



Present: Diane James AM (Chair), Therese Cotter, Elaine Carbines, Paul Simmons, Graeme McGregor AO.

Apologies: Lindsay Ellis, Steve Griffin.

Supported by Bellarine Bayside's Senior Management Team & Executive Support Officer

Chair's Welcome

The Chair of Bellarine Bayside Foreshore Committee of Management, Diane James AM, reflected that this Committee's final meeting date will be Friday 5 August and that the recruitment process for the new Committee will occur over the next couple of months.

Steele's Rock Jetty

The Committee discussed the recent arson attack on the Steele's Rock Jetty, the extensive damage to the popular coastal asset and the implications to Bellarine Bayside and the community. It was noted that the jetty will be closed for an extended period however the boat ramp had been declared safe and was open for use.

Recent Major Events

The Committee was pleased with the recent successful Wreck 2 Reef Open Water Swim and Gatorade Triathlon events on the Northern Bellarine foreshore. The Committee noted that Bellarine Bayside's sponsorship of such events, both directly and in-kind, contributes to the success of these broader community events.

Portarlington Primary School

48 Grade 3&4 students from Portarlington Primary School participated in Bellarine Bayside's erosion monitoring education program on 23 March. The Committee was delighted to hear that this program is to become an annual event.

Portarlington Safe Harbour Project Stage 2

The Committee discussed the extensive harbour works completed thus far with trucks now able to drive directly onto the foreshore. This has enabled the coastal trail to be closed far less often. Additional security fencing and warning signs have also been installed on-site to further ensure the safety of those members of the public accessing the cliff-top. Dredging works are planned to commence on 11 April 2016, with the 30,000m³ of sand dispersed along the Portarlington beach frontage west of the pier. The Committee was pleased that dredging works did not affect the enjoyment of the coastline for locals and holidaymakers during Easter and the school holidays.

Risk Management Plan

Discussion focussed on the strategic context of the current stage of development of Bellarine Bayside's Risk Management Plan. A number of discussions have been held with the RAF Sub-committee, along with input from a Risk consultant, Bellarine Bayside staff, and two key staff from DELWP. The Chair reflected that the work being undertaken on the Risk Management Plan was a great achievement and that the Committee have confidence in the framework.

February 2016 Financial Report

Mike Hodges, Finance and Business Manager, identified a strong February financial result. The key indicators were positive.

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