

Barwon Coast Update

COLLENDINA • OCEAN GROVE
BARWON RIVER ESTUARY • 13TH BEACH

WALKING THE DOG

New dog controls are now in place on the Barwon Coast. These orders control where you can and can't walk your dog on and off-leash and are enforced by the City of Greater Geelong Animal Management Team. For a map and information on the new dog control orders please go to barwoncoast.com.au/domestic-pets

WATER SAFETY

We are saddened and concerned to see the significant number of water safety incidents on the Barwon Coast this summer, including a death at 13th Beach. We encourage all beach users to swim at patrolled beaches between the red and yellow flags. Surf Lifesaving Australia provides the free BeachSafe App which provides detailed information on beach patrol status, facilities, hazards, weather, swell and tide.

beachsafe.org.au/apps/

THREATENED SPECIES

Please steer clear of any beach breeding sites of the threatened Hooded Plover bird species. These sites are clearly signed and an up to date list is provided at barwoncoast.com.au/hoodedplovers Staying away from these areas allows the birds to feed at the water's edge without disturbance.

SEEKING OUT PAST TRUTHS

We have some very important and exciting work underway. In accordance with the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* we are developing a 'Cultural Heritage Management Plan' with Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (WTOAC) and archaeologists.

Over the next few weeks you may see a team of archaeologists and WTOAC field officers working along the Ocean Grove Spit and the Barwon Heads river foreshore area. They are undertaking assessments of the cultural heritage values of the area, with a particular focus on areas where future community facilities such as lookout platforms, car parks, toilets or storm water infrastructure may be built.

barwoncoast.com.au/culturalheritage



ARCAHEOLOGISTS AND WTOAC FIELD OFFICERS ARE EXPLORING CULTURAL HERITAGE ON THE BARWON COAST

SAND DUNE DAMAGE

We have noted a significant increase in people entering the sand dunes along the Barwon Coast. This is not safe and also causes significant damage to these fragile ecosystems. Please **STAY OFF THE DUNES**. barwoncoast.com.au/sand_dunes

BUSY SUMMER = BUSY BARWON COAST

We want to publicly thank our coastal reserve team for doing a great job working through possibly the busiest summer we've ever had. Our small, but talented team have been out there daily - rain or shine, ensuring rubbish is removed, trees are trimmed, pests are controlled and paths and steps are maintained.

Our caravan park teams have also had one of their busiest seasons yet and did a wonderful job welcoming and managing thousands of campers in a COVIDSafe manner and we thank them for their dedication to their work.

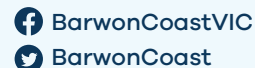


We acknowledge the Wadawurrung People as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters of the Barwon Coast. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



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