phillip Bay through the establishment of a plant-based filtration system.



Item 3. Covid-19 Response

As restrictions have returned lockdown (6 weeks) the team continues to make the necessary changes as advice is received from the Chief Health Officer.

At the time of this report BBQ's, picnic furniture, outdoor exercise equipment and playgrounds are closed to the public.

Public toilets continued to be cleaned daily (7 days per week) in order to provide an enhanced level of hygiene.

Item 4. Camping

Allocations and deposits have been received from the

+RACVCC; all unallocated bookings will now be made available to the general public currently listed on the waiting list.

The process of allocating all available Christmas Peak bookings to those wishing to camp that are listed within the waiting list will be completed in early August. There is currently 80+ applicants listed.

Given the uncertainty of the how long the current 6-week lockdown will last and that our online booking system opens for nightly bookings 9.00am 5 August, I am recommending that the start of the season be pushed back to Melbourne Cup Weekend (30 October 2020). With the loss of AFL Grand Final long weekend, the financial implication from delaying the season is minimal.

As yet we have received no approaches from campers in relation to the difficulty in paying. We have always taken into account people experiencing hardship, this has been in place for issues such as family illness or bereavement.

Item 4. Camping Cont.

Payment in full for existing Christmas Peak bookings is not due until 1 November, campers are aware of this from early March when their rebooking form is received. I believe that this process provides sufficient time for people to manage their finances for their holiday.

Off Peak Package payments are not due until the end of January, again sufficient time to manage financial situations. Please note that the above two types of bookings are the only ones that are not required to pay in full at time of application.

All other bookings are paid for in full at time of booking.

Works have commenced on obtaining quotation for the upgrading of all tapware in the camping amenity blocks to provide higher grade sanitation, in addition automated hand sanitizer units will be installed at the entrance of each amenity block and laundry.

Next Report.

August Monthly meeting.

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