Our Coast Our Future
Mornington Peninsula Coastal Strategy

MORNINGTON PENINSULA Shire

Factsheet #1: *Our Coast Our Future* Coastal Strategy

Our Coast Our Future will provide the Shire with a long-term plan to manage and adapt to impacts of coastal hazards across the entire Mornington Peninsula.

With changing climate and rising sea levels, we're expecting more impacts from coastal hazards along our coasts. As Mornington Peninsula's identity is strongly linked to the natural environment, especially its coastal and marine areas, we need to plan for impacts they might have, especially on things we value.

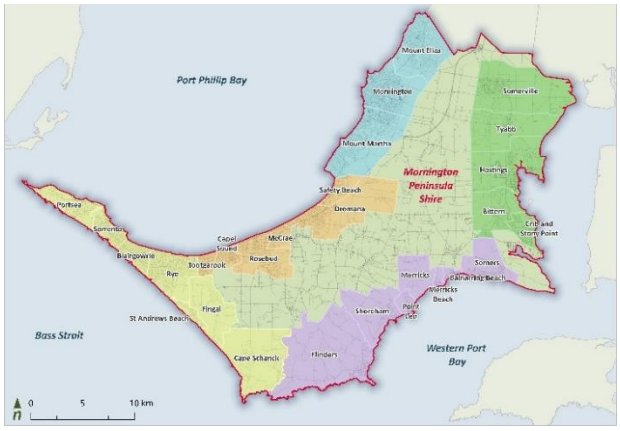


Figure 1. The Mornington Peninsula Shire and sub-regions

Mornington Peninsula Shire Council has been successful in obtaining funding from the Victorian Government to develop and implement a shire-wide Coastal Strategy, *Our Coast Our Future*.
This project is co-funded by Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) through its *Victoria's Resilient Coast – Adapting for 2100+* program (the VRC).

This is the first in a series of fact sheets available on the project website.

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Victoria's Resilient Coast – Adapting for 2100+

The VRC provides a statewide strategic approach for local governments, land managers and communities to achieve long-term coastal hazard risk management and adaptation.

Building upon directions in the Marine and Coastal Act 2018 and Marine and Coastal Policy 2020, the VRC framework and guidelines outline a staged approach to technical, strategic planning and engagement aspects of managing and adapting to coastal hazard risks.



Figure 2. Victoria's Resilient Coast - Adapting for 2100+ framework seven stages (DEECA)

This process looks to support place-based and best practice assessment to inform decision making on how to manage coastal hazard risk, to limit potential impacts to important natural, cultural and built values and assets in our coastal areas.

Embedded throughout all stages are:

- Traditional Owner knowledge, rights and aspirations
- Collaborative process
- Engagement and communication

Our Coast Our Future

'Our Coast Our Future' is the name of the project the Shire is currently undertaking, developing a long-term coastal strategy to help us better understand current and future impacts of coastal hazards and how we can make our coastlines more resilient. A shire-wide strategy, this will provide short- and long-term actions to avoid, mitigate and manage impacts of coastal hazards coastal communities across the region.

Guided by the VRC process, *Our Coast Our Future* will inform strategic, proactive planning and decision making to increase the resilience of our coastlines and communities to climate change. This project is building upon the Shire's strong foundations of strategic and informed management in its approach to caring for Mornington Peninsula's coastal areas.

Current stages underway

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Council currently have funding to complete Stages 1 to 4 of the VRC Guidelines.

Stage 1: Project establishment, background review and scoping

Provide a foundation for adaptation planning aligned to best practice guidance. This involves steps such as defining the need for action and establishing a collaborative process.

Stage 2: Values, vision and objectives

Ensure adaptation planning is underpinned by regional and place-based values of our communities. Extensive community engagement will help us understand community values, and develop a shared vision and objectives for adaptation.

Stage 3 Coastal hazard exposure

Assess coastal hazard exposure throughout the Mornington Peninsula. This stage includes adopting scenarios that enable best practice approaches to assessing current and emerging risk.

Stage 4 Vulnerability and risk

Explore place-based coastal hazard vulnerability and risk to values and assets to enable strategic consideration of adaptation needs and priorities for communities of the Mornington Peninsula.

These four stages will inform future adaptation planning in accordance with the remaining stages (Stages 5 to 7) of the Guidelines, including the development of Coastal Strategy.

Working with the community

Throughout this process, it's important that we listen to the community, understand key issues, gain knowledge on key values and the history of the coastline, and consider innovative approaches to manage hazard risk. What the community values about the future of the coast plays a key role in the Coastal Strategy.



The strategy provides many different and exciting opportunities for the community and stakeholders to be involved. If you have a keen interest in our coast and its future, we want to work with you.

How can I get involved?

To ensure you keep up to date with the *Our Coast Our Future* Coastal Strategy and upcoming events and activities:

Visit the project website Our Coast Our Future | Shape Our Future (mornpen.vic.gov.au)

On our page you can:

- Lean more about the project, coastal hazards and our coastal communities
- Sign up so that you receive progress updates and notifications
- Read our latest project updates
- Take part in our interactive activities.

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