CSF (03) 5986 4382 info@capelsoundforeshore.com.au

Capel Sound Foreshores

Capel Sound Foreshore Newsletter

As the season approaches, we are looking forward to welcoming all of you back to Capel Sound Foreshore. Fingers crossed the weather is as wonderful as last year!

Please read our latest e-news that lets you know what's been going on while you were away and also some important information for your upcoming stay.

1. Balance of Payment. 2
2. On arrival..... 2
3. Conditions of Camping. 2
4. Site Conditions. 3
5. Safety 3
6. Environment..... 3
7. Waste. 4
8. Boating. 5
9. While you were away..... 5
10. Truemans Road Project..... 6
11. Dogs on lead..... 7
12. Vandalism..... 7
13. Entertainment over summer. 8
14. Suggestions and Feedback 8

1. ***Balance of Payment.***

   Reminder that your balance of payment is due before COB on November 1st. You will receive an email with a link that allows you to pay online. Alternatively,

   - Call the office and pay over the phone
   - You can reply to this email requesting us to process the balance on your credit card that we have on our system.
   - Direct deposit to our account, ANZ, BSB 013-775, Account 3379 18984 and quoting your reservation number.

2. ***On arrival.***

   Please go directly to your site. You don't need to come to the office. Amenity codes will be texted to your mobile on the morning of arrival. Rangers will be out and about in your section to assist if there are any questions, issues or concerns

3. ***Conditions of Camping.***

   As part of our commitment to see the Foreshore retain its open, relaxed and family friendly community vibe of foreshore camping the Capel Sound Foreshore Committee of Management (CSF) has updated the conditions of camping. Please read these to see how they might affect you and your setup https://bit.ly/31issRq . Some of the key points are –

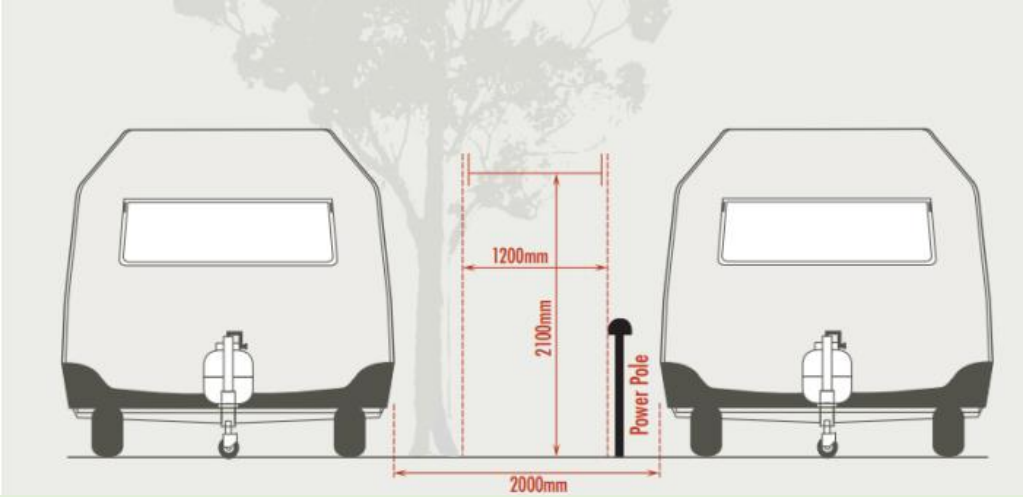
   a. Maximum of two cars per site and they must be parked within site boundaries. Any other vehicles must be parked off the foreshore reserve
   b. No fencing to be erected with the exception of child safety fence
   c. Maximum of one Caravan per site. See conditions of camping for site details
   d. No solid structures to be erected on your site. This includes solid sided annexes, solid floors, pergolas, etc
   e. No carpet to be used on the ground (it kills the grass) and any open ground matting used must not cover the entire site. Help us to look after the environment
   f. No major digging onsite. Use wedges/blocks etc to elevate van if required to level. See conditions re waste water drainage

4. ***Site Conditions.***

   Where identified and feasible we have increased the size of sites. Site size and layout is something we try and balance with ensuring enough space for clearance, access, plantings, etc

   a. Everything needs to be contained within your site boundary. This includes cars, trailers, etc.

   b. CFA regulations for separation distances apply.



5. ***Safety***.

   a. Please remember that our maximum speed limit is 5kph. Speed bumps have been installed to assist in slowing traffic to this speed

   b. Ensure children are safe and are supervised by an adult in the toilets

   c. Don't provide the code to the toilets to people outside your group.

6. ***Environment.***

   As part of our vision to see the foreshore retain a traditional foreshore camping feel we continue to plant more local indigenous species across the foreshore. Over 5000 plants have been planted over the last 12 months to ensure that we have new growth progressing to replace the aging trees we have onsite. We are planting heavily along the bay trail to provide a visible barrier to the road as well as helping to reduce noise.

Planting also has been done between some sites to create habitat and define areas. Don't damage, move plants or remove tree guards as we have tried to use minimal fencing to not block off whole areas. NOTE – Please help us look after the future by watering the ones close to your site. We have plenty of watering cans available, just ask a ranger and we will drop one off to your site.

7. ***Waste.***

We have seen a lot of our recycling bins contaminated with general waste. This meant that over 60% of these recycled bins went to general land fill. Help us do our bit for the environment.

a. Only place plastic bottles, glass, cans and newspapers in the recycled bins.

   Do not place plastic bags into the recycling bin. If they are full of recycling, please *empty* the bag into bin and place plastic bag in general waste bin.

---

b. All other rubbish is classed as contaminated or **general waste**, eg – Pizza boxes, food containers, coffee cups, etc

c. Also please remember that any hard waste is to be taken with you. Anything disposed of or left on your site will incur a disposal charge

d. Wipes (baby, makeup, etc) are not to be flushed. They block the pumps in our onsite sewerage system. Bin them instead

8. ***Boating.***

   Capel Sound Foreshore and Better Boating Victoria have signed an agreement for CSF to manage the boat ramp for the next year.

   a. This sees the removal of launch fees so launching is now free at our ramp as well as all of the local shire ramps (including their parking)

   b. Dredging will occur in early November. This will be done using a suction cutter dredge that will widen and deepen the channel

9. ***While you were away***.

   As well as lots of planting of new plants, having some time off on annual leave, we have also done lots of other work

   a. Improved site size and access where identified

   b. Installed new site markers on many sites

   c. Moved power heads to convert some unpowered sites to powered sites

   d. Installed new retaining walls, benches and table

   e. Installed new floor coatings in Amenity Blocks 3 & 4

   f. New beach shower outside Amenity Block 1

   g. Installed some speed bumps. More will be in place before season commences

   h. Introduced a fox control program to reduce fox numbers

   i. Installed bird boxes to encourage breeding and nesting along the foreshore

   j. Completed general repairs and maintenance including, fixing water leaks, moving sand build-up, clearing the boat ramp, etc

   k. Added some short term (2 hour limit) car parking in F section for local beach goers. Please don't park your cars there as they should be on your site

   l. Conducted audits of boatsheds

m. Conducted tree audit and actioned high priority items

n. Lots of weeding and brush cutting

o. Management of endangered vegetation species

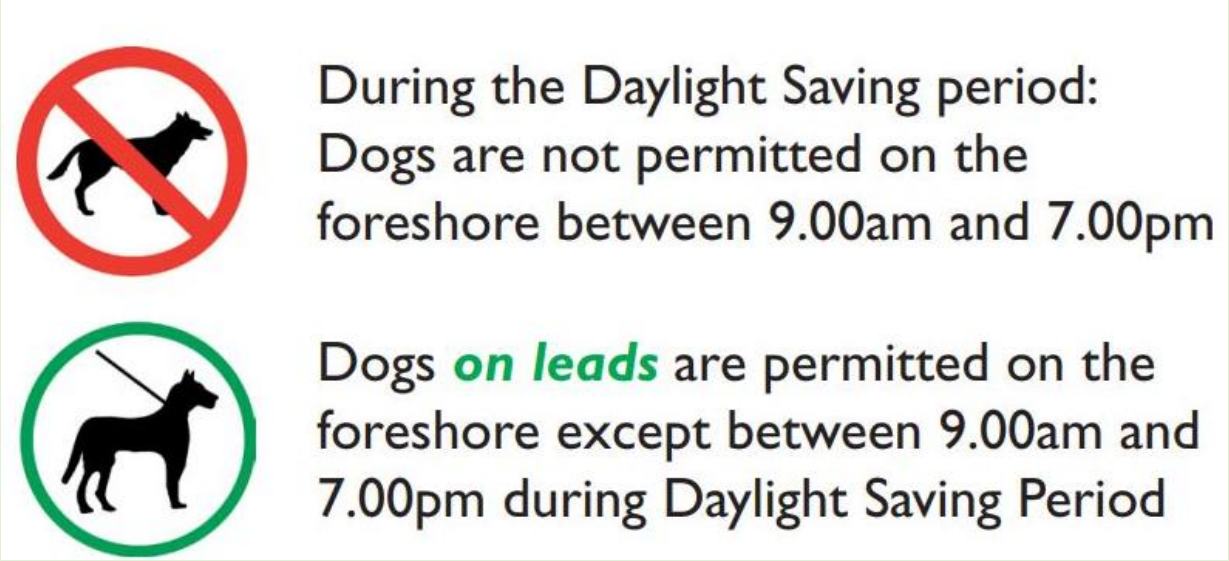
p. The Mornington Peninsula Shire has been busy installing dump points in its camp grounds which is great news as it will stop a lot of drive through traffic around our dump points

10. ***Truemans Road Project***.

This is a redevelopment of the area that may include a new amenity block, a reconfigured car park, a playground, more BBQ's and seating as well as a boardwalk for seating and viewing. Erosion management will also see some fencing and replanting being completed, the works will take place in stages with stage one to include the new amenity block and car park.

11. ***Dogs on lead***.

DELWP (Department of environment, land, water and planning), Capel Sound Foreshore Committee of Management and the Mornington Peninsula Shire have entered into an agreement where the Shire will provide community safety officers to patrol to ensure owners and their animals are in compliance with the regulations. This means that the dogs are on leads at all times (and only on the beach during the permitted hours), are registered and that the owners carry poo bags and clean up after their dogs. Fines will be issued. This is in line with all other beaches on the Mornington Peninsula.



12. ***Vandalism.***

Unfortunately, we have had several instances of graffiti and vandalism.

a. Toilet Block 4 suffered some serious damage when vandals broke in and removed all of the copper pipe and the hot water services as well as causing significant damage. These repairs will cost over $20k.

b. Boat sheds, toilet blocks and signs have all suffered graffiti attacks.

c. We have installed signage at key locations where tree vandals have pulled out,

poisoned, broken or cut down branches and trees. If you witness any of this vandalism please report to a ranger or ring the number on the signs. Please take pictures if it is safe to do so.

13. ***Entertainment over summer.***

This summer will again see us offering kids (and parents) entertainment

a. Movie nights are on the calendar
b. Pancake Sundays will be on again
c. A music night on the beach
d. Our magician will return by popular demand
e. Our rangers will take the kids on an environmental walk and talk
f. Other ideas are still in the pipeline

14. ***Suggestions and Feedback***

Please provide ideas and feedback by email or contact the office

Mail: PO Box 2041, Rosebud Plaza 3939

Phone: (03) 5986 4382

Email: info@capelsoundforeshore.com.au