

Media Release

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Wet-sand fencing works continue at Inverloch

Due to a number of storm events along the Inverloch foreshore over the past few months affecting the wet-sand fencing trial that was installed in March, the fence has been redesigned with a replacement of the front section to be completed during August 2019.

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Regional Manager Gippsland, Land and Built Environment Programs Carole Macmillan, said that the multi-agency working group has been monitoring the wet-sand fencing trial closely.

“A few minor issues occurred resulting in damage of the wet-sand fencing that was amplified following recent storm surge events.

“The improvements include using longer posts and timber walers instead of rope. This will provide increased stability to the fencing structure and more resistance to movement during storms and high tides.”

Bass Coast Shire Mayor Cr Brett Terrasi said that erosion is a significant issue for our Shire.

“This project is a great example of the collaborative effort required to tackle coastal erosion.

“Council will continue to work in partnership with DELWP and the Inverloch Coastal Protection Working Group on the Inverloch wet-sand fencing, and to advocate to all levels of government on increased investment in erosion mitigation.”

The Inverloch Coastal Protection Working Group involving DELWP, Bass Coast Shire Council, Parks Victoria, Regional Roads Victoria and the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, have been working to address significant coastal erosion impacting major assets, amenity and public access. Areas of particular interest are the foreshore adjacent to Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road (locally known as Bunurong Road) near the Surf Parade intersection and adjacent to the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club.

The wet-sand fencing works will be completed by Victorian company Maw Civil Marine.

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