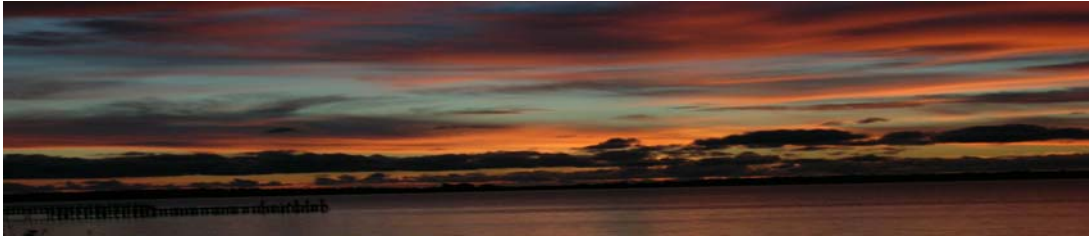


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Welcome to the third edition of the Grantville and District Foreshore Committee (GADFC) Newsletter.

## COMMITTEE AT WORK

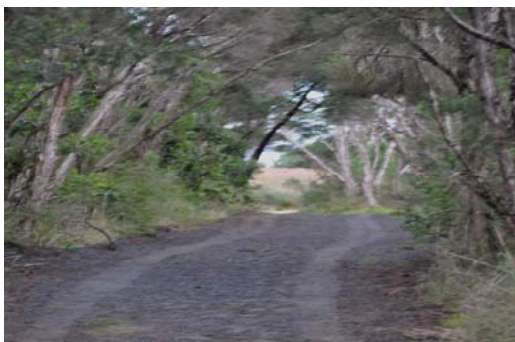
Since the last Newsletter the Committee has been busy.



Chair Eric Hornsby assisting with Gorse removal at Pioneer Bay

## FREDERICK DRIVE FORESHORE

Repair to the Frederick Drive foreshore access track (pictured below) and weed removal on the Frederick Drive and Pioneer Bay Foreshore reserves were undertaken. This was made possible by a grant from the Port Philip & Westernport Catchment Management Authority.



The Committee is very thankful to our valued member Ms Kathy Hopkins for her fantastic efforts with both overseeing and undertaking work on the Frederick Drive track. We would also like to acknowledge Mr Alan George, DonMix and Mr Robbie Vigiletti for their valuable contributions to the track repair work.

## PIONEER BAY

The Committee has recently submitted a Coastcare Grant application in the hope of receiving funds to install a boardwalk at Pioneer Bay. Boardwalk access will assist locals to reach the sandy beach area of the foreshore without having to trample on important salt marsh vegetation. It is envisaged that the boardwalk would also include educational signage about the important mangrove and saltmarsh vegetation in the area and its ecological significance.

## PRESENTATION TO GRANTVILLE AND DISTRICT RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION (GADRA)

Our Chair Mr Eric Hornsby and Secretary Ms Dianne Goeman presented the newly formed Constitution to attendees at the GADRA meeting on Friday, 28 May 2010 and described how the Committee were currently addressing each of these objectives.

The Committee were congratulated for its excellent presentation and also for what it has achieved in such a short space of time.

### **REMOVAL OF DEAD TREES**

In order to protect the public from possible injury while using the foreshore the dead trees between Colbert Creek and Deep Creek have been removed. The Bass Coast Shire has been asked to look into immediate options to help to prevent further erosion at this sight and also at the base of the stairs at Colbert Creek.



### **THE FAILED SEA WALL**

A Coastal Engineer with considerable experience has been contracted to develop a concept design to remove the old sea wall at Malcolm Drive and to mitigate further erosion at that site. Once the design has been approved by the Department of Environment & Sustainability (DSE) and the Foreshore Committee it will be put on display for public comment. Surveyors have recently visited the Malcolm Drive beach in order to take measurements and map the area involved.

### **THE COMMITTEE'S CONSTITUTION**

Crown land reserve (ie the foreshore) is public land that has been set aside for

public purposes for the enjoyment and benefit of the people of Victoria and the Committees obligations under the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 are the: responsibility and authority to manage, improve, maintain and control the reserve.

The Committee has recently finalised their Constitution based on its responsibility as Crown Land managers as set out above and on the views that the Community has identified as important. Our Aim and Objectives are therefore:

#### **AIM:**

To improve the management of the foreshore reserve for the benefit of the broader community and the longer term conservation of the foreshore environment.

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Improving community awareness through increased consultation and information sharing.
- Improving public access and amenity
- Identification and removal of weeds
- Removal of unauthorized objects and litter from foreshore
- Construction or repair of sea walls found to be necessary
- Removal of debris from collapsed sea wall
- Supporting strategic solutions to tackle erosion including sea grass replanting and mangrove revegetation in non-residential areas: ie no plantings along the Frederick Drv Foreshore and the area north of Grantville Jetty to the end of Malcolm Drive.