

Protecting a community asset

As a means to addressing the ongoing management of important community assets, Council has reached an agreement with the Sandy Point Foreshore Committee of Management (CoM) for Council to apply to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to become the CoM of part of the Sandy Point Foreshore.

The area Council will apply to manage comprises the public amenities, barbecue facility and picnic tables.

The decision follows consultation with DELWP and representatives of the Sandy Point Foreshore CoM – who indicated their preference for Council to become the Committee of Management for that part of the foreshore.

Acting Director Sustainable Communities and Infrastructure, John Moylan, said the decision removes the ambiguity of who is responsible for the facilities.

“The Sandy Point Foreshore CoM is fully responsible for the upkeep of the facilities including cleaning, building maintenance and renewal, and utility costs. Council has no formal building or cleaning management arrangements for the facilities,” he explained.

“Even though this is the case, Council’s Public Amenities team has always attended to the cleaning and Council’s Building Maintenance team is often called by the Foreshore CoM members, our Public Amenities team, or the public to attend to maintenance issues in what might be a historical arrangement that goes back sometime before amalgamations.

Council’s Parks and Gardens team has always maintained that area of the foreshore and surrounding facilities, including the barbecues and picnic tables. It makes sense for all involved to formalise this arrangement with Council becoming the Committee of Management.”

The cost to replace the facilities is estimated at \$180,000, of which Council has now allocated in the 2016/17 Capital Works Program.

Photo caption: Locality plan of the facilities.

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