# Camping Strategy – November 2018 Update

### **Problem** – Affordable camping on the foreshore provides a wide range of recreational opportunities and generates a strong sense of community for many Victorian families (75%)

### **Problem** – Income derived from foreshore camping is essential to the ongoing maintenance and protection of the Capel Sound Foreshore (20%)

Strategic Response 1 – Establish, apply and enforce camping policies that are sustainable and transparent (5%)

Initiative 1 – Work has commenced. An e- newsletter to Summer campers was sent out prior to season commencing highlighting to campers the policies and requirements

Strategic Response 2 – Provide the infrastructure and facilities required to support the changing needs of campers (35%)

Initiative 1 – A lot of work has been undertaken in getting the current facilities to be at a suitable level for the current needs of campers. This work is documented in the infrastructure update.

Identifying emerging trends and needs of campers is a process being undertaken in 2019. With new vans and the higher level of self-sufficiency these vans provide, greater thought needs to go into deciding if amenity blocks need refurbishment of possibility of supplying greater facilities directly to the site.

Strategic Response 3 – Ensuring the Camping environment provided is safe and secure (40%)

Initiative 1 – The highest identified risks to campers has been identified as being –

* Issue 1 - Tree or branch falling/breaking that could cause personal injury.

Outcome - An annual arborists report is conducted identifying any potential issues. This is then actioned by a contract arborist to ensure the work is completed prior. Over 110 trees have been attended too via this process this year

* Issue 2 - Vehicle traffic and someone (especially children) being hit by a car

Outcome – Speed limits across the park have been reduced to 5kph with new signs indicating that it is a shared zone.

Outcome 2 - CSFC vehicles have been fitted with reversing cameras and beepers to optimise safety

Initiative 2 –Rangers and Customer Service Offices spend considerable time in the field during the day to ensure a safe environment. Regular security patrols take place throughout the night during the peak season. A staff member is on-call for emergencies

Strategic Response 4 – Plan for long-term sustainable development of camping on the foreshore (15%)

Initiative 1 – A comprehensive review of pricing has been undertaken with the intent of this providing the guidelines for future camping and to ensure that the camping is a sustainable profitable activity