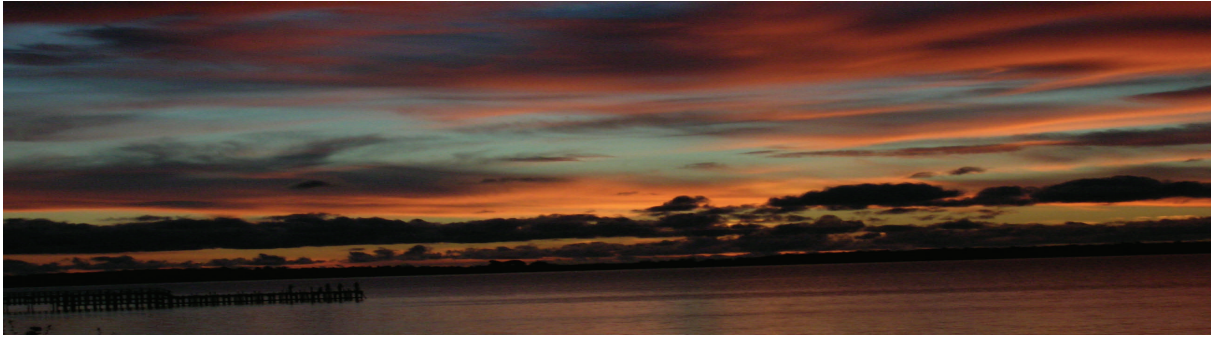


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Grantville & District Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management Newsletter

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The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) recently submitted a recommendation to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to appoint a Foreshore Reserve Committee to manage the 7 kilometres of Foreshore Reserve between Queensferry Jetty Rd, Grantville and The Gurdies.

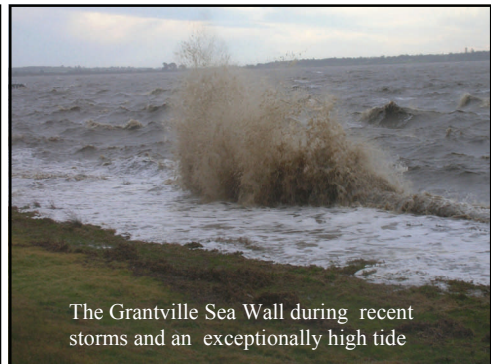
Eleven Committee members have now been selected to form what will be known as **The Grantville and District Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management**. The 11 members were chosen because of their skill mix, their keen interest and their knowledge of this area. They have been appointed by the Minister for Environment and Climate Change for a 3 year period.

While the aim of this newsletter is to keep you informed of the Committees activities meetings of the Foreshore Committee will be held on the 2nd Friday of the month at 7pm commencing in February 2010 and you are welcome to attend.

Committee members are:

Eric Hornsby	(Chair)	Mobile: 0447 164 055
Dianne Goeman	(Secretary)	Phone: 5678 8059
Bob Street	(Treasurer)	
John Spencer	(Vice Chair)	

Kevin Chambers	Glenise O'Dwyer
Roger Hayhurst	Dawn Powell
Kathleen Hopkins	Thien Tran
Tina Mayling	



The Grantville Sea Wall during recent storms and an exceptionally high tide

Key attributes of the Committee are interest and enthusiasm, a commitment to caring, protecting and managing the use of the Grantville & District Foreshore Reserve and maximizing community involvement and participation.

It is the Community itself that is the committee's main focus and we are keen to ensure that the reserve is used, enjoyed and appreciated by all so the management plan must take account of your views.

So, please help us by completing the survey on the following page

Completed forms should be returned to Foreshore Committee Secretary by Friday the 29th January, 2010.

If you have any queries about the Foreshore Reserve these should be directed to either the **Committee Chair** or the **Committee Secretary**. Eric Hornsby or Dianne Goeman

What is a Committee of Management and what is its role?

The Committee of Management gains its powers under the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978. These powers enable the Committee to: manage and develop the reserve and undertake financial transactions.

The objective of the Committee is to provide the community with the best possible reserve management in accordance with the provisions of the Act. It will be responsible for the day to day management, care, improvement and protection of the reserve on behalf of both the local community and the wider Victorian community.

Developing a Management Plan

One of the first things the committee must do is to develop a management plan which will identify the actions that need to be taken both now and in the future, this plan will be a vital tool for the committee to secure the funds necessary to do the things that will need doing!

The Committee is currently exploring the foreshore area which falls under its jurisdiction, that is the area between Queensferry Jetty Rd and the Gurdies to ascertain areas of particular concern.



Erosion is a considerable problem in several areas along the foreshore and the Committee is currently looking into the options that are available and proven successful in preventing further erosion.

Some unsuccessful attempts to curb erosion can be seen in these photos.

If you have ideas, photos or historical information about our foreshore that you think would be interesting to feature in a future newsletter please contact us.



'HAVE YOUR SAY'

1. Managing the Foreshore Reserve

What do you believe are the most important issues in managing and protecting the area between Queensferry Jetty Rd and the Gurdies? We have included below some matters of concern but you may well have others!

Rising sea levels (Water levels rising and entering privately owned properties)

Which area/s in particular?.....

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Erosion (Foreshore being 'eaten away' by sea water)

Which area/s in particular?.....

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Litter and other rubbish (many items have been dumped in the reserve or abandoned there)

Which area/s in particular?.....

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Unauthorised removal of native vegetation

Which area/s? Which vegetation?.....

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Weeds

Which area/s in particular?.....

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Loss of native vegetation

Which area/s? Which vegetation?.....

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2. What are your views?

Do you have comments or suggestions to deal with the issues identified on the previous page?
Is there anything else you would like to bring to the Committee's attention?

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3. Recreational use of the Foreshore Reserve

What is your recreational use of the foreshore reserve?

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Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

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If there is insufficient room for your comments please feel free to add additional pages to this survey. If other members of your family would like to complete a separate survey additional copies are available at the Grantville Transaction Centre.

Please complete and return this survey by Friday, 29th January 2010. It can be dropped into the Foreshore Committee Survey box located at the Grantville Post Office or sent by mail to: Dianne Goeman
Secretary, Grantville & District Foreshore Reserve CoM
Box 6, Grantville Post Office, Victoria, 3984