

HASTINGS FORESHORE MASTERPLAN

PREPARED FOR

THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE COUNCIL

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HASTING FORESHORE AND THE WESTERN PORT BAY

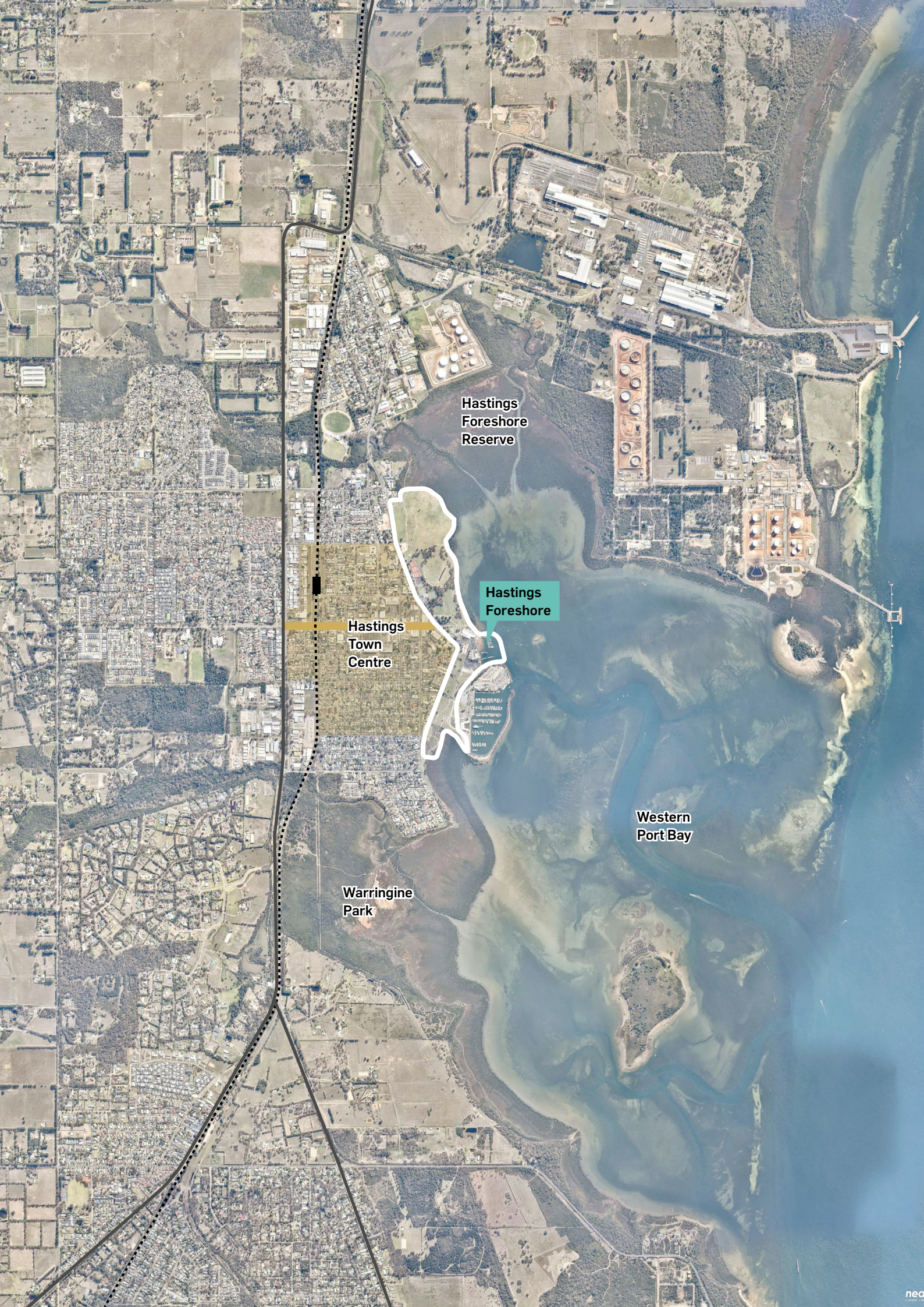
Hastings is often referred to as a 'bustling town on the coast' and the 'Gateway to Western Port'. The Hastings Foreshore is located directly adjacent to Hastings town centre and links the township with Western Port Bay.

The population of Hastings town centre and surrounding residential precinct is expected to grow approximately some 2,400 people within the next 15 years.*

The Hastings Foreshore plays a key role in providing the amenity and open space to support this growing population as well as protecting the town centre from hazard risks due to rising sea levels and climate change.

*Hastings Town Centre Structure Plan, Mornington Peninsula Shire & Planisphere, October 2017

THE HASTINGS FORESHORE IS THE KEY LINK BETWEEN HASTINGS TOWN CENTRE AND THE WESTERN PORT BAY →



Hastings
Foreshore
Reserve

Hastings
Foreshore

Hastings
Town
Centre

Warringine
Park

Western
Port Bay

THE PURPOSE OF THE MASTERPLAN

This Masterplan is a continuation of work already undertaken to drive the best outcome of Hastings Foreshore.

This vision is articulated together with Mornington Peninsula Shire after extensive stakeholder engagement and document review.

The Hastings Foreshore Masterplan will build on the foundations of the previous Hastings South Coastal Management Plan, Hastings Foreshore Precinct Plan, and the Mornington Peninsula Shire Arts and Culture Plan 2020 – 2024. However it seeks to engage more comprehensively and consider the marine and coastal environment more broadly as detailed in the new Marine and Coastal Act 2018 and Marine and Coastal Policy 2020.

The purpose of the Plan is to provide **practical management options** for the foreshore which **considers and promotes Traditional Owner aspirations and knowledge, coastal hazard risk and arts and culture**. The plan will include visualised actions and an implementation plan outlining prioritised delivery of the Plan.

This project has an important opportunity to unlock the potential of the Hastings Foreshore by considering its unique landscape setting, connectivity and creating a strong sense of place. A place that is inclusive, promotes the community's values and aspirations and provides a welcoming destination for all.

The Plan should increase community understanding and awareness of the range and complexity of coastal and marine planning and management issues, encourage active use of the foreshore and promote cultural appreciation of this location and its surrounds.

THE HASTINGS FORESHORE VISION SEEKS TO DEFINE THE FUTURE POTENTIAL OF THE FORESHORE BY SYNTHESISING AND BUILDING UPON THE EXTENSIVE WORK THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN UNDERTAKEN.

For more details on engagement please refer to Masterplan engagement summary document

Stakeholder engagement Workshops



Key Vision documents reviewed

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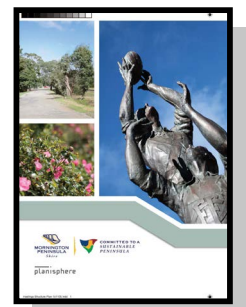
Author: Mornington Peninsula Shire



HASTINGS TOWN CENTRE STRUCTURE PLAN

Oct 2017

Author: Planisphere/Mornington Peninsula Shire



HASTINGS FORESHORE PRECINCT PLAN

Author: Meinhardt & Group GSA
Jun 2018



MARINE AND COASTAL ACT (2018) + MARINE AND COASTAL POLICY (2020)

Author: Victoria State Government



COUNCIL AND WELLBEING PLAN 2021-2025

Author: Mornington Peninsula Shire

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HASTINGS FORESHORE PRECINCT ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Author: Mornington Peninsula Shire

Feb 2022





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VISION SUMMARY

The Foreshore is a key public asset and already much loved by the wider Hastings community as a focal point for leisure, water activities and community gatherings. This masterplan seeks to support the enhancement of qualities already found and loved.

The Foreshore masterplan aims to shape the future development to provide a more attractive, accessible, safe and sustainable Foreshore.

↓ **Five statements to capture the vision
of the future Hastings Foreshore**

1. PLAYFUL DESTINATION

- Provide play and leisure opportunities to all members of the community. A place that supports both everyday play and activity as well as the spectacular special occasion.
- Placemaking - Hastings Foreshore must be a PLACE with a strong identity and character to attract locals and visitors alike.

2. CONNECTED FORESHORE

- Easy to access the foreshore for all transport modes and abilities.
- Double-use and clever parking to maximise usability of the foreshore.
- Easy access to and from the water with adequate facilities.

3. RESILIENT COASTLINE

- An adaptive edge to mitigate coastal risk due to climate change.
- Recognise and respect the naturally evolving environment.

4. ENHANCED NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- Enhance the ecological values of this coastal and marine environment.
- Provide a healthy natural environment for future generations.

5. COLLABORATIVE AND ENGAGING PROCESSES

- A process driven by community and stakeholder engagement processes.
- Embed Traditional Owner aspirations into decision making, planning and management.
- Engagement through prototyping process.

**HASTINGS WILL BE
THE KEY CENTRE FOR
THE WESTERN PORT
DISTRICT, PROVIDING
NEW DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITIES,
WHILE RETAINING
THE CHARACTER OF
A 'COUNTRY TOWN
ON THE COAST'**

Hastings Structure Plan 2014, pg. 9



FAST AND SLOW RECREATION ON THE NORTHERN FORESHORE

Indicative sketch only



1. PLAYFUL DESTINATIONS

Hastings Foreshore must be a PLACE with a strong character to support the unique identity of Hastings in order to attract locals and visitors alike.

The Foreshore must provide enjoyment and leisure to all members of the community by supporting both everyday play and activity as well as the spectacular special occasion.

A

The same, but better

The inherent and loved qualities of the foreshore should be protected and enhanced to ensure continuous enjoyment for future generations.

B

Accommodate community events

The Foreshore should be the natural heart of the community by providing flexible spaces for temporary activation and events to ensure a range of inclusive offerings to attract all members of the community to come together.

C

A regional destination

The Hastings Foreshore boasts a unique location and potential to become a regional destination for large scale temporary events and festivals with the unique backdrop of the Western Port Bay to complement the wider offering of the Mornington Peninsula Coast.

D

More play

The Foreshore is a unique community asset for leisure and recreation. The plan should build on existing facilities and promote new activities centred around play, learning and movement to support a healthy and active lifestyle.

E

On the water

The Foreshore has a unique relationship with the water and water-based activities. There is opportunity to create a high-quality destination space around the Pier and waters edge to provide better access to the water for all users.

F

Great facilities

Great facilities enable people to spend time and enjoy activities on the foreshore. Maintaining current facilities and providing new required facilities will attract more people to enjoy and connect with the foreshore.



2. CONNECTED FORESHORE

Hastings Foreshore has a unique location between the Western Port Bay and Hastings Town Centre.

The Foreshore must be well-connected and accessible for everyone.

A

Equitable access

Equitable access for everyone is key to a healthy and balanced community. Ensure that paths, public spaces, and facilities are usable by anyone and do not disadvantage, stigmatise or privilege any group of users.

B

Connected to water

The access to the Bay is one of the key activity drivers of the Hastings foreshore. Improve facilities for the Pier, boat ramp and associated access and parking will ensure continuation of activity and improve safety.

C

Improve existing connections

Paths make it easy to move around the foreshore. Maintain and improve current paths and tracks surfaces to keep the foreshore accessible for appropriate transport modes.

D

Connected to Town

The foreshore benefits from being located next to Hastings Town Centre and vice versa. Improve pedestrian connections and maintain/establish view-lines across the foreshore to the water from the city grid to strengthen visual and physical connections.

E

Overcome Barriers

The Western Port Trail is a recreational spine of the Western Port Area. The Foreshore plays a key role in the activation and use of the trail and is one of the few areas where the trail runs directly along the waterfront. Ensure continuous access to the water edge where possible and connect the loose ends of the Bay Trail.

F

Easy to navigate

Simple and intuitive way-finding that is easy to understand and navigate will improve legibility and identity of the foreshore.



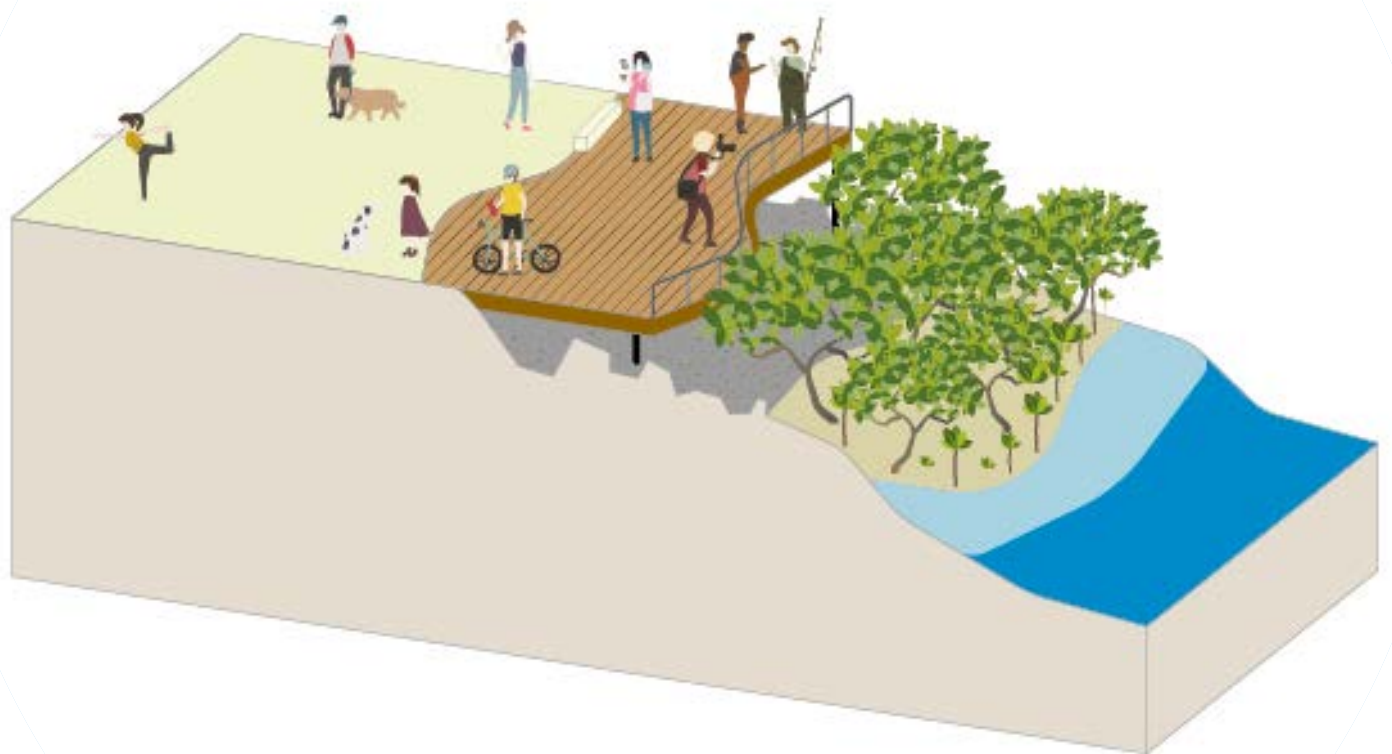
3. RESILIENT COASTLINE

The foreshore is built on landfill with possible contamination. The Coastline requires maintenance and manipulation to protect the recreational values of the foreshore.

An adaptive foreshore edge is required to mitigate coastal risk due to climate change while respecting the naturally evolving environment and providing plenty of ways for people to enjoy the water and foreshore.

The masterplan is being developed in collaboration with coastal engineers to support the development of appropriate outcomes.

- A Multi-purpose coastline**
The Coastline needs to perform on multiple parameters. Consider all coastal manipulation as an opportunity to also enhance the experience and enjoyment of the Foreshore.
- B Celebrate natural character**
The foreshore offers a range of characteristic natural experiences from the canopy trees, through to the mangroves and wide open horizons. Enhance and strengthen the multiple natural characters of the foreshore to continue to preserve the unique landscape offerings.
- C Respect naturally evolving environment**
The Victorian Marine and Coastal Policy 2020 outlines a preferential hierarchy of coastal adaptation action with non-intervention and nature-based solutions as the top priority to managing coastal hazard risks. Avoid interventions where possible to respect the naturally evolving environment.
- D Adapted structures**
Existing structures and buildings are located within areas identified with occasional inundation risk. Consider the siting and coastal dependency of existing and new buildings and structures and adapt critical infrastructure and buildings to maintain key functions on the foreshore.
- E Contain contamination**
The landfill area has been identified with contaminants. Increased emission of contaminated leachate from landfill may increase with episodic storm tide inundation and erosion of landfill edges. Maintain/upgrade revetments and increase landfill capping where necessary to minimise harmful emission of contaminants.



4. ENHANCED NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The Hastings foreshore is situated in a unique local ecosystem of the world's southern-most mangroves within the internationally recognised Western Port Ramsar Site.

Protecting and enhancing ecological values on coastal and marine environments are key considerations to provide a healthy natural environment for future generations.

A Support the mangroves

The adjacent mangroves present a truly unique nature typology that is deeply important for the health and well-being of the Western Port Bay. Protect and restore the mangroves to support the local ecology and water health.

B Tread Lightly

The establishment of buildings, structures and surfaces can have a negative impacts on the natural environment and landfill areas. Tread lightly when building on the foreshore and be sympathetic to the coastal environment

C Best-practice land management

The Foreshore landfill area poses some challenges in establishing vegetation growth and spatial character. Apply best-practice land management principles on Shire Managed Land to enhance biodiversity values and sensitively treat contaminated soil.

D Engage Community

People are more invested in the health of their environments when they have a personal connection and feeling of ownership. Promote biodiversity-related citizen science project and Partner with conservation and research organisations to help monitor and reduce threats to biodiversity.

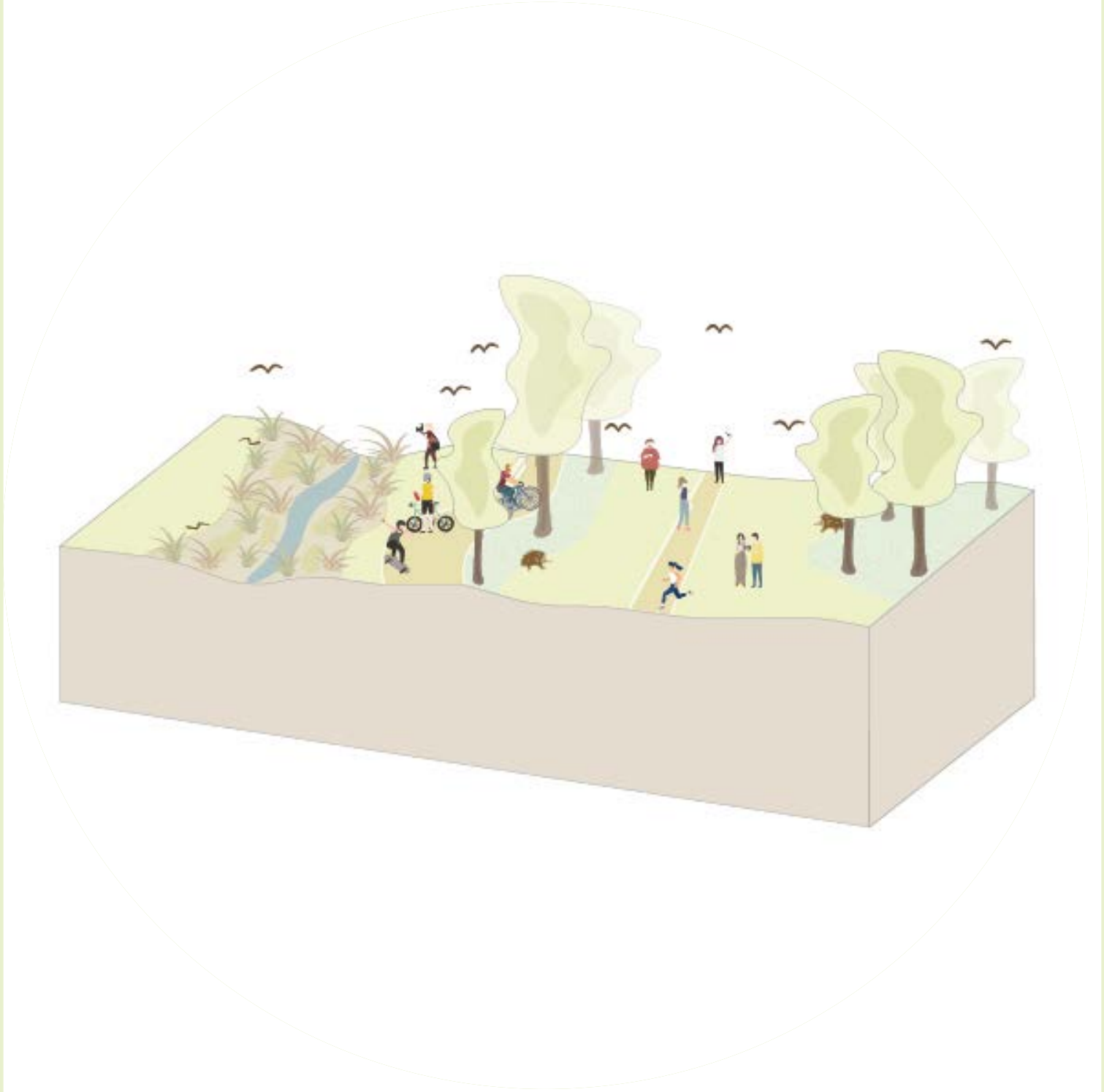
E Increase Vegetation

Being immersed in natural environments has profound benefits for humans well-being. Identify opportunities for increased vegetation to improve the health and enjoyment of the Foreshore.

F Connect the dots

Nature corridors are important to maintain biodiversity in flora and fauna.

Protect and enhance the ecological values of ecosystems and habitats in the marine and coastal environment by ensuring landscape connectivity in new planted areas.



5. COLLABORATIVE AND ENGAGING PROCESSES

The needs, values and aspirations of the Hastings community will be the key driver of design outcomes in the Foreshore Masterplan. Inclusive and engaging processes will enable people to contribute with aspirations and participation in order to increase feelings of belonging and connection to place and community.

The Foreshore Masterplan presents an opportunity to embed Traditional and Contemporary Owner's rights, aspiration and knowledge through meaningful and engaging processes.

- A Be a role model**
Facilitate innovative engagement- and co-creation processes throughout the development of the foreshore. For example, through pilot projects and temporary activation that invite community to contribute and create identity and ownership from the outset of any project.
- B Create partnerships**
Creating collaborative partnerships across generations, citizens, community groups and other stakeholders strengthens the development process while promoting diverse and inclusive outcomes.
- C Focused efforts**
The masterplan will identify multiple areas and projects to improve the Foreshore into the future. Identify focus areas with targeted stakeholder groups and project partners to prioritise phased, achievable delivery of the masterplan.
- D Embed Traditional and Contemporary Owner's rights, aspirations and knowledge**
Involve the Registered Aboriginal Party's aspirations into decision making, planning and management to acknowledge, celebrate and incorporate Bunurong history and cultural heritage.
- E Celebrate Art and Culture**
Consider opportunities for arts and cultural knowledges to be embedded in day to day life along the foreshore for all the community to enjoy and increase feelings of belonging, safety and connection to place.
- F Support community**
Promote community involvement in biodiversity conservation initiatives and management. Giving people the opportunity to contribute to their local communities and get involved can increase feelings of belonging and connection to place.





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MASTERPLAN OVERVIEW

The masterplan sets a framework for the future of the foreshore that seeks to balance community and stakeholder aspirations, site constraints and legislation.

The masterplan divides the foreshore into four complimentary areas, each with a different programmatic focus. This helps to consolidate a broad menu of projects that will ultimately serve a diversity of users along the foreshore.

A primary pedestrian 'journey' through the site anchored by the Western Port Bay Trail links programmed destinations that consist of cultural, recreational, open space, adventure sports, nature conservation, rehabilitation areas and playful experiences.

The masterplan seeks to incorporate Bunurong living culture throughout the foreshore in relation to activities, stories, landscape use and cultural activities in collaboration with the Bunurong Land Council.

LEGEND

-  Site Boundary
-  Historic Landfill Boundary
-  Activation Overlay Areas
-  Existing Buildings
-  Existing trees/planting
-  Proposed trees/planting
-  Recreational Facilities
-  Shade Cover
-  Existing Pathways
-  Proposed Western Port Bay Trail
-  Proposed footpath following contours
-  Proposed Foreshore Activation Element
-  Mangrove restoration
-  Safe Crossings

Activation overlay

1. Slow Movers
2. Sports and Games
3. Lively Pier
4. Nature Lovers

Proposed Actions

1. Pump track
2. Nature playground
3. Potential SUP/Kayak launching from the Pier
4. Bouldering wall
5. Mangrove viewing mound and landscaped seating
6. Flexible market square/events space for smaller events.
7. Flexible events area
8. Potential for upgraded water edge with integrated play and resting areas
9. Exercise equipment
10. Sensory garden with native species
11. Picnic/BBQ shelters
12. Seating for gathering
13. Bike station
14. Water play area incorporating stories of Bunurong and wider landscape
15. Bay viewing platform
16. Nature educational facilities
17. Nature appreciation spaces
18. Westernport Marina Extension
19. Enhanced Boating Car-park
20. Overflow Car park
21. Public toilets and RV dump station
22. Promote and enhance recreation activities and events (e.g. parkrun)
23. Welcome signage potentially collaborating with Bunurong artist
24. Formalise and define northern carpark maintaining low scale
25. Drink taps with dog drinking bowls
26. Pedestrian refuge crossing to Foreshore
27. Improved raised pedestrian crossing
28. Vegetated soft buffer between skate park and play spaces
29. Bus drop-off and pick-up
30. Potential EV Charging station
31. Extension of native vegetation
32. Meandering paths to connect gathering and education spaces
33. Improve pedestrian access to Foreshore via Mullet Street

Existing Activity drivers to remain

Public Amenity

1. Hastings Skate Park
2. Playground
3. Dog Off-leash park
4. Public Toilet
5. Hastings Pier
6. BBQ Shelter

Recreation Centre

7. Pelican Park

Clubs

8. Western Port Angling club
9. Hastings Yacht Club
10. Hastings Tennis club
11. Hastings Bowling club
12. Netball and basketball courts
13. Hastings-Western Port Historic Society
14. Westernport Marina

Hodgins Rd

Safe crossing

Cool Store Rd

Church St

High St

Elizabeth St

Salmon St

Skinner Street

Mullet St

Nature Lovers

Seating for gathering

Educational facilities

Slow movers

Sports and Games

Lively Pier

Maintained club facilities

Improved pier forecourt

Boat ramp

Angling club

Overflow boat parking

Market Square

Water play

Nature Play

Western Port Historical Society

Connect planting areas

Flexible Events Area

Exercise equipment

Sensory garden

Integrated vegetation

Topography with mangrove and bird watching opportunities

Seating for gathering

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Connect planting areas

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NEW PLACES FOR GATHERING AND ENJOYMENT ALONG THE WATERFRONT

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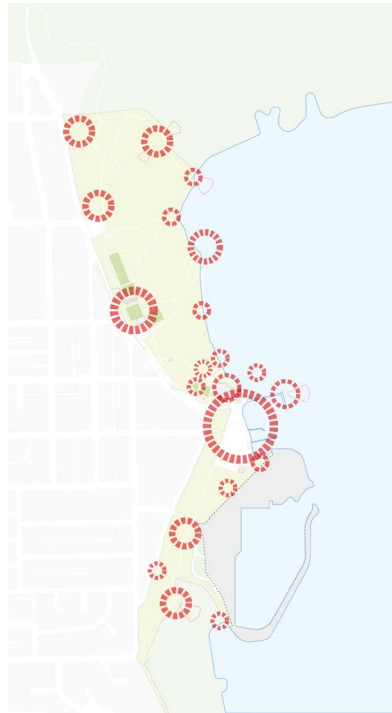


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KEY MOVES

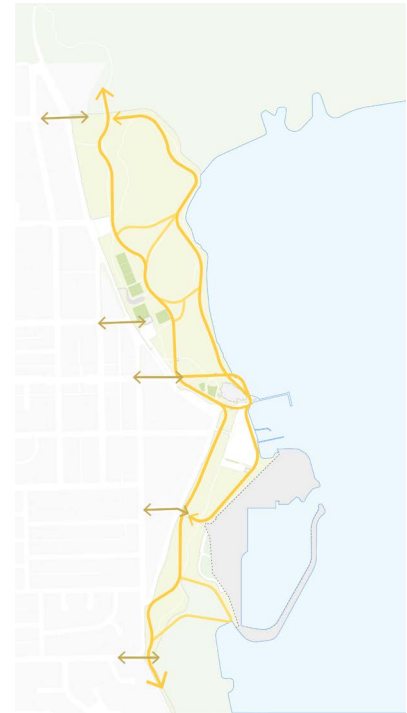
Five key moves act as overarching project directions. Key moves help to group and structure the diverse requirements of the masterplan. Concrete actions are specified under each 'move', which collectively serve to realise the masterplan vision.

Each key move relates directly to each vision statement to ensure consistency and continuity from stakeholder and community input through to actionable outcomes.



ACTIVATE THE FORESHORE

Create destinations and reasons for people to spend time at the foreshore - both for everyday and for the special occasion.



IMPROVE CONNECTIONS

Hastings Foreshore is a unique location between the Western Port Bay and Hastings Town Centre.

The Foreshore must be well connected and accessible for everyone and all modes of transport.



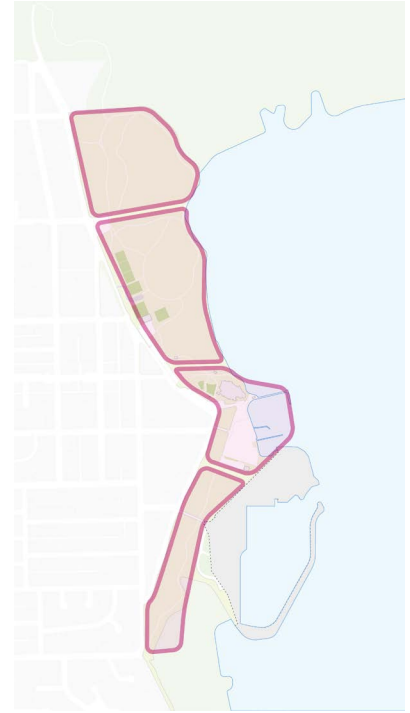
ADAPTIVE EDGE

An adaptive edge to mitigate coastal risk due to climate change while respecting the naturally evolving environment and proving plenty of ways for people to enjoy the water and foreshore.



A CONTINUOUS LANDSCAPE

Protect and enhance the ecological values of the coastal and marine environments along the Foreshore.



INTEGRATED EXPERIENCE

Implement needs, values and aspirations of the Hastings community as a key driver of design outcomes in all Foreshore Masterplan processes.

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SLOW MOVERS

Time to enjoy



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Existing Activity drivers to remain

Public Amenity

- ③ Dog Off-leash park

Hastings
Foreshore
Reserve

Slow movers

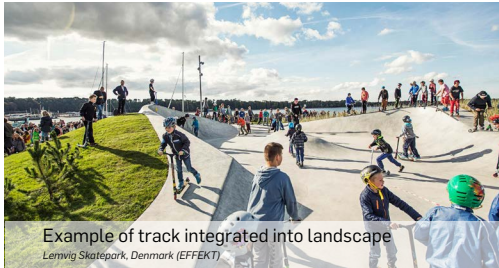
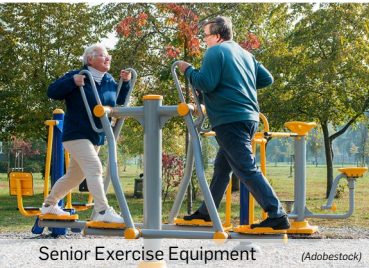
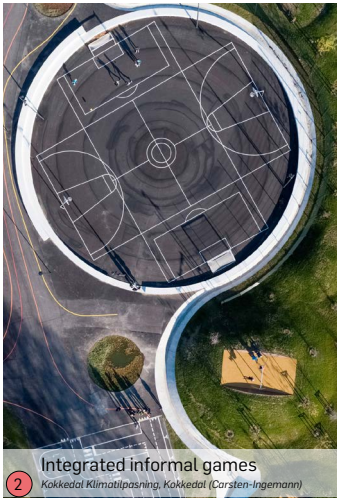
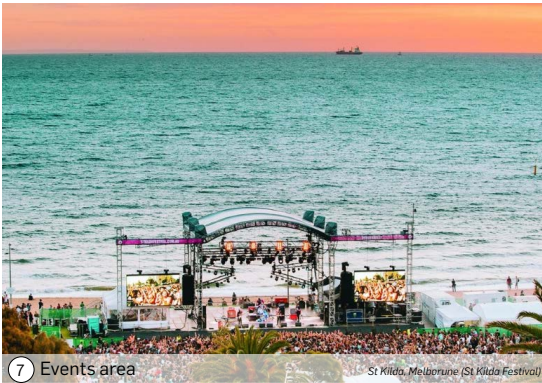


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SPORTS AND GAMES

Actively Social



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Existing Activity drivers to remain

Public Amenity

- ⑥ BBQ Shelter

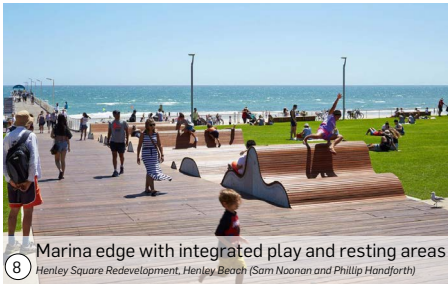
Clubs

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LIVELY PIER PRECINCT

Always something going on



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- Proposed footpath following contours
- Proposed Foreshore Activation Element
- Mangrove restoration
- ↔ Safe Crossings

Proposed Activations

- ② Nature playground
- ③ Potential for enhanced kayak/SUP launch area
- ⑥ Flexible market square/events space for smaller events.
- ⑧ Upgraded water edge with integrated play and resting areas
- ⑪ Picnic/BBQ shelters
- ⑭ Water play area incorporating stories of Bunurong and wider landscape
- ⑲ Enhanced Boating Car-park
- ⑳ Overflow Car park
- ⑳ Vegetated soft buffer between skate park and play spaces
- ⑲ Potential Bus drop-off and pick-up
- ⑳ Potential EV Charging station

Existing Activity drivers to remain

Public Amenity

- ① Hastings Skate Park
- ② Playground
- ④ Public Toilet
- ⑤ Hastings Pier
- ⑥ BBQ Shelter

Recreation Centre

- ⑦ Pelican Park

Clubs

- ⑧ Western Port Angling club
- ⑨ Hastings Yacht Club
- ⑬ Hastings-Western Port Historic Society
- ⑭ Westernport Marina

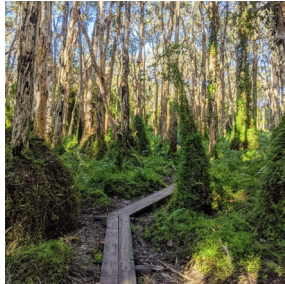


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NATURE LOVERS

Be one with nature

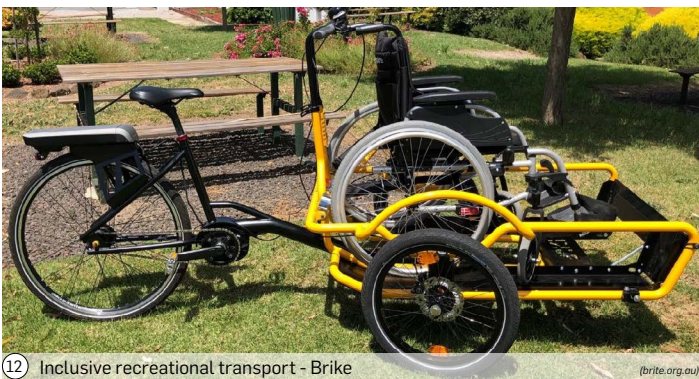
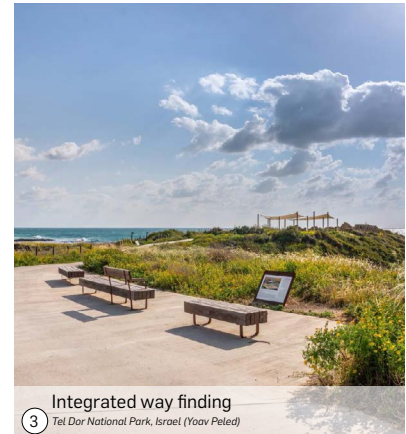




IMPROVE CONNECTIONS

Improved path accessibility and legibility for all users and abilities.

Improve crossings and paths to the foreshore to promote integration with Hastings town centre.





Approach/Actions

Approach

- Disabled access to main tracks and nodes of activity.
- Improve and maintain path surfaces
- Improve people access to the water
- Continuous pathways - no dead ends.
- Improved way finding. Consider discrete solar lights along bay-trial

Actions/elements

1. Provide safe road crossings
2. Connect the dots - complete connection of Western Port Trail
3. Realign Western Port Trail
4. Intuitive and safe access for boating with improved parking facilities
5. Maintain and improve view corridors from town
6. Disabled friendly recreational activates (E.g. Brike Share).
7. Electric Vehicle Charging opportunity

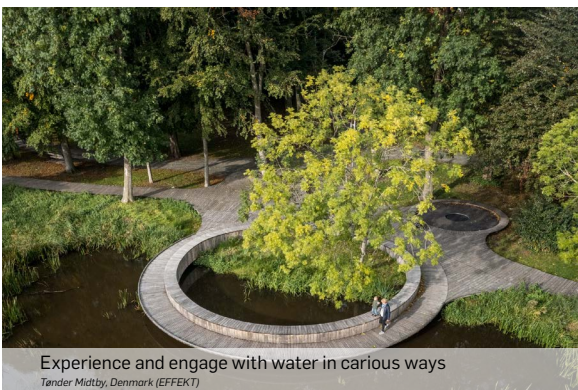


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ADAPTIVE EDGE

An adaptive edge to mitigate coastal risk due to climate change while respecting naturally evolving environment and proving plenty way for people to enjoy the water and foreshore.





Approach/Actions

Approach

- Appropriately mitigate coastal inundation risks caused by rising sea levels due to Climate Change
- Incorporate opportunities for people to experience and engage with water in various ways along the foreshore edge
- Align future coastal projects and initiatives to Victoria Government Marine and Coastal Strategy and Policy.

Actions/elements

- ① Mangrove restoration along northern shore
- ② Plan for impacts of coastal risk due to climate change
- ③ Create mounds and topography to increase landfill capping and allow for increased planting
- ④ Integrate vegetation elements into coastal adaptation
- ⑤ Bay viewing platform
- ⑥ Provide opportunity to interact with water
- ⑦ Potential for enhanced kayak/SUP launch area

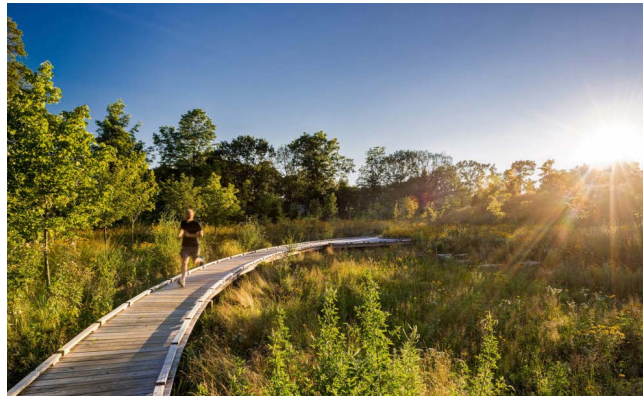
A CONTINUOUS LANDSCAPE

Protect and enhance ecological values on coastal and marine environments along the foreshore



5 Connected landscape

Garden for the Future, Bendigo (Alison Hoelzer)



3 Improve planting and spatial character of foreshore

Fisher Hill Reservoir Park, USA (Klappert Martin Design Group)



2 Education and citizen science projects

(Daniel Boessen)



1 Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) planting to capture and filter rain

Getterön Fifth Bay Public Bath, Sweden (Kerstin Lönnhag)



1 Planting types with shallow root systems on contaminated soil

Hassell Esperance Waterfront, Western Australia (Peter Bennetts)



3 Improve planting and spatial character of foreshore

McGregor Caxall Lizard Log, Western Sydney Parklands (Simon Wood)



Actions/elements

Approach

- Apply best practice land management principles
- Identify and reduce threats to biodiversity and ecosystems
- Character planting to support landscape experience
- Enhance landscape connectivity
- Planting types to support ecological values of ecosystems and habitats in marine and coastal environments
- Reduce threats to biodiversity

Actions

- ① WSUD integration - Strategy to be determined. Potential for retention and filtration basins along Skinner St
- ② Promote biodiversity-related citizen science project
- ③ Improve planting and spatial character of land fill area
- ④ Planting types with shallow root systems on contaminated land areas. (Look into cleaning planting types (Phytoremediation))
- ⑤ Landscape connectors
- ⑥ Vegetation buffers to mangroves



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INTEGRATED EXPERIENCES

Implement needs, values and aspirations of the Hastings community as a key driver of design outcomes in all Foreshore Masterplan processes.

Community engagement methodology

01

Develop the project engagement scope

02

Assess the level of impact, identify relevant stakeholders and assess the level of engagement

03

Determine the appropriate engagement methodology and tools

04

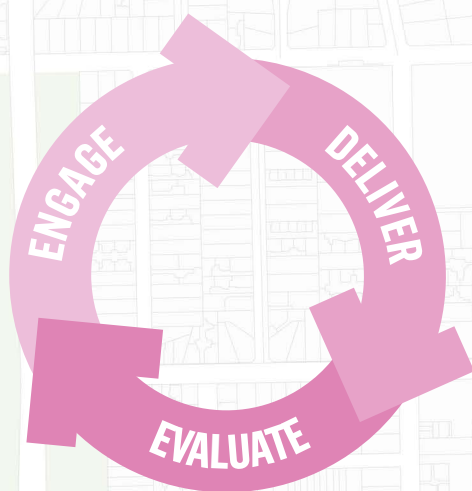
Prepare a community engagement plan with appropriate engagement methodology and tools

05

Deliver engagement strategies

06

Analyse community responses, evaluate the process and feedback to participants.



Iterative process of delivering project in collaboration with community. Evaluate on delivered project and continuously engage community to refine and make sure that the need, values and aspirations are reflected in delivered projects

Actions/elements

1. Always consider the foreshore an integrated experience and collaborate across boundaries and borders.
2. Start with 'easy-win' actions that will improve the experience of the foreshore fast.
3. Map out a phasing plan and prioritised list of actions (see appendix for suggest prioritised list of actions)
4. Include public participation processes
5. Embed traditional and contemporary owner's aspirations into decision making, planning and management through recognition of applicable Country plans.
6. Meaningful involvement of Bunurong knowledge holders as required in every stage of a project.
7. Incorporate Bunurong values themes Place, People and Time as identified by Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC) in their Aboriginal Cultural Values (ACV) report for the Hastings Foreshore Area into projects where appropriate and ensure these reflect Bunurong community's views.
8. Consider opportunities for Arts and cultural experiences to be embedded in day to day life along the foreshore for all the community to enjoy and increase feelings of belonging.
9. Map out Foreshore Event Calendar for the year and identify gaps that can be filled to ensure year-round activation.
10. Increase feelings of safety by considering co-location of uses that are uses at different times of throughout the day.



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WATER AND NATURE PLAY AT THE LIVELY PIER AREA

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ENDIX

HASTINGS BOAT RAMP CAR-PARK UPGRADE PRINCIPLES

NON-NEGOTIABLE

- Safe and direct access from Skinner St that minimises impact on the foreshore
 - Access for Car Trailer Units (CTU) of 15m length (5m wide for one-way access)
- Majority of CTU parks 13m long, 3m wide and at an angle of 35 degrees (as at Paterson River) with some capacity for larger CTUs.
- 4 disabled CTU parking bays adjacent ramp
- Bay Trail to run adjacent Skinner Street
- Pedestrian crossings for safety to Bay Trail users
- Adequate drainage via WSUD initiatives
- One-way anti-clockwise traffic flow
- Removal of existing dog-leg and conflict crossover
- Minimise hard-stand surfaces
- Defined overflow area with clear separation from other user groups
- Access to Yacht Club via southern gate available at all times

DESIRABLE

- Peak capacity of 200 CTUs including hard-stand capacity 80 CTUs (40%) and overflow capacity of 120 CTUs (60%)
- Rigging area with capacity for 4 CTUs
- De-rigging area with capacity for 4 CTUs
- Hastings Yacht Club area extended towards Skinner Street
- Pedestrian access to public toilets and Angling Club
- Assessment of the public toilets
- Improved functionality and public benefit of Angling Club building
- Well defined multi-use function of overflow area in off-peak times (e.g. off leash area)

Further guidelines for consideration are outlined in the Victorian Boating Facility Guidelines (Better Boating Victoria, 2022).



HASTINGS FORESHORE FLEXIBLE EVENTS AREA PRINCIPLES

FLEXIBILITY

- Caters for differing scales of events from community markets to festivals and concerts (e.g. Under the Southern Stars).

EQUITABLE ACCESS

- Is inclusive and accessible by everyone.

DIVERSIFICATION

- Can be used for multi-purposes and provides opportunity for everyday usage including existing clubs and user groups.

COMPLIANT WITH POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

- Meets requirements of Australian Standards, State legislations (e.g. Marine and Coastal Act, Environment Protection Act) and Council Policies (e.g. Music Plan 2025, Arts and Culture Plan 2024).

FIT FOR PURPOSE

- Caters for community and stakeholder needs.

Given the siting and history of the proposed Flexible Events Area, future concept designs will also be informed by expert reports including geotechnical assessments, environmental assessments, and acoustic studies, of which some were previously undertaken by the Shire as part of earlier investigations.



WESTERNPORT MARINA LEASE AND LICENSE BOUNDARIES

RED : Existing Westernport Marina Lease Boundary

GREEN : Vegetation Buffer (8m wide) funded in partnership with Westernport Marina

BLUE : 2 Year license area to allow Marina maintenance works to occur

ORANGE and **BLUE** : Long term inclusion within the WP Marina lease boundary





PRIORITISED ACTIONS OVERVIEW

PRELIMINARY IMPLEMENTATION

This chapter provides high level guidance for prioritised actions to be implemented across the foreshore.

The timing and cost of each action should be read as follows:

The implementation actions are organised by items relating to defined activation areas being:

- Foreshore Wide Actions
- Slow Movers
- Sports and Games
- Lively Pier
- Nature Lovers

Timing:

Immediate - 0-1 years
Short Term - 2-3 years
Medium - 4-6 years
Long - 7-10 years

Cost:

\$ - Low (\$5 - \$25k)
\$\$ - Medium (\$25 - \$100k)
\$\$\$ - High (\$100 - \$250k)
\$\$\$\$ - Very High (>\$250k)

Foreshore Wide Action					
Actions	Partner With	Involve/Consult	Priority	Timing	Cost
Further investigate coastal risks and establish an adaptation pathway for the foreshore		"DEECA EPA"	Very High	Immediate	\$\$
Further Landfill Assessment including consideration of capping, stormwater, landfill gas and leachate		"EPA Environmental Consultant"	Very High	Immediate	\$\$\$\$
Western Port Bay Trail Upgrade and Realignment			Very High	Short	\$\$\$
Mangrove restoration	Melbourne Water Parks Victoria Bass Coast Landcare Ozfish	Coastal Engineering Consultation Community Groups Western Port Biosphere Local schools	Very High	Immediate	\$\$
Improve drainage including Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Strategies		EPA	Very High	Short	\$\$\$
Incorporate BLCAC in future planning and intergrate stories and culture throughout the foreshore	BLCAC		Very High	Immediate	\$
Establish Disabled friendly recreational activities (E.g. Brike Share)		"Disability Advisory Committee Brite Pelican Park"	High	Short Term	\$
Planting scheme to provide ecological corridors and enhance amenity		Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation Landscape Architect Consultancy	Very High	Short to Medium Term	\$\$\$
Incorporate stories from Hastings-Western Port Historical Society into the foreshore design	Hastings-Western Port Historical Society		Medium	Medium	\$
Provide educational signage and labels with a focus on native plants		"Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation Willum Warrain"	High	Short to Medium Term	\$
Provide opportunities for biodiversity related citizen science projects		"Community BLCAC"	Medium	Ongoing	\$



Slow movers						
Item	Actions	Partner With	Involve/Consult	Priority	Timing	Cost
10	Sensory Garden		Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation Landscape Architect Consultancy Park users Special Needs Teachers	Medium	Short	\$
12	Seating for gathering near food truck area	Food truck event organisers / Itinerant Traders	Landscape Architect Consultancy Street food/Park users	High	Short	\$
12	Seating for gathering at water's edge aligned with coastal adaptation strategy		Coastal Engineering Consultants DEECA EPA Landscape Architect Consultancy	High	Medium term	\$\$
5	Topography with viewing platform and amphitheatre)		Coastal and contamination Engineering Consultants; DEECA EPA	Medium	Long Term	\$\$\$\$
24	Define and formalise northern carpark extend			Medium	Short Term	\$\$
23	Welcome signage with tourist information at entrance to Hastings Foreshore	Local artist	Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation Hastings-Western Port Historical Society Western Port Visitor Information	Medium	Short Term	\$
25	Provide drink taps with dog drinking bowls			High	Short Term	\$
21	Public Toilets and RV dump station		Australian Caravan Club Limited	High	Short	\$\$\$\$

PRIORITISED ACTIONS OVERVIEW



Sports and Games						
Item	Actions	Partner With	Involve/Consult	Priority	Timing	Cost
9	Exercise equipment upgrade, accessible, shaded and senior appropriate		User Focus Groups of mixed ages	High	Short	\$\$\$
26	Improve pedestrian access to Foreshore near Cool Store Road		St Mary's Primary School	High	Medium Term	\$\$
7	Flexible Events area		Local festival groups DEECA EPA	High	Short to Medium Term	\$\$\$
12	Seating for gathering		Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation Landscape Architect Consultancy	High	Medium term	\$\$
13	Bike Station		Landscape Architect Consultancy	Medium	Medium term	\$
1	Pump Track	Mountain Bike and BMX strategies Group	Specialist track designers Adjacent Schools Community	Medium	Medium Term	\$\$
4	Bouldering wall	Bouldering club	Bouldering club Youth groups	Medium	Long	\$
27	Raised pedestrian crossing to Foreshore near Church Street			High	Medium	\$\$
	Maintain existing Netball and Basketball courts		Involve/Consult Community	Medium	Medium Term	\$\$\$
15	Seating for gathering at water's edge with bay viewing platform aligned with coastal adaptation strategy		Landscape Architect Consultants Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation Coastal Engineering Consultants DEECA EPA	High	Long	\$\$\$



Lively Pier

Item	Actions	Partner With	Involve/Consult	Priority	Timing	Cost
③	Investigate opportunity for Kayak/SAP launch via a pontoon on northern side of Hastings Pier	Parks Victoria	"Hastings Yacht Club Western Port Coast Guard"	High	Short	\$\$
②⑧	Establish vegetated soft buffer between the skate park and play spaces to improve safety			High	Immediate	\$
②⑩	Boat Ramp overflow car park	Better Boating Victoria Western Port Angling Club Hastings Yacht Club	Boat ramp users	Very High	Short term	\$\$\$
①④	Water play area incorporating stories of Bunurong and wider landscape	Pelican Park	Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation Landscape Architect Consultancy	High	Short term	\$\$
②	Nature Play Area	Pelican Park	Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation Landscape Architect Consultancy	High	Short term	\$\$
①①	BBQs and Picnic Shelters			High	Short Term	\$
⑥	Flexible Market square/smaller event space on flexible car park	Pelican Park Hastings Yacht Club	Users / Interest groups / Itinerant Traders	Medium	Medium term	\$\$
③⑩	Consider the provision of EV charge services via an Expression of Interest process with EV charging providers	EV Charging providers		Medium	Medium	\$
②⑨	Investigate opportunity for a bus drop off and pick up point			Low	Medium	\$
⑧	Water edge with integrated play and resting areas Potential for sea wall integration		Hastings Yacht Club Pelican Park Western Port Visitor Information Centre Parks Victoria DEECA, EPA	High	Long term	\$\$\$\$

PRIORITISED ACTIONS OVERVIEW



Nature Lovers						
Item	Actions	Partner With	Involve/Consult	Priority	Timing	Cost
12	Seating for gathering, picnicking and storytelling	Westernport Marina, DEECA	Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation Landscape Architect Consultancy	High	Short	\$
31	Extension of native vegetation		"Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation Willum Warrain"	High	Short Term	\$\$
18	Westernport Marina Boundary Revision		Community	High	Immediate to Short Term	\$
32	Meandering paths to connect gathering and education spaces			High	Short term	\$\$
33	Improve pedestrian access to Foreshore via Mullet Street			High	Short Term	\$\$\$
10	Sensory Garden with indigenous species		"Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation Willum Warrain"	Medium	Short Term	\$
16	Nature Education Facilities		Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation Willum Warrain Local Schools Nature Conservation groups	High	Short Term	\$
17	Nature Appreciation Space		Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation	Medium	Medium Term	\$\$

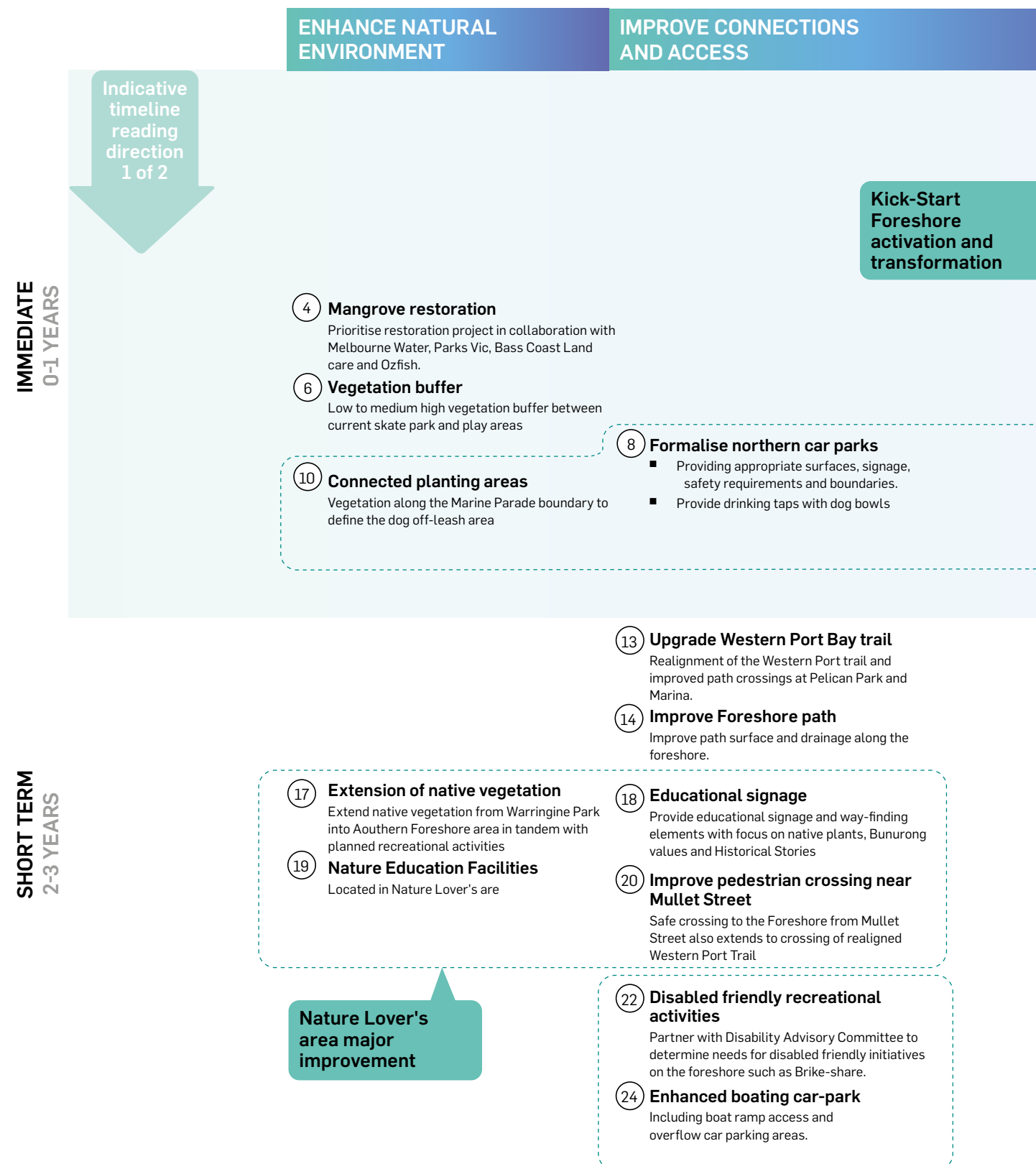
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ACTION PLAN

The proposed action plan seeks to outline a step by step pathway to achieving the objectives outlined in the masterplan.

The project actions are organised in columns corresponding to the strategic objective outlined in the masterplan document with the aim to showcase the direct relationship between objectives and action and maintain overview of related actions across the entire project time frame.

Timing are indicative for the commencement of each action. The completion of each action will vary depending on complexity and resourcing.



ACTIVATE FORESHORE

RESILIENT COASTLINE

PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

2 Early foreshore activation

Commence a project to kick-start the renewal of the foreshore,

- Sensory gardens space, or
- Pier Forecourt upgrade, or
- New foreshore furniture and seating opportunities integrated into planted landscape areas.

3 Foreshore Events

Events space infrastructure to enable the foreshore to be used for large gathering -continuing to attract people to the foreshore. Both on Flexible events area and market area on gravel car park near Pier.

7 Public Toilets and RV dump

Provide public toilets and RV dump station

9 Seating for gathering

Seating for picnic/dining near food truck car park in tandem providing public toilets and RV dump

11 Exercise equipment upgrade

Accessible shared and senior appropriate

12 Water based activities

Kayak/SUP launch opportunity

1 Know the constraints

1. Further investigate coastal risks and establish an adaptation pathway for the foreshore
2. Further Landfill Assessment including consideration of capping, stormwater, landfill gas and leachate

5 Westernport Marina Boundary Revision

Slow movers improvement

Bunurong involvement

Include and collaborate with Bunurong knowledge holders in project stage. The BLCAC Aboriginal Cultural Values Report for Hastings Foreshore Masterplan may be a guiding tool to help identify appropriate processes.

26 Seating for gathering

Improve seating on the foreshore appropriate to other upgrades. Incorporate seating into paths and landscape areas.

15 Improve drainage

Improve site-wide drainage including Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Strategies

Bunurong involvement

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Hastings - Western Port historical Society stories

Incorporate stories from Hastings-Western Port Historical Society into the foreshore design

21 Water play area

Water play area adjacent to current play ground incorporate Bunurong Stories

23 Barbecue areas and shelters

Incorporate into natural tree canopy for shade or provide shade structures where appropriate.

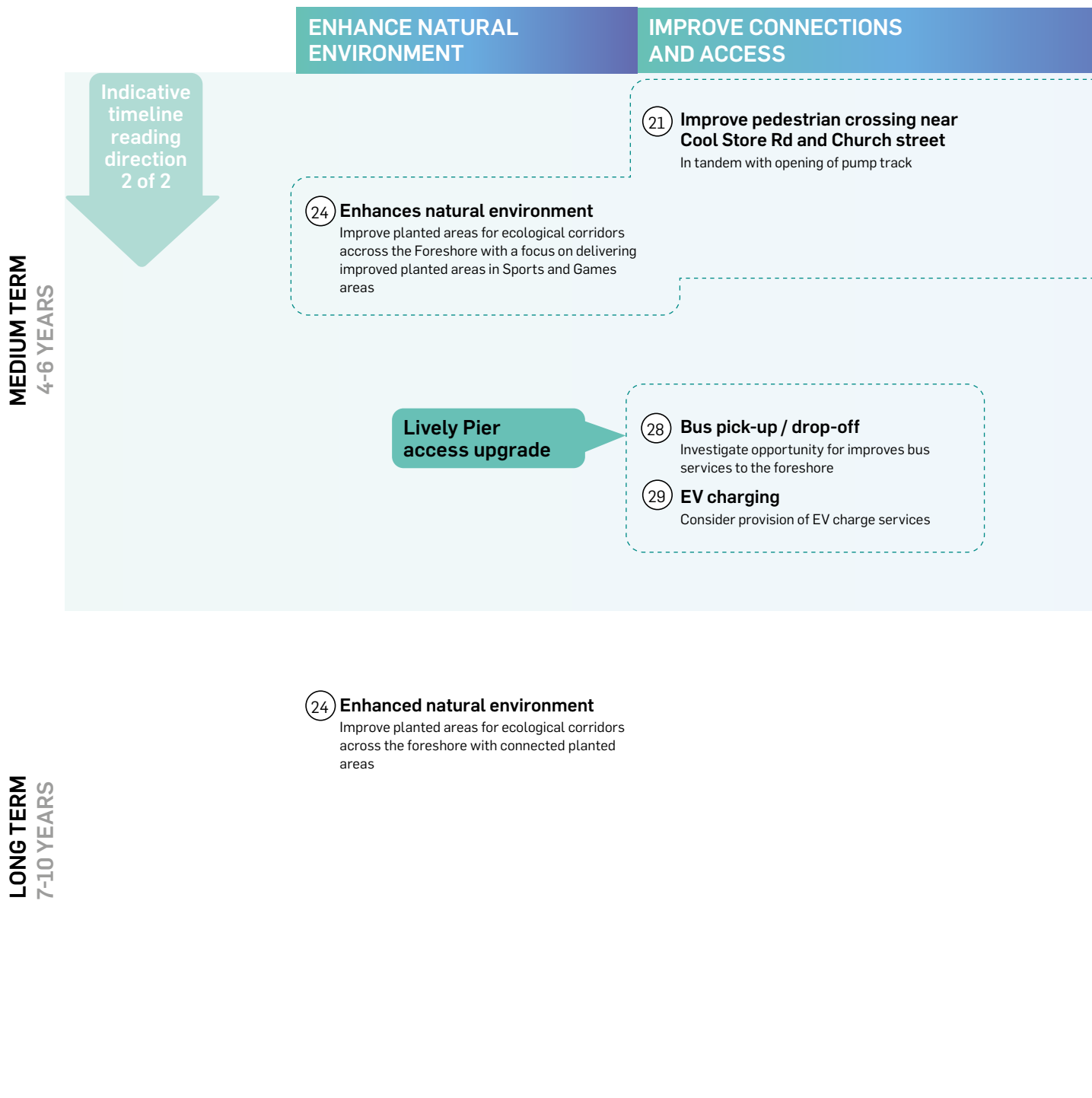
25 Nature play area

Nature play area upgrade to current play ground incorporate Bunurong Stories and child learning

Lively Pier area major improvement

ACTION PLAN

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ACTIVATE FORESHORE

RESILIENT COASTLINE

PARTICIPATION PROCESSES

20 Pump track

Along Western Port trail near Pump Track for light bike maintenance and manual air pump.

22 Bike station

Design pump track in collaboration with specialist track designers, community and adjacent school and integrate into existing foreshore planting

Sports and Games area major improvement

User focus groups
of mixed ages

St Mary's Primary School

Community consultation

Bunurong involvement

Include and collaborate with Bunurong knowledge holders in project stage. The BLCAC Aboriginal Cultural Values Report for Hastings Foreshore Masterplan may be a guiding tool to help identify appropriate processes.

25 Seating on water's edge Slow Movers

Provide seating node on water's edge aligned with coastal adaptation strategy i

26 Nature Appreciation space

In Nature Lover's area to stage, appreciate and inform about natural environment.

30 Seating for gathering throughout

Improve seating on the foreshore appropriate to other upgrades. Incorporate seating into paths and landscape areas.

32 Seating on water's edge Sports & Games

Provide seating node on water's edge aligned with coastal adaptation strategy

33 Coastal viewing hill

Topography in northern end of land-fill area with integrated planting and viewing platform

34 Bouldering wall

Informal climbing structure for larger children and teenagers

31 Adapted water's edge

Upgrade water's edge to mitigate potential risks caused by inundation, flooding and sea level rise

Bunurong involvement

Include and collaborate with Bunurong knowledge holders in project stage. The BLCAC Aboriginal Cultural Values Report for Hastings Foreshore Masterplan may be a guiding tool to help identify appropriate processes.

User focus groups
of mixed ages

Community consultation

Resilient & playful coastline



Hastings
Primary School

King Creek

Olivers Creek

Western Port Bay

13 High St

Marine Parade

Skinner St

Warringine
Park

Western port
Marina

EXISTING CONDITIONS MAPPING

Existing Land Uses

- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>1 Passive Recreation use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dog off leash area - public exercise equipment | <p>8 Overflow Car-park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adjacent to skimmers street - Adjacent to angling club |
| <p>2 Passive/Active recreation use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - oval - bocce courts - tennis courts - public exercise equipment | <p>9 Interface Terrestrial Use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - landscape buffer between western port marina |
| <p>3 Passive/ Community use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - rotary barbeque shelter - centaph - open space | <p>10 Western Port Marina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - boating retail - marina bar/bistro - private berthing |
| <p>4 Activity Hub:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - skate park - playground - pelican park recreation park - table tennis/chess board | <p>11 Passive recreation Use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - open space - western port bay trail |
| <p>5 Hastings Jetty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - angling - pier - private jetty moorings | <p>12 Natural Environment Use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mangroves - revegetation works - access to western port bay trail |
| <p>6 Formal Car-park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - marine parade - pelican park - Hastings yacht club | <p>13 Hastings Town centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - community/civic use - commercial/mixed use - access to western port by trail |
| <p>7 Club Use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hastings yacht club - westernport angling club - public/private boat ramp - private berthing | |

Existing Buildings

- | | |
|--|--|
| 2A - Hastings tennis club | 10A - Western port marina retail |
| 2B - Hastings bowling club | 10B - Western port bar/bistro |
| 4A - Pelican park recreation centre | 10C - Heliport |
| 5A - Heritage jetty + 'fish shed info centre | 13A - Civic centre |
| 7A - Hastings yacht club | 14 Hastings-Westernport Historic Society |
| 7B - western port angling club | |



METHODOLOGY

VISION ALIGNMENT EXERCISE

VISION

1. PLAYFUL DESTINATION

2. CONNECTED FORESHORE

3. RESILIENT COASTLINE

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Encouraging the use of the marine and coastal environment for a diverse range of sustainable activities, including promotion of arts and culture.

Project objectives as provided by Mornington Peninsula Shire

- An appreciation of the existing open spaces and views to the bay

- Preserve the character of coastlines and coastal settlements while accommodating sustainable growth.
- Consider the siting and coastal dependency of existing and new buildings.
- Ensure cultural values and heritage sites are protected for current and future generations to enjoy.

COMMON THEMES

The same, but better

- Improve on the qualities of the existing foreshore:
 - Open green space
 - Flexible spaces
 - Opportunities for lingering. E.g. more seating, picnic tables and shelters.

More Play

- Upgrades to existing facilities such the playground and exercise equipment
- Inclusion of additional play opportunities for a variety of age groups

More Events & Gathering

- A commonly expressed desire to see large temporary events and festivals
- Dedicated spaces for smaller activations such as food trucks, new outdoor dining or take-away options, or small events

Better Connections

- Improve the experience of the existing paths and trails through path upgrades and more pause points such as benches and informal seating opportunities .
- Intuitive and safe vehicle access for boating
- Improved access to the water for individuals.

- Apply adaptation actions in respect to the naturally evolving environment.
- Actively plan for the impacts and increased coastal risk due to climate change.

4. ENHANCED NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- Buildings, structures and access needs to be sympathetic to the coastal environment.
- Protect and enhance the ecological values of ecosystems and habitats in the marine and coastal environment.
- Protect and enhance the values and characteristics which are identified by the area's natural features and landscapes.

5. COLLABORATIVE AND ENGAGING PROCESSES

- Promote sustainable use of the marine and coastal industries.
- Early involvement of Registered Aboriginal Party and other Traditional Owners as required
- Embed traditional Owner aspirations into decision making, planning and management through recognition and applicable Country plans

Quality check:
None of the received feedback falls outside of the 5 vision statements

ORPHANED

Respect natural processes and strengthen resilience to coastal hazard risk

- A desire to protect and enhance the existing coastal environment
- Identified opportunities for increased vegetation, native or 'garden-like'

Embed community needs and aspirations

- Early involvement of local stakeholders and community members.
- Raise awareness within the community of the range and complexity of coastal and marine planning and management issues.
- Promote community involvement and embed aspirations into decision making, planning and management.

Embed Traditional Owners' rights, aspirations and knowledge through:

- Early involvement of Registered Aboriginal Party and other Traditional Owners as required.
- Embed Traditional Owner aspirations into decision making, planning and management through recognition of applicable Country plans.

Common themes identified during community and stakeholder engagement

METHODOLOGY

VISION ALIGNMENT EXERCISE

VISION

1. PLAYFUL DESTINATION

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KEY PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

- Improved layout for Pelican Park/foreshore car park and the introduction of a pedestrian micro-park 'forecourt' between the pier and the Hastings Yacht Club along the water's edge.
- Explore opportunities for new programs and events on the foreshore
- Facilitate & provide opportunities for celebration of existing events (e.g club has fishing comp events about 3 times a year)
- Enhance and recognise the Foreshore as one of the key landscape features that makes Hastings a gateway to Westernport Bay
- Protect & enhance enjoyment of the Foreshore

Key considerations identified during document review process

- Improved public boat ramp and associated access and trailer parking facilities.
- Improve the trail network to achieve connectivity of bay trail
- Current break in the Bay Trail adjacent to the Marina
- Explore opportunities to better integrate town centre and foreshore
- Completion of the connection of the Western Port Trail between Pelican Park and the Warringine Park board walk.
- Poor wayfinding and visual connectivity along the Hastings Foreshore paths.

RESPECT NATURAL PROCESSES & STRENGTHEN RESILIENCE TO COASTAL HAZARD RISK

- Unsealed & thinly sealed landfill
- Opportunity to explore the introduction of mounding and topography changes to increase landfill seal
- Uncertainty identified around the ability of the natural and built shoreline to respond to the increasing potential for inundation and erosion potential. (3-5 water inundations per year are noted at low points along the foreshore)
- Opportunity to improve foreshore edge to ameliorate erosion and inundation risk and create safe spaces for people to enjoy the foreshore
- Consider the siting and coastal dependency of existing and new buildings.

ALIGNMENT WITH (PENDING) COASTAL STRATEGY

4. ENHANCED NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE MARINE AND COASTAL ENVIRONMENT

- Mangrove restoration
- Maintain ecosystem function by reducing threats to biodiversity
- Enhance landscape connectivity
- Apply best-practice land management principles on Shire managed land
- The former landfill area lacks vegetation growth and spatial character.
- Re vegetation of protected areas to enhance the biodiversity values of the foreshore.
- Partner with conservation and research organisations, such as BirdLife Australia, to develop and promote local biodiversity-related citizen science projects.

5. COLLABORATIVE AND ENGAGING PROCESSES

TRADITIONAL OWNERS' RIGHTS, ASPIRATIONS AND KNOWLEDGE

- Acknowledge and celebrate Bunurong history and cultural heritage
- Investigate Bunurong language names
- Incorporate cultural footprint within all project planning
- Consider opportunities for Arts and cultural experiences to be embedded in day to day life along the foreshore for all the community to enjoy increase feelings of belonging, safety and connection to place.
- Increase public participation in local biodiversity conservation initiatives
- Explore ways the community can get involved in implementation

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