

2019 Victorian Marine & Coastal Forum

'building partnerships for our future'



PROGRAM

13 – 14 June 2019, Crown Conference Centre, Southbank



MINISTERIAL FOREWORD

Welcome to the 2019 Victorian Marine and Coastal Forum, jointly hosted by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Coastcare Victoria and the Victorian Marine and Coastal Council.

The forum aims to provide a unique opportunity to bring together coastal and marine managers, decision makers, traditional owners, researchers, community members and volunteers to enable the building of relationships, sharing of knowledge and collaborating across the sector to discuss current and future marine and coastal challenges.

I am particularly thrilled to welcome our two keynote speakers, Ms Susan Alberti AC, Deputy Chair of Volunteering Australia, and Associate Professor Daniel Ierodiaconou from Deakin University.

The Victorian Government is committed to providing a better future for Victoria's marine and coastal environment. I would like to acknowledge the thousands of Victorians who make significant contributions to protecting and improving the health and values of the marine and coastal environment while addressing ongoing challenges such as population growth, climate change and ageing infrastructure.

The breadth of people and organisations involved in marine and coastal management means that a collaborative approach is vital. No single agency can deliver an integrated response across the various sectors and tiers of state and local government, agencies, non-government organisations and community groups. The forum is one of many actions the Victorian Government is undertaking to assist in building community engagement and action.

I wish you all a successful and collaborative forum.

**The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP
Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change**

VICTORIAN MARINE AND COASTAL COUNCIL FOREWORD

The Victorian Marine and Coastal Council is pleased to be a supporting partner of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning in hosting the 2019 Victorian Marine and Coastal Forum, and extend a warm welcome to all delegates.

Established under the Marine and Coastal Act 2018, the Council was formed in August 2018. Our purpose is to provide evidence and stakeholder-informed advice to enable leadership in the adaptive planning and management of Victoria's marine waters and coastal areas. We advise the ministers responsible for marine and coastal planning and management, including providing scientific advice when requested.

This forum provides Council an excellent opportunity to meet marine and coastal managers, researchers and volunteers – to listen and better understand your experiences and insights. Our conversations and interactions will help Council ensure that the advice we give is stakeholder informed and evidence-based.

I encourage you to make the most of the forum's program, which has been led by the delegates. You can get inspired by the wonderful keynote speakers, share your knowledge in workshops and open space events, and importantly, strengthen and build relationships that will solve current and future marine and coastal challenges.

On behalf of my six fellow Council members I wish you an enjoyable, informative and successful forum and we look forward to meeting with many of you over the two days.

**Anthony Boxshall
Chair, Victorian Marine and Coastal Council**

PROGRAM - DAY 1 - Thursday 13th June

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TIME	DURATION	SESSION	ROOM: CCH1
8:15AM	60 mins	Welcome & Opening	Commence: Doors Open, Registration & Networking MC's Opening Address: Welcome & housekeeping: Dr Anthony Boxshall, Chair, Victorian Marine and Coastal Council (VMaCC)
9:15AM	5 mins		Welcome Address: Acknowledgement of Country, Forum Overview & Outcomes: John Bradley, Secretary, DELWP
9:20AM	15 mins		Keynote Speaker: Susan Alberti AC, Deputy Chair, Volunteering Australia
9:35AM	30 mins		DELWP Intro: What is DELWP doing in contemporary marine and coastal management? Kylie White, Deputy Secretary, DELWP
10:05AM	15 mins		
10:20AM	30 mins	Morning Tea	UPSTAIRS FOYER / BREAKOUT AREA Get to know DELWP! - Policy (Land Management Policy & Biodiversity) ROOM: CCH2
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		Policy Theme Chair: Dr Geoff Wescott, Deakin University	Volunteering Theme Chair: Scott Miller, CEO, Volunteering Victoria
10:45AM	25 mins		1. Future Directions and the Marine & Coastal Act (Rebecca Price & Rohan Snartt, DELWP)
11:10AM	25 mins		2. The Port Phillip Bay Coastal Hazard Assessment: A collaborative endeavour (Tamara Van Polanen Petal, DELWP & CSIRO)
11:35AM	25 mins	Concurrent Presentations Session 1	3. Findings of Financing the Coast Project - Stage 1 (Liz Patterson, DELWP)
12:00PM	15 mins	Lunch	UPSTAIRS FOYER / BREAKOUT AREA Marine & Oceans Theme Chair: Dr Geoff Wescott, Deakin University
12:15PM	60 mins		Get to know DELWP! - Statewide Coastal Programs, VMaCC and Coastcare Biodiversity Theme Chair: Craig Whiteford, Zoos Victoria
1:15PM	25 mins		13. Check, Clean, Dry: help stop the spread of marine pests (Mark Rodrigue, Parks Victoria)
1:40PM	25 mins		14. Mapping Ocean Wealth: Valuing Australia's coastal wetlands (Paul Carnell, Blue Carbon Lab, Deakin University)
2:05PM	25 mins	Concurrent Presentations Session 2	15. Marine Spatial Planning: Designing a Framework for Victoria (Nicola Waldron, DELWP)
2:30PM	15 mins		
			ROOM: M12 & M13 Partnerships Theme Chair: Alistair Robertson, VMaCC Board Member
			7. Integrated Catchment and Coastal Management - the BCN model that works (Matt Crawley, Bellarine Catchment Network)
			8. Shifting Sands: the changing landscape of environmental collaborations and partnership building (Neil Blake, Port Phillip EcoCentre)
			9. Victorian Coastal Monitoring Program (Blake Allan, Deakin University)
			10. Inverloch Coastal Resilience Project (Phillip Heath, South Gippsland Conservation Society)
			11. Partners responding to coastal erosion at Inverloch Surf Beach (Derek Hibbert, Bass Coast Shire Council)
			12. Natural Coastal Protection Systems (Beth Strain, National Centre for Coasts & Climate, University of Melbourne)
			Q & A
			Changinig Climate & Coasts Chair: Colleen White, DELWP
			16. What are our wader studies telling us? (Roger Standen, Victorian Wader Study Group Inc)
			17. Responding to Cetacean Entanglements; History & Lessons from 2018 in Portland, Victoria (Ian Westhorpe, DELWP)
			18. Community Education for our coasts (Matt Montemurro, Marine Mammal Foundation)
			19. Coast Guardian Program: engaging, educating and skilling up our young coastal stewards (Hilary Bouma, Great Ocean Road Coast Committee)
			20. Changing lives through surfing: Engaging the community with Ocean Environments (Rachael Parker, Ocean Mind Inc)
			21. The value of improved accessibility to beaches for disabled divers (Ryan Smith, Disabled Divers Association Member)
			22. Portland Coastal Stability Assessment- Risks Management (Malcolm Armstrong, Glenelg Shire Council)
			23. A living shoreline approach to building coastal resilience - artificial reef (Ralph Roob, City of Greater Geelong)
			24. Beach Profiling: Knowing what is "normal" helps detect abnormal (David Bills-Thompson, Port Fairy Coastal Group)
			Q & A
			Presentations Workshops Open Space

PROGRAM - DAY 1 - Thursday 13th June continued

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ROOMS: M12 & M13

ROOMS: M15 & M16

ROOM: CCH2

TIME	DURATION	SESSION	ROOM: CCH1	ROOM: CCH2	ROOMS: M15 & M16	ROOMS: M12 & M13
2:45PM	30 mins	Afternoon Tea	UPSTAIRS FOYER / BREAKOUT AREA	Get to know DELWP! - Land & Built Environment		
3:15PM	90 mins		Workshop #1	Risk Management Essential; Tools for Coastal Managers & Volunteers (VMA)	Workshop #3	Workshop #4
			Workshops	Updating the Coastal and Marine Management Plans Guidelines (Liz Patterson, DELWP)	Litter Watch & Beach Patrol Programs; Using phone Apps to record litter data (Kimberly MacDonald, Beach Patrol Australia & Litter Watch)	How to design quality projects; keeping both "citizen" and "science" in citizen science (Farn Charko, Port Phillip EcoCentre)

PROGRAM - DAY 2 - Friday 14th June

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TIME	DURATION	SESSION	ROOM: CCH1	TIME	DURATION	SESSION	ROOM: CCH2	TIME	SESSION		
4:45PM	90 mins	Network function	Day 1 Close	5:30PM	90 mins	Welcome & Opening	Tonic Bar - Opening with – (DELWP & VMACC)	9:00AM	15 mins	MC's Opening Address: Welcome and Day 1 recap (MC): Jennifer Fraser, VMACC Board Member	
9:15AM	30 mins	Workshop & Presentations, Open Space	Keynote 2: Leveraging partnerships to build knowledge (DELWP & Deakin University)	9:45AM	30 mins	Workshop #5 Chair: Suzie Coates, Aboriginal Employment & Cultural Safety, DELWP	Workshop #6	10:15AM	30 mins	25. Managing Wadawurrung Cultural Heritage on the coast (Wadawurrung)	
10:45AM	15 mins	Workshop & Presentations, Open Space	26. Traditional Owner's and Sea Country Q & A	11:00AM	30 mins	Coastal Reserves - Understanding Values and Uses (Robert Molloy, Victorian Environmental Assessment Council)	Possession, purpose and persistence – creative forward thinking for volunteers (Barbara Jacob, EnviroKids and volunteer networks)	11:30AM	40 mins	27. Communities and tides are shaping the future of the Queensland coastline (Elisa Zavadil, Alluvium)	
12:50PM	10 mins	Workshop & Presentations, Open Space	28. Share our Shores - Respect, Responsibilities & Rights (Maddie Glynn, Barwon Coast Committee of Management) Q & A	1:00PM	45 mins	Global Victoria: building inclusive, multicultural programs to connect with and protect coasts and waterways (April Seymour, Port Phillip EcoCentre)	How does your community want to be engaged on coastal issues? (Dr Martin Butcher, DELWP)	1:45PM	30 mins	The Future & Wrap Up	
3:15PM	30 mins	Workshop & Presentations, Open Space	MC: Colleen White, DELWP	Plenary Presentation: The changing nature of marine life in the Gippsland Lakes (Don Love, Friends of Beware Reef)	2:15PM	60 mins	Q&A Panel: Our Coastal Future; How can we collaborate to solve marine and coastal challenges in the face of climate change? Moderator: Rafael Epstein, ABC Radio	Moderator: Rafael Epstein, ABC Radio	3:15PM	15 mins	Closing Keynote Address: (Lee Miezis (DELWP), Anthony Boxshall (VMACC), Deirdre Griezma (Boss Coast SC), Katerina Gaita (Climate for Change))

Open Space

Workshops

Presentations

Thank you for attending the

2019 Victorian Marine and Coastal Forum

Your attendance and participation are greatly appreciated, and we hope you'll find the forum useful and informative.

All presentations will be made available on the forum website at the conclusion of the event.

We will also be conducting an online survey to identify what participants gained at the forum, inform next steps and to ensure that any future forums build on what was achieved at this event.

Participants will be contacted by email to undertake the survey, which will take 5-10 minutes to complete. Once compiled, survey results will be shared with all participants.

Again, thank you for attending.

We look forward to building productive partnerships for our future and gaining a better understanding of the Marine & Coastal Act 2018.

2019 VMCF Steering Group





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Acknowledgment

We acknowledge and respect Victorian Traditional Owners as the original custodians of Victoria's land and waters, their unique ability to care for Country and deep spiritual connection to it.

We honour Elders past and present whose knowledge and wisdom has ensured the continuation of culture and traditional practices.

We are committed to genuinely partner, and meaningfully engage, with Victoria's Traditional Owners and Aboriginal communities to support the protection of Country, the maintenance of spiritual and cultural practices and their broader aspirations in the 21st century and beyond.



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