

# Point Lonsdale Foreshore

## CONCEPT MASTER PLAN

### Background

A number of studies and strategies over the past few years have identified the need to improve the foreshore area by developing public amenity and facilities, whilst maintaining the views, village atmosphere and significant vegetation. A Community Reference Group was established to create a vision for revitalising the Point Lonsdale foreshore between the Bowls Club and Loch Street Playground; and to assist Council in the preparation of a Concept Plan. The Reference Group has explored, considered and discussed many ideas and alternatives to produce this Concept Plan.

### Key objectives

- » Improve integration between the Village and the foreshore by the creation of a community meeting place/ Lookout Platform on the foreshore;
- » Provide additional seating and picnic amenities without obstructing sea views from the street level;
- » Improve landscaping and vegetation of the area;
- » Create all abilities access ramp to the beach promenade in the Village given the ageing population and the number of mobility impaired residents and visitors;
- » Disperse vehicular and pedestrian traffic along Point Lonsdale foreshore through the creation of a second all abilities access ramp to the beach promenade at Albert Street and a second BBQ area opposite Loch Street.

### Foreshore Revitalisation key elements

- » A generous lookout platform;
- » Improved access from Point Lonsdale Road to the beach promenade including:
  - » Two new all abilities access ramps (Disability Discrimination Act compliant); and
  - » Improved stair access at three locations;
- » Additional seating and picnic areas;
- » Improved BBQ facilities;
- » Rejuvenation of the grass embankment area between Loch and Albert Streets;
- » Weed removal and native plantings in vegetation areas; and
- » Refurbished toilets including a disabled facility.

### Priority elements

Construction of all elements proposed will be dependant on funding and grant availability. The priority of the elements has been identified as:

1. Lookout platform, including all abilities ramp, stairs adjoining ramp and wide steps to south of platform;
2. Restore the grass embankment between Loch and Albert Streets;
3. Upgrade Village toilets and BBQ area;
4. Albert Street all abilities ramp, stair modifications, lower seating area; and
5. Loch Street BBQ area (Council to investigate feasibility of a toilet facility).

### Community consultation

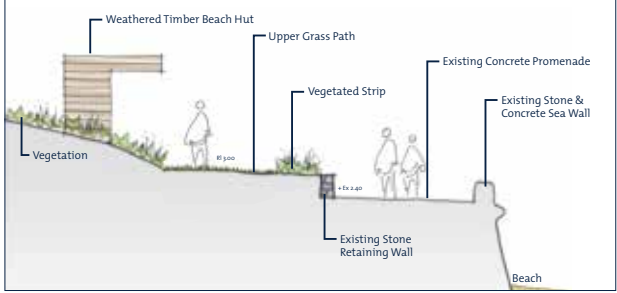
Council is seeking community feedback on the Point Lonsdale Foreshore concept master plan. Public Information Sessions on the project will be held at the Point Lonsdale Bowls Club on:

- » Tuesday 18 September, 1-2pm;
- » Thursday 20 September, 7-8pm; and
- » Sunday 23 September, 10-11am.

Comments/feedback should be submitted to Council in writing by 4pm Tuesday 25 September 2012 by:

- » Mail – PO Box 93, Queenscliff 3225
- » Email – [info@queenscliff.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@queenscliff.vic.gov.au)
- » Facsimile – 03 5258 3315

### Key design element No.9 cross section view



### Foreshore concept master plan



### Key design elements

- 1 New BBQ and shelter near Loch Street playground.
- 2 New picnic tables near Loch Street playground.
- 3 Existing Loch Street playground.
- 4 New grass ramp from Loch Street playground to promenade to provide easier access.
- 5 Restore grass embankment area between Albert Street and Loch Street.
- 6 New access point for beach maintenance machinery and protection of bottom of grass embankment from sea erosion.
- 7 New low stone wall/ seat to protect bottom of grass embankment from sea erosion.
- 8 New all abilities access ramp (Disability Discrimination Act compliant) from Albert Street pedestrian crossing to beach promenade away from the busy shop area. Ramp to have low level lighting.
- 9 New lower picnic area including:
  - » Grass path to picnic tables and beach huts,
  - » Picnic tables (x4) to increase number of tables without obscuring views from street level,
  - » Beach huts (x2) to provide shelter - modelled on gun emplacements at lighthouse, see cross-section drawing,
  - » Stair access points (x2) to promenade and beach.
- 10 New timber bench seat on stone paving.
- 11 Upgrade and create more space around existing tap/ shower facility.
- 12 Modify existing stairs and link to Albert Street Pedestrian Crossing.
- 13 Existing Norfolk Island Hibiscus (x2) opposite Cheshunt Street to be replaced, new species to be determined.
- 14 New picnic tables and seating between Kirk Road and Albert Street.
- 15 Restore grass foreshore between Kirk Road pedestrian crossing and proposed stairs.
- 16 New stairs at existing ramp location to retain access point for shower and Kirk Road pedestrian crossing.
- 17 Retain gravel walk area at back of kerb to allow pedestrian movement to and from vehicles.
- 18 New all abilities access ramp (Disability Discrimination Act compliant) from Wombat Crossing/ Lookout Platform to promenade.
- 19 New lookout platform at street level approx. 30m long x 8m wide including:
  - » Maximised viewing frontage to allow ample viewing opportunities.
  - » Mixture of seats with and without backs allowing views through lookout platform from shop side of street.
  - » Low curved bluestone wall with seat.
  - » Information panels with local history/ scenery signage / etc.
  - » Lighting of platform at ground or seat level.
- 20 Platform to extend back over existing concrete path to create a larger meeting area and create the sense of entering a new space. Timber walkway to start from crossing (old kerb line) and extend to lookout platform.
- 21 New exposed aggregate concrete areas for litter bin and bike stands to accommodate cyclists from promenade heading to shops/ playground.
- 22 New drinking fountain near Wombat Crossing / lookout platform.
- 23 Continue existing wide steps up to street level to flatten area out and remove current dip in existing path.
- 24 Upgrade and create more space around existing tap facility.
- 25 Remove existing sandstone drinking fountain with H.V and D.W. Binns memorial plaque.
- 26 New drinking fountain between playground and toilet block.
- 27 Upgrade existing toilet block including:
  - » Reduce overall size by removing unused change rooms,
  - » Refurbish existing toilets inside and out, and
  - » Add disabled toilet facility.
- 28 Upgrade existing BBQ area with new facilities and revegetation.
- 29 Existing Monterey Cypress Trees (x3) to be retained short-term (approx. 10 years), whilst replacement trees grow and become established.
- 30 Existing Village playground.
- 31 Council to investigate feasibility of a unisex toilet facility at Loch Street playground.