

Barwon Coast Update

HELP US PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF THE BARWON COAST

We have developed a long-term vision for the Barwon coastline: 'The natural environment of our coastline will flourish whilst meeting the needs of our engaged communities'

To work towards achieving this vision we have developed a DRAFT five year strategic plan called the Coastal and Marine Management Plan (CMMP) 2020 - 2025. This plan focuses on:

- Meeting the demands of increased visitation due to population growth;
- Planning for the increasing effects of climate change;
- Programs to care for, rehabilitate and protect natural habitats and biodiversity;
- Increasing Barwon Coast's level of Traditional Owner, community, user and stakeholder engagement in setting priorities; and
- Ensuring Barwon Coast's financial viability.

The Draft CMMP is open for public comment on www.engage.vic.gov.au until the **10th of February 2020**.

If you are interested in the future of your local coast, make sure you have your say.

SEALS AND PENGUINS ON THE BEACH

It is always good to remember that we share our coast with wildlife. At this time of year, hungry and exhausted seals, penguins and shearwaters come ashore on the Barwon Coast to rest and recover. You can help by giving these animals the space they need. At times we may place a roped-off area called a 'temporary exclusion zone' around these animals. Please steer clear and be especially mindful to keep dogs on-leash.



SEALS AND OTHER WILDLIFE ARE ARRIVING ON OUR LOCAL BEACHES. PLEASE GIVE THEM THEIR SPACE AS MANY ARE EXHAUSTED OR SICK.

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BARWON RIVER ESTUARY • 13TH BEACH

STAY OFF THE SAND DUNES – PLEASE

A key feature of the Barwon Coast landscape is its spectacular sand dunes. Sand dunes provide important habitat for wildlife and also perform a very important coastal protection function. To do your part, we ask that you and your pets **STAY OFF THE DUNES**. To protect the dunes we run education programs, advertising campaigns, fence around them (we limit this as it hinders wildlife access) and place signage directing everyone to stay off.

However, these measures are often not enough, particularly when fences can be buried and signs washed away in high tides and storms, or where there are no fences. Please help by sharing the [#stayoffthedunes](https://www.instagram.com/stayoffthedunes) message and ensure friends and family stay safe and are aware of the damage that accessing sand dunes can cause.

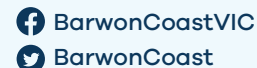


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