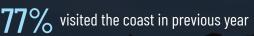
Marine & Coastal COMMUNITY ATTITUDES & BEHAVIOURS RESEARCH

This graphic presents the findings of the Victorian Marine and Coastal Community Attitudes and Behaviours Research. Conducted in 2018, it was the 5th iteration of the study and examined the

VISITATION



views of 2,501 Victorians.

51% stayed at least one night

47% of Victorians that live on the coast visited their local foreshore at least weekly

ACTIVITY

Top 10 activities

% conducted activity in last 12 months

5	Walking / hiking	55%
20	Swimming / surfing	44%
	Eating & drinking	30%
Ľ	Lying / relaxing on the beach	20%
5	Other sporting activities	
	Fishing	17%
	Nature based activities	14%
~~~~	Sightseeing & photography	12%
	Socialising	10%
		7%
L P	Shopping & visiting markets	5%

#### Top 10 coastal locations visited on most recent trip

- (1) Phillip Island
- (2) St Kilda
- (3) Port Phillip Bay
- (4) Torquay
- (5) Sorrento
- (7) Apollo Bay

(6) Lorne

- (8) Lakes Entrance
- (9) Rosebud
- (10) Anglesea

### **EXPERIENCE**

85%



WAVE 5

of respondents that had visited the coast had a positive experience

#### Top 5 contributors to a positive experience as reported by Victorians



🔞 No litter or rubbish 🤅 Good weather

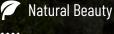
Scenic view

Clean, clear water

A pristine, natural environment

## VALUES

Top 5 values of Victoria's coastal and marine environment as reported by Victorians



Accessibility & Facilities

Quiet & Peacefulness

**Pristine Beaches** 

Wildlife / Marine life

# 80%

of respondents rate Victoria's coastal and marine environment as the State's most important natural feature



### **FUNCTIONS**



#### Top 5 functions of Victoria's coastal and marine environment as reported by Victorians

- 📯 Providing habitat for flora and fauna
- 🏂 Providing a place people can experience nature
- ĥ Providing a place for people to spend leisure time
- Providing a physical buffer to protect the natural and  $\leq$ built environment
- S Contributing to the economy via tourism

#### **ISSUES / THREATS**

#### Top 5 threats facing Victoria's coastal and marine environment as reported by Victorians

Pollution & Poor Water Quality

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**Rubbish & Litter** 



Inappropriate Development

**J** Overfishing **Elimate Change**  6%

of respondents agreed that Victoria's marine environment is under real threat

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## CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEA LEVEL RISE

**~~72%** 

of respondents agreed that Victoria's marine environment is already being affected by climate change

**111 175%** of respondents agreed that sea level rise poses a threat to Victoria's coastal and marine environment in

the coming decades

**177%** 

of respondents agreed the effects of climate change on the Victorian coast should be a key priority for government

## **A**56%

of respondents agreed that individuals who live in coastal areas likely to be affected by sea level rise should be responsible for managing their own risk

#### **POPULATION AND COASTAL CHARACTER**

62% are concerned that Victorian coastal towns are increasingly looking more like ordinary Australian suburbs 42% of coastal residents moved to the coast after living inland or in an urban centre 13% of respondents that live away from the coast are considering making a move to the coast within the next 5 years

## MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

58%) agreed that the Victorian coast is well managed

55%) agreed that the Victorian marine environment is well managed

85%) agreed that Victoria's coastal and marine environment should be more carefully managed