



Welcome to Walkerville. The Foreshore Committee has prepared this newsletter to bring you up to date on recent activities and current issues.

The foreshore

Landscape design work was undertaken for the section of foreshore from the Hall to the south end of Bayside Drive. Two community forums were held and a range of written submissions received. The Committee is currently considering design details and funding opportunities. The narrow nature of the foreshore reserve is a major constraint.

An option of constructing low offshore rock reefs to reduce wave impacts is also being considered as an erosion control measure. Substantial sand is lost in front of the caravan park during storms.

Access to the beach for boat launching has been improved with the track down to the beach at North upgraded, and some rocks removed to assist manoeuvring neat the Bluff. Weed control work continued along the foreshore.

Signs along the foreshore will be reviewed and upgrade in the next year or two. The possibility of formalising a path along Bayside Drive will also be considered. We recommend the beach to avoid mingling with traffic.

Restoring heritage structures at South Walkerville

An experienced stonemason repaired historic stone walls at South for the Committee, and continued repair work on the kilns for Parks Victoria. The NHT CoastAction/Coastcare Program provided \$1000 towards the work (thanks Bruce Atkins at DSE). Some new interpretive



signs are proposed for the area.

Kelvin McQueen rebuilding the original stone wall at the Coffee Palace site (Elizabeth Landy photo)

Planning for the future

A revised overall plan for Victoria's coast – the *Victorian Coastal Strategy* - was released in December by the State Government. The strategy gives special attention to climate change, population growth and protecting marine ecology.

At the local level, the *Walkerville Foreshore Reserve Management Plan, 2001*, will be reviewed during the year, including consideration of policies in the Victorian Coastal Strategy, and local issues including conservation and recreation.

Dogs – go and no go

Increasing numbers of dogs on the foreshore have caused problems for visitors and residents. Dogs must now be on leads as indicated by signs along the foreshore.

Dogs are not permitted in the caravan park or in Cape Liptrap Coastal Park which includes the Kilns/Bluff area and most of the bush behind Walkerville.

Trees and safety

An arborist's report commissioned by the committee recommended substantial tree removal and limb trimming to minimise the risk of falling limbs in the caravan park. This work was undertaken recently, but campers should always take care camping near mature trees.



Vehicles on the beach

Victorian law does not permit vehicles on beaches except in special cases. At Walkerville, vehicles are permitted on beaches while launching and retrieving boats and other water craft. They are not permitted to park on the beach or travel between Walkerville North and South. Please help by following these regulations.

Committee contact

You are welcome to contact members of the Foreshore Committee about foreshore issues or write to the Secretary: Chelsea Taylor, 17 Walkerville South Rd, Cape Liptrap, Via Tarwin Lower 3956.

Caravan Park News

Caravan Park Managers

Abigail and Cam Walker have settled in well and continue to manage the caravan park successfully on behalf of the foreshore committee. They will be working hard to help you enjoy your stay in the caravan park.

The Store

Amanda continues to manage the Store for the convenience of campers, visitors and residents - and it saves a lot of fuel to shop locally!



Water conservation

Walkerville has had reasonable rain this year but please continue to minimise use. Follow signs regarding showers and limit other uses.

The local water supply is not treated and boiling is recommended for drinking water.

Vehicles on sites

We have had some overcrowding with excessive vehicle parking in the caravan park. Please comply with regulations which permit a maximum of 2 vehicles per site (plus up to one boat trailer). This will be policed this season.

Recycling and bins

The committee has been concerned for some time about the limited recycling systems at Walkerville and has met with representatives from the Shire and other organisations to identify ways of providing better services.

We have not made great progress in 2008, but expect the Shire to develop new policies and practices in 2009. We will then upgrade our handling of recycled material at the caravan park.

In the short term, rubbish bins in the caravan park will be grouped near toilet blocks to improve hygiene and the aluminium can recycling trailer will continue. All campers are requested to put their food scraps etc in tied plastic bags before putting in bins.

cardboard/papers and take to the tip for recycling when you are travelling nearby. There is no charge for these recycling materials.

Rubbish bins have been removed from the rest of foreshore and visitors are requested to take their rubbish home. Fishers: please do not clean fish and leave the remains on the beach – leave the beach as you find it.

Playground

We have a number of requests for improvements to the playground in the caravan park. The committee applied for government funds to repair/replace fittings and has so far been unsuccessful. It was decided recently to proceed with improvements even if external funding is not received. The work will be undertaken in the first half of 2009.



Beach access

The committee has undertaken work during the year to improve access to the beach. Sand erosion has changed beach profiles and new steps have been constructed to help provide safe access.

Walking at Walkerville

There are plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors at Walkerville. Try:

- Walking south along the beach (or along the bush track) from North to South, and (at low tide) beyond Bird Rock past the rock pools to Wyberg's Cave.
- Walking north along the beach to Waratah Bay beach and township, and beyond to Sandy Point.
- Taking the bush walk from the caravan park up the hill to Prom Views, and along the side track to the scenic lookout point.
- Driving to Cape Liptrap and strolling to the lighthouse and lookout.

See also the *Cape Liptrap Coastal Park Parknotes* leaflet for information on walks in the park.

Enjoy your stay!

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You can also help by joining with other campers to collect bottles and