

Borough Bites

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Stonehouse + Irons Architecture were thrilled to receive the win in the Commercial, Community and Public Award as well as the overall ArchiTeam medal.

ARCHITECTURE AWARD FOR QUEENSCLIFF AMENITIES BLOCK

Queenscliff's Recreation Reserve Amenities Block is now also the Commercial, Community and Public Award winner at the ArchiTeam Awards 2023.

Award winning Point Lonsdale architects Stonehouse + Irons Architecture were praised by the judges for their efforts, with the judges commenting "Queenscliff Recreation Reserve Amenities is a beautifully executed public

amenities building that is deeply civic in its conceptualization and execution. The project is exemplary and showcases the significant value that considered design thinking brings to a project."

The amenities block was officially opened last year and includes upgraded toilets (including a dedicated family bathroom), showers, laundry facilities including washing and dryers, and even a dog wash station.

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Chat with Councillors at Listening Posts across the Borough over the coming months.

LISTENING POST

Do you have a question or suggestion for any of our Councillors?

Why not note these dates in your calendar and come along to our Listening Posts, where you can have a chat and share your thoughts with our Councillors.

- Sunday 11 February – Point Lonsdale Market 11 am – 12 pm
- Sunday 31 March – Queenscliff Market 11 am – 12 pm
- Sunday 14 April – Point Lonsdale Market 11 am – 12 pm

Help us create the 2024-2025 Council Budget



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Queenscliff & Point Lonsdale, Victoria, Australia

The Borough of Queenscliff is inviting the community to help guide the 2024 – 2025 Budget. We'd love to hear your thoughts on the services that you value the most.

Our Budget survey is your opportunity to share with Council ideas you might have around funding resources and allocations for services, projects, and capital works for the coming year. This community engagement will help Councillors understand community priorities and recurring themes and will inform the drafting of next year's Budget and Council Plan actions.

To complete the survey, or learn about Council's Budget presentation on February 7, head to our website.



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Shining bright, the Christmas lights on the Point Lonsdale Norfolk Pine can be seen for miles.

Christmas Tree lights switched on!

Thanks to the Point Lonsdale Tree Lighting Committee, the Point Lonsdale Norfolk Pine was once again lit up for all to enjoy.

The weather presented a challenge on the day, however organisers were able to ensure the event went on, creating Christmas memories for both locals and visitors alike. Mayor Tolhurst, who attended the lighting of the tree community event said, "It is a credit to the volunteer team who ran the event, notably the Point Lonsdale Tree Lighting Committee that the show went on indoors despite the threat of poor weather. Packed with community and families, and graced with some wonderful performances by local students, Council is delighted to support this event that brings the Christmas spirit to the Borough."

The impressive LED Christmas lights sparkled from early December through until January 26th.



COASTAL AND MARINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

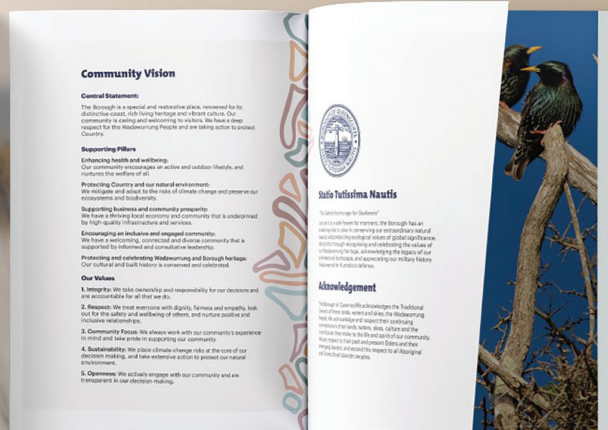
The Borough's coastline holds critical environmental significance and is among our most popular recreational spaces and tourist attractions.

To ensure our coastlines are managed in a way that protects and preserves these precious ecological features, Council has developed a long-term Coastal and Marine Management Plan (CMMP) for Council managed marine and coastal Crown land.

A CMMP is a local scale strategic plan that is the primary tool for the management of marine and coastal Crown land. Guided by the objectives set out in the Victorian Marine and Coastal Policy and input from more than 270 respondents to the draft document, it sets out to define the Borough's relationship with the coastline in the face of climate change

impacts, erosion, and other coastal hazards. It provides a roadmap for how we'll use, manage, and protect our coastal landscapes, helping to ensure individual developments or changes on the coast are considered strategically and in line with community priorities.

Since the first draft of the CMMP was developed, the Victorian Government has released Guidelines for Coastal and Marine Management Plans. This guidance provides best practice recommendations for developing Coastal and Marine Management plans, and the project team is now working with the Project Steering Committee to update the Draft Plan. This includes reviewing and prioritising actions and working with the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation to ensure their needs, priorities and assertions are integrated into the document.



Annual Report 2022 – 2023

The Borough of Queenscliffe's Annual Report highlights Council's performance over the financial year.

The Annual Report is presented as part of our commitment to open, transparent, and accountable governance. It informs Council, ratepayers, community members and other stakeholders of the achievements and challenges of the past financial year and provides key information required under the Local Government Act 2020 and other relevant legislation.

The 2022–2023 Annual Report outlined Council achievements including the opening of Wirring

Wirring, the first annual Nightide and a new Mayor elected for the Borough.

The artwork "Wadawurrung Dja" (Wadawurrung Country), created by First Nations artist Chloe Chatterton, is represented in the design throughout the 2022–23 Annual Report. Observing the important steps Council has taken to walk with Queenscliffe's First Nation's and Indigenous peoples and communities, "Wadawurrung Dja" captures the significance of Country and our connection to it.

The 2022–2023 Borough of Queenscliffe Annual Report was presented to Council in October.

If you are interested in reading the document, head to boq.news/AnnualReport



Significant restoration has been undertaken to preserve and protect the huts.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE POINT LONSDALE LIGHTHOUSE RESERVE?

You might've noticed some changes at the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve. (PLLHR)

The Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve contains some of Victoria's most important indigenous, military, and natural maritime heritage areas. Back in September 2022, Council awarded Q Constructions the contract to complete a full external restoration of all four P1 huts. This decision was made after months of planning and assessment conducted in collaboration with Heritage Victoria, the former Department Environment, Land, Water and Planning, and the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners. The main aim of the restoration works was to make the area safe by removing asbestos in and around the buildings, enabling Council to remove the fences which restrict access to the site.

In October of 2022, works began and included:

- Cladding the external walls, replacing roof sheeting, and restoring windows, doors, and base boards
- Interpretive signage was installed
- Existing pathways and landscaping were restored

Council received further funding from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) for Stage Two works at the PLLHR, with the initiation and establishment phase of the project being completed in September 2023. Works for this phase of the project will include the restoration of defence structures, improvements to the areas around the lighthouse, electrical upgrades, and the installation of accessible pathways.

Council conducted an Expression of Interest process calling for community members to

be involved in the Project Control Group (PCG) that oversees Stage 2 works. The PCG comprises two Councillors, representatives from DEECA, local community members Andrew Sutherland and Max Lazarus. Additionally, guidance from Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation representatives has been provided throughout the process.

Accuraco has been appointed as the Project Manager and is leading the Project Control Group through the initial design and procurement processes.

Through careful restoration and improved accessibility, we will protect the important history of this site for many years to come. The project is expected to be completed in the second half of 2024. Keep a lookout for further information about this project.

Local Government Elections

There are some changes to the way people vote at Council elections that will come into effect during the 2024 Council elections.

All Borough residents, including resident ratepayers, must vote in the October 2024 Queenscliffe Council election.

However, all adult non-resident ratepayers will need to apply to vote in the 2024 Queenscliffe Council election. Only the first two applications received per property will

be enrolled. If you become enrolled to vote, then voting is compulsory for all Queenscliffe Council elections while you remain enrolled.

Non-resident ratepayers who previously applied to enrol for the 2020 Queenscliffe Council election will automatically remain on the roll, and it will be compulsory to vote. If you are unsure of your current voting status, please contact Council.

More information to come, and for further details go to vec.vic.gov.au

Reminder – Fire Danger Period

While we have had a wet start to the summer period, summertime remains the Fire Danger Period, and it is essential that we maintain our fire safety awareness.

Things to keep on top of include keeping your gutters clean by removing leaves and twigs. Ensure your grassed areas are trimmed and watered, and rake and clear leaf litter.

The CFA website provides a wealth of information including details on restrictions concerning barbecues, the use of chainsaws and mowers and other activities you may not have considered pose a fire risk. For further information, head to the CFA website. cfa.vic.gov.au

Download the Borough Bins app

Have you downloaded the Borough Bins app yet? Join fellow residents who have already downloaded the Borough Bins app to receive personalised reminders on your bin collection dates. You can find out all this and more in the Borough Bins app, where you can search an A–Z list of waste items, find out what waste goes in which bin, or download a printable calendar. Scan the QR code or visit boq.news/bbi





Phillip, Jessica and Gerhard were welcomed as Australian citizens at Wirng Wirng.

The Borough welcomes our newest Citizens

In November, Cr Tolhurst conducted a citizenship ceremony at Wirng Wirng/Queenscliffe Hub, welcoming our newest citizens to the Borough.

In front of their family and friends, three new

citizens, Philip, Jessica, and Gerhard were celebrated as they were inducted in a moving citizenship ceremony.

Council conducts one or two citizenship ceremonies in Queenscliffe each year. Our newest citizens are presented with a native plant and a signed certificate before taking a photo with the Mayor.

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Audit and Risk Committee

Last year, Council called for Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified and experienced independent persons to join its Audit and Risk Committee.

Independent members of the Committee must collectively have:

- expertise in financial management;
- expertise in risk and
- experience in public sector management

After considering all EOIs, Council appointed Rebecca Brezzi, Michael Tehan, Richard Davies, and re-appointed Richard Bull. The Audit and Risk Committee also involves Cr Ross Ebbels (Deputy Mayor), Cr Donnie Grigau and Cr Michael Grout.

Council thanks outgoing members for their service and contributions during their time on the committee.



Other than the Dog beach at Narrows Beach, no dogs on beaches from December 1 through until the end of February.

Summer timeshare dog restrictions

Summer is here and with that comes summer timeshare restrictions for dogs on beaches.

These restrictions are in force between December 1 and the last day of February each year, from 9:00am to 8:00pm. This means that dogs are not permitted on any beach, excluding Narrows Beach – 'Dog Beach' during this time.

A reminder that all dogs are prohibited from entering fenced sand dunes and coastal vegetation areas or disturbing wildlife such as nesting hooded plovers or resting seals, which frequently visit our coastline over summer.

Look out for signs placed along coastal pathways that confirm the dog restrictions in place and always clean up after your dogs. Our Local Laws officers regularly patrol local beaches to ensure beach users are respecting these regulations.

2024 Council Meetings

Upcoming Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held at 7:00 pm on the following days:

- Wednesday 28 February 2024
- Wednesday 27 March 2024

All meetings will be live-streamed via Zoom and recordings made available on Council's website. For up-to-date information on attending or viewing Council meetings, visit the Borough of Queenscliffe website.



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