

Victor Harbor Coast Care

Who are we?

We are a group of local community volunteers who are interested in preserving the coast line.

What is our aim?

Our ambition is to promote, protect and restore the coastal environment of the Victor Harbor area. Our main area of work is from The Bluff to just east of the River Hindmarsh.

What do we do?

We work in close co-operation with the City of Victor Harbor Council who provide us with strong support to achieve our aims.

We attend:

- Regular monthly meetings
- Field trips
- Working bees

We are actively involved in :

- Eradicating weeds and pests
- Propagating and planting native dune plants
- Erecting signs to protect sensitive areas
- Constructing boardwalks, trails and fencing
- Erecting drift net fencing

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Members at work in the local dunes

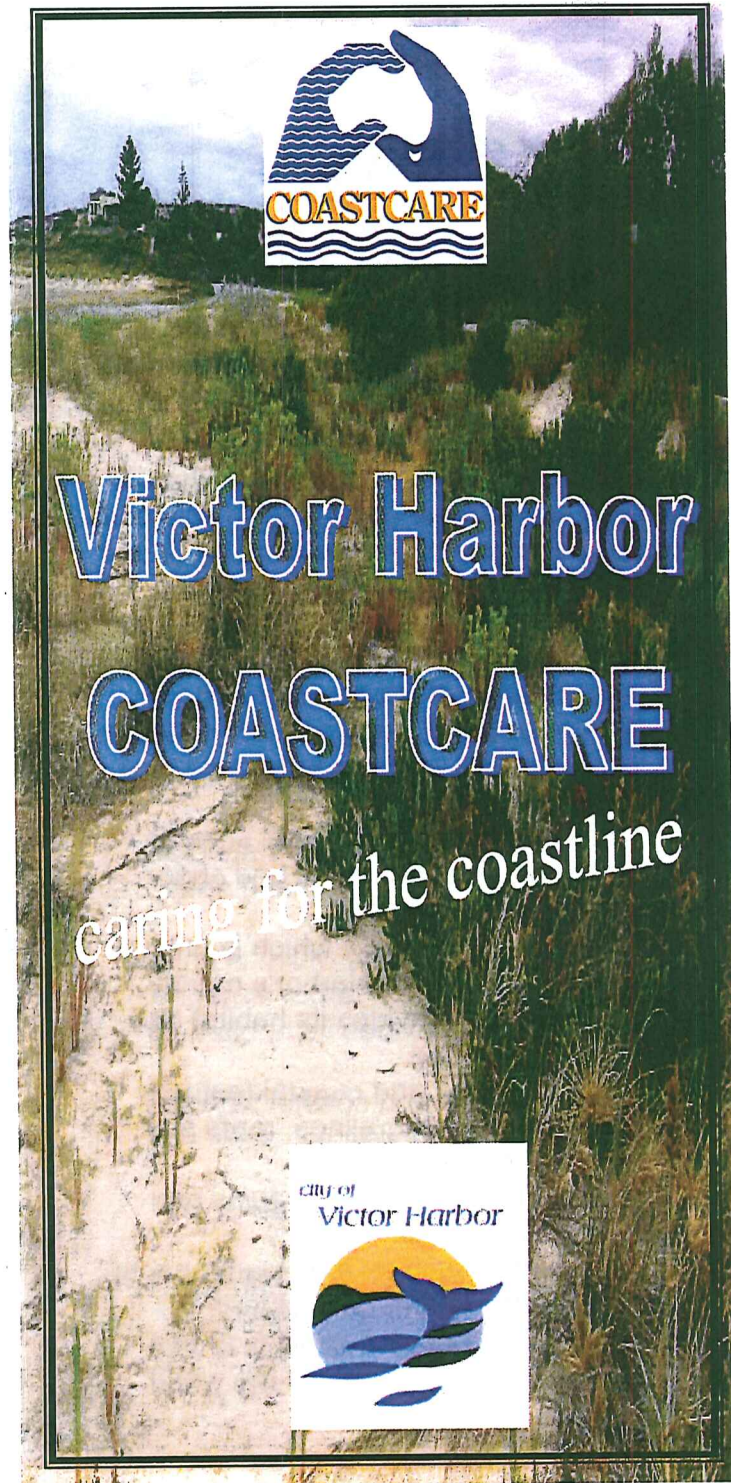


In front of a huge pile of prunings after a working bee



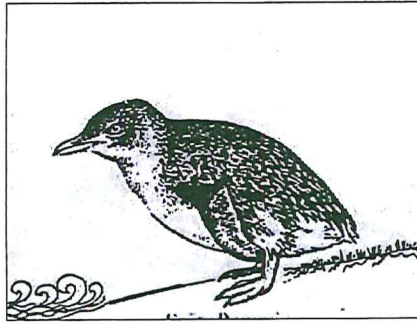
Replanting the dunes with local dune plants after clearance earlier in the year

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The *fairy penguin* which is found on Granite Island

Victor Harbor

The Adelaide hills meet the sea at the picturesque and unique coastal town of Victor Harbor, a popular tourist destination on the Fleurieu Peninsular, South Australia.

What will you find which is special about the coast of Victor Harbor?

- *Southern Right* whales which nowhere else come so close to populated land to breed.
- Natural geological features such as The Bluff, Granite Island and spectacular cliffs and bays.
- The *leafy sea dragon* which is unique to the area. Victor Harbor's marine environment provides its habitat and breeding ground.
- Unique marine and coastal features such as rocky shorelines, reefs and two river estuaries.
- Dolphins, seals, *fairy penguins* and rare coastal birds.
- Rare plants such as the swamp paperbark in the Hindmarsh Estuary.
- One of the richest diversities of sea grasses and seaweeds in the world.

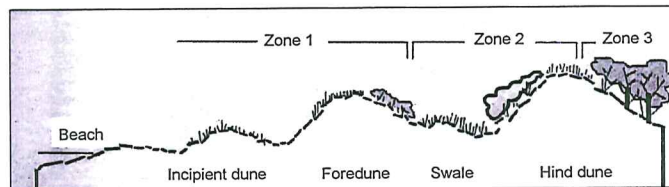
Why preserve the coast?

There are many reasons why it is important to preserve this unique environment. Sand dunes provide habitat for plants and animals that cannot survive in other areas. The dunes are held together by the roots of the plants and without the plants they would be blown away by the wind or washed away by the waves.

People playing, walking or four wheel driving on the dunes disturb the plants and can destroy them.

This in turn destabilises the sand dunes and destroys habitat. It also weakens the natural barrier against the stormy seas.

There is a lot of pressure on this environment from local residents and our many visitors.



A beach profile which is typical of the local dunes

- Zone 1: an unstable area of colonising grasses and herbs containing primary dune plants
- Zone 2: a semi-stable area of shrubs and ground plants containing secondary species
- Zone 3: a stable area dominated by trees with a mixed understorey containing tertiary species

How can you help protect the coast?

Here are some of the things you can do to preserve the coast for future use and enjoyment.

- Respect the signs.
- Please use the walkways and boardwalks provided.
- Please dispose of your litter by carrying out what you carried in.
- Do not use coastal vegetation for firewood. Keep pets on leads when at the beach. Coastal birds such as the *hooded plover* have nests on the beach and in the dunes. This will help minimise disturbance.
- Please keep out of the dunes.
- Please enjoy the coast and respect it.



The rare *hooded plover* which is found on the dunes near the Hindmarsh Estuary