

# Police Point Shire Park, Portsea Recreation & Conservation Action Plan update December 2013

The Police Point Shire Park Recreation & Conservation Action Plan (2012) identifies a range of improvement actions to preserve, enhance and interpret the significant natural and cultural heritage features of the park and develop the Attendant Cottages for respite and arts, culture and heritage uses.

Implementation of the plan has commenced and is taking place in liaison with Parks Victoria and consideration of the greater Quarantine Station and Point Nepean National Park context.

A range of works have been completed and are planned at Police Point Shire Park. Works are being undertaken in accordance with the Australia ICOMOS Burra Charter (1999) principles considering heritage 'significance', 'fabric' and 'order of work'.

The following improvement works have been completed:

- Detailed heritage architect assessment and emergency repair works of the Superintendants Cottage (Cottage 6)
- Installation of new underground power, gas and sewerage services and connections to the cottages. Resealing Franklands Drive (Parks Victoria)
- Revegetation with indigenous native plants beside Franklands Drive
- Removal & replacement of fences in the entrance area
- Establishment of a management model for the respite cottages (two year trial period)
- Establishment of an arts & culture work space in the Quarantine Station
- Draft recommendations developed for an arts, culture & heritage cottages management model

The following works are planned to take place over the following 6 to 12 months:

- After Heritage Victoria approval, repair and replacement of Attendant Cottages perimeter fencing, and removal of non-significant outbuildings.
- Weed removal and appropriate replanting in Attendant Cottage gardens
- Development of a heritage interpretation and general signage plan, and installation of new entrance area signs
- Design of a new picnic and play space with interpretive elements
- Design of cliff top viewing area structure with interpretive elements
- Quarantine boundary historic 'Calling Ground' fence design and possible community fundraising
- Concept design for adaptive reuse of Cottage 6 for arts, culture & heritage and Cottage 1 for respite.

The shire is implementing these works with the assistance of community members from a range of organisations including Nepean Historical Society, Nepean Conservation Group, Nepean Rate Payers Association, Rotary and others who are part of the three work groups.

Further details are available in the Police Point Shire Park Recreation & Conservation Action Plan available on the shire website [www.mornpen.vic.gov.au](http://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au) or contact the shires heritage or recreation planners by phone 1300 850 600 or email [recreationplanning@mornpen.vic.gov.au](mailto:recreationplanning@mornpen.vic.gov.au) or [strategicadmin@mornpen.vic.gov.au](mailto:strategicadmin@mornpen.vic.gov.au)

