

# Portarlington Safe Harbour Community Bulletin

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### Portarlington Safe Harbour – Appointment of Consultants

The next stage in the planning and development of a safe harbour for Portarlington has commenced.

Parks Victoria has appointed a design and planning consortium under the management of Meinhardt Infrastructure & Environment Pty Ltd to undertake further technical studies and prepare a master plan and economic feasibility study for the Portarlington Safe Harbour.

The study will include the following key tasks:

- A master plan to guide development of the Portarlington Safe Harbour and the adjacent foreshore precinct.
- Technical investigations of sediment characteristics and contamination, water quality, flora and fauna, traffic management, geotechnical investigations and harbour design wave modelling.
- Identification of opportunities for recreation and tourism development.
- Economic feasibility assessment of all investment opportunities associated with the development (including project staging).
- An Indigenous Cultural Heritage Management Plan as per the

requirements of the Aboriginal Heritage Act.

The project will be conducted over the next 12 months with an anticipated completion date of October 2008.

There will be several opportunities throughout the project for all stakeholders to participate and provide feedback.

A community workshop will be held on 16 November 2007 to discuss and confirm the key issues to be considered in the development of the master plan. At this workshop the consultant team would also like to hear what you value about Portarlington and your vision for its future.

The draft master plan will be developed with input from key stakeholders including the aquaculture industry, berth holders, local businesses and community associations. The draft master plan will be exhibited for a four week period, providing an opportunity for review and feedback. As part of the display period, an information session will be scheduled to allow the community and stakeholders to view the master plan and talk to members of the consultant team.

Regular community updates will keep the community and stakeholders informed about the progress of the project. Updates and other relevant

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information will be made available on the Parks Victoria website for the duration of the project ([www.parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au)).

### **Invitation to attend the community workshop**

The purpose of this workshop is to gather information about what you value about Portarlington's harbour, foreshore and parkland precinct and your vision for the future.

**When: 16 November 2007.**

**Time: From 7:00pm to 9:00pm**

**Where: Parks Hall, Portarlington**

### **Be involved and have your say:**

Individuals and organisations are invited to provide any preliminary comments (issues, opportunities or information) or register their interest for further information during the conduct of the project.

To register interest in the project:

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### **Pier Works**

The State Government has allocated \$844,700 to upgrade the Portarlington Pier.

Stage 1 will lift the load capacity of the concrete section of the pier to 6 tonne single axle and 8 tonne dual axle loading, so that it is suitable for use by mussel farmers. Works will begin in November and be completed by December 2007.

Stage 2 will involve upgrading the timber sections of the pier including the timber outer arm. Works are anticipated to begin April 2008.

Parks Victoria has met with the Portarlington mussel farmers to discuss project timelines and to ensure that the upgrade works have minimal impact on the mussel farming business and commercial operations on the pier.

The Pier will remain open throughout the upgrades.

### **For more information:**

- Visit the Parks Victoria web site [www.parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au)
- Contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963