

Barwon Coast Update

APRIL 2020

COVID-19. WHAT WE ARE DOING

The health and wellbeing of our employees and those who use the Barwon Coast coastal reserve is of paramount importance to us. We would like to reassure the community of users of our coastal reserve that in response to the recent development of the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to follow the latest advice and recommendations from the Australian and Victorian governments.

This includes putting in several additional measures across our coastal reserve:

- increased cleaning and hygiene protocols for all public toilet blocks; and
- installation of public awareness signage in all toilet blocks focussing on best practice hygiene practices.

We are applying these same measures to our caravan park operations.

We ask that you also do your part whilst on the coastal reserve and please respect our staff and our facilities.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS AT OCEAN GROVE MAIN BEACH

The Ocean Grove Main Beach project, which replaces the old ramp and addresses threats from coastal erosion, is progressing well. The beach access ramp now taking shape and work is now focussed on the completion of the northern retaining wall and backfill works using beach sand and then preparing the ramp for final finishes. An exciting development is that we have now secured additional funding from the Department of Land Water and Planning (DELWP) to extend the rock revetment by a further 36m to the east, thereby further protecting the dune system, car park and shared trail located behind the revetment from severe storm events and anticipated sea level rise. The project completion date is estimated to be the end of April 2020.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE PROTECTION OF THE BANKS OF THE BARWON RIVER ESTUARY

Work is underway to protect a section of riverbank in Ocean Grove from the impacts of climate change. Responding to a new flood study conducted by the Corangamite Catchment Authority, we have begun planning for a new revetment and levee on the eastern bank of the Barwon River. The flood study identified that this

section of the Crown land foreshore reserve will be inundated by riverine flooding, storm surge and sea level rise into the future. This area of the foreshore is home to important assets and values including the Riverview Family Caravan Park, a popular public shared trail adjacent to the river and public parking and recreation areas.

We are now working with the DELWP to produce detailed designs for revetment and levee works to protect the foreshore in the project area. Local input into the designs is an integral part of this project and we will be looking for advice from the community on public access points and the aesthetics of the revetment and levee works. You can have your say via online survey or phone meetings with our staff. Details to be released soon. www.barwoncoast.com.au/revetment



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