

# Help Shape a Better Bass Coast

## Community Engagement – Local Laws and Animals

### Horses and Dogs

- At coronet bay we have a beautiful swimming beach which is spoiled by us having to swim in poo left by the horses permitted at Norseman's road .it won't be long before someone is violently ill .it's a health risk .
- I drive to take my dog down to the off leash area of the beach at the end of O'Connor's Road. The parking area is full of horse poo it's revolting! Then I have to watch out that my dog doesn't run down the steps into a passing horse and rider who fly down the beach at a very fast pace. It could be very dangerous for all of us if there is an incident. This now raises a question, are horses allowed to gallop and have free range on the dog off leash beach area at the end of O'Connor's Road? If not then signs need to be put up for horse owners to make them aware to stop and turn around. If horses are allowed to gallop and be in the off leash dog area then it will only be a matter of time before a person, child, rider, horse or dog is hurt or worse. When I take my dog for walks to the beach at end of Norseman's road the car park is constantly full of horse poo. Then along the beach there is more horse poo. Adults and children are swimming among the poo as well. It's a health hazard. As a dog owner I pick up my dogs poo's so why do horse owners like to leave their animal's poo on Coronet Bay's beach and surrounding public areas?!?! Really?!?! I will end with this final word - Many horses may have Salmonella in their systems but do not shed it, and most of the time they are not ill therefore their poo is normal so horse owners do not know they are infected. Due to this fact there is a risk of people including our children becoming infected with Salmonella from an infected horse. Horse owners let's keep our areas clean of horse poo pick up after your animal before an adult or child gets sick or worse from e.g. Salmonella.
- When is there going to be more defined signage at coronet bay for horses .someone is going to be hurt by the galloping horses .and the shared access to the beach is dangerous
- Horses on the beach at Coronet Bay, are they allowed to run flat out? Are they allowed to go past O'Connor Road "dog off leash area". Horse poo on beach which gets washed into water at high tide. Dog owners have to pick up after their dogs,what about horses. Also horse poo in Norsemans Rd car park. Horse owners come from Warragul Tooradin etc and do not spend any money in our local area.
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- Remove dogs and horses from Norseman's road beach, they are filthy and dangerous, my children have been charged at by dogs kicked by horses, the area stinks.
- Aligning the Norseman's road Coronet Bay beach with those of the other beaches in the council around dogs and horses, dogs not allowed during peak holiday periods on the beach and remove all access for horses.
- Better information with regard to beach access for horses. This includes on the BCSC website and end of each rd/access point to the beach.
- Better signage. Ranger appearing when horses are there everyday.
- Sharing swimming with horses and dogs is sickening and there is shit in the water. The car park stinks of horse shit there's no room to park once the horses float park, the shared access for horses, dogs and humans is dangerous. My grandson was kicked but that did not charge council's decision to remove them. Have you seen horses get spooked? Very life threatening.
- Remove horses and dogs from beach
- Lack of dog off-leash areas particularly beaches. Unsafe cycling between Cape and Inverloch along a 2-lane road with double white lines
- This is a small thing that I've raised on several occasions and which Council officers have assured me is easily achieved, however, 4 years ago I raised it and still no action. Please provide waste bins at the dog reserves to encourage people to clean up after their dog - if there aren't bins provided then people just won't do it (e.g. reserve at Headland Way, Inverloch). Also at a couple of extra locations along the Ayr Creek walking trail e.g. at Royal Pde and at Toorak Rd (already have bins at the beach and at Mitre 10).
- I would also advocate the installation of 'doggie bag' dispensers throughout the area.
- Why aren't there horses and dogs at Cowes beach ???
- Pet ownership education and mandatory desexing of pets if not registered as a breeder. Animal welfare is often an issue overlooked by councils. There is definitely an issue with roaming dogs and ferret cats across the shire. Education is essential to reduce this problem and heavy fines for owners allowing their pets to constantly roam the streets. Some shires offer free desexing days to low-income earners, perhaps that's an initiative that could be introduced. The shire also lacks fenced dog parks. Our shire is way behind others in providing safe areas for dogs to have off-leash time.
- I'm very concerned about the shared access of horses and people at Coronet Bay Beach. This is an accident/law suit waiting to happen. We need another entrance to cater for the horses with beach access further up. And clean up the poo!
- Dogs not controlled in shops.
- Happy with dog regulations on Inverloch beach as they are.
- Doggy poo bag dispensers.
- I am concerned for my family's safety when visiting Norsemen road beach due to large number of horses using the car park access path and beach

- Norsemen road beach car park improved for use by residents and health and safety issues with horses using this beach resolved with resident rate payer consultation
- Stop horses using Norsemen road beach until health and safety issues are resolved with an appropriate consultation process involving expert study and resident input
- I'm concerned about the horses on the beach. Some have been rude to visitors telling them to move and the lack of consideration for other beach goers in terms of leaving horse poo on the beach is irresponsible. It's not pleasant to put your towel next to a pile of poo. On the contrary, I have never had any issue with dog poo on the beach, dog owners are fantastic. Only once during a two week period did I see a responsible horse rider have a thing for collecting their horse poo. I thanked them! its also fantastic having bins at that entrances/all access points to the beach.
- Horses and humans sharing same 2 meter wide access path And car park is dangerous Horse faecal matter littering car park and beach areas
- Keep Horse Beach at Coronet Bay.
- Threat: Horses: safety and environmental issues ✓
  - Club horses on beach ✓
  - Safety \*
  - Put people off \*
- Threat: Horses at Coronet Bay beach – Norsemens (horse poo everywhere) \*
- Free access for all users of designated beaches, including horses (between 6-9am & pm)
- Remove horses from Coronet Bay, Norsemens Rd
- No horses at Coronet Bay Norsemens Rd
- Return Norsemens Rd, Coronet Bay to no horse beach \*\*\*
- Horses poo at Coronet Bay, Norsemens Rd
  - dog poo on beaches and walkways, more enforcement of local laws.
  - A proper fenced dog park - the dog park in Wonthaggi isn't fully fenced.
  - Horse riders using the rail trail along Kilocunda need to be responsible for removing and taking any horse poo with them the same way that dog owners are expected to remove poo. It stays on the trail for weeks and is disgusting as it is run over by bikes and foot traffic.
- Horses on the beach at Coronet Bay is a health and safety issue. The only sandy beach this side of Westernport has been taken over by pony clubs from outside the area.
- Ban horses from Coronet Bay/Corinella beach. It is becoming a health and safety issue. Pony clubs are coming from far away creating a lot of problems for local beach users.
- Horse and dog excrement polluting the foreshore/beaches.
- More dog or horse beaches (2)

## Cats

- Good evening, I was just wondering if there were plans to implement a cat curfew on the island?

- no word about protection of ground nesting birds From domestic and roaming cats in this important colony? Just ban cats!
- cat curfews or, even better, all cats to be kept indoors- i'm amazed that there's no curfew in place already and that we're still losing hooded plover chicks to cats!
- No roaming cats policy. Cats confined to owners' properties.
- Roaming cats. Cat faeces in my garden.
- New laws for cats. We live right by the start of the nature reserve and I constantly see cats with collars out at night.
- Ban cats - unless always kept indoors
- Cull stray cats
- A reduction on pet registration once a pet reaches a certain age. A reduction on pet registration for **INDOOR ONLY** pets who are guaranteed not to be found wandering or out of premises unless major circumstances happen. A reduction on registration if pet is adopted through a bass coast council residing adoption program.
- Contain cats - to be on an owners property only. Open space, expand green spaces. Surely developers can do more than provide paling fence compounds.
- Cat curfew

## Other Local Laws

- This is my first summer here as a new resident. What has surprised me the most is the lack of support for full time residents. The last 2 weeks has been very sad in the blatant disrespect for law/council rules. There is no policing of your laws that are already in place:
  - \*Locals will use the dog beaches at allocated times, others will not
  - \*There seems to be no penalty for not picking up after your dog or having them off leash, we have already had one dog attack
  - \*Fireworks are appalling!! Is anyone policing this? Or even putting up signs or a leaflet drop??
  - We are increasingly worried about fires as there seems to be a LOT of green waste around and illegal fireworks most nights since Christmas Eve
  - \*Speed signs are not abided by- we are constantly tail gated and even beeped at for staying at the speed limit
 There are several intersections that are plain frightening! This should be first priority.
- My town coronet bay is perfect just the way it is but would be curious to see if council would be willing to supply CCTV at all enterences to CB which I believe would get rid of the Hons that see out town as a playground
- Domestic pet regulations enforced
- Council actually 'policing' the by-laws in place, especially in peak holiday periods 24/7!
- A non-human wellbeing issue is the state of the animal shelter/pound. Conditions are very poor and the location is terrible.
- If love to see wonthaggi a smoke free Main Street like other towns such at Warragul
- Fire protection and management. Currently some of our reserves are in a very poor state and overgrown. Providing habitat will be small comfort to residents living in close proximity to overgrown reserves.
- More presence and enforcement, particularly on our foreshore areas.

- Stronger focus on anti graffiti and stronger focus on resident issues like barking dogs for example.
- Stop illegal fire works.
- Improve the management of the San Remo Cemetery
- Ranger response to issues\*
- No traders to use footpath as added space, it is untidy and tacky! Not safe. Should consider people with disabilities
- Public fire plan for Phillip Island or San Remo
- Helicopter noise at Cape Woolamai\*\*
  - Increasing rapidly
  - No laws to stop it happening all day every day.
- Beach access for camping
- collection of road kill
- Please stop people extending garden area over footpath and blocking pedestrians. We need people to get off roads. Please police it or people will keep doing it.
- Introduce penalties on landowners who neglect their weeds.
- Abolish the revenue raising requirement to pay registration fee to Bass Coast for rental houses.
- Cockatoos being fed by neighbours - what are the laws against this? – Woodleigh
- During the holiday periods have far more local rangers around to enforce the rules we all need to live by. Set up local by-law JPs to hear immediate cases of lawlessness.
- Simply properly enforce local laws and vegetation policies.
- For many years Phillip Island Airport (PIA) saw the occasional plane come and go. The last few years have seen the airport become a centre for scenic helicopter flights. This has resulted in a significant increase in noise pollution. In addition to the disturbance from taking off and landing the operator's popular 6-8 minute flight around Cape Woolamai results in the helicopters seldom moving beyond earshot of residents (and visitors to our beaches). These flights happen throughout the day and into the evening as late as 7 pm, particularly in summer. The economic benefit of these operations comes at the expense of many. Noise pollution is a recognised issue and can have measurable and lasting effects on the health and well-being of residents. The daily construction-like noise which permeates through closed doors and windows is unfair. We choose to live here for peace and quiet, to hear the surf and the birds and wildlife we try so hard to preserve. I find it hard to accept the line that nothing can be done because the operations are conducted within Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) regulations. To clarify - this is not an airport site development issue - the current operators have indicated that they intend to operate from the corner lot (Lot 6) regardless of the airport land being developed. Despite claims by airport operators that PIA is used regularly by Air Ambulance, it is not. In the last strategic review on PIA, the Operations Manager for Ambulance Victoria noted that their helicopters usually land at the helipad in Cowes, the GP circuit or in paddocks as required, and could not recall a patient pick up in the last 1-2 years. In 2014 there were 2502 helicopter flights - or 5004 movements - from Phillip Island Airport. At that time the operator estimated annual growth

of 10%. When this growth - and the flights circumnavigating Cape Woolamai estate - are taken into account the annual number of interactions between residents and helicopters can be estimated at around 10,000! This equates to 1-2 hours of continuous, intrusive helicopter noise each day which, by any definition, is a significant and unmanageable disturbance. There is no limit imposed on increases in the future. Thank you for listening!

- law and order is becoming an issue –
- Clear set of neighbourhood by-laws understood by all residents and visitors, especially holiday makers. At the moment the rules are on holiday every holiday season.
- Threat: Friction between nature loving people and pet owners
  - Who are also nature loving but need places/spaces for pets
  - Have very diverse views
  - Need a compromise
- Dead animals removed daily
- Opportunity: Employ more enforcement officers for infringements \* \* \* \* \* especially for cats and dogs
- Threat: No enforcement of policies, planning, clearing, dogs, cats
- More signage about native animals – care phone #
- More patrols on beaches and during holiday periods
- Improve visual appearance of Wonthaggi by enforcing bylaw and removing unregistered vehicles, old trailers, etc from nature strip (caravans, boats)
- Consistent governance - penalize the wrong doers - more infringement on rubbish dumping, dogs off leads etc. its a soft nation just look at Bourke Street - start from the bottom and enforce law
- The '24/7' holiday rental in such a quiet little hamlet of Surf Beach, which I am burdened with on one of my fence lines, has become the bane of my life. It beds 12, but 14 is more the norm, and peaking at 24 on one occasion. The accommodation is year round, and fairly continual (16 Manly Place - [www.stayz.com.au/113513](http://www.stayz.com.au/113513) ) These people are in 'holiday mode' and overall have no concerns for quiet residents alongside who must live to working hours and be assured of good reliable sleep, not to mention reasonable noise levels, including not having their music chosen for them. Their backyard is invariably a 'menagerie' of excited children normally in the range of 4-8 in numbers, yelling squealing, screaming for hours at a time, with multiple pairs of adults, and that's before potential day visitors and weekend additional evening guests dropping in for long evenings. The ongoing cacophony is intrusive to the point of feeling violated at any time of day. The Only saving grace is that of there being no 'schoolies' allowed. We do the right thing and with extreme scenarios call '000' as Council instructed, only to find that some other resident further away has already complained. The landlords in Melbourne are not contactable and in no way care. I go through their local cleaner who always tries to send a message down the line to the accomo booking service. For the owners it is purely a money making regime – using this community literally as a vessel, no more no less; and Still very large houses, not homes, are built for this exercise alone. Of course Greed rules these days. However it can make a hell amidst our chosen 'paradise', and we came first. If on the other hand the houses were used as permanent rental to just one family, there would be more consideration potentially shown,

at least more onus to be considerate, and there would be much smaller numbers of occupants of course.. there would be no 'hype' as such, which the holiday mode embraces by what is an ongoing volume of mostly 'bogun' element unfortunately. We want them to enjoy their stay but not at our expense. The owners of these properties are not contributing to the community as resident owners or renters do, barring their payments of rates and services. Do we not need more home owners to be committed to this community? I am saddened that Council doesn't appear to currently have a 'mission statement' that is more aspirational? Surely we are all in need of creating the strongest community possible. As an Island we live patiently with very overcrowded Summer influxes in recent years, in the acceptance of our being a huge tourist destination. There is too much holiday rental now. Upmarket contained conference centres, as for instance the closing airport lends itself to, leads to controlled arrivals and more monies potentially spent, and some predictable quality involved. We can co-operate submissively as a 'vessel' throughout these peak times, but why not devise a 'cap' on numbers – Wilson's Promontary does after all – it's about protection on so many levels.

- Clean up the fire risk in Gurdies Forrest
- Reduce roadside vegetation at Kernot Bridge
- Roadside overhanging trees trimmed for fire truck clearance.
- Fast CR Water truck on standby and ready on TFB days. \*
- Why don't we have any Rangers from the Bass Coast Council ,present in Inverloch after 10am during the day? They have been seen around 9am until 10 am, then they disappear. I have yet to see a ranger or parking inspector at the boat ramp checking vehicles for ramp passes or any member of council, checking parking infringements, which are rife after 10am, when all the tourists get up and come into town. Try and find a parking space after 10am and it is almost impossible . The tourists park anyhow and anywhere they feel like it. Disabled parking spaces should be renamed, "Reserved for Tourist Parking Spaces". There is No and I repeat, No policing of parking in Inverloch during the day by any Council employee and that also includes the local police, over the holiday periods.
- The influx of visitors and Holiday people, drastically increase our town population and that causes an increase of approximately two to three thousand plus extra cars in our town. There is no infrastructure planning by Council to cope with this increase. Because there is no Ranger present during the day at the boat ramp, many visitors are launching their boats and jet skis without paying a fee, then park their cars and trailers outside of the boat ramp car park area. There should be a Ranger on duty to check that users have paid a ramp fee before launching their boats. This happens at the Corinella ramp until lunch time each day. On the few times a Ranger does attend the ramp area, if there are only a few trailers visible, he will come in and check them. If the parking area is full of trailers, he drives through and does not stop and get out to check them. This Council employee is being paid by Rate Payers to do a job. If he is too lazy to do it, then replace him with a Ranger who will. I know for a fact that during this holiday period, the ramp park is packed daily. At least 50% minimum of the cars and trailers parked there, have not purchased a ticket and some park their cars and trailers outside to avoid paying a fee. Council should make it an offence to park cars and empty boat and jet ski trailers, outside of the boat parking area. But then, If

there are no Rangers in town to police it, then you may as well take down all other parking signs and council restrictions signs, as they only seem to apply for us local rate payers during non holiday periods. I have yet to see any visitor or holiday maker fined for a breach of parking by laws in Inverloch over any holiday period. Why is it that we only see parking inspectors in our town when the holiday crowd leave? I will not name the Ranger who made this statement as he would be disciplined. When asked why we don't see Rangers in town, he replied, " We have been instructed not to upset the tourists". (especially with the dog laws)

- Inverloch Boat Ramp and Jetty. Does Council have any special Insurance to cover Public Liability in the event that they are sued for damages when a person sues them for injuries sustained from jumping and diving off the jetty? Ports and Harbours built and maintain it, have put up signs to stop people jumping off it and yet deny all responsibility. The Traffic Safety Authority have the power to impose a \$282.00 fine for doing so as it is an offence to dive or jump off any jetty or pier in Victoria, but do not enforce it. The Maritime Water Police also state that they do not have the power to enforce it. On one occasion, a member of the maritime police asked a local police officer to ask kids to stop jumping off the jetty and he replied, "No I won't". Therein lies a serious problem. Who is going to enforce it and who will be sued for compensation when someone is injured and becomes a paraplegic? Last year we had a situation when a young girl required Paramedics and the Air Ambulance helicopter to fly her into the Alfred hospital with suspected spinal injuries. Despite the warning signs on the jetty, a police officer told the Sentinel Times reporter that despite these signs banning jumping and diving off the jetty, "He did not know if the Council wanted him to" This is a sad state of affairs.
- Name and shame litterers
- Keep towns graffiti free
- Enforce local laws
- Animal rescue shelter
- Animal parks