

MEDIA RELEASE

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Planning for the future protection of the Barwon Riverbanks in Ocean Grove

Work is underway to protect a section of riverbank in Ocean Grove from the impacts of climate change and the community is being asked to have its say.

Responding to a new flood study conducted by the Corangamite Catchment Authority, Barwon Coast has 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.

Barwon Coast are now working with the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning 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 Barwon Coast 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 at a community drop in session. Details to be released late March.

The project covers only the design phase of the project. State Government processes require accurate costings before projects are fully assessed for resourcing to move to the construction phase. This planning process will provide Barwon Coast with best awareness of potential construction costs of any identified capital works.

Quotes to be attributed to Gary McPike, CEO Barwon Coast

"This project will plan for the future protection from inundation of a section of the eastern bank of the Barwon River Estuary in Ocean Grove. This is an important step in protecting the values that our community and visitors have identified in this section of coast".

"Planning for the protection of the Barwon Coast managed Riverview Family Caravan Park is an important step in ensuring the sustainability of Barwon Coast operations. This caravan park is an integral part of our management model, enabling us to provide services to the environment and the community of users on the Barwon Coast"

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Notes for Editors:

Barwon Coast Committee of Management Inc. (Barwon Coast) is appointed by the Victorian State Government to manage 15km of coastal Crown land through the Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads townships, along the Bass Strait coast of the Bellarine Peninsula, Victoria, Australia. Our vision is that the natural environment of our coastline will flourish whilst meeting the needs of our engaged communities. A major local employer in Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove, we have more than 50 skilled employees from a diverse range of backgrounds working across the coastal reserve.

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