

Portsea beach seawall

Project Update – 18 January 2021

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) completed major repairs to the sandbag seawall at Portsea front beach in July.

During routine monitoring of the sandbag wall, we detected a split in one of the sandbags. Repairs were scheduled to be carried out by the contractor prior to Christmas, however weather conditions meant it was unsafe to do so.

Subject to suitable weather conditions, the contractor is due to start the repair works on 1 February 2021. Works are expected to take between two and four weeks.

Background

Following completion of large-scale repairs to the Portsea sandbag sea wall, a split was observed in one of the sandbags. The split has caused some sandbags above to slump, decreasing the effectiveness and stability of the wall.

We are working with the sandbag manufacturer to minimise the risk of future splits. Repairing the bag will involve moving the toe rock aside to provide access to the torn sandbag, dismantling a section of the sandbag seawall, and using these sandbags to protect the workers.

There will be minor disruption to beach access whilst equipment and new sandbags are delivered. Traffic management will be in place for the safety of our contractors and the community.



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