

Western Port South Coastal Advisory Group Meeting Minutes



Location	Flinders Civic Hall
Date and time	Wednesday 2 April 2025 4 – 6pm
Attendees	Charles Reis, Neil Hallam, Mark Aarons, Leigh Glover, Janenne Willis Councillors: Cr Stephens MPS: Hayden Forrest
Apologies	-

Welcome

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Introductions

Item 1 Signage

- Discussion of state of progress, funding and next steps. Draft text for signage completed; locations for seven signs mapped. Partial funding secured; Additional funding required. Graphic images could be added, depending on funding secured. There may be future additional funding opportunities through an MPS Community Support Grant or similar.
- Preliminary discussion of community awareness/ promotion/ publicity of project when completed.

Action: Completion of Bendigo Bank community grant application for funding [J] and completion and submission [M]

Action: Review of signage location, particularly in relation to possible site works from car park upgrades, and report back to CAG [C & L]

Action: Meet with Bunurong Land Council (BLC) to discuss signage project; timing depending on finalisation of designs and securing of funding [J]; Supply contacts for BLC [H]

Action: Finalise signage text [J]

Action: Vegetation history theme; Check adequacy of existing sign on this topic; text revision/ expansion or addition; report back to CAG [J]

Action: Apply to the Flinders Community Association at next FAC meeting for additional funding support (\$1000) [N & M]

Item 2 Shire Kennon Cove Precinct Car Park Project

- CAG was advised that earlier plans have been slightly revised. MPS submissions for funding a site survey for this project have been lodged as a 2025/26 MPS budget bid. MPS is seeking funding support from the State government. If funding is secured, works would likely begin in 2026/27.
- If only partial funding is secured, CAG advised that priority be given to the provision of pedestrian facilities providing access to the site.
- There is an MPS proposal for installation of an outside shower in the vicinity of the amenities block. Amenity and drainage issues were raised. A similar design has been installed at Balnarring Beach. CAG supported this initiative.

Action: Distribute revised project plans to CAG [H]

General Business

Member recognition in CAG Minutes

- This condition was accepted by the CAG.

A Strategic Framework for the Future of Western Port Bay

Action: Distribute slides from talk to CAG [H]

Action: Contact Tony Hacking to indicate CAG support of project and inquire as to possible assistance from CAG to the project [J]; Provision of contact details [H]

Other Business

Support is being sought by the Friends of Flinders Coastline (FFC) group who are urgently seeking additional members. There is concern that the benefits of the group's weed removal and native flora restoration activities will be diminished or lost if the group cannot retain and expand its membership. CAG supports the group's activities and members will consider ongoing ways to assist the FFG.

Meeting Close: 5:09

Next Meeting: 2 July 2025, Flinders Community Hall