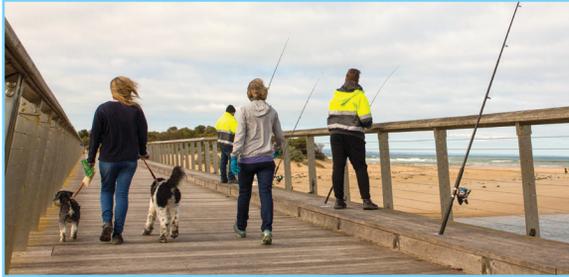


Barwon Coast Update

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REVIEWING DOG REGULATIONS ON THE BARWON COAST

The regulations which govern the use of Barwon Coast Reserves by dog walkers is scheduled for review. We have developed DRAFT dog regulations. We developed these by utilising information gathered from a late 2017 study by Federation University that covered dogs on beaches (www.barwoncoast.com.au/beach-use-report), alongside a whole host of other coastal management considerations. We will be submitting these draft regulations to the City of Greater Geelong (COGG) for consideration in September 2019. It is anticipated that a public consultation process will occur in October/November 2019 for COGG to hear your views on the proposed dog control orders. Barwon Coast is working with COGG on this issue and will be part of the consultation. The consultation process will be publicly advertised by COGG.

OCEAN GROVE MAIN BEACH WORKS & CAFÉ OPEN

To tackle the impacts of coastal erosion we are replacing the beach ramp at 15W Beach Access Path, extending the seawall and constructing a new rock revetment to the east of the new ramp. It is anticipated that the new ramp will be open for use by late December 2019. The remaining works will be completed after the summer school holiday period. If you were involved in the community engagement for this project we thank you. Community input helped us achieve a great outcome for this project which is co-funded by The Victorian Government and Barwon Coast.

In other news, the new 'The Dunes Café', which operates within the new Surf Beach Complex, is now open.



ARTIST'S IMAGE OF THE FINISHED RAMP, SEAWALL AND ROCK REVETMENT AT OCEAN GROVE MAIN BEACH



AN UNSUNG COASTAL CHAMPION

An unsung coastal champion (who prefers to remain anonymous) has spent the last two years picking up and recording litter on Ocean Grove beach. This litter dataset has been submitted to Barwon Coast and it unfortunately shows the truth of just how big our local litter problem is. The data shows that from early 2017 to April 2019, along approximately 2.5kms of Ocean Grove Beach, around 70,000 pieces of rubbish and in excess of 14,500 pieces of dog poo have been picked up by this one person. What an amazing effort, but what a huge volume of litter! Every single piece of litter that is collected is preventing that litter from doing harm to the natural environment. Imagine what could be achieved if everyone followed the lead of this amazing local.

If you know a local coastal champion, let us know! Email office@barwoncoast.com.au



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