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New members announced for Mornington Peninsula Coast Committee of Management

The new Mornington Peninsula Coast Committee of Management has been appointed to guide the stewardship of Whitecliffs to Camerons Bight Foreshore Reserves and Capel Sound Foreshore Reserves.

Five new Committee members have been appointed for the next three years and bring a rich mix of experience in environmental management, community engagement, cultural heritage, business and governance, strengthening our ability to collectively care for and protect this precious coastline.

Michael Cummins will step in as the new Chair, alongside members Edward Allan, Melissa Burrage, Deb Neumann and Wayne Sparkes whose knowledge and experience will enable them to bring valuable insights to coastal management.

Appointing a highly skilled and professional committee of management will enable stronger partnerships between coastal managers, stakeholders and local communities. It will also provide financial and governance efficiencies and improved workforce capability over time while retaining the character and uniqueness of each coastal reserve.

DEECA Port Phillip Regional Director, Deb Cailles said the new Committee of Management brings together strong experience and shared commitment to protect these much-loved coastal places and deliver lasting benefits for the environment and community.

“This appointment marks an important step in strengthening coastal stewardship on the Mornington Peninsula, with the new Committee well placed to work collaboratively with Traditional Owners, local communities and partners to care for these reserves into the future,” Ms Cailles said,

Whitecliffs Foreshore Reserve Manager Max Patton warmly welcomed new Committee members to the team, saying he looked forward to the next chapter for the Mornington Peninsula Coast Committee of Management.

“Bringing these reserves together under one Committee creates a strong foundation for coordinated management, allowing us to build on the unique strengths of each foreshore while working toward shared environmental, cultural and community outcomes,” Mr Patton said.

Capel Sound Foreshore Reserve Manager Travis Graham said: “We are proud to support the new Mornington Peninsula Coast Committee of Management and look forward to care for these valued coastal places.”

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