

Coast Park 2036

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Adelaide's first generation of parklands (a total of 931 hectares) was originally planned in 1836 to reflect Colonel Light's vision for Adelaide as a 'a city set in a park'. Today, open spaces and unspoiled landscapes continue to position Adelaide as one of Australia's most unique and beautiful cities. Parklands 2036 was launched in August 2003 to complete a second generation of Adelaide parklands by the bicentenary of European settlement in 2036. The Parklands 2036 program aims to achieve this vision by taking Adelaide's Metropolitan Open Space System (MOSS) to the next level and setting the 'blueprint' for open space for the next 33 years. The MOSS Coast Park, One Million Trees and Yurrebilla (check the next SA Geographer) are 3 major Parklands 2036 initiatives. Content used with permission of Planning SA.



Introducing Adelaide's Coast Park

Adelaide's coastline is recognised and valued for its enormous diversity. This ranges from dramatic limestone cliffs in the south to wide, sandy beaches in the north, areas of remnant coastal dunes, important conservation areas, watercourses, offshore reefs, historic buildings and settlements, jetties, major tourist attractions, shopping and dining destinations, and a wide range of recreational opportunities. Adelaide is fortunate to have retained public ownership of most of its metropolitan coastline. As with any popular recreational and natural resource, development has to be properly planned to ensure that the coast remains a publicly accessible and high quality, natural asset. This brochure introduces the new coastal linear park for Adelaide's metropolitan coastline, the Coast Park. It outlines the vision and planning framework for its establishment and ongoing development.



Metropolitan Open Space System (MOSS)

The second generation of parklands, known as the Metropolitan Open Space System (MOSS), was created in the 1990s and marked a significant progression for open space by designating a linked open space system throughout metropolitan Adelaide. MOSS includes the hills escarpment areas, significant watercourses, existing public and private open space and regional reserves, reservoirs and controlled catchments, and the metropolitan coastline.

The State Government's new Parklands 21 (now called Parklands 2036) Strategy takes MOSS to its next logical step by setting out a blueprint for the implementation of key elements of MOSS, as well as linking with other parklands initiatives and related programs. A major initiative of the strategy is the creation of the Coast Park.

The Coast Park

The Coast Park links the many special places of interest and provides a publicly accessible linear park along the whole length of the metropolitan coast. The Coast Park idea is similar to the River Torrens Linear Park which links parklands across metropolitan Adelaide from the foothills to the beach. The Coast Park will itself link with the River Torrens and other metropolitan linear parks.

The Coast Park Concept Plan

The State Government, through Planning SA and in partnership with other Government agencies, local councils and key stakeholder groups, has jointly developed the Coast Park concept plan. It brings together all of the important planning concerns to provide guidance for this wonderful recreational and natural resource.

The concept plan sets out a staged framework for the next 10 years that includes and complements the many existing council-initiated works plans for the coastline in their own areas.

It does not specify what councils should do or how they should do it. What it does do is provide a framework to assist councils to ensure a consistent approach to development of the metropolitan coastline.

The concept plan is based on eight discrete precincts that reflect the regional character of each section of the coast and identifies the priority development projects.

Around 60 potential Coast Park projects have been identified with an estimated total value of \$20 million. These projects will aim to:

- provide public access along the length of coast
- provide a pedestrian and cycling-friendly foreshore environment
- facilitate the redevelopment and enhancement of coastal centres
- coordinate State and local government decision making and funding of Coast Park projects; and
- recognise and enhance the diversity of natural and built environments along the coast.

It is intended that the projects will be subjected to further consideration and design development by the relevant authorities, including public consultation, before any decisions are made on the final form of each project and before any funds are committed.

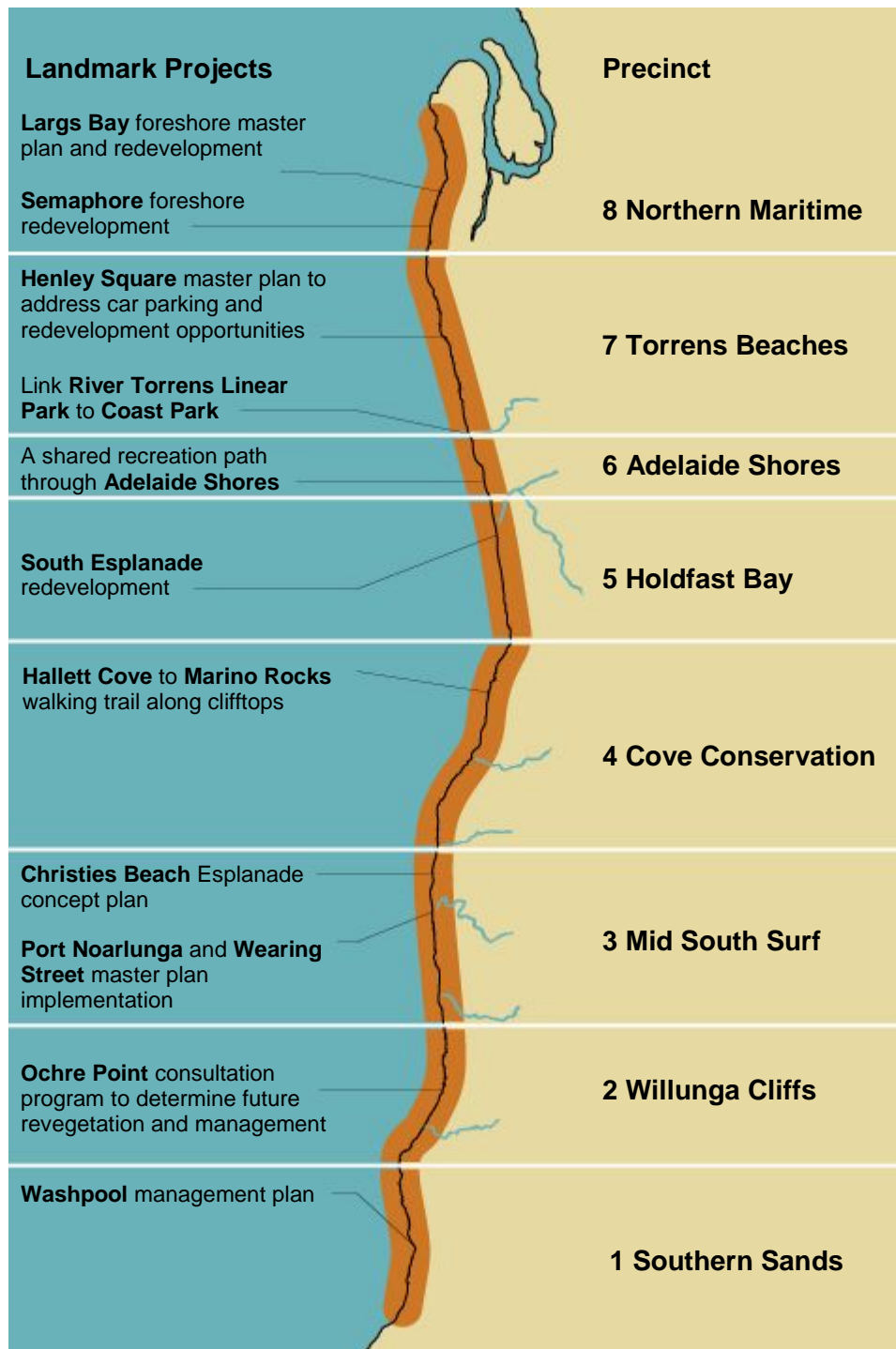
The concept plan also highlights a number of development focal points along the coastline for recreation, community activity, commercial and educational projects. These include:

- Semaphore Road/Esplanade/Semaphore foreshore;
- Jetty Road/Glenelg foreshore; and
- Beach Road/Esplanade intersection at Christies Beach.

A number of landmark projects have been identified for priority attention with local government and community involvement. These are highlighted on the enclosed map.

What happens next?

A Coast Park Steering Committee to implement the Coast Park will be established by Planning SA. This committee will be made up of State and local government



representatives, and their role will be to:

- review and develop project proposals;
- seek support from relevant State and local authorities for projects and associated priorities;
- solicit required funds from all available sources;
- integrate advice and recommendations on Coast Park projects; and
- oversee project commissioning and implementation

Community input will be sought on individual Coast Park projects prior to implementation.

Copies of the Coast Park Concept Plan and a summary document can be viewed at any metropolitan coastal council or visit the Planning SA website: http://www.planning.sa.gov.au/p2036/news_index.htm