

Public Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

Questions from Isaac Hermann

- Q1: When will works to extend the nature reserve on Wave Street, Elwood, along with other improvements to the area (list already provided), will be implemented?
- Q2: When will the ongoing loss of shoreline in the area of Point Ormond and Moran Reserve be addressed?

Response

Elwood Canal

Councils Parks Officer has provided a proposal following discussions with Earthcare and yourself seeking expanded revegetation areas at the end of Tide Street and adjoining Wave Street and other areas the length of Elwood Canal. These specific revegetation areas will reduce areas of kikuyu grass or unused road reserve and assist to increase native vegetation and potential biodiversity. These additional areas of planting and ongoing maintenance will be subject to existing capital and operational funds as part of Councils annual budget process. Given the variable Crown land Committee of Management boundaries the length of Elwood Canal, Council will also be consulting with Melbourne Water.

Rock revetment

As you are aware, the rock revetment north of Point Ormond was constructed and funded by the State Government. The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) as the State agency responsible for these coastal protection infrastructure has committed \$15 million between 2016-2020 across the State. Council is continuing to work with the DELWP and seek increased State investment in the renewal of their assets in Elwood that have reached the end of their asset design life and give appropriate consideration to climate change.

There are significant changes now underway in the way the State will manage the coasts in future with new legislation requirements in place as part of the new Marine and Coastal Act from 1 August 2018. Details of the new Act, DELWP Transition Plan and Auditor General's report into Victoria

Coastal Assets can be found in the following links:

<https://www.coastsandmarine.vic.gov.au/marine-and-coastal-act>
https://www.coastsandmarine.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0021/330519/Final-Transition-Plan_August-2018.pdf
<https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/protecting-victorias-coastal-assets>

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