

PORTARLINGTON SEASIDE RESORT

Indented Head Foreshore Camping Reserves | St Leonards Foreshore Camping Reserves



Bellarine Bayside, your local foreshore manager, is responsible for the management of 24km of foreshore and Crown asset infrastructure between Point Richards and Edwards Point. We operate Portarlington Seaside Resort and five seasonal foreshore camping reserves at Indented Head and St Leonards, as well as Parks Hall Community Centre & Indented Head Boat Club Hall.

BELLARINE BAYSIDE CALL FOR VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Department of Sustainability and Environment is seeking expressions of interest for voluntary committee member positions on the Bellarine Bayside Foreshore Committee of Management.

What is Bellarine Bayside ?

Bellarine Bayside is the abbreviated trading name of the Bellarine Bayside Foreshore Committee of Management (Inc), the local coastal foreshore manager for Portarlington, Indented Head and St Leonards, established under the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978

Bellarine Bayside is a community managed Committee of Management that started more than fifty years ago. Over the last five decades, the structure of the voluntary committee has evolved through mergers of adjoining foreshore committees to form what we now know as Bellarine Bayside. Three smaller Committees (Portarlington, Indented Head and St Leonards) were amalgamated progressively, and the Bellarine Bayside Foreshore Committee of Management Inc was formed in 1994. "Bellarine Bayside" was registered on 6 August 1997 with the Corporate Affairs Office as a registered trading name.

What does Bellarine Bayside do?

The Committee is responsible for the management, care and protection of the Bellarine Bayside foreshore on behalf of all Victorians. Bellarine Bayside has statutory management of 24 kilometres of foreshore and over \$16 million of Crown asset infrastructure between Point

Richards Boat Ramp and Edwards Point, near Swan Bay. Crown assets managed include: 6 coastal caravan and camping reserves; 8 public boat ramps and jetties; 30 public amenities blocks; 22 heritage boat sheds; 3 yacht clubs; a boat club; 11 public playgrounds; 2 community halls; a scout hall; a skate park; a public tennis court; public roads; hundreds of public car parking spaces; a flora and fauna reserve; walking tracks and extensive areas of public parkland.

Bellarine Bayside is committed to the principles of the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008 in revitalising Port Phillip. The focus is on:

- Providing for the protection of significant environmental and cultural values
- Undertaking integrated planning and providing clear direction for the future
- Ensuring the sustainable use of natural coastal resources
- Sustainable development on the coast

Bellarine Bayside's mission is to protect and enhance all foreshore reserves under its jurisdiction in an environmentally sustainable manner, promote tourism, and provide high standard facilities for local community, visitors and holiday makers.

How does Bellarine Bayside fund operations ?

Bellarine Bayside is financially self-sufficient. It operates as a not-for-profit organization with all revenue returned to the foreshore.

Revenue from the operation of caravan and camping reserves (96%) and crown assets (4%) provides funding for all business operations, maintenance and some minor capital works for the 24km of foreshore under the management of Bellarine Bayside. Capital works are funded by operational surpluses and

successful government grants.

Bellarine Bayside manages six caravan parks including the largest in the Southern hemisphere – Bellarine Bayside's Holiday Park at Portarlington. Anderson Reserve, Taylor Reserve and Batman Park at Indented Head and Areas 3 and 4 at St Leonards are summer only camping reserves. As the primary revenue producing activity of the organization, maintenance and improvement is required within the caravan and camping business on an ongoing basis.

In addition to increased revenue, importance is placed on the increased services and quality of experience. The parks provide a wide range of camping and accommodation options, including absolute beach frontage powered caravan sites, ensuite camping sites, twelve month camping permit sites and self contained villa accommodation.

Bellarine Bayside operates without external funding, apart from occasional grants for specific works from the State or Local Government. It does not receive municipal funding from council rates or charges and operates like any other commercial business. Balancing the available resources between coastal management, community services and events, tourism and hospitality is always a challenge.

Who's on the Committee ?

The Committee of Management is a group of volunteers, typically residents with a keen interest in and knowledge of the foreshore reserves. Current Committee members are: Peter Kenny (Chair); John Gillett (Vice-Chair), Arthur Sweatman (Treasurer), Colleen Butler, Karen Reiter, John Turner and Steve Walsh. The City of Greater Geelong has a nominee on the

Committee, and the Department of Sustainability and Environment attends when requested or available.

How are Committee Members selected ?

Committee members are appointed by the Minister for Environment and Climate Change for a nominated period of time, usually three years. Applicants will be selected on the basis of their skills, experience and knowledge in a number of areas outlined in the applications package. Highly sought after skills include:

- strong coastal community links and knowledge
- natural resource management experience
- coastal or open space management experience
- human resource managers
- community engagement skills

A clear understanding of the values of the coast and tension between various values and use of coastal resources is fundamental.

How do I apply ?

Application packages can be obtained from the Department of Sustainability and Environment at: PO Box 103, Geelong Vic 3220, or by phone: 5226 4010.

For more information on the Committee visit www.bellarinebayside.com.au

Expressions of interest close 5pm Monday 15 February 2010

**Bellarine Bayside
Foreshore Committee of Management**