

## UPDATE JULY 2017

### **‘Connecting Coastal Champions’ Thursday November 23, 2017. @ The Novotel St Kilda, 16 The Esplanade St Kilda.**

The CCB is pleased to announce this exciting event! The forum is designed to significantly enhance coastal knowledge, and advance management of the big coastal issues identified in our survey of stakeholders conducted earlier this year. **Please put this date in your diary now.** More details to follow soon.

**Regional Coastal Plan Implementation.** The second meeting of the Implementation Committee was held on the 27 June, 2017. Notably several projects on adapting to climate change had progressed well including the Local Coastal Hazard Assessment (LCHA) for Port Phillip Bay with \$2 million in state funding.

**New Marine and Coastal Act.** In parallel to the proposed changes to the current Coastal Management Act, a non-legislative reform program is being drawn up by DELWP. Further information regarding any proposed non-legislative reforms will be provided once known.

**Infrastructure Victoria’s preferred Future Port.** A report has been published to address the future of Melbourne’s ports. Infrastructure Victoria have identified a preference to utilise the western side of Port Phillip Bay, when Melbourne’s current capacity is exceeded in 2055. For more information please visit: <http://www.infrastructurevictoria.com.au>

**State of the Bays Report (SoTB).** The CCB were pleased to hear from Dr Scott Rawlings at the June CCB meeting and were provided with an update on the State of the Bays Report. This included an acknowledgment that this project is only the beginning of an ongoing process to document the environmental health of the bays. To date, results are encouraging, as despite the proximity to a large city, overall results indicate the bays are in good health. For more information please visit: <http://www.ces.vic.gov.au/sotb>

**Moolap.** The CCB provided a submission on the draft Moolap plan, highlighting our support of the public access it will provide to the coast, but also identifying that in a state-wide context this 10 km of coast presents the opportunity to create a buffer from the significant pressure already on our coast. To read the CCB submission visit: [http://CCB\\_submission\\_2017.pdf](http://CCB_submission_2017.pdf)

**The Iconic Beaches and Coast Program.** Laurie Ferns presented an update to the June 2017 CCB meeting as part of the overarching ‘Protection of Victoria’s Iconic Beaches and Coastline Program 2016-2020’, funded by the Sustainability Fund.

With several stages to the project, it will ultimately provide an overall map of coastal risks and erosion ratings, bringing together digital data and undertaking a spatial risk assessment for the coast. By identifying synergies and co-investment opportunities across agencies, institutions and citizen science groups, we will gain a better understanding of forecasting change in living shorelines and adjoining coastal wetlands, in relation to sea level,

sedimentation accretion in filling/erosion/subsidence, on more sheltered shores (influenced by catchment processes).

**CCB Meeting on the Bellarine.** The Board met with staff from Bellarine-Bayside and Barwon Coast Committees of Management to hear about the need for an emergency and risk management budget, increased coastal erosion impacts and the legacy of previous planning decisions with development sited too close to the coast. It was also identified that the Committee of Management does not receive a financial contribution from the City of Greater Geelong and its ratepayers for managing coastal facilities.



Photo: CCB members and Barwon Coast CoM staff during an on-site presentation as part of the May 2017 CCB meeting

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