

Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park

Access and Infrastructure Plan

As part of the \$105.6 million commitment to 'Victoria's Great Outdoors' initiative, the Victorian Government is creating the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park. It will combine existing parks and reserves along 40kms of coast from San Remo to Inverloch. This will include extending and upgrading the George Bass Coastal Walk.

Overview

The Victorian Government is creating an Access and Infrastructure Plan for the new park. It will guide what is included in the park, and the experiences people will have there. The plan is expected to be finalised in early 2021, and construction will commence soon after.

The plan is being developed in partnership between Parks Victoria, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, Bass Coast Shire Council, and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

What is included?

The Access and Infrastructure Plan will include information about visitor areas, facilities, proposed walking trail routes and the various experiences people may have in the park.

It is a report that will outline the connections (access) and physical features (infrastructure) needed along the San Remo to Inverloch trail. The plan looks at infrastructure such as crossing points along the trail, possible camping sites and car parking. It also considers access: how people will get to places along the trail such as between trail and the car park, and the trail and the beach. The objective is to make the trail a continuous and accessible journey.

The Access and Infrastructure Plan will be informed through stakeholder and community engagement, and a range of technical studies. These studies will occur over the next 12 months and include:

- Aboriginal and post-colonial cultural heritage;
- environmental (including natural values, coastal processes and climate change assessments);
- traffic and carparking;
- statutory planning;
- universal access; and
- demographics and projections of future visitors over the coming 20 years.

The plan is created in three parts:

- Investigating the existing features (such as environmental, cultural and natural features)
- Drafting the trail route and infrastructure
- Finalising the Access and Infrastructure Plan.

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This planning is happening alongside a legislation process. The park boundaries will be finalised when the park is formally created by legislation. Due to COVID-19 and delays in parliament this is now expected to happen in 2021.

Who will undertake the work?

In early 2020 Parks Victoria ran a competitive tender process to select a consultant to undertake the technical elements of the access and infrastructure planning process.

The successful tenderer will be appointed soon.

Have your say

There was broad consultation undertaken in 2019 with stakeholders and the community about the creation of the park, for which there were high levels of support. We heard that environmental values, cultural heritage and visitor access are important to community members and stakeholders.

Engagement this year in 2020 is specifically about the Access and Infrastructure Plan (see Figure 1). Public participation feedback and comments will help draft and later refine the trail route, facilities and access.

We will have conversations with community members and our stakeholders in early to mid-2020. There will be information and maps available, and we will be asking for your feedback.

This community consultation will be conducted online, on the phone, and if the circumstances permit, face-to-face.

If you would like to be involved or hear updates about the project please register for updates online, or by phoning 13 19 63. You can also find out more by visiting www.engage.vic.gov.au/yallock-bulluk-marine-and-coastal-park-access-and-infrastructure-plan



View from George Bass Coastal Walk

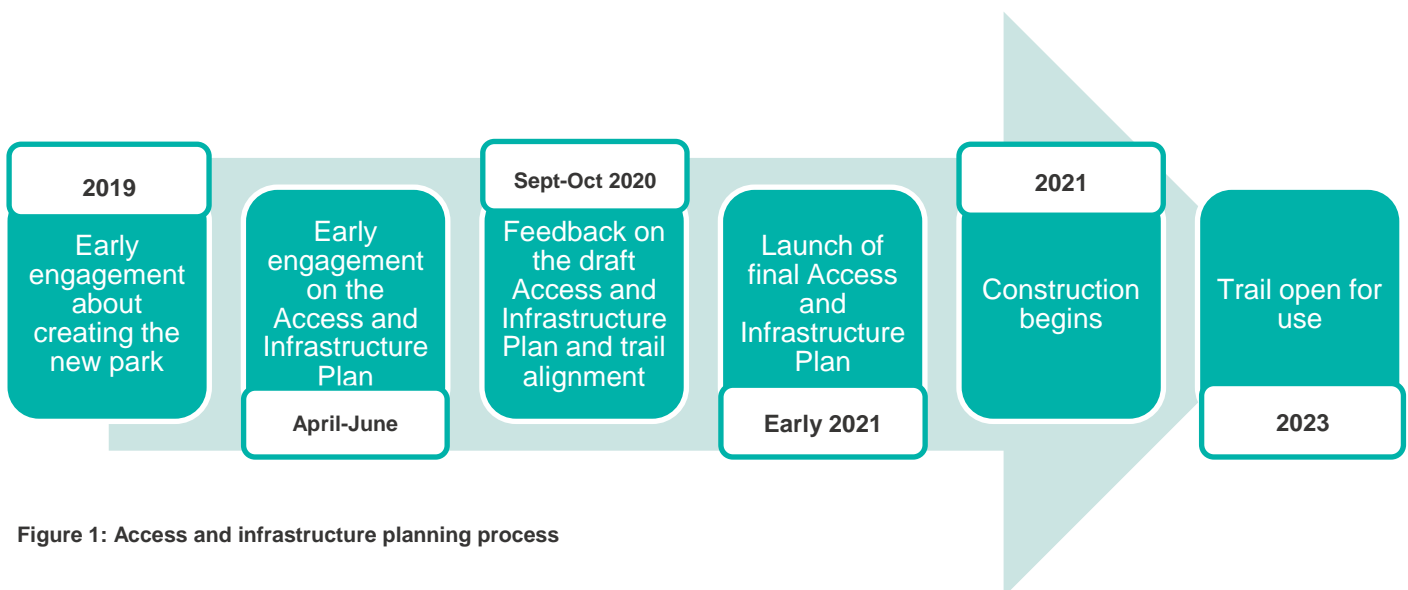


Figure 1: Access and infrastructure planning process