# What we heard

The CMMP is being developed in consultation with our local community, Traditional Owners, and a variety of stakeholders. A range of values and challenges for Hobsons Bay's coastal and marine areas have been identified.

**COASTAL AND MARINE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

## Values

- Healthy and clean beaches, waterways and lakes
- Natural parklands and wetlands
- Healthy coastal and marine ecosystems
- Birdlife and marine life
- Port Phillip views and interaction
- Stable, non-polluting landscapes and 'fresh air'
- Significant volcanic landforms and coastal geomorphology
- Conservation of unique and significant flora and fauna

- Open space for both ecological protection and recreation
- Maintaining lifestyle, identity and history, such as maintaining historic piers
- Maintaining effective transport networks and pedestrian safety

- Walking, running, cycling and dog walking on trails and beaches
- Swimming, snorkelling, jet skiing and boating in Port Phillip
- Recreational fishing including appreciation of fishing heritage
- Provision of facilities and amenities that encourage recreation

- Family-friendly, safe, relaxed, 'village' atmosphere
- Diverse, multi-cultural, friendly community
- Cafes, restaurants, shops, markets
- Easily accessible, close to city
- Well maintained, clean public places
- Protection of cultural heritage (i.e. Aboriginal shell middens)
- Educated, engaged and informed communities
- Shared responsibility and stewardship

- Natural amenity
- Historic areas and features
- Industrial and maritime heritage and character, including shipping route
- Coastal lifestyle and identity
- Proximity to central Melbourne including skyline views
- Balance of peaceful and 'active' areas
- Open spaces

### ENVIRONMENT
Considers the importance and influence of natural processes, health, diversity and significance of ecosystems and communities (flora, fauna) and opportunities to protect and enhance the coastal and marine environment

### PLANNING
Looks at decision making and forward planning related to management of marine and coastal areas. Includes planning controls, development and growth, works programs, budgets, integration with other planning and infrastructure actions

### RECREATION
Brings together the wide array of recreational activities undertaken within foreshore and marine environments and their surrounds, including required facilities and management that enable and encourage use and access to these pursuits

### COMMUNITY
Reflects on experiences, behaviours and interactions people have with marine and coastal areas, as locals and visitors, as traditional owners, through organisations and committees, and via commercial ventures

### PLACE
Considers the relationships people have with their surrounds, and the feelings and emotions that each place evokes.

Often associated with past experiences, culture and history

## Challenges

- Pollution from industrial and urban areas
- Historic landfill contamination
- Litter, dog waste, fishing waste
- Recreation impacts (i.e. dogs and wildlife, trail bikes and conservation areas)
- Coastal engineering impacts
- Limited trees in places
- Rocks and rockpools being stripped of aquatic life
- Noise from motors such as powered paragliders
- Impacts on sensitive habitat
- Impacts of dynamic coastline, sediment transport processes

- Growing local population and growing tourism
- Engineering and infrastructure in natural areas
- New developments not in keeping with existing character
- Climate change, sea level rise, storm surges and stormwater runoff (including drainage issues)
- Limitations imposed by existing infrastructure (e.g. railway, pipelines)
- Ability to effectively protect and remediate sensitive areas

- Balancing 'natural' &'active'
- Availability of lighting, signage, seating, toilets and other amenities
- Disconnect between diverse range of beach/foreshore users
- Safety risks
- Litter, pollution, tourist pressures
- Fishing practices, particularly in protected areas
- Accessibility and activation along the Yarra River (Spotswood)
- Access and facilities for water-based activities - bathing (pools, changing facilities), boating, boat ramps
- Seaweed management
- Snake management

- Waste management issues
- Car parking and other transport provision issues
- Social vulnerability impacting access and opportunities for all community members
- Insufficient or ineffective stakeholder collaboration including between agencies

- Flooding and inundation risks
- Engineering of coastal and marine areas
- Loss of existing character due to development and growth

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