

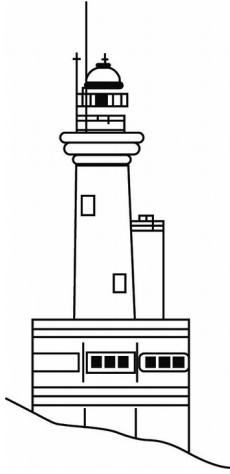
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Mini NEWSLETTER

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A substantial consultancy report examining the long term impact of a rising sea level on the Bellarine Peninsula coast has been issued by the State Government working with local government, including the Queenscliffe Council. This well-considered and worthwhile report flags potential serious coastal management problems relating to inundation, infrastructure damage, storm surges and erosion. Maps are provided showing the impact of sea level rise scenarios and severe weather events. Click for Inundation Report Summary-

<http://www.ourcoast.org.au/resources/Our%20Coast%20LCHA%20Inundation%20Summary%20Report.pdf>

or

<http://tinyurl.com/hfwcj8c>

Full Report here:

http://www.ourcoast.org.au/resources/Final_Inundation_BellarineCorioLCHA_FINAL.pdf

or

<http://tinyurl.com/zjjs06y>

Considerable work has been done evaluating what's happening in the Lonsdale Bight and the likely risk of damage to the bluestone sea wall and rock revetments. The Inundation Report (S.6.5.4.1) notes that the vertical wall sections at Point Lonsdale are subject to direct wave forces and "overtopping" during storm conditions, making the wall more vulnerable to wave impact and undermining especially as the western section has limited beach fronting it.

The report notes even a sea level rise under the 0.5m level would be expected to cause significant damage so thorough maintenance will be required to ensure the viability of the wall. Interestingly the question of reinstatement of timber groynes is not examined so no conclusion is made about groynes as a preventative measure. The door is left open for further work on this and many locals have been pressing for years the feasibility of groynes to be evaluated as a way of protecting the wall and providing more sand for beach-goers.

Other areas of the Borough are at risk from inundation particularly around the Fisherman's Flat and West Pt Lonsdale - informative scenarios are modelled:

Click for Fisherman's Flat video - <https://youtu.be/AS283jfQKLM>

Click for West Pt Lonsdale info (PDF) - <http://tinyurl.com/hx2z8eo>

Click for West Pt Lonsdale map (PDF) - <http://tinyurl.com/hxhbwmg>

Want to know more? The first of a series of community open houses and workshops will be held on Friday 29 July at the Queenscliff Town Hall between 2.00pm and 8.00pm. **We urge all** ratepayers to attend these important workshops. **We would encourage - our absentee homeowners -** who will find attendance at Queenscliff difficult, to read the extensive material available on the websites, **to write to the Queenscliffe Borough Council providing feedback** on your concerns.

Planning Application 73 Bellarine Hwy:

The PLCA has submitted a document outlining its concerns with a proposed planning application at 73 Bellarine Hwy, Pt. Lonsdale.

Essentially the planning permit application for 73 Bellarine Highway includes the subdivision of a large residential property and the construction of 4 x 2 storey dwellings plus a single storey building on the site. Planning issues include over development of the site, overlooking and shadowing issues, loss of existing vegetation, amenity concerns for neighbours, proposal is deemed to be inconsistent with the surrounding urban character, which is predominately single storey, and traffic concerns given the proposed development is opposite the caravan park on Bellarine Highway and in close proximity to the Point Lonsdale roundabout. The development, if approved by Council, will create an unwelcome precedent for this area of Point Lonsdale.

Reminder.

Just a reminder to check the Borough's Website for upcoming Council Meetings, and current agenda items.

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