



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 20th 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

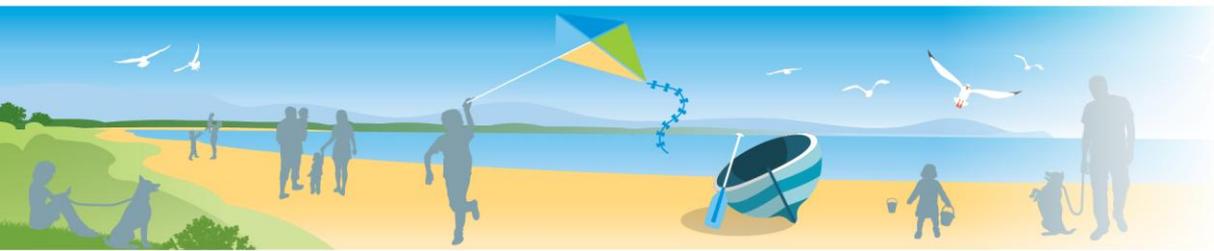
- All about communication and contacts
- Build good contacts
- Outline problems and provide data

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

Foreshore Interest Group - Our Coast		
Committee Type	Description	Summary
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.