

## Indented Head Our Coast Meeting April 6 2017

### Attendees

Martin Butcher (DELWP), Chris Reagan, Janet de Lisle, Leah (BFCM), Ian Tebbutt (Port Fairy) Matt Hayes (Port Fairy), Ingrid Novosel, Ian Morris, Jennifer Morris, Lewis Rowell, Nick Wynn (BBFCM).

### Apologies

Judith Baldacchino, Helen Woods, Annie Proctor

### Theme

Building on the previous workshop

At the workshop held at Indented Head Hall on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February, three key areas of interest to the community that were agreed upon were

- Community Engagement
- Monitoring and Recording
- Lobbying

1. Discussion about how Port Fairy Group dealt with the 3 themes (Ian Tebutt)

Key actions for Community Engagement were

- Identify what the group's purpose is
- Ask the community what they want
- Get members and structure

Lobbying

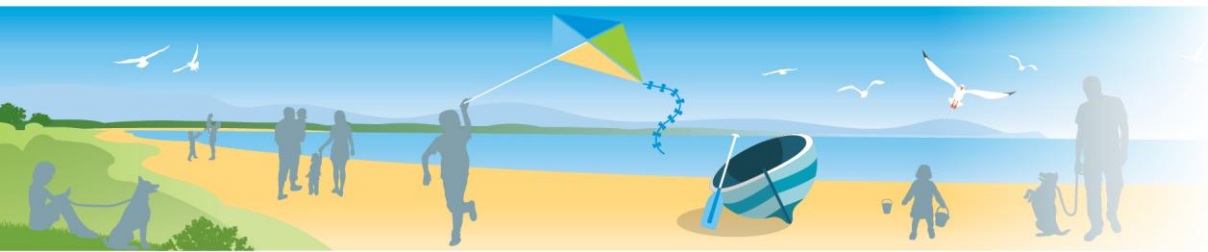
- All about communication and contacts
- Build good contacts
- Outline problems and provide data

Monitoring and recording

- Develop understanding to formulate strategy
- Provide benchmarks
- Provide authorities with information about changes identified through monitoring

In summary, the key messages from the Port Fairy groups are

- ✓ Find the issue that will get the community involved and keep up the communication
- ✓ Get the press and council on side early
- ✓ Follow the work of other groups – a combined approach is often better



## 2. Organisational Options (Ian Morris)

Ian circulated a paper regarding 4 committee types that the group could use:

- Coastcare
- Volunteer/Friends/Interest Group
- Community Group
- Sub-committee of an existing group

As part of his presentation he gave a description of each of the group's formats and its governance structure (see appendix 1). He also provided a summary of the various pros and cons of each. A suggestion was to have Matt Crawley from the Bellarine Catchment Network attend the next meeting.

## 3. Next Steps

- Become involved with monitoring group
- Proceed as steering group and assess purpose
- Develop vision/mission/focus for existence

## 4. Leigh to convene next meeting within a month including:

- Monitoring presentation by BBFCM
- Invite Matt Crawley from Bellarine Catchment Network



**Appendix 1**

| <b>Foreshore Interest Group - Our Coast</b> |   |  |
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| <b>Committee Type</b>                       | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Summary</b>   |
| Coastcare                                   | Coastcare Victoria is a state-wide program run by the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP). It is a little like the Landcare model. Coast care programs need to be approved by the relevant land manager and aimed at addressing specific coastal issues. To establish a Coastcare group would require the Group carrying out quite a lot of preliminary work to establish a clear purpose for the Group, agree an area and a structure of the Committee. The Group would need to eventually be incorporated and have a constitution generally consistent with the model rules under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. | This option does provide a structure and the ability to communicate/network with other similar groups. There is currently a group being formed at Clifton Springs. Contact person is Matt Crawley of the Bellarine Catchment Network |
| Volunteers/Friends/ Interest Group          | This would be a less formal structure and reliant on an agency/land manager to provide support and some form of direction. It could be incorporated or merely meet and act in support on some issue. There is currently a volunteer group being established by Bellarine Bayside Foreshore Committee of Management (BBFCM). This group of volunteers are being trained to beach and foreshore monitoring.   | Regulatory issues such as Workcover, OHS and Public Liability would need to be under the umbrella of an agency   |
| Community Group                             | This model may be similar to the Port Fairy Group which as I understand is an Incorporated Body established to pursue more effective coastal management and management of degraded or contaminated coastal land.  | Member of this group attended our last workshop and have offered to assist further if required.  |
| A subcommittee of an existing group         | This could involve identification of an existing Community Group with common issues which is already incorporated and developing an action plan and seeking authority to pursue specific issues.  | This would involve negotiations with another group and ensuring there is compatibility and common interest of the purpose of subcommittee area of interest and other issues.   |