

Managing Country Together

Coastal Forum 2008

13-14 November

Point Nepean Quarantine Station

We all have a role to play

Our precious coast is under pressure, and we need to work together as we manage threats into the future.

Managing Country Together will bring together Traditional Owners, government agencies and a range of other people who actively care for our coast.

Over two days, participants will have the opportunity to:

- **communicate** their interest and aspirations for the management of 'Sea Country' to land managers from various agencies.
- **identify** the links between cultural heritage and natural resource management.
- **discuss** indigenous coastal management issues.
- **explore** opportunities for greater indigenous participation in the management of coastal areas.
- **build** relationships between indigenous people and land managers.

Focus on our coast

Key topics for discussion will include:

- Indigenous and non-indigenous perspectives on the condition of Victoria's coastal areas
- 'Caring for Sea Country' case studies and stories from Victoria and beyond
- cultural site management in the coastal environment
- Indigenous involvement in natural resource management
- education and learning programs
- opportunities for indigenous training, employment and careers on the coast.

Location

Point Nepean Quarantine Station surrounded by Point Nepean National Park
Melways Map167 A7

- Cost for agency employees: \$440 (including GST).
- Indigenous representatives will have attendance related costs covered, including costs for road and public transport and accommodation.

We look forward to seeing you there – your participation will help make the forum a success!



The program will include:

Day 1 Thursday 13 November

Registration from 8.00am

9:00 – 9:30 am Tour

Short tour of Point Nepean Quarantine Station - Enjoy a walking tour before the forum of the grand historic Pt Nepean Quarantine station and discover the fascinating maritime past of the local area. (Optional)

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Welcome to Country

Background about the Coastal Forum

Why is this Forum occurring and what outcomes can we aspire for?

What is happening in Victorian Coastal Country?

An overview from Traditional Owners (including Uncle Albert Mullett) of the changes to the Victorian Coast

An overview of coastal management in Victoria

11:15 am – 1:00 pm

Working Together on Coastal Country

Case Studies including:

- Lake Condah
- DSE Lake Tyers Work Crew projects

Open Discussion on Case Studies

1:15pm – 1:45pm

Lunch

2:00pm – 5:00pm

Building Capacity and Engagement in Coastal Management

National Case Study – Indigenous Sea Rangers in the Northern Territory and the management of marine turtles and dugongs (TBC)

Concurrent Workshops - topics including:

- Co-management arrangements
- Working towards better engagement
- Maintaining and protecting Traditional Ecological Knowledge
- Pressures on Site Management
- Education Pathways

Reflection and Feedback from Workshops to all groups

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Forum Dinner

Two course dinner at the Portsea Hotel

- Indigenous Sea Rangers in the Northern Territory (TBC)
- Special Guest Entertainment

Day 2 Friday 14 November

9:00am – 12:30pm

Field Trip : Mornington Peninsula

While visiting cultural heritage site discussions surrounding the following subjects will be encouraged:-

- explore the many facets and challenges of managing Cultural Sites and their important heritage values.
- The evolving role of Cultural Heritage Legislation in NRM, and the implications this has on coastal management.

Alternatively, participants may wish to have an informal discussion on subjects or issues that were raised over the previous day of the forum back at The Grange at Portsea Village.

12:30pm – 1:00pm

Lunch

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Review of the Forum from participants, key outcomes and advice from Traditional Owner representatives

Thanks and farewell

PLEASE NOTE: The forum program is correct at time of printing, however, all information may be subject to change.