



## Can you imagine Portarlington in the future?

Our iconic coastlines are changing and this is going to affect the way we live, work and holiday in Portarlington. We are starting to plan for the future and want you to be involved in preparing a plan for our coast.

The Our Coast Project has recently completed the Geelong-Queenscliff Coastal Mapping Project, identifying areas exposed to inundation due to potential sea level rise, to help you understand and explore the issues. This involved a technical assessment by expert consultants, Cardno, looking at hazards including inundation and erosion. The assessment includes a series of maps showing the potential impact of sea level rise scenarios and severe weather events.

People are encouraged to find out more about the mapping project at an open house event in Portarlington in August. You can also leave a comment on the Our Coast website, [www.ourcoast.org.au](http://www.ourcoast.org.au) contact us page to get involved.

Coastal communities like Portarlington are at the forefront of climate change in Australia. No-one knows exactly what this might mean but there are strong indications that future changes could include:

- Extreme weather events
- Rising sea levels
- Hotter, drier summers
- Warmer, wetter winters.

For more information on coastal changes in Portarlington, the latest mapping, and how you can have a say visit the Our Coast website at [www.ourcoast.org.au](http://www.ourcoast.org.au). We're interested in your feedback and ideas for how we can plan to adapt to a changing climate together.

Later in the year there will be follow up workshops where everyone can provide suggestions for priority actions to be considered in the preparation of our local coastal management adaptation plan.

Our Coast is a partnership between the Borough of Queenscliffe, City of Greater Geelong, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Bellarine Bayside Foreshore Committee of Management, Barwon Coast Committee of Management Inc. and the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority.