

PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ACCESS

BEACH ROAD - BAY TRAIL

The 2.5m wide concrete Bay Trail provides continuous off road access for cyclists and pedestrians along Beach Road. Summary of key objectives include:

- 1 Liaise with VicRoads to improve informal pedestrian crossings on Beach Road at Abbott Street and Linacre Road.
- 2 Establish new Jetty Road off road path from Beach Road to Hampton Pier.

COAST WALKING PATH

The narrow unsealed coast walking path runs parallel with Beach Road winding its way through coastal bushland with elevated views out over the Bay and beaches to the city. It varies in width and is increasingly popular with walkers and joggers of all ages and abilities. Cyclists are discouraged from using the trail to avoid congestion and to minimise impacts on sensitive coastal vegetation and habitat values. Summary of key recommendations includes:

- 3 Maintain a minimum 2.0m width compacted granitic gravel/sand all ability walking path with a pruned 0.5m clearance of vegetation to either side.
- 4 Replace sections of log stairs with an all ability graded durable composite fibre mesh backfilled with local granitic gravel/sand.
- 5 Increase trail width and clearance at the B9 and B10 car parks in accordance with the Bayside Coastal Management Plan (2014).
- 6 Retain fencing to one side only and replace where possible with more natural log edging to define the trail alignment.
- 7 Close and revegetate duplicated secondary trails to enhance coastal bushland and habitat values.
- 8 Establish continuous timber post and cable fencing to sections of steep cliff to improve safety.
- 9 Install low key directional signage at key entry points and intersections.
- 10 Maintain timber chicanes at entries from Beach Road to discourage cyclists from using narrow walking paths while retaining access for prams and wheelchairs/walking aids.

BEACH ACCESS

The steep topography, cliff instability and areas of sensitive cultural heritage and environmental value restrict opportunities to improve grades on existing beach access ramps and stairs. Summary of key recommendations includes:

- 11 Undertake staged upgrade of stainless steel handrails providing them to both sides of all ramps in accordance with AS1428. Where possible add flat resting points along steep ramps and install signage to alert new users to grade and condition before they start their decent.
- 12 Coordinate and prioritise ramp upgrades with provision of new disabled parking areas and improve directional signage to ramps with better access for persons with limited mobility.
- 13 Improve sightlines at entry points from existing car park areas and prioritise upgrade of lighting where evening use is more frequent.
- 14 Install additional bike parking facilities at beach, kiosk and Trevor Barker Oval.

Refer Detail Plans A-B-C for implementation.



Figure.4 Pedestrian and Cycle Access