GREAT OCEAN ROAD COAST COMMITTEE **OVERALL PLAN** Master plans provide us and our community with a POINT IMPOSSIBLE dynamic blueprint for a 10 to 15-year period. They set the vision and high-level actions to guide future TO JAN JUC use and development of an area and assist DRAFT MASTER PLAN long-term planning to ensure adequate resourcing of the coastal and marine environment. A new authority, the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (GORCPA), is due to commence in 2020 replacing GORCC and other land managers along the Great Ocean Road. orquay Sailing Club Fishermans Beach Plan 3 rquay Play Park Yellow Bluff Front Beach Plan 4 Point Danger Back Beach rquay SLSC Rocky Point JAN JUC Plan 5 Plan 6

Half Moon Bay

Plan 7

**Bells Beach Surfing Reserve** 

The development and implementation of the final master plan is subject to consultation outcomes, agency approval and funding. Each master plan is informed by community and stakeholder feedback and is approved by the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning, GORCC will present and advocate the final master plan to GORCPA for

DRAWING KEY

GORCC MANAGEMENT AREA

#### Vision:

Provide world-leading environmental management and coastal experiences while celebrating the rich social and cultural history and diversity of the foreshore reserves between Point Impossible and Jan Juc.

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## **Guiding Principles:**

Plan 1

- · Protecting and enhancing our natural environment and cultural heritage is of the highest priority.
- · Our coastal reserves have strong health, wellbeing, community, economic, and heritage benefits which support recreational and community enjoyment.
- · We provide the opportunity to enjoy our world-leading marine and coastal experiences that are affordable, inclusive and welcoming.
- · We foster partnerships and volunteerism by improving access and understanding, education and engagement.
- · Our activities and partnerships are built on mutual trust, open communication, collaboration and transparency.
- We use information and data and make evidence-based decisions.
- · We engage and consult with our communities and stakeholders to inform our planning.
- · We think long term, use strategic business planning tools and innovation to make the best use of our financial, human and physical resources.
- . Good governance is core to everything we do and who we are.

## Wadawurrung

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LANDSCAPE DESIGN

OVERALL PLAN

Whites Beach Plan 2

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee proudly acknowledges the Wadawurrung people as the traditional custodians of the land that now supports the Point Impossible to Jan Juc foreshore.

For thousands of generations, the Wadawurrung people cared for and protected the land and waters, including its heritage, cultural values and traditions.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and Elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside the Wadawurrung when planning for and managing the foreshore reserve.





POINT IMPOSSIBLE TO JAN JUC DRAFT MASTER PLAN

## PLAN 3 - FISHERMANS BEACH

Yellow Bluff

#### Key Values:

Fishermans Beach (Fishos) is one of our most popular beaches, with the beach access ramp enabling the use of watercraft such as boats and kayaks. Fishos is also a popular surf break when there is big swell.

The shallow waters with easy access to café and kiosk facilities are popular with families and dog walkers. The interface with Taylor Park facilitates active transport between the foreshore and residential areas.

Yellow Bluff playground is the largest playground on the foreshore and the shady picnic area is popular all year with residents and visitors.

#### **Key Considerations:**

The vertical Yellow Bluff limestone cliffs are vulnerable to erosion.

Recent and future residential growth will increase use of Fishos and Whites Beach by residents, placing pressure on existing facilities and amenities, including lawn areas, car parks and the popular Yellow Bluff playground which is almost twenty years

#### Objective:

Maintain Fishermans Beach as a place for active recreation, small-scale events and boating by upgrading existing facilities to accommodate increasing popularity and use.

#### Proposed Improvements:

#### Short term (1-3 years)

- 1 Upgrade existing beach access stairs at Deep Creek and connect path to car park.
- Reconfigure Fishermans Beach car park, including safe and efficient layout, sealed surface and short-term vehicle drop-off area. Include shade trees and water sensitive urban
- (3) Investigate options with Surf Coast Shire and implement measures to upgrade the stormwater outlet at Fishermans Beach in accordance with current best practice.
- Provide additional picnic, BBQ facilities and shade trees near the Torquay Sailing Club and Darian Road car park.
- (5) Upgrade the Fishermans Beach Viewing Platform (pop-up bar) to provide an all-weather restaurant for year-round use.

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Fishermans Beach

#### Medium term (4-7 years)

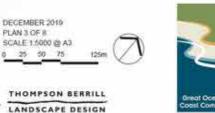
- (6) Support the Torquay Sailing Club to investigate current and future use and capacity. Upgrade facilities while minimising impacts to dunes, native vegetation and habitat, and Aboriginal
- Redevelop Yellow Bluff playground and upgrade picnic facilities while protecting and strengthening important stands of Moonah. Incorporate natural materials and colours, integrated artwork and nature-based play.
- (8) In partnership with Life Saving Victoria, investigate the need for additional surf lifesaving facilities and beach patrols at Fishermans Beach. Implement preferred options.

#### Long term (8+ years)

(9) Upgrade the amenity block at Cowrie Road car park and the Torquay Sailing Club to incorporate best practice sustainable design and initiatives such as solar and water capture and re-use.

#### Ongoing

- (10) Support continued use lawn areas for small scale events, while maintaining equitable access
- (11) Retain year round off-leash dog area north of Deep Creek and timeshare area at Fishermans Beach in the short to medium term, while improving signage. Support Surf Coast Shire to monitor, review and implement dog regulations as required.
- (12) Monitor cliff stability at Yellow Bluff and allow natural coastal process to occur, including erosion and shoreline recession.
- (13) Continue weed control and dune revegetation in partnership with local community groups.
- (14) Establish shade trees while retaining views.





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Whites Beach

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GORCC MANAGEMENT AREA

FUTURE SEALED PATH EXISTING SEALED PATH

UNSEALED COAST WALKING

VEHICLE ACCESS TO BEACH

**BOAT ACCESS RAMP** OTHER UNSEALED PATHS

INFORMAL TRACKS

BEACH ACCESS STAIRS

BOARDWALK

**EXISTING FENCING** EMERGENCY MARKER

P GORCC CAR PARK

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#### DRAWING KEY

GORCC MANAGEMENT AREA

FUTURE SEALED PATH

SEALED COAST WALKING PATH



UNSEALED COAST WALKING



VEHICLE ACCESS TO BEACH



BOAT ACCESS RAMP MARINE SANCTUARY



OTHER UNSEALED PATHS BEACH ACCESS STAIRS



**EXISTING FENCE** 



**EMERGENCY MARKER** 



GORCC CAR PARK



DISABLED PARKING



PUBLIC TOILETS O→ LOOKOUT

# PLAN 4 - TORQUAY FRONT BEACH

#### Key Values:

Open lawn areas, mature native and exotic trees at Torquay Front Beach and Elephant Walk attract large crowds and host a range of community and private events throughout the year.

The network of sealed walking tracks and numerous beach access points provide important public open space and connection to and from the Torquay town

Cosy Corner is popular with young families and swimmers due to its gentle waves, shallow water, and BBQ and picnic facilities under a shady Moonah canopy.

Point Danger is an important ANZAC memorial and forms an important part of the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. The adjacent Point Danger Marine Sanctuary protects significant marine and intertidal values, and is also popular for kitesurfing, windsurfing, and surfing.

### **Key Considerations:**

The cliffs at Point Danger and existing timber and bluestone sea walls and groynes at Cosy Corner are vulnerable to erosion and impacts from climate change.

The existing flat path network and car parking at Cosy Corner provide a level of access not possible in other areas with steep cliffs and stairs.

Continued development of Torquay and the greater Geelong area, coupled with increasing tourism will place pressure on the foreshore and beach.

## Objective:

Maintain the historic landscaped character of Torquay Front Beach and Point Danger while improving access and facilities to accommodate increasing visitors and off-season events.

#### Proposed Improvements:

#### Short term (1-3 years)

- 1) Provide a new DDA compliant path and ramp onto the beach at Cosy Corner, Investigate community desire and trial the use of accessible beaches infrastructure and wheelchair.
- 2 Upgrade the existing beach shower to include best-practice water re-capture and use.
- (3) Investigate coastal processes and implement erosion mitigation using best-practice design and engineering between 65W and 62W.
- Upgrade the seawall promenade path to provide universal access from Cosy Corner to 62W and improve links to Gilbert Street considering future coastal processes and climate change.
- (5) Establish short-term vehicle drop off areas to reduce reliance on cars and foreshore car parking.

#### Medium term (4-7 years)

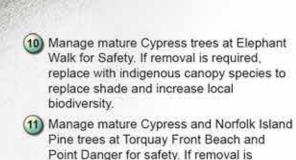
- (6) Upgrade amenity block at Cosy Corner to incorporate best practice sustainable design and initiatives such as solar, water capture and re-use and an accessible changing place facility.
- Use revegetation and shade planting to improve parking efficiency in grassy overflow parking areas.

#### Long term (8+ years)

(8) Redevelop Torquay Front Beach playground to focus on natural materials, integrated artwork and nature-based play and nearby upgrade picnic facilities.

#### Ongoing

Retain existing no dog area at Cosy Corner and Point Danger, and timeshare area towards Yellow Bluff in the short to medium term, while improving signage. Support Surf Coast Shire to monitor, review and implement dog regulations as required.



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Front

Beach

Cosy Corner

**Point Danger** 

Point Danger Marine Sanctuary

- required, replace with the same species. (12) Support Parks Victoria to manage and protect the Point Danger Marine Sanctuary.
- (13) Support continued use of lawn areas for events, while maintaining equitable access and use.
- (14) Continue weed control and dune revegetation in partnership with Friends of Cosy Corner and other community groups.
- (15) Establish shade trees while retaining views.
- (16) Stage the removal of coast tea-tree and replace with Moonah.
- (17) Monitor cliff stability and allow natural coastal process to occur at Point Danger.





Yellow Bluff

# GREAT OCEAN ROAD COAST COMMITTEE POINT IMPOSSIBLE TO JAN JUC DRAFT MASTER PLAN DRAWING KEY

## PLAN 5 - BACK BEACH AND TORQUAY COMMON

#### Key Values:

Torquay Back Beach is a popular surfing and ocean beach with the support of the Torquay Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC). Set between the prominent limestone headlands of Point Danger and Rocky Point, large grassy terraces provide views of the surf break at Rocky Point. Voss car park provides the most car spaces within the Point Impossible to Jan

Spring Creek and the estuary provide important brackish and freshwater habitat and is popular for fishing, canoe/kayaking and stand up paddle boarding.

Spring Creek forms the natural western boundary of Torquay Common, a series of large open grassy areas with exotic trees used for events and overflow

#### **Key Considerations:**

Continued development of Torquay and the greater Geelong area, coupled with increasing tourism is placing pressure on the foreshore, existing facilities and surf lifesaving club.

The Torquay Family Caravan Park, with 300 visitor sites is a significant contributor to the use of Torquay Back Beach over summer.

Torquay Common is under increasing demand for frequent, large community events. Due to existing natural and built assets, there is limited opportunity or space to expand car parking to support these

#### Proposed Improvements:

#### Short term (1-3 years)

- (1) Use revegetation and shade planting to improve parking efficiency in overflow parking areas.
- (2) Realign paths in Torquay Common adjacent to Spring Creek to increase riparian vegetation buffers while retaining access to existing fishing and launch platforms.
- (3) Monitor the use of the amenity block at Voss car park. Decommission or replace to incorporate best practice sustainable design and initiatives such as solar, and water capture and re-use.

#### Medium term (4-7 years)

- (4) Landscape and upgrade the picnic area to the north of the surf lifesaving club, including rotunda, BBQ facilities and general landscaping.
- (5) Redevelop Torquay Common playground to focus on natural materials, integrated artwork and nature-based play and upgrade nearby picnic facilities.

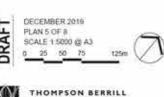
#### Long term (8+ years)

- (6) Upgrade the amenity block in Torquay Common to incorporate best practice sustainable design and initiatives such as solar, and water capture and re-use.
- Upgrade picnic and information shelter at the corner of Surf Beach Drive.

#### Ongoing

- (8) Support the Torquay Surf Life Saving Club, to provide upgraded surf lifesaving facilities at Torquay Back Beach.
- (9) Retain existing dog timeshare area in the short to medium term, while improving signage. Support Surf Coast Shire to monitor, review and implement dog regulations as required.
- (10) Support continued use of Torquay Common for
- (11) Continue weed control and revegetation in partnership with community groups.
- (12) Establish shade trees in Torquay Common.
- (13) Maintain efficient and usable pedestrian access between the Torquay Family Caravan Park and the Back Beach.
- (14) Stage the removal of coast tea-tree and replace with Moonah





LANDSCAPE DESIGN



GREAT OCEAN ROAD COAST COMMITTEE PLAN 6 - JAN JUC Key Values: **Key Considerations:** POINT IMPOSSIBLE DRAWING KEY The steep rocky limestone cliffs and bluffs at Jan Juc The cliff top walk between Rocky Point and Jan Juc Three tier car park provides the primary parking and TO JAN JUC provide a series of iconic point and reef surf breaks. SLSC is eroding and climate change will challenge beach access points to Jan Juc Beach. The timber GORCC MANAGEMENT AREA DRAFT MASTER PLAN The recently redeveloped Jan Juc Surf Life Saving viewing platforms and lookouts provide sweeping maintaining safe and sustainable access to the UNSEALED COAST WALKING Club (SLSC) patrols the main beach which consists views of the cliffs and beach breaks. These platforms beach and surf breaks. of rocky reefs, shifting sand and rips. are particularly important for people with limited Primary and secondary dunes contain Coastal Dune mobility to view the ocean and cliff landscape. OTHER UNSEALED PATHS The cliff top route of the Surf Coast Walk linking Scrub vegetation and woody weeds such as Tea-tree Torquay to Jan Juc provides elevated views of the and Sallow Wattle. The dunes are often used as BEACH ACCESS STAIRS water, sheltered bays and exposed headlands. camp sites and hard rubbish is an ongoing issue. BOARDWALK Car parking at Jan Juc is limited. --- EXISTING FENCE VEHICLE ACCESS TO BEACH **EMERGENCY MARKER** P GORCC CAR PARK DISABLED PARKING T PUBLIC TOILETS Q→ LOOKOUTS Jan Jue AVENUE Torquey Colf Course OCEAN REFER TO PLAN Objective: Protect the natural landscape of Jan Juc beach and clifftop vegetation by managing the area for conservation while ensuring the sustainable Jan Juc long-term use of the Surf Coast Walk, access to Beach the beach and surf breaks, and minimising Back Beach additional built form and infrastructure. Medium term (4-7 years) Investigate options to realign the Surf Coast Ongoing Proposed Improvements: Walk between Rocky Point and Jan Juc SLSC to Retain existing year-round dog improve long term sustainability while retaining Short term (1-3 years) off-lead area in the short to medium term views and minimising impacts on heritage and 1 Upgrade low-key signage at Rocky Point to at Rocky Point, and timeshare area at Jan Juc biodiversity values. improve visitor understanding and appreciation while improving signage. Support Surf Coast (5) Review and improve pedestrian links within of Wadawurrung heritage and environmental Shire to monitor, review and implement dog **Rocky Point** three tier car park. regulations as required. (2) Investigate options to upgrade the Jan Juc (8) Continue weed control and revegetation in Long term (8+ years) DECEMBER 2019 PLAN 6 OF 8 SLSC car park to improve drainage, accessible partnership with Jan Juc Coast Action and other Monitor and review the use of the car park at SCALE 1 5000 @ A3 parking, and vehicle movement. community groups. Bird Rock. Redesign to consider coastal erosion (9) Monitor cliff stability and allow natural coastal (3) Upgrade the Bird Rock lookout to restrict and cliff recession to facilitate the safe pedestrian access to unstable cliff areas. realignment of the Surf Coast Walk. process to occur. THOMPSON BERRILL LANDSCAPE DESIGN

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The steep rocky limestone cliffs and bluffs between Jan Juc and Bells Beach provide a series of iconic point and reef breaks.

The Surf Coast Walk is the only link in this isolated and rugged section. Steep cliffs, thick coastal headland vegetation, and the lack of development maintain the iconic natural character of the area.

#### **Key Considerations:**

There is only one small car park and the recently replaced steps provide the only access to the water and surf breaks at the base of steep cliffs.

The base of the cliffs are eroding and impacts from rising sea levels and storm surge increase challenges to maintaining and replacing lookouts and access stairs.

# PLAN 7 - JAN JUC TO BELLS BEACH

#### Objective:

Maintain the natural and rugged landscape and biodiversity values of the Jan Juc clifftops, by managing the area for conservation and restricting new built form and infrastructure.

#### Proposed Improvements:

#### Short term (1-3 years)

1 Monitor and review the use of the amenity block at Bird Rock. Decommission or relocate and redesign to incorporate best practice sustainable design and initiatives such as solar, composting capabilities and water capture and re-use.

#### Ongoing

- 2 Retain existing dog timeshare area in the short to medium term, while improving signage. Support Surf Coast Shire to monitor, review and implement dog regulations as required.
- 3 Continue weed control and revegetation in partnership with Jan Juc Coast Action and other community groups.
- (4) Monitor cliff stability and allow natural coastal process to occur.

#### DRAWING KEY

GORCC MANAGEMENT AREA

UNSEALED COAST WALKING

OTHER UNSEALED PATHS

BEACH ACCESS STAIRS

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