

Sandringham Beach and Gardens Master Plan

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT

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REV	DATE	AMENDMENT
C	19/01/2016	Amended as per meeting with Simon Finlay and Amy Weir 9/12/16
B	24/11/2016	Draft Masterplan consultation added
A	7/12/2015	Draft for comment

1. Consultation Process

1.1 Stakeholder consultation during the analysis phase

Community consultation at the analysis phase included:

- **Review of previous consultation**
Community consultation and Council endorsed recommendations and priorities arising from the *Bayside Coastal Management Plan 2014*, *Jetty Road Path Improvement Project 2014*, *Bayside Open Space Strategy 2012* and *Sandringham Foreshore Management Plan 2010* were reviewed.
- **On site meeting with Sandringham Life Saving Club**
Monday 29 February 2016 at Sandringham Life Saving Club
On site meeting was held with Sandringham Life Saving Club, and representatives from Life Saving Victoria to discuss key issues and opportunities to be considered in development of the draft master plan.
- **On site meeting with local community groups**
Tuesday 8 March 2016 at Sandringham Gardens
On site meeting was held with Black Rock and Sandringham Conservation Association, Sandringham Foreshore Association and Friends of Native Wildlife to discuss issues and opportunities to be considered in development of the draft master plan.
- **On site meeting with ZNX and United Energy**
Tuesday 7 June 2016 at the substation located opposite the T-Intersection of Beach Rd and Bay Rd to discuss the possible relocation of existing substation as recommended in previous plans including the *Bayside Coastal Management Plan 2014*.

1.2 Community consultation at the Draft Master Plan phase

Community consultation on the draft Master Plan was completed over a three week period from 18 August 2016 to 11 September 2016. This included:

- **Evening Community Beach Renourishment Information Session**
Thursday 18 August 2016 from 4.00pm - 7.00pm at Sandy by the Bay, Sandringham Football Club. This provided an opportunity for interested people to attend and ask questions, providing feedback to DELWP, Council officers and the Consultant team. Refer to Section 3.
- **Afternoon Community Drop in Information Session**
Friday 26 August 2016 from 1.00pm – 3.00pm at Sandringham Village. This provided an opportunity for interested people to attend and ask questions, providing feedback to the Consultant team. Refer to Section 3.
- **Morning Community Drop in Information Session**
Saturday 3 September 2016 from 10.00am – 12.00pm at Sandringham Village. This provided an opportunity for interested people to attend and ask questions, providing feedback to the Consultant team. Refer to Section 3.
- **Council Website** - <http://yoursaybayside.com.au/Sandringham-Beach-Gardens-Masterplan>
The draft Master Plan and full report was displayed on Council's website for community feedback via the 'Have Your Say' online portal. Refer Section 3.1
- **Other consultation**
On site meetings, phone and email clarifications were undertaken by Council officers to address specific issues/opportunities raised in consultation including site meeting with Sandringham Foreshore Association 20/9/2016. Refer Section 3.3

2. Response to the key issues raised during the consultation on the Draft Master Plan

The following summarises the relevant key issues raised in community consultation on the Draft and outlines the proposed response for consideration in finalisation of the Master Plan. The number of respondents for each issue, including those received via the website, via e-mail, at the drop in sessions, are noted in brackets where more than one person commented. Refer to Section 3 for further detail on specific issues raised in consultation.

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1.0 COAST WALKING PATH		
1.1	I am opposed to plans to widen and surface the coastal walking track. This will destroy vegetation and change the character of this valuable asset. We enjoy walking along the beach walking track because it isn't a bitumen track, because it is an experience of nature and has been thus for a very long time. Please don't destroy the coastal walking track.	As outlined in the Draft Masterplan page 8, the unsealed walking path along the cliff top varies in width. In accordance with the <i>Bayside Coastal Management Plan 2014</i> the coast walking path will be maintained as a granitic sand walking path up to 2.5m wide, inclusive of pruning. The foreshore vegetation is subject to the provisions of a Vegetation Protection Overlay (VPO) in The Bayside Planning Scheme. A key objective of the Draft Masterplan is the protection of native vegetation and habitat for wildlife and no additional clearance of vegetation is proposed as part of the Draft Masterplan works. <u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.
1.2	Please don't widen paths which will require the removal of vegetation. It is this natural environment that is so rare and so precious in the area that we so highly value.	Refer 1.1 of this report. <u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.
1.3	Proposal does not seem to address the condition of the existing coastal walking path and grassed sections between the B11 car park and Red bluff which are badly worn in sections. There is a particularly poor section just north of the Edward Street ramp where it would be appropriate to construct a short boardwalk across the existing sand pan to prevent further deterioration.	The unsealed coastal walking path requires ongoing maintenance to maintain the required max 2.5m clearance and to repair surfacing where subject to erosion. <u>Recommendation</u> Refer issue to Council Parks Maintenance.
1.4	Protect and retain the coastal path as is, especially the character of this asset as it is rare and valuable in comparison to public open space elsewhere in the city. All-abilities access is of course an important consideration but should not	Refer 1.1 of this report. There are no changes proposed to this section of the unseal coastal walking path. Council management will seek to continue to improve accessibility where possible while

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	(and does not have to) be provided in every possible scenario. This approach would destroy the very reason that people actually visit this foreshore in the first place.	maintaining the existing foreshore landscape character and vegetation. <u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.
1.5	Inevitably I will become less mobile but my wish is that this area remains as natural as possible so that I can enjoy close contact with the vegetation, birds etc. rather than concrete and steel	As outlined in the Draft Masterplan page 1, key objectives include protection of areas of remnant coastal vegetation and habitats for wildlife. <u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.
1.6	The current Masterplan does not address the danger to the personal safety of lone users of the Coastal Path as they are not visible from either the road or the beach and are entrapped on the path. It is therefore imperative that the height and density of the bushes along the Coastal Path be reduced considerably. This would also provide users of Beach Road with enhanced views, particularly as this is a tourist area. 2. The Coastal Path surface should be improved as it is mostly sand that is unstable.	Refer 1.1 of this report. The Masterplan seeks to find a balance between retention of coastal vegetation and the landscape character valued by many users and the need to provide safe and accessible walking areas for all. <u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.
1.7	What I love most about the foreshore is the relaxed, natural aspect. Please DO NOT pave the meandering paths or upgrade to create a "contemporary" feel. I love nothing more than walking my dog along the sandy/dirt paths and you will destroy the soul of the area if you make them hard surface	Refer 1.1 and 1.3 of this report. The coast path will remain unsealed. <u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.
1.8	Please avoid introducing signage, fencing, man-made structures, car parking. Have a quick look along our foreshore now and you will see an incredible amount of clutter most of which has been introduced by council. For every new sign what about removing two existing signs?	There is no additional car parking proposed and new infrastructure will be minimised where possible, including a focus on consolidation and removal of redundant signage where possible. However, the Coastal Walking path is subject to increasing use and additional signage and controls on entry points to reduce use by cyclists and fast moving runners are needed to maintain safety and amenity for existing walking use. <u>Recommendation</u> Add recommendation for preparation of a foreshore signage strategy (M) priority.
1.9	Rubbish bins: placement of bins and associated signage is unnecessarily	Placement of rubbish bins in high profile locations such as beach access points is

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	prominent and placement is often obstructive.	critical to ensuring they are easily found and used by visitors to the foreshore. <i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.
1.10	Fences: are so many fences really necessary? What are their purposes? Do they add to issues (yes: cyclone fencing along foreshore paths in the bush create potential entrapment, a real security problem; yes: fencing at the base of cliffs on sand is unmaintained with loose wires strands that pose injury risks).	Unfortunately fencing is required to maintain public safety in many areas of the foreshore. As outlined in the Draft Masterplan page 8 proposed works along the coastal walking path include removal of chain mesh fencing near Royal Avenue and retention of fencing only on the coast side where needed. <i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.
1.11	Car Parking: Gets too much prominence. Most of the time they are empty, yet pedestrians are crammed into narrow fenced walkways.	Existing constraints for pedestrians using the coastal path through car parks at B10 and B13 have been identified and will be improved in proposed upgrades to these car parks. Refer to Draft Masterplan Photo 16 and 25. <i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.
1.12	Lighting: there is a tendency to over illuminate the foreshore, especially around car parks.	No additional lighting is proposed. Provision of existing lighting at popular evening beach access points, car parks and crossings is important for public safety. <i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.
1.13	Removal of ad hoc shared path sections and provision of separate access for cyclists or pedestrians. Reduce local access points and concentrate at major entries.	The coastal walking path is separated from the Bay trail except for a short section of boardwalk at Red Bluff Street. Refer Item 5 Draft Masterplan page 13. Unfortunately the proximity of the cliff and existing vegetation limit opportunities for separation of pedestrian and cyclist access at this point. <i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.
1.14	Promote the coast walking trail as a major destination, it's world class.	The coastal walking path is subject to increasing levels of use as population densities increase and foreshore visitation increases. Increasing use presents ongoing challenges to retention of environmental values and landscape character. Therefore further promotion of the coastal path is not recommended.

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		<u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.
1.15	Insufficient head clearance on the coast walking trail at B10 car park.	Refer Item 1.1 in this report. Issue referred to Council Parks Maintenance. <u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.
2.0 SOUTHEY STREET TOILETS		
2.1	Yes, I support the provision of a new toilet at Southey Street. (3)	Replacement of the Southey Street Public Toilet has been identified as a top ten priority in the <i>Bayside Toilet Strategy 2012</i> <u>Recommendation</u> Toilet will be replaced with a new facility to provide safe, accessible and clean amenities to the community. The existing red brick structure will be demolished and a new facility built that will provide a higher standard of compliance relating to safe design guidelines for public toilets, accessibility and the building code. The new facility will have safe designed cubicles, interiors that are bright, airy and hygienic, anti-graffiti materials, accessible design and a compact footprint. One tree requires removal to improve sight lines from the bay trail.
2.2	No, the new toilet block is too expensive. The main reason is that the older toilet blocks are robust and vandal proof, unlike all the newer toilet installations.	Replacement of the Southey Street Public Toilet has been identified as a top ten priority in the <i>Bayside Toilet Strategy 2012</i> . <u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.
2.3	Waste of money to upgrade or even maintain as hardly see anyone use. The toilet that is very well used and needs money spent on is the one opposite Sandy Beach B11 carpark. There are queues there at weekends & over summer.	The existing toilet facility at The Sandringham Gardens Playground is well used and the level of service is consistent with Council Standards. <u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.
2.4	Council has removed nine public toilets from the Beach Park since amalgamation. Removal of this toilet and replacing it with a unit that caters for only one person at a time is a retrograde step that will lead to people having to stand around waiting. This is not the case with the current toilet block. Furthermore, on the one hand Council says that it will "preserve	Refer 2.1 in this report. Retention of clear sightlines at public toilets is an important consideration for public safety. The replacement of the large existing facility with a smaller structure will reduce the need for ongoing vegetation management in this area. <u>Recommendation</u>

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	native vegetation" but here they are removing it.	No change to plan.
2.5	<p>My vote is for the status quo as it's sad that Council has not yet found a better design than the various automatic toilets. Just cladding the new ones around Bayside with good colours and stopping the wretched music and voices could work well.</p> <p>It would be good to investigate other options than just the current 'Exeloo' brand toilets as there may be better alternatives. Agree with others that they are often vandalised.</p>	<p>Refer 2.1 from this report.</p> <p><i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.</p>
2.6	In addition, toilets are a necessity at other locations further south of Southey Street. There are many walkers/joggers along the entire stretch of the Coastal Path. Additional toilets are also necessary in the children's playground area.	<p>There are three public toilets in this section of foreshore. Refer Draft Masterplan page 6. The provision of toilets in this area is consistent with recommendations from the overall <i>Bayside Public Toilet Strategy 2012</i> and no additional facilities are recommended.</p> <p><i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.</p>
2.7	Replace the demolished bluestone change room on Sandringham foreshore to provide room for beach swimmers.	<p>There is an existing public toilet facility at Sandringham Life Saving Club, established to replace the former bluestone building which was structurally unsound and demolished around 6 years ago.</p> <p><i>Recommendation</i> Investigate opportunities to increase use of Sandringham Life Saving Club by beach swimmers.</p> <p>No change to plan.</p>
3.0 BAY ROAD STAIR REPLACEMENT		
3.1	The suggestion of replacement of the Bay Road timber stairs with a concrete installation is questionable given the damage it may do to existing vegetation and landform. Could a stainless steel / composite steel & timber replacement with minimal footprint be utilised instead? Surely it is just the age/construction method of the current staircase which is problematic, rather than the inherent principle. (2)	<p>The existing stairs at the southern end of the sea wall path provide the most direct access to Sandringham Beach from the B11 car park, playground, picnic area and pedestrian crossing to the shops and railway station at Bay Road. Despite ongoing maintenance, the aging timber stairs will likely require complete replacement within 5 years.</p> <p>The existing timber stairs are visually prominent and the use of treated pine clashes with the predominant stone and</p>

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3.2	<p>The Bay Road timber stairs look pretty crap and are used mainly by people for exercising purposes and personal training groups. Not sure what Council liability insurance covers says about that form of usage and have seen them on a number of occasions over the years being used with steps and railings broken and generally think they are and potentially could be a lot more trouble than worth. The extension of the sea wall is very important. The sand at the end of the sea wall moves around and frequently there isn't any sand there so walkers need step or jump down which isn't a problem generally during the day but people go down there at night particularly in summer and with no lighting accidents happen as there was last year.</p>	<p>concrete masonry character of other beach access points and architecture of the historic gardens.</p> <p>Proposed replacement stair works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace the existing timber stairs with a new set of stone/concrete stairs to match the existing character of the gardens. These will be set back closer to the cliff to minimise their visual prominence and located slightly further south in a gully with degraded vegetation. • The preferred location has previously been disturbed and has little native vegetation. This alignment will also reduce the visual prominence and provide better access onto the existing sea path sea wall and beach. • The use of concrete and stone for replacement of the stairs is preferred as it more durable and matches the character of other beach access points within the historic gardens precinct.
3.3	<p>Important to retain the timber stairs as they are an amenity for fitness and also a nice rural type aesthetic touch in the scenery. Not everything should be concreted over with massive ramps.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of timber is not preferred in this location as the shorter life span (up to 20 years of this material will create more environmental impact than the use of a more durable material such as concrete with a life span of up to 100 years.
3.4	<p>The timber stairs opposite Bay Road are fine as they are. Replacement will no doubt require removal of vegetation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake revegetation of the former stairs site using low indigenous ground layer planting. (H) Refer Sandringham Gardens Detail Plan. • The final siting and design of the stair system is subject to detailed design including geotechnical and structural engineering assessment. <p><i>Recommendation</i> Add additional images for proposed stairs to assist community understanding of the proposed works.</p>
3.5	<p>Bay Road timber stairs should not restrict the access to, or change the natural beauty of, the rock platform natural walking path which many people love and cherish</p> <p>Any rocks added to protect the cliffs should be sandstone like the natural rocky outcrops. (2)</p>	<p>The proposed replacement of stairs at Bay Road will not impact on Red Rocks as the preferred alignment is further north.</p> <p><i>Recommendation</i> Add note that any rock work used in coastal stabilisation works is to be match existing rocky outcrops.</p>

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3.6	I do not care for the emphasis on access and safety in the new Masterplan. What body is responsible for contemporary standards of beach side ramps and access paths? The positioning of these things is governed by topography (Thank goodness) not by municipal guidelines governing car parks and other flat land amenities. The beauty of the beach and coastal scrublands is their very unique vegetation, formation and the beautiful glimpses they afford us of the sea and neighbouring shorelines, beloved of our painters. Please do not endanger our heritage.	The Sandringham Foreshore is serviced by a range of access ramps and stairs. The ad hoc historical development means that the majority of these access points while safe, do not meet contemporary standards for access and mobility. The Draft Masterplan acknowledges the potential for upgrade or replacement of these existing structures is constrained by the steep topography, unstable and highly erodible soils and the need to minimise impact on environmental and cultural heritage values. <i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.
3.7	Safe access is important but this is a beach and rocky foreshore. There will be situations where access just isn't for everybody. Please avoid elaborate, costly and unsightly structures that take away from the natural qualities of this coastline. Minimise hard surfaces, hand railings, obvious drainage and signage.	<i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.
3.8	Don't restrict access to the rock path. Don't alter the rock in any way (not by way of bolts drilling or fences or artificial attachments), this would be disrespectful to heritage, artists and traditional aboriginal owners alike. This Tertiary rock type is strong and resists erosion (unlike the paler yellow, higher, eroding cliffs further south)	There is no plan to formalise public access to rocky areas of the foreshore and fencing is largely ineffective in areas close to the beach. <i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.
4.0 BEACH ACCESS - GENERAL		
4.1	Assisted access for elderly or disabled users to be an offered service, Sandringham Beach Access Ramp to be a possible location.	Sandringham Beach Access Ramp and Sims Street Beach access ramp provide emergency and maintenance access to the beach. These ramps could be used for assisting public users with limited mobility to access the beach subject to development and implementation protocols to ensure safety for other users of the foreshore. <i>Recommendation</i> Residents requiring assisted access to the beach should contact Council for advice on these services. No change to plan.
4.2	Use saw cuts to concrete ramps to improve surfacing.	The use of saw cuts to existing steep concrete ramps could improve grip,

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		<p>especially in areas subject to sand drift and stormwater runoff.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> Add note regarding option to improve surface grip of existing concrete ramps.</p>
4.3	I note items 9 to replace the existing chain wire fence to restrict access to the beach from B12 car park due to unstable cliffs according to the signage. It is a great pity that this access is no longer available and is very confusing for visitors and causes the existing and very expensive B12 car park constructed by Bayside Council and the pedestrian traffic lights on Beach Road to be underutilised.	<p>Cliff instability in this area precludes replacement of this access.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.</p>
4.4	What will happen with the old ramp at Southey Street, can it be removed?	<p>Refer 4.3 of this report.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.</p>
5.0 DRAINAGE/STORMWATER		
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I see nothing in the proposals about the removal of the storm water drain that dissects Sandringham Beach near the lifesaving club. No one wants to swim around a drain and again it looks shocking stuck in the middle of the beach. 	<p>The existing drain owned by Melbourne Water, refer to Draft Masterplan page 15. The intent is to work with Melbourne Water to investigate options to improve both the water quality discharge and the visual amenity of the drain outfall and Sandringham Beach</p>
5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How about working cooperatively and in collaboration with MW to redesign the stormwater outfall so that it does not dissect the beach and create an unsightly blemish to the coastline. 	<p><u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.</p>
5.3	Do consider removing the two old cement outfall pipes along this rock ledge pathway) - These are slippery when wet, and blocking the path. They are a nasty feature and sadly disrespectful of our beautiful rock outcrops which are rare around the whole of Port Phillip Bay.	<p>The Draft Masterplan page 14 and 17 proposes establishment of stormwater quality treatment but no change to the actual outfall.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> Add note for investigation options to update stormwater outfalls below the playground.</p>
5.4	The Crescent Gardens. Should be done so with the greatest of care. Banksia tree roots are sensitive to disturbance. (Digging a pit in this location should not be an experiment.)	<p>Refer Draft Masterplan page 15. Potential installation of an underground Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT) in Crescent Gardens will aim to utilise existing grass areas which would be reinstated at the completion of the works. No removal of other vegetation is planned subject to detailed design.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u></p>

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		<p>Add note regarding protection of existing vegetation to ensure this is considered at detailed design.</p> <p>No change to plan.</p>
5.5	<p>Southey Road Works. In general I support the plans. The current open grassed area of the Beach Road/Southey St is approximately 40m x 60m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is this area going to be retained (and not reduced) as open space including being grassed area • Are there any additional shrubs or trees going to be planted in this space? • With the planned works in the open space, will any of these works restrict the current view of the water and surrounds for houses adjacent to Beach Rd and Southey Rd. 	<p>The aim is to establish a small bio retention system to treat stormwater runoff prior to discharge into the Bay. The establishment of the system will involve excavation of a small detention system to occupy around half the available grass area. This will then be planted with indigenous sedge and rush species to assist removal of nutrients and other pollutants. No additional tree or shrub planting is proposed that may impact on views.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.</p>
5.6	<p>B10 Abbott Street Car Park. It is not advisable to seal car parks or paths close to the edge of the cliff in Sandringham or Black Rock. The native vegetation that grows down the face of the cliff relies on water filtering down from the carparks and paths above. Surfaces close to the cliff-face should be as permeable as possible. This is from first-hand experience as I have planted many hundreds of plants down the face of the cliffs in Sandringham.</p>	<p>B10 Abbott Street Car Park will largely remain unsealed except for the northern end where accessible parking and the entry will be upgraded. Where the surface is sealed new stormwater infiltration systems will be established to retain existing infiltration arrangements for cliff plantings</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.</p>
6.0 SUB STATION		
6.1	<p>Support the substation removal and relocation because it is currently badly located in relation to foreshore usage. (4)</p>	<p>The Electrical Sub Station at the end of Bay Road severely constrains the trail and there is congestion when pedestrians cross using at the traffic lights. The substation door opens across the shared trail and presents a significant risk to cyclists and staff accessing the substation. Council has been liaising with ZNX and United Energy and will seek to co-ordinate cost effective removal as part of a new development or when upgrade is required, to investigate relocation and removal of the existing sub station</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.</p>

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6.2	Remove the substation, yes. BUT strengthen rather than reduce the vegetation there and just south along the car park. We get more and more views of housing etc. from Beach Park and that detracts from the peaceful enjoyment of our wonderful foreshore.	Following removal of the existing electrical Sub Station from the foreshore the area will be revegetated using low indigenous coastal species. <i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.
6.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave the substation where it is. It is part of Sandy's history. • I don't mind this classic old substation. If it were decommissioned why not (maintaining its character) into a small takeaway/ice-cream shop with outside seating. There is really nothing between Parkdale LSC and Elwood. 	Refer to 6.1 in this report. There are existing commercial businesses along Bay Road and at Sandringham Village. No additional commercial facilities are proposed. Removal of the existing building will open up views and reduce built infrastructure on the foreshore. <i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.
6.4	No, what an absolute waste of money moving it. The cost would be huge. Many other better things to spend the money on.	Refer to 6.1 in this report. <i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.
7.0 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT		
7.1	Council funds would be better spent on improving the maintenance of the existing gardens and foreshore area. At various points along Beach Road the vegetated area between the road and the Bay appears unsightly – including dead trees whose trunks are either still in situ or lie amidst the vegetation. More resources appear necessary to deal simply with “the basics” before considering which upgrades are affordable.	The Sandringham Foreshore contains a mix of remnant native coastal vegetation and historic formal gardens. Both vegetation types are recognised and protected in The Heritage Overlay in the Bayside Planning Scheme. The Draft Masterplan seeks to maintain the balance between these two vegetation types and there is no intent to expand the area of formal gardens.
7.2	I don't want any more manicured, open areas along the foreshore. Secluded paths and masses of scrub are what gives the area character. And keep a feel of the past.	Establishment of trees along the foreshore is difficult and all existing native vegetation alive or dead plays an important role in provision of habitat for native wildlife. Council will continue to maintain areas of native coastal vegetation in accordance with requirements of the Vegetation Protection Overlay (VPO). <i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.
8.0 RED BLUFF CLIFFS		
8.1	I hope the proposed fencing at Red Bluff cliffs, to keep out idiots who climb onto the clifftops, will still allow for the majority of us to continue to enjoy the	There is no change to fencing on top of the cliffs. The Draft Masterplan page 12 v5 recommends installation of new fencing and signage at beach level to restrict

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	magnificent view from this unique local spot. How high will it be? What will it be made of? It's important the beauty and openness of this lookout is not ruined in the process.	access to the steep unstable bank which has been historically filled using concrete and rubble. <i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.
8.2	Don't believe that the new lookout at Point 14 on the Masterplan is necessary as the biggest and best lookout on the whole of Port Phillip Bay, Red Bluff, is less than 20 metres away. Rather than remove native vegetation for this purpose I would rather see the lovely bush walking track joined between Red Bluff Street and Potter Street so that you don't have to walk along Beach Rd on this section of the path.	There is no removal of vegetation proposed at this point. Refer Draft Masterplan page 18. The aim is to replace the existing fence and picnic tables only. Establishment of a new walking track between Red Bluff Street and Potter Street is not possible without exclusive removal of vegetation and potential impacts on sensitive cultural heritage values. Refer also Item 1.13 of this report. <i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.
9.0 SANDRINGHAM GARDENS		
9.1	Puddling on the unsealed path near the in Sandringham Gardens Rotunda needs to be addressed.	Draft Masterplan page 14 indicates that relocation of rubbish bins to designated collection points will reduce maintenance vehicle impacts on paths and grass area within the gardens. Enabling top dressing and repair of existing paths with drainage issues. <i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.
9.2	Another suggestion is to re grass the area around the BBQ at Sandringham Gardens, the grass is still patchy after all this rain, just won't re grow in some areas and becomes puddles when rains. Also where the rubbish trucks drive over grass every day is creating new paths.	Refer to Item 9.1 of this report. <i>Recommendation</i> Add note regarding restoration of grass areas and improvement to paths after reduction in maintenance vehicle traffic.
9.3	I often use the lower middle track at Sandringham Gardens and I'd hate to lose it as proposed in the Masterplan if you can please reconsider this decision.	This area of the foreshore has five paths running parallel less than 20m apart. The intent is to close and revegetate the middle path which has the lowest level of use and provides the best opportunity for establishment of new coastal vegetation which avoiding impacts on views from the other paths. <i>Recommendation</i> No change to plan.
9.4	The pathways along the gardens need a better surface than just sand as it	Refer Item 9.1 of this report.

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	washes away every time it rains and causes flooding at the path adjacent to Bay Road, also more seating in the gardens would be great as the only shaded area is under the trees and the tanbark groundcover is useless and should be grass.	<u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.
9.5	A makeover is required at Sandringham Gardens with the grass replaced and the Playground enlarged. In general, I would like the Sandringham foreshore to contain more grassed areas and landscaping as provided in the Brighton and Elwood foreshores.	Refer Item 9.1 and 9.3 of this report. The playground is scheduled for upgrade as identified in the <i>Bayside Playground Improvement Plan</i> . <u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.
9.6	An upgraded/improved playground area would be a massive leap for bringing more families to that area. How about allowing someone a license to operate a small kiosk.	Refer to Item 9.5 of this report. The playground is subject to high levels of use. Stormwater harvesting and reinstatement of sustainable irrigation will improve landscape management at the gardens. <u>Recommendation</u> Add note regarding continued maintenance and upgrade of the playground area.
9.7	Benches should be reinstalled at the tiered grassed area overlooking the beach across from "The Crescent."	There is no seats on the terraces but the low stone walls can be used. <u>Recommendation</u> Install bench seats at the base of the upper wall.
10.0 GENERAL		
10.1	Now, what about removing the jet skis...?	On Water management in the bay is the responsibility of Parks Victoria and outside the scope of this plan. <u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.
10.2	Provide designated accessible parking bays adjoining the croquet club and with views to the foreshore.	Refer Draft Masterplan page 7. Future upgrade of car [parking at B10 car park will improve provision of designated accessible parking bays. <u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan.
10.3	The steel handrails on the concrete steps at Royal Avenue are loose and require securing.	Refer issue to Council Parks Maintenance. <u>Recommendation</u> No change to plan

3. Feedback received during consultation on the Draft Master Plan

Community consultation on the Draft Master Plan was completed over a three week period from 18 August 2016 to 11 September 2016. Comments and feedback were received as follows.

3.1 Community Drop in Sessions

3.1.1 Evening Community Beach Renourishment Information Session
Thursday 18 August 2016 from 4.00pm - 7.00pm at Sandy by the Bay, Sandringham Football Club.

3.1.2 Community Drop in Information Session
Friday 26 August 2016 from 1.00pm – 3.00pm at Sandringham Village opposite the Station.

3.1.3 Community Drop in Information Session
Saturday 3 September 2016 from 10am to 12pm at Hampton Life Saving Club.

Below is a summary of general comments recorded during the community information sessions. Generally, the people attending were very supportive of the proposed works in the Master Plan. The positives were overall improvement on all ability access; greater vehicle circulation and parking efficiency throughout the precinct were noted.

Summary of comments from both sessions includes:

- Puddling on unsealed path near the Rotunda needs to be addressed.
- Assisted access for elderly or disabled users to be an offered service, Sandringham Beach Access Ramp to be a possible location.
- Is the 'Costal Walk trail' going to be widened? This proposal would be opposed if vegetation is destroyed.
- Item 6 of the Overall Implementation Plan. Is this going to involve removing vegetation? If so this should not be done.
- Item 18 of the Overall Implementation Plan. Toilet is considered useful and low maintenance, do not replace.
- Retain seating alcoves without timber.
- Saw cuts to ramps to improve surfacing.
- Removal of plaques at the end of Bay Road, they were removed a couple of years ago, what happened to them?
- Removal of shared ad hoc shared path section which doesn't work for either cyclists or pedestrians. Reduce local access points and concentrate at major entries.
- Promote the coast walking trail as major destination, it's world class.
- Septic systems, potential discharge and historical problems at Red Bluff
- Vibration from heavy vehicles on Beach Road, impacting structural integrity of Red Bluff.
- Insufficient head clearance on the coast walking trail at B10 car park.
- B10 car park should be sealed, due to high use levels.
- Replace demolished bluestone change room on Sandringham foreshore to provide area for beach swimmers to change.
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- Directional signage and distance markers for key locations and destinations.
- Obscured speed sign on Jetty Road, needs repositioning.
- What will happen with the old ramp at Sanctuary St, can it be removed?

3.2 Council Website

The draft Master Plan and full report was displayed on Council's website for community feedback via the 'Have Your Say' online portal. Comments and feedback were provided via the online forum as follows:

3.2.1 Forum Topic 1 – Southey Street Toilets. Do you support the upgrade? (10 responses and 70 views)

- No, the new toilet block is too expensive. The main reason is that the older toilet blocks are robust and vandal proof, unlike all the newer toilet installations.
- Yes, the old toilet block is robust and low maintenance unlike the muzak infected, fragile, breakdown prone, unnecessarily complicated torture booths provided by those who currently seem to have the ear of councils. OK, it may not be suitable for some handicapped persons but there are dedicated handicapped toilets at other locations not too distant along the foreshore.
- Waste of money to upgrade or even maintain as hardly see anyone use. The toilet that is very well used & needs money spent on is the one opposite Sandy Beach B11 carpark. There are queues there at weekends & over summer.
- Yes, I support the provision of a new toilet at Southey Street. In addition, toilets are a necessity at other locations further south of Southey Street. There are many walkers/joggers along the entire stretch of the Coastal Path. Additional toilets are also necessary in the children's playground area.
- Yes, and yes. However, it would be good to investigate other options that just the current 'Exceloo' brand toilets as there may be better alternatives. Agree with others that they are often vandalised.
- My vote is for the status quo as it's sad that Council has not yet found a better design than the various automatic toilets. Just cladding the new ones around Bayside with good colours and stopping the wretched music and voices could work well.
- Council has removed nine public toilets from the beach park since amalgamation. Removal of this toilet and replacing it with a unit that caters for only one person at a time is a retrograde step that will lead to people having to stand around waiting. This is not the case with the current toilet block. Furthermore, on the one hand council avers that it will "preserve native vegetation" but here they are removing it!

3.2.2 Forum Topic 2 – Beach Access (17 responses and 53 views)

- Important to retain the timber stairs as they are an amenity for fitness and also a nice rural type aesthetic touch in the scenery. Not everything should be concreted over with massive ramps.

- Generally agree with these suggestions. The Bay Road timber stairs look pretty crap and are used mainly by people for exercising purposes and personal training groups. Not sure what Council liability insurance covers says about that form of usage and have seen them on a number of occasions over the years being used with steps and railings broken and generally think they are and potentially could be a lot more trouble than worth. The extension of the sea wall is very important. The sand at the end of the sea wall moves around and frequently there isn't any sand there so walkers need step or jump down which isn't a problem generally during the day but people go down there at night particularly in summer and with no lighting accidents happen as there was last year.
- The steel handrails on the concrete steps at Royal Avenue are loose and require securing.
- It would be great to provide spots along walking trail to promote mental health and wellbeing practices to relax busy minds and recharge. use practices backed by science of positive psychology.
- The walking track certainly promotes mental health and wellbeing. I am a bit worried that this suggestion might involve destroying vegetation and diminishing the character of the walking trail. It would be great to provide spots along walking trail to promote mental health and wellbeing practices to relax busy minds and recharge. use practices backed by science of positive psychology.
- I am opposed to plans to widen and surface the coastal walking track. This will destroy vegetation and change the character of this valuable asset. We enjoy walking along the beach walking track because it isn't a bitumen track, because it is an experience of nature and has been thus for a very long time. Please don't destroy the coastal walking track.
- I do not care for the emphasis on access and safety in the new Masterplan. What body is responsible for contemporary standards of beach side ramps and access paths!? The positioning of these things is governed by topography (Thank goodness) not by municipal guidelines governing car parks and other flat land amenities. The beauty of the beach and coastal scrublands is their very unique vegetation, formation and the beautiful glimpses they afford us of the sea and neighbouring shorelines, beloved of our painters. Please do not endanger our heritage.
- The suggestion of replacement of the Bay Road timber stairs with a concrete installation is questionable given the damage it may do to existing vegetation and landform. Could a stainless steel / composite steel & timber replacement with minimal footprint be utilised instead? Surely it is just the age/construction method of the current staircase which is problematic, rather than the inherent principle.
- Look for the minimal impact solution for providing access. Definitely that will not involve concreting the beach and cliff face.
- The timber stairs opposite Bay Road are fine as they are. Replacement will no doubt require removal of vegetation.
- Widening the path along the top of the cliffs means removal of vegetation which Council is committed to refrain from doing. Already a swathe of vegetation has been removed by Council in the implementation of the bike path along what was the nature strip. The Beach Park trees and vegetation are facing reduction/removal by stealth.

- I don't agree with taking down the timber Bay Road stairs and then creating new concrete stairs opposite the playground. 1. The stairs are fine as they are; 2; the beach they lead down to is a family friendly safe swimming beach; 3. taking out vegetation to create new stairs will destroy more of the native vegetation and lead down to an unsafe and small beach - and provide too easy an "escape" route for young children to disappear down to that beach. If it's not broken don't fix it. Any rocks added to protect the cliffs should be sandstone like the natural rocky outcrops.
- SFA are completely opposed to removing the existing timber steps opposite rotunda (they should be maintained as they blend in with the natural environment and the plants below it protected). Replacing them with new concrete steps closer to the playground which leads to an unsafe rocky beach area with a storm water drain pipe, and reef system that is unsafe for adults and children is inappropriate! The proposed new steps will also disrupt further vegetation. The proposed concrete steps opposite the playground leads to a beach that is not suitable for swimming or even walking the rocks especially when the sand disappears in late summer/autumn causing a big height from the top of the Beaumaris sandstone to the reef/beach area. The storm water drainpipe discharges dirty water and can be quite torrential when it's been raining heavily. It truly is not appropriate from a safety point of view.

Also at the base of the timber steps where it is proposed in the illustration for "Rock stabilisation if required" please use similar coloured hard sandstone coloured rocks to blend in with the natural landscape. E.g. hard sandstone granite instead of bluestone. I've seen it used successfully in other areas.

- Safe access is important but this is a beach and rocky foreshore. There will be situations where access just isn't for everybody. Please avoid elaborate, costly and unsightly structures that take away from the natural qualities of this coastline. Minimise hard surfaces, hand railings, obvious drainage and signage.
- Inevitably I will become less mobile but my wish is that this area remains as natural as possible so that I can enjoy close contact with the vegetation, birds etc. rather than concrete and steel. My assessment is that our foreshore meets less and less modern standards for conservation (including restricting access) rather than your assertion that it does not meet "modern" standards for safety...
- Bay Road timber stairs should not restrict the access to, or change the natural beauty of, the rock platform natural walking path which many people love and cherish - And your Promo Photograph (For Masterplan) shows proudly as a natural environment feature:
 - i) don't restrict access to the rock path
 - ii) don't alter the rock in any way (not by way of bolts drilling or fences or artificial attachments), this would be disrespectful to heritage, artists and traditional aboriginal owners alike. This Tertiary rock type is strong and resists erosion (unlike the paler yellow, higher, eroding cliffs further south)
 - iii) DO consider removing the two old cement outfall pipes along this rock ledge pathway) - These are slippery when wet, and blocking the path. They are a nasty feature and sadly dis-respectful of our beautiful rock outcrops which are rare around the whole of Port Phillip Bay

****Summary:** Save the rocks from any artificial features! Allow normal-human rock activities - Children love rocks - the path is strong and safe here. No worries.

- The Bay Road timber steps work very well, have low visual impact, are a soft on the eye timber-look, blending in with natural vegetation. New steps would take a poorer-choice on a steeper route (needing land-works and stabilization), and cutting thru existing vegetation (for what extra gain?). Not broken don't fix it!

3.3.3 Forum Topic 3 – Storm Water Management

(7 responses and 22 views)

- Yes, I strongly support the stormwater harvesting system because it will improve water quality in the bay by filtering rubbish and reduce watering costs for plants in the gardens. A great idea and design, and long overdue. Well done!
- Stormwater harvesting is a fantastic initiative & the lawn & gardens certainly need the water particularly in summer. The area around the BBQ at B11 is a heavy use area, gets used for sports, parties, personal trainer groups. The grass area needs care & water particularly in summer.
- How about working cooperatively and in collaboration with MW to redesign the stormwater outfall so that it does not dissect the beach and create an unsightly blemish to the coastline.
- Yes. Greater cooperation with Melbourne Water should be pursued for improved efficiency.
- On Thursday, 9 November, 2006, I was a representative on the Melbourne Water/Bayside City Council panel that discussed - "Melbourne Water Beach Outlets - Options Feasibility Study". Several meetings were held and the best option for overcoming the pool of putrid water on the beach, near the Sandringham Life Saving Club was not the one now proposed by Bayside City Council. (The data and plans are still in my files.) The "Bayside Leader" - 16 November, 2004 and the "Bayside Leader" 6 June, 2006 covered the issue - "Pool dirty, deep and 'dangerous'." I do not agree with the current proposal to have a "surcharge pit" on the beach near the Sandringham Life Saving Club. When the king tides come, there will be dirty storm water all over the beach.
- Wish I could find my files! As I remember it Graham ?? was the head Council engineer (formerly a consultant).
- Sandringham Beach Stormwater Outlets Meeting 29 May, 2006. Workshop No. 2. Hightt Room, Council Offices, Royal Ave., Sandringham. Record shows the names John DeGrazia, John Smout, Andrew Kingham, I hope this helps
- I see nothing in the proposals about the removal of the storm water drain that dissects Sandringham Beach near the lifesaving club. I know it would be a big job but that drain in the middle of the beach looks like crap and is big negative for beach usage. Really who wants to swim around a drain and again it looks shocking stuck in the middle of the beach.
- THE CRESCENT GARDENS. Should be done so with the greatest of care. Banksia tree roots are sensitive to disturbance. (Digging a pit in this location should not be an experiment.)
- Another suggestion is to re grass the area around the BBQ Sandringham Gardens, the grass is still patchy after all this rain, just won't re grow in some areas and becomes puddles when rains. Also where the rubbish trucks drive over grass every day is creating new paths.

3.3.4

Forum Topic 4 – Sub Station Removal Sandringham Gardens

(11 responses and 32 views)

- Support the substation removal and relocation because it is currently badly located in relation to foreshore usage. (4)
- Yes, support removal, the building is out of place in that garden and lawn area and it will look so much better without it.
- No, what an absolute waste of money moving it. The cost would be huge. Many other better things to spend the money on
- Yes, absolutely support this as long as a suitable alternative location can be found.
- Leave it where it is. It is part of Sandy's history.
- Agree, get rid of it and improve safety of people on the bike track waiting at the pedestrian crossing!
- Remove the sub-station, yes. BUT strengthen rather than reduce the vegetation there and just south along the car park. We get more and more views of housing etc. from Beach Park and that detracts from the peaceful enjoyment of our wonderful foreshore.
- I don't mind this classic old sub-station. If it were decommissioned why not convert it (maintaining its character) into a small takeaway/ice cream shop with outside seating. There is really nothing between Parkdale LSC and Elwood.

3.3.5

Forum Topic 5 – General feedback on all aspects of the masterplan

(25 responses and 60 views)

- These are all very uninspiring "objectives". What about some facility improvements that actually get people out there using it more. Not just some improved stairs and spending God knows what on moving a sub-station. An upgraded/improved playground area would be a massive leap for bringing more families to that area. How about allowing someone a license to operate a small kiosk. Look how popular the Black Rock foreshore playground is compared to Sandringham. These are things that locals want to get out and enjoy the foreshore. It's a real let down.
- I don't mind this classic old sub-station. If it were decommissioned why not convert it (maintaining its character) into a small takeaway/ice cream shop with outside seating. There is really nothing between Parkdale LSC and Elwood.
- Overall I am very pleased with the proposals and appreciate the Council attending to this very well used Sandringham Gardens & Beach area. The area is used for so many activities from weddings to kid's parties. It is a great space but needs more maintenance to cope with the amount of use it gets.
- The pathways along the gardens need a better surface than just sand as it washes away every time it rains and causes flooding at the path adjacent to bay road, also more seating in the gardens would be great as the only shaded area is under the trees and the tanbark groundcover is useless and should be grass!!
- The current Masterplan does not address the danger to the personal safety of lone users of the Coastal Path as they are not visible from either the road or the

beach and are entrapped on the path. It is therefore imperative that the height and density of the bushes along the Coastal Path be reduced considerably. This would also provide users of Beach Road with enhanced views, particularly as this is a tourist area. 2. The Coastal Path surface should be improved as it is mostly sand that is unstable. 3. Benches should be reinstalled at the tiered grassed area overlooking the beach across from "The Crescent 4. A makeover is required at Sandringham Gardens with the grass replaced and the Playground enlarged. 5. In general, I would like the Sandringham foreshore to contain more grassed areas and landscaping as provided in the Brighton and Elwood foreshores.

- What I love most about the foreshore is the relaxed, natural aspect. Please DO NOT pave the meandering paths or upgrade to create a "contemporary" feel. There is nothing wrong with wooden stairs and ramps and the old style of design. I love nothing more than walking my dog along the sandy/dirt paths and you will destroy the soul of the area if you make them hard surface. Also I don't want any more manicured, open areas along the foreshore. Secluded paths and masses of scrub are what gives the area character. And keep a feel of the past...Oh and I'm not even that "old"!
- I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Sandringham. I am 23 years old and have lived here my whole life. I work in the building and design industry. It has been brought to my attention that the windy foreshore pathways are planned to be bulldozed into wide sterile lines. I am in shock and disappointed with the council. These windy pathways are a unique pride to bayside. Something that others always admire and comment to me on when they visit our beaches. There are wide accessible footpaths beside the road a few meters away for wheelchairs, prams, the less able-bodied etc. Why remove these beautiful pathways that are such a rarity in Melbourne? Nowhere else in Melbourne, so close to the city, can one feel like one is far away in nature by the sea. Without these appealing pathways I would not get up in the morning for runs. Many people do not like running on pavements beside roads; these paths support health, well-being and a community of locals greeting each other happily as they pass each other in such a fresh leafy and enjoyable surrounding I am all for improvements and accessibility; but only when needed. I would wish to see the council improving the separation between pedestrian, bike riders and motorists. Bike paths need to be separated in material and height from vehicles and walkers (like in many European cities e.g. Helsinki and Copenhagen). As an obvious example, a footpath on Beach Road cannot be shared by slow strollers with kids, dogs, prams and wheelchairs AND fast bike riders as the painted signs on the footpath would suggest. If council is concerned at making places more accessible; then focus on making the current routes safer rather than create more inadequate options by destroying a successful pathway. Just as there are dedicated and separated routes for cars and walkers, there needs to be dedicated and separate pathways for bikes also to create a safe and healthy roads for us all. Prams and wheelchairs already have many access points to the beach and the footpath along Beach Road, let the small path for walkers and joggers stay. It is much loved. Go down there for yourself. It's a sanctuary in the city. Focus only on what is necessary and do not take away a jewel in our neighbourhood. Please. Widening and straightening of these paths would be a tragedy. I hope this will not be happening. Please do not destroy our charmingly windy and narrow beach paths that are a love and admiration to so many. Please do not irreversibly destroy the natural feel that gives so much value to Sandringham. Please keep me informed.

- I totally agree. Please Council, do not sterilise these pathways. They are healthy and loved as they are. It is nearly impossible to find an unpaved and unpolluted pathway to walk on in the city. Please let the earth breathe free and in turn we can breathe the fresh bush air and reap the healthy and happy rewards. These pathways are a TREASURE that should be preserved. I am very young and do not want to see Bayside over urbanised into a concrete jungle. People choose to live in Bayside to be bay-side and bush-side. Let's choose to cherish and treasure this together.
- Many people may wish to walk alone in nature so they can think, observe and enjoy. The narrow pathways along the Bayside coastline is rare place to be able to do so, so close to the city. If you feel unsafe when not among a throng by the beach, please walk along the busy Beach Road footpath or take yourself to the (may I say bland, busy and dirty) Elwood or Brighton foreshores you praise. Please do not take away a cherished part of our neighbourhood. I regularly walk and jog along these pathways, as a young female I have not once felt unsafe, quite the opposite, I feel a great sense of community along these pathways. It is rare to have such friendly and genuine smiles and greetings as the ones I receive along these sandy pathways. When in nature, as we exercise and truly enjoy ourselves we seem to become happier versions of ourselves. A jog along these green pathways (as opposed to on paved straight footpaths) does not seem like a chore, but a joy; time passes by quickly. The variations of surfaces, windiness and closeness of plants gives interest to any walk. It would be very saddening if these paths would be changed. Further, people from other parts praise highly and envy the bush feel of these beaches! I urge you to reconsider your request, there is so much to enjoy. Try it. I urge you.
- Absolutely agree, thanks for putting so clearly the case for the coastal path to be celebrated the way that it is. I moved from Camberwell/Hawthorn area a few years ago and found this stretch of coastline to be a great and surprising joy to behold. A real rarity in Melbourne's open spaces and something to be protected for future generations.
- I had a pleasant walk along the coastal walking path over the weekend. The work needing to be done there is very minimal. In one small area the track has been 'walked' down forming a gutter which has led to some minor water erosion. This could be easily fixed by filling with some sympathetic material. Also in the same area someone needs to spend five to ten minutes with some secateurs pruning some vegetation that is growing into the path. Otherwise leave well alone. Do not destroy this beautiful varied, wandering path. It is an amazing asset – do not devalue it.
- As much as it is desirable to walk along the pathways I do not feel safe. The tracks are not ideal for walking. If the paths were sealed, with marking points of where you are or how far to - say Half Moon Bay. The set up currently has always been unsafe having lived in the area all my 55 years. The density of the bushes along the Coastal Path could be reduced considerably, whilst still enjoying the vegetation but also to have glimpse of "our bay" and also be able to see if there are untoward people hanging around. Whether walking or travelling on Beach it would enhance and remind of how wonderful it is to be where are at Bayside. Also the amount of weeds and dead scrub look awful, messy, and untidy. And unsafe in summer, when there are those that are tempted to set fire to the area.
 2. The Coastal Path surface should be improved as it is mostly sand that is unstable.
 3. Bench seating at regular intervals
 4. Water from taps at regular intervals.

- I bought in Sandringham rather than in Brighton because of the remnant scrub along the foreshore - an amazing unique asset that has somehow managed to be preserved in this large overbuilt city. Those timid souls who enjoy a denuded landscape (unfortunately) have many areas to choose from which suit their taste. Please don't wreck the foreshore.
- I don't believe that the new lookout at Point 14 on the Masterplan is necessary as the biggest and best lookout on the whole of Port Phillip Bay, Red Bluff, is less than 20 metres away. Rather than remove native vegetation for this purpose I would rather see the lovely bush walking track joined between Red Bluff St and Potter St so that you don't have to walk along Beach Rd on this section of the path.
- Please don't widen paths which will require removal of vegetation. It is this natural environment that is so rare and so precious in this area that we so highly value. Maintain and add to this natural environment don't remove what not necessary. Closure of some access paths around Edward St may be a great idea. Safety rail for Edward St ramp also a good idea, I use this daily and have for 28 years but please just do what's needed for safe access and keep planting and leaving this very precious foreshore.
- Protect and retain coastal path as is, especially the character of this asset as it is rare and valuable in comparison to public open space elsewhere in the city. All-abilities access is of course an important consideration but should not (and does not have to) be provided in every possible scenario. This approach would destroy the very reason that people actually visit this foreshore in the first place. Also, soil permeability is incredibly important in this delicate vegetated zone, please be careful with proposing large concrete footings and areas of impermeable paving as this would be very damaging to root systems and would create issues with water flows and erosion. Retain sand and mulch surfaces where possible.
- We must ensure the protection of the foreshore environment by maintaining the indigenous plants, which prevent erosion. The coastal walking trail is a bush track which can be accessed by people of all abilities via the sealed Bay Trail along Beach Road. The Coastal Walking Trail would be best kept to a width below 2.5mts. and low tree branches cut back to the nearest trunk for the safety of pedestrians. Maintain a sandy walking path using compacted gravel only in areas where roots become exposed after heavy rain.
- RE: B10 Abbott Street Car Park. It is not advisable to seal carparks or paths close to the edge of the cliff in Sandringham, or Black Rock. The native vegetation that grows down the FACE of the cliff relies on water filtering down from the carparks and paths above. Surfaces close to the cliff-face should be as permeable as possible. This is from first-hand experience as I have planted many hundreds of plants down the face of the cliffs in Sandringham.
- Council's plan to remove swathes of trees and vegetation will have a detrimental effect on native birds and insects on which some feed. Perhaps such removal is part of a Grand Plan to gradually remove all of the vegetation and replace it with concrete---painted green of course!
- B10 Car park Abbott Street, Sandringham - near the Croquet Club. Council proposal - "Provide designated accessible parking bays adjoining the croquet club and with views to the foreshore." This action would require the removal of native vegetation at the top of the cliff. The area is home to native wrens and

other native birds and should not be damaged. Please do not destroy native vegetation.

- Hopefully the proposed new outlooks and viewing areas will not involve killing vegetation. 'Ensure protection of the foreshore environment, particularly areas of remnant coastal vegetation and habitats for native wildlife.' If a proposal involves clearing existing vegetation, simply do not do it.
- On June 5th.1993, Mayor Cr. Anthony Reinhardt with MP Mark Birrell, at Hampton Gardens, opened "This Coastal Trail" that went from Hampton to Black Rock Gardens. The path was widened and the surface covered with "granitic sand" that was trucked in from (reportedly) Bacchus Marsh. The "granitic sand" was soon absorbed by the sandy soil and the path returned to what it had been and is still today. Same again?
- Sandringham beach and the surrounding cliffs and vegetation are unique to the Bayside area and in Melbourne. There are only small pockets and remnants of the natural environment found scattered throughout Bayside area e.g. parts of Black Rock and Beaumaris. It is vital to maintain this area in its natural environment. Please do not remove any vegetation - which are vital to stabilise cliffs, or widen any paths, or change natural surfaces on paths e.g. from their sandy surfaces to artificial surfaces. The more we maintain the existing paths in their natural state the better. Joggers need to be warned to slow down and respect walkers who are enjoying the peace of the natural environment. Any warning signs need to be subtle and blend with the natural environment. The area is also a natural corridor for flora and fauna. Building up grassed areas to include the 2 wetlands [end of Southey St and near Sims St parking] is a great idea. This will help frogs and other wildlife to thrive and provide natural vegetation for the area. Also means less mowing for Council! Please don't disrupt the natural coastline with obstacles e.g. signs, a new path or fencing on the promenade at the base cliffs opposite the Rotunda. Also please do not remove the existing concrete path adjacent and just south of the Sandringham Lifesaving club. It is a quiet little track away from the Beach Rd traffic noise with gorgeous views of the surrounds. The local vegetation in this area is beautiful especially when the plants there are flowering. I enjoy walking this path admiring the views and plants away from the hustle and bustle of the street traffic. Thank you to council for an overall great Masterplan and taking our feedback into consideration. Overall the more we maintain the natural state of the area, the better!
- Do not see this in the plan, but I am interested to know if all the unpaved paths from Sandringham to Black Rock will be paved in the near future. Currently a walk along there is like a walk on Mornington Peninsula and one of the best aspects of Bayside giving it a holiday location feel. If it gets paved it will end up being like Elwood and Middle Park, even worse just like a heavily concrete paved and bland inner city suburb. If someone can give me some thoughts or info here that would give me comfort.
- I hope the proposed fencing at Red Bluff cliffs, to keep out idiots who climb onto the clifftops, will still allow for the majority of us to continue to enjoy the magnificent view from this unique local spot. How high will it be? What will it be made of? It's important the beauty and openness of this lookout is not ruined in the process.
- Council funds would be better spent on improving the maintenance of the existing gardens and foreshore area. At various points along Beach Road the

vegetated area between the road and the Bay appears unsightly - including dead trees whose trunks are either still in situ or lie amidst the vegetation. More resources appear necessary to deal simply with "the basics" before considering which upgrades are affordable.

- Project - Sandringham Beach - Southey Road Works. In general I support the plans. The current open grassed area of the Beach Rd / Southey St park is approximately 40M x 60M. Question 1 - Is this area going to be retained (and not reduced) as open space including being grassed area Question 2 - Are any additional trees or shrubs going to be planted in this space Question 3 - With the planned works in the open space, will any of these works restrict the current view of the water and surrounds for houses adjacent to Beach Rd and Southey Rd
- Please avoid introducing signage, fencing, man-made structures, car parking. Have a quick look along our foreshore now and you will see an incredible amount of clutter most of which has been introduced by council: Signs, signs and more signs. Example: two signs on posts and one painted on the ground for a single handicapped parking spot. The signs interrupt views of the beach all the way to Arthur's Seat. Have a look at the road leading down the Half Moon Bay. A beautiful piece of bush with a beach backdrop spoiled by a forest of signage. Redundant signs, leftover signs (example: where parking payment stations have been removed), signs that can no longer be read or are just posts with no sign. For every new sign, what about removing 2 existing ones! Rubbish bins: placement and signage is often obstructive and unnecessarily prominent. They are necessary but not as a feature of the beachfront. Some sensitivity please! Fences: are so many fences really necessary? What are their purposes? Do they add to issues (yes: cyclone fencing along foreshore paths in the bush create potential entrapment, a real security problem; yes: fencing at base of cliffs on sand is unmaintained with loose wires strands that pose injury risks). The latest one installed down jetty road is a good example- why is a fence needed here- to keep people out of the vegetation? The fence is uglier than any vegetation damage that could be expected. Car parks: These get too much prominence. Most of the time they are empty, yet pedestrians are crammed into narrow fenced walkways. They occupy rather a lot of space on this precious land. Lighting: there is a tendency to over illuminate the foreshore, especially around car parks.
- Now, what about removing the jet skis....?
- Thank you so much David - I missed that. What an appalling proposal.
- It's disappointing that so few have responded (although twice as many as have responded to the Hampton precinct plan). That said my chats to lots of people, when working with BRASCA or own my own, confirm that the current responses reflect that value that most feel about this place. People wanting to run have many other places where they can do that. I think the first objective should not be about access and safety but about preserving our wonderful Beach Park with its vegetation and wildlife. It is a privilege to be allowed anywhere in this precious area, not a right that can be abused or ramped up to further demands. Weed control/replacement should have higher priority than simple planting. The Native Vegetation Works Program does not, I believe, satisfactorily address the values of this area, for instance the unique "lobelia patch" between Edward St and Red Bluff at beach level, with many other unusual plants, seems to be ignored in the NVWP. To me that should have a very high priority for protection.

3.3 Other feedback/consultation

Summary of additional comments received via phone and email during the Draft Master Plan Consultation Phase include:

Resident e-mail 25/08/2016

- Proposal does not seem to address the condition of the existing coastal walking path and grassed sections between the B11 car park and Red Bluff which are badly worn in sections.
- There is a particularly poor section just north of the Edward Street ramp where it would be appropriate to construct a short boardwalk across the existing sand pan to prevent further deterioration.
- I am somewhat puzzled as to the justification for the proposed resurfacing the existing (concrete) Edward Street ramp (item 11) as this ramp is in better condition to the rest of the coastal path. It seems that the cost of item 11 would be better spent improving the condition of the rest of the path.
- I note item 9 to replace the existing chain wire fence with a wooden fence to restrict access to the beach from B12 car park due to unstable cliffs according to the signage. It is a great pity that this access is no longer available and is very confusing for visitors and causes the existing very expensive B12 car park constructed by Bayside Council and the pedestrian traffic lights on Beach Road to be underutilised.
- If stabilising the cliff to provide safe access cannot be justified, I suggest Council request VicRoads remove the pedestrian traffic lights as they are superfluous.
- I suggest that car parking charges in car parks B11, 12 and 13 be increased to give non Bayside residents and visitors the opportunity to contribute to the cost of this work.

Resident e-mail 28/08/2016

- I often use this lower track and I'd hate to lose it as proposed in the Masterplan if you can please reconsider this decision.

Sandringham Foreshore Association e-mail 30/08/2016

- We are supportive of plans for the 2 wetlands. In case you get any objections for these SFA are supportive of having wetlands surrounded by native vegetation.
- The big issue raised by 2 committee members is the closure of the beach path below the rotunda, below the steps to the rocky beach area to the south.

Sandringham Foreshore Association e-mail 30/08/2016

- Sandringham beach and the surrounding cliffs and vegetation are unique to the Bayside area and in Melbourne. There are only small pockets and remnants of the natural environment found scattered throughout Bayside area e.g. parts of Hampton, Black Rock and Beaumaris foreshore. It is vital to maintain these areas in their natural state. Please do not remove any vegetation - which are vital to stabilise cliffs, or widen any paths, or change natural surfaces on paths e.g. from their sandy surfaces to artificial surfaces.
- The more we maintain the existing paths in their natural state the better.
- Joggers need to be warned to slow down and respect walkers who are enjoying the peace of the natural environment. Any warning signs need to be subtle and

blend with the natural environment. The area is also a natural corridor for flora and fauna.

- Building up grassed areas to include the 2 wetlands [end of Southey St and near Sims St parking] is a great idea. This will help frogs and other wildlife to thrive and provide natural vegetation for the area. Also means less mowing for Council!
- Please don't disrupt any natural coastlines with obstacles e.g. signs, a new path or fencing on the promenade at the base cliffs opposite the Rotunda.
- Also please do not remove the existing small concrete path adjacent and just south of the Sandringham Lifesaving club. It is a quiet little track away from the Beach Rd traffic noise with gorgeous views of the surrounds. The local vegetation in this area is beautiful especially when the plants there are flowering. I enjoy walking this path admiring the views and plants away from the hustle and bustle of the street traffic.
- Thank you to council for an overall great Masterplan and taking our feedback into consideration. Overall the more we maintain the natural state of the area, the better!

Sandringham Foreshore Association e-mail 30/08/2016

- One photo attached showing a pic of the signage shown for the Bay Street Stairs works proposal.
- Where it is proposed in the illustration for "Rock stabilisation if required" please use similar coloured hard sandstone coloured rocks to blend with the natural landscape. E.g. hard sandstone granite instead of bluestone.
- I've seen it used successfully in other areas.
- Also SFA are completely opposed to removing the existing timber steps (they should be maintained as they blend in the natural environment) and replacing them with new concrete steps closer to the playground which leads to an unsafe rocky beach area with a storm water drain pipe, and reef system that is unsafe for adults and children! The proposed new steps will also disrupt further vegetation.
- Please review this proposal as a matter of urgency. I'll take a photo next so you can view where the new proposed concrete steps are proposed.

Resident e-mail 12/09/2016

- Two photos attached showing the site where the resident believes 'the midden' to be located
- Pics taken with my phone on Saturday showing where I remember the midden to be in that narrow space between the paths. Damian was with us the days we were shown the midden so perhaps he has a memory of it too. There were no weeds at the time so it was fully exposed.

Resident e-mail 12/09/2016

- Overall this is a comprehensive document which addresses many items and problems positively and sensitively. However, I do have some concerns.
- There is an Aboriginal Midden next to one of the paths near the Sandringham Life Saving Club.

- It must be preserved. I can't quite see if it is part of the path rationalisation so closer attention needs to be paid to the area.
- Although the plan states, as high priority, the removal, at last, of the fence at the old Masefield Ave ramp, no mention is made of any removal of the ramp itself or of the old Southey Street ramp and the ugly fences at their base or of the terrible mess created by the original construction of these ramps on the beach. I understand the problem of erosion if the foundations were to be removed but they are themselves a cause of erosion and scouring of the sand, particularly the Masefield Avenue ramp. There is a great deal of rubbish under the sand which only becomes visible with the movement of sand to the north in the summer. Access for walkers and beach goers is quite dangerous at those times. There is much unused infrastructure abandoned along the length of Beach Park with the reason always given that it is too costly and difficult to remove it. I think removal of unwanted, introduced rubbish should be removed even gradually so that the beach can be returned to a more natural state in those areas.
- The construction of another ramp at Sims Street in hard material is another concern. The existing steps were constructed in timber expressly to prevent erosion and damage to the cliff face and the at the base and in that regard they have been successful. Perhaps they do look different from the old concrete and bluestone further to the north but they do sit quite softly on the land. Perhaps there is another method of building that would be more in keeping visually but would be less damaging than more concrete steps. A softer engineering solution.
- I agree that there must be no further construction of car parks in the Beach Park.
- The treatment and retention of storm water would be a great improvement on sending the untreated water into the bay as it is now and the creation of wetlands and their environment and use of the water for irrigation a great innovation.
- Great care must be taken when considering widening any of the bush paths or access. The surviving vegetation is very precious and threatened in all sorts of ways and by many demands. I understand the OH and S requirements can be quite extreme considering we have few if any accidents under the existing conditions, so we must be conservative regarding destruction of vegetation.
- The indigenous vegetation in fact, is highly degraded. BRASCA and the service provider do as much as they can within the limits of time and funding as BRASCA has for so many years but Council really should provide a bigger budget to improve the state of the plants, remove weeds and replace more plants. Beach Park is enjoyed by many for many activities but it is so degraded that it is in danger of disappearing because of neglect and the excessive invasion of weeds.
- Right through this document there is mention of the introduction of signage. There are many existing signs in Beach Park and more must be carefully considered. The rationalisation of new and existing signage is desirable but I do wonder how many people read them. Signs, to be noticed, have to be really special and well-designed but not so many that we can't see the wood for the trees.

Resident e-mail 08/09/2016

- One photo attached showing a pic of the drain at Sandringham Beach highlighting the "sludgy looking water"

- Also express my appreciation for the Sandringham Garden Masterplan, there are some really good ideas in the plan such as the removal of the sub-station.
- One thing I couldn't see any mention of was about the Sandy beach drain. I have attached a photo I took this morning. It is really disgusting. I understand that to move or remove will be difficult and expensive but to have a drain with sludgy looking water draining and pooling on one of Melbourne's best beaches, 50 metres from a lifesaving club, is pretty ordinary to say the least.
- Please consider options even longer term to divert or remove.

Resident e-mail 11/09/2016

- In general I support the plans.
- The current open grassed area of the Beach Rd / Southey St park is approximately 40M x 60M.
- Question 1 - Is this area going to be retained (and not reduced) as open space including being grassed area Question 2 - Are any additional trees or shrubs going to be planted in this space
- Question 3 - With the planned works in the open space, will any of these works restrict the current view of the water and surrounds for houses adjacent to Beach Rd and at 152a Southey Street?

Resident e-mail 12/09/2016

- Can you please confirm if the access to the lifesaving club from Beach Road will be improved (the stairs/ramp that leads beside the clubhouse down to the beach) as this access point as it currently stands is dangerous, especially when wet?
- I'm happy to see that lighting is being improved, as it's currently unsafe for members to come and go of a night.
- While not documented on this plan, I am still concerned about the comments that were made about the long term viability of the club by both the council and your consultant when we last met face to face. Given that this plan looks at the foreshore as a whole, I would like to know where the club both now and with development of a new building will fit into these council plans.

Resident e-mail: 22/9/2016

- My first point goes to the provision of a "proper" washing facility with adjacent seating at the top of the access ramp to the Edward St beach. There is a tap there at present beneath which have been placed a collection of bricks etc. and this is used regularly during the summer season. There is nowhere for users to put their towels, shoes etc. and consequently family groups drop their gear and assemble on the pathway thus impeding through traffic of pedestrians and cyclists.
- The other point I wish to make broadly addresses the length of the cliff-top walk which has over the years, been affected by erosion exposing roots and other obstacles which form a hazard – particularly to more elderly walkers. My suggestion is to selectively apply crushed granite, Lilydale toppings or something of that ilk to provide a safe and more regular surface with due attention given to appropriate drainage to prevent more erosion in the future.