

### **Sand relocation at Mount Martha Beach**

In February 2020, the Victorian Government signed a funding agreement with the Commonwealth Government for a commitment of \$1.5 million for MMNB.

This agreement will support beach renourishment aimed at protecting the adjacent shoreline and associated vegetation by increasing the beach width.

DELWP is undertaking an initial sand relocation in November 2020.

Water Technology has been engaged to advise further on delivery of future beach renourishment works, focusing on two methods:

- Sand relocation, trucking sand from Mount Martha South Beach to Mount Martha North Beach,
- Offshore dredging and placement on Mount Martha North Beach.

### **Works to commence late November 2020**

Works are scheduled to commence from Monday 23 November.

Weather permitting, the sand transfer is expected to take approximately two weeks. 10,000m<sup>3</sup> of sand will be excavated from the south of the beach and trucked to the north, after which it will be spread and shaped.



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### **Beach access during sand relocation**

Heavy machinery will be operating on the beach to transport sand from November 16, 2020.

To ensure public safety and enable the contractor to operate effectively, access to the northern-most part of Mount Martha Beach, including the bathing boxes in this section of beach, will not be permitted during working hours.

Due to the nature of safety risks, breaches of access will be taken seriously. A traffic management buggy will be on site to manage public safety along the beach.

The Bay Trail and car parks will remain open while works are underway. Only sand excavation and deposition sites will be closed to the public.



## **Background**

Consistent with recent study findings that showed no engineering treatment would return sand long-term to Mount Martha North Beach without adverse impacts, DELWP is not progressing hard structure options such as seawalls and groynes for the beach. DELWP is in receipt of a petition regarding hard structure options.

Please be aware there are many unpredictable and unforecastable natural hazards along this foreshore including landslides and rock falls. Beach and bathing box users should always remain vigilant.

Water Technology's analysis and detailed modelling of engineering options at MMNB can be viewed at [Engage Victoria](#).