



**Victorian Coastal Council**

# ANNUAL REPORT 2004-05



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- Lynn Murrell - images from a solo  
journey of the Victorian coastline

# 1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



On behalf of the Victorian Coastal Council, I have much pleasure in submitting the ninth report of the Victorian Coastal Council to the Minister for Environment.

The Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Hon. John Thwaites, MP Minister for Environment appointed the Victorian Coastal Council for a three year term from 1 July 2004. We welcome the following four new members Maggie Baron, John Sweetman, Kerri Eler and Prof. Michael Keough.

It was with great sadness that we learned that Paul Jerome passed away on 4 November 2004, ending a six year association with Council and considerable involvement in Victoria's planning sector. Paul was highly regarded and respected by all whom had the pleasure to know him and was a "true friend" of the coast.

I am particularly pleased that Council is closely involved with the Coastal Spaces Project, in a partnership with the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE). The Coastal Spaces Inception Report was released in May 2005 and identifies four key themes to address for growth areas on the Victorian coast – clarifying the strategic outlook for settlements, protecting spaces between settlements, managing hot spots and capacity building to manage change.

Council, in association with Coast Action/Coastcare, hosted the Sixth Annual Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence recognising outstanding contributions to the management, protection and restoration of the coast. A record number of nominations were received and all nominations and projects were of high quality and covered many aspects of coastal management. It is encouraging to see that the Awards continue to be recognised by the Minister, stakeholders, managers and the community alike as a significant opportunity to recognise and acknowledge achievements made in integrated coastal zone management.

It was a pleasing to witness the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the DSE and the Partnerships for Environmental Management of the Seas of East Asia program (PEMSEA) in October 2004. Council facilitated the signing of this partnership.

I have had the opportunity to continue to contribute to State and national coastal management issues through the Intergovernmental Coastal Advisory Group (ICAG), membership on the Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) of the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) and membership of the Coastal CRC National Stakeholders Advisory Committee.

On a personal note, I would like to warmly thank John Ginivan for his dedicated work as Executive Officer with the Council for nine years from 1995 to late 2004, when he took up a position as Project Director, Coastal Spaces Project with DSE. Council also welcomes Andrew Buckley, Executive Officer and Cathy Ronalds, Coastal Policy Project Officer.

My congratulations to Council member Lynn Murrell who completed a solo walk along Victoria's fabulous coastline from South Australia to New South Wales. Lynn was presented with a new pair of walking shoes by the Hon. John Thwaites, Minister for Environment when he reached Port Melbourne in February and completed the walk in 103 days.

Regional Coastal Boards continue to contribute significantly to Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and the implementation of the Victorian Coastal Strategy (2002). Two further Coastal Action Plans were approved during the year – the Corio Bay Coastal Action Plan and the Mt Eliza to Point Nepean Coastal Action Plan.

Council will host *Coast to Coast 2006: Australia's National Coastal Conference* in May 2006 at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre and I particularly look forward to a vibrant and successful program.

Council looks forward to continuing our role as coastal advocates and to meeting the challenges associated with sustainable management of the Victorian coast.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane James". The signature is written in a cursive style and is located below the main body of text.

Diane James  
Chairman

## 2. MISSION STATEMENT

**The Victorian Coastal Council is the peak body that advocates for and champions the Victorian coast.**



### 3. HIGHLIGHTS

- The induction meeting for the new Council appointed by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Hon. John Thwaites MP, Minister for the Environment, was held on August 17 2004.
- The Victorian Coast Report 2004 was launched at the Sustainability Forum in July 2004. The document reported on progress in implementing the actions identified in the Victorian Coastal Strategy (2002) (VCS), and objectives of the *Coastal Management Act* 1995. The reports found that 81% of the actions identified in the VCS are underway, ongoing or completed. It found the VCS is being used for implementation however there is scope to improve consistency of application across the coast. The document was distributed with the Victorian Coastal Council Annual Report 2003/2004.
- The Coastal Spaces project commenced in September 2004 as a joint initiative between Council and the Department of Sustainability and Environment. The project aims to improve and clarify planning for sustainable development in coastal Victoria. It will further implement the Victorian Government's existing policies for protecting the coast and managing development in coastal Victoria. The project is overseen by a Steering Committee chaired by Diane James with representation from the three regional coastal boards, local government, DSE and an academic.
- Council is pleased to report that Partnerships for Environmental Management of the Seas of East Asia program (PEMSEA) and the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the 26 October 2004 at the PEMSEA's 10th Programme Steering Committee Meeting in China. The MoU establishes a collaborative partnership on sharing experiences and knowledge in the sustainable development of marine and coastal resources and in the governance of regional seas and oceans. Council facilitated the signing of this partnership.
- In further efforts to foster this partnership, Council was represented at the 4th Regional Forum of PEMSEA Countries, in Bali, Indonesia. Ongoing efforts are being made to extend the PEMSEA partnership with Victorian local governments. Council also hosted a Chinese delegation of government officials from the Zhejiang Ocean and Fishery Bureau with a key interest in the management of fisheries and aquaculture in Victoria, to which a representative from Fisheries Victoria, Department for Primary Industries attended.
- Council approved the Corio Bay Coastal Action Plan and the Mt Eliza to Point Nepean Coastal Action Plan, both prepared for the Central Coastal Board region. The Coastal Action Plans were subsequently endorsed by the Minister for Environment.
- The Victorian Coastal Council and CoastAction Coastcare presented the sixth Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence. The Awards were presented by Diane James and the Hon. John Thwaites, MP Minister for Environment at a presentation ceremony held at Sails on the Bay, Elwood Foreshore, in April 2005. Awards were presented to:
  - Assoc. Professor John Sherwood for Lifetime Achievement
  - Warren Chapman for Outstanding Individual Achievement
  - Seastar 2004 Team, *marine pest response Inverloch*, for Coastal Conservation & Protection by a Community Group
  - Hobsons Bay City Council, *Truganina Coastal Parklands Project*, for Coastal Conservation & Management by an Appointed Manager
  - Friends of the Bluff, *'Living on the Edge' CD & website*, for Education
  - South West Working Group, *Orange-Bellied Parrot Recovery Team*, for Species Protection
  - Kerstin Thompson Architects P/L, *Connewarre house and landscape*, for Building & Design (equal winners)
  - DPI Queenscliff Centre in association with Lyons Architects, *research building Queenscliff*, for Building & Design (equal winners)
  - Reef Watch, *Community marine monitoring program*, for Innovation
  - Western Young People's Network, *marine education for culturally diverse youth*, for Cultural Achievement
  - WTFN, *Coxy's Big Break Marine National Parks TV special*, for Media (equal winners)
  - The Age, *Battle for the Beach: The Age Campaign*, for Media (equal winners).
  - City of Greater Geelong, *Geelong Healthy Waterways Program*, for Water Quality.

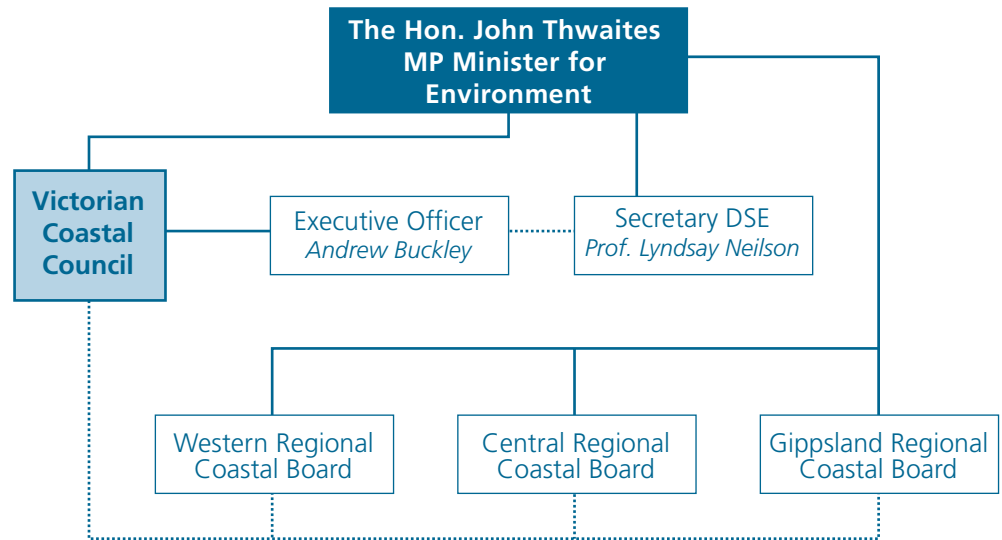
- A Coastal and Marine Investment Workshop was convened by the Victorian Coastal Council in partnership with the Victorian based Australian Government NRM Facilitator (Coastcare) and the Marine and Coastal Community Network. The workshop was attended by a range of state government and Catchment Management Authority (CMA) representatives and:
  - provided clarity on the range of Natural Heritage Trust funding opportunities for coastal and marine projects
  - canvassed the range of potential coastal and marine natural resource management projects
  - encouraged stakeholders to develop stronger partnerships with CMAs.Following the workshop, Council staff visited the five coastal CMAs to discuss the workshop outcomes.
- Council will host *Coast to Coast 2006: Australia's National Coastal Conference* in May 2006. Preparations for the conference are well advanced. The conference will be held at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre and will present focussed themes on climate change and coastal development in addition to a range of others.
- Council was pleased to co-support Lynn Murrell's solo walk of Victoria's coastline from the South Australian border to the New South Wales border during January to April 2005. Lynn completed the walk in 103 days to raise awareness about the Victorian coastline and to assess the feasibility of a state coastal walking trail.

## 4. VISION FOR THE COAST

**A biologically rich and diverse coastal and marine environment for our use and enjoyment today and for our children tomorrow.**



## 5. REPORTING RELATIONSHIP AND FUNCTIONS



The Victorian Coastal Council is established under the Coastal Management Act 1995 as the peak advisory body on coastal issues in Victoria. It is accountable to the Minister for Environment.

Its role is to provide strategic direction and improve coordination of coastal planning and management.

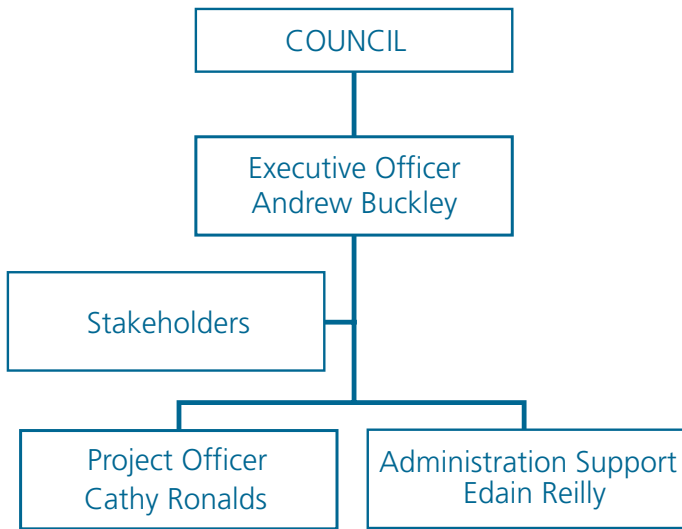
As an independent body accountable to the Minister for Environment, the Council is provided with a budget and secretariat support through the Sustainability and Environment Portfolio.

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

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

# 6. COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## 6.1 VCC Operational Chart





## 6.2 Council Meetings

Six Council business meetings were held during 2004/2005. In addition to this, a number of regional visits, a combined meeting between the three Regional Coastal Boards and Council and a number of sub-committee meetings took place.

<b>Business meetings</b>	<b>Attendance at Council business meetings</b>	
	<b>Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
23 September 04	Diane James	5
18 November 04	Duncan Malcolm	6
16 December 04	Liz Johnstone	5
10 February 05	Lynn Murrell	5
31 March 05	Rob Gell	6
12 May 05	Paul Jerome	1*
	Neil McCarthy	6
	Maggie Baron	5
	Kerri Erler	3
	John Sweetman	6
	Michael Keough	5

\* of one possible meeting

## 6.3 General Business

The Victorian Coastal Council Business Plan (2004–2007) was reviewed and adopted.

New staff were appointed to the Victorian Coastal Council in September 2004 – Andrew Buckley (Executive Officer) and Cathy Ronalds (Coastal Policy Project Officer). Council farewellled former Executive Officer John Ginivan who commenced duties as Project Director, Coastal Spaces.

Council participated in field trips to Queenscliff and a boat tour of the Yarra River and Port of Melbourne, where land managers presented to Council on key issues at these locations.

A range of presentations were made by Council throughout the year:

- Sustainability Forum
- Port of Melbourne Channel Deepening Environmental Effects Statement Panel Hearing
- Independent Advisory Panel (Natural Heritage Trust)
- Marine and Coastal Ecology Course, Queenscliff
- Colac Otway Shire Council coastal workshop.

Presentations received:

- Tourism directions – Mr Wayne Kayler-Thomson, Deputy Chief Executive, Tourism Victoria
- CoastAction Coastcare – Mark Rodrigue, State Program Coordinator, Coast Action/Coast Care
- Progress Report – Caravan Park Taskforce, Simon Coverdale, DSE
- DSE Coastal Directions – Alison Stone, DSE
- Indigenous Land Management Framework – Mark Riley, Indigenous Lands and Resource Management Policy, DSE
- Coastal Spaces Initiative – John Ginivan, DSE
- State of Environment Reporting in Victoria – Dr Ian McPhail, Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability.

Submissions were made by Council in relation to:

- Indigenous Land Management Framework Discussion Paper – DSE
- Channel Deepening in Port Phillip Bay – Port of Melbourne
- Inquiry into Infrastructure Provision in Coastal Growth Areas, NSW – NSW Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
- Bass Coast Strategic Coastal Planning Framework – Bass Coast Shire Council
- Draft Victoria's Fisheries and Aquaculture Research and Development Strategy 2005–2010 – Fisheries Co-Management Council
- Royal Avenue, Sandringham: advice on eroding coastline – the Hon. John Thwaites, MP Minister for Environment
- alienation of the seabed – the Hon. John Thwaites, MP Minister for Environment
- recreation nodes - the Hon. John Thwaites, MP Minister for Environment.

Council representatives attended the following conferences:

- Victorian Tourism Conference 2005
- The Victorian Sustainable Development Conference, 2005
- 10th PEMSEA Steering Committee Meeting, Beijing, China
- 4th Regional Forum of PEMSEA Countries, Bali Indonesia.

## 6.4 Sub-committees

Council operated three standing sub-committees. In addition, special purpose subcommittees have been established to manage the Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence and the Coast to Coast 2006 national coastal conference. A sub committee was also established to prepare a report to the Minister for Environment on foreshore issues at Royal Avenue, Sandringham.

### **Standing sub-committees and their purpose are:**

*Executive Sub-committee* – to establish budget priorities and monitor performance against the Business Plan.

- Diane James (Chairman)
- Duncan Malcolm
- Liz Johnstone
- Lynn Murrell

One meeting was held February 23 2005.

*Science Sub-committee* – to provide strategic advice to Council on current and emerging scientific issues relevant to coastal and marine environments.

- Prof Michael Keough (Chairman)
- Rob Gell
- Duncan Malcolm
- Maggie Baron

The Science Sub-Committee met once in March 2005, and is proposing to convene a Senior Science Panel to provide expert independent and cross-disciplinary advice to Council.

*Planning Sub-committee* – to ensure coordination for Victorian planning as it affects the coast, advise on Coastal Action Plans, coastal development and approval arrangements for the coast and oversee the preparation of coastal guidelines.

- Maggie Baron (Chairman)
- Kerri Eler
- Neil McCarthy
- Liz Johnstone (observer)
- Vacancy (DSE representative not appointed by June 30 2005)

Three meetings were held during 2005: February 8, March 22 and May 3. The Committee:

- reviewed and made recommendations to Council on the Mt Eliza to Point Nepean and Central West Victorian Estuaries Coastal Action Plans
- had input into the development of Guidelines for the Development of Coastal Action Plans
- explored options for developing a guideline on coastal dependent uses.

# 7. MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Victorian Coastal Council are:

## Chairman



### **Diane James**

Diane James was appointed an inaugural member of the Victorian Coastal Council in 1995. She has been Chairman since 1997 and has been involved in every aspect of the development of the Victorian Coastal Strategy, the State Government's policy for the planning and management of Victoria's entire 2000 km coastline. Throughout the past decade, Diane has played a role on a number of State and Commonwealth Government boards and committees and has made a significant contribution to Victoria's position as a national and international leader in coastal planning and management. She has presented papers in China, France and the USA, as well as throughout Australia.

Diane chaired a number of committees, for the National Oceans Office, involved in implementation of Australia's Oceans Policy in the South East marine region. She has been an active campaigner for the introduction of marine protected areas in this State and received a Recognition Award from the Deputy Premier in March 2003 for her "significant contribution to the development of a system of marine national parks and sanctuaries." In the private sector, Diane runs a company involved in marketing, distribution, and international export. Members



### **Duncan Malcolm**

Duncan Malcolm lives on a farm at Boisdale in Gippsland. He has a strong interest in natural resource management developed through various positions he has held and has worked hard to develop strategic linkages between resource managers and participants at regional, State and Federal levels. Duncan's current positions include Chairman of the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council, Chairman of the Gippsland Coastal Board and a member of a number of other committees and bodies. He is a former Chairman of both the Irrigation Association Australia and the Lakes and Wilderness Tourism Association Inc.



### **Lynn Murrell**

Lynn Murrell is a former Secondary School Teacher and a Councillor for the City of Portland for over 18 years. Mr Murrell owns a primary production property at Cape Nelson. Lynn has been extensively involved representing his community at a local, regional, State and Federal level and is a current member of the Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authority, Victorian Economic, Environment and Social Advisory Council, Greater Green Triangle Area Consultative Committee Good Governance Panel and the Natural Resources Conservation League. Lynn is also Chair of the Western Coastal Board.



### **Liz Johnstone**

Liz Johnstone holds a position with the Municipal Association of Victoria. She has extensive experience in local government and community associations as a former councillor and Mayor of the City of Port Phillip, the Association of Bayside Municipalities and the Australian Local Government Women's Association. At Port Phillip her particular area of interest was in the planning and environmental area. She is also Chair of the Central Coastal Board. Liz trained as an accountant and has a background in small business.



### **Rob Gell**

Rob is a coastal geomorphologist by training. He taught Environmental Science and Physical Geography at tertiary level, then for twenty-five years he presented television weather. Rob currently works as an environmental and communications consultant and is Chairman of Access Environmental Pty Ltd. He is also a company director, a published author and a photographer. He is President of Greening Australia Victoria and Chairman of the Mornington Peninsula and Westernport Biosphere Reserve Foundation Ltd. Rob is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and an Inaugural Fellow of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand. Rob also serves on the boards of the Natural Resources Conservation League of Victoria, Earth Share Australia and Surfing Victoria. He has been a local government councillor and was a councillor of the ACF. He is also the Patron of the Geography Teachers Association of Victoria, Wildlife Victoria, Life Education Victoria, the Safety House Association, a Mentor of the Environmental Jobs Network and is in his fifth year as an Australia Day Ambassador for the State of Victoria.

### **Paul Jerome**

Paul Jerome passed away on November 4 2004, ending a six-year appointment with Council and considerable involvement in Victoria's planning sector. His most recent appointment had been inaugural chair of the State Government's Priority Development Panel, following his role as the Deputy Secretary, Built Environment, with the DSE. He was previously the Director of City Development with the City of Yarra for 18 months, where he gained first hand experience in local government and, in particular, the difficulties associated with medium-density housing. Prior to that Paul was a full-time Panel Member for 2 years and member of the Local Government Board during the local government amalgamations. During that period he was seconded to the Melbourne City Link Authority for six months, followed by six months spent in Hanoi working on an Aussie project. Paul began his career in the public sector working with the Department of Planning under its various names.

A successor to Paul Jerome to represent the DSE had not been appointed to Council by June 30 2005.

### **Neil McCarthy**

Neil McCarthy is General Manager, Corporate Strategy and Services, at Parks Victoria. Neil has nearly 20 years experience in the field of natural resource management in Victoria and Japan and in commercial forestry, business management, park management and endangered species conservation. Neil played a lead role in establishing Melbourne Parks and Waterways. He has been responsible for introducing and establishing a strategic management approach to the Parks Industry in Australia. This includes the introduction of prudent business management practices as well as innovative improvements in conservation management. Neil's qualifications include a Bachelor of Forest Science and a Masters Degree in Business Administration. He has been a Board Member of Phillip Island Nature Park Board and Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Board. Neil is presently Chair of the Parks Forum and a member of the Gould League Board.



### **Maggie Baron \***

Maggie Baron is a director in a Melbourne based public policy, planning and heritage consultancy. She is a sessional member of Planning Panels Victoria and has been appointed to Ministerial and other advisory committees. She has had extensive experience in heritage planning and cultural resource management and was the Operations Manager at Heritage Victoria during translation to the Heritage Act 1995. Maggie has provided professional advice in relation to major heritage/tourism developments and has initiated professional development programs to build capacity in relation to indigenous heritage management.



### **Kerri Erler \***

Kerri Erler is the Chief Executive Officer of the Queen Victoria Women's Centre Trust. Kerri is a former Mayor of the Borough of Queenscliffe and has worked in State Government. She has been involved at the community level in coastal management issues on the Bellarine Peninsula and was involved in the campaign to establish marine national parks in Victorian waters.



### **Michael Keough \***

Professor Michael Keough is a leading marine scientist with an international reputation in marine ecology. He leads a research team at the University of Melbourne that has been successful in demonstrating the impacts of pest species in Victorian waters. He is a frequent contributor to state and national workshops on coastal management, and has advised state governments on marine monitoring. He contributed to State of the Marine Environment reports at both state and national level. Michael serves on the EPA Scientific Advisory Panel and is a member of the Australian Research Council's College of Experts.



### **John Sweetman \***

John Sweetman AM has had over thirty years of professional experience in the tourism and hospitality industry, working with peak bodies and industry in both Victoria and Nationally. John was the foundation Executive Officer of the Victorian Tourism Industry Council (VTIC) during which time he contributed to the Victorian Tourism Industry Strategic Plan 2002–2006. As managing director of J.Sweetman & Associates Pty Ltd, John continues to work across industry and industry sector associations including relationships with Tourism Victoria. He is the Chairman of the Tourism Accreditation Board of Victoria and Service Skills Victoria. John was recognised in the 1996 Australia Day Honours for his contribution to the tourism industry.



\* appointed July 2004

# 8. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE *COASTAL MANAGEMENT ACT 1995*

## 8.1 Objectives of the Coastal Management Act

- (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.

## 8.2 Strategic Coastal Planning

### 8.2.1 Coastal Spaces Project

The Victorian Coastal Council has directed a focus on strategic coastal planning through the Coastal Spaces Project. The Coastal Spaces Inception Report was released in May 2005. The report identifies four key themes to address growth areas on the Victorian coast:

- clarifying the strategic outlook for settlements
- protecting spaces between settlements
- managing hotspots
- capacity building to manage change.

The Coastal Spaces Project has commenced work to further define these key themes, including:

- Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study – identifying and mapping landscape characteristics in all Victorian coastal regions (except the Bays and the Otway coast)
- assessment of current development activity on the coast
- identifying hotspots
- defining the location of recreation nodes (further definition of those outlined in the Victorian Coastal Strategy) and
- an examination of underlying demographic, development and economic trends driving change.

The Project will develop a series of recommendations for the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment.

### 8.2.2 Advice on Coastal Planning

Council is overseeing the development of a Guideline for the Development, Implementation and Review of Coastal Action Plans. Council approved two Coastal Action Plans prepared by the Central Coastal Board – the Corio Bay Coastal Action Plan and the Mt Eliza to Point Nepean Coastal Action Plan.

Council provided written advice to the Minister for Environment in relation to:

- the definition of recreation nodes
- foreshore issues at Royal Avenue, Sandringham
- alienation of the seabed.

Council was represented on the Great Ocean Road Regional Strategy Committee. The Strategy was released in September 2004 to manage growth and change in the coastal region bounded by Warrnambool, Torquay and the Princes Highway. The Western Coastal Board is represented on the Implementation Committee.

Council has been represented on the Intergovernmental Coastal Advisory Group (ICAG) who have developed a Framework for a National Cooperative Approach to Integrated Coastal Zone Management that requires a collaborative, national response. The ICAG are seeking ministerial endorsement on an implementation plan for this Framework.

### 8.2.3 Coastal Action Planning – Regional Coastal Boards

Coastal Action Plan development status is outlined in Table 1.

**Table 1 Status of Coastal Action Plans (CAP) 2004/ 2005**

RCB	CAP title	Progress
WCB	Lorne (1998)	Completed
WCB	Anglesea (1999)	Completed
WCB	Warrnambool (1999)	Completed
WCB	Skenes Creek to Marengo (2001)	Completed
WCB	Moyne (2001)	Completed
WCB	South West Victoria Estuaries (2002)	Completed
WCB	South West Victoria Regional (2002)	Completed
WCB	Central West Victoria Regional (2002)	Completed
WCB	Glenelg Shire (2004)	Completed
WCB	Bells Beach to Red Rock	Completed to draft stage*
WCB	Central West Victoria Estuaries	Final version awaiting Ministerial endorsement
CCB	Corio Bay CAP 2005	Completed
CCB	Mt Eliza to Point Nepean CAP 2005	Completed
CCB	Boating CAP	Developing (draft close to completion)
CCB	Waterfront Geelong CAP (1999–2004)	Reviewed <sup>#</sup>
GCB	Gippsland Lakes CAP 1999	Due for review
GCB	Gippsland Boating CAP 2002	Completed
GCB	Integrated Coastal Planning for Gippsland Coastal Action Plan 2002	Completed
GCB	Estuaries CAP	Developing

\* The Bells Beach to Red Rock Coastal Action Plan was completed to draft form. The process was terminated during 2005/2006 as it was determined that other management planning processes were appropriately incorporating these areas.

# The Waterfront Geelong CAP was reviewed and has been superseded by the Corio Bay CAP



### 8.2.4 Regional Coastal Planning Initiatives – Other

Status of all other coastal plans that are being developed, completed or under review during 2004/2005, per Regional Coastal Board region, is listed in Table 2.

**Table 2 Status of other coastal plans 2004–2005**

Region	Title of Plan	Status	Responsibility
Western Coastal Board region	Lake Yambuk Management Plan	Completed	Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority
	Hopkins River Estuary Management Plan	Developing	Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority
	Glenelg River Estuary Management Plan	Developing	Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority
	Indigenous Partnership Strategy	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Painkalac Estuary Management Plan	Developing	Surf Coast Shire
	Anglesea River & Estuary Management Plan	Developing	Surf Coast Shire
	Anglesea Riverbank Master Plan	Developing	Surf Coast Shire
	Pollution Source Investigation for Lorne	Developing	Surf Coast Shire
	Wastewater Management Plan – Moggs Creek	Developing	Surf Coast Shire
	Deep Creek Master Plan	Completed	Surf Coast Shire
	White's Beach Master Plan	Completed	Surf Coast Shire
	Corangamite Regional River Health Strategy	Developing	Corangamite Catchment Management Authority
	Point Addis Marine National Park, Point Danger Marine Sanctuary and Eagle Rock Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Twelve Apostles Marine National Park and The Arches Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Merri Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Discovery Bay Marine National Park Draft Management Plan	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Marengo Reefs Marine Sanctuary Draft Management Plan	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Belfast Lough Environmental Management Plan	Developing	Moyne Shire
	Fitzroy Estuary Management Plan	Developing	Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority
	Glenelg Hopkins River Health Strategy	Completed	Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority
Angahook – Lorne Investigation	Completed	Victorian Environmental Assessment Council	
Wetland Strategy	Developing	Corangamite Catchment Management Authority	

Region	Title of Plan	Status	Responsibility
<b>Central Coastal Board region</b>	Lang Lang Foreshore Management Plan	Completed	Completed Lang Lang CoM
	Dromana Foreshore Management Plan	Review	Dromana Foreshore CoM
	Capel Sound Coastal Management Plan	Review	Capel Sound Foreshore CoM
	Portsea Foreshore Coastal Management Plan	Developing	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
	Mt Eliza Foreshore Coastal Management Plan	Developing	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
	Shoreham Coastal Management Plan	Developing (final draft review)	Shoreham CoM
	Barwon Coast Coastal Management Plan	Review for new plan 2005–2009	Barwon Coast CoM
	Balnarring Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan	Developing	Balnarring CoM
	Merricks Beach Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan	Developing	Merricks Beach Foreshore CoM
	Queenscliffe Coastal Management Plan	Developing	Borough of Queenscliffe and DSE
	Buckley Park Foreshore Coastal Management Plan	Developing	City of Greater Geelong
	Churchill Island Marine NP	Developing	Parks Victoria
	French Island Marine NP	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Yaringa Marine NP	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Port Phillip Heads Marine NP	Final Plan under preparation	Parks Victoria
	Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary	Final Plan under preparation	Parks Victoria
	Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Mushroom Reef Marine Sanctuary	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Point Cooke Marine Sanctuary	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Jawbone Marine Sanctuary	Developing	Parks Victoria
Port Phillip and Westernport Regional Catchment Strategy	Completed	Port Phillip and Westernport CMA	
<b>Gippsland Coastal Board region</b>	Gippsland Lakes Future Directions and Actions Plan	Completed	Gippsland Lakes Task Force
	Cape Howe Marine National Park	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Point Hicks Marine National Park	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Beware Reef Marine Sanctuary	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Ninety Mile Beach Marine National Park	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Corner Inlet Marine National Park	Draft	Parks Victoria
	Wilson's Promontory Marine National Park and Marine Park	Draft	Parks Victoria



Region	Title of Plan	Status	Responsibility
<b>Gippsland Coastal Board region</b> continued	Bunurong Marine National Park and Marine Park	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Corner Inlet and Nooramunga Marine and Coastal Park	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Metung and Mosquito Point Foreshore Management Plan	Draft	East Gippsland Shire Council, DSE
	Mallacoota Foreshore Management Plan	Draft	East Gippsland Shire Council, DSE
	Tamboon Inlet Management Plan	Draft	DSE
	Marlay Point Foreshore Reserve	Developing	DSE
	Woodside Foreshore Reserve	Developing	DSE
	Shallow Inlet Camping Reserve	Developing	DSE
	Sandy Point Foreshore Reserve	Developing	DSE
	Gabo Island Management Plan	Draft	Parks Victoria
	Cape Conran Coastal Park Management Plan	Completed	Parks Victoria
	Macleod Morass & Jones Bay State Wildlife Reserve Management Plan	Completed	Parks Victoria
	Lake Wellington Wetlands Management Plan	Final in preparation	Parks Victoria
	Gippsland Lakes Ramsar Site Strategic Management Plan	Completed	Parks Victoria
	Cape Liptrap Coastal Park Management Plan	Completed	Parks Victoria
	Corner Inlet Ramsar Site Strategic Management Plan	Completed	Parks Victoria
	Corner Inlet and Nooramunga Marine and Coastal Park Management Plan	Developing	Parks Victoria
	Gippsland Lakes Shore Erosion and Revegetation Strategy	Completed	Gippsland Coastal Board
	Wellington Coast Subdivision Strategy	Completed	Wellington Shire
	South Gippsland Shire Urban Design Frameworks for 4 Coastal Settlements	Developing	South Gippsland Shire
Wellington and East Gippsland Shire Urban Design Frameworks for 18 Coastal Settlements	Developing	Wellington and East Gippsland Shires	
West Gippsland Regional Catchment Strategy	Completed	West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority	
East Gippsland Regional Catchment Strategy	Developing	East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority	

Regional Coastal Boards have contributed to planning initiatives in their regions including:

- Regional Catchment Investment Plans (RCIP) for both the Port Phillip and Westernport CMA and Corangamite CMA, and in the Victorian Review of the RCIP process. There is a clear opportunity to improve involvement of coastal and marine stakeholders in this process
- Management planning for Marine National Parks and Marine Sanctuaries in all regions
- River Health Strategies (Corangamite CMA, Port Phillip and Westernport CMA and West Gippsland CMA)
- Warrnambool Land Use Strategy Reference Group
- South West Sustainability Partnership
- Coast and Marine Technical Working Group (convened jointly by Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority and Western Coastal Board)
- The development of Urban Design Frameworks (UDFs) in the Gippsland Coastal Board region for coastal settlements in Wellington, East Gippsland and South Gippsland Shire Councils
- Finalisation of the East and West Gippsland Regional Catchment Strategies
- A program to address old and inappropriate subdivisions in the Wellington Shire Council
- Bass Coast Strategic Coastal Framework
- Mallacoota Inlet Recreational Fisheries Management Plan steering committee
- Review of the Wellington Shire Council Municipal Strategic Statement.

The Gippsland Coastal Board has completed the first stage of the Impact of Climate Change project. The project will produce maps demonstrating the locations most at risk of inundation as a result of predicted sea level rise and storm surge on the Gippsland coast. The Board is also represented on the steering committee for the West Gippsland CMA project Impacts of Climate Change and Adaptations.

Council notes the Coastal Planning Forum held in 2004, convened by the Central Coastal Board. The Western Coastal Board targeted all levels of local government to increase the application of coastal policies in local government planning policies. This included briefings to all levels of local government, submissions on planning policies and planning scheme amendments and convening three training courses *Coastal Land Law for Coastal Authorities*.

The Central Coastal Board secured over \$30,000 through NHT for a project to improve coastal planning around Western Port Bay. The project will ensure the incorporation of the VCS into planning schemes, consistent with the Port Phillip and Westernport Regional Catchment Strategy.

Best Practice Coastal Access Guidelines for Glenelg Shire were completed to draft form and formed the basis of a (draft) set of guidelines for South West Victoria.

### 8.3 Protecting the Environment

The Victorian Coastal Council has promoted a focus on marine and coastal issues in Regional Catchment Investment Plans through its involvement in the Independent Assessment Panel (for the Natural Heritage Trust and National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality).

Council also convened a workshop, in partnership with the Victorian based Australian Government NRM Facilitator (Coastcare) and the Marine and Coastal Community Network, to assist coastal and marine stakeholders in seeking grants for coastal and marine projects through the various Natural Heritage Trust funding opportunities.

The Western Coastal Board has:

- Supported the development of a Decision Support System for Estuary Entrances. The project will develop a framework for estuary managers to determine the circumstances under which an estuary should be artificially opened (if at all). The framework will allow managers to consider the socioeconomic and environmental assets of individual estuaries, including the values placed on them by the community, during the decision making process
- Represented on the Parks Victoria Marine Parks Advisory Group, contributing to the development of management plans for Marine Protected Areas along the South West
- Made submissions on Draft Portland Aquaculture Fisheries Reserve Management Plan and the Australian Wind Energy Association's Windfarms and Landscape Values Paper

The Central Coastal Board has:

- provided representation on the Westernport Marine National Parks Management Plan Advisory Group and contributed to the development of plans for Churchill Island, French Island and Yaringa Marine National Parks.
- identified a range of objectives and actions for protecting the natural environment in the face of recreational and development pressures along the coast through the Coastal Action Plans for Corio Bay and Mt Eliza to Point Nepean.

The Gippsland Coastal Board has:

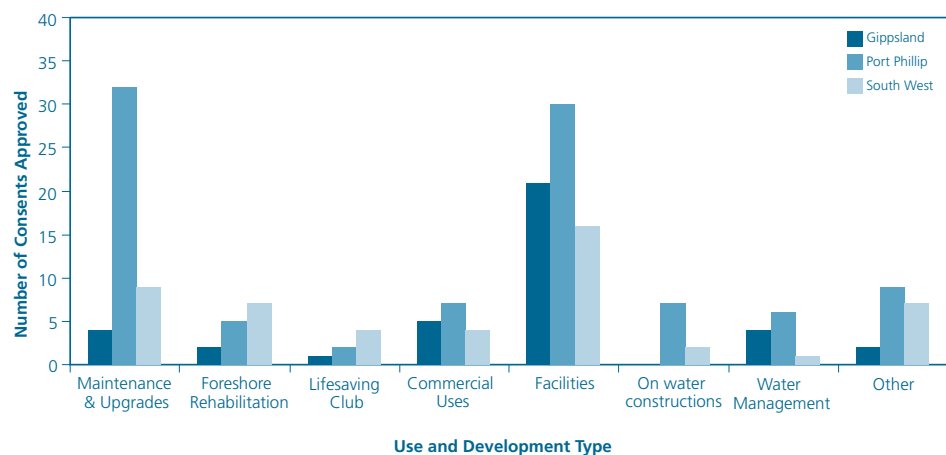
- continued involvement with the Gippsland Integrated Natural Resources Forum and contributed strongly to the development of the Gippsland Resources Report Card 2005
- continued to Chair, and contribute financially, to the Gippsland Regional Water Monitoring Partnership
- ongoing membership on the Gippsland Lakes Taskforce
- engaged CSIRO to complete an environmental audit of Corner Inlet and its catchment
- representation on the steering committee for decision making on the artificial opening of estuaries in Gippsland
- administered the funding for completion of the Round Head Koori burial ground project
- assisted with the development of a multi-regional RCIP bid to look at relationships between catchment indicators, environmental flows and estuarine condition.

## 8.4 Improved Recreation and Tourism

Victoria's coast continues to increase in popularity as a recreation and tourist destination. This continuing trend means changing demands on coastal resources and infrastructure. Effective management is required to minimise the negative impacts of this increase.

In 2004/2005, 193 applications for use and development of coastal Crown land pursuant to the Coastal Management Act 1995 were received and assessed by delegates of the Minister for Environment. 185 were approved and 6 were unsuccessful. Successful applications have an estimated total value in excess of \$36,362,300 million and were predominantly for maintenance and upgrades (see figure 1).

**Figure 1 Coastal Management Act Consents 2004/2005**



Council notes continuing investment through the Government's Boating Safety and Facilities program, the Recreational Fishing Grants program and the DSE's Coastal Risk program. All are contributing to safer facilities and experiences for coastal visitation and use.

An analysis of past trends in demographic changes, by the Coastal Spaces Project, surmises that Victoria's coastal growth has been driven by:

- increased demand for holiday home ownership
- increasing day visitation
- retirement migration
- increasing demand from younger commuting populations.

The Central Coastal Board continues to develop a Boating Coastal Action Plan for the Central Region. The CAP focuses on the provision of recreational boating facilities in Port Phillip and Westernport. The Gippsland Coastal Board has commenced discussion with the Gippsland Ports and the East Gippsland Shire on the possibility of an early review of the Gippsland Boating CAP (due 2007).

## 8.5 Maintaining and Improving Coastal Water Quality

The ongoing facilitation of partnerships between stakeholders is essential to achieving improved coastal water quality. Regional Coastal Boards continue to play an important role in facilitating these partnerships regionally.

The Clean Stormwater Project, undertaken by the Association of Bayside Municipalities, was completed in late 2004. If implemented into planning schemes this will contribute to significant improvements in stormwater quality and reduce the quantities of discharge to Port Phillip Bay.

The Central Coastal Board identified nitrogen inputs and marine pest incursions as key issues in the Port Phillip Bay Environmental Management Plan Interim Review 2004. The CCB undertook this review as an independent report to Government at the request of the Minister for Environment.

The Gippsland Coastal Board continues to oversee the implementation of the Gippsland Lakes Boat Pump out project. The installation of a network of sewage pump-outs and hopper facilities were installed to address the issue of sewage being discharged directly into the Gippsland Lakes system.

The Gippsland Coastal Board is represented on steering committees for the development of projects including the Gippsland Lakes Environmental Water Reserve, the Latrobe Environmental Flow and the Thomson /Macalister Environmental Flows Taskforce. The Board coordinates a nutrient stripping project for the Gippsland Lakes.

The Gippsland Lakes Future Directions Action Plan was allocated \$3 million in funding for 30 projects in 2004/05. The Plan aims to reduce nutrient levels entering the Lakes by 40% by 2022. The funds are administered by the Gippsland Coastal Board in partnership with the West and East Gippsland Catchment Management Authorities.

## 8.6 Increasing Awareness and Understanding of Coastal Issues

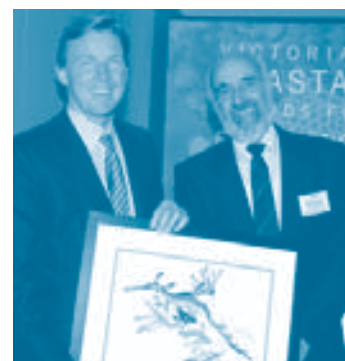
Promoting awareness and understanding of coastal and marine issues is an ongoing priority for the Council. Throughout the year Council has undertaken a range of activities including:

- issuing media releases and comment via print media and newsletters
- giving presentations at international forums and meetings with international delegations
- representation on the Coastal CRC National Stakeholder Advisory Committee (Diane James)
- chairing the 2005 Banksia Awards Judging Panel (Diane James)
- recognising excellence through the Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence
- maintenance of its website

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

Council in conjunction with the Coast Action / Coastcare program presented the sixth annual Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence. These awards recognise and acknowledge the achievement of individuals, groups and organisations who have played an outstanding role in the protection and restoration of significant sites, areas and features of the Victorian coast.

**Friends of the Bluff Education Coastal Award for Excellence recipients** (*The Friends of the Bluff were subsequently awarded the 2005 Banksia Award for Leadership in Protecting Coastal and Marine Environments, a national award*)



**John Sherwood Lifetime Achiever Coastal Award for Excellence recipient and Minister for Environment the Hon. John Thwaites.**



**Warren Chapman Outstanding Individual Achievement Coastal Award for Excellence recipient and Minister for Environment the Hon. John Thwaites.**



Council is convening the next national biennial Coast to Coast conference. Conference preparations are well underway, with the dates locked in for May 22–25, 2006, at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. The conference will present current and emerging local, state and national coastal and marine issues for discussion. Council hopes to attract about 400 delegates from across Australia to Coast to Coast 2006.

The Western Coastal Board:

- received Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) funding to develop an Information Portal to provide the wider community with easy access to electronic based coastal and marine environment information for south west Victoria
- received NHT funding for an Ecological Risk Assessment Project to facilitate the development of an understanding of the risks facing ecological systems in the region's waters to the three-nautical-mile Victorian boundary. Information obtained will be fed into proposals for future projects and funding applications
- hosted the Inaugural West Coast Foreshore Manager's Forum, held in Apollo Bay in February 2005 (most Committees of Management within the region, as well as several from the Bellarine Peninsula, gathered to be briefed on a number of projects and opportunities relevant to their roles)
- worked on a proposal for a Mobile Marine Interpretation Facility for the west coast in partnership with Parks Victoria.

The Central Coastal Board:

- assisted in RMIT's Coastal Management module in July 2004.
- convened the Coastal Planners Forum, which was held on 29 July, on coastal development

The Gippsland Coastal Board:

- conducted meetings with CEO/Chairs of Local Government, West Gippsland CMA, Gippsland Ports and East Gippsland Water on coastal issues
- hosted a workshop for the Estuary Opening Decision Support System project in Bairnsdale
- facilitated the development of the concept of a Catchment -to -Lake relay for schools in the catchment area of the Gippsland Lakes
- continues to present to community groups and other forums on various coastal issues.

## 9. REGIONAL COASTAL BOARDS

Regional Coastal Boards continue to play a very significant role in coastal planning and management in their regions by facilitating outcomes and participating in a wide range of initiatives led by partner agencies and stakeholders. Key areas of involvement include:

- the development, implementation and review of coastal action plans
- facilitating regional coordination and priority setting
- encouraging implementation of the Victorian Coastal Strategy.

A summary of some of the activities that Boards have been actively pursuing has been noted in preceding sections. Activities of Boards are described in more detail in the individual reports of each Board produced in accordance with the requirements of the Coastal Management Act 1995, and are available at the Boards' Internet sites, which are:

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

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

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

# 10. COUNCIL OPERATIONS

## 10.1 Administration

Council's office moved to Level 3, 8 Nicholson St, East Melbourne 3002 (it was previously 240 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne 3002).

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

Chairman

**Diane James**

Executive Officer

**Andrew Buckley**

(John Ginivan vacated the position September 2004)

The Executive Officer is responsible for managing the day to day operations of the Council and staff.

Persons employed **3** (see Appendix 1)

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

### Staff: Number by employment status

Employment Type	2004–2005			2003–2004		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Ongoing	1	1	2	1	1	2
Fixed Term	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary Employees	1	0	1	1	0	1
Total	2	1	3	2	1	3

#### Notes

(a) Staff employed through employment agencies are included under temporary employees.

(b) VCC ongoing staff are also included in employment statistics for the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

## 10.2 Statement of Pecuniary Interests

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

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

## 10.3 Consultancies and Contracts

During 2004/2005 Council did not engage any consultants or enter into any major contracts as defined by the Department of Treasury and Finance guidelines.

## 10.4 Publications

Council produced the following publications during the year:

- Annual report – available from the VCC and via website
- Press releases – available via website
- The Victorian Coast Report 2004 – available via website
- The Coastal Spaces Inception Report (DSE publication) – via website

During 2004/2005 Council had no major promotional activities.

## 10.5 National Competition Policy

The Council is supported administratively by the DSE, which complies with the principles of the National Competition Policy.

## 10.6 Freedom of Information (FOI)

The Council operates in accordance with FOI procedures established through Department of Sustainability and Environment. No FOI requests were made to Council in this business year. FOI requests can be made to the Authorised Officer for DSE, Deidre Egan, Ph 9637 8575.

## 10.7 Merit and Equity

Victorian Public Service merit and equity principles are applied in the appointment and management of staff. The VCC follows the merit and equity principles used by the Department of Sustainability and Environment in accordance with the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

## 10.8 A Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Society

Council ensured that the final version of the Victorian Coastal Strategy released in January 2002 included published material in agreed priority multi-lingual text advising on where to obtain further information on the Victorian Coastal Strategy.

## 10.9 Women, Youth and Indigenous Affairs

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

## 10.10 Whistleblowers Protection Act

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

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

Deidre Egan, Protected Disclosure Coordinator  
Department of Sustainability and Environment  
PO Box 500, East Melbourne Vic 3002.  
Telephone: 9637 8575 Facsimile: 9637 8128 Email: Deidre.Egan@dse.vic.gov.au

The Ombudsman Victoria  
Level 3, South Tower, 459 Collins Street, Melbourne Vic 3000.  
Telephone: 9613 6222 Toll free: 1800 806 314

## 10.11 Overseas travel

Council was represented at two overseas forums, the:

- PEMSEA's 10th Programme Steering Committee Meeting in China
- Fourth Regional Forum of PEMSEA Countries, in Bali, Indonesia

Council was represented at the PEMSEA meeting in China to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the DSE. The Bali forum offered Council the opportunity to investigate a means for engaging Victorian local governments in the partnership with PEMSEA. Post travel reports are available upon request to the Executive Officer.

## 10.12 Building Act

Council uses DSE facilities to perform its operations – refer to the DSE Annual Report.

# 11. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE

## 11.1 Budget and Expenditure

The operating budget of the Council is provided within the budget of Department of Sustainability and Environment.

The financial operations of the Council have not been separately audited. Audited statements are incorporated into the overall financial Statements of the Department of Sustainability and Environment Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2005 and it is considered unnecessary for Council to have a separate audit committee. The table below shows expenditure incurred against the allocations provided for the 2004–2005 financial year.

	2004–2005		2003–2004		2002–2003		2001–2002		2000–2001	
	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure
<b>Council Operation</b> (includes all sitting fees and reimbursements, secretariat expenses, training and items such as annual report). Specific project operating expenses are included against key result areas.	\$163,000	\$193,601	\$167,000	\$192,482	\$116,000	\$110,000	\$116,000	\$120,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
<b>Scientific Panel Support</b>	–	–	–	–	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$4,000
<b>Regional Coastal Boards support</b>	\$5,000	\$4,123	\$5,000	\$1,947	\$5,000	\$12,000	\$5,000	\$9,000	\$5,000	\$3,000
<b>Business Plan – Implementation</b>										
Key Result Area 1 – Strategic Planning, Victorian Coastal Strategy review program	\$42,000	\$54,714	\$40,000*	\$45,740	\$60,000	\$55,000	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$90,000	\$115,000
Key Result Area 2 – Coordination, project funding, management and training	–	–	\$10,000	\$11,426	\$30,000	\$28,000	\$24,000	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
Key Result Area 3 – Community Awareness and Involvement, Awards for Excellence, updates on activities	\$20,000	\$7,912	\$15,000	\$23,949	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$55,000	\$25,000	\$21,000
Key Result Area 4 – Leadership and Advocacy, provision of advice	\$10,000	\$150	\$3,000	\$0	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$10,000	\$16,000	\$19,000	\$13,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>\$260,500</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>	<b>\$275,545</b>	<b>\$270,000</b>	<b>\$270,000</b>	<b>\$280,000</b>	<b>\$310,000</b>	<b>\$285,000</b>	<b>\$291,000</b>

\*Plus \$10,000 carried forward from 02/03

## 11.2 Operating Position

There were no significant changes in financial position during the year. There were no major changes or factors affecting performance. There were no subsequent events which will affect performance in future years. Operations are managed in accordance with DSE procedures and guidelines for expenditure, purchasing and reporting.



## 12. DISCLOSURE INDEX

The 2004/05 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 Council's compliance with statutory disclosure requirements.

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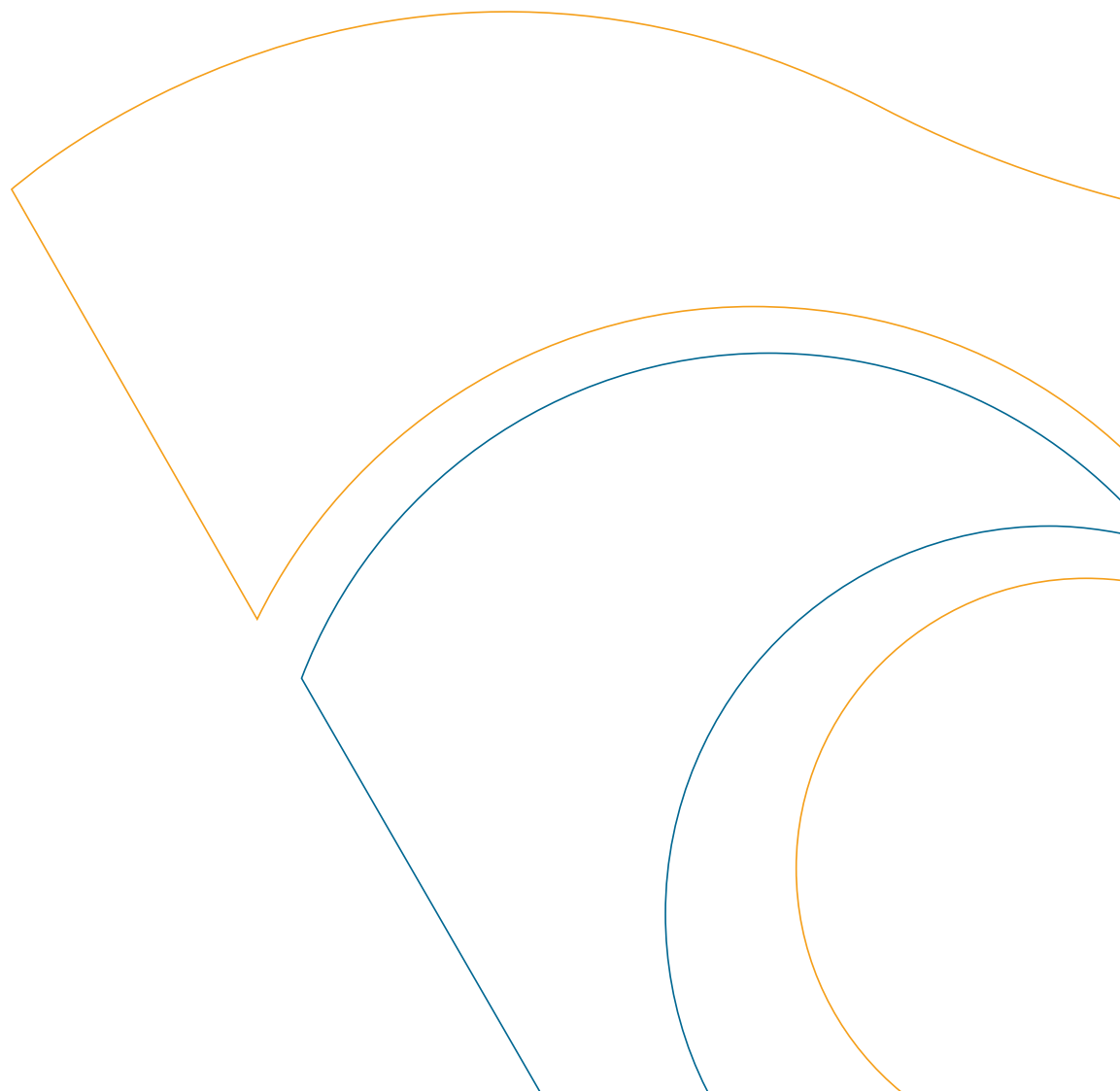
\* See Department of Sustainability and Environment Annual Report. Operations are managed in accordance with DSE procedures and guidelines for occupational health and safety and industrial relations and related issues.

Information relevant to the headings listed in Financial Reporting Direction 22 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*.



# ACRONYMS USED

<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>CRC</b>	Cooperative Research Centre
<b>DSE</b>	Department of Sustainability and Environment
<b>EPA</b>	Environment Protection Authority
<b>GCB</b>	Gippsland Coastal Board
<b>ICAG</b>	Intergovernmental Coastal Advisory Group
<b>MoU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>NRM</b>	Natural resource management
<b>PEMSEA</b>	Partnerships for Environmental Management of the Seas of East Asia program
<b>RCIP</b>	Regional Catchment Investment Plan
<b>RMIT</b>	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
<b>UDF</b>	Urban Design Framework
<b>VCC</b>	Victorian Coastal Council
<b>VCS</b>	Victorian Coastal Strategy
<b>WCB</b>	Western Coastal Board



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