

Victoria's Great Outdoors

Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park

Planning for the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park is underway

Since our last update in February 2020, Victorian communities have been further impacted by bushfires and now the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 has resulted in reduced sitting days for parliament, and we now expect that the Bill, that will formally create the new Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park, to be before parliament in 2021.

The work to plan and design the new park is still be undertaken and is on track. Parks Victoria will soon award the contract to commence the Access and Infrastructure Plan, and this significant report is expected to be completed in early 2021.

Current tasks

The former Wonthaggi Rifle Range has been identified as a potential addition to the park in the future. This land has many similar environmental values to the adjacent Wonthaggi Heathlands Nature Conservation Reserve which is within the Stage 1 boundary of the new park.

Since 2005 local conservation volunteers have worked together to carry out significant rehabilitation work on the rifle range land. A revegetation program was funded by the federal government as part of the Commonwealth Games carbon offset program. However, due to its previous land use, detailed contamination assessments are now required before the land can be included in the new park.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) has commissioned local environmental consultants, Prensa, to complete a preliminary contamination assessment of the rifle range so we can understand the location and extent of any contamination from its historical use. Recommendations will identify requirements for further investigations and inform the development of a management plan for the site. This will

enable Park Victoria to manage the land appropriately, particularly as we hope it will become part of the new park.



Image: rock platforms at Harmers Haven

Stakeholder engagement

DELWP undertook broad consultation in 2019 with stakeholders and the community about the creation of the new park. Stakeholders were very supportive and expressed interest in the local environmental values, cultural heritage and visitor access.

Due to coronavirus (COVID-19) our plans for face to face engagement activities have been dashed. Virtual tools will be used for community engagement while COVID-19 physical distancing measures are in force. Meanwhile, we are working on a new website for the project, and we will let you know when it is available.

Parks Victoria will soon be running engagement activities relating to the Access and Infrastructure Plan, and stakeholders will hear directly from Parks Victoria about this.

Further information

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