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## CHAIR'S FOREWORD

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On behalf of the Victorian Coastal Council, I present this report to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change the Hon Lily D'Ambrosio 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.

Appointed in September 2015, the current Victorian Coastal Council (the Council) has taken up its role in a period of significant review and change in relation to coastal and marine policy, planning and management in Victoria. The State Government has committed to legislative reform, to a review of coastal and marine governance arrangements and to the strengthening of evidence-based reporting to the Victorian community on the condition of our coastal and marine environments.

In combination, these developments create an important context. They enable governments, coastal managers and communities to come together in order to address the impacts of climate change, population growth and increasing tourism on Victoria's much-loved coastal and marine environments. Tackled in a timely, informed and coordinated way, these challenges present opportunities for learning, innovation and the creation of a more prosperous and sustainable future for bayside and coastal communities throughout the State. The Council, in partnership with the Western, Central and Gippsland Regional Coastal Boards, looks forward to playing its part in these developments.

This annual report covers the twelve-month period from July 2015 – June 2016. Much of the Council's work and the work of its staff was defined by our legislative functions, including our role in the implementation of the 2014 Victorian Coastal Strategy prepared by the previous Council under the leadership of Chair Jon Hickman. Additional highlights of the past twelve months have included recognition of the work of communities on the Victorian coast through the 2015 Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence. We have also contributed actively to the early development of a new Marine and Coastal Act and have provided advice on a range of relevant government policies and strategies. Importantly, we have prioritised the preparatory and implementation work for the 2016 Coast to Coast Conference. This national coastal conference is held every two years and Victoria is proudly hosting the 2016 event in August in partnership with the Australian Coastal Society. Finally, mention must be made of the Victorian Coastal Council Science Panel that has continued to provide independent scientific advice to government bodies on a number of important coastal and marine matters.

Looking forward, the Council remains committed to building and embedding our relations with key partners such as DELWP, the Regional Coastal Boards, Parks Victoria, the Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council and Local Government. This commitment enables us to pursue a deeper engagement and on-going collaboration with those who are committed to the vision of the Victorian Coastal Strategy, namely a 'healthy coast, appreciated by all, now and into the future'. In 2016/17, we are keen to extend this commitment more thoroughly to the realm of community engagement in Victoria. This should include Traditional Owners as well as those whose voice on coastal issues may otherwise not be heard. This will assist us in prioritising future issues and inform our advice to government.

Lastly, I would like to thank my Council colleagues and our staff for their dedication and work and acknowledge the support of DELWP, the Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, Parks Victoria and the Australian Coastal Society.



A stylized handwritten signature in black ink.

**Cathy Whelan**  
Chair, Victorian Coastal Council



# 1. HIGHLIGHTS

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## 1.1 Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014

The Council has actively encouraged the implementation of the Strategy through raising awareness of key issues facing Victoria's coast and marine areas and the policies established to address these issues. The Council has provided input to the development of an Implementation Plan for the Strategy along with delivering on actions for which it has responsibility. Key actions progressed include the delivery of the Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence, hosting the national coastal conference Coast to Coast and contributing to coastal and marine planning.

## 1.2 New Marine and Coastal Act

The Victorian Government is developing a new Marine and Coastal Act, and improving management and oversight arrangements for our bays, coasts and marine parks. These improvements to marine and coastal management are being developed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning with guidance from an expert panel, and input from stakeholders and the community. The Council plays an important role in encouraging community discussion, through representation on reference groups and advocating long-term thinking around the five key issues in the Victorian Coastal Strategy and the development of the new Act.

## 1.3 Coast to Coast 2016 Conference

The national coastal conference, Coast to Coast, will be held in Melbourne Victoria from 29 August to 1 September 2016 at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground. The

biennial conference will bring together a range of key industry and community stakeholders from the coastal and marine sector.

The 2016 Conference has a strong international and national focus on coastal and marine management and planning. Furthermore, hosting the conference will deliver on an action in the Victorian Coastal Strategy (VCS) 2014. The Council is planning the Conference guided by the Conference Steering Committee which has representatives from the Victorian Coastal Council, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and the Australian Coastal Society.

## 1.4 Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence 2015

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 2015, their sixteenth year, the awards recognised the work of individuals, groups, businesses and schools for their commitment to the protection of Victoria's coastal and marine environments.

A presentation ceremony was held at the National Gallery of Victoria on 14 October 2015 with over 250 individuals from volunteer groups, committees of management, government and non-government organisations in attendance. An encouraging response to the call for nominations resulted in 16 finalists across five award categories including natural environment, building and design, planning and management, community engagement, and education.

The Outstanding Individual Achievement Award was presented to Bob Semmens

for commitment to the control and management of Sea Spurge and other coastal weeds as a member of the Friends of Mallacoota and Mallacoota Coastcare. A full list of winners and finalists is presented in Appendix B.

## 1.5 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 Panel is chaired by Dr Anthony Boxshall, a member of the Council. Science Panel members attended a joint meeting with the newly appointed Council members on 19 November 2015. A key outcome from this meeting was to discuss the direction of the Science Panel in having input to the development of government policy. The Council and Panel took a view that the Panel is a deep resource available to Government on policy and other questions requiring an evidence base for decision making, or at least an assessment of the available evidence. This led to the involvement of a selection of Panel members contributing to the development of indicators for State of the Bay reporting as well as a growing number of requests from within DELWP (in particular) for Science Panel involvement in questions regarding evidence.



## 2. GOVERNANCE AND FUNCTIONS

The Council is established under the *Coastal Management Act 1995*. It is accountable to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change. The responsible Minister for the period from 1 July 2015 to 22 May 2016 was the Hon Lisa Neville MP and for the period 23 May 2016 – 30 June 2016 was the Hon Lily D’Ambrosio MP.

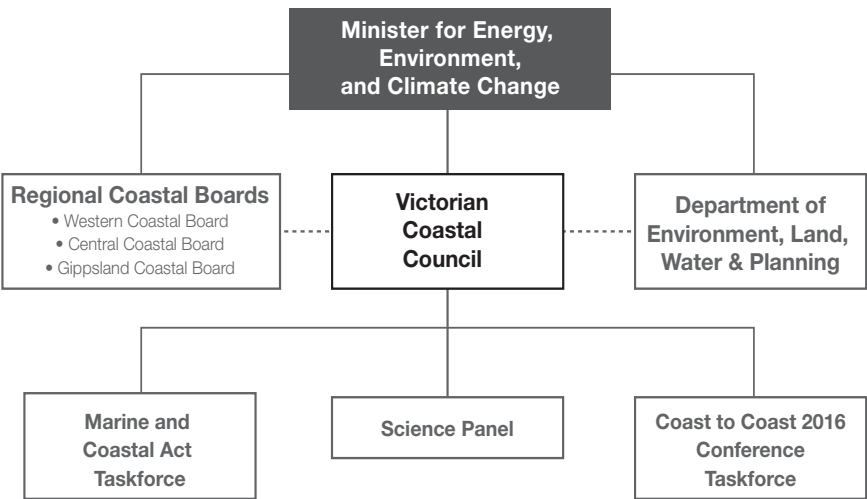
The role of the Council is to provide strategic direction and improve the coordination of coastal planning and management in Victoria.

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

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 (from here on 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 Council
- 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.

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



### 2.1 Council Membership

Members of the Council 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 Council members follow.

#### 2.1.1 Members

Members of the Council were appointed on 22 September 2015.

##### Cathy Whelan (Chair)

Cathy Whelan was appointed Chair of the Victorian Coastal Council in September 2015. Cathy has 30 years of public sector management and governance experience. She has held a range of senior leadership roles in Victorian local government and is currently Director and Principal Consultant at RECKON Consulting.



##### Belinda Ainley

Belinda Ainley was appointed to the Victorian Coastal Council in September 2015. Belinda has worked in coastal and environmental management for 18 years in state and local government and in private industry. She is currently working all over Victoria as a coastal and environmental planning consultant in her own boutique consulting business. Belinda has a Masters degree in Environmental Planning (RMIT) and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Parks, Recreation and Heritage (CSU). Belinda enjoys open water swimming and sea-kayaking.



##### Dr Anthony Boxshall

Dr Anthony Boxshall is a marine ecologist by trade who has worked in Australia and the USA across Government, academia and private industry. He is the Founder & Principal of Science into



Action, using leadership, innovation and science communication to turn great science into greater actions. A former National President of the Australian Marine Sciences Association (AMSA – the largest learned society for professional marine scientists in Australia), he has worked at UC Santa Cruz USA, Deakin University, and is on a number of innovation Boards. He is the current Group Manager, Applied Sciences at the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in Victoria. He is a problem solver and strategist. As a hobby he communicates the wonders of the marine environment to a broad audience through the award-winning “Radio Marinara” on 3RRR-FM in Melbourne.

#### **Michelle Croughan**

Michelle Croughan was appointed to the Victorian Coastal Council in September 2015. For over 20 years Michelle has worked in local and state government as a planner, with a particular focus on the management of the planning system. She is currently a consultant to the Municipal Association of Victoria and works in planning and building policy. Michelle is a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She has an Honours Degree in Planning and Design at Melbourne University and a Diploma in Business Management at RMIT. Michelle is a member of her local 3206 Beach Patrol.



#### **Stacey Daniel**

Stacey is an engineering and business professional who 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 Chartered Professional Engineer and 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.



#### **Cr Dick Ellis**

Cr Dick Ellis of the Shire of East Gippsland is a long term resident of Lakes Entrance. He has a diverse background in public administration and business. Amongst his membership of a number of Gippsland wide public boards and committees associated with the coast is his position as Chair of the Gippsland Coastal Board and the Gippsland Waste & Resource Recovery Group. Dick maintains a long engagement with community organisations and is President of his local Surf Life Saving Club. Dick is also a committee member of the Australian Coastal Councils Association.



#### **Rob Gell AM**

Rob Gell is a coastal geomorphologist by training; he taught Environmental Science and Physical Geography at tertiary level, then for thirty years presented television weather. In his professional life he works as an environmental and communications consultant and is a Director of Bhive Group Pty Ltd. He is a company director, a published author and photographer.



Rob is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and an Inaugural Fellow of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand. He has been a local government councillor and was a councillor of the Australian Conservation Foundation. He was the Environment Ambassador to the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games, a director of Greening Australia for thirteen years and Chairman of the UNESCO Western Port Biosphere for a decade. He is also the Patron of the Geography Teachers Association of Victoria, Wildlife Victoria, Life Education Victoria, has been made a Life Ambassador for Australia Day, and was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia in 2014.

#### **Ross Kilborn**

Ross was reappointed to the Council and Chair of the Central Coastal Board in September 2015. 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**

Jill holds degrees in Agricultural Science and Education from the University of Melbourne and was a teacher for more than 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 a committee member of the Australian Coastal Councils Association.



#### **Dr David Provis**

David is a Senior Principal of Cardno, with more than 30 years' experience in consulting in coastal oceanography. He is a member of the National Committee on Coastal and Ocean Engineering, Engineers Australia and a part-time Research Professor in the Centre for Ocean Engineering, Science and Technology at Swinburne University of Technology. His experience includes the analysis of measured data and numerical modelling in oceanography and marine meteorology. He has carried out significant studies in coastal hazard assessments and climate change impacts.





### 2.1.2 Victorian Coastal Council Meetings

Six Council meetings were held during the 2015/16 financial year:

- 19 November 2015
- 18 December 2015
- 7 – 8 February 2016
- 30 March 2016
- 18 May 2016
- 16 June 2016

Member attendance at the Council's six business meetings throughout 2015/16 is as follows:

Cathy Whelan	6
Belinda Ainley	5
Anthony Boxshall	6
Michelle Croughan	6
Stacey Daniel	5
Cr Richard Ellis	4
Rob Gell AM	5
Ross Kilborn	6
Cr Jill Parker	5
Dr David Provis	5

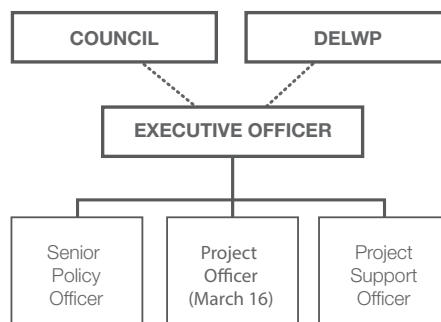
### 2.1.3 Representation on stakeholder reference groups

VCC membership on stakeholder reference groups:

- New Marine and Coastal Act
- New Port Phillip Bay Environmental Management Plan
- State Environment Protection Policy (Waters of Victoria)
- Victorian Biodiversity Strategy
- Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014 Implementation Coordinating Committee
- State of the Environment Report
- Boating Infrastructure Stakeholders Group
- Port Phillip Bay Fund Advisory Group
- Victorian Rural Drainage Strategy Intergovernmental Reference Group

### 2.2 Victorian Coastal Council Operational Chart

**Figure 2: Victorian Coastal Council Operational Chart**



### 2.3 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.

#### 2.3.1 Council Business Plan

The Council has developed a draft business plan for Ministerial endorsement. The business plan provides strategic direction for the Council until 2018. The priorities outlined in the business plan reflect key issues, outcomes and actions contained in the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014, as well as emerging challenges and opportunities for Victoria's coastal and marine environments. The Plan identifies four strategic priorities for Council's current three-year term:

- Effective coastal and marine planning and management
- Planning for and adapting to the impacts of climate change on the coast
- Understanding the condition of coastal and marine environments
- Stronger connections, community engagement and advocacy





### 2.3.2 Submissions by the Council

- To Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Plan Melbourne Refresh, 18 December 2015
- To Infrastructure Victoria, Victoria's 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy – Response to 'Laying the Foundations' Paper, 15 March 2016
- To Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Draft Coastal Management Plan Guidelines, 8 April 2016
- To Infrastructure Victoria, Victoria's 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy – Response to the options paper 'All Things Considered', 30 June 2016

### 2.3.4 Conference and Seminar Attendances

- Landcare Awards, 31 August 2015, Melbourne
- Climate Change and Corporate Governance, 27 October 2015, Melbourne
- Climate Change Leadership Forum, 3 December 2015, Melbourne
- Public Land and Tourism Climate Change Roundtable, 10 March 2016, Melbourne
- 2016 Australian Coastal Councils Conference, 4 – 6 May 2016, Rockingham WA

### 2.3.3 Presentations

#### Presentations received at Council meetings

Presenter	Topic	Date
Peter Beaumont, Executive Director Land Management Policy and Will Guthrie, Director Land Policy, DELWP	Update from DELWP	19 November 2015
Geoff Wescott, Chair MACA Expert Panel	New Marine & Coastal Act	18 December 2015
Peter Betson, Executive Director Biodiversity Division and Jeremy Hindell, Manager State of the Bay Report, DELWP	State of the Bay Report/ Port Phillip Bay EMP	18 December 2015
Rebecca Price, Principal Policy Officer, DELWP	DELWP Coastal Climate Change Risk Assessment	18 May 2016

#### Presentations given by Council members and staff on VCC business

Presenter	Presented to	Topic	Date
Nicola Waldron (EO VCC) and Amanda Cornish (Senior Policy Officer VCC)	RMIT University	Coastal policy, planning and governance	15 April 2016
Nicola Waldron (EO VCC)	Association of Bayside Municipalities	Coast to Coast 2016 Conference	21 April 2016



### 3. 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.

#### 3.1 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 VCS should be developed, including what it must contain, how consultation should occur and how often it needs to be updated. Under the Act, the VCS must be reviewed every five years, unless the Minister directs the Council to review it earlier.

Section 15 of 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 VCS, 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 VCS released in 2002 supported the introduction of marine national parks and sanctuaries in Victoria. In 2008, the third VCS introduced a new planning benchmark for sea level rise under climate change, which was embedded in the State Planning Policy Framework. It also identified three significant issues requiring specific attention (climate change, population growth and marine ecological integrity).

The Council finalised work on the fourth iteration of the strategy in 2014.

The vision of the VCS 2014 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 VCS 2014 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.

#### 3.2 Implementation of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014

The Council has commenced delivery of priority actions in the VCS 2014 including hosting the 2015 Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence, planning for the delivery of the national coastal conference Coast to Coast, and contributing to the new Marine and Coastal Act. The Council has also worked with DELWP to support preparation of an Implementation Plan (to be published in late 2016) that will assist in reporting to the Minister on implementation of actions in the VCS 2014.

The Council has also contributed to the delivery of partner agency actions through representation on stakeholder reference groups.

### 3.3 Working with Regional Coastal Boards (RCBs)

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

- 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*.

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.

### 3.4 Regional Coastal Plans (RCPs)

The Central, Western and Gippsland Regional Coastal Plans (RCPs) received Ministerial endorsement under section 27 of the *Coastal Management Act 1995* on 16 August 2015.

In addition to the three RCPs, there were 18 Coastal Action Plans (CAPs) in operation during the 2015–16 reporting period (Table 2).

Further details on the implementation of RCPs in each coastal region over the reporting period can be found in Section 4 – Regional Coastal Boards.

### 3.5 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 2015–16 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

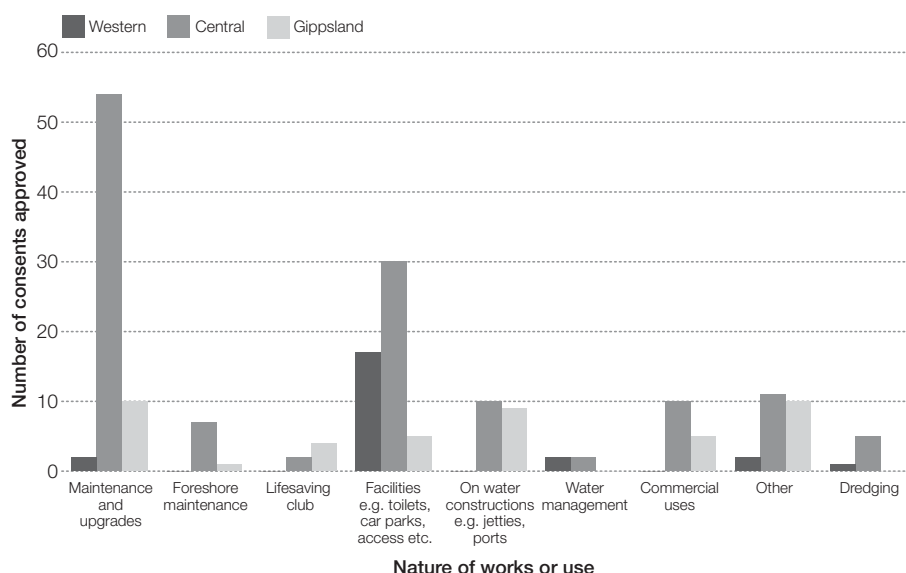
emergency works. A number of consents are also being issued for low risk works when Coastal Management Plans are approved, to reduce the need for coastal managers to make separate consent applications for these works.

In the 2015–16 reporting year, 199 applications for the use and/or development of coastal Crown land were approved by delegates of the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change (refer to Fig 3). The total value of applications approved was \$56,838,117.

**Table 2: Regional Coastal Plans and Coastal Action Plans current during 2015–16**

Region	CAP title
<b>Gippsland Coastal Board</b>	Gippsland Regional Coastal Plan 2015
	Gippsland Boating CAP (2013)
	Gippsland Estuaries CAP (2006)
	Integrated Coastal Planning for Gippsland CAP (2002)
	Gippsland Lakes CAP (1999)
<b>Central Coastal Board</b>	Central Regional Coastal Plan 2015–2020
	Recreational Boating Facilities Framework (2014)
	Mount Eliza to Point Nepean CAP (2005)
	Corio Bay CAP (2005)
<b>Western Coastal Board</b>	Western Regional Coastal Plan 2015–2020
	Western Victoria Boating CAP 2010
	Central West Victoria Estuaries CAP 2005
	Glenelg CAP 2004
	Central West Victoria Regional CAP 2003
	South West Victoria Estuaries CAP 2002
	South West Victoria Regional CAP 2002
	Moyne CAP 2001
	Skenes Creek to Marengo CAP 2001
	Lorne CAP 1998
	Warrnambool Coastal Action Plan 1999
	Anglesea CAP 1999

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



## 4. REGIONAL COASTAL BOARDS

There are three Regional Coastal Boards (RCBs) 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 Section 12 of 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.

Under Section 13 of the Act, the Boards must report to the Council 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 (Regional Coastal Plan) and approved coastal guidelines for the region.

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

### 4.1 Western Coastal Board (WCB)

The western coastal region extends from Breamlea (near Torquay) to the South Australian border including the municipalities of Surf Coast, Colac-Otway, Corangamite, Moyne and Glenelg, and the City of Warrnambool. Victoria's western coastline is world-famous and includes well-known destinations such as the Great Ocean Road, the Twelve Apostles and Bells Beach. The increasing popularity of the Victorian coast has seen significant increases in both residential and holiday populations of towns, with many people becoming aware of the special values of the western coastal region.

#### Board membership

Members of the WCB were appointed on 22 September 2015:

- Cr Jill Parker – Chair
- Mark Edmonds
- Kim Irons
- Oliver Moles
- Raymond Page
- Alex Rankin
- Carole Reid
- Glenn Wallace

#### KEY PROJECTS

##### WCB Business Plan Progression

The Board has prepared a three-year business plan which was endorsed by the Council on 31 March 2016. The business plan outlines activities that will be undertaken throughout the term of the Board to implement the Western Regional Coastal Plan (WRCP), key legislative responsibilities and actions allocated to the Board in the VCS 2014. The business plan identifies five priorities:

##### 1. A regional approach to coastal planning and management

The Board partnered with DELWP and other stakeholders to inform the preparation of the WRCP which was approved by the Minister in August 2015. Since then the Board has contributed to a number of policies and guidelines which aim to ensure a consistent approach to coastal matters within the western region. Examples include providing comment on the development of the Shipwreck Coast Master Plan and feedback on the draft Coastal Management Plan Guidelines being prepared by DELWP.

DELWP has established a Regional Coastal Boards Partnership team to support the boards and strengthen co-ordination, consistency and alignment between the work of the boards and that of the Council.

##### 2. Managing and protecting coastal values

The Board has been working with partners to share information and participate in events to build regional capacity, collaboration and resourcing. An example of this is the invite to participate in future meetings of the Glenelg Hopkins Coastal and Marine Working Group which meets quarterly to share information and collaborate among relevant land managers and other partners regarding coastal and marine planning. This also provides opportunities to build capacity in the region as well as networking amongst relevant partners in the coastal and marine planning field.

##### 3. Communities supported to care for the coast

The Board has worked with Traditional Owner groups to help promote efforts to care for the coast. The Board intends to increase its support and exposure to other local community groups through programs like Summer by the Sea, Coastcare and Estuary Watch.

##### 4. Managing regional population and tourism pressures

Preparing a Visitation Demand Framework is a priority for all three RCBs. The Board looks forward to progressing this body of work with the other two boards across the state.

##### 5. Adapting to climate change and increased coastal hazards

The WRCP emphasises the need for a systematic regional approach to dealing with the impacts of climate change on the region's coastline. The Board has historically supported local climate adaptation planning efforts relating to impacts from climate change and increased coastal hazards at locations such as Port Fairy and Narrawong. The Board looks forward to further supporting actions that will assist people to prepare for coastal hazards.

The Board has also completed a risk management plan and all members have adopted the DELWP Model Policies and Guidelines for Good Governance.

The 2015–16 financial year was a period of consolidation for the Western Coastal



Board. Financial constraints in the form of a reduced operating budget limited the ability of the Board to meet and to action key priorities. Strategies are in place to address these budget constraints for the 2016–17 year and the Board looks forward to implementing its responsibilities identified within the WRCP 2015 and the VCS 2014.

#### **Implementation of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014**

The WRCP is informed by the VCS 2014 and provides a regional interpretation of its hierarchy of principles. The RCBs are lead agents for nine actions in the VCS 2014.

A meeting was held on 23 June 2016 with a range of organisations with responsibilities for delivering actions in the VCS 2014. It is anticipated that an outcome from this meeting will be the development of an Implementation Plan for the VCS 2014.

#### **Implementation of Regional Coastal Plan/Coastal Action Plans**

The WRCP 2015–2020 interprets and applies the VCS 2014 at a regional level. It identifies as priority issues: population growth, climate change, integrated management, sustainable visitation, infrastructure investment, protecting ecosystems and promoting and supporting coastal communities. Progress in implementing the plan has been considered above in ‘WCB Business Plan Progression’, as all priority actions are included in the Board’s business plan.

The Board is currently preparing the implementation plan for the WRCP. It is anticipated this will be complete in the first quarter of 2017.

#### **Working with Stakeholders**

The WCB has met with stakeholders as part of a number of its Board meetings.

The WCB held a meeting in Port Fairy, undertaking a site visit and hearing perspectives from Moyne Shire Council in how they are responding to the impacts of climate change along this section of coastline. At the Board’s April meeting in Torquay, the Board heard from the Mayor of the Surf Coast Shire Council on local visitation pressures, population growth and the management of major events such as the Rip Curl Pro at Bells Beach.

Other examples of the Board working with stakeholders include a presentation by Board member Oliver Moles at the Australian Coastal Councils conference in Western Australia in May, on the impacts of climate change on Moyne Shire’s coastline.



## 4.2 Central Coastal Board (CCB)

The central coastal region stretches for 990 kilometres from Breamlea to Inverloch. It includes the cities of Melbourne and Geelong, 1.6 million hectares of hinterland catchment, the two large bays of Port Phillip and Western Port and coastal waters and islands. The 13 local government authorities comprising this area are home to three quarters of the Victorian population.

### Board membership

Members of the CCB were appointed on 22 September 2015:

- Mr Ross Kilborn – Chair
- Dr Sandra Brizga
- Greg Hunt
- Dr Rosalind Jessop
- Dr Christine Kershaw (resigned 29 February 2016)
- Dr Rebecca Koss
- Jeff Weir
- Nick Wynn

### KEY PROJECTS

#### Business Plan Progression

The Board's three-year business plan reflects its objectives under the *Coastal Management Act 1995* and includes actions to implement the Central Regional Coastal Plan (CRCP) and VCS 2014. It identifies five priorities, key actions and outcomes with timeframes until 30 June 2018.

The Priorities:

#### 1. Implement the Central Regional Coastal Plan

The CRCP was endorsed by the Minister in August and gazetted in September 2015. The new Board's focus has been on wide distribution of the plan, and on providing information by website, newsletter and a fact sheet. Recently, it has written to all lead agents to assess their commitment to actions and seek input to regular progress reporting. The CRCP Implementation Committee will be established and will meet annually to share information amongst partner agencies.

#### 2. Develop a Sustainable Tourism and Visitation Framework

A CCB working group has been established to commence scoping this project. Initial work involves assessing the users and their needs, how to include

climate change impacts and coastal risk in the Framework, and what data can be sourced on coastal use. The project will use local information to develop a regional context for evidence-based investment on the coast.

#### 3. Promote leadership, coordination and capacity building for the coast

The Board has developed a Communications Plan as an internal document to support implementation of the business plan and CRCP and to ensure that its work is cognisant of key stakeholders. It is intended as a live document and will be updated as needed.

DELWP is finalising Draft Guidelines for the Preparation of Coastal Management Plans which will assist implementation of the VCS 2014 and CRCP at the local level. The Board and DELWP are also working to audit the extent of current local coastal management plans in the central coastal region.

The Board is actively engaged in key strategic coastal issues and has prepared submissions to:

- provide comprehensive comments on the Draft Guidelines for the Preparation of Coastal Management Plans
- stress the importance of the coast for Plan Melbourne Refresh
- support the development of a Draft Policy for the Management of Bathing Boxes and Boatsheds on Crown Land
- provide comments on two important draft plans (Frankston Coastal Management Plan and Moolap Coastal Strategic Framework Plan)
- respond to Melbourne Water's Discussion Paper on Flood Information Standards for Port Phillip and Western Port, Wyndham's Draft Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2016–2040 and the Barwon Heads Structure Plan Review 2016.

The CCB is represented on a number of key coastal groups including:

- Port Phillip Bay Environmental Management Plan Reference Group
- Victorian Coastal Strategy Implementation Coordinating Committee
- The Port Phillip Bay Fund Advisory Group
- The new Marine and Coastal Act Stakeholder Reference Group.

It has received presentations on the State of the Bays reporting led by

the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Victoria and on DELWP's coastal projects.

Board members, particularly the Chair, have participated in a number of workshops including:

- The Kananook Creek Ministerial Working Group
- Inverloch Community Forum
- Association of Bayside Municipalities climate change adaptation workshop
- Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Climate Change Adaptation Planning workshop
- Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority's (PPWCMA) Knowledge Banquet and Leaders Forum.

The CCB publishes a regular newsletter and website updates to keep stakeholders informed about its activities. It also prepares a quarterly update for the Minister. The three Board Chairs met with the Minister in March this year to discuss coastal and marine priorities.

4. *Input to the new Marine and Coastal Act*  
Establishing a new, more integrated, Marine and Coastal Act is a major government election initiative. It represents an opportunity to address longstanding coastal management issues and the Board is very active in its role on the Stakeholder Reference Group to maximise the outcomes for the coast.

#### 5. Meet requirements of the Act

The Board has submitted a business plan and Annual Report to the Council this financial year. It has held eight meetings. All members have adopted the DELWP model policies and guidelines for good governance.

#### Implementation of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014

The CRCP addresses the actions assigned to the RCBs in the VCS 2014 with the one exception being the action on developing a Tourism and Visitation Framework (see Business Plan priorities).

At a recent meeting to assess implementation of actions in the VCS 2014, it was noted that actions on wetlands and estuary management and on water quality hotspots should be reassigned. An Implementation Plan for the VCS 2014 will help clarify the lead agents for these actions.



### Implementation of Regional Coastal Plan/Coastal Action Plans

The CRCP 2015–2020 interprets and applies the VCS 2014 at a regional level. It identifies as priority issues: population growth, climate change, integrated management, sustainable visitation, infrastructure investment, protecting ecosystems and promoting and supporting coastal communities. Progress in implementing the plan has been considered in the above section (Business Plan Progression).

The Recreational Boating Facilities Framework (RBFF) is integrated into the CRCP and now replaces the Boating Coastal Action Plan. It provides information on the current state and preferred future of recreational boating facilities in the region, identifies some key issues within the sector and uses a hierarchy of boating facilities as a guide to investment priorities. The CCB Chair is a member of the Boating Infrastructure Stakeholders Group chaired by the Minister for Ports and has also met with key agencies to seek a more strategic approach to the implementation of the RBFF.

### Working with Stakeholders

DELWP has established a Regional Coastal Boards Partnership team to strengthen co-ordination, consistency and alignment between the work of the boards and that of the Council. The approach is also effective in improving consultation with major stakeholders.

DELWP provides briefings on key issues at Board meetings and regular updates on regional coastal activities. This includes detail on the Port Phillip Beaches and Foreshore Program (\$3.7 million over 2 years for beach protection and renourishment) and the Coastal Environment Program of \$1 million annually.

Board meetings are also seen as opportunities to gain local perspectives. The CCB scheduled one of its meetings in Hastings and took the opportunity to experience Western Port's values and to listen to the people who have the hands-on task of managing this coast. As part of a Geelong regional meeting the Board visited the Moolap site and received an overview of the planning process. It was also provided with updates on the G21

Regional Growth Plan and the Local Coastal Hazard Assessment for the Bellarine Peninsula and Corio Bay.

In working with the community Board members shared in another successful Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence presentation night where the contribution of community organisations and people involved with the coast was recognised.

The Board is sponsoring the national Coast to Coast conference as it considers it a valuable opportunity to learn, share and engage with some of the leading coastal thinkers and managers.



### 4.3 Gippsland Coastal Board (GCB)

The Gippsland coastal region extends approximately 700 kilometres, from 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.

The Gippsland coastal fringe largely consists of a series of dune-capped sandy barriers backed by lagoons, swamps and bluffs. It is a uniquely spectacular part of Victoria, with its unspoilt wilderness, pristine beaches and rich array of wildlife on land and underwater. There are many protected areas that are part of the National Parks system or designated Ramsar sites. They include iconic tourist and recreation destinations such as Wilsons Promontory National Park, Corner Inlet, Ninety Mile Beach and Gippsland Lakes. The coast attracts visitors from regional Victoria, Melbourne, interstate and overseas.

The coastal region includes three local government authorities: South Gippsland Shire Council, Wellington Shire Council and East Gippsland Shire Council.

#### Board membership

Members of the GCB were appointed on 22 September 2015:

- Cr Richard Ellis – Chair
- Joanne Andrews
- Allan Bawden
- Michelle Dickson
- Susan Lloyd
- Elizabeth Radcliffe (resigned 14 May 2016)
- Paul Smith
- Rodney Thomas

#### KEY PROJECTS

The Board's three-year business plan was developed by re-visiting priority actions in the VCS 2014 and the Gippsland Regional Coastal Plan 2015–2020 (GRCP). It identifies five objectives:

##### *1. Contributing to the protection of priority coastal values*

The Board has hosted discussions with Parks Victoria on foreshore and coastal planning issues in Gippsland. It also receives regular updates from DELWP on local coastal management actions.

In April, two days were spent familiarising the Board with far East Gippsland coastal sites, and meeting land managers and

community groups. A number of local issues were discussed including natural values, tourism, parks management, joint management of parks with Traditional Owners, cultural heritage, boating entrance management, flooding and dune breaches.

Board members also participate in a number of regional interagency partnerships such as the Gippsland Lakes Co-ordination Committee, Corner Inlet Steering Committee and Coastal Liaison meetings.

##### *2. Facilitating regional management of the coastal environment and infrastructure*

The Board convened a GRCP Implementation Workshop in June with partner agencies. The outcomes from the workshop are being used to prepare an Implementation Plan for the GRCP.

The Board continues to implement actions in the Boating Coastal Action Plan (BCAP), including scheduling an upcoming forum to discuss issues such as sewerage pump out, fuel pumping and dredging. A review of the BCAP is planned. As part of this review, local visitation and demand data will be examined and conversations held with stakeholders to inform the development of a coastal Visitation





Feasibility Demand Framework to guide local coastal management and investment decisions.

The Board prepared a submission to DELWP on the Draft Guidelines for the Preparation of Coastal Management Plans.

### *3. Adapting to climate change and increased coastal hazards*

The Board has prepared submissions to South Gippsland Shire Council on Planning Scheme Amendment C81 which proposes to apply the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay to areas identified in the Victorian Coastal Inundation Dataset.

### *4. Leading in supporting communities to care for the coast*

The Board is currently updating its Communications and Engagement Plan to ensure it aligns with the business plan. The website is regularly updated to share information with the broader community.

### *5. Practising good governance*

The Board's 2015–18 business plan was endorsed by the Council on 31 March 2016. Board members have adopted the DELWP policies, procedures and business guidelines for good governance.

The Board is represented on the Stakeholder Reference Group for the new Marine and Coastal Act and has expressed its views, raised issues and presented different options. Board members will also be involved in the next phase of the project involving wider consultation with coastal groups.

The Chair of the Gippsland Coastal Board, along with the Chairs of the other Regional Coastal Boards met with the Minister in March this year to discuss coastal and marine priorities.

### **Implementation of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014**

The GRCP and Coastal Action Plans are the primary means of implementing the VCS 2014 in the region. For example, the Boating CAP reinforces the concept of activity nodes and emphasises the potential for investment in designated boating precincts. The Board's coastal liaison activities are ongoing and promote networking, knowledge exchange and community participation.

The Board participated in an implementation workshop for the VCS 2014 in June 2016. It was noted that actions on wetlands and estuary

management and on water quality hotspots, currently assigned to RCBs, should be reassigned. An Implementation Plan for the VCS 2014 will help clarify the lead agents for these actions.

### **Implementation of Regional Coastal Plan/Coastal Action Plans**

The GRCP is now in the implementation phase. The Board held a workshop with all lead agencies responsible for actions in the GRCP in June 2016 and has commenced development of its detailed implementation plan for the next two years of the Board's term.

The implementation of the Gippsland Boating CAP has been very successful and most of its actions have been completed. Partner agencies actively participate in a Boating CAP Steering Committee. The Board intends to review the Boating CAP and determine how its long-term strategic priorities can be merged with the priorities of a broader visitation demand framework for the region.

The Estuaries CAP and Integrated Coastal Planning CAP were reviewed in 2010–11. The review recommendations need to be adopted and outstanding actions from the CAPs need to be completed.



# 5. OPERATIONS

## 5.1 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

Email: [vcc@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:vcc@delwp.vic.gov.au)

Website: [www.vcc.vic.gov.au](http://www.vcc.vic.gov.au)

## 5.2 Workforce Data

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

Employment Type	2015–2016			2014–2015		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Fixed Term*	2.6	0	2.6	2.5	0	2.5
Temporary Employees	1	0	1	1	0	1
Total	3.6	0	3.6	3.5	0	3.5

\* Fixed term staff were seconded from DELWP for the 2015–16 year.

## 5.3 Statement of Pecuniary Interests

All members of the 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 interests 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

In 2015–16 the Council engaged one consultant to complete work valued over \$10,000.

- Wise Connections for delivery of Coast to Coast 2016 Conference; \$50,710 (including GST)

## 5.5 Consultancies under \$10,000

In 2015–16 the Council engaged two consultancies to deliver work under \$10,000.

- Devil's Advocate for facilitation of business planning; \$7,040 (including GST)
- Max Hardy Consultancy for facilitation of MACA workshop; \$3,080 (including GST)
- Devil's Advocate for facilitation of advocacy strategy; \$1,100 (including GST)

## 5.6 Major Contracts

During 2015–16 Council did not enter into any contracts valued at over \$10 million.

## 5.7 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.

## 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 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 Council in 2015–16.

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



## 5.10 Public Administration Employment and Conduct Principles

Consistent with the requirements of the *Public Administration Act 2004*, the Council has adopted a range of policies designed to promote good governance in all its decision making and operations. The policies comprise: Code of Conduct; Conflict of Interest; Dispute Resolution; Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality; Meetings and Decision Making; and Performance Assessment.

VCC staff are employed by DELWP. 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

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 Council's business plan includes actions to strengthen community involvement in coastal planning and management. In addition, the Council operates in an environment ensuring equity in Council's processes and participation with stakeholders.

## 5.12 Protected Disclosure 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, or DELWP 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?

### 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](http://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.

## 5.13 Overseas Travel

No overseas travel was conducted in 2015–16.

## 5.14 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.

## 5.15 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.

## 5.16 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 the DELWP Annual Report for further information.

### 5.17 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.

### 5.18 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.

### 5.19 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
- A declaration of shares held by Council members and senior officers.

The following information is not relevant to the Council:

- Details of changes in prices, fees, charges, and levies charged
- A statement on industrial relations
- Details of any major external reviews carried out on the Council.

### 5.20 Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Expenditure

The Council falls under the umbrella of DELWP in regards to ICT and providing business ICT services. Please refer to DELWP Annual Report 2015–16.

### 5.21 Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Attestation

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

I, Cathy Whelan, Chair of the 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: 27 July 2016



## 6. COUNCIL EXPENDITURE

### 6.1 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 the DELWP

Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2016 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 2015–16 financial year compared with the previous four financial years.

### 6.2 Operating Position

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

#### 6.2.1 Summary of Financial Results of the Year

Expenditure	2011–2012	2012–2013	2013–2014	2014–2015	2015–2016
Council operations *	\$241,010	\$197,390	\$199,202	\$244,500	\$276,703

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

#### 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 2015–16 to which VIPP applied.



## 7. DISCLOSURE INDEX

The 2015–16 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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## 8. APPENDIX A – COASTAL MANAGEMENT PLANS

**Table 1: Coastal Management Plans Approved in 2015–16**

Title of Coastal Management Plan	Responsible Agent
<b>GIPPSLAND COASTAL BOARD REGION</b>	
N/A	
<b>CENTRAL COASTAL BOARD REGION</b>	
Rosebud Foreshore Coastal Management Plan	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
Kingston Coastal Management Plan	Kingston City Council
<b>WESTERN COASTAL BOARD REGION</b>	
Bells Beach Surfing Reserve Coastal Management Plan	Surf Coast Shire

**Table 2: Other Coastal Plans**

Title of Plan	Status	Responsible Agent
<b>GIPPSLAND COASTAL BOARD REGION</b>		
Andersons Inlet Fisheries Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	DELWP, Fisheries Victoria
Bemm River Foreshore Management Plan	In progress	DELWP/East Gippsland Shire Council
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/ East Gippsland Shire Council
Lake Tyers Beach Foreshore Management Plan	In progress	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/East Gippsland Shire Council
Marlay Point Foreshore Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	DELWP
Marlo Foreshore Management Plan	In progress	DELWP/East Gippsland Shire Council
Metung Foreshore Management Plan	Implementation, review in progress	DELWP/East Gippsland Shire Council
Newlands Arm Foreshore Management Plan	Implementation	DELWP/East Gippsland Shire Council
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/ East Gippsland Shire Council
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

**Table 2: Other Coastal Plans continued**

Title of Plan	Status	Responsible Agent
<b>CENTRAL COASTAL BOARD REGION</b>		
Anderson Inlet Fisheries Reserve Management Plan 2006	Implementation	Fisheries Victoria
Avalon Beach Management Plan (Draft) 2001	Implementation	DELWP
Balnarring Beach Foreshore and Parks Reserve Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Balnarring Beach Foreshore and Parks Reserve CoM
Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary Management Plan 2007	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Barwon Coast Coastal Management Plan 2013/14 to 2015/16	Implementation	Barwon Coast CoM
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
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 Council
Corangamite Fishery Management Plan 2008	Implementation	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	Fisheries Victoria
Flinders Aquaculture Fisheries Reserve Management Plan 2005	Implementation	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 Council
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	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 Council
Hastings Coastal Management Plan 2015	Draft	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
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 Council
Mordialloc Creek Masterplan 2012	Implementation	Kingston City Council
Mornington Coastal Management Plan	Draft	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
Mordialloc: Pride of the Bay Structure Plan 2004	Implementation	Kingston City Council
Mornington Harbour Precinct Plan 2013	In preparation	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
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 Council
Mount Martha Coastal Management Plan 2008	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
Mushroom Reef Marine Sanctuary Management Plan 2007	Implementation	Parks Victoria
The Northern Bellarine Foreshore Plan 2012	Implementation	Bellarine Bayside Foreshore CoM
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	Fisheries Victoria



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<b>Title of Plan</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Responsible Agent</b>
Point Cook Coastal Park and Cheetham Wetlands Future Directions Plan 2005	Implementation	Parks Victoria
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 & City of 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	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 Council
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 Council
Rosebud Activity Centre Urban Design Framework 2012	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
Rosebud Coastal Management Plan 2012	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
Rye Foreshore Reserve Landscape Master Plan 2008	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
Draft Rye Recreational Boating Precinct Master Plan 2013	In preparation	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
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 Council
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	Fisheries Victoria
Victorian Eel Fishery Management Plan 2002	Implementation	Fisheries Victoria
Victorian Giant Crab Fishery Management Plan 2003	Implementation	Fisheries Victoria
Victorian Rock Lobster Fishery Management Plan 2009	Implementation	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

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Title of Plan	Status	Responsible Agent
<b>WESTERN COASTAL BOARD REGION</b>		
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	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 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	Implementation	Surf Coast Shire Council
Bells Beach Surfing Recreation Reserve Implementation Plan 2015–2018	Implementation	Surf Coast Shire Council
Bridgewater Bay Master Plan	Implementation	Glenelg 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 CoM
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 – PSA 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 CoM
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 CoM
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
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

**Table 2: Other Coastal Plans continued**

Title of Plan	Status	Responsible Agent
Great Ocean Road Coast Committee Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Great Ocean Road Coast CoM
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 CoM
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 CoM
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 Council
Otway Coast Committee Coastal Management Plan 2013	Implementation	Otway Coast CoM
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 CoM
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



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<b>Title of Plan</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Responsible Agent</b>
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 Council, Moyne Shire Council, Tourism Victoria
South Warrnambool Flood Study	Completed	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
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 Craggs Management Plan	Completed	Moyne Shire Council
The future of Surf Life Saving in the Surf Coast Shire	Public Consultation	Surf Coast Shire Council
Torquay Foreshore Master Plan	Implementation	Great Ocean Road Coast CoM
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 Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Warrnambool City Council
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 2012–2060	Completed	Wannon Water
Weed Control and Native Vegetation Action Plan	Implementation	Great Ocean Road Coast CoM
Wye River/Separation Creek/Kennett River Structure Plan	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Wye River/Separation 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





## 9. APPENDIX B – VICTORIAN COASTAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE WINNERS AND FINALISTS 2015

Nominee	Project Name	Finalist/Winner	Award Category
Jan Juc Coast Action Group	21 Years of Jan Juc Coast Action	Joint Winner	Natural Environment
SeaSearch Program – Parks Victoria	Ten Years of Corner Inlet Community Seagrass Monitoring	Joint Winner	Natural Environment
Port Phillip and Westernport CMA	Ramsar Protection Program	Finalist	Natural Environment
BirdLife Australia	BirdLife Australia: Bringing the coast to the classroom	Winner	Education
Point Ritchie Moyjil Project Committee	Sharing Stories of Place – Point Ritchie Moyjil	Special Commendation	Education
Making a Difference (MAD) for the Merri & Friends of Merri Marine Sanctuary	Education, engagement and action – combatting downstream water quality impacts and invasive marine pests	Finalist	Education
Barwon Heads Primary School	Let Our Sea Be Plastic Bag Free	Finalist	Education
Environment Protection Authority	The Victorian Marine Operational Model	Winner	Planning and Management
Seaspray Reserves Committee of Management	Relocation of the Seaspray Caravan Park	Finalist	Planning and Management
East Gippsland Water	Importance of Covering your ASS (Acid Sulfate Soils)	Finalist	Planning and Management
Corinella Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management Inc	Corinella Coastal Reserve Management Plan 2015	Finalist	Planning and Management
Friends of Beware Reef	Community Engagement & Marine Species Monitoring	Winner	Community Engagement
Beach Patrol Australia Inc	Beach Litter Cleaning	Finalist	Community Engagement
BirdLife Australia	A Marathon Effort: BirdLife Australia's Hooded Plover Biennial Count	Finalist	Community Engagement
Frankston City Council	McCulloch Avenue Boardwalk	Winner	Design and Building
Marlenne Rodriguez-Malagon	Postgraduate marine research	Winner	Victorian Marine Science Consortium
Bob Semmens		Winner	Outstanding Individual Achievement



## 10. ACRONYMS USED

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<b>CAP</b>	Coastal Action Plan
<b>CCB</b>	Central Coastal Board
<b>CMA</b>	Catchment Management Authority
<b>CoM</b>	Committee of Management
<b>DELWP</b>	Department of Environment, Land, Water, and Planning
<b>DEDJTR</b>	Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources
<b>EPA</b>	Environment Protection Authority
<b>ESAS</b>	Environmental Sustainability Action Statement
<b>FRD</b>	Financial Reporting Direction
<b>FOI</b>	Freedom of Information
<b>GCB</b>	Gippsland Coastal Board
<b>GOR</b>	Great Ocean Road
<b>IBAC</b>	Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission
<b>ICT</b>	Information and Communication Technology
<b>MACA</b>	Marine and Coastal Act
<b>MAV</b>	Municipal Association of Victoria
<b>NCP</b>	National Competition Policy
<b>PPWCMA</b>	Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority
<b>PSA</b>	Planning Scheme Amendment
<b>PC</b>	Premier's Circular
<b>RBFF</b>	Recreational Boating Facilities Framework
<b>RCB</b>	Regional Coastal Board
<b>RCP</b>	Regional Coastal Plan
<b>RDV</b>	Regional Development Victoria
<b>SD</b>	Standing Direction
<b>VCC</b>	Victorian Coastal Council
<b>VCS</b>	Victorian Coastal Strategy
<b>VCMC</b>	Victorian Catchment Management Council
<b>VIPP</b>	Victorian Industry Participation Policy
<b>WCB</b>	Western Coastal Board



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