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**Topic:** Managing the Bay with Parks Victoria

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This forum provided an update on Parks Victoria initiatives in Port Phillip Bay. Discussion focused on partnering with local government to plan and manage coastal assets; and understanding shared priorities as coastal Crown land managers to inform the Marine and Coastal Strategy

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**Resources:** [Altona Pier design options](#) engagement  
<https://getinvolved.transport.vic.gov.au/williamstown-maritime-precinct>

## Major works forward program

The following table provides a summary of the top prioritised major works. These assets have been assessed using a multi criteria analysis which considers remaining life, conditioning rating, social impact, environmental impact, and level of service. These major works are currently un-funded. Programming of the capital works needs to be carefully balanced with the current and forecast asset deterioration, maritime contractor availability and the funding commitment from DoT.

Asset	Description of works
Middle Brighton Pier	Replacement
Altona Pier	Pier replacement
Cowes Jetty	Pier replacement
Sorrento Pier	Pier replacement
Newhaven Jetty	Jetty replacement
Rye Pier	Pier replacement
Tankerton Pier	Jetty replacement
St Leonards Pier	Pier replacement
Gem Pier	Pier replacement

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## Your Questions

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**Q. We had a presentation earlier in the year from Dr. Rebecca Morris about grey to green – using maintenance and renewal to support marine biodiversity with the material used that create habitat. At St Kilda, looking at what artificial reef material could be used in constructing the piles – big project with time and scope to explore these opportunities. At Portarlington, looked at using materials from pier demolition for the groyne development – reusing products.**

**Q. Any consideration of Authority like school building or level crossing authority to undertake this large-scale construction work to free PV up to do its core business?**

No discussion around this at the moment. Internal discussion about level of investment and have restructured key delivery area (capital infrastructure area) to have marine and maritime specialist group to deliver these projects. Apart from Gippsland Ports not many others doing this level of maritime infrastructure.

**Q. Groups in Bayside municipality within Parks Vic on-land assets – but they don't have a lease so can't do any planning. Bayside municipality open to acquiring these assets so groups can have a lease with the Council.**

PV working with Council to do some planning around the Hampton – Sandringham foreshore to look at who's most appropriate land manager for those assets/building, and what's the most appro use. PV keen to come to council and discuss that precinct, and future planning.

### Discussion starters, inviting response from each ABM Member Council

- Q. What is the best way for Parks Victoria to engage with your Council to ensure we are reaching in to all the right areas of the organisation?*
- Q. How do Parks Victoria's priorities over the next ten years overlap with Councils and how can we assure we align planning efforts?*
- Q. Are there ways we can work together in terms of community engagement on key projects?*

#### Mornington Peninsula Shire Council

Many points where council and Parks Vic can come together. Possibly setting up a working group with strategic teams and operations depts (eg. scheduled 6 monthly catch up) to address planned and integrated works for both organisations; shared messages; and possible shared opportunities through masterplans and capital works plans.

#### Kingston City Council

Formalised, regular meetings with PV through the year. Possibly every 2-3 months to catch up on key (shared) issues eg. Mordialloc pier area and Patterson River where the overlap occurs. Work together on community engagement. Council kicking off Coastal and Marine Management Plan, so will be in touch with Parks Vic and other agencies to participant in the development and engagement processes.

#### Bayside City Council

Would be good to put faces to names, recognising changes in personnel.

#### Port Phillip City Council

Have a good relationship with Parks Vic, quite intensive – fair amount of resourcing required from council with all the projects underway.

Q. Is Parks Vic working climate change data into pier design life / strategic planning work?

*Response: Parks Vic consider climate change in design, eg. looking at overtopping and storm surge modelling at St Kilda. Port Phillip Bay CHA work will be a great tool for climate change planning. Marine and coastal strategy is an opportunity to provide guidance / strategic advice to bring consistency to planning for climate change across the coast.*

## Hobsons Bay City Council

In process of developing Coastal and Marine Management Plan, holding workshops with internal and external stakeholders. Value in having regular meetings with Parks Vic (6 monthly), can be high level to share future projects coming online and have mutual awareness of each other's key works. Council happy to support other projects eg. information to the Maritime Precinct Project. Altona pier discussions with PV held early on, led to working group with community, council and Parks Vic working closely. Council have looked at foreshore precinct project and reworked capital plan to work more collaboratively with Parks.

## Wyndham City Council

Completed Coastal and Marine Management Plan, awaiting signoff. Council undertaking precinct planning work and would like a higher level of engagement with Parks Vic. Advocating for boardwalk crossing to allow bay trail to connect with Altona. Hard to know where to advocate in PV to make a difference. Similar issue with implementation of master plan for the K-Road cliffs south of the Werribee tourism precincts in an inter-tidal area where engagement from PV would be welcomed. Priority appears to be asset renewal – council keen to see higher level of engagement and co-funding of new facilities Wyndham communities need.

## Borough of Queenscliffe

Regular meetings with Officers and Council, particularly with new Councillors post-election. The Borough is starting Coastal and Marine Management Plan, good point in time to touch base. Asset management a massive issue for council, new local government act talks about 10-year asset management / capital delivery plan so it would be good to get synergy some between what Parks Vic and council are seeking for a combined voice. See enormous value in identifying the synergies in engaging the community and delivery.

## Greater Geelong City Council

Geelong has several piers, jetties, breakwaters and similar for which we are committee of management with no income resources to adequately manage. These are also generally in a poor condition and the only option for renewal is through grant applications. Our involvement with Parks Vic mainly relates to enforcement and mooring management, planning for 'no boating' areas.

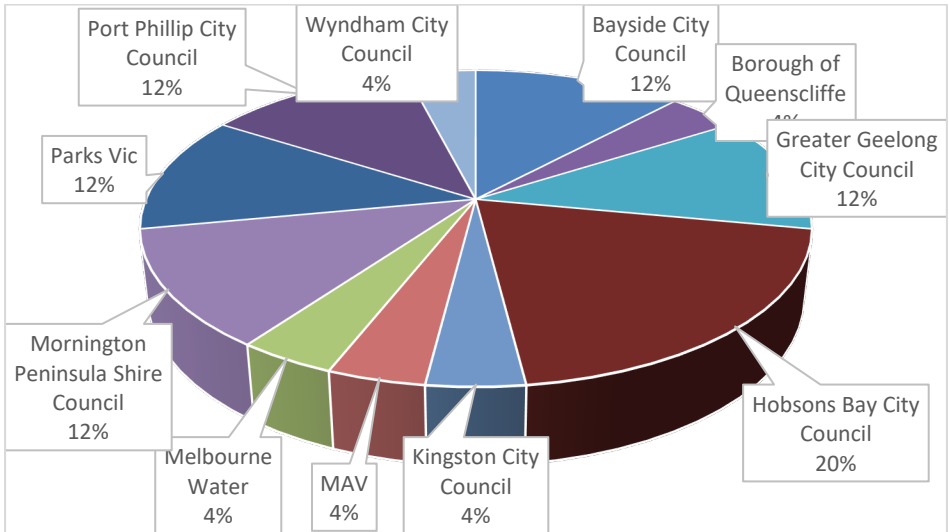
**Feedback**

General feedback from attendees

- So much scope for mutual support and collaboration between Parks, DEWLP, DoT (Better BoatingVic), Freight Victoria and coastal councils. Very keen to support our colleagues in State Gov.
- Great presentation Jo, Thanks, much appreciated.
- Thanks Jo and team for the preso! Thanks for running another worthwhile session.
- Thank you so much for this forum. I have learnt a lot and if elected I hope I can continue advocating for more planning and investment around the foreshore.
- Great, thanks Jo
- Thank you Jo and all! Much appreciated.

**Attendance**

Breakdown of attendance by organisation



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