

# DROMANA FORESHORE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

## FOCUS NEWSLETTER 2022-2023

The past twelve months have brought the Dromana Foreshore Committee many challenges and successes. The committee works throughout the year to maintain a safe, healthy, and tidy reserve for residents, visitors, and holidaymakers. We are fortunate to have in our employ Rangers who are committed to their work and go above and beyond the call of duty.

Our funds come from boatshed/bathing box fees, caravan park sites and transfer fees that follow the sale of boatsheds.

Boatshed ownership on public land is both a privilege and a responsibility and the committee works closely with owners to ensure that any works they carry out are in keeping with our regulations. Unfortunately, many boatshed owners continue to perform illegal works on their boatsheds. The DFCOM operates under the guidance of the DEECA (Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action). When the Committee makes any decisions concerning boatsheds and bathing boxes, we are enacting State Government policy.

Any license agreement can be revoked if license conditions are not adhered to. Boatshed owners also need to be reminded that they cannot remove any vegetation from around their boatshed – if you deem any vegetation removal necessary, please contact our secretary via email. Please remember, should you wish to carry out any external works, then you must request permission in writing. There have been several occasions in the last year when boatshed owners have not kept their contact details up to date with the committee and we have been unable to forward important information – this is particularly problematic when the issue is vandalism or a break in. In your own interest, we urge owners to supply the Committee secretary immediately with a current email address and mobile phone number, if you have not already done so, or with any changes of address etc.

Later this year there will be a few vacancies on the Dromana Foreshore Committee, and I encourage you to consider becoming involved in this dedicated and dynamic collective. Please contact our secretary if you are interested in receiving an Expressions of Interest pack.

We are proud to be entrusted with the stewardship of the Dromana Foreshore.....A beautiful part of the world all year round.

*Julie Allan, Chairperson*



During the 2022 year our secretary managed the enormous task of preparing, collating and mailing the new 10-year licence agreement for boatsheds and bathing boxes within our reserve. This was a challenging process, and we thank boatshed and bathing box owners for their patience during this process.

Unfortunately, we have a number of boatshed owners who have forgotten to pay outstanding licence fees for prior years, and this means that no new licence will be signed off by the required DEECA officer until payment is made. In essence, these owners no longer have a licence and unless payment is received, they risk losing what is a valuable asset. If you receive a notice showing an outstanding amount for prior years and you believe that you have made a payment, please review your records prior to contacting our secretary to resolve.

We appreciate the majority of owners who assist us in paying their licence fees on time which allows our staff to devote time to maintaining our beautiful foreshore rather than chasing outstanding debts.

*Mark Barson, Treasurer*

## Out and About



Annual Boat Shed Award Winner

The Dromana Foreshore Committee of Management acknowledge and pay respect to the Bunurong / BoonWurrung people as the original custodians of Dromana foreshore land and waters.

As the weather turns colder, many people are still enjoying using our Dromana Foreshore. Whatever the weather or the number of people on the foreshore our rangers continue working to ensure all facilities are clean and in good working order; infrastructure is maintained; grass is cut and planting of plants, indigenous to our area, continues. Thank you to our Ranger whose dedication to the foreshore ensures that everything is done to provide a safe environment for all to use whilst balancing this with looking after our natural environment for future generations to enjoy.

Many people use the foreshore bay trail to walk their dogs and it has been pleasing to see an increased number of dogs on leads. Unfortunately, many dogs on our beach are still off lead. Whether on the bay trail or the beach, dogs are required to be on a lead at all times. Should you wish to express your concerns about dogs off lead, please contact the MPSC on 1300 850 600 and not DFCM. Thank you to the boat shed and bathing box owners who have removed asbestos and for keeping their sheds in good repair.

Congratulations! Our annual Boat Shed Award for 2022 was awarded to Number 75. The winner receives their public liability insurance paid for by the DFCM and a plaque to display.

## Caravan Park News

Our Caravan Park once again welcomed guests from 1st December 2022 to 30 April 2023. The Caravan Park manager assisted arrivals with the provision of welcome packs and the checking of electrical connections and fire safety requirements.

It is an important requirement of our park registration that caravans and annexes are placed within the marked boundaries of their allocated sites.

Last year the Dromana Foreshore Committee of Management were fortunate enough to receive a grant from the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council for the specific purpose of acquiring an automated external defibrillator (AED). To ensure the widest availability on the foreshore whilst minimising opportunity for vandalism, this device has been secured within the laundry facility at our toilet block T2 which is toward the Western end of the Caravan Park. It is important that as many people as possible are aware of the location of this device for use in an emergency. The location of the AED has been registered with Ambulance Victoria as available to the public from 1<sup>st</sup> December until 30<sup>th</sup> April between the hours of 9am and 6pm. Obviously Caravan Park residents will have access to the device 24 hours per day during these months using their toilet key. Let's hope we never have the need to use it!

Once again, we ask all Caravan Park residents to respect the fact that we are located on Crown Land and as such, our park is a public space and is open to the general public at all times.

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