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A Victorian Coastal Forum – November 2017. We want to build a strong and aligned view for the future protection and management of the central coast. The CCB is currently exploring, with the Australian Coastal Society, hosting a two-day forum in November 2017. We are also working with the VCC on integrating this with the 2017 Victorian Coastal Awards Night. We are seeking your views on what you would like to gain from such an event including, possible key note speakers, locations and formats for the sessions, etc. To participate in the survey please follow the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/proposedvictoriancoastalforum>

New Marine and Coastal Act. The CCB participated in a Ministerial Roundtable with the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio, in early March. The CCB position is consistent with that expressed by other stakeholders at the meeting. The proposals do not go far enough to elevate the priority of the coast and its major challenges of population growth, adaptation to coastal processes and climate change, management and funding. There is now an intent to have both new legislation and a non-legislative reform program. A summary of all the submissions received on the Consultation Paper appears at <https://www.coastsandmarine.vic.gov.au/marine-and-coastal-act>

The Coast is a community priority. A recent Mornington Peninsula Shire resident survey reported that beaches, coastline natural parks and rural landscapes were the most liked elements of living along the coast – in fact they were mentioned three times more than any other factor!

New statewide coastal protection assets program. The CCB and DELWP hosted information sessions in Torquay, St Kilda and Hastings in February about the \$15 million Coastal Protection Assets Program, to upgrade seawalls, revetments and groynes. The four-year program targets priority protection works.

It also aims to develop a statewide database to help inform condition and risk assessment that prioritises infrastructure protection projects. The database will be interoperable with other land manager systems to promote better co-ordination and management outcomes. Consideration is also being given to how community knowledge, expertise and needs can help inform the database. The project will support co investment partnerships to fund maintenance works where there are others who benefit from the coastal protection structures. Next steps include developing guidelines for the program and selecting projects to commence this financial year. For updates visit the CCB website ccb.vic.gov.au to see what's new.

The Port Phillip Bay Fund of \$10m aims to support projects that address local and regional priorities to protect the health of the Bay and bay catchment area. Applications for grants closed in February and they are currently being assessed.

Port Phillip Environmental Management Plan. Final comments on the draft Plan were due in February this year. They will be used to inform the final plan due in mid-2017.

State of the Bays Report – was released in December 2016 and is available at <http://www.ces.vic.gov.au/sotb>

ABM and PPWCMA – Day on the Bay. CCB Chair, Ross Kilborn was invited aboard the Pelican in late February as part of the induction on coastal matters for newly elected councillors. It was a great way to elevate their understanding of the complexities of coastal management.

CCB Meeting at Frankston – The CCB February meeting was at Frankston and Board members benefitted from an enhanced understanding of the PPWCMA, which included an inspection of the

foreshore relevant to the City of Frankston's recent Coastal Management Plan. Special thanks to the staff of both organisations for sharing their knowledge and insights with us.

Got something to say to the Central Coast Board? Then simply reply to this email (admin@ccb.vic.gov.au). We appreciate any feedback, including the usefulness and value of this newsletter.