

# Media Release

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## Urgent works underway at Inverloch Foreshore

Urgent repair works are underway at the Inverloch foreshore following recent storm events, as long-term solutions to prevent further erosion are being investigated.

The edge near the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club building and Bunurong Road site have suffered further erosion, with the original rear section of the wet-sand fence at the Bunurong Road site, that was installed in April, now severely damaged.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Regional Manager Gippsland, Land and Built Environment Programs Carole Macmillan, said: "To provide a temporary buffer to further erosion, all agencies are working together, and Bass Coast Shire Council is transporting sacrificial sand and sand bags to the two sites.

"Further discussions are underway to consider works additional to wet-sand fencing and sand renourishment.

"This includes seeking information from experts on sand filled geotextile containers that will form a stabilising defence and the installation of sheet piling at the Bunurong Road site. Although, these options are yet to be confirmed."

Bass Coast Shire Mayor Cr Brett Tessari said: "The erosion problems at Inverloch are being exacerbated by continuous storm events and is a significant issue for our Shire.

"We had contingency actions planned which have now been triggered by the most recent storms.

"We will continue to monitor the situation closely and work with the Inverloch Coastal Protection Working Group partners to develop solutions to tackle the immediate problems while working on the medium to longer-term solutions."

The Inverloch Coastal Protection Working Group consists of representatives from DELWP, Bass Coast Shire Council, Parks Victoria, Regional Roads Victoria and the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority.

For further information regarding coastal protection works at Inverloch, please contact DELWP Traralgon on 03 5172 2111.