

BERG Mt Martha Coastal Group Coordinator - AGM Report 2019/20

(Meet fortnightly on a Wednesday)

The coastal group expanded their on-ground works in the 19/20 year to cover the coastal area from Balcombe Hedland in the south, opposite Lempriere Ave, up to Alice Street in the north. They continued on groundworks via funding from the following grants and the help of a fantastic team of volunteers, supported by numerous people, including the Bushland Management Team which is made up of the Shire's Natural Systems Team (Simon Thorning and Hannah Brown - our main contacts) and the Management contractor, Naturelinks, (Sally McLeod, Tamara Keyte, Danielle Suffern - and team)

(As all current grant monies will run out this year, 2020, we are looking for further funding opportunities for the future to continue our work.)

Port Phillip Bay Grant Round 3: 2019 - 2020 (July 2019 - December 2020) \$15,730

Mt Martha North Coastal Headland Restoration 2019-20

Area: Mt Martha Coastal Reserve between Coolangatta Road to Alice Street
Commenced weed removal to allow natural regeneration and where required planted in the area from Coolangatta Rd to Alice street. Focus on weed and erosion control.

Port Phillip Bay Grant Round 2: 2018 - 2020 (May 2018 – Dec 2020) \$31,396

Community & Berg Mt Martha Together - Protection, Rehabilitation and Restoration of Coastal Habitat

Area: Mt Martha Coastal Reserve from Balcombe headland to Coolangatta Rd.

Year 1 - \$16,048.08 Finalised /Year 2 - \$15,347.10

Final Year - Planted over 1500 plants along the coast, prepared vegetation protection fencing for installation and continued weed removal. South Beach to North Beach bushland.

Coastcare Vegetation Survey Grant 2018 -2020 (June 2018 – Dec 2020) \$12,850

Vegetation Survey & Assessment of Mount Martha Coastal Vegetation

Area: Mt Martha Coastal Reserve - From Balcombe Headland to Coolangatta Road Mt Martha.

Final Year: Coastal Vegetation Survey, Bunurong Field Assessment, Training: Advanced Habitat/GIS Workshop. Survey still in progress to collect baseline data of vegetation quality within the coastal bushland over 2 years.

Sunshine Foundation Grant 2017-2020 (Nov 2017 – Oct 2020) \$15,080

Protection, Preservation and Restoration of the Southern Mt Martha Foreshore and Headland.

Area: Southern end of South Beach foreshore and slopes – from southern end of carpark to top of beach access path.

Final Year - Weed control & planting from lower south beach to Lempriere Ave beach path.

Corporate Volunteers – Due to COVID 19 we could not host our annual corporate group, ADP (Auto Data Processing) which helps BERG volunteers on the foreshore.

Mornington Peninsula Shire - Mt Martha Coastal Advisory Group has recently been reinstated and Suzanne Ryan the BERG MM Coastal Co-ordinator is a community representative on this committee.

Key Partnerships During 2019/20 key partnerships have been formed with the Bunurong Land Council and Dolphin Research Institution. Mount Martha Yacht Club continued to be a strong partner and supporter of BERG Mt Martha.