

**Dromana Foreshore Committee of Management Inc.**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**  
**6.30pm**

Meeting Opened: 6.30pm.		
1.	<b>In attendance:</b> MB RG LA JW JS Invited: ME, WC. Observer: Rick MPBBA <b>Apologies:</b> JA NM MT	
2.	<b>Conflicts of Interest</b> – Chairperson asked for any changes of conflict of interest. None	<b>JA</b>
3.	<b>Minutes of Meeting held on:</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 Moved: JS Seconded: RG Carried: Include in these minutes that JW also attended the BP PAC held on 20 <sup>th</sup> June Amended on 23 <sup>rd</sup> July.✓	<b>JA</b>
4.	<b><u>Secretary/ Correspondence/Transfers/ Financial Statement</u></b> Correspondence/Transfers/Financial Statement Moved: LA Seconded: JS Carried	<b>WC/MB</b>
5.	<b>Matters Arising</b> LSV Access: Discussion regarding DFCoM’s recent site visit by JA ME & JS. – JS spoke about the 3 access point options – The one from the car park is a controlled entry point unlike Point Nepean Rd which is LSV’s requested option. DFCoM prefer the current access from the car park with a few tweaks, which can include a wider bay trail area between DBLSC and the Sea Scouts Boat Shed. DFCoM will assist with the relocation of the vegetation island and any other assistance required in relocating the MP Shire’s existing bike rack. This will achieve a better safety outcome which LSV is looking for. The recent history with DBLSC and the current removable bollard padlock, does not give DFCoM any confidence that our future requirements will be met. DBLSC are not currently adhering to our request of locking the bollard that they have access to, immediately after use. If they continue to not comply, access may only be required through the DFCoM during business hours. A registered key may be required to be used instead of the current type. JS to draft letter to DBLSC requesting compliance.	
6.	<b>Subcommittee Reports:</b>	
	<b>Caravan Park-</b> No recent contact from Jill @ MP Shire regarding the recent C/P report. Relining of T2 to go ahead as quoted. Broken and smashed door at T2 was possibly done to use power for charging phones. Door has been repaired and no further break in since. JA has contacted CFA regarding water mains. MB has contacted MP Shire regarding funding/grant for mains installation.	<b>MB</b> <b>JA/RG</b>
	<b>Works / Bay Trail</b> – As tabled Discussion regarding access point grant – MB to discuss further with AR (grant writer) T2 Solar – has been poorly implemented from Shine on. Asbestos has been found inside the switchboard, and nobody wants to touch it. To replace it would be very costly which will require altering at a later date when it is upgraded. Option 3 – the solar power will still run the CP but will not feed into the grid. BS45 discussed. BS condition Reports discussed. LA doing a Flyer regarding Poisons on the Foreshore to go to all BS owners & C/P site holders. JW to confirm with Garage builders they can complete build prior to November.	<b>JW</b> <b>JA/LA</b> <b>MT/NM</b> <b>(ME)</b>
	<b>Latrobe Reserve</b> – As tabled	<b>MT</b>

	The friends' group was not held due to bad weather.	LA/JW (ME)
	<b>Vegetation Management</b> – As tabled	<b>MT</b> LA/JW (ME)
	<b>Finance</b> – up to date, to June 30 <sup>th</sup> EOFY	<b>MB</b>
	<b>Grants</b> – Port Phillip Bay Fund grant – ME to involve one of the Part time Rangers to help with the implementation of the Dromana Primary School outings. Beach Access grant has been received.	<b>MB</b> MB
	<b>Combined Foreshores</b> – ME hosting next months meeting, to be held at the Sea Scouts Hall. SW from DEECA attending. ME & VS attended a conflict resolution course at Whitecliffs last week with other COMs on the Peninsula. Both found it very informative and have gained some useful tools to use in the future.	<b>ME</b>
	<b>Town Centre</b> – Nil	<b>ME</b>
	<b>Staff / Volunteer Liaison</b> – Nil	<b>MB</b> RG
	<b>Dogs on Beaches</b> – JS spoke to the report received from the MP Shire and found the numbers very interesting. Suggestion made that JS attend the upcoming COMs meeting to be held in Dromana in August.	<b>JS</b>
	<b>All Subcommittee Reports approved</b> Subcommittee Reports Moved: JS Seconded: RG Carried:	
7.	<b><u>Other Business</u></b> BS23 Owners attended to voice their concerns: MB welcomed the 4 co-owners of BS23. Margaret thanked DFCoM for giving them time to attend and address the Committee. Margaret spoke on behalf of the group and wanted to give DFCoM Ideas to improve, and that they were not there to complain. The Memorial Seat – how did DFCoM not see that it would be upsetting by its removal and replacement with no contact made to herself prior. Toilet facilities: Group suggestion made that to enable the toilets to be open more often could be that BS owners are given a key and that they would maintain the toilets and supply all consumables and asked - is it not worth a trial period? Coastal Erosion Working Group: Last Thursdays meeting was not attended by DFCoM or the past 3 meetings – why. DFCoM has been invited to each one. Margaret suggested that DFCoM should have a representative in attendance at these meetings. DFCoM - MB advised the group that he did try to log on to the meeting at 12pm, while he was at the airport waiting for a flight but as they were onsite at Birdrock no one was online and that he again tried when he was on the plane at 1pm but he couldn't get onto Wi-Fi. MB also agreed that it was a worthy cause and in the future DFCoM will have more involvement. JS asked if DEECA was involved but it seems they are not as involved as the Working Group would like.  Group member advised that this collaborative working group will have more pull with State Government and as it is such an important issue there will be a paper submitted to the Government from the group.	

	<p>DFCoM-LA asked if the group discussions are mainly about the private assets or erosion.  Group answered: That property damage is a part of the groups concern, but it is also about the erosion being caused by climate change.  Group asked: About the Groynes at McCrae and Rye and none in Dromana  DFCoM-RG responded that there are groynes in dromana and are every couple of hundred metres, but they cannot be seen now, as they are buried under the sand and have been for many years and that they were installed by the govt.  Group asked: How the Stone Wall in front of the Boatsheds came about.  DFCoM-RG advised that in 1958 the stone wall was built to protect the town of Dromana from tides/flooding it is now a heritage listed asset and managed by Parks Vic.  Group asked: Why is T8 open on weekends and not T7.  DFCoM-MB One toilet block is opened each end of the foreshore and One in the middle.  Group asked: Why on major weekends are not all the Toilet blocks open and can they be opened?  DFCoM – MB, it is based on weather and peak times.</p> <p>MB Thanked them all for their time.</p> <p>The 3 Key Questions &amp; DFCoM’s response:  Memorial Seat/Plaque: DFCoM note your grievance, our renewal policy will continue to be followed, and we have taken on board your suggestions.  Toilets: These are DFCoM assets, and it would not be practical to have BS owners maintaining them, but we will look at future opening time scheduling.  Coastal Erosion Group: DFCoM member MB plans to be involved in this working group and will work in co-operation with them.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>LA: Set process for the 3 Letter register. MB to discuss with Secretary and Admin prior to implementation.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> NM will continue updating.</p> <p><b>MPBBA</b>  Rick – spoke about PLI and Grants.  MPBBA attended the Coastal Erosion group meeting.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Meeting Closed:</b> 8:55 pm  <b>Next meeting:</b> 26<sup>th</sup> August 6:30pm Dromana Tennis Club - LA &amp; JW not attending</p>	