

2001 – 2020



Previous community conversations

- Conversations about coastal management at St Clair-St Kilda have been happening for some time. In the past, these conversations tended to focus on reactive work and there was no long-term plan or vision for the coast. In the absence of a long-term plan, engineering solutions of the past sought to fix an issue at one location rather than considering the impact on the overall coastal environment.
- What people have told us in the past is still important and we have incorporated this early feedback into our current thinking.

MAR – AUG 2020



“What matters most?” Beginning to create a long-term vision for the coast

- A new round of conversations began in March 2020, with a renewed focus and commitment to work with the community on how we can better look after the coast.
- We started by asking “what matters most” to people about the coast. Taking a step back and finding out what the community truly valued about the area helped us to identify options that, over time, will over time, solve multiple issues, build resilience, and create new opportunities for recreation and environmental benefits along this coast.
- Despite some disruptions as a result of Covid-19, we received plenty of feedback online and then face-to-face once restrictions were eased.

SEPT – DEC 2020



The community's aspirations for the coast become clear

- The first round of feedback on “what matters most” showed that people valued a wide range of uses and activities along the coast.
- Based on the main themes to emerge (recreation, erosion, access and environment), we then explored the management approaches on offer for the coast and looked to test how different approaches might align (or not) with the feedback received from the community.
- We sought feedback on these approaches online and at community workshops, but also in more creative ways such as printmaking sessions.

FEB – MAR 2021



Visualising what could be possible

- We now have a very good understanding of what people value about the coast and would like to see change.
- This understanding has allowed us to develop ways of managing the coast that, over time, are most likely to achieve the outcomes that people have said they would like to see.
- The community gave feedback in early 2021. Online surveys, workshops, events and other opportunities were available to learn more and get involved.

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How do we keep the conversations going beyond March 2021?

- This is a long-term plan and it will be most effective if the DCC and community continues to work together to transform and improve the coast.
- It is important to us that we continue the conversations we have had so far. Please let us know how we can stay connected as we work together to implement this plan.