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CHAIR'S FOREWORD

This Annual Report is prepared for the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water the Hon Lisa Neville MP, in accordance with section 8(4) of the *Coastal Management Act 1995* (the Act). The Report provides details on the operation of the Act and the carrying out of its functions, including a progress report on implementing the objectives of the Act and the Victorian Coastal Strategy.

Areas of focus in 2014–15

The focus of the Council's activity in 2014/2015 was supporting the government in finalising the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014 (VCS 2014) and the complementary Regional Coastal Plans. The VCS 2014 was approved by the former Minister for Environment and Climate Change, the Hon Ryan Smith, in September and subsequently endorsed by the current Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, the Hon Lisa Neville. This is the fourth iteration of the Strategy and builds on the work of previous strategies. I would like to acknowledge and thank the coastal community, Council staff and Council members, and our predecessors on Council, for their contributions to the VCS 2014.

At its last meeting for 2014/15 the Council recommended to the Minister that she approve Regional Coastal Plans that have been prepared under the auspices of Central, Western and Gippsland Regional Coastal Boards to implement the VCS 2014. Thanks also to all those involved in the preparation of those Plans.

The Annual Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence were, once again, a very important and successful acknowledgement of the commitment of the coastal community in caring for our coast. Congratulations, and thanks,

to all who participated in the Awards. Thanks also to our Science Panel whose members have contributed to the work of the Council in promoting science-led policy development.

The Victorian community faces a number of challenges in ensuring the quality of our coast is sustained in the face of our growing population and the impact of climate change. The Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water has announced a review of legislation and, twenty years after the passage of the Coastal Management Act 1995, this is both necessary and timely. As well as the impacts of population and climate change the review needs to deal with all complex issues identified and articulated in the VCS 2014 to ensure Victorians have a healthy coast, appreciated by all, now and in the future.

As this is the end of my term as Chair I would like to particularly thank all members of the Council, and Council staff, for their support and assistance in undertaking this role. It has been both challenging and enjoyable.



Jon Hickman
Chair, Victorian Coastal Council



1. INTRODUCTION

The 2014/2015 Annual Report of the Victorian Coastal Council (VCC) is set out in eight sections covering:

- this year's 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
- administrative and statutory obligations
- a disclosure index, and
- appendices.



2. HIGHLIGHTS

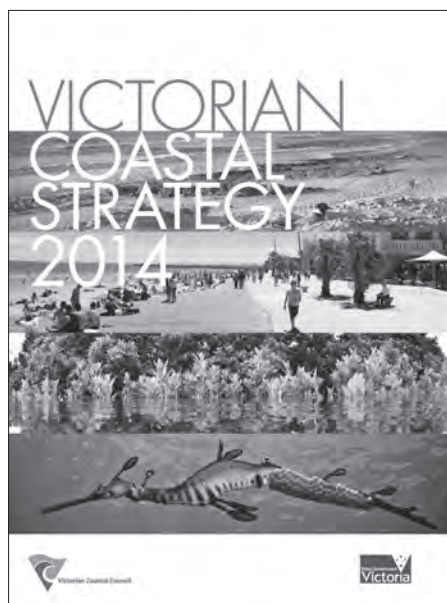
2.1 Release of Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014

The Victorian Government endorsed the *Victorian Coastal Strategy* on 1 September 2014. The Strategy was developed by the Victorian Coastal Council in accordance with the *Coastal Management Act 1995* and is the State Government's policy commitment for coastal, estuarine and marine environments in Victoria. The vision of the Strategy is for a healthy coast, appreciated by all, now and in the future.

The VCS 2014 outlines five long-term, interconnected issues facing the Victorian coast. These are:

- Managing population growth
- Adapting to a changing climate
- Managing coastal land and infrastructure
- Valuing the natural environment and
- Integrating marine planning.

The Strategy is the result of extensive research and consultation with stakeholders and members of the community. It is the fourth iteration and includes measures to ensure ongoing public access to our beaches, clear guidance for regional coastal plans and a more integrated approach to marine planning and management.



2.2 VCC Member Strategic Planning Day

In December 2014, the VCC members met over three days in Phillip Island. This presented an opportunity following the release of the VCS 2014 to look at priority areas for the implementation of the Strategy and the strategic direction of the Council.

On the final day, VCC members visited sites at Cape Woolamai, Surf Beach, Silverleaves and San Remo. This was a great opportunity for members to hear from key stakeholders and discuss the range of issues covered in the VCS 2014 including visitation, coastal values, planning, inundation, erosion and public safety.

2.3 Regional Coastal Boards and Regional Coastal Plans

The Western Coastal Board, Central Coastal Board and Gippsland Coastal Board have each developed a Regional Coastal Plan to support and improve coastal planning and management. These plans were prepared as Coastal Action Plans under Part 3 of the *Coastal Management Act 1995*.

The plans were developed in consultation with regional and state-wide stakeholders. An initial round of consultation about the plans in 2013–14 identified key issues to be addressed and led to the release of a draft plan for each region in February 2015. In February and March 2015, each Board held meetings in its region to present the draft plan and encourage discussion about improving coastal management. The three boards received a total of 136 written submissions about the draft plans from individuals, community groups, local councils, committees of management, state government agencies, peak industry bodies, regional statutory authorities and Indigenous organisations. These submissions and the feedback from the face-to-face meetings were a key part of revising and finalising each plan.

The Boards finalised the plans and submitted them to the Victorian

Coastal Council in June 2015. The Council approved the three plans and recommended them to the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water for endorsement.

Each plan provides a strong framework and strategic direction to support local planning and decision making on both public and private land by:

- interpreting and implementing the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014* at a regional scale
- helping people value and understand the coast
- facilitating integration across jurisdictions to increase efficiency and effectiveness
- identifying regional coastal values and strategic objectives (regional priorities), and
- identifying solutions that address systemic gaps in coastal management.

2.4 Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence 2014

The Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence recognise and celebrate the extraordinary people within the Victorian community who work tirelessly to preserve and enhance our coastline. In 2014, their fifteenth year, the awards recognised seven groups and five individuals for their commitment and achievements.

A presentation ceremony was held at the National Gallery of Victoria on Thursday 11 September 2014 with over 260 individuals from volunteer groups, committees of management, government and non-government organisations in attendance. An encouraging response to the call for nominations resulted in 19 finalists across five award categories including building and design, education, community action and partnerships, natural environment and planning and management.

The Outstanding Individual Achievement Award was presented to Neil Blake for thirty years of tireless work in the coastal environment. Paul van Leeuwen received a Special Commendation for his

dedication and determination to cleaning up the shorelines and beaches of Lake Tyres and the Gippsland Lakes. The Late Uncle Albert Mullett was recognised with a Lifetime Achievement award for his work as a champion for Aboriginal rights and his commitment to preservation and celebration of Aboriginal culture in the Gippsland Lakes area. In recognition of their twentieth anniversary a special award was also presented to Coastcare Victoria. A full list of winners and finalists is presented in Appendix B.

2.5 Coast to Coast 2016 Conference

The national coastal conference, Coast to Coast, will be held in Victoria in 2016. The biennial conference brings together a range of key industry and community stakeholders from the coastal and marine sector. It was announced at the 2014 Conference in Mandurah, Western Australia that the VCC will be hosting the next conference. The 2016 Conference will have a strong international and national focus on coastal and marine management and planning. Furthermore,

hosting the conference will deliver on an action in the VCS 2014. The Council has commenced early planning including the establishment of an Organising Committee with representation from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and the Australian Coastal Society.

2.6 Science Panel

The VCC 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 more than 40 senior scientists based at academic institutions, within government agencies and in the private sector. The Science Panel met on 26 February 2015 and the VCC is considering future directions to work with specialist sub-groups of experts on particular marine and coastal issues as they arise.

2.7 New Marine and Coastal Act

The development of a new Marine and Coastal Act has been announced by the government. This provides an opportunity to examine the five key issues identified in the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014*. In line with its functions in the *Coastal Management Act 1995*, the Council has the opportunity to play an important role in encouraging community discussion and long term thinking around these five issues and the development of the new Act.

2.8 Communications

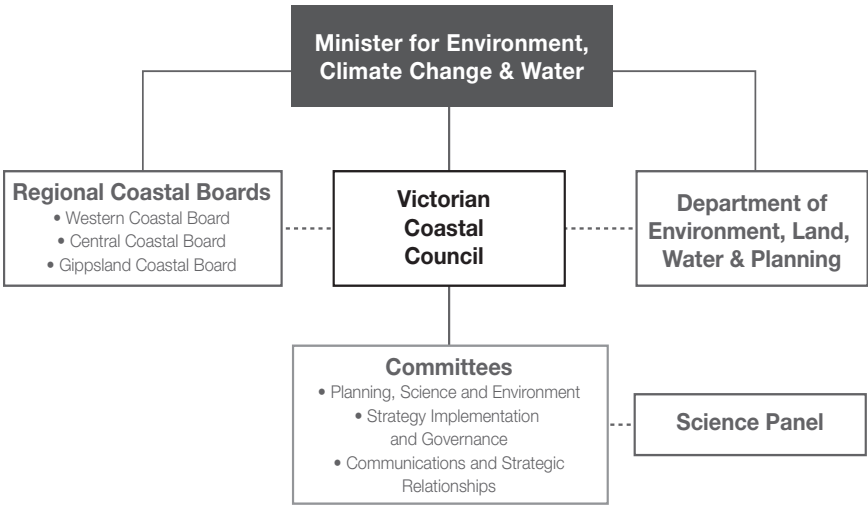
Through the Communications and Strategic Relationships Committee the Council has focused on strengthening communications with stakeholders. Communications have been designed to raise the profile of the Victorian Coastal Strategy and its role in delivering a healthy coast for all Victorians, as well as increasing public awareness of issues facing coastal planning and management.



3. GOVERNANCE AND FUNCTIONS

The VCC is established under the Coastal Management Act 1995. It is accountable to the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water. The responsible Minister for the period from 1 July 2014 to 3 December 2014 was the Hon Ryan Smith MP and for the period 4 December 2014 – 30 June 2015 was the Hon Lisa Neville MP.

Figure 1: Coastal governance structure showing relationships between the responsible Minister and entities



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

The VCC is provided with a budget and secretariat support through the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP)

The functions of the VCC 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 (from herein forward referred to as Regional Coastal Plans)
- to coordinate the implementation of the Victorian Coastal Strategy and Regional Coastal 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 VCC
- to encourage the work of volunteers in using and conserving coastal resources
- to give consideration to the needs of Traditional Owners and other interested groups in relation to the coast.

3.1 Council Membership

Members of the VCC are appointed under the provisions of the Coastal Management Act 1995. The VCC 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 VCC members follow.

3.1.1 Members

Jon Hickman (Chair)

Jon Hickman was appointed as Chair of the Victorian Coastal Council in April 2012. Before taking this role, Jon held senior executive positions in the education sector including Deputy Vice Chancellor at Victoria University and Chief Operating Officer at



Wesley College in Melbourne. From the mid-1980's Jon worked at CEO or Deputy CEO level in a range of public sector bodies including the Australian Crime Commission, the Departments of Infrastructure and Housing in Victoria, the City of Melbourne, the City of Port Phillip and the Tasmanian State Treasury. He has also worked in the private sector, in property and communications. Currently, Jon has his own consultancy (Jon Hickman Strategy and Implementation) and in addition to chairing the Victorian Coastal Council, is Deputy Chair of the Zoological Parks and Gardens Board in Victoria and is a member of the Victorian Heritage Council.

Peter Bettess

Peter Bettess was appointed to the Victorian Coastal Council on 1 July 2013. Peter has a background in coastal planning at state, regional and local government levels. He is currently the General Manager of Planning and Tourism with the City of Greater Geelong. He was previously Director, Commercial Roads with VicRoads, Deputy Director-General, Queensland Department of Local Government Planning Sport and Recreation, Director, Strategic and Commercial Services, Pine Rivers Council, and Executive Director, Planning and Development with the Department of Infrastructure. Mr Bettess has Diplomas of Engineering (Civil) and Applied Science (Planning), Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws and a Master of Business Administration. He was Chair of G21 Regional Growth Plan Steering Committee and was previously a member of the Victorian Coastal Council and the Victorian Coastal Management and Coordination Committee.



Stacey Daniel

Stacey Daniel was appointed to the Victorian Coastal Council in February 2014. Stacey has worked in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors including local government, industry and consulting. Her experience spans environmental management,



urban and township planning, property, infrastructure and mining. Stacey is a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She is currently a Director of the Falls Creek Alpine Resorts Management Board and also a former Board Member of Local Government Professionals Victoria. Stacey and her family enjoy many activities offered by the coast including boating, sailing and the beach.

Cr Richard Ellis

Cr Richard Ellis is a former three term Mayor of the East Gippsland Shire Council and is current Chair of the Gippsland Coastal Board. He has a diverse background in public and business administration and management and is currently a member of several Gippsland based boards and committees including the Gippsland Ports Committee of Management and the Gippsland Lakes Ministerial Advisory Committee. A long term resident of East Gippsland Cr Ellis was appointed to the Victorian Coastal Council in February 2014.



Rob Gell AM

Rob Gell is a coastal geomorphologist by training; he began his career as an academic teaching Environmental Science and Physical Geography at Melbourne State College and Melbourne University, then for more than thirty years presented television weather.



In his professional life he now works as an environmental and communications consultant and is a director of the mobile media business bhive Group Pty Ltd, and of World Wind Pty Ltd. He is an Adjunct Associate Professor, Collaborative Research Network, Federation University Australia and Chairman of Wildlife Victoria. He was a director of Greening Australia for thirteen years, seven years as Victorian President and three years as national President concluding in 2011 and for ten years chaired the UNESCO Western Port Biosphere until 2014. 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 Australian Conservation Foundation. He is also the Patron of the Geography Teachers Association of Victoria, Life Education Victoria, and has been made a Life Ambassador for Australia Day. He is also a published author and photographer.

On Australia Day 2014, Rob was made a Member of the Order of Australia in recognition of his service to conservation, to the protection of coastal and marine environments, and to the community.

Ross Kilborn

Ross Kilborn has been Chair of the Central Coastal Board since February 2014. His business background has been in senior management roles, with an emphasis on strategy, business development and governance. He has a broad background in community affairs and extensive experience in recreational use of the coast, both as a participant, and from a policy perspective. He was Chief Executive Officer of Yachting Victoria, and a board member of Bicycle Network Victoria.



Cr Jill Parker

Cr Jill Parker was appointed Chair of the Western Coastal Board and member of the Victorian Coastal Council on 1 July 2012. Jill holds degrees in Agricultural Science and Education from the University of Melbourne and was a teacher for over 20 years, specialising in biology, chemistry and agricultural science at senior secondary level. Jill is currently a Councillor at Moyne Shire. As well as involvement in other committees and boards, Jill chairs the Moyne Shire Conservation and Environment Committee, and is Treasurer of the National Sea Change Taskforce.



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. He is 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.

Dr Geoffrey Wescott

Dr Geoffrey Wescott was appointed to the Victorian Coastal Council on 1 July 2013. He has a background in academic research in the area of environmental policy and implementation, in particular marine and coastal policy, national parks and marine protected areas. Dr Wescott is an Associate Professor at the School of Life and Environmental Sciences at Deakin University. He is a current member on the Zoological Parks and Gardens Board and a past member of the Parks Victoria board. He also served extensively on advisory bodies including the National Oceans Advisory Group, National Reference Group of the Marine and Coastal Community Network, Ministerial Planning Advisory Council and Ministerial Coastal Reference Group.



3.1.2 VCC Meetings

Eight VCC Council meetings were held during the 2014/15 financial year:

- 14 July 2014
- 29 September 2014
- 10 November 2014
- 7–9 December
- 19 January 2015
- 16 March 2015
- 11 May 2015
- 25 June 2015

Member attendance at the VCC’s eight business meetings throughout 2014/15 is as follows:

Jon Hickman	7
Peter Bettess	6
Cr Richard Ellis	8
Stacey Daniel	7
Rob Gell	8
Ross Kilborn	6
Cr Jill Parker	7
Leigh Phillips	8
Geoffrey Wescott	6

3.2 Committees

The VCC’s three operational committees continued to meet during this reporting period. Table 1 outlines the committee membership and focus.

Table 1: Committees for 2014–15

Committee	Overview of Committee Focus and Membership
Planning, Science and Environment (PSE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• long term planning for land use, adaptation and inundation on Victoria’s coast• current and emerging scientific and coastal hazard issues in the longer term• facilitate operation of the VCC Science Panel• review of Regional Coastal Plans. Members: <i>Rob Gell (Chair), Geoff Wescott (Deputy), Peter Bettess, Stacey Daniel, Jill Parker</i>
Communications and Strategic Relationships (CSR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• oversee VCC communication with stakeholders, coordinate and monitor delivery of the VCC Communications Plan• improve public awareness and understanding in relation to the Victorian coast• oversee delivery of the Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence. Members: <i>Ross Kilborn (Chair), Stacey Daniel (Deputy), Rob Gell, Jon Hickman, Leigh Phillips</i>
Strategy Implementation and Governance (SIG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• monitor delivery of the objectives of the Coastal Management Act 1995• oversee implementation of the Victorian Coastal Strategy• oversee the statutory responsibilities and reporting obligations of the VCC including the VCC Annual Report and Business Plan. Members: <i>Jon Hickman (Chair), Geoff Wescott (Deputy), Richard Ellis, Ross Kilborn, Leigh Phillips</i>

Four meetings of each committee were held during the 2014/15 financial year:

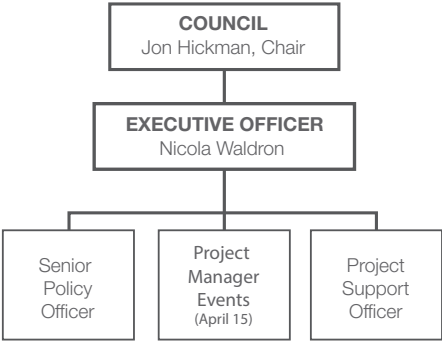
PSE	CSR	SIG
14 August 2014	11 August 2014	11 August 2014
13 October 2014	13 October 2014	13 October 2014
9 February 2015	9 February 2015	9 February 2015
13 April 2015	13 April 2015	13 April 2015

Member attendance at the four Committee meetings throughout 2014/15 is as follows:

	PSE	CSR	SIG
Jon Hickman	N/A	4	4
Peter Bettess	4	N/A	N/A
Cr Richard Ellis	N/A	N/A	4
Stacey Daniel	4	4	N/A
Rob Gell	3	3	N/A
Ross Kilborn	N/A	3	3
Cr Jill Parker	2	N/A	N/A
Leigh Phillips	N/A	2	2
Geoffrey Wescott	3	N/A	3

3.3 VCC Operational Chart

Figure 2: VCC Operational Chart



3.4 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.

3.4.1 Council Interim Business Plan

The Council has developed an interim business plan for use until the appointment of an incoming Council post 30 June 2015. This plan provides sufficient guidance about priorities for the current Council and a starting point for an incoming Council to determine its strategic direction and own Business Plan.

3.4.2 Submissions

- Department of Environment and Primary Industries, Draft Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy, 11 August 2014
- Victorian Environmental Assessment Council, State-wide Assessment of Public Land, 29 June 2015
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Revised Draft Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy, 29 June 2015
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, State Environment Protection Policy (Waters) Review – Discussion Paper, 29 June 2015

3.4.3 Presentations

Presentations received at VCC meetings

Presenter	Topic	Date
Peter Beaumont, Executive Director, Land Management Policy DELWP	Victorian Coastal Strategy	14 July 2014
Jeni Bright, Principal Solicitor, Government Legal Services DELWP	VCC Policies and Procedures	14 July 2014
Jane Ryan, Project Manager and Saravan Peacock, Manager Service Improvement, DELWP	Draft Regional Coastal Plans	29 September 2014
Dr Peter Macreadie, Australian Research Council DECRA Fellow, Deakin University	Blue Carbon in Victoria	19 January 2015
Jane Ryan, Project Manager and Saravan Peacock, Manager Service Improvement, DELWP	Regional Coastal Plans – update on progress and timing	19 January 2015
Jane Ryan, Project Manager and Saravan Peacock, Manager Service Improvement, DELWP	Draft Regional Coastal Plans – report on consultation process	16 March 2015
Paul Bennett, Director Risk and Resilience and Liz Johnston, Manager Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy DELWP	Draft Floodplain Management Strategy	11 May 2015
Scott Rawlings, Manager Environmental Monitoring & Analysis, OCES	Planning for the State of the Environment Report 2018	11 May 2015
Paul Lloyd, Project Manager Regional Coastal Plans, DELWP	Regional Coastal Plans progress report	11 May 2015

Presentations given by VCC members and staff on VCC business

Presenter	Presented to	Topic	Date
Nicola Waldron (EO VCC)	Chinese delegation from the Guangxi provincial government and DELWP	Coastal planning and management in Victoria	17 September 2014
Jon Hickman (Chair VCC), Nicola Waldron (EO VCC)	Association of Bayside Municipalities Network Meeting	The 2014 Victorian Coastal Strategy	22 October 2014
Nicola Waldron (EO VCC)	Coast to Coast 2014	The 4th Victorian Coastal Strategy, continuing to improve coastal planning & management in Victoria, now and into the future	28 October 2014
Jon Hickman (Chair VCC)	Coast to Coast 2014	Financing the Coast	29 October 2014
Jon Hickman (Chair VCC)	Centre for Australian Weather and Climate Research Workshop	Getting it together – The Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014	11 November 2014
Jon Hickman (Chair VCC) and Nicola Waldron (EO VCC)	Australian Technical Experts Network – Chinese group from Ministry of Transport, PRC	Coastal management and planning in Australia	11 December 2014
Stacey Daniel (VCC member)	Draft RCP's public consultation. Port Albert – Public / Practitioners meeting	VCS 2014	23 February 2015
Stacey Daniel (VCC member)	Draft RCP's public consultation. Traralgon – Practitioner / public meeting	VCS 2014	25 February 2015
Jon Hickman (Chair VCC)	Draft RCP's public consultation. Geelong – Practitioners workshop/public meeting	VCS 2014	2 March 2015
Jon Hickman (Chair VCC)	Draft RCP's public consultation. Portland – Practitioners workshop/public meeting	VCS 2014	4 March 2015
Jon Hickman (Chair VCC)	Draft RCP's public consultation. Warrnambool – Practitioners workshop/public meeting	VCS 2014	5 March 2015
Jon Hickman (Chair VCC)	Representation at Western Coastal Board	VCC update	6 March 2015
Jon Hickman (Chair VCC)	Draft RCP's public consultation. Inverloch – Practitioners workshop/public meeting	VCS 2014	10 March 2015
Amanda Cornish (Senior Policy Officer VCC)	Melbourne University	Coastal Planning and Climate Change	11 March 2015
Jon Hickman (Chair VCC)	Frankston – Practitioners workshop/public meeting	Regional Coastal Plans	17 March 2015
Stacey Daniel (VCC member)	Port Melbourne – Practitioners workshop/public meeting	Regional Coastal Plans	18 March 2015
Jon Hickman (Chair VCC) and Geoffrey Wescott (VCC member)	NSCTF Conference	How To Obtain Coastal Policy Stability – Twenty Years Of The Victorian Coastal Management Act 1995	11–13 March 2015

Presentations received by VCC on the VCC Strategic Planning Seminar

Presenter	Topic	Date
Damian Prendergast and Jarvis Weston, Phillip Island Nature Parks	Visitation & Tourism, valuing the coast, planning & management	9 December 2014
Derek Hibbert and Jasmine Butler, Bass Coast Shire Council	Coastal hazards & processes, marine environments, building & infrastructure	9 December 2014
Mick Dortmans, Gippsland DELWP	Coastal hazards & processes, marine environments, buildings & infrastructure	9 December 2014

3.4.4 Media Releases

- Collaborative Commitment to a better future for the Victorian Coast, 25 March 2015
- Victorian Coastal Council Welcomes 'Blue Highway' Tolling Discussion, 30 May 2015

3.4.5 Conference and Seminar Attendances

- Pathways to Growth: The reform imperative – 2014 Economic and Social Outlook Conference, 3–4 July 2014, Melbourne Draft Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy for Public Comment, 7 July 2014, Geelong
- Victorian National Parks Association, Scenario Planning for Westernport Bay, 28 July – 1 August 2014
- Strategic Relationship meeting with VCC and Parks Victoria, Parks Victoria – Shaping our Future, 11 August 2014 (Bill Jackson and Kate Millar, Parks Victoria)
- The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council, launch of its Strategic Plan 2014–2019, 8 September 2014, East Melbourne Investing in growth – Understanding the value of green infrastructure workshop, 18 September 2014, Melbourne
- Coast to Coast 2014, 27–31 October 2014, Mandurah WA
- Association of Bayside Municipalities Annual Dinner, 20 November 2014, Melbourne
- National Sea Change Taskforce Conference, 11–13 March 2015, Mornington Peninsula
- Blue Carbon workshop, 1 April 2015, Melbourne
- DELWP Coastal Planners Forum, 14–15 April 2015, Sandringham
- Property Council of Australia's Business Breakfast with Treasurer Tim Pallas, 12 May 2015, Melbourne
- The Copenhagen Adaptation Journey and Lessons for Melbourne's Port Phillip Bay, 10 June 2015
- Counting the Costs: Climate Change and Coastal Flooding, 23 June 2015, Planning Institute Australia webinar



4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT ACT 1995

The following section outlines the activities undertaken through the Victorian Coastal Council, Regional Coastal Boards and the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning, 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 (VCS) is established under the *Coastal Management Act 1995*, and contains 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 also provides a framework to assist in the development and implementation of other locally and regionally specific strategies and plans such as management plans, Regional Coastal Plans, and planning schemes.

The Act provides clear guidance on how the strategy should be developed, including what it must contain, how consultation should occur and how often it needs to be updated. Under the Act, the strategy must be reviewed every five years, unless the Minister directs the VCC to review it earlier.

The *Coastal Management Act 1995* states that the contents of the Strategy must:

- (1) Provide for the long term planning of the Victorian coast –
 - (a) to ensure the protection of significant environmental features of the coast;
 - (b) to provide clear direction for the future use of the coast including the marine environment;
 - (c) to identify suitable development areas and development opportunities on the coast; and
 - (d) to ensure the sustainable use of natural coastal resources.
- (2) Be consistent with –
 - (a) the *National Parks Act 1975*; and
 - (b) the purpose for which land was reserved under the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978*.

The first strategy endorsed by the Victorian Government in 1997, set up a policy framework for managing the Victorian coast following the requirements outlined in Section 15 of the Act. It did this after consulting with planners, coastal land managers and users to create a single coordinated policy document with real statutory authority.

The second strategy released in 2002 supported the introduction of marine national parks and sanctuaries in Victoria. The third strategy in 2008 introduced a new planning benchmark for sea level rise under climate change, which became embedded in the State Planning Policy Framework. It also identified 3 significant issues requiring specific attention (climate change, population and growth, marine ecological integrity).

The Victorian Coastal Council finalised work on the 4th iteration of the strategy at the request of the Minister following a review of the 2008 strategy.

4.2 Implementation of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014

As a result of the change in Government in November 2014, the direction and implementation for the VCS was delayed.

Supporting implementation of the VCS 2014 will be a priority moving forward for an incoming Council (to be appointed post 30 June 2015). The VCC will have a role in reporting to the Minister on implementation of the VCS 2014 and be a key player in the Implementation Coordinating Committee, once the committee is established by DELWP.

4.3 Working with Regional Coastal Boards

Whilst the VCC works with many partners, our partnerships with Regional Coastal Boards are paramount. There are three Regional Coastal Boards that operate across Victoria and the Chair of each Board is also a member of the VCC.

- Western Coastal Board (WCB) chaired by Cr Jill Parker
- Central Coastal Board (CCB) chaired by Ross Kilborn
- Gippsland Coastal Board (GCB) chaired by Cr Richard Ellis.

Effective collaboration between the VCC and RCBs is essential to the implementation of the *Coastal Management Act 1995*. Activities between the VCC and RCBs over the 2014–15 reporting period included:

- VCC members attended public consultation sessions on the Regional Coastal Plans during February and March 2015.

Regional Coastal Boards have a critical role in implementing the Victorian Coastal Strategy. While the Victorian Coastal Strategy establishes principles and policies to guide coastal planning and management at a state-wide level, these need to be applied regionally and locally with the benefit of regional and local knowledge and context.

4.4 Existing Coastal Action Plans (CAPs)

Until such time as the Regional Coastal Plans are developed and adopted, the existing Coastal Action Plans (CAPs) are a key mechanism for the translation and implementation of the Victorian Coastal Strategy within and across Victoria's

three coastal planning regions. Significant stakeholder consultation and interagency planning is involved in developing each CAP.

There were 17 CAPs that were in operation during the 2014–15 reporting period (Table 2).

Further details on the implementation of CAPs in each coastal region over the reporting period can be found in Section 5 – *Regional Coastal Boards*.

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. DELWP has undertaken a number

of efforts in 2014–15 to enhance its administration of Coastal Management Act consents.

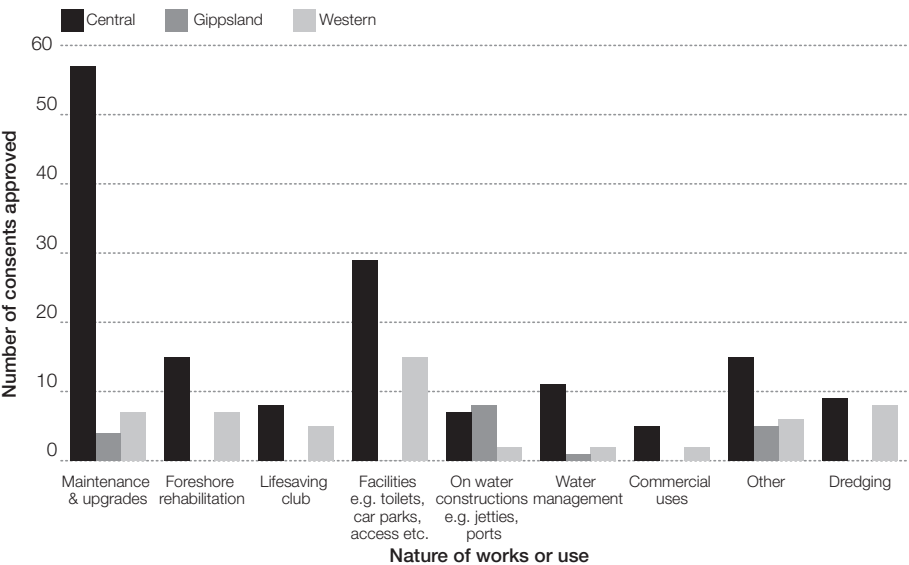
These include works such as routine pest plant and animal eradication, maintenance of existing structures and fences, and emergency works. A number of consents are also being issued for low risk works when Coastal Management Plans are approved, to reduce the need for coastal managers to make separate consent applications for these works.

In the 2014–15 reporting year, 228 applications for the use and/or development of coastal Crown land were approved by delegates of the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water (refer to Fig 3). The total value of applications approved was \$69,018,165.

Table 2: Coastal Action Plans current during 2014–15

Region	CAP title
Gippsland Coastal Board	Gippsland Boating CAP (2013)
	Integrated Coastal Planning for Gippsland CAP (2002)
	Gippsland Estuaries CAP (2006)
	Gippsland Lakes CAP (1999)
Central Coastal Board	Corio Bay CAP (2005)
	Mount Eliza to Point Nepean CAP (2005)
	Boating CAP (2007)
Western Coastal Board	Anglesea CAP 1999
	Central West Victoria Estuaries CAP 2005
	Central West Victoria Regional CAP 2002
	Glenelg CAP 2004
	Lorne CAP 1998
	Moyne CAP 2001
	Skenes Creek to Marengo CAP 2002
	South West Victoria Estuaries CAP 2002
	South West Victoria Regional CAP 2002
	Western Victoria Boating CAP 2010

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



5. REGIONAL COASTAL BOARDS

There are three Regional Coastal Boards (RCB) established under the Coastal Management Act 1995:

- Western Coastal Board (WCB)
- Central Coastal Board (CCB)
- Gippsland Coastal Board (GCB).

The roles and responsibilities of each RCB are outlined in the Act and include to advocate for coastal issues, facilitate the application of the Victorian Coastal Strategy at a regional level and provide advice on coastal planning and management issues. A key function of each RCB is to develop an integrated Regional Coastal Plan.

Under the Act, the Boards must report to the Victorian Coastal Council (VCC) by 30 June each year on:

- a) The status of coastal planning in the region, and
- b) The implementation in its region in the preceding year of the Victorian Coastal Strategy, Coastal Action Plans and approved coastal guidelines.

The reports received by the VCC from each RCB are summarised below.

5.1 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 Shire. It also includes the entire Glenelg Hopkins catchment region and the majority of the Corangamite catchment region.

Board membership

Members of the WCB appointed for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2015 are:

- Cr Jill Parker – Chair
- Mr Mark Edmonds
- Mr Matthew Gorman
- Mr Oliver Moles
- Mr Raymond Page
- Ms Carole Reid
- Assoc. Prof. John Sherwood
- Mr Glenn Wallace.

KEY PROJECTS

Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy

The Board submitted a response on the draft strategy in August 2014.

Coastcare Victoria Community Grants

The Board contributed a Member to the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority's panel reviewing Coastcare grant applications. Coastcare grants are provided to support projects that protect and enhance the coast.

Shipwreck Coast Master Plan

The Board submitted a response to the draft plan in October 2014 and also fielded a member in the working party.

Great Ocean Road Tourism Master Plan

The Board submitted a response to the plan in February 2015, based on the questions supplied.

Port Fairy Project

The Port Fairy Project seeks to integrate coastal hazard assessment into Moyne Shire's planning approvals system. The Board has a member on the project's working group. The project is expected to take two and a half years to complete.

Warrnambool Safer Harbour Study

The Board has a member on the Warrnambool Harbour Working Group. The Group made assessments of seven options for improvements to the existing harbour.

Response to Colac Otway Shire Planning Applications

The Board responded to several planning applications through the year. Colac Otway Shire referred the applications to the board for appraisal pursuant to section 52 (1) (c) of the Planning and Environment Act, in accordance with shire planning scheme provisions. Properties involved are located at Apollo Bay and Johanna and the applications were for new dwellings. Generally, the board had no objections, given the distance of the properties from the shore line.

Cultural Awareness & Heritage training

With a view to improving cooperation with indigenous groups, the Board and members of the Board's Aboriginal Advisory Group undertook cultural training in November 2014. Bryon Powell from the Waddawurrung Aboriginal Corporation gave a presentation followed by a tour of significant cultural sites:

- Point Impossible
- Whites Beach, Torquay
- Bells Beach.

Western Regional Coastal Plan

The Western Regional Coastal Plan was a major focus for the WCB in 2014–15. As noted in Section 2.3, the Plan provides a regional framework and strategic direction to support local planning and decision making.

The WCB developed the Plan in two stages of consultation. The first stage in early 2014 sought feedback about priority issues to be addressed in shaping the development of the Plan. The WCB used the information from regional meetings and written submissions to identify the broad issues to be addressed in the Plan:

- managing regional population and tourism pressures;
- better integration of coastal management, particularly along foreshore areas;
- adapting to climate change and increased coastal hazards; and
- supporting communities caring for the coast.

The Board released a draft plan for comment in February 2015. As part of this second round of consultation, the WCB met with individuals, community groups, local councils and agencies in February and March 2015 in Lorne (23 February), Portland (4 March) and Warrnambool (5 March). These meetings aimed to explain the approaches in the draft plan, gather feedback about coastal management issues and encourage formal submissions about the draft plan.

The WCB received 40 written submissions about issues specific to the Western Coastal Region, with another 14 submissions about state-wide issues. The WCB reviewed these formal submissions as well as feedback from face-to-face meetings to revise and finalise the Plan. Once all feedback was considered, the Plan was approved by the Board and submitted to the VCC for consideration.

Implementation of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014

Table 3 summarises the Board's actions in support of the current VCS. The Western Coastal Board (WCB) is responsible, as lead agent, for nine actions covering three principles. Work on the draft Western Regional Coastal Plan addressed, or will address, most of the actions. Submissions made by the Board and fostered liaison addressed the rest of the actions.

Table 3: Implementation of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014 by the Western Coastal Board as lead agent

VCS Principle	Component	Action	Status
Value & Protect	Valuing the coast	Understand and reflect the nature of ecosystem goods and services in Regional Coastal Plans, Regional Catchment Strategies and Coastal Management Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 2 of the draft Western Regional Coastal Plan (WRCP) describes relevant ecosystems and non-commercial economic values.
	Marine Environments	Incorporate within Regional Coastal Plans information about marine areas with significant environmental, social, cultural and economic values, marine ecological and oceanographic processes, and potential threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 2 of the draft WRCP describes marine ecosystems and discusses social, cultural (including heritage) and economic values of marine areas.
	Wetlands and estuaries	Incorporate within Regional Coastal Plans information about wetlands and estuaries, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Significant environmental, social, cultural and economic values Vulnerability to the potential impacts of a changing climate and population growth, use and development, and a process to regularly assess and review their condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 2 of the draft WRCP describes hinterland ecosystems, including wetland and estuary environmental, social, cultural and economic values. Chapter 3 discusses climate change and demographic and visitation trends in general terms. Chapter 4 discusses the management of visitation pressures. Figure 9 in chapter 6 demonstrates the effects of sea-level rise on coasts, including estuaries, saltmarsh and mangroves. Chapter 8 lists actions for monitoring and evaluating the condition of the coast.
	Catchments and water quality	Identify water quality hotspots for priority action in Regional Coastal Plans	To be addressed in the final WRCP
	Heritage	Incorporate cultural heritage and traditional knowledge into Regional Coastal Plans, Regional Catchment Strategies, Coastal Management Plans and management agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 2 of the draft WRCP discusses social and cultural values including cultural heritage values. Chapter 4 includes a case study on cultural tourism to support understanding of Country. Chapter 6 on planning for coastal flooding and erosion has relevance to heritage values. Chapter 7 includes a case study on the Peek Whurrong Coastcare Group and Deen Maar Indigenous Protected Area.
Plan and act	Port precincts	Within Regional Coastal Plans establish a strategic planning framework for local ports and plan for local port infrastructure to meet the current and future needs of recreation and tourism activities and to contribute positively to the local character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 4 of the draft WRCP refers to the Western Victoria Boating Coastal Action Plan 2010 and includes a map from the plan showing the recommended recreational boating facilities hierarchy. Chapter 4 also discusses activity and recreation nodes.
	Community participation	Provide opportunities for networking and knowledge exchange between state, regional and local coastal communities, planners, managers and other stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation sessions on the draft WRCP provided opportunities for a wide variety of stakeholders at state, regional and local levels to interact. Board meetings fostered networking and knowledge exchange between regional and local stakeholders. Chapter 7 of the WRCP discusses the support of communities caring for the coast.
Use and enjoy	Visitation and tourism	Provide a framework for facilitation of tourism development along the coast through a range of mechanisms including RCPs, local planning schemes, master plans and coastal management plans; a framework should include strategic planning for how increasing tourism and visitation will be experienced and managed along the coast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 4 of the draft Western Regional Coastal Plan discusses the management of regional visitation pressures and how to maximise access. Submissions made to Shipwreck Coast Master Plan and Great Ocean Road Tourism Master Plan
	Boating and water-based activities	Incorporate existing Boating Coastal Action Plan information and the recreational boating framework into Regional Coastal Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 4 of the draft WRCP refers to the Western Victoria Boating Coastal Action Plan 2010 and includes a map from the plan showing the recommended recreational boating facilities hierarchy.

5.2 Central Coastal Board (CCB)

The central coastal region spans some 500km from Breamlea to Inverloch and includes 13 local government municipalities. It is highly urbanised, with Melbourne and Geelong having a combined population of over 4.3 million. The two large bays of Port Phillip and Western Port are key features of the coast.

Board membership

Members of the CCB appointed for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2015 are:

- Mr Ross Kilborn – Chair (Acting from August 2013 appointed from February 2014)
- Dr Rosalind Jessop
- Ms Angela Reidy
- Mr Andrew Rodda
- Ms Anne-Marie Tenni
- Mr Jeff Weir
- Mr Doug Miller
- Ms Cath Wheelan (Chair from 1 July – August 2013).

KEY PROJECTS

Recreational Boating Facilities Framework

The CCB released the Recreational Boating Facilities Framework (RBFF) in March 2014 to help transition from a specialised Boating Coastal Action Plan 2007 to an integrated Regional Coastal Plan. A review of the first year's RBFF implementation will occur in Quarter 1 of 2015/16.

Coastal Resourcing Review

A review of resourcing arrangements required to support coastal entities was conducted in 2013 by the former Department of Environment and Primary Industries. The three RCBs signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding

centralising the resourcing of the boards with a priority on the delivery of the Regional Coastal Plans.

The change in resourcing restricted the Board's capacity to undertake a range of actions and activities that would previously have been considered core business. The CCB was able to achieve significant stakeholder engagement and implementation of the VCS, through the Regional Coastal Plan process.

The CCB Chair participated in a further review of coastal resourcing conducted by DELWP during the first half of 2015.

Central Regional Coastal Plan

As noted in Section 2.3 the CCB developed the Central Regional Coastal Plan to provide a framework and strategic direction to support local planning and decision making. The CCB developed the Plan through two stages of consultation with regional and state-wide stakeholders. The CCB used the feedback from the first consultation stage in March 2014 to identify eight regional priorities as the focus for the Plan:

- population growth – balancing access and valuing the natural environment;
- adapting to climate change and increased coastal hazards;
- integrating coastal planning and management;
- sustainable and equitable funding mechanisms for coastal infrastructure and management;
- oversee the implementation of the Recreational Boating Facilities Framework for the Central Coastal Region;
- sustainable visitation and tourism infrastructure service level hierarchy;
- protecting significant coastal and marine ecosystems and habitats; and
- promoting leadership, co-ordination and capacity building for the coast.

The CCB released a draft plan for comment in February 2015. Following this release, it hosted 12 formal meetings in Geelong (2 March) Inverloch (10 March), Frankston (17 March) and Port Melbourne (18 March) to explain the approaches in the draft plan, gather feedback about coastal management issues and encourage formal submissions about the draft plan.

A total of 65 written submissions were received about issues specific to the Central Coastal Region, with another 14 submissions about state-wide issues. The CCB reviewed these submissions as well as feedback from face-to-face meetings to revise and finalise the Plan. Once all feedback was considered, the Plan was approved by the Board and submitted to the VCC for consideration.

Implementation of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014

The CCB's primary role in relation to the VCS was to support implementation and promotion of the 2014 VCS, ensuring the development of the Regional Coastal Plan was consistent with the strategy. The Plan's development was based on stakeholder consultation on the scope of the plans and involved:

- 12 stakeholder and community workshops on the draft Regional Coastal Plan, with 108 attendees, resulting in 65 submissions to the CCB, and 12 state-wide;
- Revision of the draft Plan based on stakeholder feedback;
- Submission of the revised draft Plan for approval to the Victorian Coastal Council and subsequent endorsement by the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water pursuant to sections 25 & 26 of the Act.

5.3 Gippsland Coastal Board (GCB)

The Gippsland coastal region extends approximately 700km, from the eastern side of Anderson Inlet in the West to the New South Wales border in the east of the state. The coast includes those landward areas with a coastal influence, and seaward to a distance of 3 nautical miles from the coast.

The Gippsland coastal fringe consists of a series of dune-capped sandy barriers backed by lagoons, swamps and bluffs with East Gippsland backed by the iconic Gippsland Lakes. Gippsland's landscape includes three National Parks, five Marine National Parks, three Marine and Coastal Parks and a Marine Sanctuary. The national parks include iconic tourism and recreation destinations such as Wilsons Promontory National Park, Corner Inlet and the Ninety Mile Beach.

Board membership

Members of the GCB appointed for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2015 are:

- Cr. Richard Ellis (Chair)
- Mr Paul Smith
- Mr Rod Thomas
- Mr Ian Needham
- Mr Peter Jennings
- Mr (Michael) Des Sinnott OAM.

KEY PROJECTS

Implementation of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014

The Board's primary means for implementing the VCS in 2014–15 has been through its memberships and involvement in coastal liaison activities its implementation of CAPs, and its development of the Regional Coastal Plan. For example, the Boating CAP reinforces the concept of activity nodes and emphasises the potential for investment in designated boating precincts.

Gippsland Regional Coastal Plan

The Gippsland Regional Coastal Plan was a key focus of the GCB. As noted in Section 2.3, the Plan provides a regional framework and strategic direction to support local planning and decision making.

The Plan was developed in consultation with regional and state-wide stakeholders. An initial stage sought feedback about priority issues to be addressed in shaping the development of the Plan. The GCB held five meetings to gain input from key stakeholders including state government, local councils, Gippsland Ports, Parks Victoria, catchment management authorities and Traditional Owners. This information was used to identify the broad issues to be addressed in the Plan:

- managing regional population and tourism pressures;

- better integration of coastal management, particularly along foreshore areas;
- adapting to climate change and increased coastal hazards and
- supporting communities caring for the coast.

The GCB released a draft plan for comment in February 2015. The GCB hosted four formal meetings in Port Albert (23 March), Lakes Entrance (24 March) and Traralgon (25 March) to gain feedback about the Plan.

The GCB received 17 written submissions about issues specific to the Gippsland Coastal Region, with another 14 submissions about state-wide issues. The GCB reviewed these submissions as well as feedback from face-to-face meetings to revise and finalise the Plan. Once all feedback was considered, the Plan was approved by the Board and submitted to the VCC for consideration.



6. OPERATIONS

6.1 Contact

Council's office is located on Level 6, 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne 3002.

The postal address for the Council is PO Box 500, East Melbourne 8002.

Telephone 9637 8893
Fax 9637 8024
Email: vcc@delwp.vic.gov.au
Website: www.vcc.vic.gov.au

6.2 Workforce Data

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

Employment Type	2014–2015			2013–2014		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Ongoing *	0	0	0	0.8	0	0.8
Fixed Term**	2.5	0	2.5	1	0	1
Temporary Employees	1	0	1	0.5	0	0.5
Total	3.5	0	3.5	2.3	0	2.3

* VCC's ongoing staff are also included in employment statistics for DELWP.

** Fixed term staff were seconded from DELWP for the 2014–15 year.

6.3 Statement of Pecuniary Interests

All members of the VCC 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.

6.4 Consultancies over \$10,000

- There were no consultancies over \$10,000 engaged by the VCC in this period.

6.5 Consultancies under \$10,000

- There were no consultancies under \$10,000 engaged by the VCC in this period.

6.6 Major Contracts

During 2014–15 VCC did not enter into any contracts valued at over \$10 million.

6.7 Government Advertising Expenditure

Government Policy requires disclosure of all Government Advertising Expenditure with a total media buy of \$150,000 or greater (exclusive of GST). No Government Advertising Expenditure was incurred by the Council during the reporting period.

6.8 Publications

During the 2014–15 period, the VCC published the following document:

- *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014*

6.9 National Competition Policy

The VCC 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.

6.10 Freedom of Information (FOI)

The *Freedom of Information Act 1982* allows the public a right of access to documents held by the VCC. The VCC operates in accordance with FOI procedures established through the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning. Requests must be in writing and a fee of \$27.20 is payable for applications. There was no FOI request made to the VCC in 2014–15.

The VCC has determined that its authorised officer is the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning Freedom of Information Unit, 03 9637 8186.

6.11 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.

6.12 Women, Youth and Indigenous Affairs

The VCC 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 2014* identifies actions to implement indigenous cultural outcomes and to improve communications with Aboriginal communities in coastal areas, while VCC's business plan includes actions to strengthen community involvement in coastal planning and management. In addition, the VCC operates in an environment ensuring equity in VCC's processes and participation with stakeholders.

6.13 Protected Disclosures Act 2012

The *Protected Disclosure Act 2012* ('PD Act') enables people to make disclosures about improper conduct by public officers and public bodies. The Act aims to ensure openness and accountability by encouraging people to make disclosures and protecting them when they do.

What is a 'protected disclosure'?

A protected disclosure is a complaint of corrupt or improper conduct by a public officer or a public body.

Victorian Coastal Council is a "public body" for the purposes of the Act.

What is 'improper or corrupt conduct'?

Improper or corrupt conduct involves substantial:

- mismanagement of public resources; or
- risk to public health or safety or the environment; or
- corruption.

The conduct must be criminal in nature or a matter for which an officer could be dismissed.

How do I make a 'Protected Disclosure'?

You can make a protected disclosure about the VCC or its Council members, officers or employees by contacting Independent Broad-Based Anti-Corruption Commission (IBAC) on the contact details provided below.

Please note that the VCC is not able to receive protected disclosures.

How can I access the VCC's procedures for the protection of persons from detrimental action?

The VCC has established procedures for the protection of persons from detrimental action in reprisal for making a protected disclosure about VCC or its employees.

Contact

Independent Broad-Based Anti-Corruption Commission (IBAC) Victoria
Address: Level 1, North Tower, 459 Collins Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000.

Mail: IBAC, GPO Box 24234, Melbourne Victoria 3001

Internet: www.ibac.vic.gov.au

Phone: 1300 735 135

Email: see the website above for the secure email disclosure process, which also provides for anonymous disclosures.

6.14 Overseas Travel

No overseas travel was conducted in 2014–15.

6.15 Building Act 1993

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

6.16 Occupational Health and Safety Policy

Refer to DELWP Annual Report.

Operations are managed in accordance with DELWP procedures and guidelines for occupational health and safety and industrial relations and related issues.

6.17 Risk Management Compliance

While the VCC examines the risks of delivery of its particular work functions and objectives on an ongoing basis, it relies on DELWP's risk management framework and internal audit of financial and other administrative systems which are used by the VCC's Secretariat. Please refer to DELWP annual report for further information.

6.18 Compliance with DataVic Access Policy

Consistent with the Victorian Government's DataVic Access Policy (2012), the Council intends that data tables that it may produce in the future will be available at <http://data.vic.gov.au/> in machine readable format.

6.19 Summary of Environmental Performance

The Government's aim of improved environmental management is supported by a requirement that Departments disclose their ongoing performance in managing and reducing the environmental impacts of their office-based activities. The Council makes use of DELWP offices and facilities to perform its functions and the reporting requirement of the office is met by DELWP. The Council secretariat participates fully in a range of environmental programs undertaken by DELWP, including:

- separation of reusable, recyclable, compostable and landfill waste;
- use of Green Power;
- use of flow restricted taps and waterless urinals;
- use of recycled paper and use of duplex printing;
- environmentally sustainable fitouts; and
- regular use by staff of public transport, cycling or walking to and from work.

6.20 Statement of Availability of Other Information

Additional information included in annual report

Details in respect of the following items have been included in this report:

- Details of publications produced and how these can be obtained
- Details of major research and development activities undertaken
- Details of major promotional, public relations and marketing activities undertaken to develop community awareness of the entity and its services
- Details of overseas visits undertaken
- Assessments and measures undertaken to improve the occupational health and safety of employees
- A list of the Council's committees
- A statement of completion of declarations of pecuniary interests.

Information that is not applicable to the Council

The following information is not relevant to the Council for the reasons set out below:

- Details of changes in prices, fees, charges, and levies charged
- A statement on industrial relations
- A declaration of shares held by Council members and senior officers
- Details of any major external reviews carried out on the Council.

6.21 Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Attestation

Attestation by public entities in Department of Environment Land, Water and Plannings' portfolio

I, Nicola Waldron, Executive Officer of Victorian Coastal Council

Certify that:

- my public entity has policies and procedures in place that are consistent with the minimum requirements and accountabilities outlined in the *Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy Framework* issued by the Public Sector Standards Commissioner;
- staff are informed about these gifts, benefits and hospitality policies and procedures; and
- Council reviews the operation of the policies and procedures at least once a year to ensure transparent reporting of accepted gifts, benefits and hospitality.



Signature

Date: 12 August 2015

7. COUNCIL EXPENDITURE

7.1 Expenditure

The operating budget of the VCC is provided within the budget of DELWP. Financial operations of the VCC have not been separately audited. Audited statements are incorporated into the overall financial statements of DELWP Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2015 and it is considered unnecessary for VCC to have a separate audit committee. The following table shows the operating expenditure (excludes salaries and agency staff costs) of the VCC for the 2014–15 financial year compared with the 2013–14 financial year.

7.2 Operating Position

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

7.2.1 Summary of Financial Results of the Year

Expenditure	2013–2014	2014–2015
Council operations *	\$199,202	\$244,500

* Includes all members sitting fees, reimbursements, payroll tax, super contribution, WorkCover levy, secretariat expenses, training and items such as annual report, consultants and events.

7.2.2 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*.

7.2.3 Significant Changes in Financial Position During the Year

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

7.2.4 Major Changes or Factors Affecting Performance

There were no major changes or factors affecting performance.

7.2.5 Subsequent Events

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

7.2.6 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 2014–15 which VIPP applied.



8. DISCLOSURE INDEX

The 2014–15 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 VCC compliance with statutory disclosure requirements.

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FRD 15E	Executive officer disclosures (NOTE: Only applies to departments)	N/A
Other information		
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FRD 22F	Details of consultancies in excess of \$10 000	17
FRD 22F	Details of consultancies under \$10 000	17
FRD 22F	Disclosure of government advertising expenditure	17
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FRD 22F	Application and operation of Freedom of Information Act 1982	17
FRD 22F	Compliance with Building Act 1993	18
FRD 22F	Statement on National Competition Policy	17
FRD 22F	Application and operation of Protected Disclosures Act 2012	17
FRD 22F	Summary of environmental performance	N/A
FRD 22F	Statement of availability of other information	18
SD 4.5.5	Risk management compliance attestation	18
FRD 22F	DataVic Access Policy	18
PC 2012/02	Gifts, benefits and hospitality attestation	18
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Legislation		
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Financial Management Act 1994		
Public Administration Act 2004		
Print and design		
FRD 30	Standard requirements for the design and print of annual reports	

FRD – Financial Reporting Direction

SD – Standing Direction

PC – Premier's Circular

9. APPENDIX A

Table 1: Coastal Management Plans Approved in 2014–15

Title of Coastal Management Plan	Responsible Agent
GIPPSLAND COASTAL BOARD REGION	
N/A	
CENTRAL COASTAL BOARD REGION	
Balnarring Beach Foreshore and Parks Reserve Coastal Management Plan	Balnarring Beach Foreshore and Parks Reserve Committee of Management
WESTERN COASTAL BOARD REGION	
Bridgewater Bay Master Plan	Glenelg Shire Council
Warrnambool Coastal Management Plan	Warrnambool City Council

Table 2: Other Coastal Plans

Title of Plan	Status	Responsible Agent
GIPPSLAND COASTAL BOARD REGION		
Andersons Inlet Fisheries Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	DELWP, Fisheries Victoria
Bemm River Foreshore Management Plan	In process	DELWP/EGSC
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	Implementation	East Gippsland CMA
Lakes Entrance Integrated Planning Project	Nearing completion	DELWP/EGSC
Lake Tyers Beach Foreshore Management Plan	In Process	DELWP
Lake Wellington Wetlands Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Loch Sport Crown Reserves Management Plan	Implementation	DELWP/CoM
Mallacoota Inlet Foreshore Management Plan	Implementation, review in progress. Due for review	DELWP/EGSC
Marlay Point Foreshore Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	DELWP
Marlo Foreshore Management Plan	In process	DELWP/EGSC
Metung Foreshore Management Plan	Implementation, review in progress	DELWP/EGSC
Newlands Arm Foreshore Management Plan	Implementation	DELWP/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	Implementation	DELWP/CoM
Sandy Point Foreshore Management Plan	Implementation	DELWP/CoM
Shallow Inlet Foreshore Management Plan	Draft	DELWP/CoM
Tamboon Inlet Foreshore Management Plan	Cancelled	DELWP/EGSC
Walkerville Foreshore Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	DELWP / COM
West Gippsland Regional Catchment Strategy	Exhibition Draft	West Gippsland CMA
Wilsons Promontory Marine National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Woodside Beach Foreshore Management Plan	Implementation.	DELWP/CoM
CENTRAL COASTAL BOARD REGION		
Anderson Inlet Fisheries Reserve Management Plan 2006	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Avalon Beach Management Plan (Draft) 2001	Implementation	DELWP
Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary Management Plan 2007	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Barwon Coast Coastal Management Plan 2013/14 to 2015/16	Implementation	Barwon Coast Committee of Management
Bayside Coastal Management Plan 2012	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Black Rock – Beaumaris Foreshore Master Plan 2000	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Breamlea Foreshore Masterplan and Management Plan Update 2010	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong

Table 2: Other Coastal Plans continued

Title of Plan	Status	Responsible Agent
Brighton Foreshore Master Plan 1999	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Buckley Park Coastal Management Plan Vegetation Strategy 2005	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong
Bunurong Marine National Park Management Plan 2006	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Cannons Creek Foreshore Reserve Draft Management Plan 2012	Draft	Cannons Creek Foreshores Reserve CoM
Capel Sound Foreshore Reserve Management Plan 2015	In Preparation	Capel Sound Foreshores Reserve CoM
Cape Paterson Foreshore Reserve Management Plan 1998	Implementation	Bass Coast Shire Council
Clifton Springs Coastal Management Plan 2008	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong
Collins Settlement Future Directions Management Plan 2002	Implementation	Parks Victoria & Mornington Peninsula Shire
Corangamite Fishery Management Plan 2008	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Corinella Foreshore Reserve Management Plan 2015	Draft	DELWP
Dromana Foreshore Coastal Management Plan 2010	Review	Dromana Foreshore CoM & DELWP
Eastern Port Phillip Bay Aquaculture Fisheries Management Plan 2005	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Flinders Aquaculture Fisheries Reserve Management Plan 2005	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Flinders Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan 2010	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Flinders Pier Master Plan 2008	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Foreshore Management Plan 2011 (City of Port Phillip) 2012	Implementation	City of Port Phillip
Frankston Foreshore Coastal Management Plan 2012	In preparation	Frankston City Council
French Island National Park Management Plan 1998	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Geelong Arm Aquaculture Fisheries Reserve Management Plan 2005	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Draft Green Point Precinct Landscape Conservation Management Plan 2012	Draft	Bayside City Council
Halfmoon Bay Master Plan 2008	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Hampton Foreshore Master Plan 1997	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Hastings South Coastal Management Plan & Recreational Boating Precinct 2008	Draft	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Hastings Coastal Management Plan 2015	Draft	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Jawbone Marine Sanctuary Management Plan 2007	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Kingston Coastal Management Plan 2015	Draft	Kingston City Council
Lang Lang Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan 2012	Implementation	DELWP
Limeburners Bay Management Plan Stage 2 Review 2008	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong
Merricks Beach Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan 2012	Draft	Merricks Beach Foreshore CoM & DELWP
Mills Beach Landscape Masterplan 2012	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Mordialloc Creek Masterplan 2012	Implementation	Kingston City Council
Mornington Coastal Management Plan	Draft	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Mordialloc: Pride of the Bay Structure Plan 2004	Implementation	Kingston City Council
Mornington Harbour Precinct Plan 2013	In preparation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Mornington Peninsula National Park and Arthurs Seat State Park Management Plan 1998	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Mount Eliza Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan 2004	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Mount Martha Coastal Management Plan 2008	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Mushroom Reef Marine Sanctuary Management Plan 2007	Implementation	Parks Victoria
The Northern Bellarine Foreshore Plan 2012	Implementation	Bellarine Bayside Foreshore Committee of Management
Phillip Island Nature Parks Strategic Plan 2012–17	Implementation	Phillip Island Nature Parks Board of Management
Pinnacle Channel Aquaculture Fisheries Reserve Management Plan 2005	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Point Cook Coastal Park and Cheetham Wetlands Future Directions Plan 2005	Implementation	Parks Victoria

Table 2: Other Coastal Plans continued

Title of Plan	Status	Responsible Agent
Point Cooke Marine Sanctuary Management Plan 2007	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Point Henry Foreshore Management Plan 2006	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong
Point Leo Coastal Management Plan 2012	Draft	Point Leo Foreshore CoM & DELWP
Point Lonsdale Foreshore Master Plan 2009	Implementation	Borough of Queenscliffe & Greater Geelong
Point Nepean National Park and Point Nepean Quarantine Station Management Plan 2009	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Point Nepean National Park Master Plan 2013	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Portarlington Safe Harbour Master Plan 2009	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Port Phillip and Western Port Fisheries Management Plan 2009	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Port Phillip Heads Marine National Park Management Plan 2006	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Port Phillip (Western Shoreline) & Bellarine Peninsula Ramsar Site Strategic Management Plan 2003	Implementation	Parks Victoria & DELWP
Portsea Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan 2004	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Queenscliffe Coastal Management Plan 2006	Implementation	Borough of Queenscliffe
Draft Ricketts Point and Ricketts Point Landside Management Plan 2013	In preparation	Bayside City Council
Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary Management Plan 2005	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Rosebud Activity Centre Structure Plan 2012	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Rosebud Activity Centre Urban Design Framework 2012 2012	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Rosebud Coastal Management Plan 2012	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Rye Foreshore Reserve Landscape Master Plan 2008	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Draft Rye Recreational Boating Precinct Master Plan 2013	In preparation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Safety and Environment Management Plan for the local port of Western Port 2005	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Sandringham Foreshore Coastal Management Plan 2010	Implementation	Bayside City Council, DELWP, Parks Victoria
Sandringham Foreshore Master Plan and Management Plan 1998	Implementation	Bayside City Council
San Remo Foreshore Reserve Management Plan 2010	Implementation	DELWP
Seaford Life Saving Club Precinct Master Plan 2004	Implementation	Frankston City Council
Shoreham Foreshore Reserve Management Plan 2008	Implementation	Shoreham Foreshore CoM & DELWP
Somers Foreshore Reserve Management Plan 2011	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Sorrento Recreational Boating Precinct Plan 2011	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
South Channel Fort Conservation Management Plan – Part 1 & 2 2006	Implementation	Parks Victoria
St Kilda Harbour Concept Plan 2010	Implementation	Parks Victoria
St Kilda Pier Conservation Management Plan 2004	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Stony Point and Hastings Foreshore Management Plan 2001	Implementation	Foreshore CoM
Tooradin Foreshore and Boating Infrastructure Master Plan 2009	Implementation	Tooradin Foreshore CoM & DELWP
Truganina Explosives Reserve Coastal Management Plan 2013	Draft	City of Hobsons Bay
Victorian Abalone Fishery Management Plan 2007	Review	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Victorian Eel Fishery Management Plan 2002	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Victorian Giant Crab Fishery Management Plan 2003	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Victorian Rock Lobster Fishery Management Plan 2009	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Warneet Foreshore Coastal Management Plan 2012	In preparation	Warneet Foreshore Reserve CoM
Western Port Marine National Parks Management Plan (Yaringa, French Island & Churchill Island) 2007	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Western Port Ramsar Site Strategic Management Plan 2003	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Whitecliffs to Camerons Bight Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan 2012	Implementation	Whitecliffs to Camerons Bight Foreshore CoM
Williamstown Foreshore Strategic Plan 2010	Implementation	Parks Victoria

Table 2: Other Coastal Plans continued

Title of Plan	Status	Responsible Agent
WESTERN COASTAL BOARD REGION		
A Guide to the Management of Native Fish: Victorian Coastal Rivers and Wetlands	Completed	Corangamite CMA on behalf of five coastal CMAs and Melbourne Water
Anglesea River and Estuary Management Plan – revised	Underway	Corangamite CMA
Anglesea Riverbank Master Plan	Implementation	Surf Coast Shire Council
Apollo Bay Harbour Master Plan	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Apollo Bay Recreation Reserve Master Plan	In progress	Otway Coast Committee
Apollo Bay Settlement Boundary and Urban Design Review	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Apollo Bay Structure Plan – (GORRS Funded)	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Apollo Bay Structure Plan – PSA Implementation C55	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Barwon South West Regional Trails Master Plan	Implementation	Colac Otway Shire Council on behalf of the Barwon South West Region
Belfast Lough Environmental Management Plan 2006	On hold	Moyne Shire Council
Bells Beach Surfing Recreation Reserve Coastal Management Plan 2015–2018	draft for consultation	Surf Coast Shire Council
Bells Beach Surfing Recreation Reserve Implementation Plan 2015–2018	draft for consultation	Surf Coast Shire Council
Coastal Hazards and Engineering Study (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed	Glenelg Shire Council
Coastal Management Plan 2013	Implementation	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study – PSA Implementation (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Complete	Surf Coast Shire Council
Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study – PSA Implementation (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Commenced	Corangamite Shire Council
Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study and GOR Region Landscape Assessment Study – PSE Implementation C21 (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Completed	Moyne Shire Council
Colac Otway Shire Public Open Space Plan	Implementation	Colac Otway Shire Council
Colac Otway Shire Rural Living Study	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Colac Structure Plan – PSA Implementation C55 (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Corangamite Fishery Management Plan	Ongoing	DELWP
Corangamite Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Strategy	Completed	Corangamite CMA
Corangamite Native Vegetation Plan	Completed	Corangamite CMA
Corangamite Region Wetland Strategy	Completed	Corangamite CMA
Corangamite Regional Catchment Strategy 2013–2019 (RCS)	Commenced	Corangamite CMA
Corangamite Regional River Health Strategy (2006–2011) and Addendum	Completed	Corangamite CMA
Corangamite Salinity Action Plan	Completed	Corangamite CMA
Corangamite Soil Health Strategy	Completed	Corangamite CMA
Corangamite Water Strategy	draft for consultation	Corangamite CMA
Cultural Heritage Management Plan	Draft report completed	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Curdies River Estuary Management Plan	Completed	Corangamite and Moyne Shire Councils
Deep Creek Master Plan	Implementation	Surf Coast Shire Council
Discovery Bay Marine National Park Management Plan	Completed	Parks Victoria
Environment and Land Management Plan	Implementation	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Environmental Sustainability Strategy	Completed	Moyne Shire Council
Fitzroy Estuary Management Plan	Completed	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Flood Study for Port Fairy	Completed	Glenelg Hopkins CMA and Moyne Shire Council
Futurescapes – Climate Change Demonstrator Project	Completed	Glenelg Shire Council

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Table 2: Other Coastal Plans continued

Title of Plan	Status	Responsible Agent
Glenelg Environment Strategy	Completed	Glenelg Shire Council
Glenelg Hopkins Fishery Management Plan	Completed	DELWP
Glenelg Hopkins Regional Catchment Strategy	Completed	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Glenelg Hopkins River Health Strategy 2004–2009	Completed	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Glenelg River Estuary Management Plan	Completed	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Glenelg Strategic Futures Plan	Completed	Glenelg Shire Council
GOR Region Landscape Assessment Study – PSA Implementation C55 (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Great Ocean Road Coast Committee Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Great Ocean Road Tourism Master Plan	Draft for consultation	Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism Ltd
Great Otway National Park and Otway Forest Park Management Plan	Completed	Parks Victoria
Hopkins River Estuary Management Plan	Completed	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Indigenous Cultural Heritage Conservation Manual	Implementation	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Indigenous Partnership Strategy	Completed	Parks Victoria
Kooyang Sea Country	Completed	Framlingham Aboriginal Trust and Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation
Local Coastal Hazard Assessment Port Fairy	Completed	Moyne Shire Council and DELWP
Lorne Central Foreshore Masterplan	Implementation	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Marengo Reefs Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Completed	Parks Victoria
Merri Estuary Management Plan	Completed	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Merri Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Completed	Parks Victoria
New Corangamite Waterway Strategy (CWS) for the health of rivers, estuaries and wetlands	Commenced	Corangamite CMA
Ngootyoong Gunditj Ngootyoong Mara	Draft consultation completed	Gunditjmara Traditional Owners, Parks Victoria, DELWP
Ngootyoong Gunditj Ngootyoong Mara South West Management Plan	released for comment	Parks Victoria
Open Space Strategy	Draft for consultation	Surf Coast Shire
Otway Coast Committee Coastal Management Plan 2013	Implementation	Otway Coast Committee of Management
Painkalac Creek Environmental Flow Determination	Completed	Corangamite CMA
Painkalac Creek Estuary Management Plan	Completed	Surf Coast Shire Council
Pathway strategy 2006	Review completed	Surf Coast Shire Council
Peterborough UDG Amendment – PSA Implementation C29	Completed	Moyne Shire Council
Point Addis Marine National Park, Point Danger Marine Sanctuary and Eagle Rock Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Completed	Parks Victoria
Point Grey and Slaughterhouse Master Plan	In progress	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Pollution Source Investigation for Lorne (Erskine River)	In progress	Surf Coast Shire Council
Port Fairy East Beach Coastal Erosion Engineering and Feasibility Study	Final Report	Moyne Shire Council and DELWP
Port Fairy Night Soil Site Management Plan	Completed	DELWP
Port of Portland Marine Services Precinct Development Plan	Draft	DEDJTR
Portland Aquaculture Fisheries Reserves Management Plan	Plan Approved	DELWP
Portland Bay Coastal Infrastructure Plan	Completed	Glenelg Shire Council
Princetown Urban Design Framework – Urban Futures Consulting	Completed	Corangamite Shire Council
Princetown Urban Design Framework (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed	Corangamite Shire Council
Shipwreck Coast Master Plan	Draft for consultation	Parks Victoria, Corangamite Shire, Moyne Shire, Tourism Victoria
South Warrnambool Flood Study	Completed	Glenelg Hopkins CMA

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Table 2: Other Coastal Plans continued

Title of Plan	Status	Responsible Agent
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
Sturgess Point/Beacon Point Geotechnical Investigation, Port Campbell	Completed	DELWP
Surry Estuary Management Plan	Completed	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Surry River Flood Study	Completed	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
The Crags Management Plan	Completed	Moyne Shire Council
The future of Surf Life Saving in the Surf Coast Shire	public consultation	Surf Coast Shire
Torquay Foreshore Master Plan	Implementation	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Torquay North Outline Development Plan	Completed	Surf Coast Shire Council
Torquay West Growth Area – Torquay Jan Juc 2040	In progress	Surf Coast Shire Council
Torquay/Jan Juc Structure Plan – PSA Implementation C37 (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed	Surf Coast Shire Council
Tower Hill Design Guidelines (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	In progress	Moyne Shire Council
Twelve Apostles Marine National Park and The Arches Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Completed	Parks Victoria
Warrnambool City Council Coastal Management Plan	Developing	Warrnambool City Council
Warrnambool Safer Harbour Study	Recommendation made. Awaiting approval.	Warrnambool City Council
Water Supply Demand Strategy 2012–2062	Completed	Wannon Water
Weed Control and Native Vegetation Action Plan	Implementation	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Wye River/Sep Creek/Kennett River Structure Plan	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Wye River/Sep Creek/Kennett River Structure Plan – PSA Implementation C58 (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Yambuk Lake Estuary Management Plan	Complete	Glenelg Hopkins CMA



10. APPENDIX B

Nominee	Project Name	Finalist/Winner	Award Category
Gellibrand River EstuaryWatch Group	EstuaryWatch Program	Finalist	Natural Environment
Yarram Yarram Landcare Network	Coastal Saltmarsh Protection Project	Winner	Natural Environment
Barwon Coast Committee of Management	Improving Biodiversity Conservation along the Barwon Coastline	Finalist	Natural Environment
Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority	Ramsar Protection Program	Finalist	Natural Environment
Victoria's Friends of the Hooded Plover Groups	Helping to Save the Hooded Plover	Finalist	Natural Environment
Friends of the Bluff	"Living on the Edge" App	Finalist	Education
Bunurong Coast Education	Improved Marine and Coastal Resilience Through Knowledge	Winner	Education
Gippsland Lakes Ministerial Advisory Committee	Love Our Lakes Program	Finalist	Education
Barwon Heads Primary School	Let Our Sea Be Plastic Free Program	Finalist	Education
Port Fairy Coastal Group	Strategic Monitoring of Port Fairy's Coastline	Finalist	Community Action and Partnerships
Marine Volunteers Network	Sharing the Love	Winner	Community Action and Partnerships
Nelson Coastcare Group	Ecoliteracy advocates and Ramsar-worthy workers	Winner	Community Action and Partnerships
Phillip Island National Surfing Reserve Community Working Group	Phillip Island National Surfing Reserve	Finalist	Community Action and Partnerships
Borough of Queenscliffe	Point Lonsdale Foreshore Revitalisation Project	Winner	Building and Design
Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron	St Kilda Harbour Marina Development	Finalist	Building and Design
Glenelg Shire Council	Portland Bay Coastal Infrastructure Upgrade Project	Finalist	Building and Design
City of Greater Geelong	Integrated Coastal Erosion and Landslide Management of the Northern Bellarine Peninsula	Finalist	Planning and Management
Department of Environment and Primary Industries	Coastal Protection of San Remo	Finalist	Planning and Management
Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	Rye Recreational Boating Precinct Plan	Winner	Planning and Management
Natalie Manahan	Postgraduate marine research	Winner	Victorian Marine Science Consortium Award
Rhys Cartlidge	Postgraduate marine research	Winner	Victorian Marine Science Consortium Award
Uncle Albert Mullett (1933–2014)		Recipient	Lifetime Achievement Award
Neil Blake		Recipient	Outstanding Individual Achievement
Paul van Leeuwen		Special Commendation	Outstanding Individual Achievement

11. ACRONYMS USED

CAP	Coastal Action Plan
CCB	Central Coastal Board
CMA	Catchment Management Authority
CoM	Committee of Management
DELWP	Department of Environment, Land, Water, and Planning
DEPI	Department of Environment and Primary Industries
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
FRD	Financial Reporting Direction
GCB	Gippsland Coastal Board
PC	Premier’s Circulation
RCB	Regional Coastal Board
RCP	Regional Coastal Plan
SD	Standing Direction
VCC	Victorian Coastal Council
VCS	Victorian Coastal Strategy
VCMC	Victorian Catchment Management Council
WCB	Western Coastal Board



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