



Emergency stabilisation works adjacent to the Surf Life Saving Club along the Inverloch foreshore are nearing completion

Geotextile sand container wall works

Works have commenced on the installation of a 70-metre geotextile container wall along the Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) area of the Inverloch foreshore.

Unusual weather conditions and high tides have made progress on the installation of the wall difficult at times. But, despite the elements, contractors have made significant progress over the past few weeks.

Due to these recent localised storm events, as a precautionary measure, another layer of the geotextile containers will be installed to assist with further protection from erosion in this area. This will raise the wall height to 3.8 metres. So, you will see contractors working during May to complete these additional works.

The sand-filled geotextile container wall was selected as the most appropriate solution for the current protection measures required at the SLSC building area and has a design life of approximately ten years.

Cape Paterson-Inverloch (Bunurong) Road

A significant storm surge event occurred over the Easter weekend affecting the Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road (Bunurong Road) area.

Waves overtopped the dune causing further erosion and splashed over onto the road. Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) closed the road temporarily while emergency works were carried out.

500-tonne of rock was transported to the site to construct an 80-metre wall, as part of the emergency response to this extreme wave and tidal erosion event.



The image shows installation of emergency rock to help protect the Bunurong Road site

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RRV crews worked solidly for four days to undertake these emergency works. Even though planning was in progress for mitigation works at this site, additional rock armouring is being considered to consolidate the rock that is now already in place, ahead of the winter period.

The rock wall is a short to medium-term solution to help protect this important asset whilst a more permanent long-term solution is investigated through a local hazard assessment.

Regional and Strategic Partnership (RaSP)

A Project Manager has been appointed to provide support services and establish the RaSP.

Work is underway to determine membership of the RaSP and, once partners have been agreed, the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, the Hon Lily D'Ambrosio will formally create the RaSP under the *Marine and Coastal Act 2018*. This administrative work is anticipated to be complete by the end of May 2020.

Local Coastal Hazard Assessment and Community Resilience Planning

Work on establishing the scope for the local coastal hazard assessment is in progress. This includes investigating the coastal processes of Inverloch and the surrounding coastal environment through data collection, analysis and modelling.

This research will be run in conjunction with extensive community engagement. Together, this body of work will inform detailed risk and vulnerability assessments and lead to the strategic development of coastal resilience planning for the Inverloch coast and surrounds.

Upon completion of the scope of works for the coastal hazard assessment, a tender to appoint a consultant to undertake this element of the research program will be advertised.

Community Consultation

Community consultation will occur throughout key milestones of the project.

Further Information

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

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