

FEBRUARY 2025

Board Communiqué

Our Board is committed to best practice governance and values open and accountable communication with the Authority's stakeholders.

The Board held its meeting on 11 February 2025 in Torquay, on Wadawurrung Country.

The Board noted that Jason Mifsud resigned as a Board Director on 23 January 2025. On behalf of the Board, the Chair formally thanked Jason for his four years on the board and work prior to that as a member of the Great Ocean Road Taskforce which produced the Great Ocean Road Action Plan, noting his ever-present commitment to impactful and meaningful action and outcomes for traditional owners. Eastern Marr Aboriginal Corporation will advise their new appointee as soon as this is confirmed.

BOARD DECISIONS

Approved:

Appointment of Board Committee Members

Membership of the three Board Committees is as follows:

People and Performance Committee	Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee	Reform and Major Projects Committee
Libby Mears – Chair	Mark Edmonds - Chair	Jen McMahon - Chair
Terry Bracks – Deputy Chair	Mark Lucas – Deputy Chair	Ryan Smith – Deputy Chair
Ryan Brown	Daniel Ierodiaconou	Peter Dorling
Mark Edmonds	Rebecca Dalton	Victoria Marles
	Tony Ficca – Independent Member	EMAC representative
	Libby Mears – ex officio	Libby Mears – ex officio



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Approved:

Service Level Agreement National Parks

The Board's approval was sought for an interim National Parks service level agreement (the Agreement) between the Authority and Parks Victoria. The agreement is a short-term arrangement, concluding 1 July 2026, to support Parks Victoria's continued service delivery in National Parks. The Agreement provides clarity as to the activities that Parks Victoria will continue to undertake and enables Parks Victoria to exercise its powers and functions within National Parks after transfer to the Authority.

The Board approved the interim service level agreement to formalise Parks Victoria's continuing provision of field management services within National Parks, subject to Parks Victoria providing a

- the schedule of planned asset maintenance activities and costs for the remainder of 2024/25 and for 2025/26, and any forward years planned
- Historic asset maintenance activities and costs over the past five years; and
- Copies of Parks Victoria's relevant asset management plans.

Kennett River Precinct Plan and Kennett River Caravan Park Masterplan


Board Directors approved the following actions:

1. Approved the draft Kennett River Family Caravan Park Master Plan for consultation.
2. Approved the draft Kennett River Precinct Plan with the following amendments for consultation:

The Precinct Plan will reflect:

The principle that the Kennett River precinct does not allow for large tour coaches to enter or stop within the precinct.





This will be enacted by the following mechanisms/actions to be undertaken immediately post the 11 February 2025 Board meeting:

- a) The Chair of the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority to write to the Mayor, Colac Otway Shire to request Council apply to DTP for the administrative exclusion of large tour coaches from Kennett River.
 - b) That the Great Ocean Road Authority CEO commences discussions with Colac Otway Shire CEO to engage authorised officers to implement and enforce parking restrictions, including time limited parking, within Kennett River.
 - c) That the Director of Community, Corporate Affairs and Visitor Economy, work with Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism and other relevant bodies to communicate this change to tourism operators.
 - d) That the Chair of the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority brief the relevant Ministers and their Departments on this action.
 - e) That the Plan allows for a maximum of one long parking bay to accommodate motorhomes, cars towing a caravan / trailer.
3. Approved the implementation of an online community consultation process, commencing week of 18 February 2025 seeking feedback on the draft Kennett River Family Caravan Park Master Plan and the draft Kennett River Precinct Plan.

STRATEGIC ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

- The Board discussed the Partnership Agreement with Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation that was due to be signed by both parties shortly.
- Management provided an update on planning for the Rip Curl Pro and discussed the opportunity to increase public awareness of cliff safety and conservation, particularly given the sensitivity of the site.
- The Board noted the material uplift in Port Management and the proposed long term strategic planning required to continue to manage a safe, efficient and effective port network.





OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

- The Board noted the Financial Reports for period ending 31 December 2024.
- Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) report for November - December 2024.

BOARD COMMITTEES

People and Performance Committee (PPC)

The Board noted the minutes from the 27 November 2024 PPC meeting and approved the following policies as reviewed and recommended by the PPC:

- a. Pre-employment Misconduct Screening for Public Entity Executives Policy
- b. Board Induction and Education Policy
- c. Board Dispute Resolution Policy subject to a minor change to Clause 5.2.