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‘Connecting Coastal Champions’- the CCB forum

Date: Thursday 23 November 2017 **Venue:** Novotel St Kilda, 16 The Esplanade, St Kilda.

In one day, the CCB aims to provide you with knowledge, networks and insights into the practices and solutions that can advance the way we plan, protect and manage our coast.

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The forum will include keynote presentations from Professor Bruce Thom AM, Paul Smith and Neil McCarthy. This is followed by concurrent presentations grouped in coastal, marine, catchment and climate change themes. A Panel discussion in the afternoon will stimulate your thinking about the coast and will be followed by a networking function to connect you with other coastal champions.

Volunteers please note a special rate for the day of \$120 including the networking function afterwards. Any questions regarding the Forum can be directed to: ccb@delwp.vic.gov.au

The new Marine and Coastal Bill is still on track for introduction into Parliament in December. The Victorian Coastal Council hosted a Roundtable session of coastal stakeholders on 31 August 2017 to enable DELWP to convey information and hear feedback on the proposed Bill and associated reforms, now called a Transition Plan. The Regional Coastal Board chairs participated in this process. We look forward to the Government’s release of the details.

The Sustainable Visitation and Tourism Framework is a key initiative of the Regional Coastal Plans. It will establish a process to rank and map information on coastal assets, coastal climate change impact assessment and visitor/tourism use of the coast. It will identify prioritised Visitor Experience Areas by considering the opportunity visitor sites provide and the demand for them. These layers of information will be mapped at a landscape scale and provided to land managers via DELWP’s website. Extensive stakeholder engagement scheduled early next year and led by the regional coastal boards will play a key role in informing the project. The SV&TF will be used to assess future coastal investment priorities and provide strategic direction for local planning tools.

The Iconic Beaches and Coast Program. In June DELWP coastal staff developed a prioritised list of works for implementation over the next 3-4 years through the coastal protection infrastructure upgrade program. As part of this process a draft decision making framework was tested as well as a process to identify projects with co-investment potential.

Moolap Coastal Strategic Framework Plan. The final plan is now being prepared informed by the submissions on the draft. It is scheduled for release by the end of 2017.

Audit on Protecting Victoria's coastal assets. The Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) has been gathering information for an audit which is to determine whether natural and built assets on Victoria's coastline are being effectively protected against coastal erosion and inundation. The CCB was interviewed last week. The Final Audit Report is expected to be tabled in Parliament during November 2017. For more information on the audit visit: [VAGO Victorian Coastal Audit](#)

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