

# Barwon Coast Update

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BARWON RIVER ESTUARY • 13TH BEACH

## BARWON COAST'S 5 YEAR FUTURE PLAN OPEN FOR COMMENT

We have prepared a Draft Coastal and Marine Management Plan (CMMP) 2020-2025. This plan describes a long-term vision for the Barwon coastline that reflects community aspirations and policy directions for marine and coastal management. Our proposed vision is 'The natural environment of our coastline will flourish whilst meeting the needs of our engaged communities'. Prior to the development of this draft we conducted community engagement asking for input on the future management of our coastline. This information helped shape the draft CMMP. You can have your say on this important strategic document in early November. We will be advertising the consultation in newspapers and on social media.

## NEW RAMP AND ROCKWALL TAKING SHAPE

Construction works have started at Ocean Grove Main Beach to tackle the impacts of coastal erosion. A new sea wall, ramp and rock wall will be built over the coming months. We ask your patience as some of this work will be noisy... Community input helped us achieve a great outcome for this project which is co-funded by the Victorian Government & Barwon Coast. Project updates and information can be found at [www.barwoncoast.com.au/15wramp](http://www.barwoncoast.com.au/15wramp)



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## HOODED PLOVERS ON TERRITORY

How exciting is it that we get to share our beaches with wildlife? The breeding season for Hooded Plovers is in full swing on the Barwon Coast. There are now two nesting sites on the Ocean Grove Spit and three along 13th Beach. We have placed signage and rope cordons at these areas. There are also Hoodies on territory on other areas of the coast which are not roped off at present, but they may begin to nest soon. These little birds are threatened and need your help! Please walk past the roped-off areas along the water's edge and keep your dog on a lead when near. We know it's tempting to linger nearby, but please don't as this disrupts the nesting process.

## CONSULTATION PROGRAM OPEN FOR PROPOSED DOG CONTROLS

The City of Greater Geelong Council have released a revised dog control map for community feedback for beaches at Ocean Grove, Barwon Heads and 13th Beach. We are supporting this consultation process which runs to 22 November. Your feedback can be left by completing an online survey at [www.geelongaustralia.com.au/yoursay](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/yoursay) OR by attending community consultation sessions.

The sessions details are **Bellarine Training and Community Hub**, 1 John Dory Dr, Ocean Grove:  
Sat 9 November, 10am - 12pm &  
Thurs 14 November, 4pm - 6pm.

**Barwon Heads Seniors Community Centre**,  
5A Clifford Pde, Barwon Heads:  
Wed 6 November, 7pm - 9pm & Mon 11 November,  
8:30am - 10:30am. For more info  
[www.barwoncoast.com.au/beachuseresearch](http://www.barwoncoast.com.au/beachuseresearch)

## ANNUAL REPORT PHOTO COMPETITION

We would like to thank all those who entered their amazing shots into our annual photo competition. The winner was Adam Stan who provided a beautiful overhead shot of the Barwon Coastline in all its glory. Adam's picture will be used in the Barwon Coast 2019 Annual Report. Congrats Adam!



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