

Coastal Advisory Group Port Phillip Bay South

Location	Sorrento Community Centre
Date and time	Thursday 18 September 2025 / 4:00pm – 5:45pm
Attendees	Members: Gerry Byrne (GB), Chris Corrigan (CC) (acting Chair), Josie Jones (JJ), Bernadette Young (BY) (Secretary), Emily Burke (EB) Councillors: Cr Andrea Allen, Cr Cam Williams Council: Lachy Chapman (LCh), Laura Crilly (LCr)
Apologies	Ben Cullen (BC), Mark Davis (MD)

	Item	Actions	Responsible
	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country Group check-in and updates Christine O'Neill has retired from Southern Peninsula CAG due to other commitments. Now 7 members, need 4 for a quorum	Suggestion made that attendance by Zoom could be allowed in future to ensure quorum so that formal meetings of CAG and Council could proceed Chairperson rotation, as noted in the CAGs ToR, needs to be implemented. CC was suggested by group members as incoming Chair.	Council to discuss hybrid meeting arrangements LCh to contact MD
1	Reduce impact of Weeroona Bay Boat Moorings Council discussed mooring management practices with Parks Victoria and sought consideration for introducing Environmentally Friendly Moorings (EFMs) at Weeroona Bay. Several factors such as swing patterns, failure of EFM moorings and resultant damage, quantity of moorings situated at Weeroona Bay as well as cost to change moorings makes this a complex question.	Contact Parks Victoria rep to attend one of Southern Peninsula CAG upcoming meetings (early 2026) to further investigate this issue and to discuss whether the moorings have been reviewed since the wave energy of the bay has changed post dredging.	LCh to contact PV
2	Beautify Portsea Pier and Reserve CAG group to proceed with ideas for design of the reserve with the proviso that several Council teams will need to be involved. CAG members encouraged to keep maintenance in mind. Important to consult stakeholders on this issue and LCh will provide us with emails of stakeholders to facilitate these consultations. Group members also felt it important to involve local community (schools) not just in the design but actual implementation i.e. murals. Note that the toilet block asset unlikely to move given lifespan.	CAG team will meet to design Survey Monkey or similar at next informal meeting for data to input scope of design for briefing students.	LCh to provide list of stakeholders CAG to discuss design scope

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	- Council: remaining funds from a grant available to use on achieving objectives from within the Portsea CMMP. Looking at best options for improving WE Newton reserve that align with CMMP. Seeking input from CAG. - Council: Forecourt area of the Pier is currently being asphalted to support works to be conducted to reinforce/replace sandbags along Portsea Beach. Seawall is being undermined by wave erosion (DEECA asset). Damage to rock steps also noted. - Council: Weeroona Swimming Club has strong links to the area and cold showers are being planned by members of the group with assistance from the Community Capital Infrastructure Officer.	Initial ideas for grant included picnic shelter, more seating, educational signage on marine/coastal environment and endemic species	CAG to meet to prioritize suggestions. Suggestions be sent to LCh for consideration
3	Coastal Erosion - As a result of sea level rises due to climate change beaches around the peninsula and the world continue to change and or disappear. There was discussion of the implications of sea level rises on natural and human assets around the Mornington Peninsula and varied responses to ameliorate this impact. Accumulation of massive sand deposits in the Bay suggested as one amongst many strategies to protect this invaluable asset - Extensive and ongoing work by the Shire is well underway as can be seen in the link below. This project focuses on strategically managing hazard risks and long-term adaptation for our coastal communities. https://shape.mornpen.vic.gov.au/our-coast-our-future		
4	Hand Beach Cleaning Discussion of the impacts of rake cleaning on the endangered Sclerolaena and importance of maintaining buffer zones between rake and vegetation as outlined in the Flora and Fauna Act. Reiteration that Hand Beach cleaning is more cost effective.	Letter supporting Hand Beach Cleaning which has been sent to all Councillors, Coastal Officers and other CAG groups needs to also be sent to the CEO of the Shire.	CAG members
	General business Campground West Rye has now been completed, resulting in 6 less sites but larger sites. Boardwalk path is laid and consists of both concrete aggregate and sections of board walk.		

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	• Sand management strategy is being developed by Council • Public amenity strategy and Foreshore Camping Strategy are assessing and making recommendations about public toilets on the foreshore (Cr Allen). These will be open for Community Consultation.		
	Next meeting: 11 December 2025 • End of year Annual forum. CAGs to provide a brief presentation on their year		

Previous meeting minutes: 26 June 2025 – No meeting – quorum not achieved