

# Black Rock—Beaumaris

BACKGROUND REPORT



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# Themes of discussion

## IN COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

### Flora and fauna

- Restore the Flora and Fauna as far as possible back to its original condition
- Undertake weed management immediately
  - i.e. Cape Ivy,
  - Boneseed
  - Box Thorn and understand the protective role this species has
- No further clearing of vegetation for views.
- Utilise planting to minimise erosion.
- Ensure understorey plantings accommodate a range of habitat environments.
- Protect, strengthen and restore natural ecosystems.
- Protect marine systems (vegetable and animal).
- Protect heritage indigenous vegetation.
- Undertake a strategy for dealing with dumping of garden rubbish—promotes weed growth.
- Utilise community groups to undertake improvements/ management regimes.

### General Uses/Comments

- only recreation uses intrinsically associated with the coast should be permitted for the foreshore;
- provide the opportunity for education/ interpretation of natural processes, cultural and historic features and historic events. ie., saving Little Beach;
- upgrade/maintain all walking tracks;
- no further commercial development to foreshore;
- maintain existing views;
- encourage/enforce separation between bikes and pedestrians;
- address erosion;

- ensure the cliff erosion at Half Moon Bay and Red Bluff is left to undergo natural processes;
- preserve what remains;
- address discharge pollutants;
- no more commercial activities;
- provide better pedestrian links across Beach Road;
- ensure a balance is reached between passive/active recreation, natural and built environments;
- improve fencing to limit access.

### Clubs

- firm up lease arrangements and lease hold areas;
- undertake measures to ensure existing hardstand/rigging areas associated with HMBLSC & BRYC are efficient. Install additional hardstand areas;
- parking levels associated with HMBLSC & BRYC inefficient, ie. trailer parking;
- improve capacity of sewage system at HMB boat sheds;
- encourage the amalgamation of resources/facilities, i.e. BLSC and Friends of Watkins Bay;
- restrict access to limit levels of vandalism, ie. BMYS.

### Built form

- build upon/improve existing structures, do not establish new buildings;
- consolidate facilities;
- allow Fish and Chip shop to be expanded;
- encourage clubs to [be] rebuilt within existing footprint and not add on to existing facilities;
- commercial development would have a deleterious effect on the foreshore;

# Appendix A

## THEMES OF DISCUSSION IN COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

- no more carparking is to be installed;
- limit the level of advertising signs, particularly associated with bus shelters.

### **Bike track**

- missing link to bike path should be located along Beach Road and not within coastal reserve;
- links to bike track should adopt this criteria:
  - straight
  - good sight lines
  - installed away from pedestrian walking tracks
  - minimal steep gradients.



### Feedback from first round public meetings

The Beaumaris public meeting was held on 3 August 1999 and the Black Rock meeting was held on 4 August 1999.

A series of Opportunities and Constraints were presented as a discussion piece. At these meetings it enabled the community to discuss a range of issues, these matters are identified below and are considered in the ongoing formulation of the Masterplan.

Identified below are the comments recorded during each public meeting. Those comments marked with a ☆ indicate that they have not been included as a potential action as they conflict with government policy or were considered as in-appropriate foreshore actions by the Expert Panel/Steering Committee. Those comments marked with a ☆☆ indicate that the action is currently being addressed by Council. All other comments will be considered and explored in more detail during this Masterplan process.

### Beaumaris Public Meeting

#### GENERAL

- relocate overhead services to landside of Beach Road;
- consideration needs to be given to the level of traffic noise between 6.00am–midnight, ie. tourist buses;
- install litter bin for doggy do;
- no need for doggy do litter bins;
- carry out more cleaning up of Ricketts Point;
- give special treatment to lookout at end of Point Avenue;

- leave couch/kikuyu grass vantage points as is;
- keep open area at Dalgetty Street lights as is;
- give special treatment to Table Rock vantage point;
- ban dogs from Ricketts Point–Black Rock.

#### FLORA AND FAUNA

- no planting of Palm trees or Norfolk Island Pines
- predators: —more bins and emptying of these, —improve policing;
- storm-water drains near roosting sites, can more be done than monitoring of discharge?

#### NATURAL SYSTEMS

- give consideration to the eroding cliffs to the north of BRYC;
- erosion worst opposite Potter Street, rebuild the cliff;
- interpretation of geology would be great.

#### RECREATION ACTIVITIES

- discourage launching of boats at Ricketts Point;
- explore improvements to formalise boat launching facility;
- do not formalise boat ramp at Ricketts Point.

#### FACILITIES

- Keefers structure considered an embarrassment; ☆☆
- remove older style toilet block;
- install a boat ramp to east side of Ricketts Point—conflicts with reef environments.

### ACCESS: PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/VEHICULAR

- informal pedestrian path should be for pedestrian only, undertake actions to reduce conflicts with pedestrians;
- boardwalk treatment appropriate to avoid Banksias;
- implement methods to link up bike paths 'missing links';
- between Cromer and Charman the bike track should continue on the back of kerb, not on the cliff top path;
- bike path should not intrude into vegetated areas and should continue along roadside;
- maintain and upgrade walking track;
- access across Beach Road extremely difficult—Beach Road Route Review.

### Black Rock Public Meeting

#### GENERAL

- power poles should be on land side of Beach Road, similar to 'Hancock's';
- safety of foreshore users is very important;
- remove debris/bluestone from shallow visible at low tide;
- extend beach promenade from clock tower to Half Moon Bay;
- provide lighting of promenade; ☆
- inland residents don't have views of the water therefore Beach Road residents shouldn't;
- establish a sense of balance with regard to 'adventure' verses promenading;
- leave the foreshore exactly as it is!

#### FLORA AND FAUNA

- Cerberus future—any future development likely to have low key impact onshore;
- should reclaim/renourish area

immediately seaward of seawall in front of BRYC;

- natural bush setting is highly valued;
- thinning of the bush will in the long term result in the lose [sic] of the bush.

#### NATURAL SYSTEMS

- renourish beach from clock tower to quiet corner;
- unstable cliffs—stop pedestrians esp. to the south, install a boardwalk?, incline back cliffs, detail treatments;
- renourish beach between Royal Ave and Tennyson Street;
- we should preserve/increase views of the sea.

#### RECREATION ACTIVITIES

- boating/tourism congests area, especially on the weekend;
- if area is reclaimed/renourish will impact on area to the N & S of Half Moon Bay;
- build a bike path for mountain bikes; ☆
- do not run bike path through bush between Cromer and Charman Roads, take one lane of Beach Road;
- cliff top path is not to be formalised, and should be given a treatment to discourage bikes, e.g. stiles.

#### FACILITIES

- toilet block locations should be focused in public areas rather than in quiet areas amongst the vegetation;
- there is not enough seating;
- Half Moon Bay has many opportunities to enhance visual features, i.e. buildings, furniture, paving;
- consideration needs to be given to siting of toilet blocks in densely

bushed areas, encourages inappropriate behavior;

- toilets should be seen from the road.

#### ACCESS: PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/VEHICULAR

- parking, particularly associated with trailers needs to be reviewed;
- it is difficult to cross Beach Road at Reserve Road;
- bike path is too close to Beach Road;
- openness does not necessarily mean safety;
- at bike track/pedestrian access path intersections establish a barrier/warning device to minimise conflicts;
- create pedestrian access to beach from Black Rock promenade;
- consideration given to safe routes to particular sites, without clearing bush.

The feedback/issues identified during this process (identified above) were formulated into a Concept Plan, refer to Figure 3. The Concept Plan identifies a series of Potential Actions for the individual Precincts as well as a series of overriding actions which relate to the entire study area.

The Concept Plan was then put forward at a second round of public meetings.



### Feedback from the second round of Public Meetings

The second Beaumaris public meeting was held on 31 August and the second Black Rock meeting was held on 1 September. A Concept Plan identifying a series of Potential Actions was presented as a discussion piece. At these meetings it enabled the community to discuss a range of issues and comment on each of the Potential Actions. All comments made during these meetings are identified below and are considered in the ongoing formulation of the Masterplan.

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### Beaumaris Public Meeting

#### GENERAL

- concern regarding area of flyer letterbox drop;
- maintain area opposite Beaumaris Yacht Club;
- ensure financial estimate responsibility, and timeline. ALL of Bayside should be made aware of this;
- add triangles at Quiet Corner. Restore them.

#### ACCESS: PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/VEHICULAR

- no concrete or formal treatment at Point Avenue;
- should be 'No Parking' on Beach Road around Ricketts Point;
- require cyclists to use bike path not Beach Road;
- don't concrete the cliff top path;
- wheelchair/pram access to cliff-top path;
- 'Dogs on leash' on cliff-top path - enforce more;
- Safety along beach park path:
  - i Lighting? ☆
  - ii More access points?
  - iii Community education? (i.e. take the torch);
- don't let missing link of bike path encroach into foreshore reserve;
- don't lose turning areas/islands;
- beach in front of teahouse is good for older people to walk dogs 'off-leash' but seabirds need protection;
- beach above is good for toddlers, so NO dogs 'off-leash'.

#### RECREATION ACTIVITIES

- more bins at appropriate locations;
- replace beach access point at Quiet Corner;
- don't remove 'Iceberger' equipment, relocate to south of BLSC.

#### FLORA AND FAUNA/NATURAL SYSTEMS

- eradicate rabbits, foxes and cats;
- improve weed control;
- don't remove understorey vegetation;
- set positive policies to manage native vegetation;
- ensure Marine Park is enacted;
- beach cleaners need to be more careful;
- install litter traps on drains.



### FACILITIES

- no late parties at BLSC;
- extensions to BRSLC should be public facilities;
- stop cars going onto Beaumaris Yacht Club;
- changing shed should be back in same spot. Not at playground;
- put in a bathing shed at Clocktower Gardens.

### Black Rock Public Meeting

#### GENERAL

- concern with litter coming down the drains after a storm;
- consult Police. Consult the MFESB; ☆
- Half Moon Bay treatment needs detailed analysis;
- 9G Is the bluestone debris protecting the promenade?
- 9B should be at Quiet Corner;
- general study area needs more maintenance.

#### ACCESS: PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE/VEHICULAR

- Beach Road should be a Clearway or No Parking at all;
- slow down Black Rock traffic. Black Rock should not be a barrier;
- cliff-top path needs balance between safety, environment and heritage;
- what about parking? No more parking.

#### RECREATION ACTIVITIES

- Black Rock beach is important for swimmers. Seawall treatment needs detailed analysis;
- dogs should be on a leash at Black Rock (9E) because of birds;
- dogs should be controlled more (dog pooh);
- but we need dogs on leash;

- cliff-top path is 'leash-on' area. Dog owners should manage their dogs better;
- should dogs be on a leash?

#### FLORA AND FAUNA/NATURAL SYSTEMS

- clean rubbish from beaches and water more frequently;
- protect the bush, it slows erosion;
- keep it open;
- trim trees on path to remove dangerous stubs;
- removing trees alone will not stop problems;
- foreshore in summer without trees would lose its charm;
- Marine Park should be bigger by going further north to include Quiet Corner;
- building seawall below White Cliffs is pointless;
- need to stop rain eroding White Cliffs;
- White Cliffs has moved landwards 10 metres;
- the bushland is great: remove the weeds, don't clear the bush;
- Harmful species:
  - i Weeds
  - ii Rats
  - iii Cats
  - iv Foxes;
- renourish White Cliffs beach to protect them;
- we *must* do something to manage White Cliffs.

#### FACILITIES

- review location of dumpmasters at Half Moon Bay;
- more doggy bins and ensure they are emptied;
- some commercial development in

# Feedback

## SECOND-ROUND PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Half Moon Bay is appropriate;
- do something about the state of Half Moon Bay bathing boxes;
  - why a new change room when BRLSC is nearby?
  - toilets shouldn't be near children's play areas;
  - build single unit toilets;
  - prefer changeroom where it originally was—at Clocktower Gardens;
  - will a longer ramp and beach for Yacht Club be bad for public users?
  - Half Moon Bay upper toilets are an embarrassment and safety issue:
    - i needs to be opened up
    - ii eeds more patrols
    - iii remove the block.



### Feedback from the third and final public meeting

A final combined public meeting with Black Rock and Beaumaris local residents was held on 19 October. The Draft Masterplan was presented with the focus of discussion centred around the following six issues. Residents were asked to identify where or not each proposal should be . . . included or excluded?

### Proposals

1. The proposal to seal all carparks along the foreshore should be . . .
2. The proposed changes to the management of dogs on the foreshore should be . . .
- 3a. The proposal to remove existing boat launching from Ricketts Point should be . . .
- 3b. The proposal to install a designated informal area for boat launching to the east of the Beaumaris Yacht Club should be . . .
- 3c. The proposal to install a formal ramp for boat launching to the east of the Beaumaris Yacht Club should be . . .
- 4a. The proposal to narrow Beach Road between Cromer and Charman Road to allow for the continuation of the path to run parallel with the foreshore reserve as a first preference should be . . .
- 4b. If 4A is not permissible at all locations, the alternative proposal for the bike path to straddle the edge of the road and part of the foreshore reserve as necessary between Cromer and Charman Road should be . . .

5. Following specific on site assessment, the proposal for Half Moon Bay to extend the boat ramp parallel with the pier which will simultaneously act as a groyne and boat ramp should be . . .
6. Following specific on site assessment, the installation of a groyne out from White Cliffs to ensure the build up sand to protect the base of the cliffs should be . . .

### RESPONSE TO ISSUE 1

- runoff issue needs to be resolved;
- if you don't seal it leaves the option open to 'get back area';
- Watkins Bay should be sealed similar to the area near BYC;
- all carparks should be sealed and line marked;
- leave carparks unsealed. Sealed carparks will become a racetrack.

### RESPONSE TO ISSUE 2

- dogs are not the problem people are;
- need to manage all access including oil discharge;
- dogs go onto reefs;
- change reference to 'dogs off leash in winter' (referred from floor);
- current dog laws are sufficient;
- how many prosecutions have been made re: dogs off leash? Stewart Holley responded with many;
- BYC and Table Rock Point are not safe to walk your dog;
- we need a flat area to walk our dogs;
- what about the dogs point of view? Where do we go with them?
- poaching and vandalism is a greater issue.

# Feedback

## THIRD-ROUND PUBLIC MEETINGS

### RESPONSE TO ISSUE 3

- do not put more access at BYC;
- this beach is a swimming beach;
- congestion would be awful;
- boats should be excluded altogether;
- make sure we identify we are taking about trailer/sailers;
- what about the designated no boating zones? See Parks Victoria;
- what about the use of the Sea Scouts ramp for launching. No change is identified for this use.

### RESPONSE TO ISSUE 4

- do not make BR narrower as it will increase pollution;
- this is a short stretch, so it shouldn't have much impact on pollution;
- do not weave into foreshore reserve as it is heritage bushland;
- keep vegetation overhanging bike path;
- bikes should be banned on clifftop path;
- need to ensure there is a balance of recreation pursuits.

### RESPONSE TO ISSUE 5

- how high would a groyne be?
- a beach will not resolve the problem, there is just not enough space!

### RESPONSE TO ISSUE 6

- new beach will cover rock pools;
- most of the erosion is happening from wind and rain;
- Eric Bird said erosion was from runoff and not wave action;
- groynes do not add to the character of the bay.

### General comments on actions for all precincts

- Points 11, 12 and 13—information should not be intrusive. Only want to read the information once;
- do all signs need the Bayside logo?;
- keep some of the old stuff;
- can all people in Bayside be given the opportunity to comment on proposals;
- Black Rock (9D) should be given a high priority;
- upgrade toilets in the short term, i.e. hooks for swimmers changing;
- BR changing sheds were demolished without any notice given to public. Make sure this lack of information does not happen again;
- reduce the number of signs at Ricketts Point;
- carpark 'B10' signs should be on existing signposts;
- install showers at sand on beach;
- Point 14—encourage parking on side streets;
- Point 19—second sentence should include, 'in trouble spots where appropriate';
- quality of life for human users, especially elderly people;
- proposed changes to dog laws are aimed at keeping dogs from worrying birds on the reefs;
- it is absurd that dogs disturb the birds, they have increased in recent years;
- the issue of dogs is a local laws issue and can be dealt with by more rigorously enforcing by-laws;
- install lights that shine across the sand at Ricketts Point;

- educate dog owners who may not know what impacts their dogs are having;
- reinstate bluestone promenade south of BMYS;
- manage access from bus visitors;
- limit speed in carparks, i.e. signs?  
Areas are shared areas not just cars;
- do not build public jetty at Keefers.  
Use jetties at BMYS;
- environmental centre at BLSC to include toilets and interpretation;
- dog litter bins should limit odors.



# Community Priorities

## FOR MANAGEMENT/ACTION REGIMES

<b>Precinct 8</b>		1=immediate; 2=1–2 years; 3=3+years; 4=never		
<b>Actions/management regimes</b>		Sum	Mode	Average
8A	Install appropriate signage and erect fencing to limit the level of access to the base of the cliffs	38	1	1.58
8B	Do nothing to the cliffs and let natural processes take their course but change the drainage at the top of the cliff to reduce erosion impacts	41	1	1.71
8C	Infill the stainless steel handrail with mesh to control access and then remove treated pine fence	55	2	2.29
8D	Rectify demarcation of bike/pedestrian threshold treatment	40	2	2.11
8E	Rectify fence associated with the middens to the north of the Life Saving Club	43	2	1.87
<b>Half Moon Bay</b>				
8F	Review the potential for having an internal/external toilet facility provided within an existing building/club house	49	1	2.04
8G	Extend boat ramp parallel with the pier which will simultaneously act as a groyne and boat ramp. This measure will result in the widening of the beach and therefore increase the 'rigging up' area. By encouraging 'rigging up' to occur on the beach this will ensure vehicles have full access to this area. This recommendation will be subject to a specific study/assessment to ascertain the suitability of this recommendation	71	4	2.96
8H	Ensure large waste skips are located within a suitable location that is away from public view and with the clear access for rubbish trucks. Ideally within the lease area of the tenant.	34	1	1.42
8I	Remove the toilet blocks at Bayview Cres and Half Moon Bay upper carpark. Rebuild bigger toilets at Half Moon Bay lower, preferably incorporated into Half Moon Bay Life Saving Club compound	49	1	2.13
8J	Half Moon Bay Life Saving Club. Encourage development within the existing footprint that will improve ground floor access to/from the club house (remove steps from building) and allow for efficient use of the clubs internal/external space	52	3	2.17
8K	Black Rock Yacht Club. Establish a wet bar area associated with the club house by extending the building to the east which would take up some of the compound area	73	3	3.17
8L	Subject to a specific assessment and exploration study, determine the suitability of installing a groyne out from Black Rock Point that will encourage the natural build up of sand within the vicinity of the cliffs to the south. The sand will act as protection to the base of the cliffs. Change the drainage at the top of the cliff to reduce erosion effects and install appropriate signage and erect fencing to limit the level of access to the base of the cliffs.	69	4	2.75

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FOR MANAGEMENT/ACTION REGIMES

<b>Precinct 9</b>		1=immediate; 2=1–2 years; 3=3+years; 4=never		
<b>Actions/management regimes</b>		Sum	Mode	Average
9A	Encourage the use of Beach Road for parking	42	1	1.83
9B	Provide more shade tree planting within the Black Rock gardens	43	2	1.72
9C	Within Black Rock Gardens install litter bins for 'doggy do'	35	1	1.40
9D	Provide a changing facility near the BRSLC in the same location as the previous shelter but with a smaller footprint and open and light in design	45	1	1.73
9E	Adjacent to the playground provide a light and protective structure for parents and children	55	2	2.20
9F	Remove debris/bluestone from the shallows that are visible at low tide and relocate to a suitable location for use as an artificial reef	62	2	2.48
9G	Concentrate commercial development to the landward side of Beach Road rather than along the foreshore	35	1	1.40
9H	Restore the measured mile beacons	39	2	2.17
9I	Lobby for the Marine Park from Quiet Corner to Table Rock and 1km out to sea—referred to as the Sanctuary Zone in the Land Conservation Council—LCC 1996 Draft Recommendations	52	1	12.08

<b>Precinct 10</b>		1=immediate; 2=1–2 years; 3=3+years; 4=never		
<b>Actions/management regimes</b>		Sum	Mode	Average
10A	Establish an information and interpretation facility at Ricketts Point within an existing building, e.g. BLSC. Council to review this proposal in conjunction with BLSC	62	2	2.48
10B	Seek to protect and restore the reef and the intertidal environments, e.g. by controlling fossicking and trampling (by humans and dogs). In order to achieve this action the Maserplan recommends that dog access be limited to 'on-leash' 12 months of the year from BYC to Table Rock Point, with no access during the summer months (1 Nov to 31 Mar 10.00am–7.30pm). Dogs can be exercised 'off-leash' (except in summer) to the north of BYC.	56	1	2.24
10C	Remove measured mile beacons at Ricketts Point	59	3	2.46
10D	Lobby for the Marine Park from Quiet Corner to Table Rock and 1km out to sea—referred to as the Sanctuary Zone in the Land Conservation Council—LCC 1996 Draft Recommendations	49	1	1.96
10E	Open up the Life Saving Club meeting rooms for utilisation by other community groups, e.g. Friends of Watkins Bay	49	2	1.96
10F	Improve pedestrian access across Beach Road in the vicinity of Reserve Road	37	1	1.42
10G	Remove the toilet block south of BLSC and incorporate public toilets, with the capacity to accommodate large school groups, with the BLSC building compound. Maintain the Eceloo with further landscaping	55	2	2.20

# Community Priorities

## FOR MANAGEMENT/ACTION REGIMES

<b>Precinct 10 continued . . .</b>				
10H	Relocate exercise equipment to the east side of BLSC in the location of the demolished toilet block	49	3	2.45
10I	Install barriers or fencing to limit vehicle access onto the beach	33	1	1.32
10J	Remove boat access from Ricketts Point. This will result in greater preservation of the reef environment. Investigate suitable alternative locations for boat launching facilities	37	1	1.61

<b>Precinct 11</b>		1=immediate; 2=1–2 years; 3=3+years; 4=never		
<b>Actions/management regimes</b>		Sum	Mode	Average
11A	Give special treatment to the Table Rock vantage point, i.e. establish a formal lookout point with orientation plate of coastal features of Port Phillip Bay, install crushed rock paved area with upgraded seating	51	2	2.04
11B	Undertake strategies to control all vermin	38	1	1.58
11C	Rationalise signage along the bike track to key cliff vantage points	54	2	2.35
11D	Repair Keefers Jetty and replace with public jetty	67	3	2.79
11E	Rationalise artist trail signage within Mosey Gardens. Artist trail signage to provide reference to Clarice Beckett. Police more stringently sandwich boards that advertise commercial activities opposite Mosey Gardens	48	2	2.00
11F	Clean up intermediate space between 'Keefers' and BMYS, i.e. install a litter trap	39	1	1.56
11G	Provide safe pedestrian access from Mosey Gardens to BMYS, i.e. provide steps down the cliff face to the rear of the BMYS	64	3	2.56
11H	Bike track to straddle the edge of the road and part of the forshore reserve between Cromer and Charman Roads	53	1	2.12
11I	Provide discreet interpretation of the Beaumaris monocline, i.e. signage panel consistent with Council's existing themes	53	2	2.21
11J	Investigate the removal and incorporation of the Rennison Street toilet block into the Sea Scout compound	55	2	2.29







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