

14.2 Notice of Motion – Councillor Marcus Pearl – Swimming Trail

I, Councillor Marcus Pearl, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 04 April 2023:

That Council:-

Requests that the CEO (or delegate) conducts a preliminary investigation into the feasibility of creating a 'Port Phillip Swimming Trail' and provides a report back to Council on the outcomes of this investigation.

The investigation should consider amongst other things: -

- 1. The partnership and approvals that may be required from Parks Victoria, Maritime Safety Victoria and DELWP, who are the governing authorities for the Bay waters and coastline.
- 2. How the existing yellow boating zone markers along the coastline could be used as markers for the swimming trail.
- 3. What wayfinding approaches could be considered including naming each marker, affixing a motivational quote and specifying the various distances along the trail.
- 4. What consultation will be required to implement such an initiative.
- 5. Any safety implications of such an initiative.
- 6. Indicative costs of such an initiative on Parks Victoria assets

Supporting Information

There are existing yellow navigation markers in the bay, across the Bay Waters adjoining our city (as outlined in the map below), that are used as boating navigation aids including the delineation of lower vessel speed limits required closer to the coast line.

The idea is to explore the feasibility of utilising these boating zone markers to create a swimming trail with small signs on the navigation makers giving each a name, having a quote for motivation then a distance meter to the next beacon. It is understood some of these beacons are already named. It is understood that swimmers already informally use the navigation markers in this way and that this activation might help to encourage further use and could be a good activation initiative for our city.

As the Bay waters are managed by Parks Victoria, discussions would need to be had with Parks Victoria, Maritime Safety Victoria and DELWP as the asset owner and responsible authorities to help inform the feasibility of such an initiative.