



Bellarine Bayside's Mission is to protect and enhance all reserves under its jurisdiction in an environmentally sustainable manner, promote tourism and provide a high standard of facilities for the local community, visitors and holidaymakers.

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PORTARLINGTON SEASIDE RESORT

Indented Head Foreshore Camping Reserves • St Leonards Foreshore Camping Reserves

St Leonards – Lower Bluff Foreshore Trail

The foreshore walking trail from the St Leonards Yacht & Motor Squadron to Edwards Point has been completed. This completes the link of the foreshore trail along the entire coast of St Leonards for casual promenading. Concerns of local residents regarding cyclists traveling at speed have been taken into consideration, accordingly the small section of trail immediately in front of the private property at Lower Bluff is for walking only, cyclists are requested to use the roadways of Lower Bluff Road and Ord Street.

Wrathall Reserve – BBQ Rotunda

The redevelopment of the Wrathall Reserve BBQ Rotunda has been officially opened by the President of the Portarlington / Drysdale Lions Club and Mr. Arthur Sweatman, Treasurer



of Bellarine Bayside on Wednesday 17th December. The redevelopment completed as a joint project by the organizations has given the rotunda much needed facelift and incorporated four (4) new free BBQ's, tables and rain water catchment (that will be used for cleaning purposes).

The redevelopment has continued the overall upgrade of the reserve that has recently had two new playgrounds installed and will have continued work completed over the next few months including new walking/cycling trails and the installation of a bocce court.

Foreshore Trees

Bellarine Bayside has acted quickly on the findings of the recent tree safety and management audit conducted by Melbourne Arborists Arbour Safe, completing all critical and urgent works on identified foreshore trees. Residents and visitors to the foreshore will notice that all trees over 12 meters in height have individual numbers attached to their trunks, this number identifies the tree and references it to the report that delivers a complete management plan for each individual tree. The management plan is constantly updated and new audits completed every 12 months to continue the professional monitoring and management.

Bellarine Bayside will be continuing to work on foreshore trees with the guidance of the audit and management plans. Depending on the circumstances this will require the removal of some for safety measures,

pruning and other management actions in order to increase the health and expected life of the trees.

Summer Camping

Bellarine Bayside welcome all campers to the foreshore for the summer. We trust that you have a very enjoyable time over your summer holidays and encourage you to take advantage of visiting the local attractions and to buy locally at the small businesses, that are here to support and serve you and the local residents.

Bellarine Bayside continue to improve our provision of service and safety to you. This summer our focus is on Electrical Safety – Bellarine Bayside will be providing FREE Test and Tag service to campers on your primary lead that connects to our powerhead. This service is available via the Test & Tag caravan at Portarlington, or via the mobile rangers at Indented Head and St Leonards.



Committee Meetings and General Information

Bellarine Bayside committee meetings are open to the public who wish to attend. If you are interested in attending please contact Bellarine Bayside on 5259 3311 for further information. Additionally, with the launch of the new Bellarine Bayside web site www.bellarinebayside.com.au there is a lot of information freely available by logging on and scanning the site.

Community Sponsorships

This month Bellarine Bayside has sponsored the following community groups:

- Greek Elderly Club of the Bellarine
- Indented Head Carpet Bowls
- Portarlington Walking Group
- Portarlington Primary School
- Church By The Bay – Christmas Carols

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Chief Executive Officer