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Chair's foreword

The 2011–12 Annual Report represents a year of significant achievements for the Victorian Coastal Council and Regional Coastal Boards. It is prepared for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change the Hon Ryan Smith MP, in accordance with Section 8(4) of the *Coastal Management Act 1995* (the Act). The Annual Report provides details on the operation of the Act and the carrying out of its functions, including a report on progress toward implementing the objectives of the Act and the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008.

Areas of focus in 2011–12

One of the major achievements this year was the completion and public release of the *Mid-term Review of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008* report. The Mid-term Review concluded that the Strategy continues to be a robust framework for balancing competing pressures along the coast.

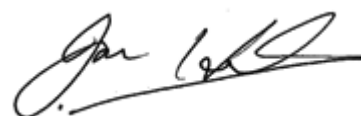
Other highlights for the 2011–2012 reporting period include:

- Completion of the fourth wave of longitudinal research on Victorian's attitudes and behaviours toward coastal and marine environments.
- A tour of the Central Coastal Board region.
- Delivery of the 13th annual Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence (April 2012).
- A joint meeting of the members of the VCC and members of the three regional coastal boards in Port Melbourne (December 2011).
- Publishing the latest advice on coastal science from Council's Science Panel: *Emerging Scientific Issues on Victoria's Coast: 2011 Update* (October 2011).
- Responding to the Regional Coastal Boards review of Coastal Action Plans older than five years.
- Launching a refreshed website and making use of social media.

These achievements have been made possible with the hard work, commitment and professionalism of my fellow Council members, Regional Coastal Board members and support staff. Special mentions go to Cr Libby Mears who resigned from her position as Chair of the Victorian Coastal Council in January 2012 and also to each of the Regional Coastal Board chairs who reached the end of their appointed terms at 30 June 2012. To Libby, Sue Mudford, Helen Martin and Liz Johnstone, thank you for your great passion for the coast, your skill in leadership and the many years dedicated to achieving the best possible outcomes for Victoria's precious coastal and marine environments.

Looking ahead to 2012–13

We welcome three new members to Council from the regional coastal boards, including Cr Jill Parker (Chair Western Coastal Board), Neville Penrose (Chair Gippsland Coastal Board) and Cath Whelan (Chair Central Coastal Board). The main priority for Council in 2012–13 will be preparation of the next iteration of the Victorian Coastal Strategy. It promises to be a busy year ahead as we engage with coastal stakeholders, consult with experts, undertake research, delve into complex issues of science, economics, public policy and governance, debate options, identify practical solutions and synthesise all of this into a draft Strategy available for public consultation by 30 June 2013.



Jon Hickman

Chair Victorian Coastal Council

27 August 2012



1 Introduction

This is the 2011/2012 Annual Report of the Victoria Coastal Council. The Report is set out in eight sections covering:

- this years highlights
- council functions and governance structure
- council business and activities throughout the year
- a report on implementation of the *Coastal Management Act 1995*
- highlights and activities of Regional Coastal Boards, and
- administration and operational obligations
- a disclosure index
- appendices



2 Highlights

Highlights of the activities and achievements of the Victorian Coastal Council (VCC) for 2011/2012 include:

- Working with stakeholders to complete the *Mid-term Review of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008* report.
- Publishing the latest advice from its Science Panel on coastal science *Emerging Scientific Issues on Victoria's Coast: 2011 Update*.
- Completion of the Council's fourth wave of longitudinal research on Victorian's attitudes and behaviours of the coastal and marine environment.
- Delivery of the 13th annual Victorian Coastal Awards of Excellence (April 2012).
- Improving engagement with coastal stakeholders by launching an improved website and making use of social media.
- Responding to the Regional Coastal Boards review of Coastal Action Plans older than five years.
- A joint meeting of the members of the VCC and members of the three regional coastal boards in Port Melbourne (December 2011) to review implementation of the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008* and regional coastal issues.
- Inspection tour of the Central Coastal Board region and discussion with Councils, developers and scientists on key coastal and catchment issues.

2.1 Mid-term Review of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008

In June 2012, the VCC presented the Minister for Environment and Climate Change, The Hon Ryan Smith MP (the Minister) with a copy of the *Mid-term Review of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008* report (the Mid-term Review). The Mid-term Review was the outcome of a 12 month project that investigated implementation and interpretation of the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008* (the Strategy) across the State. A key part of the review process was input from stakeholders via a consultation program and an interdepartmental coordination committee. The Mid-term Review highlights achievements, monitors progress of actions implemented, and comments on how coastal policies are being interpreted across the State. The report also flags emerging issues that might be considered

in the next version of the Strategy, such as strategic planning for marine renewable energy infrastructure and linkages to emergency management.

Findings of the Mid-term Review include:

- The Strategy continues to be a robust framework for balancing competing demands on our coastal resources.
- Overall 85% of the actions in the Strategy are complete, in progress or ongoing with the remainder in the planning phase.
- A key strength of the Strategy is the link between the Strategy and the land use planning system (achieved through the incorporation of coastal policies into the State Planning Policy Framework).
- The sea level rise policy in the Strategy has provided a consistent benchmark for management and planning decisions.
- The Coastal Spaces Project relating to consolidating urban development into existing settlements and protecting non-urban landscapes between settlements has been a success.
- Stakeholders, particularly coastal Councils, are seeking greater support in coastal adaptation planning.

The Mid-term Review was published on the VCC website, accompanied by a media release on 2 July 2012. It will be used in the development of the next iteration of the Strategy, a draft of which is due in 2013.

2.2 Coastal and Marine Environments Community Attitudes and Behaviours Research

The VCC, in partnership with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), periodically commissions social research on community attitudes and behaviours to the Victorian coastal and marine environment. This research is fundamental to understanding and tracking changes in the values and attitudes of Victorians towards the coastal and marine environments. It also underpins the policy development process for the Strategy.

The research program was conducted by Ipsos Eureka Social Research Institute. The program commenced in March 2011, with a final report presented to the Minister in February 2012. The latest research is the fourth wave (with previous waves of research undertaken in 1997, 2002 and 2007).

Key findings of the 2012 research include:

- The coast continues to be important to Victorians, with four-in-five (84%) having made at least one day trip in the last 12 months.
- Overall Victorians appear to be satisfied with their coastal experience 87% gave a rating of excellent or very good.
- The majority of Victorians agree that the coast is well managed (67% agreed).
- The biggest cause for concern was rubbish/litter and inappropriate development. Threats mentioned included erosion and managing population pressures.



- Victorians considered climate change and sea level rise to pose a threat to the coast, and some thought planning laws should limit development in areas likely to be affected by sea level rise.
- Victorians highly value the character of coastal towns and had concerns that towns are becoming too much like Melbourne suburbia.

The final report was published on the VCC website in March 2012, accompanied by a media release and a short video explaining the key findings. The report will be used in the development of the next iteration of the Victorian Coastal Strategy.

2.3 Central Coastal Board Region Tour

Periodically the VCC will tour a region of Victoria to gain firsthand experience of the coastal management issues in the area and to meet with a range of stakeholders involved in coastal planning and management. In 2012 the Central Coastal Board (CCB) region was chosen, with the tour focusing on the western arm of Western Port Bay and sites on the Mornington Peninsula.

Over the course of two days, VCC members visited sites at Warneet, Yaringa, Stony Point, Portsea, Sorrento, Mt Martha and Oliver's Hill to examine and discuss a range of topics including:

- planning for climate change impacts
- coastal erosion, beach renourishment and protection measures
- local coastal management issues
- harbour and port development
- marine national park, RAMSAR and biosphere management
- catchment management and water quality, and
- the latest marine research (including on waterbirds and dolphins).

2.4 Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence 2012

A key function of the VCC is to promote the activities of the many individuals, communities and agencies involved in coastal and marine management. The thirteenth Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence (the Awards) was an opportunity to celebrate many of these achievements. The best of the Victorian coast was highlighted in the wonderful setting of the Melbourne Museum on 26 April 2012. Award nominations were of a high calibre, with a total of 24 finalists

across 6 categories including: Coastal Building & Design; Community Action & Partnerships; Education; Natural Environment; Coastal Planning and Management; Outstanding Individual Achievement; and the Victorian Marine Science Consortium Postgraduate Award (Appendix 8.2).

In presenting the Awards, the Minister noted that "Victoria has an incredible network of dedicated people who work hard to protect and enhance our beautiful coastal and marine environments."

This year the Outstanding Individual Achievement Award went to two coastal champions. Bernie McCarrick was presented the Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award to recognise his passion for wetland birds and achievements in land management and preservation. Rosemary Birney was awarded Outstanding Volunteer Achievement for her work in protecting and restoring the Somers foreshore.

2.5 Joint Meeting of Victorian Coastal Council and Regional Coastal Boards

In December 2011, the VCC met with members of the three Regional Coastal Boards (RCBs) in Port Melbourne to share information, discuss emerging coastal challenges and identify opportunities for RCBs and VCC to work in partnership. The joint meeting also provided an opportunity for members to meet with the Minister. The regional Chairs of the RCBs highlighted a range of achievements to the Minister.

2.6 Science Panel

In order to develop its advice, the VCC convenes a Science Panel to assist with the task by providing scientific input about Victoria's coast. This recognises the important role of science in informing evidence-based coastal and marine policy. The Science Panel comprises scientists representing a broad range of disciplines related to coastal and marine science, such as marine and estuarine ecology, climate change processes, environmental chemistry, coastal and marine engineering, oceanography and geomorphology. As a result, the Science Panel is able to provide a "whole-of-coast" perspective.

Membership of the Science Panel consists of the VCC Science and Environment sub-committee and external scientists. The result is a group of 40 senior scientists based at academic institutions, within government agencies and in the private sector.

In October 2011, the VCC published a report containing the latest advice on coastal science developed by the Science Panel. The report, *Emerging Scientific Issues on Victoria's Coast: 2011 Update*, was publically launched by the Chair of the VCC Science Panel and the Science and Environment Committee, Professor Michael Keough, at an event with approximately 60 invited guests.



Through the report, the Science Panel emphasised three emerging environmental issues of concern:

1. Understanding the effects of increased climatic variability.
2. Understanding the importance of links between catchments, estuaries and broader coastal waters for maintaining marine ecosystem health.
3. Understanding the cumulative ecological consequences of coastal development to meet human needs.

The Science Panel also recommended three strategic responses needed to address emerging issues:

1. Understand the condition of Victoria's coastal environments.
2. Match Victoria's technical capacity to meet scientific needs.
3. Continue the operation of the VCC Science Panel.

In February 2012, the Science Panel met at the University of Melbourne to reconnect with the VCC, network with other coastal science experts and share information. The Chair of the Science Panel presented preliminary findings from a member survey on the topic of research expertise. Dr Graham Mitchell, Victoria's Chief Scientist, chaired a series of presentations on topics including:

- Sea level rise and climate change science from Dr Kathy McInnes (CSIRO)
- Aquaculture innovations from Dr Tim

Dempster (University of Melbourne), and

- Coastal geomorphology from Neville Rosengren (Environmental Geosurveys).

An outcome of this meeting included a commitment to undertake further investigations into the current capacity of coastal science in Victoria.

2.7 Coastal Action Plan (CAP) Review

Under the *Coastal Management Act 1995* (the Act) the VCC reviews draft Coastal Action Plans (CAPs) prior to Ministerial referral, as well as monitoring progress and periodically reviewing effectiveness. In 2005, VCC developed CAP guidelines as a way to provide clarity on their purpose. The CAP guidelines are currently being reviewed.

CAPs are the key statutory mechanism available to RCBs. Under the Act, CAPs must: identify strategic directions and objectives for use and development in the region; provide for detailed planning of the region or part of the region; facilitate recreational use and tourism and provide for protection and enhancement of significant features of the region's coast, including the marine environment; and be consistent with the Strategy, the *National Parks Act 1975* and the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978*. RCBs have to review a CAP applying to their region at any time at the direction of the Minister or the VCC,

or if no direction is given, at the end of five years.

There are 18 CAPs covering different issues and parts of the State, with eleven in the Western Region, three in the Central Region and four in Gippsland. A review of 15 Coastal Action Plans (CAPs) which were older than five years was completed during the reporting period. The VCC prepared a summary document following this review that was reported to the Minister on 12 January 2012. The summary included observations about implementation, outcomes, and unforeseen impacts and issues that arose over the lifespan of the CAPs.

2.8 Online Communications

In April 2012, the VCC's redeveloped website went live to announce the winners of the 13th Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence. The refreshed website improves how VCC engages with coastal communities and stakeholders and gives information about resources. By June 2012, the VCC had started using social media and had established a Twitter and YouTube account.

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YouTube: www.youtube.com/VicCoastCouncil

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Twitter Profile: [@VicCoastCouncil](https://twitter.com/VicCoastCouncil)



3 Governance and Functions

The VCC is established under the *Coastal Management Act 1995*. It is accountable to the Minister for Environment and Climate Change. The responsible Minister for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 was the Hon Ryan Smith MP.

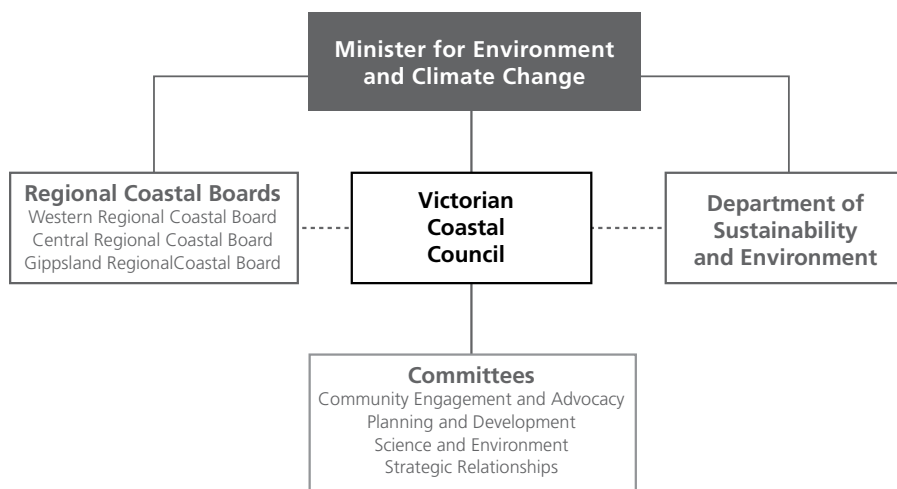
The role of the VCC is to provide strategic direction and improve the coordination of coastal planning and management in Victoria.

The Council is provided with a budget and secretariat support through the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

The functions of the Council under the *Coastal Management Act 1995* are:

- To undertake state-wide strategic coastal planning
- To prepare and submit to the Minister a draft Victorian Coastal Strategy
- To provide advice to the Minister
- To facilitate the operation of Regional Coastal Boards
- To monitor the development of Coastal Action Plans
- To coordinate the implementation of the Victorian Coastal Strategy and Coastal Action Plans
- To prepare and publish guidelines
- To liaise with and encourage the cooperation of Government departments, public authorities, municipal councils, industry, community groups and persons and bodies involved in the planning, management and use of the coast in furthering the objectives of the Act
- To provide opportunities for the public and interested groups to be informed of and involved in the work of the Council
- To encourage the work of volunteers in using and conserving coastal resources
- To give consideration to the needs of Aborigines and other interested groups in relation to the coast.

Figure 1: Governance Structure



Coastal governance structure showing relationships between the responsible Minister and entities

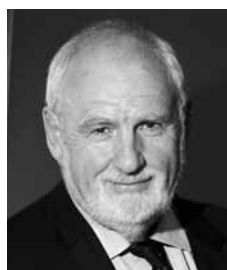
3.1 Council Membership

Members of the VCC are appointed under the provisions of the *Coastal Management Act 1995*. The Council consists of not more than 11 members who are appointed by the Governor In Council on the recommendation of the Minister. Brief biographies of current members follow.

Jon Hickman

(Chair: 24 April 2012 – present)

Jon Hickman was appointed Chair of the VCC on 24 April 2012. Prior to joining Council, Jon held positions as Deputy Vice Chancellor at Victoria University and Chief Operating Officer at Wesley College in Melbourne. Previously Jon worked at CEO or Deputy CEO level in a range of public sector bodies including the Australian Crime Commission, the Victorian Department of Infrastructure, the City of Melbourne, the City of Port Phillip and the Tasmanian State Treasury. He also worked in the private sector, in property and communications and has his own consultancy, Jon Hickman Strategy and Implementation. Jon is also Deputy Chair of the Zoological Parks and Gardens Board in Victoria, an alternate member of the Victorian Heritage Council and Director of the Anglican Diocesan Schools Commission.



Libby Mears

(Chair: 1 July 2011 – 31 January 2012)

Cr Libby Mears was appointed Chair of the Victorian Coastal Council in 2007 and resigned on the 31 January 2012. Libby lives with her family in Aireys Inlet and is a passionate advocate for the coast. She has a particular interest in the role coastal communities play in coastal protection and management and in promoting sustainable use of our coastal resources. In 2004, Libby was elected to local government where she served two terms as Mayor in 2006 and 2009. Libby represented Victorian local governments to the National Sea Change Task Force between 2008 and 2011. In her role as Chair of the Victorian Coastal Council, Libby was committed to ensuring a strong and effective coastal governance structure for Victoria supported by a strategic, long term vision and plan for Victoria's coastal and marine communities.



Janet Bolitho

(Interim Chair: 1 February 2012 to 23 April 2012)

Following the resignation of Libby Mears from the Victorian Coastal Council, Janet



Bolitho acted as Interim Chair for the period 1 February 2012 to 23 April 2012. Janet is currently the ward Councillor for Port Melbourne in the City of Port Phillip of which she was Mayor in 2006 and 2007. Before being elected, Janet had extensive involvement in a wide range of Port Melbourne based community groups including a Coastcare group. Janet holds a Masters in Social Science focussing on planning and the environment. Her particular interest in the coast lies in the collaboration involved in coastal management and community involvement in the care of the coast. Janet has a strong interest in Port Phillip Bay and its catchment and has represented Port Phillip on the Association of Bayside Municipalities since 2005. She is the Chair of the Victorian Local Sustainability Accord Advisory Committee and President of the Road Safety Action Group – Inner Melbourne.

Matt Boland

Matt Boland originally trained as an agricultural scientist and has experience in agriculture, education, planning and government.



His most recent positions were as Director Corporate Affairs at RMIT University and Chief of Staff to the former Victorian Minister for Planning, Arts and Women's Affairs. He now runs his own consultancy business. He has a long-term interest in Victoria's coast and is a keen ocean swimmer, sailor and surf life saver.

Vivienne Clare

Vivienne is currently Manager Policy Integration with the Department of Sustainability and Environment. She has worked extensively for Government in Victoria and New South



Wales in rural, regional and metropolitan locations. She also has experience in consulting and the non-government sector. Vivienne has worked on broad policy and planning projects related to the environment, public land and tourism. This has included work in coastal policy and planning, national parks establishment, alpine resort reform, nature-based tourism facilitation and regulation, legislative reform and natural resource management. Vivienne is a geographer and educator by training, specialising in coastal geomorphology and legal studies. Vivienne has been a director of Ecotourism Australia for several years.

Rob Gell

Rob Gell is a coastal geomorphologist by training; he taught Environmental Science and Physical Geography at tertiary level, then for thirty years he has presented television weather. In his professional life he works as an environmental and communications consultant and is a Director of World Wind Pty Ltd. He is also a company director, a published author photographer. He is the national President of Greening Australia, Chairman of the Mornington Peninsula and Westernport Biosphere Reserve Foundation Ltd. and serves on the board of Surfing Victoria. Rob is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and an Inaugural Fellow of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand. He was the Environment Ambassador to the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games. He has been a local government councillor and was a councillor of the ACF. He is also the Patron of the Geography Teachers Association of Victoria, Wildlife Victoria, Life Education Victoria, a Mentor of the Environmental Jobs Network and has been made a Life Ambassador for Australia Day.

**Professor Michael Keough**

Professor Michael Keough is a leading marine scientist with an international reputation in marine ecology. He leads a research team at the University of Melbourne that has been



successful in demonstrating the impacts of pest species in Victorian waters. He is a frequent contributor to state and national workshops on coastal management, and has advised state governments on marine monitoring. He contributed to State of the Marine Environment reports at both state and national level. Michael serves on the EPA Scientific Advisory Panel and is a member of the Australian Research Council's College of Experts.

Liz Johnstone

Liz Johnstone was Chair of the Central Coastal Board and member of the Victorian Coastal Council until her appointed term ended on 30 June 2012. She brought extensive experience in local government and community associations as a former councillor and Mayor of the City of Port Phillip, the Association of Bayside Municipalities and the Australian Local Government Women's Association. At Port Phillip her particular area of interest was in the planning and environmental area. Liz trained as an accountant and has a background in small business. She currently works for the Municipal Association of Victoria as Manager Planning Policy and Projects.

**Leigh Phillips**

Leigh Phillips has over 30 years experience with the Victorian Planning system. He has held a number of senior planning positions in various State Government departments with a particular focus on regional land use, project facilitation and management of the planning system. His contribution to planning in Victoria has been recognised by the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association (VPELA) when he was presented with the 'Paul Jerome' award in 2008. Leigh was a member of the Victorian Planning System Ministerial Advisory Council in 2011. He is also a former member of the Central Coastal Board, a current member of the Alpine Resorts Co-ordinating Council and now runs his own planning consultancy business.



Helen Martin

Helen Martin was Chair of the Gippsland Coastal Board and member of the Victorian Coastal Council until her appointed term ended on 30 June 2012. Helen brought extensive experience in strategic planning for rural and regional areas, with a particular focus on coastal planning and integration of planning for private and public land. Helen is a sessional member of Planning Panels Victoria and an alternate member of the Heritage Council of Victoria. She was a member of the former Victorian Government's Ministerial Reference Council for Climate Change Adaptation from 2008 to 2011. Helen runs a small consultancy based in East Gippsland.



Sue Mudford

Sue Mudford was Acting Chair of the Western Coastal Board and member of the Victorian Coastal Council until her appointed term ended on 30 June 2012. Sue brought professional experience in risk management, governance, community engagement, facilitation, regional development, biodiversity and



conservation. She is actively involved in Landcare and conservation activities and is Regional Manager for the Glenelg Hopkins area for Trust for Nature.

Jennifer Wolcott

(1 July 2011 – 1 October 2011) Jennifer Wolcott represented Parks Victoria on the Victorian Coastal Council until 1 October 2011, following her resignation from the position of General Manager Corporate Strategy & Services at Parks Victoria. Jennifer held senior positions in a range of natural resource and environmental agencies including as Director of Natural Resources Policy at the Department of Primary Industries, Director of Policy at the Environment Protection Authority, and Manager of Environmental Policy at the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Jennifer has significant experience in developing policy and strategy for natural resource and environmental issues, including developing legislation and regulatory instruments as well as community engagement and change programs.



3.2 VCC Meetings

Seven VCC business meetings were held during the 2011/12 financial year, these were:

- 18 August 2011
- 14 March 2012
- 20 October 2011
- 17 May 2012
- 17 November 2011
- 21 June 2012
- 16 February 2012

Member attendance at the VCC's seven business meetings throughout 2011/12 is as follows:

Member	Attendance
Jon Hickman (Chair from 24 April 2012)	2
Libby Mears (Chair until 31 January 2012)	3
Matt Boland	7
Janet Bolitho (Interim Chair from 1 February – 23 April 2012)	6
Vivienne Clare	6
Rob Gell	6
Liz Johnstone	7
Michael Keough	5
Helen Martin	6
Sue Mudford	7
Jennifer Wolcott	0
Leigh Phillips	7

3.3 Committees

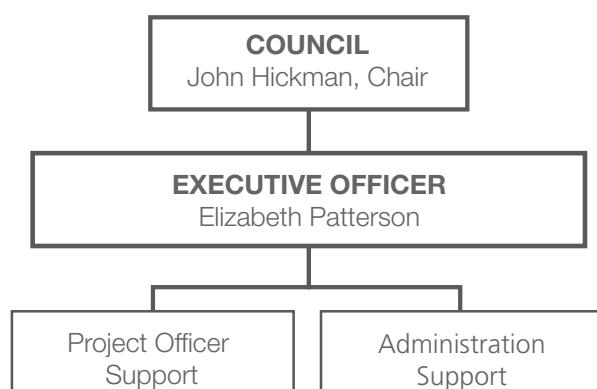
In the reporting period the VCC had four operational committees. Table 1 outlines the committee membership, focus and number of meetings for the reporting period.

Table 1: Committees for 2011/12

Committee	Focus and Membership	Meetings
Community Engagement and Advocacy Committee	To develop a strategic approach to communication and marketing activities undertaken by Council Members: Leigh Phillips (Chair), Rob Gell, Vivienne Clare and Matt Boland	8
Planning and Development Committee	Advise Council on opportunities to improve coastal and marine planning and management Members: Matt Boland (Chair), Helen Martin, Leigh Phillips, Liz Johnstone and Janet Bolitho	7
Science and Environment Committee	Provide advice and expertise on programs, Marine Forums, VCC Science Panel, Natural Resource Management and marine policies Members: Mick Keough (Chair), Rob Gell and Sue Mudford	6
Strategic Relationships Committee	To develop a strategic approach to engagement and relationship with key stakeholders. Provide high level strategic directions and messages for Council Members: Libby Mears (Chair), Jon Hickman (Chair), Matt Boland, Janet Bolitho and Leigh Phillips	6

3.4 VCC Operational Chart

Figure 2: VCC Operational Chart



3.5 General Business Activities

Council business activities involve undertaking specific projects; engaging with stakeholders and partners through forums, working groups, meetings; providing submissions on key policy documents and guidelines; presenting at conferences and workshops; advising and meeting with the Minister; and staging award events. In addition to the highlights in Section 2, a snapshot of the activities undertaken by the VCC is set out below.

3.5.1 VCC Business Plan

VCC continued to progress tasks identified in its 2011–13 Business Plan over the period. Key actions delivered over the period included the following:

VCC Business Plan 2011–2013	
Number	Action
1.2	Promote and profile Victorian Coastal Council activities and outcomes.
1.4	Recognise and reward the efforts of groups whose practical actions protect Victorian coastal environments.
1.6	Identify and support the inclusion of socio-economic and bio-physical factors in DSE asset-based approaches to coastal and marine management.
2.1	Understand and raise awareness of current Government and private sector programs for adaptation to climate change on the coast.
2.3	Promote awareness and application of the latest science to identify the impacts of climate change to coastal areas.
3.1	Undertake a mid-term review of the <i>Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008</i> with lead government agencies.
3.2	Assess tools for coastal planning in collaboration with Regional Coastal Boards and support the development and review of Coastal Action Plans.
4.1	Undertake key projects and engagement opportunities to develop the evidence to inform the next <i>Victorian Coastal Strategy</i> . Projects to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Community Attitudes Research on the coastal and marine environment. d) Re-convene the Victorian Coastal Council Science Panel and produce a report on emerging scientific issues. e) Engage with local governments along the coast to understand their coastal issues and support local decision-making.
4.2	Monitor and report to Government on issues affecting the coast.

3.5.2 Business through Committees

A large amount of the activities and business of the VCC occurs through its committees. The following section provides an overview of key business activities completed by committees in the reporting period.

Community Engagement and Advocacy Committee

The Community Engagement and Advocacy Committee (CEA Committee) was responsible for all of the practical activities associated with the staging of the thirteenth Victorian Coastal Awards, providing oversight for the nomination and judging process and liaising with the event management team.

The CEA Committee oversaw the completion and communication of the Coastal and Marine Environment Community Attitudes and Behaviours (Wave Four) report. The report was published on the VCC website in March 2012, accompanied by a media release and a short video explaining the key findings.

Options for the use of social media were explored by the CEA Committee and by June 2012 the VCC had established a Twitter and YouTube account. The Committee oversaw the redevelopment of the VCC website, which went live in April 2012. The refreshed website provides a modern framework for effective promotion of the VCC, communication of its activities and links to resources and social media.

Planning and Development Committee

The Planning and Development Committee (the P&D Committee) serves as the VCC's key liaison with the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD), and with specific program and policy areas within the DSE (e.g. the Future Coasts Program). Over the reporting period, the P&D Committee was briefed by departmental and agency representatives on a number of coastal planning issues.

The P&D Committee continued to maintain a register of key coastal planning activities, and decisions from Victorian

Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) and Planning Panels Victoria. This register is used to monitor the interpretation of planning policies contained within the Strategy and was one of the key inputs into the mid-term review of the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008*.

The P&D Committee also coordinated the RCBs review of 15 Coastal Action Plans (CAPs) which were older than five years. A summary document was reported to the Minister on 12 January 2012. The summary included observations about implementation, outcomes, and unforeseen impacts and issues that arose over the lifespan of the CAPs.

Science and Environment Committee

The most significant activity for the reporting period was the public launch of the Victorian Coastal Council Science Panel report *Emerging Scientific Issues for the Victorian Coast 2011 Update* (the Science Panel Report). The Science Panel comprises a group of 40+ prominent scientists who as a collective, bring together the breadth of scientific disciplines needed for a "whole of coast" perspective. The Science Panel Report provides advice to the VCC on emerging issues and knowledge gaps relevant to Victoria's coastal and marine environments. The Science Panel Report recognised the critical role that independent and credible scientific advice has in informing evidence-based policy, particularly in the mid to long term.

The VCC used the Science Panel's Report and advice as an input into the Mid-term Review and will continue to refer to the document in developing the next iteration of the Strategy. The launch of the Science Panel Report took place in Melbourne on 27 October 2011.

Other activities undertaken by the Science and Environment Committee in the reporting period included hosting a meeting of Science Panel members in February 2012, and undertaking preliminary research on the current capacity for coastal and marine science in Victoria.

Strategic Relationships Committee

Key to the success of the VCC and implementation of the Strategy, are the relationships it maintains with stakeholders. The Strategic Relationships Committee provides advice to the VCC on developing key messages, cultivating positive working relationships and overseeing major projects. In 2011/12 the Committee was responsible for overseeing the Mid-term Review. The Committee provided direction on the consultation program, approved the final report and endorsed the communication strategy for the report. The final report *Mid-term Review of the*

Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008 was presented to the Minister in June 2012.

3.5.3 Submissions

- VEAC Marine Investigation proposed terms of reference, 22 August 2011
- Victorian Planning System Ministerial Advisory Committee, 31 August 2011
- Department of Sustainability and Environment draft Victorian Coastal Hazard Guide, 7 December 2012
- Productivity Commission Barriers to Effective Climate Change Adaptation, 11 January 2012

3.5.4 Presentations

Presentations given by VCC members and staff on VCC business and the *Victorian Coastal Strategy*

Presentation to:	Topic	Location	Date
The Hon Ryan Smith MP, Minister for Environment and Climate Change	Key finding from community attitudes survey	Melbourne	29 September 2011
DSE Coastal Planners Forum	Update on activities from the VCC Business Plan	Traralgon	12 October 2011
Invited guests	Launch of Science Panel report	Melbourne	27 October 2011
Building and design industry stakeholders	Improving the Building and Design category of the Coastal Awards	Melbourne	3 November 2011
The Hon Ryan Smith MP, Minister for Environment and Climate Change	Victorian Coastal Planning and Management Framework	Melbourne	3 November 2011
Induction of new CMA members	VCC and coastal governance structure	Melbourne	9 December 2011
Regional Coastal Board members	Update on activities from the VCC Business Plan	Melbourne	16 December 2011
Postgraduate students and teachers from Georgia University, USA	Victorian coastal management	Melbourne	19 January 2012
Sea Change Taskforce Coastal Council Conference	Planning for climate change	Hobart	5 March 2012
DSE Coastal Planners Forum	Digital story on community attitudes survey	Cowes	20 June 2012

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Presentations received at VCC Meetings:

Presenter:	Topic	Date
Jennifer Brook and Daniel Pole, Ipsos-Eureka Social Research Institute	Key findings from the Coastal and Marine Environment Community Attitudes and Behaviours (Wave Four) report	18 August 2011
Caroline Douglass, Public Land Division, DSE	Minister's Statement of Expectations – draft	18 August 2011
Dr Michaela Dommissie, Worley Parsons	Marine and Coastal Assets of the Gippsland Coast	20 October 2011
Nicola Waldron and Megan Liddicoat, Public Land Division, DSE	DSE Natural Coastal Assets Project	20 October 2011
Ben White, Natural Resources Division, DSE	Regional Catchment Strategies	20 October 2011
Saravan Peacock and Nick Wynn, Future Coasts, DSE	Update on Coastal Hazard Guide	17 November 2011
John Phillips, Planning, Building and Heritage Division, DPCD	Regional Growth Plans	17 November 2011
Don Hough, Office of the Environmental Monitor, DSE	Water quality in Port Phillip Bay	16 February 2012
Dr Peter Appleford, Land and Fire Group, DSE	DSE coastal management review	21 June 2012
Nick Wimbush, Planning Panels Victoria, DPCD	Coastal Climate Change Advisory Committee report	21 June 2012
Saravan Peacock, Adaptation Programs, DSE	Release of Future Coasts climate change products	21 June 2012

Presentations received by VCC on the Central Coastal Region study tour:

Sonia Rappell, City of Casey	Local coastal management issues in Casey council	14 March 2012
Doug Miller, Future Coasts, DSE	Western Port Local Hazard Assessment	14 March 2012
Stefan Borzecki, Yaringa Boat Harbour	Yaringa Harbour Proposal	14 March 2012
Graeme Davis, Parks Victoria	Yaringa Marine National Park	14 March 2012
Victoria Purdue, DSE	Yaringa Harbour Development	14 March 2012
Prof. Mick Keough, VCC member	Westernport Research Project	14 March 2012
Kate Nagato, Melbourne Water	Better Bays and Waterways Progress Report	14 March 2012
David Buntine, Port Phillip and Westernport CMA	Regional Catchment Strategy 2012	14 March 2012
Allan Cowley, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	Local coastal management issues in Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	14 March 2012
Cecelia Witton	Western Port Biosphere Project	14 March 2012
Annette Hatten, CCB	Waterbirds of Western Port	14 March 2012
Jeff Weir, Dolphin Research Institute	Environmental Education	14 March 2012
Sandra Johnson, Port of Hastings	Port of Hastings development	14 March 2012
Liz Johnstone, Municipal Association of Victoria	Port Phillip Bay Pathways Project	14 March 2012
Greg Hunt, SECCCA	Western Port Pathways Project	14 March 2012
Cr Frank Martin (Mayor), Dr Michael Kennedy (CEO), Cr Anne Shaw, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	Local coastal management issues in Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	14 March 2012
Rob Gell, member VCC	Erosion on the open coast	15 March 2012
Jill Garvey and Mike Behnke, DSE	Public foreshore management issues in Port Phillip Bay	15 March 2012

3.5.5 Media Releases

- Victorian Coastal Council launches latest coastal science, 27 October 2011
- Victorian Coastal Awards 2012: Nominate champions of your coast, 22 December 2011
- Victorian Coastal Awards 2012: Celebrating champions in coastal conservation, 27 April 2012
- Affair revealed: Victorians love the coast, 12 March 2012

3.5.6 Partnerships

The VCC provided financial and in-kind support to Coastcare Victoria.

3.5.7 Conference Attendances

- Saltwater Wedge: Marine and Coastal Interactive Forum, 19–20 July, 2011, Paynesville
- Coastcare Victoria Forum, 19 August 2011, Williamstown
- Climate Change Adaptation National Congress, 13–14 October 2011, Melbourne
- VPELA Seminar: An evening with Minister Matthew Guy, 15 February 2012 Melbourne
- Australian Coastal Councils Conference, 5–7 March 2012, Hobart
- Property Council of Australia Sustainable Development Conference, 13 June 2012, Melbourne

4 Implementation of the Coastal Management Act 1995

The following section outlines the activities undertaken through, the Victorian Coastal Strategy Implementation Coordination Committee, the Regional Coastal Boards and the Department of Sustainability and Environment's coastal consent process over the period, to implement the objectives of the *Coastal Management Act 1995*.

Objectives of the Coastal Management Act 1995

- (a) To plan for and manage the use of Victoria's coastal resources on a sustainable basis for recreation, conservation, tourism, commerce and similar uses in appropriate areas;
- (b) To protect and maintain areas of environmental significance on the coast including its ecological, geomorphological, geological, cultural and landscape features;
- (c) To facilitate the development of a range of facilities for improved recreation and tourism;
- (d) To maintain and improve coastal water quality;
- (e) To improve public awareness and understanding of the coast and to involve the public in coastal planning and management.

4.1 Victorian Coastal Strategy

The *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008* (VCS) is established under the *Coastal Management Act 1995*, and is the third VCS to be produced since 1997 – they are reviewed every five years.

The Strategy is the State Government's policy commitment for coastal, estuarine and marine environments in Victoria. It provides a long-term vision for the planning, management and sustainable use of our coast, and the policies and actions Victorians will need to implement over the next five years to help achieve that vision.

It is also a framework to assist in the development and implementation of other locally and regionally specific strategies and plans such as management plans, Coastal Action Plans, and planning schemes.

4.2 Victorian Coastal Strategy Implementation Plan

The development of a whole of government implementation plan was a key action commitment of the Strategy, and has assisted in getting government and non-government partners together to examine the most effective ways of supporting the delivery of the actions in the Strategy.

The Secretary of the Department of Sustainability and Environment established an implementation co-ordinating committee with an independent Chair. Membership includes representatives of all departments and agencies that have been identified as having lead responsibilities for implementation of Strategy actions. It provides a whole-of-government approach to the Strategy.

The *Victorian Coastal Strategy Implementation Plan* identifies the approach to delivering actions and focuses on the three significant issues identified in the Strategy: climate change, population and growth, and the marine environment. It represents a working document that enables the VCC and agencies to

monitor progress with implementation of the Strategy throughout its life. The implementation coordinating committee found that by 30 June 2012, 85% of the actions in the Strategy have been completed, in progress or ongoing, with the remainder in the planning phase. The VCC used the implementation plan as a resource to inform the mid-term review of the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008* in 2011–2012. It will also use the document to inform the preparation of a new Strategy in 2013.

4.3 Mid-Term Review of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008

One action of the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008* is a mid-term review on progress of implementation of the Strategy. The VCC is the lead agent responsible for undertaking the mid-term review of the Strategy.

The mid-term review has four aspects:

- progress on implementation of the actions in the Strategy
- stakeholder feedback on the interpretation and implementation of the policies within the Strategy
- priority actions for implementation during the remaining life of the current Strategy, and
- emerging issues to be addressed in the process of scoping the next Strategy (to be produced in 2013).

4.4 Coastal Action Plans (CAPs)

CAPs are developed in accordance with the *Coastal Management Act 1995*. They provide strategic direction for the future management of an area of coast by identifying necessary priorities, actions and outcomes. CAPs also enable the principles and priorities identified in the Strategy to be further developed and applied at a regional scale.

There were 12 approved CAPs that were current during the 2011–12 year. A further four CAPs require, or are presently undergoing, review. The status of these plans is outlined in Table 2.

Table 2: Coastal Action Plan Status

Region	CAP title	Status
WCB	South West Victoria Regional CAP 2002	Implementation. Review completed.
WCB	Central West Victoria Regional CAP 2002	Implementation. Review completed.
WCB	South West Victoria Estuaries CAP 2002	Implementation. Review completed.
WCB	Central West Victoria Estuaries CAP 2005	Implementation. Review completed.
WCB	Lorne CAP 1998	Implementation. Review completed.
WCB	Anglesea CAP 1999	Implementation. Review completed.
WCB	Warrnambool CAP 1999	Implementation. Review completed.
WCB	Moyne CAP 2001	Implementation. Review completed.
WCB	Skenes Creek to Marengo CAP 2002	Implementation. Review completed.
WCB	Glenelg CAP 2004	Implementation. Review completed.
WCB	Boating CAP 2010	Implementation.
CCB	Boating CAP (2007)	Currently being updated. Expected completion 2012/13.
CCB	Mount Eliza to Point Nepean CAP (2005)	Implementation. Review completed
CCB	Corio Bay CAP (2005)	Implementation. Review completed
GCB	Gippsland Lakes CAP (1999)	Implementation. Review completed.
GCB	Gippsland Boating CAP (2002)	Currently being updated. Expected completion 2012/13.
GCB	Integrated Coastal Planning for Gippsland CAP (2002)	Scoping for new plan commenced.
GCB	Estuaries CAP (2006)	Due for review.

4.4.1 Western Region

Statutory Review of Coastal Action Plans

The WCB released its statutory review of 10 CAPs in the region (the CAP Review) in June 2012. It was made available on the WCB's website and distributed to key stakeholder organisations with lead agent responsibilities for implementing CAP actions. The CAP Review followed extensive stakeholder consultation in 2009 and 2010 regarding the implementation of CAPs and the status of CAP actions.

Key findings of the CAP Review include:

- CAPs have been very successful and have provided an important process for planning and implementation to deliver ICZM. This is evidenced by 82% of all CAP actions being completed, underway or incorporated into core business for lead agents.
- CAPs provide a valuable mechanism for collaboration and planning across public and private land with the many agencies, authorities and landholders responsible for coastal zone management. Despite perceptions that the currency and content of the early CAPs has been superseded by the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008* and other strategic regional plans, many strategic directions remain highly relevant.
- WCB recommendation that a process to revise Regional CAPs commence as

soon as possible to deliver the outcomes sought by regional stakeholders, the community and the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008*. This is expected to require extensive community consultation. Until the proposed revision occurs, it will be important to note that the existing CAPs remain effective.

Draft CAP Scoping Issues Paper

A key recommendation arising from the CAP Review was the need for a dedicated scoping and revision process for CAPs that address key issues of the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008*. The WCB believes there is a clear need for two sub-regional CAPs in recognition of the different demographics, economies and environments of the western coastal region that exist generally either side of Cape Otway. To progress this recommendation, the WCB refined a Draft CAP Scoping Issues Paper to provide a basis on which to establish a scoping exercise for future CAPs.

Western Victoria Boating Coastal Action Plan

The Western Victoria Boating Coastal Action Plan (WVBCAP) provides a strategic framework for the provision of safe and sustainable boating facilities for the region. An Implementation Committee and Reference Group were established to facilitate implementation of the WVBCAP and establish a process to develop an Implementation Plan.

The WVBCAP provided key strategic justification for improvements and investigations at Warrnambool, Portland, Torquay, Apollo Bay and Port Fairy during the year. It was not included in the review of CAPs due to its recent gazettal.

4.4.2 Central Region

Boating Coastal Action Plan 2007 (currently being updated)

The central region Boating Coastal Action Plan (BCAP) released in 2007 provides strategic guidance across Government for the planning, management and investment in a recreational boating facility network. It covers over 175 recreational boating facilities and details their services and role as part of the region's boating network.

The CCB was successful in securing funding from the Department of Transport to assist in the update of the Boating CAP and ensure the plan's relevance and currency for another five years. The project involves four main stages: (i) Project Initiation, (ii) Background Information Update, (iii) Community Consultation and (iv) Draft Boating CAP (includes public exhibition, review and approvals).

A consultant has been engaged to assist the CCB with updating the Boating Service Levels Index, preparation of a market and demand report, community consultation workshops and preparing the draft report. A CCB working group will assist decision-making and a project Steering Committee which includes wide representation from local government, state agencies and key stakeholders will be the key referral group for the project. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the 2012/13 financial year.

Mt Eliza to Point Nepean CAP 2005

This CAP addresses the challenges of managing high resource, recreation and tourism demands along the Port Phillip Bay segment of the Mornington Peninsula. The CAP review completed this year showed there was support for the CAP and interest in revising it. This will require extending the scope of the CAP to include consideration of the significant coastal issues identified in the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008*, as well as the most recent climate change information for the region. How to better align the CAP with other strategic projects in the region will also need to be determined.

Corio Bay CAP 2005

The CAP provides for sub-regional planning for the coastal areas around Corio Bay through a strategic action plan and series of 12 precinct plans. The completed CAP review showed there was support to retain the CAP as it provides a strategic planning framework. Similar to the Mt Eliza to Pt Nepean CAP, some broader issues need to be resolved prior to scoping a revised CAP. They include how to include climate change impacts and the outputs of the Third Pass Local Hazard Assessment in the CAP and how to better align it with the other strategic projects in the region.

Both CAP review reports emphasised the need for greater commitment to implementing high priority actions and for promoting implementation of the CAPs through regular meetings of the Implementation Committees.

4.4.3 Gippsland Region

Gippsland Boating Coastal Action Plan (2002)

The Gippsland Boating CAP approved in 2002 has now been reviewed. A project control group was formed from stakeholder agencies. In mid-2010 the group selected a service provider (Ainley Projects) who continued to work on the plan for the Board until 2012.

The review of the 2002 Boating CAP is complete and a revised Gippsland Boating CAP has been developed and exhibited, as required by the *Coastal Management Act 1995*. The exhibition process was quite a success as the Board received a record 298 submissions on the draft plan.

An additional set of workshops were promptly organised by the Board both to extend the outreach exercise and understand community views. These workshops, additional steering committee meetings, and further consultation with interest groups have informed a final version of the Boating CAP for the Board's approval. The CAP will now be forwarded to the VCC and then the Minister for the final approval.

Gippsland Lakes & Integrated Coastal Planning for Gippsland Coastal Action Plans

The GCB has commissioned scoping work for the first stages of a new CAP that will carry forward the appropriate themes of the Gippsland Lakes and Integrated Coastal Planning CAPs. It will also help regional application of the Victorian Coastal Strategy, integrate recent and relevant research into the plan- and incorporate key stakeholder feedback.

Gippsland Estuaries Coastal Action Plan (2006)

The Gippsland Estuaries Plan 2006 is a strategic framework to guide planning and management decisions that affect Gippsland's estuaries. It aims to lift the quality, consistency and efficiency of decision-making. The CAP identifies

themes and links them to specific management actions for individual estuarine areas. This CAP is now due for review and some preliminary work has taken place in order to finalise this review in 2012–13.

4.5 Coastal Management Act Consents

Pursuant to Section 37 of the *Coastal Management Act 1995*, any use or development of coastal Crown land must be approved, in writing, by the Minister. In the 2011–12 reporting year, 278 applications for the use and/or development of coastal Crown land were approved by delegates of the Minister for Environment and Climate Change. The total value of applications approved was \$323,498,732.

Figure 3: Number & type of Coastal Management Act consents issued for each region

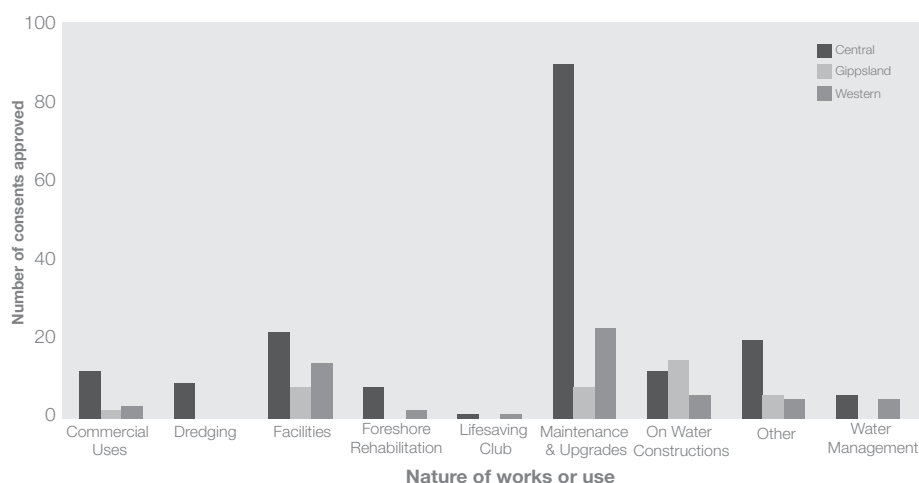
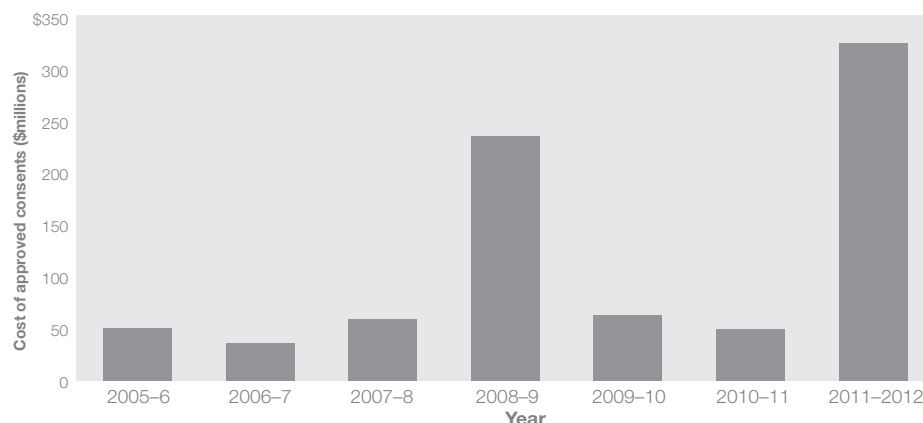


Figure 4: Comparison of the value of Coastal Management Act consents issued since 2005



4.6 Regional Coastal Board Activities

Highlights of Regional Coastal Board business activities that contribute to implementing the *Coastal Management Act 1995* include:

4.6.1 Western Coastal Board (WCB)

Victoria's western coastal region covers some 476km of open coastline and includes a variety of locations, land uses and landscape types. It extends from near Breamlea in the east to the South Australian border and includes the six municipalities of Surf Coast Shire, Colac Otway Shire, Corangamite Shire, Moyne Shire, Warrnambool City and the Glenelg Hopkins Shire. It also includes the entire Glenelg Hopkins catchment region and the majority of the Corangamite catchment region.

A Value and Equity Framework for Climate Adaptation: Caravan and Camping Parks (CCPs) Case Study Project

The WCB made significant progress on this research project to help coastal caravan park managers make more informed decisions to better manage the social and economic issues that may arise when planning for climate adaptation. The Victorian Coastal Strategy's Hierarchy of Principles highlights the need to consider the environmental, social and economic implications of decisions, and to understand the value of coastal resources before decisions are made.

The CCPs Project is investigating the social and economic values of CCPs and the adjacent coast in the context of climate change, and developing a decision support pathway to ensure the effective incorporation of these values into decision making for adaptation. The project is one of 13 nationally funded projects, with funding from the Commonwealth Government and regional partners.

Strategic and Statutory Planning

The WCB participated in a range of planning matters to advocate for the implementation of the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008* and CAPs such as:

- Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Inquiry
- VEAC Marine Investigation
- G21 Regional Growth Plan
- Glenelg Shire Sustainable Settlements Strategy
- Amendment C30 in the Corangamite Planning Scheme
- Moyne Environmental Sustainability Strategy
- Warrnambool Safer Boating & Harbour Facility Study

Participation and Partnerships

The WCB values its strong regional relationships and worked through the following key processes to build regional approaches to coastal issues:

- Conducting regional meetings with local government and communities at Apollo Bay and Port Fairy.
- Hosting the Western Coastal Partnerships Group with the Corangamite and Glenelg Hopkins

CMAAs, and participating on the Glenelg Hopkins Coastal and Marine Working Group.

- Conducting briefings for the Minister's Office and both Lower and Upper House Members of Parliament.
- Member of the Corangamite RCS Project Partners Group.
- Conducting a shared session with coastal CoMs and DSE to consider strategic issues and alignment of Coastal Management Plans and CAPs.
- Membership of the Port Fairy Working Group.
- Membership of the G21 Environment Pillar and Great South Coast Natural Assets Pillar.
- Participating on the Coastal Governance Working Group with VCC, RCBs and DSE.

For further information refer to the Board's website www.wcb.vic.gov.au

4.6.2 Central Coastal Board (CCB)

The central region of the Victorian coast spans 500 kilometres from Breamlea to Inverloch and includes 13 local government municipalities. It is a highly urbanised region, with Melbourne and Geelong having a combined population of over 4 million.

Port Phillip Bay Coastal Adaptation Pathways Project

The Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency funded Port Phillip Bay Coastal Adaptation Pathways Project has been a focus this year working with the Municipal Association of Victoria, Association of Bayside Municipalities, four councils and state government departments and agencies. The project considers inundation risks from sea level rise and increases in extreme rainfall and uses cost benefit analysis as a tool to assist in making decisions between various adaptation and protection options and when they are best applied. It uses five case studies to assess a range of scenarios for future planning responses and develops a stepped coastal adaptation pathway for state and local government and communities which will be replicable to other areas and of value to all Port Phillip Bay councils.



Updating the Central Region Boating Coastal Action Plan

The Central Region Boating Coastal Action Plan covers over 175 recreational boating facilities, their services and role within the boating network. The CCB commenced an update of the CAP this year that will include extensive consultation with members of the community, interest groups and all land managers and provide a public exhibition period for stakeholders to comment on the draft CAP. The Boating CAP has proven to be well used and is well regarded. It is important to ensure its currency is maintained.

Mt Eliza to Pt Nepean CAP and Corio Bay CAP Reviews

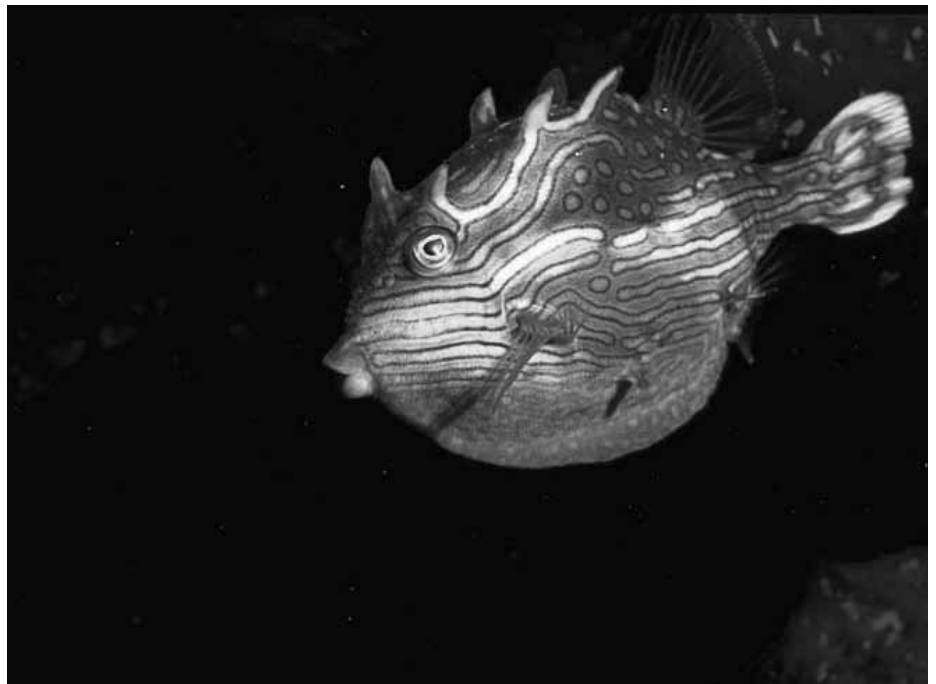
The outcomes of the Mt Eliza to Pt Nepean and Corio Bay Coastal Action Plan (CAP) reviews have shown stakeholders believe CAPs are a useful planning and engagement tool. How the CCB continues to strengthen the use of CAPs in the future and address the resource needs for their implementation remain a challenge. The key focus for updating the existing CAPs will be ensuring they take into consideration the significant coastal issues identified in the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008* and the most recent climate change information for a region as well as aligning them with other strategic projects.

Completion of the Western Port Welcomes Waterbirds Project

This two year Caring for our Country sponsored project has improved understanding of waterbird population dynamics and habitat use in Western Port. It addresses disturbance by people as a key threat to waterbirds. The Board worked extensively with local communities and land managers to develop on-ground solutions and interpretative products to help protect waterbirds. The project requirements have now been met but monitoring and management is ongoing.

Central Coastal Board's 100th Meeting

On Thursday 16 February 2012 the CCB had its centennial meeting. The milestone presented an opportunity to re-engage with a small group of long-standing stakeholders and key partners and explore opportunities for the CCB looking into the future. The CCB will gain new Board members in the 2012–13 financial year as the current Board comes to the end of its three-year term.



Coastal and marine assets for Regional Catchment Strategies

CCB members have assisted Catchment Management Authorities and the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) to improve the approach to coastal and marine assets developed in the Regional Catchment Strategies. More work is clearly needed and on-going cooperation amongst management agencies and authorities.

CCB E-news

This year the CCB launched its E-news format for the About the Bays newsletter which goes out to over 500 people.

VCC Tour of the Central Region

This year the CCB hosted the Victorian Coastal Council's (VCC) visit to selected sites around Western Port and Port Phillip Bay. This was a welcome opportunity for local coastal planners and managers to discuss coastal erosion and protection works, coastal hazard assessment and development proposals directly with VCC members.

Responses to Planning Approvals

The CCB wrote to the City of Port Phillip regarding the redevelopment of St Kilda Harbour one of the most used and iconic facilities in Port Phillip Bay. The current proposal addresses aging infrastructure and long standing needs however, it should consider the needs of multiple user groups. The CCB supports keeping investment options open to cover general community use of the facility.

Submissions

During the year the CCB made submissions to the VCC on the Coastal Action Plan (CAP) Guidelines and the Mid-term Review of the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008*. The CCB made a submission to DSE Water Division on the Victorian Strategy for Healthy Rivers, Estuaries and Wetlands (VSHREW). In addition, the CCB provided specific comments on the North Bellarine Foreshore Coastal Management Plan and Master Plan.

For further information refer to the Board's website www.ccb.vic.gov.au

4.6.3 Gippsland Coastal Board (GCB)

Gippsland's coast extends approximately 700 kilometres, from Anderson Inlet near Inverloch to the New South Wales border. Its landscapes include Wilsons Promontory, Corner Inlet, the Ninety Mile Beach, the Gippsland Lakes and the Croajingolong coast. It covers a number of Victoria's marine national parks and sanctuaries, as well as extensive terrestrial national parks, coastal parks and coastal and lakeshore reserves. The hinterland ranges from forests, coastal woodlands and heathlands in the east and south, through farmland and larger townships further to the west.

Gippsland Coastal and Marine Assets Framework

The West and East Gippsland Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) provided funding for a project to establish a framework for identifying, valuing and prioritising coastal and marine assets within Gippsland. The Gippsland Coastal Board acted as project manager, in partnership with the two CMAs, to lead the state in undertaking this work in preparation for the new regional catchment strategies (RCS) as well as for future CAPs. The work included a knowledge gathering exercise and an asset classification and identification process.

The groundbreaking work on the assets framework was completed in August 2011. It has been, and will continue to be, critical in informing priorities for integrated coastal, marine and catchment management in our region.

Saltwater Wedge Forum: Marine and Coastal Interactive Forum

The Gippsland Coastal Board convened a forum over two days at the Paynesville Motor Cruiser Club, Paynesville in July 2011. The forum covered a number of topics and a Q&A panel was also held at the end of the second day. Topics of discussion including:

- Victorian State of the Environment reporting
- Marine habitat issues and research
- Environmental flows, inflows, algae interactions in the Gippsland Lakes
- Coastal subsidence monitoring
- Corner Inlet projects
- Environmental/statutory planning issues across the region.

The forum was open to agency staff, professionals, local government and interested members of the public. Sponsorship of the forum from regional partners provided several community members the opportunity to attend the forum for free. The feedback received from the forum demonstrated an overall positive outcome.

Submissions and Planning Input

The GCB provided commentary and assessments on planning scheme amendments and proposed coastal developments where appropriate. For example, in 2012 the Board provided encouragement and support for Wellington Shire's Planning Scheme Amendment No C71 on the Ninety Mile Beach subdivisions.

In 2011 a major development in Paynesville, at 10 Fullarton Drive, resulted in the Board voting to become a party to VCAT proceedings on the matter and to join the East Gippsland Shire Council, among others, in seeking a review of an 82 lot subdivision. The review concluded in favour of the Shire and the Board in this financial year and a new application is now being considered which addresses some of the issues raised by the Board.

The Gippsland Coastal Board actively participated in a variety of coastal stakeholder meetings and events and maintains a website providing strategic documents and other coastal information for the general public. Press releases that regularly update the community on the GCB's activities and projects are also posted on the web site and sent to the local newspapers. In addition, the Chair has been regularly interviewed on the ABC radio on a variety of coastal issues and projects such as the Boating CAP.

The GCB made submissions on a number of government documents including the:

- Parliamentary inquiry into flood mitigation infrastructure in Victoria (submission and testimony)
- Draft Gippsland Sustainable Water Strategy
- Productivity Commission's inquiry on Barriers to Effective Climate Change Adaptation
- Inquiry into greenfields mineral exploration and project development in Victoria;
- Draft Mallacoota Foreshore Park Masterplan
- East Gippsland CMA draft Regional Catchment Strategy
- VCC Science Panel
- Mid-term review of the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008*

Working with Stakeholders

The GCB has continued to work with allied agencies and stakeholders to contribute support for a range of projects that benefit the management and quality of the coastal and marine environment. Examples of this work include:

- Active membership and participation on the Gippsland Lakes Task Force, the Coastal Agencies' Liaison Group and the Corner Inlet Steering Committee;
- Providing various presentations to community groups, local members of Parliament, and government agencies about strategic coastal planning matters;
- Participation in the Gippsland Lakes working group, Local Coastal Climate Change Assessment working group and the Lakes Entrance Inundation Steering Committee;
- Regular meetings with the Chairs and Executive Officers of the other Regional Coastal Boards and the Victorian Coastal Council;
- Representation on the Executive of the Gippsland Integrated Natural Resources Forum (GINRF);
- Active member of East and Central Gippsland Blue-Green Algae Regional Response Group (DSE coordinated) during 2011–12 algal bloom;
- Board visits to far east Gippsland in April 2012, including briefings on relevant projects being carried out by stakeholder agencies, such as Parks Victoria and East Gippsland Shire Council;
- Partnering an Australian Research Council (ARC) linkage grant project group headed by Melbourne University researchers. The project title is 'Equitable Local Outcomes in Adaptation to Sea Level Rise'. Four Gippsland coastal communities are being studied for this project.

For further information refer to the Board's website www.gcb.vic.gov.au

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5.2 Workforce Data

Staff: Number by employment status for the majority of the year (full time equivalent)*

Employment Type	2011–2012			2010–2011		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Ongoing	0.8	0	0.8	0	1	1
Fixed Term	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary Employees	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.3	0.9	1.2
Total	1.4	0.5	1.9	0.3	1.9	2.2

* VCC's ongoing staff are also included in employment statistics for the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

5.3 Statement of Pecuniary Interests

All members of Council and the Executive Officer have completed declarations of pecuniary interests for the current reporting period including details of shares held by members.

Declarations of pecuniary interest in relation to agenda items are sought at the commencement of any business meeting and noted in the minutes of the meeting.

5.4 Consultancies over \$10,000

During 2011/12 the Council engaged the following consultancies to complete work valued at over \$10,000.

- Margot H Harrison for professional services in co-ordinating the 13th Victorian Coastal Awards in April 2012 for a total cost of \$13,529.50 (GST included).
- The Pod Video and Multimedia Productions for staging and production of the Victorian Coastal Awards in April 2012 for a total cost of \$19,074.00 (GST included).
- Leading Edge Creative for redevelopment of VCC website \$18,810.00 (GST included).
- Ipsos Eureka Social Research Institute final payment for delivery of the fourth wave of community attitudes research \$29,023.50 (GST included)

In addition, the University of Melbourne has been contracted to deliver a report (with the majority of work being undertaken in June 2012) on coastal erosion in 2012/13 at a total cost of \$15,000 (GST included).

5.5 Consultancies under \$10,000

In 2011/12 the Council engaged three consultancies to deliver work under \$10,000. Total cost expended \$12,826 (GST included).

An additional three consultancies have been committed to in 2012/13 at a total cost of \$7,298 (GST included).

5.6 Major Contracts

During 2011/12 Council did not enter into any contracts valued at over \$10 million.

5.7 Publications

Council produced the following publications during the year. Please note that all publications are available on the VCC website www.vcc.vic.gov.au

- *Annual Report 2010/11*
- *Coastal and Marine Environments Community Attitudes and Behaviours: Wave Four – Final Report* (IPSOS, 2011) and 5 minute video story www.youtube.com/VicCoastCouncil
- *Emerging Scientific Issues on Victoria's Coast: 2011 Update*
- *Mid-term Review of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008*
- Media releases

During 2011/12 Council's major promotional activity was the 13th Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence (April 2012).

5.8 National Competition Policy

The Council adheres to the principles of the National Competition Policy (NCP) to ensure that any business competition with private entities takes place in an environment where the Council has no competitive advantages.

5.9 Freedom of Information (FOI)

The *Freedom of Information Act 1982* allows the public a right of access to documents held by the Council. The Council operates in accordance with FOI procedures established through the Department of Sustainability and Environment. Requests must be in writing and a fee of \$24.40 was payable for applications in 2011/12. No FOI requests were made to Council in 2011/12. The VCC has determined that its authorised officer is the Department of Sustainability and Environment's Manager FOI, Privacy and Ombudsman, Ms Kim Reeves.

Contact:

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PO Box 500
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5.10 Employment and Conduct Principles

Victorian Public Service merit and equity principles are applied in the appointment and management of staff. The VCC follows the employment and conduct principles set out in the Public Administration Act 2004.

5.11 Women, Youth and Indigenous Affairs

Council is committed to involving Victoria's community, including women, youth and indigenous Victorians in the management and enjoyment of the coast. The *Victorian Coastal Strategy* identifies actions to implement indigenous cultural outcomes and to improve communications with Aboriginal communities in coastal areas, while Council's business plan includes actions to strengthen community involvement in coastal planning and management. In addition, Council operates in an environment ensuring equity in Council's processes and participation with stakeholders.

5.12 Whistleblowers Protection Act

The *Whistleblowers Protection Act 2001* is designed to protect people who disclose information about serious wrongdoing within the Victorian Public Sector and to provide a framework for the investigation of these matters.

Written guidelines outlining the system of reporting disclosures of improper conduct or detrimental action by the Council or its staff are available on the DSE website: www.dse.vic.gov.au.

The Protected Disclosure Coordinator for the Department of Sustainability and Environment acts as an agent for the Victorian Coastal Council to receive disclosures under the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 2001* and applies departmental procedures in managing disclosures. Disclosures may also be made directly to the Ombudsman.

The contact details for the Protected Disclosure Coordinator and Ombudsman are:

Jennifer Berensen, Manager, Privacy & Ombudsman Liaison
Department of Sustainability and Environment
PO Box 500, East Melbourne Vic 3002.
Telephone: 9637 8697
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Email: jennifer.berensen@dse.vic.gov.au

Victorian Ombudsman
Level 9, 459 Collins Street (North Tower)
Melbourne Victoria 3000
Telephone: 9613 6222
Toll free: 1800 806 314

No disclosures were made during 2011/12.

5.13 Overseas Travel

No overseas travel was conducted in 2011/12.

5.14 Building Act 1993

The Council makes use of buildings and facilities controlled by DSE to perform its functions and does not own or control any buildings.

5.15 Occupational Health and Safety Policy

Refer to the DSE Annual Report. Operations are managed in accordance with DSE procedures and guidelines for occupational health and safety and industrial relations and related issues.



6 Council Expenditure

6.1 Expenditure

The operating budget of the VCC is provided within the budget of the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE). Financial operations of the VCC have not been separately audited. Audited statements are incorporated into the overall financial statements of the DSE Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2012 and it is considered unnecessary for VCC to have a separate audit committee. The table below shows the operating expenditure (excludes salaries and agency staff costs) of the Council for the 2011–12 financial year compared with the 2010–2011 financial year.

6.2 Operating Position

Operations are managed in accordance with DSE procedures and guidelines for expenditure, purchasing and reporting.

6.2.1 Summary of Financial Results of the Year

Expenditure	2010–2011	2011–2012
Council operations (includes all members sitting fees, reimbursements, payroll tax, super contribution, workcover levy, secretariat expenses, training and items such as annual report, consultants and events).	\$166,508 (note: members payroll tax, super contribution and workcover levy were not included in this figure)	\$241,010

6.2.2 Statement of Availability of Other Information

Information relevant to the headings listed in Financial Reporting Direction 22C of the *Financial Management Act* 1994 is held at the VCC's office and is available on request, subject to the *Freedom of Information Act* 1982.

6.2.3 Significant Changes in Financial Position During the Year

There were no significant changes in financial position during the reporting period.

6.2.4 Major Changes or Factors Affecting Performance

There were no major changes or factors affecting performance.

6.2.5 Subsequent Events

There were no events subsequent to the balance date that will affect performance in future years.

6.2.6 Victorian Industry Participation Policy

Departments and public bodies are required to apply VIPP in all tenders over \$3 million in metropolitan Melbourne and \$1 million in regional Victoria. The VCC has not commenced or completed any contract during 2011–2012 which VIPP applied.



7 Disclosure Index

The 2011/2012 Annual Report of the Victorian Coastal Council is prepared in accordance with all relevant Victorian legislation. This index has been prepared to facilitate identification of the Councils compliance with statutory disclosure requirements.

Legislation	Requirement	Page Reference
Ministerial Directions		N/A
Report of Operations – FRD Financial Reporting Direction & SD – Standard Direction		
Accountable Officer's declaration		
SD 4.2(j)	Sign off requirements – Declaration made by a member of the responsible body	2
Charter and purpose		
FRD 22C	Objectives, functions, powers and duties	7
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Governance and organisational structure		
FRD 22C & SD2.2(f)	Organisational structure	10
FRD 22C	Occupational health and safety policy	20
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FRD 29 & 22C	Workforce Data disclosures	19
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FRD 10	Disclosure index	22
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FRD 22C	Details of consultancies in excess of \$10 000	19
FRD 22C	Details of consultancies under \$10 000	19
FRD 12A	Disclosure of major contracts	19
FRD 22C	Application and operation of Freedom of Information Act 1982	19
FRD 22C	Compliance with Building Act 1993	20
FRD 22C	Statement on National Competition Policy	19
FRD 22C	Application and operation of the Whistleblowers Protection Act 2001	20
FRD 24C & 22C	Reporting of office-based environmental impacts	optional
FRD 22C	Statement of availability of other information	21
SD 4.5.5	Risk management compliance attestation	N/A
SD 4.2(g)	General information requirements	Entire document
Legislation		
<i>Building Act 1983</i>		
<i>Coastal Management Act 1995</i>		
<i>Financial Management Act 1994</i>		
<i>Freedom of Information Act 1982</i>		
<i>Whistleblowers Protection Act 2001</i>		
<i>Victorian Industry Participation Policy Act 2003</i>		

8 Appendix

8.1 Other Coastal Plans

Title of Plan	Status	Responsibility
Western		
Water Supply Demand Strategy 2012–2062	Draft (final in preparation)	Barwon Water
Colac and Apollo Bay Car Parking Study	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Apollo Bay Harbour Master Plan	Completed. Now commencing process to amend the Planning Scheme	Colac Otway Shire Council
Apollo Bay Structure Plan – (GORRS Funded)	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Apollo Bay Structure Plan – PSA Implementation C55 (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Barwon South West Regional Trails Master Plan	Complete – Commencing implementation phase	Colac Otway Shire Council on behalf of the Barwon South West Region
GOR Region Landscape Assessment Study – PSA Implementation C55 (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Colac Otway Shire Public Open Space Plan	Completed. Commencing implementation phase.	Colac Otway Shire Council
Colac Otway Shire Rural Living Study	Completed. Have exhibited Planning Scheme Amendment C69 to implement outcomes.	Colac Otway Shire Council
Colac Structure Plan – PSA Implementation C55 (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Wye River/Sep Creek/Kennett River Structure Plan	Complete	Colac Otway Shire Council
Wye River/Sep Creek/Kennett River Structure Plan – PSA Implementation C58 (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Complete	Colac Otway Shire Council
Apollo Bay Settlement Boundary and Urban Design Review	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Corangamite Region Wetland Strategy	Complete	Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CMA)
Corangamite Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Strategy	Complete	Corangamite CMA
Corangamite Native Vegetation Plan	Complete	Corangamite CMA
Corangamite Regional River Health Strategy (2006–2011) and Addendum	Complete	Corangamite CMA
New regional Waterway Strategy for the health of rivers, estuaries and wetlands	Commenced – due for completion by December 2013	Corangamite CMA
New Corangamite Regional Catchment Strategy (RCS)	Underway with draft out for public comment in June/ July 2012.	Corangamite CMA
A Guide to the Management of Native Fish: Victorian Coastal Rivers and Wetlands	Complete	Corangamite CMA on behalf of five coastal CMAs and Melbourne Water
Corangamite Salinity Action Plan	Complete	Corangamite CMA
Corangamite Soil Health Strategy	Complete	Corangamite CMA
Painkalac Creek Environmental Flow Determination	Complete	Corangamite CMA
Revised Anglesea River Estuary Management Plan	Underway to be completed in 2012	Corangamite CMA
Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study – PSA Implementation (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Commenced implementation of the Great Ocean Road Region Landscape Assessment Study 2003 – Corangamite Planning Scheme Amendment C29	Corangamite Shire Council
Curdies River Estuary Management Plan	Completed – October 2008	Corangamite and Moyne Shire Councils
Princetown Urban Design Framework (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed 2004 Princetown Urban Design Framework – Urban Futures Consulting	Corangamite Shire Council
Sturgess Point/Beacon Point Geotechnical Investigation, Port Campbell	To be completed end of July 2011	Department of Sustainability and Environment
Corangamite Fishery Management Plan	Approved–reference group established and implementation commenced.	Department of Primary Industries
Glenelg Hopkins Fishery Management Plan	Completed/Final reference group meeting and actions completed.	Department of Primary Industries
Portland Aquaculture Fisheries Reserves Management Plan	Plan Approved/ No sites allocated to date.	Department of Primary Industries
Port of Portland Marine Services Precinct Development Plan	Draft consultancy brief prepared by DOT for PoPL	Department of Transport – Port of Portland Pty Ltd
Kooyang Sea Country	Complete	Framlingham Aboriginal Trust and Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation
Flood Study for Port Fairy	Complete	Glenelg Hopkins CMA and Moyne Shire Council
Fitzroy Estuary Management Plan	Complete	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Glenelg Hopkins River Health Strategy 2004–2009 (Plus an addendum in 2009.)	Complete <i>Note: new strategy to be called the ‘Regional Waterway Management Strategy’ with guidelines currently being drafted</i>	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Glenelg River Estuary Management Plan	Complete	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Hopkins River Estuary Management Plan	Complete	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Merri Estuary Management Plan	Complete	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
South Warrnambool Flood Study PSA Implementation C44	Did not proceed as flood study was shown to be flawed.	Glenelg Hopkins CMA and Warrnambool City Council
Surry Estuary Management Plan	Complete	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Surry River Flood Study	Complete	Glenelg Hopkins CMA

Title of Plan	Status	Responsibility
Yambuk Lake Estuary Management Plan	Complete	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Coastal Hazards and Engineering Study (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed 2010	Glenelg Shire Council
Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study – PSA Implementation C52 (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Commenced – Part 1 was adopted by Council 24 January 2012. Part 2 to be presented to Council August 2012	Glenelg Shire Council
Glenelg Environment Strategy	Complete	Glenelg Shire Council
Glenelg Strategic Futures Plan	Complete. Amendments relating to Plan are ongoing.	Glenelg Shire Council
Portland Bay Coastal Infrastructure Plan	Complete	Glenelg Shire Council
Futurescapes – Climate Change Demonstrator Project	Complete	Glenelg Shire Council and Department of Primary Industries
Ngootyoong Gunditj Ngootyoong Mara	Draft consultation complete	Gunditjmara Traditional Owners, Parks Victoria and DSE
Cultural Heritage Management Plan	Draft report complete	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Environment and Land Management Plan	Complete	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Point Grey and Slaughterhouse Master Plan	Master Plan funding approved to re-commence precinct planning works for Point Grey component in 2011/2012. Slaughterhouse precinct not included	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Torquay Foreshore Master Plan	Complete	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Weed Control and Native Vegetation Action Plan	Complete	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Belfast Lough Environmental Management Plan 2006	On hold due to flood and coastal climate change impacts.	Moyne Shire Council
Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study & GOR Region Landscape Assessment Study – PSA Implementation C21 (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Completed – PSA C21 gazetted December 2009.	Moyne Shire Council
Environmental Sustainability Strategy	Draft completed, awaiting approval to be exhibited for public comment	Moyne Shire Council
Peterborough UDG Amendment – PSA Implementation C29	Completed	Moyne Shire Council
The Crags Management Plan	Complete	Moyne Shire Council
Tower Hill Design Guidelines (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Underway	Moyne Shire Council
Port Fairy East Beach Coastal Erosion Engineering & Feasibility Study	Peer review completed. Final report rec'd by Council & endorsed implementations of Tier 1 actions.	Moyne Shire Council and Department of Sustainability and Environment
Local Coastal Hazard Assessment Port Fairy	12 month project commenced in March 2011 and to be completed Nov 2012	Moyne Shire Council and Department of Sustainability and Environment
Otway Coast Coastal Management Plan	Completed Dec 2011	Otway Coast Committee
Apollo Bay Recreation Reserve Master Plan	Completion expected by June 2012	Otway Coast Committee
Discovery Bay Marine National Park Management Plan	Complete	Parks Victoria
Great Otway National Park and Otway Forest Park Management Plan	Completed – December 2009	Parks Victoria
Indigenous Partnership Strategy	Complete	Parks Victoria
Marengo Reefs Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Complete	Parks Victoria
Merri Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Complete	Parks Victoria
Point Addis Marine National Park, Point Danger Marine Sanctuary and Eagle Rock Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Complete	Parks Victoria
Twelve Apostles Marine National Park and The Arches Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Complete	Parks Victoria
Anglesea River & Estuary Management Plan	Being reviewed in 2012 and led by CCMA	Surf Coast Shire Council
Anglesea Riverbank Master Plan	Stage 4 detailed master planning completed and implementation occurring now	Surf Coast Shire Council
Bells Beach Surfing Reserve Coastal Management Plan & Master Plan	CMP complete with visioning exercise to be undertaken in 2012 /2013 to 'ground truth' CMP. Masterplan developing. Current CMP to be reviewed in 2013 following community visioning. No major works proposed until CMP revised.	Surf Coast Shire Council
Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study – PSA Implementation (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Complete	Surf Coast Shire Council
Deep Creek Master Plan	Implementation underway	Surf Coast Shire Council
Painkalac Creek Estuary Management Plan	Planning and implementation complete. No further planning proposed.	Surf Coast Shire Council
Pathway strategy 2006	This strategy has been reviewed in 2012 and will be presented for adoption in June 2012.	Surf Coast Shire Council
Pollution Source Investigation for Lorne	Underway	Surf Coast Shire Council
Torquay / Jan Juc Structure Plan – PSA Implementation C37 (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed – PSA C37 gazetted June 2010	Surf Coast Shire Council
Torquay North Outline Development Plan	Completed – March 2009	Surf Coast Shire Council

Title of Plan	Status	Responsibility
Torquay West Growth Area – Torquay Jan Juc 2040 (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Council decision July 2011 to adopt 2040 without Spring Creek urban growth area. Planning Scheme amendment C66 adopted by Council and seeking authorisation by Minister for Planning.	Surf Coast Shire Council
Planning Scheme amendment C66 – implements: 2040 including removing Spring Creek urban growth area, character controls, parking precinct plan and retail strategy	Council support and seeking authorisation from Minister for Planning.	Surf Coast Shire
Waste Water Management Plan	Implementation underway	Surf Coast Shire Council
Wastewater Management Plan – Moggs Creek	Implementation underway	Surf Coast Shire Council
White's Beach Master Plan – Stage 1	Implementation underway	Surf Coast Shire Council
White's Beach Master Plan – Stage 2	Implementation underway	Surf Coast Shire Council
Water Supply Demand Strategy 2012 - 2060	Completed March 2012	Wannon Water
50 year Biodiversity and Land Management Strategy	Completed May 2009	Wannon Water
Sustainability Strategy	Updated February 2011	Wannon Water
Sewerage System Management Plan	Developing	Wannon Water
Allansford Structure Plan (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Underway	Warrnambool City Council
Beach Cleaning Management Plan	Completed	Warrnambool City Council
Coastal Design and Logans Beach Review	Developing	Warrnambool City Council
Environmental Sustainability Strategy	Completed 2008	Warrnambool City Council
Hopkins Point Road Structure Plan (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed	Warrnambool City Council
Land Suitability Decision Framework Hopkins Point Road South and North	Developing – Expected completion May 2012 Seeking rezoning amendment	Warrnambool City Council and Corangamite Shire Council
Land Suitability Decision Framework	Developing – expect completion Dec 2012	Warrnambool City Council and Corangamite Shire Council
Land-use Audit Review of Residential Land (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed	Warrnambool City Council
Levy's Point Coastal Reserve Management Plan	Completed	Warrnambool City Council
Merri Street Design Guidelines & Raglan Parade Design Guidelines – PSA Implementation C67	Completed – Referenced in the PS and adopted by Council	Warrnambool City Council
Rural Housing and Settlement Strategy	Developing	Warrnambool City Council and Moyne Shire Council
Coastal Management Plan	Developing	Warrnambool City Council
Vegetation Management Plan for the Coast	Developing	Warrnambool City Council
South Warrnambool Wetlands Management Plan	Completed	Warrnambool City Council
Port of Warrnambool Safer Boating and Harbour Facility Study	Developing (out for comment, comments close 1 st June 2012)	Warrnambool City Council
Warrnambool Coastal Landscape Review	Developing	Warrnambool City Council
Warrnambool Foreshore Management Plan	Completed	Warrnambool City Council
Environmental Assessment of a decommissioned East Beach landfill site Port Fairy (site 1) Port Fairy – Warrnambool Rail Trail Warrnambool Climate Change Action Plan	Tender process Commenced Developing – Expected completion 2011	DSE, Warrnambool City Council and Moyne Shire Council
Environmental Assessment of a decommissioned East Beach landfill site Port Fairy (site 2) Port Fairy – Warrnambool Rail Trail	Tender process commenced Completed and open	Warrnambool City Council and Moyne Shire Council
Development of management plans for both East Beach former landfill sites.	To commence August 2012	Moyne Shire Council and DSE
Port Fairy – Warrnambool Rail Trail	Developing – Expected completion 2011	Warrnambool City Council and Moyne Shire Council
Central		
1803 Collins Settlement Future Directions Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria & Mornington Peninsula Shire
Anderson Inlet Fisheries Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Avalon Beach Management Plan (Draft)	Implementation	DSE
Balnarring Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan	In preparation	Balnarring CoM
Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Barwon Coast Coastal Management Plan 2006/07 to 2009/10	Implementation	Barwon Coast CoM
Bayside Coastal Strategy 1997	Review	Bayside City Council
Bellarine Bayside Landscape Management Plan	Implementation	Bellarine Bayside Foreshore CoM
Black Rock – Beaumaris Foreshore Master Plan	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Breamlea Foreshore Masterplan and Management Plan Update	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong
Brighton Foreshore Master Plan	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Buckley Park Coastal Management Plan Vegetation Strategy	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong
Bunurong Marine National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Cannons Creek Foreshore Reserve Draft Management Plan	Draft	Cannons Creek Foreshores Reserve CoM
Capel Sound Foreshore Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Capel Sound Foreshores Reserve CoM

Title of Plan	Status	Responsibility
Clifton Springs Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong
Corangamite Fishery Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Corinella Foreshore Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	DSE
Dromana Foreshore Coastal Management Plan	Review	Dromana Foreshore CoM & DSE
Eastern Beach Conservation Management Plan (Draft)	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong
Eastern Port Phillip Bay Aquaculture Fisheries Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Flinders Aquaculture Fisheries Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Flinders Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Flinders Pier Master Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Foreshore Management Plan 2011 (City of Port Phillip)	Implementation	City of Port Phillip
French Island National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Geelong Arm Aquaculture Fisheries Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Green Point Landscape Master Plan 1996	Review	Bayside City Council
Green Point Master Plan	Finalised	Bayside City Council
Halfmoon Bay Master Plan	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Hampton Foreshore Master Plan	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Hastings South Coastal Management Plan & Recreational Boating Precinct	Draft	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Hastings Structure Plan and Coastal Management Plan	Draft	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Jawbone Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Kingston Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Kingston City Council
Lang Lang Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan	Draft	DSE
Limeburners Bay Management Plan Stage 2 Review	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong
Merricks Beach Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan	Draft	Merricks Beach Foreshore CoM & DSE
Mills Beach Landscape Master Plan	In preparation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Mordialloc Creek Master Plan	Implementation	Kingston City Council
Mordialloc: Pride of the Bay Structure Plan	Implementation	Kingston City Council
Mornington Coastal Management Plan	In preparation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Mornington Peninsula National Park and Arthurs Seat State Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Mt Eliza Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Mt Martha Foreshore Draft Coastal Management Plan	Draft	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Mushroom Reef Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Northern Bellarine Foreshore – Master Plan and Coastal Trail	Implementation	Bellarine Bayside Foreshore CoM
Northern Bellarine Foreshore Plan (Coastal Management Plan 2011–2015) (2011)	Implementation	Bellarine Bayside Foreshore CoM
Pinnacle Channel Aquaculture Fisheries Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Point Cook Coastal Park and Cheetham Wetlands Future Directions Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Point Cooke Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Point Henry Foreshore Management Plan	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong
Point Leo Coastal Management Plan	Draft	Point Leo Foreshore CoM & DSE
Point Lonsdale Structure Plan	Implementation	Borough of Queenscliffe & City of Greater Geelong
Point Nepean National Park and Point Nepean Quarantine Station Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Point Nepean National Park Draft Master Plan	Draft	Parks Victoria
Port Phillip (Western Shoreline) & Bellarine Peninsula Ramsar Site Strategic Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria & DSE
Port Phillip and Western Port Fisheries Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Port Phillip Heads Marine National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Portarlington Safe Harbour Master Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Portsea Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Quarantine Station Conservation Management Plan Non-Indigenous Cultural Heritage – Volume 1 & 2	Implementation	Point Nepean Community Trust
Queenscliff Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Borough of Queenscliffe
Ricketts Point Management Plan (landward side)	In preparation	Bayside City Council
Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Rosebud Foreshore Reserve Landscape Master Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria

Title of Plan	Status	Responsibility
Rosebud Structure Plan and Coastal Management Plan	Draft	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Rye Foreshore Landscape Plan	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Rye Foreshore Master Plan	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Safety and Environment Management Plan for the local port of Port Phillip	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Safety and Environment Management Plan for the local port of Western Port	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Safety Beach Foreshore Master Plan	Review	Mornington Peninsula Shire
San Remo Foreshore Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	DSE
Sandringham Foreshore Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Sandringham Foreshore Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	DSE, Parks Victoria, Bayside City Council
Sandringham Foreshore Master Plan and Management Plan (Linacre Road to Potter Street)	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Seaford Life Saving Club Precinct Master Plan	Implementation	Frankston City Council
Shoreham Foreshore Reserve Management Plan	Updated	Shoreham Foreshore CoM & DSE
Somers Foreshore Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	Somers Foreshore CoM
Sorrento Foreshore Master Plan	Review	Mornington Peninsula Shire
South Channel Fort Conservation Management Plan – Part 1 & 2	Implementation	Parks Victoria
St Kilda Harbour Concept Plan	Draft	Parks Victoria
St Kilda Pier Conservation Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Stony Point and Hastings Foreshore Management Plan	Implementation	Foreshore CoM
Tooradin Foreshore and boating infrastructure Master Plan	Implementation	Tooradin Foreshore CoM & DSE
Truganina Explosives Reserve Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	City of Hobsons Bay
Victorian Abalone Fishery Management Plan	Draft	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Victorian Eel Fishery Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Victorian Giant Crab Fishery Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Victorian Rock Lobster Fishery Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Warneet Foreshore Coastal Management Plan	In preparation	Warneet Foreshore Reserve CoM
Western Port Marine National Parks Management Plan (Yaringa, French Island & Churchill Island)	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Western Port Ramsar Site Strategic Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Whitecliffs and Cameron's Bight Coastal Management Plan	Draft	Whitecliffs to Cameron's Bight Foreshore CoM
Williamstown Foreshore Strategic Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Gippsland		
Anderson Inlet Fisheries Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Beware Reef Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Cape Howe Marine National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Corner Inlet Marine National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
East Gippsland Regional Catchment Strategy	Reviewing comments and finalising document for Ministerial approval	East Gippsland CMA
Lakes Entrance Integrated Planning Project	Developing	DSE/EGSC
Lake Wellington Wetlands Management Plan	Under Review	Parks Victoria
Loch Sport Crown Reserves Management Plan	Draft document to be submitted for Ministerial approval	DSE/CoM
Mallacoota Inlet Foreshore Management Plan	Implementation. Due for review	DSE/EGSC
Marlay Point Foreshore Management Plan	Draft document to be submitted for Ministerial approval	DSE/CoM
Metung Foreshore Management Plan	Implementation. Due for review	DSE/EGSC
Newlands Arm Foreshore Management Plan	Implementation	DSE/EGSC
Ninety Mile Beach Marine National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Point Hicks Marine National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Port Franklin Reserves Management Plan	Developing	DSE/CoM
Sandy Point Foreshore Management Plan	Implemented	DSE/CoM
Shallow Inlet Foreshore Management Plan	Suspended – DSE liaising with Parks Vic to transfer management	DSE/CoM
Tamboon Inlet Foreshore Management Plan	Cancelled	DSE/EGSC
Walkerville Foreshore Management Plan	Under Review	DSE/CoM
West Gippsland Regional Catchment Strategy	Exhibition Draft	West Gippsland CMA
Wilson's Promontory Marine National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Woodside Beach Foreshore Management Plan	Draft document to be submitted for Ministerial approval.	DSE/CoM

8.2 Winners and Finalists for the 2012 Coastal Awards

Category	Nominee	Name of Nomination
Coastal Building & Design		
Finalist	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee	Third Wave Kiosk
Finalist	City of Port Phillip	Middle Park Beach Landscape Upgrade
Winner Coastal Building & Design – Community Facility	Frankston City Council with partners Jackson Clements Burrows Pty Ltd Architects and Site-Office Landscape Architecture	Keast Park Community Pavilion
Winner Coastal Building & Design – Major Infrastructure	Peter Elliott Architect in conjunction with Vic Roads	Barwon Heads Bridge and William Buckley Bridge
Finalist	Bayside City Council	The Bayside Coastal Trail
Community Action & Partnerships		
Finalist	Central Coastal Board	Western Port Welcomes Water Birds
Winner Community Action & Partnerships – Coastal Restoration	Bellarine Catchment Network, Swan Bay Environment Association & Borough of Queenscliffe	Narrows Coastal Moonah Woodland Community Involvement Project
Finalist	Peek Whurrong Coastcare	Basin Midden Protection Project
Finalist	Western Port Ramsar Protection Steering Committee	Western Port Ramsar Protection Project
Winner Community Action & Partnerships – Integrated Catchment Management	Western Port Biosphere Foundation	Watson Creek Integrated Coastal Management Project
Education		
Finalist	Parks Victoria	EnviroActiv
Finalist	Department of Sustainability and Environment	Gippsland Indigenous Trainee Program
Finalist	Birdlife Australia	Beach Nesting Bird Education Program
Winner	Victorian National Parks Association's Reef Watch Program in partnership with Museum Victoria	Reef Watch Victoria
Finalist	Fisheries Victoria	Water Safety Education Day
Finalist	Bunurong Coast Education	Bunurong Coast Education Program
Natural Environment		
Winner	Phillip Island Nature Parks	Fox Free Phillip Island
Coastal Planning & Management		
Finalist	Bass Coast Shire	Strategic Planning Using LiDAR
Finalist	Department of Sustainability and Environment	Statewide Marine Environmental Asset Map
Winner	City of Port Phillip	Port Phillip Foreshore Management Plan
Outstanding Individual Achievement		
Winner – Outstanding Lifetime Achievement	Bernie McCarrick	
Winner – Outstanding Volunteer Achievement	Rosemary Birney	
Victorian Marine Science Consortium – Post Graduate Award		
Winner	Michael Seivers	
Runner-up	Will Mulvaney	

2012 winners of the Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence



Acronyms Used

CAP	Coastal Action Plan
CCB	Central Coastal Board
CMA	Catchment Management Authority
CoM	Committee of Management
DPCD	Department of Planning and Community Development
DSE	Department of Sustainability and Environment
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
GCB	Gippsland Coastal Board
MAV	Municipal Association of Victoria
RCB	Regional Coastal Board
RCS	Regional Catchment Strategy
SECCCA	South East Councils Climate Change Alliance
VCAT	Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
VCC	Victorian Coastal Council
VCS	<i>Victorian Coastal Strategy</i>
VPELA	Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association
WCB	Western Coastal Board

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