

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Land Management

In November 2006 the State Government of Victoria made a commitment to establish a continuous chain of parks along the Barwon River, from the Ring Road in Geelong to the sea at Barwon Heads, by linking existing parks and public land. The various land and water managers have been co-operatively managing the area through the Barwon River Parklands Steering Committee to provide integrated quality services and management of environmental values, recreational assets and community programs. Key objectives include:

- Protection of the natural environmental and cultural values of the Parklands and the Barwon River
- Accessible opportunities for the recreational use and enjoyment of the Parklands
- The active participation of local communities in the management, protection and operation of the Parklands to improve community well-being
- Integration with regional planning and landscape management policies and initiatives.

MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING



Parks Victoria is the lead agency in development of the Barwon River Parklands and is responsible for the Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve (which includes Reedy Lake). They manage the Barwon Bluff Manne Sanctuary and assist recreational waterway management downstream of the lower Breakwater to Sheepwash Road.



City of Greater Geelong is responsible for management of all open space reserves along the Barwon and Moorabool Rivers upstream of Queens Park Bridge to the Geelong Ring Road. They also manage Balyang Sanctuary, King Lloyd Recreation Reserve, Barwon Valley Park, Landy Field, South Barwon Reserve, Barwon Heads Village Park, Ash Road, McCorkell Reserve and the majority of Belmont Common.



Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CMA), as the regional caretaker of river health, is responsible for the implementation of State Government priorities for the management, protection and enhancement of high value river, wetland and estuarine assets in the Barwon and Moorabool Basins, as identified under the Corangamite River Health Strategy (RHS). This includes management of environmental entitlements as manager of the Environmental Water Reserve (EWR). The Corangamite CMA is also responsible for the bed and banks of the Barwon River between Orana Road and the lower breakwater. It is also responsible for most of the open space river corridor directly adjoining the river downstream of the Queens Park bridge, including Stan Lewis Walk, Newtown Park, Rowing Mile, Richardson Reserve, Belmont Common Boat Ramp, Wal Whiteside Walk, as well as leased Crown land reserves along the river downstream of Breakwater Road to Reedy Lake and the lower breakwater.



Barwon Water own and manage McIntyre Footbridge and Ovoid Sewer Aqueduct. They directly manage reserves surrounding sewerage and water supply infrastructure at these locations and other sewer pumping stations through the Parklands.



Barwon Coast Committee of Management act as a Department of Sustainability and Environment committee of management for coastal land including the Ocean Grove Spit, Barwon Heads, Carsvan Park and coastal land along 13th Beach Road. Responsible for the management of the Port of Barwon Heads downstream of Sheepwash Road to the mouth of Barwon River.



The Department of Sustainability and Environment leads the Victorian Government's efforts to sustainably manage water resources and catchments, climate change, bushfires, parks and other public land, forests, biodiversity and ecosystem conservation, as the owner of Crown Land. DSE is directly responsible for the management of the Marmockvale site off Shannon Ave.

The Department of Planning and Community Development is responsible for land-use planning and environment assessment in Victoria. This includes managing the regulatory framework and providing advice on planning policy, urban design and strategic planning, as well as information on land development and forecasting.



Registered Aboriginal Party representing the Traditional Owners of the areas including those covered by the Barwon River Parklands. The Wathaurung Corp represents Wada wurrung people who are members of the Kulin nation from the coastal country in the west of Port Phillip Bay. Members of Wathaurung Corp have continued to live on country and have an ongoing relationship with the land of the Wada wurrung people.



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