

Minutes

Port Phillip North Coastal Advisory Group

Location	Mornington Community House		
Date and time	Thursday 20 March 2025, meeting commenced 4.00 pm - closed 6 PM		
Attendees	Gerard Cook, Laura Crilly, Harry Breidahl, John Renowden, David Grace, Sue Mason, Cara Hull, James Zois, Summer Goodwin		
Apologies	Cr Pingiaro, Cr Marsh, Cr Batty, Scott Paton		
Item	Responsible	Due	
Introduction and Welcome by GC: Acknowledgement of Country.	All to Note		
1. Chairperson Selection and Updates - Summer Goodwin New member, - Laura Crilly was introduced to the group in her role as Team Leader - Water and Coasts at the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council. - We were informed that Ken Grenfell had resigned from the Advisory Group - Summer Goodwin was appointed as Advisory Group Chair. - Harry Breidahl accepted the position of Advisory Group Secretary	All to Note		
2. Update on the 'Our Coast Our Future' project update. - Laura provided an update on this project. - It is the first study of this scale in Victoria and was funded by a grant from the Victorian Resilient Coast grants program – details can be found at https://shape.mornpen.vic.gov.au/our-coast-our-future. - The first four stages have been completed and a tender is out for stages 5 to 7. - David initiated some discussion on the role of the Advisory Group in this project. - We were informed that when Stage 2 is completed the Shire will run community workshops. - As a follow up David suggested that we initiate “hotspot” site inspections for this Advisory Group. Follow up discussion added the inclusion of input from experts (project consultants) and indigenous groups.	All to Note		
3. CMMP implementation, Mt Eliza, Mornington & Mt Martha This item refers to the Shire's Coastal Marine Management Plans: Mt Martha CMMP was released in 2019 and passed by the Shire but not by the state minister.	GC		

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○ Mornington CMMP was released in 2015 and now needs to be rewritten. ○ Mt Eliza CMMP was released in 2023 and the group briefly discussed the Actions listed in this plan. John made a general comment on the “lack of action” on eroding beaches and coastline.		
4. CAG Sharepoint access: Access to this component of the Shire’s website is at Sharepoint. ○ It was pointed out that Advisory Group members can post documents on this website. ○ Advisory Group minutes will also be posted on this website.	All to note.	
5. Committee Management Framework, Shire, and CAG update Gerard provided a brief update on CAG Terms of Reference: ○ Coastal Advisory Group members are appointed for three years. ○ The roles on Coastal Advisory Groups change annually. ○ There will be a forum for all Coastal Advisory Groups at the end of each year and it was suggested that one agenda item for the June meeting should be the nomination of experts (project consultants) to present at this forum plus setting other agenda items for this forum.		
6. Educational Signage – coastal processes, coastal biodiversity Issues related to this topic: ○ Hand collecting v mechanical collecting of litter on beaches – Shire report recommends a move back to mechanical collecting with upgraded equipment. ○ Protecting intertidal life. ○ Possible development of a seasonal seashore wildlife guide. ○ Review of coastal sights of significance. ○ Failing coastal infrastructure.		
7. General Business ○ Gerard reported that the Beleura Cliff Path future will be presented to the Shire Council Briefing on April 1 and that funding for Bird Rock steps repair would be included in the budget by June.		
8. Next Meeting 17 September 2025 Task for next meeting all look at top three Actions for CMMP: ○ David and James Mt Eliza. ○ Summer and Harry for Mornington. ○ Sue and Cara for Mt Martha.		