

Draft Northern Bellarine Coastal and Marine Management Plan

FAQs



**Bellarine
Bayside**
Coastal Management



WHO ARE BELLARINE BAYSIDE?

Bellarine Bayside is a not-for-profit Committee of Management formed by the Victorian Government in 1994. The fundamental role of the Committee is to protect, restore and enhance 17km of foreshore Crown land reserves for public benefit and enjoyment, in accordance with relevant legislation and policy set by the State Government.

Bellarine Bayside managed Crown land reserves extend from Point Richards in Portarlington to Beach Road in St Leonards.

WHAT IS A COASTAL AND MARINE MANAGEMENT PLAN?

All appointed coastal Crown land managers are required under the *Marine and Coastal Act 2018* to develop a Coastal and Marine Management Plan (CMMP). A CMMP provides direction for the future management of an area of coastal Crown land and helps maximise benefits through strategic planning and development.

WHY DOES BELLARINE BAYSIDE NEED A CMMP?

As an appointed coastal Crown land manager, Bellarine Bayside has a responsibility to demonstrate to the community and the Government how coastal Crown land is managed and highlight a vision for the future. The CMMP that Bellarine Bayside develops will provide a strategic framework to guide future works along the northern Bellarine through highlighting priorities for the next five years in line with the longer-term vision and goals.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CURRENT FORESHORE PLAN AND MASTER PLAN?

Bellarine Bayside have recently undertaken an independent review of the current *Northern Bellarine Foreshore Plan 2012* and *Master Plan 2013* (together referred to as the Foreshore Plan). This included a

document review and interviews with selected stakeholders.

The new northern Bellarine CMMP will be created to build on the achievements, long-term vision and goals of the Foreshore Plan.

WHY DOES BELLARINE BAYSIDE NEED TO CONSULT THE PUBLIC ON THE CMMP?

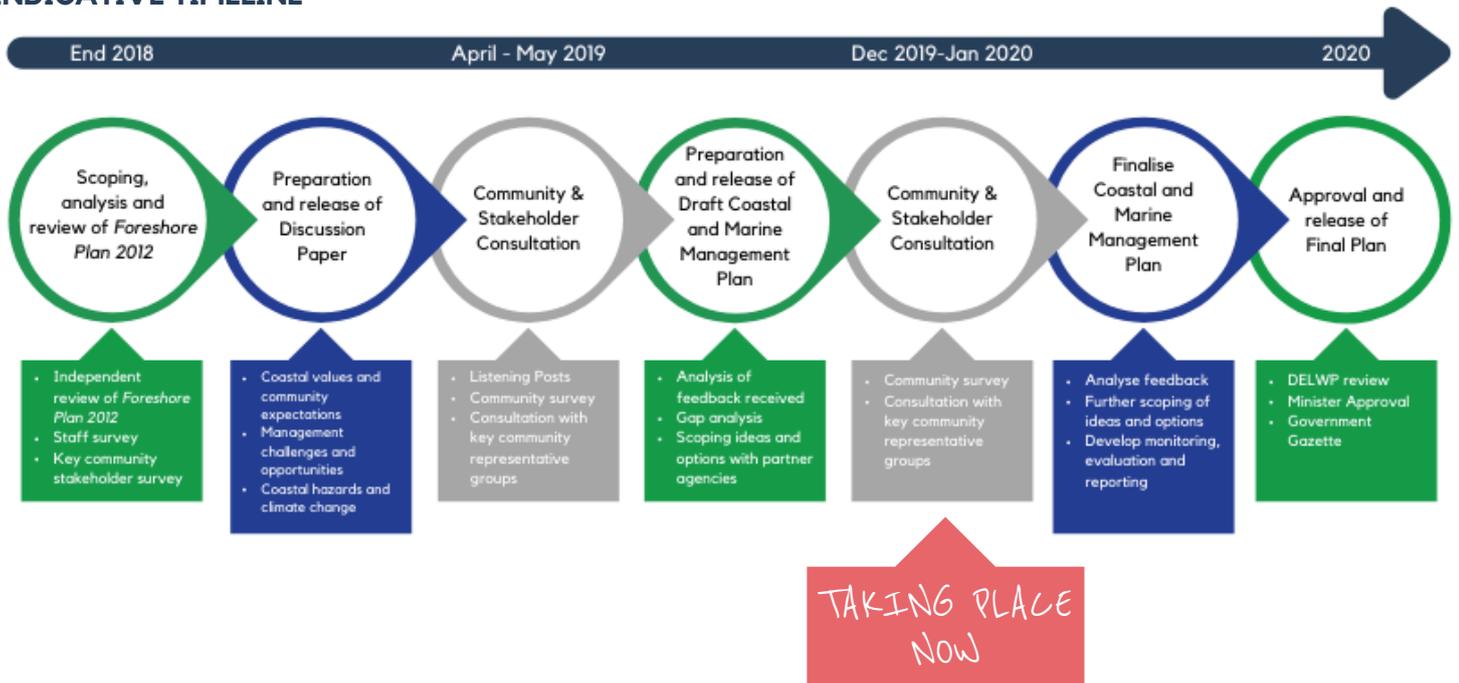
Bellarine Bayside manages coastal Crown land reserves on behalf of the state of Victoria; therefore community and stakeholder input is vital to inform future management of the foreshore. It is also a requirement of the *Marine and Coastal Act 2018* that a thorough public consultation process is part of the development of a CMMP to ensure the community and stakeholders have the opportunity to provide input into the outcomes of the CMMP.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

Consultation with the community, partner agencies, stakeholders and Traditional Owners has been integral to inform the planning process of the Draft Northern Bellarine Coastal and Marine Management Plan (Draft CMMP).

Following an independent review of the Foreshore Plan a comprehensive *Issues and Options Discussion Paper* was released to stimulate community conversations and input into the future management of the coastal Crown land reserve along the northern Bellarine. This was accompanied by a community survey to gauge what the community value along the foreshore, as well as gather local knowledge on issues the community feels need to be addressed. Follow up consultation was held on key topics with many stakeholders and partner agencies to identify gaps in the current approach and explore additional options. Community aspirations, legislative requirements and state government policy framework have been used to guide the development of the Draft CMMP.

INDICATIVE TIMELINE



WHAT ARE BELLARINE BAYSIDE CONSULTING ON CURRENTLY?

The Draft CMMP has been prepared to guide the future protection, enhancement, development and management of 17km of northern Bellarine coastal Crown land reserve extending from Point Richards in Portarlington to Beach Road in St Leonards. It does so by setting the vision and goals guiding the management of the reserve through strategic actions and an implementation plan of works for the next five years. The vision, goals and strategic actions have been developed by Bellarine Bayside staff and Committee members through a rigorous process that incorporated community, stakeholder and partner agency feedback, as well as legislative requirements and state government policy framework. Most of these elements are now confirmed from previous consultation; however, we are now consulting on the proposed actions detailed within the Draft CMMP. The consultation process is occurring from 11 December 2019 - 31 January 2020. Follow-up consultation will be held in the new year if required.

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

- Download a copy of the *Draft Northern Bellarine Coastal and Marine Management Plan* from our website - www.bellarinebayside.com.au/coastal-management/projects - or obtain a hard copy from Bellarine Bayside's administration office at 2 Sproat Street, Portarlington.
- Complete the 'Draft Northern Bellarine Coastal and Marine Management Plan' survey online - www.surveymonkey.com/r/S5S7CLC - or obtain a hard copy from Bellarine Bayside's administration office at 2 Sproat Street, Portarlington (**NOTE: ensure you have a copy of the Draft CMMP to refer to while completing the survey**).

Visit www.bellarinebayside.com.au for further information, to view copies of associated documents and links to our community survey.

