

TAYLOR PARK DRAFT MASTER PLAN

BACKGROUND

Taylor Park is situated in the heart of Torquay and provides the main public open space for the town centre other than the beach and foreshore. The park is Crown land managed by the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) under the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978*.

This draft master plan has been informed by community and stakeholder consultation conducted over summer 2018/19. The key themes highlighted included retaining the natural bushland character of the park, protection from development, additional and upgraded facilities including a grassed area, and environmental and heritage educational signage.

The Wadawurrung name for Taylor Park is 'djirnap' – the place of the white cockatoo.

The Torquay Bowls Club site within Taylor Park is leased from GORCC under a 21-year Crown land lease. GORCC acknowledge the Bowls Club's desire for lease expansion however consultation has identified strong mixed views. GORCC supports the Bowls Club in its current capacity and use. Without further consultation and investigation GORCC cannot support or commit to an extension to the lease area. GORCC will continue to work closely with the Bowls Club.

Priority works have been submitted for consideration in GORCC's draft 2019/20 budget.

A new authority, Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (GORCPA), is due to commence in 2020, replacing GORCC and other land managers along the Great Ocean Road. GORCPA will become the Crown land manager and therefore be responsible for the management of the park, and implementation of the plan moving forward. A clear delivery plan for staged works over the life of the plan will be presented to GORCPA.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Feedback was open on the draft master plan until Friday 10 May 2019 and has since closed. Two community consultation sessions were held over April and May. Feedback received during the consultation period will help inform the development and design of the final master plan.

NEXT STEPS

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The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee is a State Government body responsible for protecting, enhancing, and developing coastal Crown land from Point Impossible to Cumberland River.