

Victorian Coastal Council



annual report 2010–11



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The Victorian Coastal Council respectfully acknowledges the original custodians of what is now known as Victoria; their rich culture, deep affinity with the land and spiritual connection to it.

mission statement

“ Lead, plan and champion on the protection, management and use of Victoria’s coast and its resources ”

chair’s foreword

It gives me great pleasure to report on the activities of the Victorian Coastal Council and the operation of the *Coastal Management Act 1995* for the 2010–11 year.

It has been a period of great learning; from experts, peers and our community. Our expert science panel, forty-four of the State’s pre-eminent scientists in coastal and marine-related disciplines, convened at the University of Melbourne. They considered what is impacting our coastal and marine environments and advised on the evidence-based responses. At the 2011 Australian Coastal Councils Conference in Torquay we learned by listening to each other: community workers, insurers, politicians, meteorologists, engineers, biologists and planners bridging the divide to talk coasts. Critically, we learnt from our community. At the twelfth Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence, VCC members, politicians and government officers heard first hand from those volunteering in coastal and marine environments. Through our flagship social research on Community Attitudes to Coastal and Marine Environments we will shortly understand the opinions, values and ideas of over 1,000 Victorians.

All this knowledge will become manifest in our strategic actions, bolstering Council and

all coastal stakeholders’ efforts to respond to the key challenges for the coast: adapting to climate change, managing population and growth and care of the marine environment.

Having now entered the third year of the third iteration of the Victorian Coastal Strategy, it is timely that we reflect on the effectiveness of what is the pre-eminent means for directing the protection and management of our coast and marine environments. With our partners we have embarked on the mid-term review. Regional and locally we will gauge our success, engaging our stakeholders, examining the evidence and refining directions wherever necessary.

The Victorian Coastal Council is an active and strategic Council and has high calibre membership, all who share a commitment to the long term vision of a healthy, productive coast enjoyed by all. I thank every council member for their support, contributions and energy over the past twelve months.

The completion of our sizeable work program would not be possible without the efforts of our committed staff. To Ozlem Acik, Malcolm McCall, Natalie Baran and Margot Harrison we thank you. Special thanks are extended to our Executive Officers. After four years of

imaginative, industrious and conscientious service we bid farewell to our Executive Officer, David Harper. David was a great champion for the coast and we extend to him our gratitude and sincerest best wishes. With great pleasure we welcome Liz Patterson to the position of Executive Officer. Liz brings to the role 14 years of experience in the field of coastal and marine management and planning in both the public and private sector.

Finally, I’d also thank each of the Regional Coastal Boards and staff for their passion and commitment to both the Victorian Coast and to always working in a spirit of collaboration and partnership with Council.

I am committed to leading this Council. I am committed to ensuring that Victoria has the best and most effective coastal governance structure in Australia and I will ensure we continue to influence positive outcomes for our precious coastal and marine environments for all Victorians.



Libby Mears
Chair Victorian Coastal Council

one: introduction

This is the 2010/2011 Annual Report of the Victoria Coastal Council. The Report is set out in six sections covering:

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



two: highlights

Highlights of the activities and achievements of the Victorian Coastal Council (VCC) for 2010/2011 include: business planning workshop and development of the 2010–2013 VCC Business Plan; engagement with the Land and Biodiversity White Paper institutional change program; co-hosting of the Australian Coastal Councils Conference in Torquay in March 2011; the Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence held in April 2011; commencement of our flagship longitudinal research Victorian's attitudes and behaviours of the coastal and marine environment; the Science Panel workshop and review of emerging issues; and responding to the Regional Coastal Boards review of Coastal Action Plans older than five years.

2.1 Business Plan 2011–2013

In July 2010, VCC members and staff participated in a facilitated two-day workshop to define Council's business strategy for the next 2 years and establish the priority projects and tasks to be delivered.

The impact of the institutional change – proposed in the Land and Biodiversity White Paper November 2009 – on Council's business was explored, with participants considering how best to respond and participate in this process.

Participants also reflected more broadly on business management, leadership and influence, and continuation of strong engagement with our Minister, other stakeholders and partners, both new and existing.

The workshop resulted in a clear direction for the Council with a draft 2011–2013 Business Plan produced. Completed activities from the Business Plan for the reporting period are reported in Section 3.5.

2.2 Implementation of the Land and Biodiversity White Paper on Institutional Changes

The Land and Biodiversity White Paper 'Securing our Natural Future', was released in November 2009. The main focus of the paper was on improving natural resource management and included recommendations for institutional change, specifically the creation of a new body known as the Natural Resource and Catchment Council. The Council was to incorporate the roles of the Victorian Coastal Council, the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council and the Victorian Catchment Management Council.

Changes were also proposed at a regional level, with new Natural Resource and Catchment Authorities being created to incorporate the roles of Catchment Management Authorities and Regional Coastal Boards and, in the case of Gippsland, the Gippsland Lakes and Catchments Taskforce.

A number of members of the Victoria Coastal Council were represented on the Institutional Change Transition Committee and the Secretary's Reference Group. Members also engaged with a range of coastal stakeholders in managing the change process. As a pre-election promise, the new Government committed

to maintaining the existing institutional arrangements. The partnerships and relationships built with other agencies during the institutional change process (particularly catchment agencies) will continue to be developed.

2.3 Australian Coastal Council's Conference, Torquay 2011

The Victorian Coastal Council co-hosted the 2011 Australian Coastal Councils Conference, held in March 2011 in Torquay. An annual conference convened by the National Sea Change Taskforce, the Victorian conference provided a focus on the complex challenges facing the nation's coastal Local Government Areas. The VCC was actively engaged in developing a broad and interesting program which included topics such as coastal adaptation and risk management, using many local examples and case studies.

The VCC also sponsored a community breakfast which attracted over 200 attendees. The breakfast was an opportunity to celebrate the role of community engagement in coastal protection and management. A highlight of the breakfast was a welcome to Surf Coast by local school children and ambassadors of the I SEA I CARE program and a panel discussion, facilitated by Council member Rob Gell.

The event was attended by 190 delegates, including representatives of 40 coastal councils from across the nation. Also in attendance were Federal and State politicians, leading scientists and representatives of Federal and State government agencies.

Victorian Coastal Council Chair, Cr Libby Mears presented an overview of the Council's fourth wave of social research on Community Attitudes to and Behaviour on Victorian Coastal and Marine Environments with a particular focus on its practical application in the shaping of coastal policy and management.

2.4 Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence 2011

A key function of the VCC is to promote the activities of the many individuals, communities and agencies who are involved in coastal and marine management. The twelfth Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence was an opportunity to celebrate many of these achievements. The best of the Victorian coast was highlighted in the wonderful setting of the Melbourne Museum. Nominations were of a high calibre, with a total of 27 finalists across 6 categories including Coastal Building & Design, Community Action & Partnerships, Education, Natural Environment, Coastal Planning and Management and the Victorian Marine Science Consortium Post Graduate Award.

In presenting the Awards, the Minister for Environment and Climate Change noted that ninety-six per cent of Victoria's coast is public land and that to manage such a vast area, the Government and the people of Victoria rely on the efforts of the people such as the nominees whom he said have "gone above and beyond the call of duty in contributing to coastal management in Victoria".

This year Don McTaggart was posthumously awarded the Outstanding Individual Achievement Award in recognition of his outstanding leadership of the Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Group. Over the course of a decade, Don transformed a once ailing group into a vibrant and dynamic force for conservation through group projects such as Harris on Merri Revegetation, Middle Island Penguin Monitoring and the Weed Warriors Program. Don lost his battle with cancer in December 2010 and leaves behind him the legacy of a community of people more determined than ever to continue his good work.

2011 Winners

Coastal Building & Design

Winner	Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club	Inverloch Surf Life Saving Clubhouse
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Community Action & Partnerships

Winner (joint)	Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Group	Promoting the improvement of coastal and marine environments and community wellbeing
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Winner (joint)	Reel Scientists	Reel Scientists volunteer angler diary program
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Education

Winner	Barwon Coast Committee of Management	Connecting communities to the coast through education
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Natural Environment

Winner	Birds Australia	Beach nesting birds conservation project
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Coastal Planning and Management

Winner	Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula Ramsar Site Steering Committee	Working together for the Port Phillip Ramsar Site
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Outstanding Individual Achievement

Winner	Don McTaggart
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Victorian Marine Science Consortium – Post Graduate Award

Winner	Ben Wegener, Monash University
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2.5 Social Research on Community Attitudes to Coastal and Marine Environments

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

Three previous waves of social research have been conducted in 1996, 2000 and 2007. This fourth research program commenced in March 2011 and will be completed by September 2011.

The fourth wave will again track opinions, uncover issues and reveal community priorities while delving deeper into the beliefs and motivations of the community, particularly in the areas of climate change impacts on the coast, population growth and coastal management.

2.6 Science Panel – Update of Emerging Scientific Issues for Victoria's Coast

In February 2011, Chair of the Victorian Coastal Council's Science and Environment Committee and Chair of the Science Panel, Professor Michael Keough facilitated a workshop as part of the review of the work undertaken in 2006 which produced the paper *"Emerging Scientific Issues on Victoria's Coasts"*.

The Science Panel includes forty of the State's pre-eminent scientists in coastal and marine related disciplines, including marine biology, climate change, chemistry, and geomorphology. Non Science Panel representatives included VCC members and key science contacts from DSE, Parks Victoria, EPA and the office for the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability.

This is an important and timely review, which has produced a summary report for consideration by the VCC. Some of the issues identified include; the effects of increased climate variability, linkages between catchments and estuaries in maintaining marine ecosystem health, and cumulative impacts of coastal development. An updated issues paper will be published in the second half of 2011.

2.7 Coastal Action Plan (CAP) Review

Under the *Coastal Management Act 1995* (the Act) the VCC is charged with approving draft CAPs prior to Ministerial referral, as well as observing progress and periodically reviewing effectiveness. In 2005, Council developed CAP guidelines as a way to provide clarity on their purpose.

Coastal Action Plans (CAPs) are the key statutory mechanism available to Regional Coastal Boards for implementing the *Victorian Coastal Strategy*.

Under the Act, CAPs must: identify strategic directions and objectives for use and development in the region; provide for detailed planning of the region or part of the region; facilitate recreational use and tourism and provide for protection and enhancement of significant features of the region's coast, including the marine environment; and be consistent with the *Victorian Coastal Strategy*, the *National Parks Act 1975* and the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978*.

Regional Coastal Boards have to review a CAP applying to their region at any time at the direction of the Minister or the Council, or if no direction is given, at the end of five years.

There are 18 CAPs covering different issues and parts of the State, with eleven in the Western Region, three in the Central Region and four in Gippsland. Over half of the State's CAPs (fifteen) are older than five years and have been reviewed by the regional boards who have reported their findings to the VCC's Planning & Development Subcommittee.

In the coming months the VCC will consider the outcomes of the CAP review specifically implementation, outcomes, success and failures and unforeseen issues or impacts.

In conjunction with this review process the CAP guidelines (2005) are also being reviewed and updated.

three: governance and functions

The VCC is established under the *Coastal Management Act 1995* and is accountable to the Minister for Environment and Climate Change. The responsible Ministers for Environment and Climate Change for the reporting period 2010/2011 were Mr Gavin Jennings MLC to December 2010, followed by Mr Ryan Smith MP.

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

An independent body accountable to the Minister for Environment and Climate Change, the Council is provided with a budget and secretariat support through the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

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

- To undertake state-wide strategic coastal planning
- To prepare and submit to the Minister a draft *Victorian Coastal Strategy*
- To provide advice to the Minister
- To facilitate the operation of Regional Coastal Boards

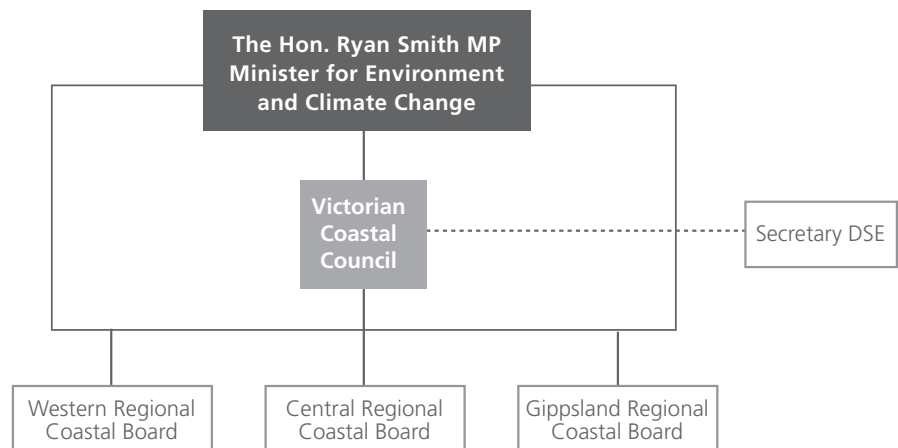


Figure 1: Governance Structure

- 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.

3.1 Council Membership

There are eleven members. All members except the Regional Coastal Board chairs have been appointed from 1 July 2010 until 30 June 2013. Regional Coastal Board chairs are appointed in line with their chair appointments, which terminate in June 2012.

Members of the Victorian Coastal Council during 2010/11 were:

3.1.1 Chair

Libby Mears

Cr Libby Mears lives with her family at Aireys Inlet having moved from Melbourne in the 1990s and was appointed Chair of the Victorian Coastal Council in 2007.



Libby is a passionate advocate for the coast with a particular interest in the role coastal communities play in coastal protection and management and in promoting sustainable use of our coastal resources. In 2004, Libby's community activism led her to be elected to local government where she has served two terms as Mayor in 2006 and 2009. Libby has also represented Victorian local governments as a Victorian delegate to the National Sea Change Task Force between 2008 and 2011. In her role as Chair of the Victorian Coastal Council Libby is committed to ensuring a strong and effective coastal governance structure for Victoria supported by a strategic, long term vision and plan for Victoria's coastal and marine communities.

3.1.2 Members

Matt Boland

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



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

Janet Bolitho

Janet Bolitho joined the Victorian Coastal Council in July 2010. Janet is currently the ward Councillor for Port Melbourne in the City of Port Phillip of which she was Mayor in 2006 and 2007. Before being elected, Janet had extensive involvement in a wide range of Port Melbourne based community groups including a Coastcare group. Janet holds a Masters in Social Science focussing on planning and the environment. Her particular interest in the coast lies in the collaboration involved in coastal management and community involvement in the care of the coast. Janet has a strong interest in Port Phillip Bay and its catchment and has represented Port Phillip on the Association of Bayside Municipalities since 2005. She is the Chair of the Victorian Local Sustainability Accord Advisory Committee and President of the Road Safety Action Group – Inner Melbourne.



Vivienne Clare

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



Rob Gell

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



Liz Johnstone

Liz Johnstone is a Senior Policy Advisor 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.



Professor Michael Keough

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



Sue Mudford (Acting Western Coastal Board Chair)

Lynette Skillbeck resigned from her position as Chair of the Western Coastal Board due to illness. Sue Mudford is currently the Acting Chair.



Sue Mudford has professional experience in risk management, governance, community engagement, facilitation, regional development, biodiversity and conservation. She is actively involved in Landcare and conservation activities and is Regional Manager for the Glenelg Hopkins area for Trust for Nature. Sue is a member of the Western Coastal Board Committee and currently represents the Board on the Victorian Coastal Council and a number of strategic planning forums.

recognised by the Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association (VPELA) when he was presented with the 'Paul Jerome' award in 2008. He is also a former member of the Central Coastal Board, a current member of the Alpine Resorts Co-ordinating Council and now runs his own planning consultancy business.

Jennifer Wolcott

Jennifer Wolcott is General Manager Corporate Strategy & Services for Parks Victoria. She is a career Victorian State public servant who has held senior



positions in a range of natural resource and environmental agencies including as Director of Natural Resources Policy at the Department of Primary Industries, Director of Policy at the Environment Protection Authority, and Manager of Environmental Policy at the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Jennifer has significant experience in developing policy and strategy for natural resource and environmental issues, including developing legislation and regulatory instruments as well as community engagement and change programs. Jennifer currently sits as a director on the Board of the Royal Botanical Gardens and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Helen Martin

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

Leigh Phillips

Leigh Phillips has over 30 years experience with the Victorian Planning system. He has held a number of senior planning positions in various State Government departments with a particular focus on regional land use, project facilitation and management of the planning system. His contribution to planning in Victoria has been



VCC Members and Executive Officer

3.2 VCC Meetings

Nine VCC meetings were held during the 2010/11 financial year, these were:

- 19 August 2010
- 21 October 2010
- 18 November 2010
- 16 December 2010
- 2 February 2011
- 17 February 2011
- 17 March 2011
- 19 May 2011
- 16 June 2011

Member attendance at the VCC's nine business meetings throughout 2010/11 is as follows:

Member	Attendance
Libby Mears (Chair)	8
Matt Boland	9
Janet Bolitho	8
Vivienne Clare	8
Rob Gell	5
Liz Johnstone	8
Michael Keough	7
Helen Martin	9
Sue Mudford	8
Jennifer Wolcott	9
Leigh Phillips	9

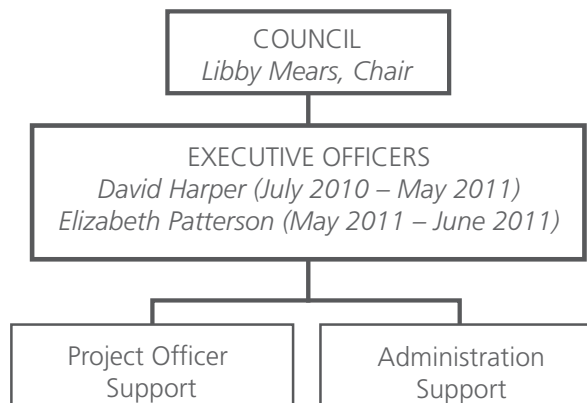
3.3 Committees

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

Table 1: Sub-committees for 2010/11

Committee	Focus and Membership	Meetings
Planning and Development Committee	Advise Council on opportunities to improve coastal and marine planning and management <i>Members:</i> Matt Boland (Chair), Helen Martin, Leigh Phillips, Liz Johnstone and Janet Bolitho	9
Community Engagement and Advocacy Committee	To develop a strategic approach to communication and marketing activities undertaken by Council <i>Members:</i> Leigh Phillips (Chair), Rob Gell, Vivienne Clare, Libby Mears and Matt Boland	8
Science and Environment Committee	Provide advice and expertise on programs, Marine Forums, VCC Science Panel, Natural Resource Management and marine policies <i>Members:</i> Mick Keough (Chair), Jennifer Wolcott, Rob Gell and Sue Mudford	6
Strategic Relationships Committee	To develop a strategic approach to engagement and relationship with key stakeholders. Provide high level strategic directions and messages for Council <i>Members:</i> Libby Mears (Chair), Matt Boland, Janet Bolitho and Leigh Phillips	4

3.4 VCC Operational Chart



3.5 General Business Activities

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

3.5.1 Council Business Plan

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

Business Plan Action

No.	Action
1.2	Promote and profile Victorian Coastal Council activities and outcomes.
1.3	Prepare and implement a stakeholder engagement strategy to better connect with communities, stakeholders and individuals.
1.4	Recognise and reward the efforts of groups whose practical actions protect Victorian coastal environments.
2.1	Understand and raise awareness of current Government and private sector programs for adaptation to climate change on the coast.
3.2	Assess tools for coastal planning in collaboration with Regional Coastal Boards and support the development and review of Coastal Action Plans.
4.1	Undertake key projects and engagement opportunities to develop the evidence to inform the next <i>Victorian Coastal Strategy</i> . Projects to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Community Attitudes Research on the coastal and marine environment c) Assist in Victoria's hosting of the National Sea Change Taskforce Annual National Conference in March 2011 d) Re-convene the Victorian Coastal Council Science Panel and produce a report on emerging scientific issues e) Engage with local governments along the coast to understand their coastal issues and support local decision-making.
4.2	Monitor and report to Government on issues affecting the coast.

3.5.2 Business through Committees

A large amount of the activities and business of the VCC occurs through its committees. The following section gives an overview of committee's key business activities in the reporting period.

Planning and Development Committee

The Planning and Development committee serves as VCC's key liaison with the Department of Planning and Community Development and with specific program and policy areas within the Department of Sustainability and Environment, such as the Future Coasts Program. Over the reporting period the committee was briefed by departmental and agency representatives on coastal planning issues.

A new committee initiative commencing in 2011 is the maintenance of a register of key coastal planning activities and decisions. This is used to monitor the interpretation of *Victorian Coastal Strategy* policies.

The committee received the Regional Coastal Board reviews of Coastal Action Plans older than five years. The findings of this review, along with an update of the 2005 Coastal Action Plan Guidelines, are to be reported to the Council in 2011/12. The committee also supported the Western Coastal Board in their development of the Boating Action Plan which was endorsed by the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change and launched in early November 2010.

The committee is guiding the mid-term review Part Four of the *Victorian Coastal*

Strategy 2008: Sustainable Development on the Coast. Planning policy and activities along the coast are to be examined, focusing on themes such as coastal dependent use on Crown land, township character and avoid development within primary sand dunes and in low-lying coastal areas..

Community Engagement and Advocacy Committee

The Committee was responsible for all of practical activities associated with the staging of the twelfth Victorian Coastal Awards, providing oversight for the nomination and judging process and liaising with the event management team.

The committee is overseeing the fourth wave of social research on community attitudes and behaviours on the Victorian coastal and marine environment, including supplier procurement and ongoing advice through the project management phase.

In addition to its continued media and communications support to Council, the committee developed a Draft Communications Plan. The Plan will provide a framework to enable strategic and effective promotion of the VCC and communication of its activities.

Science and Environment Committee

The most significant activity for the reporting period has been the reconvening of the Victorian Coastal Council Science Panel. The panel comprises a group of 40+ prominent scientists who as a collective, bring together the breadth of scientific disciplines needed for a "whole of coast" perspective. The Panel

met in February 2011 at the University of Melbourne to provide advice to Council on emerging issues and knowledge gaps relevant to Victoria's coastal and marine environments. This action recognised the critical role that independent and credible scientific advice has in informing evidence-based policy, particularly in the mid to long term. The Science and Environment sub-committee are using the Panel's advice to update the *Emerging Scientific Issues for the Victorian Coast 2011 Report* which will be published later this year.

In addition, other activities undertaken by the Science and Environment sub-committee included: contributing to the development of indicators for reporting the condition of coastal and marine environments through the Victorian Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability's Scientific Reference Group; and hosting a presentation by Neville Rosengren on the coastal geomorphology of Victoria's East Gippsland region.

Strategic Relationships Committee

During the period of the institutional change initiated through the Land and Biodiversity White Paper '*Securing our Natural Future*', this committee was known as the Institutional Change Committee. Its role was to represent Council in the various transition bodies and change working groups. The members were active in participating in the change processes. On advice that the existing institutional arrangements were to be maintained this committee changed its focus to building strategic relationships.



The VCC has the responsibility for undertaking a mid term review of the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008*. The Strategic Relationships Committee has been and will continue to oversee this project. The committee recently provided direction and input on the consultation program and the outline of the report.

A key element of the VCC is the relationships it maintains with stakeholders. The Strategic Relationships Committee continues to support the Chair in organising formal and informal meetings with key stakeholders including DSE Secretary and Executive Directors at the Department of Planning and Community Development.

3.5.4 Presentations

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

Presentation to:	Location	Date
Public Land Division, Department of Sustainability and Environment	Melbourne	12 August 2010
VCC Transition Committee Briefing	Melbourne	15 November 2010
2011 Australian Coastal Councils Conference	Torquay	30 March 2011
Business Plan Briefing, Public Land Division, Department of Sustainability and Environment	Melbourne	15 April 2011
Project Updates, Public Land Division, Department of Sustainability and Environment	Melbourne	27 April 2011

Presentations received by VCC

Presenter:	Topic	Date
Greg Wilson, Secretary DSE	Land and Biodiversity Institutional Change	18 November 2010
Adam Fennessy, Executive Director Environmental Policy and Climate Change, DSE and Saravan Peacock, Manager Future Coasts Program, DSE	Future Coasts Program	17 March 2011
Dr William Jackson, CEO Parks Victoria	Welcome and Introduction	17 March 2011
Jo Klemke, Senior Policy Officer, Marine Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Division, DSE	DSE Marine Program	19 May 2011
Ian Walker, Director Healthy Parks, Deputy General Manager Park, Parks Victoria	Auditor General's Report on Environmental Management of Marine Protected Areas	19 May 2011

3.5.3 Submissions

- Land and Biodiversity White Paper on Institutional Change, 14 July 2010
- Mornington Safe Harbour Environment Effects Inquiry, Planning Scheme Amendment C107 and Planning Permit Application, 4 March 2011
- Coastal Climate Change Advisory Committee Hearing, 23 July 2010 (*A combined VCC and RCBs response was submitted*)
- Regional Catchment Strategy Guidelines, 25 March 2011 (*A combined VCC and RCBs response was submitted*)

3.5.5 Media Releases

Victorian Coastal Awards 2011: Celebrating champions in coastal conservation, 14 April 2011.

3.5.6 Partnerships

The VCC provided financial and in-kind support to the following organisations:

- Victorian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Research
- Association of Bayside Municipalities
- National Seachange Taskforce

3.5.7 Conference Attendances

- Western Coastal and Marine Forum, 8–9 July 2010, Warrnambool
- Natural Resource Management Plan Workshop, 6–9 September 2010, Melbourne
- Coast to Coast, 20–24 September 2010, Adelaide
- Australian Coastal Councils Conference, 29–30 March 2011, Torquay
- Shaping Victoria 2011, 7–8 June 2011, Warrnambool

four: implementation of the *Coastal Management Act 1995*

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

Objectives of the *Coastal Management Act 1995*

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

4.1 Victorian Coastal Strategy

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

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

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

4.2 Victorian Coastal Strategy Implementation Plan

The development of a whole of government implementation plan was a key action commitment of the VCS, and has assisted in getting government and non-government partners together to examine the most effective ways of supporting the delivery of the actions in the VCS 2008.

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

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

progress with implementation of the VCS 2008 throughout its life. VCC will use the document as a resource to develop the mid-term review of the VCS in 2011, and the full term review which will inform the preparation of a new VCS in 2013.

The coordinating committee has updated the Plan to reflect the actions taken by lead agencies to 30 June 2011.

4.3 Coastal Action Plans (CAPS)

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

There were 18 approved CAPs that were current during the 2010–11 year and one that was under development but has been deferred. The status of these plans is outlined in Table 2.

Table 2: Coastal Action Plan Status

Region	CAP title	Status
WCB	South West Victoria Regional CAP 2002	Implementation. Review complete.
WCB	Central West Victoria Regional CAP 2002	Implementation. Review complete.
WCB	South West Victoria Estuaries CAP 2002	Implementation. Review complete.
WCB	Central West Victoria Estuaries CAP 2005	Implementation. Review complete.
WCB	Lorne CAP 1998	Implementation. Review complete.
WCB	Anglesea CAP 1999	Implementation. Review complete.
WCB	Warrnambool CAP 1999	Implementation. Review complete.
WCB	Moyne CAP 2001	Implementation. Review complete.
WCB	Skenes Creek to Marengo CAP 2002	Implementation. Review complete.
WCB	Glenelg CAP 2004	Implementation. Review complete.
WCB	Boating CAP	Implementation.
CCB	Boating CAP	Implementation.
CCB	Mount Eliza to point Nepean CAP	Implementation. Review complete.
CCB	Corio Bay CAP	Implementation. Review complete.
CCB	Western Port CAP	Preparation on hold.
GCB	Gippsland Lakes CAP (1999)	Implementation. Review nearing completion.
GCB	Gippsland Boating CAP (2002)	Implementation. Review complete.
GCB	Integrated Coastal Planning for Gippsland CAP (2002)	Implementation. Review complete.
GCB	Estuaries CAP (2006)	Implementation.

4.3.1 Western Region

Western Victoria Boating Coastal Action Plan

The Western Victoria Boating Coastal Action Plan (CAP) was endorsed by the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change and launched in early November 2010. The Boating CAP provides a strategic framework for the provision of safe and sustainable boating facilities for the region. An Implementation Committee and Reference Group were established to facilitate its implementation.

4.3.2 Central Region

Boating Coastal Action Plan (2007)

The Central Boating CAP establishes a framework for future use, improvement and investment in the region's boating network. It supports improved recreational and tourism opportunities on land and water.

This year the Central Coastal Board (CCB) supported some changes to the membership of the Implementation Committee and sought two new representatives, one each from the Department of Transport (DoT) and Victorian Recreational Fishers (VRFish). The committee met in June this year and the agenda included some of the current boating facility planning issues for example:

- Beaumaris Motor Yacht Safe Harbour. The Environmental Effects Statement (EES) for the expansion of the facility is being prepared. The studies undertaken to date are: Coastal Process Study, Coastal Vulnerability Study and Fossil Report.
- Blairgowrie Safe Harbour extension. A rezoning proposal has been prepared for presentation to council.
- Mornington Safe Harbour upgrade. The EES was exhibited in mid 2010. The panel formed and held hearings in late 2010. The panel report was made public in June 2011.
- Yaringa Harbour expansion. The proposal is for an inland extension to the harbour and tourism accommodation at Yaringa.

The Boating CAP will be reviewed in 2012.

Mt Eliza to Point Nepean CAP Review Report

The Mt Eliza to Pt Nepean CAP was prepared as a partnership between the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and the CCB in 2005. It is a key tool for interpreting and implementing the VCS within the study area and applying the principle of

sustainability. The CAP's objectives include managing demand for coastal space in relation to increasing population pressure and tourism activities.

The review was done in 2011 and undertaken in two parts, (1) an assessment of the status of the actions in the CAP, (2) an evaluation of the CAP's effectiveness as a regional planning tool. While 26% of actions were completed, nearly half were 'in progress' or 'not started'. The review process indicated the CAP was of value in providing direction for future use and improvements along the coast. Discussion with council and key stakeholders is now needed to determine whether the preferred action is to revise the CAP or extend it for another 5 years.

Corio Bay CAP Review Report

The Corio Bay CAP was released in 2005 as a joint project between the City of Greater Geelong and the CCB. It focuses on six strategic result areas applying to the whole bay and 12 local precinct plans.

The review of the CAP indicated over half of the 112 actions were complete and 37% in progress or not started. The evaluation found the CAP was a useful planning tool however discussion with council and key stakeholders is needed to determine whether the preferred action is to revise the CAP or extend it for another 5 years.

4.3.3 Gippsland Region

Gippsland Boating Coastal Action Plan

The Gippsland Boating CAP was approved in 2002 and has now been reviewed. A grant of \$50,000 was obtained from the former Marine Safety Victoria's Boating Safety and Facilities Grant Program, to undertake the review and prepare a revised recreational boating strategy.

A project control group has been formed from stakeholder agencies. In mid-2010 the group selected a service provider, Ainley Projects.

Ainley Projects has undertaken extensive inspections and condition assessments of facilities, reviewed agency reports and other documentation, and consulted widely with stakeholders. The review of the 2002 Boating CAP is complete. A preliminary draft of the new Gippsland Boating CAP is being developed, prior to public exhibition as required by the *Coastal Management Act 1995*.

Gippsland Lakes & Integrated Coastal Planning for Gippsland Coastal Action Plans

The Gippsland Lakes CAP and the Integrated Coastal Planning for Gippsland CAP date from 1999 and 2002, respectively. A review of both documents in 2009–10 found that most of the specific strategies and actions contained in them had either been completed or incorporated into ongoing management programs.

However, the overall strategic directions contained in both CAPs remain valid. Subsequent scoping and program development has identified a range of new implementation measures that could be adopted (by identified lead agencies) to achieve further progress towards the objectives and intended outcomes of the CAPs.

The GCB is still considering the first stages of a new CAP that would carry forward the themes of the Gippsland Lakes and Integrated Coastal Planning CAPs and integrate them with the outputs of the work by CSIRO and others on climate projections and likely impacts on the Gippsland coast. It will also help apply the principles and priorities of the *Victorian Coastal Strategy* in the Gippsland region and incorporate key stakeholder feedback from three workshops held in 2010–11.

Gippsland Estuaries Coastal Action Plan

The Gippsland Estuaries Plan 2006 is a strategic framework to guide planning and management decisions that affect Gippsland's estuaries. It aims to lift the quality, consistency and efficiency of decision-making. It identifies themes and links them to specific management actions for individual estuarine areas.

This CAP is now due for review and preliminary discussions are taking place about the process for undertaking this review in 2011–12.

4.4 Coastal Management Act Consents

Pursuant to Section 37 of the *Coastal Management Act 1995*, any use or development of coastal Crown land must be approved, in writing, by the Minister. In the 2010–11 reporting year, 214 applications for the use and/or development of coastal Crown land were approved by delegates of the Minister for Environment and Climate Change.

4.5 Regional Coastal Board Activities

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

4.5.1 Western Coastal Board (WCB)

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

Draft CAP Review Report

The Draft CAP Review Report and recommendations were presented to the VCC for their consideration and provision to the Minister. The Board is pleased that strong regional support exists for a new generation of coastal strategic plans and looks forward to progressing the outcomes of the reviews.

2010 Western Coastal and Marine Forum

The 2010 Western Coastal and Marine Forum attracted over 120 participants. It was held in July with support from Deakin University and the VCC. Feedback indicates it was a great success.

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

The Board secured project funding from the Commonwealth for *A Value and Equity Framework for Climate Adaptation: Caravan and Camping Parks Case Study* project. This project will undertake economic valuation and social equity preference analysis at nine locations and use adaptation approaches for caravan and camping parks (CCPs) as a case study to develop a decision framework to complement risk management frameworks, ensure a more complete understanding of adaptation impacts and promote sustainable allocation of resources.

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

Figure 2: Number & type of Coastal Management Act Consent issued for each region

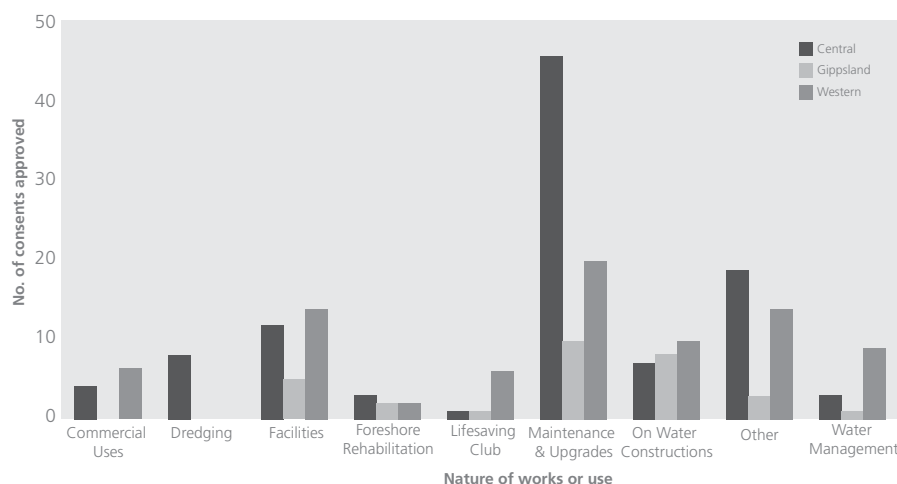
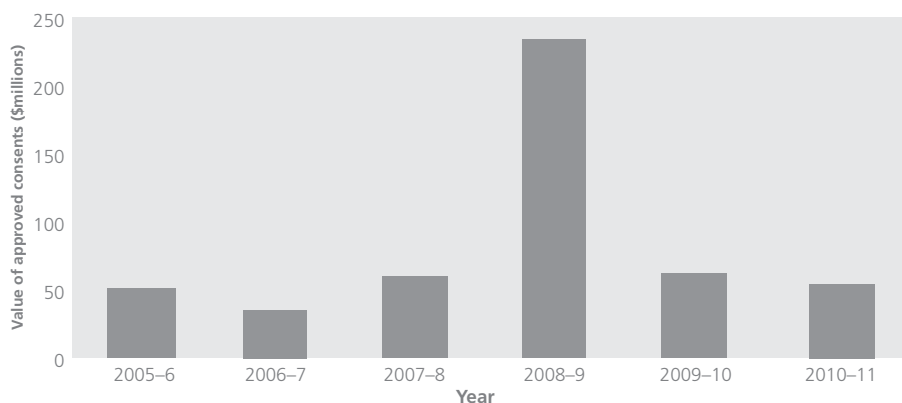


Figure 3: Comparison of the value of Coastal Management Act consents issued since 2005



4.5.2 Central Coastal Board (CCB)

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

CCB/Association of Bayside Municipalities (AMB) hosted workshop on coastal and marine priorities for Port Phillip Bay

Over 60 stakeholders from government and recreation bodies attended the CCB/ Association of Bayside Municipalities hosted workshop on the key coastal and marine priorities for Port Phillip Bay. Participants identified priorities covering climate change, recreation and sustainable use, infrastructure, biodiversity, water quality, coastal communities and urban coasts. Climate change was considered the most urgent issue and an action was developed to

seek Federal funding for a triple bottom line assessment of the risk to Port Phillip Bay.

Coastal Adaptation Decision Pathways Projects

This project is a highlight for the CCB as it originated from our partnership with the ABM and the joint workshop hosted in December 2010. The successful \$980,000 bid for *Choosing a preferred pathway for Port Phillip* will see the project commence in 2011/12 led by the Municipal Association of Victoria. The opportunity to pilot community decision pathways for the case study city councils of Melbourne, Port Phillip, Kingston and the Mornington Peninsula Shire will provide a valuable model to transfer understanding to other locations.

Externally funded projects

The *Western Port Welcomes Waterbirds* project, funded by the Australian Government under the *Caring for our Country* program, is nearly complete. The CCB performed a co-ordination, networking and administration role amongst project partners. The project identified key waterbird habitats in Western Port, addressed current and projected threats (including sea level rise) and involved land managers and local communities in on-ground management.

Project outputs include: *Social research report* – A study of human dimensions of waterbird conservation in Western Port, by Deakin University; *Scientific findings* – Improving our understanding of waterbird usage of Western Port, by the Arthur Rylah Institute (DSE) and Summary Report (CCB); *Education kit* prepared by Bird Observation and Conservation Victoria (BOCA); *Two brochures* – Meet the Neighbours (Birds Australia) and Protecting Western Port's Waterbirds (in prep); *Information signs* for 16 sites including important shorebird areas and boat ramp landings; and *six community workshops* involving over 200 participants.

An assets-based approach for the central region

Some work on a coastal and marine assets-based approach for the central region is being undertaken by the Port Phillip and Westernport CMA. The CCB will continue to contribute to an approach for identifying coastal and marine assets and a framework for prioritising investment in the Regional Catchment Strategy and other key strategies.

Newsletter and website

The CCB continues to circulate its bimonthly newsletter, *About the Bays* to over 500 people. The newsletter informs stakeholders about CCB news, coastal planning and management around the bays and has recently focused on providing information on the impacts of coastal climate change. The CCB website is regularly updated.

Bathing box and boat shed guidelines

DSE has requested the regional coastal boards' involvement in the preparation and finalisation of guidelines for bathing boxes and boatsheds. There are about 2000 boatsheds and bathing boxes in Victoria and the majority are located on coastal Crown land around Port Phillip Bay and Westernport. Draft Guidelines have been in place since 1996 and have recently been updated to reflect current knowledge on climate change and coastal erosion.

Responses to planning approvals

The CCB provided comments on the Mornington Safe Harbour Project to Planning Panels Victoria. The Boating CAP identifies Mornington Harbour as a regional boating facility within the network however it also points to the challenges of the site. The area has limited capacity for land-based infrastructure and it is important the nearby beach is not adversely affected by development. The CCB has emphasised that the marina expansion needs to be considered in the context of net community benefit.

Submissions

The CCB provided comments on the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council (VEAC) Remnant Native Vegetation Investigation Discussion Paper. The CCB noted that this region contains two of the most cleared bioregions in Victoria which places more importance on preservation of remnant vegetation, such as coastal foreshore reserves, riparian foreshore, wetland and roadside areas. Comments also included issues around burn regimes for coastal environments and climate change implications with further loss of coastal habitat.

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

4.5.3 Gippsland Coastal Board (GCB)

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

Submissions and planning input

In February 2011, the Board applied to become party to a Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal review of a proposed 82 lot subdivision in Paynesville. The land adjoins the Gippsland Lakes Ramsar site and the subdivision was opposed by the East Gippsland Shire and the local community.

GCB participates in the implementation committee for the VCS and provides a summary of activities upon request. The GCB will be contributing to the VCS mid-term review and facilitating discussion around this document in the Gippsland region.

Gippsland Coastal and Marine Assets Framework

The West and East Gippsland Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) have provided funding for a project to establish a framework for identifying, valuing and prioritising coastal and marine assets within Gippsland. GCB is acting as project manager. The work includes a knowledge gathering exercise and an asset classification and identification process. A value analysis and a threat matrix will comprise the remainder of the framework.

This work is to be completed by August 2011. It is expected that this is only the first stage in the Board's involvement with Regional Catchment Strategy planning for integrated coastal and marine management in the region.

Working with Stakeholders

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

- Active membership and participation on the Gippsland Lakes Task Force, the Coastal Agencies' Liaison Group and the Corner Inlet Steering Committee
- Prior to the 2010 Victorian election, significant work with the West and East Gippsland CMAs towards implementing institutional changes recommended in the former Victorian Government's *Land and Biodiversity White Paper* (December 2009)
- Contribution to a steering committee developing and implementing foreshore dune management and protection strategies for the Seaspray dunes
- Participation in the Consultative Committee for the Gippsland Region Sustainable Water Strategy and the Lakes Entrance Inundation Steering Committee
- Representation on the Executive of the Gippsland Integrated Natural Resources Forum (GINRF) and contributions to its report card
- Member of East and Central Gippsland Blue-Green Algae Regional Response Group (DSE coordinated)
- Board visits to Corner Inlet and Wilson's Promontory in March 2011, including briefings on relevant projects being carried out by stakeholder agencies, including West Gippsland CMA, Parks Victoria, and Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, and related site inspections
- Partnering an Australian Research Council (ARC) linkage grant project group headed by Melbourne University researchers. The project title is 'Equitable Local Outcomes in Adaptation to Sea Level Rise'. Four Gippsland coastal communities are being studied for this project which has just finished its first year of the three-year study.

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



five: operations

5.1 Contact

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5.2 Workforce Data

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

	Employment Type			Total
	Ongoing	Fixed Term	Temporary Employees	
2009–2010				
Female	1.5	0	0	1.5
Male	1	0	0	1
Total	2.5	0	0	2.5
2010–2011				
Female	0	0	0.3	0.3
Male	1	0	.9	1.9
Total	1	0	1.2	2.2

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

5.3 Statement of Pecuniary Interests

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

Declarations of pecuniary interest in

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

5.4 Consultancies over \$100,000

In 2010/11 Council engaged Ipsos-Eureka Social Research to undertake the fourth wave of Market Research on Victorian Coastal and Marine Environments Community Attitudes and Behaviour with a total cost of \$145,117 (GST Inclusive), 80 % of which was paid in the reporting period.

5.5 Consultancies under \$100,000

In 2010/11 Council engaged Clear Horizon to facilitate and report on the Science Panel workshop held at the University of Melbourne in April 2011 for a total cost of \$3,712.50 (GST Inclusive).

5.6 Major contracts

During 2010/11 Council did not enter into any contracts valued at over \$10 million.

5.7 Publications

Council produced the following publications during the year:

- Annual report 2009/10 – available on the VCC website

During 2010/11 Council's major promotional activity was the 12th Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence (April 2011).

5.8 National Competition Policy

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

5.9 Freedom of Information (FOI)

The *Freedom of Information Act 1982* allows the public a right of access to documents held by the Council. The Council operates in accordance with FOI procedures established through the Department of Sustainability and Environment. A request must be in writing and a fee of \$24.40 is payable for applications in 2010/11. No FOI requests were made to Council in 2010/11. The VCC has determined that its authorised officer is the Department of Sustainability and Environment's Freedom of Information Manager, Mr Luke Brown (03) 9637 8585.

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5.10 Employment and Conduct Principles

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



5.11 Women, Youth and Indigenous Affairs

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

5.12 Whistleblowers Protection Act

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

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

- Jennifer Berensen, Manager, Privacy & Ombudsman Liaison
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- The Ombudsman Victoria
Level 22, 459 Collins Street, Melbourne Vic 3000.
Telephone: 9613 6222
Toll free: 1800 806 314

No disclosures were made during 2010/11.

5.13 Overseas travel

No overseas travel was conducted in 2010/11.

5.14 Building Act 1993

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

5.15 Occupational health and safety policy

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.

six: council expenditure

6.1 Expenditure

The operating budget of the VCC is provided within the budget of the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE). Financial operations of the VCC have not been separately audited. Audited statements are incorporated into the overall financial statements of the DSE Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2011 and it is considered unnecessary for VCC to have a separate audit committee. The table below shows the operating expenditure (excludes salaries and agency staff costs) of the Council for the 2010–11 financial year compared with the 2009–10 financial year.

Expenditure	2009–2010	2010–2011
Council operation (includes all sitting fees and reimbursements, secretariat expenses, training and items such as annual report, consultants and events).	\$173,455	\$166,508

6.2 Operating Position

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

6.2.2 Statement of availability of other information

Information relevant to the headings listed in Financial Reporting Direction 22B 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 2010–2011 which VIPP applied.

seven: disclosure index

The 2010/2011 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.

Legislation	Requirement	Page Reference
Ministerial Directions		
<i>Report of Operations – FRD Guidance</i>		
Charter and purpose		
FRD 22B	Manner of establishment and the relevant Ministers	4
FRD 22B	Objectives, functions, powers and duties	4
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FRD 24C	Reporting of office based environmental impacts	DSE Report
FRD 25	Victorian Industry Participation Policy disclosures	16
FRD 29	Workforce Data disclosures	15
SD 4.5.5	Risk management compliance attestation	Not disclosed/DSE
SD 4.2(g)	General information requirements	17
SD 4.2(j)	Sign-off requirements	4
Legislation		
<i>Freedom of Information Act 1982</i>		15
<i>Whistleblowers Protection Act 2001</i>		16
<i>Victorian Industry Participation Policy Act 2003</i>		16
<i>Financial Management Act 1994</i>		16
<i>Coastal Management Act 1995</i>		10

eight: appendices

8.1 Other Coastal Plans

Title of Plan	Status	Responsibility
Western		
Colac and Apollo Bay Car Parking Study	Developing – Expect completion 2011	Colac Otway Shire Council
Apollo Bay Harbour Master Plan	Completed. Now commencing process to amend the Planning Scheme	Colac Otway Shire Council
Apollo Bay Structure Plan – (GORRS Funded)	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Apollo Bay Structure Plan – PSA Implementation C55 (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Barwon South West Regional Trails Master Plan	Complete – Commencing implementation phase	Colac Otway Shire Council on behalf of the Barwon South West Region
GOR Region Landscape Assessment Study – PSA Implementation C55 (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Colac Otway Shire Public Open Space Plan	Draft	Colac Otway Shire Council
Colac Otway Shire Rural Living Study	Developing – Expect completion 2011	Colac Otway Shire Council
Colac Structure Plan – PSA Implementation C55 (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed	Colac Otway Shire Council
Wye River/Sep Creek/Kennett River Structure Plan	Complete	Colac Otway Shire Council
Wye River/Sep Creek/Kennett River Structure Plan – PSA Implementation C58 (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Complete	Colac Otway Shire Council
Apollo Bay Settlement Boundary and Urban Design Review	Developing – Expect completion early 2012	Colac Otway Shire Council
Corangamite Region Wetland Strategy	Complete	Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CMA)
Corangamite Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Strategy	Complete	Corangamite CMA
Corangamite Native Vegetation Plan	Complete	Corangamite CMA
Corangamite Regional River Health Strategy (2006–2011) and Addendum	Complete	Corangamite CMA
New regional Strategy for Healthy Rivers and Wetlands	To commence in 2011/12	Corangamite CMA
New Corangamite Regional Catchment Strategy (RCS)	To commence in 2011/12	Corangamite CMA
A Guide to the Management of Native Fish: Victorian Coastal Rivers and Wetlands	Complete	Corangamite CMA on behalf of five coastal CMAs and Melbourne Water
Corangamite Salinity Action Plan	Complete	Corangamite CMA
Corangamite Soil Health Strategy	Complete	Corangamite CMA
Painkalac Creek Environmental Flow Determination	Complete	Corangamite CMA
Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study – PSA Implementation (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Commenced implementation of the Great Ocean Road Region Landscape Assessment Study 2003 – Corangamite Planning Scheme Amendment C29	Corangamite Shire Council
Curdies River Estuary Management Plan	Completed – October 2008	Corangamite and Moyne Shire Councils
Princetown Urban Design Framework (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed 2004	
Princetown Urban Design Framework – Urban Futures Consulting	Corangamite Shire Council	
Sturgess Point/Beacon Point Geotechnical Investigation, Port Campbell	To be completed end of July 2011	Department of Sustainability and Environment
Corangamite Fishery Management Plan	Approved-reference group established and implementation commenced.	Department of Primary Industries
Glenelg Hopkins Fishery Management Plan	Completed/Final reference group meeting and actions completed/ final report pending..	Department of Primary Industries

Title of Plan	Status	Responsibility
Portland Aquaculture Fisheries Reserves Management Plan	Plan Approved/ No sites allocated to date.	Department of Primary Industries
Kooyang Sea Country	Complete	Framlingham Aboriginal Trust and Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation
Flood Study for Port Fairy	Developing	Glenelg Hopkins CMA and Moyne Shire Council
Fitzroy Estuary Management Plan	Completed/Approved	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Glenelg Hopkins River Health Strategy	Completed/Approved	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Glenelg River Estuary Management Plan	Completed/ Approved	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Hopkins River Estuary Management Plan	Completed/ Approved	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Merri Estuary Management Plan	Completed/ Approved	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
South Warrnambool Flood Study PSA Implementation C44	Complete	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Surry Estuary Management Plan	Completed/Approved	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Surry River Flood Study	Complete	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Yambuk Lake Estuary Management Plan	Completed/Approved	Glenelg Hopkins CMA
Fawthrop Lagoon Management Plan	Not currently a GSC project. Portland Eco-Trust running this	Glenelg Shire Council
Coastal Hazards and Engineering Study (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed 2010	Glenelg Shire Council
Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study – PSA Implementation C52 (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Commenced – Amendment exhibited June 2010. Panel hearing has heard submissions and required amendments	Glenelg Shire Council
Glenelg Environment Strategy	Complete	Glenelg Shire Council
Glenelg Strategic Futures Plan	Developing – Public consultation completed 2009	Glenelg Shire Council
Portland Bay Coastal Infrastructure Plan	Complete	Glenelg Shire Council
Futurescapes – Climate Change Demonstrator Project	Commenced. New version being developed. Awaiting update	Glenelg Shire Council and Department of Primary Industries
Cultural Heritage Management Plan	In progress. Draft report complete	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Environment and Land Management Plan	Complete	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Point Grey and Slaughterhouse Master Plan	Master Plan funding approved to recommence precinct planning works for Point Grey component in 2011/2012 Slaughterhouse precinct not included..	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Torquay Foreshore Master Plan	Complete	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Weed Control and Native Vegetation Action Plan	Complete	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee of Management
Belfast Lough Environmental Management Plan 2006	On hold due to flood and coastal climate change impacts.	Moyne Shire Council
Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study & GOR Region Landscape Assessment Study – PSA Implementation C21 (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Completed – PSA C21 gazetted December 2009.	Moyne Shire Council
Environmental Sustainability Strategy	Draft completed, awaiting approval to be exhibited for public comment	Moyne Shire Council
Peterborough UDG Amendment – PSA Implementation C29	Completed	Moyne Shire Council
The Crags Management Plan	Complete	Moyne Shire Council
Tower Hill Design Guidelines (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Underway	Moyne Shire Council
Port Fairy East Beach Coastal Erosion Engineering & Feasibility Study	Peer review Completed.	

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Final report rec'd by Council & endorsed implementations of Tier 1 actions.	Moyne Shire Council and Department of Sustainability and Environment	
Local Coastal Climate Change Assessment	12 month project commenced in March 2011	Moyne Shire Council and Department of Sustainability and Environment
Coastal Management Plan	Developing – Expected completion late 2011	Otway Coast Committee
Risk Audit & Management Plan for OCC managed Crown Land	Complete by Nov 2011	Otway Coast Committee
Apollo Bay Recreation Reserve Master Plan	Complete by Dec 2011	Otway Coast Committee
Discovery Bay Marine National Park Management Plan	Complete	Parks Victoria
Great Otway National Park and Otway Forest Park Management Plan	Completed – December 2009	Parks Victoria
Indigenous Partnership Strategy	Complete	Parks Victoria
Marengo Reefs Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Complete	Parks Victoria
Merri Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Complete	Parks Victoria
Point Addis Marine National Park, Point Danger Marine Sanctuary and Eagle Rock Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Complete	Parks Victoria
Twelve Apostles Marine National Park and The Arches Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Complete	Parks Victoria
Anglesea River & Estuary Management Plan	Complete	Surf Coast Shire Council
Anglesea Riverbank Master Plan	Complete	Surf Coast Shire Council
Bells Beach Master Plan	Developing	Surf Coast Shire Council
Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study – PSA Implementation (Coastal Spaces Funded via ESAS)	Complete	Surf Coast Shire Council
Deep Creek Master Plan	Completed/Approved	Surf Coast Shire Council
Painkalac Creek Estuary Management Plan	Complete	Surf Coast Shire Council
Pathway strategy	Complete	Surf Coast Shire Council
Pollution Source Investigation for Lorne	Underway	Surf Coast Shire Council
Torquay / Jan Juc Structure Plan – PSA Implementation C37 (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed – PSA C37 gazetted June 2010	Surf Coast Shire Council
Torquay North Outline Development Plan	Completed – March 2009	Surf Coast Shire Council
Torquay West Growth Area – Torquay Jan Juc 2040 (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Final decision expected 27 July 2011	Surf Coast Shire Council
Waste Water Management Plan	Developing	Surf Coast Shire Council
Wastewater Management Plan – Moggs Creek	Developing	Surf Coast Shire Council
White's Beach Master Plan – Stage 1	Completed/Approved	Surf Coast Shire Council
White's Beach Master Plan – Stage 2	Developing	Surf Coast Shire Council
Water Supply Demand Strategy 2007–2055	Completed June 2007	Wannon Water
50 year Biodiversity and Land Management Strategy	Completed May 2009	Wannon Water
Sustainability Strategy	Completed June 2008	Wannon Water
Allansford Structure Plan (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Underway	Warrnambool City Council
Beach Cleaning Management Plan	Completed	Warrnambool City Council
Coastal Design and Logans Beach Review	Developing	Warrnambool City Council
Environmental Sustainability Strategy	Completed – 2008	Warrnambool City Council
Hopkins Point Road Structure Plan (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed	Warrnambool City Council
Land Suitability Decision Framework	Developing – Expected completion May 2012	Warrnambool City Council and Corangamite Shire Council
Land-use Audit Review of Residential Land (Coastal Spaces Funded via RDV)	Completed	Warrnambool City Council
Levy's Point Coastal Reserve Management Plan	Completed	Warrnambool City Council
Merri Street Design Guidelines & Ragland Parade Design Guidelines – PSA Implementation C67	Completed – Referenced in the PS and adopted by Council	Warrnambool City Council

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Rural Housing and Settlement Strategy	Developing	Warrnambool City Council and Moyne Shire Council
Coastal Management Plan	Developing	Warrnambool City Council
Vegetation Management Plan for the Coast	Developing	Warrnambool City Council
South Warrnambool Wetlands Management Plan	Completed	Warrnambool City Council
Warrnambool Coastal Landscape Review	Developing	Warrnambool City Council
Warrnambool Foreshore Management Plan	Completed	Warrnambool City Council
Port Fairy – Warrnambool Rail Trail	Developing – Expected completion 2011	Warrnambool City Council and Moyne Shire Council
Central		
1803 Collins Settlement Future Directions Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria & Mornington Peninsula Shire
Avalon Beach Management Plan (Draft)	Implementation	DSE
Balnarring Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan	In preparation	Balnarring CoM
Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Barwon Coast Coastal Management Plan 2006/07 to 2009/10	Implementation	Barwon Coast CoM
Bayside Coastal Strategy 1997	Review	Bayside City Council
Bellarine Bayside Landscape Management Plan	Implementation	Bellarine Bayside Foreshore CoM
Black Rock – Beaumaris Foreshore Master Plan	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Breamlea Foreshore Masterplan and Management Plan Update	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong
Brighton Foreshore Master Plan	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Buckley Park Coastal Management Plan Vegetation Strategy	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong
Bunurong Marine National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Cannons Creek Coastal Management Plan	In preparation	Cannons Creek Foreshores Reserve CoM
Capel Sound Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Capel Sound Foreshores Reserve CoM
Clifton Springs Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong
Corangamite Fishery Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Corinella Foreshore Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	DSE
Dromana Foreshore Coastal Management Plan	Review	Dromana Foreshore CoM & DSE
Eastern Beach Conservation Management Plan (Draft)	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong
Eastern Port Phillip Bay Aquaculture Fisheries Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Flinders Aquaculture Fisheries Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Flinders Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Flinders Pier Master Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Foreshore Management Plan	Implementation	City of Port Phillip
Foreshore Management Plan (replacing 2004 plan)	Finalised	City of Port Phillip
French Island National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Geelong Arm Aquaculture Fisheries Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Green Point Landscape Master Plan 1996	Review	Bayside City Council
Green Point MP – in final stage	Finalised	Bayside City Council
Halfmoon Bay Master Plan	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Hampton Foreshore Master Plan	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Hastings South Coastal Management Plan & Recreational Boating Precinct	Draft	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Hastings Structure Plan and Coastal Management Plan	Draft	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Jawbone Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Kingston Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Kingston City Council
Limeburners Bay Management Plan Stage 2 Review	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong

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Marina Reserve Master Plan	Implementation	City of Port Phillip
Merricks Beach Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan	Draft	Merricks Beach Foreshore CoM & DSE
Mornington Coastal Management Plan	Draft	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Mornington Peninsula National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Mt Eliza Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Mt Martha Foreshore Draft Coastal Management Plan	Draft	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Mushroom Reef Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Northern Bellarine Peninsula Strategic Directions and Coastal Management Plan 2011–15	In preparation	Bellarine Bayside Foreshore CoM
Pinnacle Channel Aquaculture Fisheries Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Point Cook Coastal Park and Cheetham Wetlands Future Directions Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Point Cooke Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Point Henry Foreshore Management Plan	Implementation	City of Greater Geelong
Point Leo Coastal Management Plan	In preparation	Point Leo Foreshore CoM & DSE
Point Lonsdale Structure Plan	Implementation	Borough of Queenscliffe & Greater Geelong
Point Nepean National Park and Point Nepean Quarantine Station Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Port Phillip (Western Shoreline) & Bellarine Peninsula Ramsar Site Strategic Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria & DSE
Port Phillip and Western Port Fisheries Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Port Phillip Heads Marine National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Portarlington Safe Harbour Master Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Portsea Foreshore Reserve Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Quarantine Station Conservation Management Plan Non-Indigenous Cultural Heritage – Volume 1 & 2	Implementation	Point Nepean Community Trust
Queenscliff Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Borough of Queenscliffe
Ricketts Point Management Plan (landward side)	In preparation	Bayside City Council
Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Rosebud Foreshore Reserve Landscape Master Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Rosebud Structure Plan and Coastal Management Plan	Draft	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Rye Foreshore Landscape Plan	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Rye Foreshore Master Plan	Implementation	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Safety and Environment Management Plan for the local port of Port Phillip	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Safety and Environment Management Plan for the local port of Western Port	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Safety Beach Foreshore Master Plan	Review	Mornington Peninsula Shire
Sandringham Foreshore Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Sandringham Foreshore Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	DSE, Parks Victoria, Bayside City Council
Sandringham Foreshore Master Plan and Management Plan (Linacre Road to Potter Street)	Implementation	Bayside City Council
Seaford Life Saving Club Precinct Master Plan	Implementation	Frankston City Council
Shoreham Foreshore Reserve Management Plan	Updated	Shoreham Foreshore CoM & DSE
Somers Coastal Management Plan	Draft	Somers Foreshore CoM
Sorrento Foreshore Master Plan	Review	Mornington Peninsula Shire
South Channel Fort Conservation Management Plan – Part 1 & 2	Implementation	Parks Victoria

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St Kilda Harbour Concept Plan	Draft	Parks Victoria
St Kilda Pier Conservation Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Stony Point and Hastings Foreshore Management Plan	Implementation	Foreshore CoM
Tooradin Foreshore and boating infrastructure Masterplan	Implementation	Tooradin Foreshore CoM & DSE
Truganina Explosives Reserve Coastal Management Plan	Implementation	City of Hobsons Bay
Victorian Abalone Fishery Management Plan	Draft	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Victorian Eel Fishery Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Victorian Giant Crab Fishery Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Victorian Rock Lobster Fishery Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Warneet Foreshore Coastal Management Plan	In preparation	Warneet Foreshore Reserve CoM
Western Port Marine National Parks Management Plan (Yaringa, French Island & Churchill Island)	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Western Port Ramsar Site Strategic Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Whitecliffs and Cameron's Bight Coastal Management Plan	In preparation	Whitecliffs to Cameron's Bight Foreshore CoM
Williamstown Foreshore Strategic Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Gippsland		
Anderson Inlet Fisheries Reserve Management Plan	Implementation	DPI Fisheries Victoria
Beware Reef Marine Sanctuary Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Cape Howe Marine National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Corner Inlet Marine National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
East Gippsland Regional Catchment Strategy	Reviewed. Outcomes depend on legislated NRCA responsibilities	East Gippsland CMA
Lakes Entrance Integrated Planning Project	Developing	DSE/EGSC*
Lake Wellington Wetlands Management Plan	Under Review	Parks Victoria
Loch Sport Crown Reserves Management Plan	Draft	DSE/CoM
Mallacoota Inlet Foreshore Management Plan	Implemented. Expired	DSE/EGSC
Marlay Point Foreshore Management Plan	Draft	DSE/CoM
Metung Foreshore Management Plan	Implemented. Expired	DSE/EGSC
Newlands Arm Foreshore Management Plan	Implementation	DSE/EGSC
Ninety Mile Beach Marine National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Point Hicks Marine National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Sandy Point Foreshore Management Plan	Ministers approval	DSE/CoM
Shallow Inlet Foreshore Management Plan	Cancelled	DSE/CoM
Tamboon Inlet Foreshore Management Plan	Developing	DSE/EGSC
Walkerville Foreshore Management Plan	Under Review	DSE/CoM
West Gippsland Regional Catchment Strategy	Reviewed. Outcomes depend on legislated NRCA responsibilities	West Gippsland CMA
Wilson's Promontory Marine National Park Management Plan	Implementation	Parks Victoria
Woodside Beach Foreshore Management Plan	Draft	DSE/CoM

8.2 Winners and Finalists for the 2011 Coastal Awards

Coastal Building & Design		
Winner	Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club	Inverloch Surf Life Saving Clubhouse
<i>Finalist</i>	Great Ocean Road Coast Committee	Split Point Lookout
<i>Finalist</i>	Barwon Coast Committee of Management Inc	Ocean Grove Main Beach gets a new Amenity Block
<i>Finalist</i>	Aspect Studios Pty Ltd	Elwood Foreshore
Community Action & Partnerships		
Winner (joint)	Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Group	Promoting the improvement of coastal and marine environments and community wellbeing
Winner (joint)	Reel Scientists	Reel Scientists Volunteer Angler Diary Program
<i>Finalist</i>	Port Campbell Community Group	Conserving and protecting Port Campbell Headland's natural and cultural assets for community wellbeing
<i>Finalist</i>	Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association	Cape Paterson Foreshore Revegetation
<i>Finalist</i>	Two Bays Partnership	Two Bays Partnership
<i>Finalist</i>	Barwon Coast Committee of Management	Coastal Moonah Woodland Protection and Enhancement
Education		
Winner	Barwon Coast Committee of Management	Connecting communities to the coast through education
<i>Finalist</i>	Phillip Island Nature Parks	Project Penguin Homes
<i>Finalist</i>	Birds Australia	Shorebird education program
<i>Finalist</i>	Dolphin Research Institute	'I sea I care'
<i>Finalist</i>	Marine Discovery Centre	Careers Discovery Program
Natural Environment		
Winner	Birds Australia	Beach nesting birds conservation project
<i>Finalist</i>	East Gippsland Shire Council	Urban Waterways program around East Gippsland Coastal townships
<i>Finalist</i>	Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Group	Conserving Penguin habitat on the coast
Coastal Planning and Management		
Winner	Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Peninsula Ramsar Site Steering Committee	Working together for the Port Phillip Ramsar Site
<i>Finalist</i>	Planisphere Pty Ltd	Planning Scheme Protection of Significant Coastal Landscapes
<i>Finalist</i>	Glenelg Hopkins Coastal & Marine Working Group	Glenelg Hopkins Coastal & Marine Working Group
Outstanding Individual Achievement		
Winner	Don McTaggart	
Victorian Marine Science Consortium – Post Graduate Award		
Winner	Ben Wegener	
<i>Runner-up</i>	Amanda Franklin	
<i>Finalists</i>	Natalie Calder Emma Ferguson Nicki Filby	



2011 winners of the Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence

acronyms used

CAP	Coastal Action Plan
CCB	Central Coastal Board
CMA	Catchment Management Authority
CMP	Coastal Management Plan
CoM	Committee of Management
DPI	Department of Primary Industries
DSE	Department of Sustainability and Environment
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
GCB	Gippsland Coastal Board
ICZM	Integrated Coastal Zone Management
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NHT	Natural Heritage Trust
NRM	Natural resource management
RCB	Regional Coastal Boards
RCIP	Regional Catchment Investment Plan
RCS	Regional Catchment Strategy
VCC	Victorian Coastal Council
VCS	Victorian Coastal Strategy
WCB	Western Coastal Board

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