

Written Feedback - Data Analysis - notes

Format of written responses did not follow feedback forms. All forms were read and a scale applied as follows -

a) Strongly support, b) Support, c) Oppose, d) Strongly oppose

There was a submission from Portarlington Pedal Group strongly supporting the walk/cycle track. The submission states the Group comprises 60 members. This was treated as one in this spreadsheet as names/addresses and signatures were not provided on the form.

A petition was submitted with **76** names and addresses from people strongly opposing the dog park. They suggested this be placed in the town to provide access to the facility for the aged and those without cars.

There is a continuing misunderstanding about areas of Bellarine Bayside responsibility, eg. parking in main street of Indented Head in front of store, drains and St Leonards tennis courts - these are the responsibility of the City of Greater Geelong.

Many responses commented negatively because Indented Head Hall and Batman Park were not included for comment in the Vision, however the reason why these were excluded were well communicated to the public.

Many responses assume that as ratepayers they should have a say in the way their rates are spent by BB. We need to remind residents (again) that BB does not receive a % of rates paid in the area to maintain foreshore and improve amenities.

Negative feedback on user-pay ramps was predominantly directed at why BB didn't use the money they received from VicRoads (boat & trailer reg) and Marine Safety (fishing & boat licences) for upgrades, improvements etc. BB does not receive any recurrent maintenance funding from VicRoads, Marine Safety or any other body.

There is a misconception the Committee members are paid for their role.

Summary of written submissions

Strong opposition to dog park because planned location is too far away from town making it difficult for elderly and those without vehicles to access.

People want more off leash areas on the beach and consistent signage that also offers information regarding alternative areas.

Overall signage along the foreshore is old, inconsistent and does not provide clear information.

Bad management of native vegetation ... trees planted and left to die.

Good vision but need more information about planned implementation dates and dollars involved.

Strong support for retaining all boatsheds at Indented Head as historically significant.

Toilets required at Indented Head but NOT using a boat shed. Must be located on site of previous toilet and include shower facilities.

Seating with backs and drinking water along walk/cycle trails.

Strong support for 2.4m walk/cycle track with a sealed surface.

Cypress trees to be retained and more shade trees planted.

Opposition to post and rail fencing. Will limit access for cars, pedestrians and launching of kayaks and canoes across the dunes.

Upgrades required at tennis court in Indented Head and St Leonards and no support for Bocce court.

Strong opposition to walk/cycle trail at Indented Head main beach in front of club but support for the trail everywhere else.

Motorboat use and mooring off beach near I/H Y.C. is dangerous for swimmers and pollutes water.

Strong opposition to introduction of tolled ramps (as BB get money from VicRoads and Marine Safety Vic to maintain and improve).

Request for on-beach bins during summer season.

Bridge near abalone farm is dangerous – slippery and spacing of boards is difficult for walking aids.

Lighting requested at public toilets and boat ramps.

Too much emphasis on caravan parks that only benefits tourists.

Too much use of Crown land taken up by campers and caravan park.

Greater emphasis should be on the local community – not tourists and campers.

Request for three separate plans so people can comment on the things they are interested in. Not interested in areas other than their own.

Suggest looking at renaming parks and camping areas by consulting with local historians so the names reflect history of that particular area.

Toilets at St Leonards supported but not in planned location. Safer and better to be in Harvey Park by liaising with COGG and upgrading that facility for the purpose it is closer to the main swimming beach.

More disabled access required along the whole of the foreshore and in camping and parking areas.

Management of environment is the top priority.

More beach access points needed at Indented Head.

The potential is huge - coast is clean, scenic and safe.

More signage needed - historic, birds, flora, reasons for fences, types of shrubs, distances etc.

More bench seating at Pt Richards.

Better weed management needed.

Concern that IH Hall not included.

No mention of plans for Batman Memorial.

Concern about losing the grass area near the Wrathall tennis courts for the new boat ramp parking area.

IH boatsheds, their retention and the lack of communication from BB.

Design of boat ramp at Pt Richards is unworkable.

Belief that rates are meant to pay for repair of beach erosion.

Most opposition to boat ramp fees in the belief that licences (boat/fishing) should pay for upgrades.

Get COGG to fix drains.

Suggestion that BB, along with DSE, investigate the opportunity of starting a Coast Watch program to enhance community understanding and involvement.