

WESTERN PORT BIOSPHERE RESEVE – NOTES FROM AGM WORKSHOP 14TH NOVEMBER 2010

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SUSTAINABILITY IN TOURISM

More even spread of tourism across and through the region	Leverage off a stronger Biosphere Brand	Mornington Peninsula Tourism	Biosphere brand	50 year leadership, future tourism strategy	
Real “Ecotourism” – which gives a net benefit to the environment	Around Western Port as Ramsar	PINP LGA’s	Communication strategy	Making sure ALL tourism is sustainable i.e. doesn’t cause damage	
Disconnect between East - ?Bot.Gard> and West – Wine, Food Golf	Warringine Park – offers window to Ramsar	Tourism Vic	Tourism Vic \$		
Cross LGA Connections	Devilbend	Businesses		Identify possible high impact sites e.g. Dune structures and provide necessary infrastructure e.g. walkway, to prevent damage.	
Marine Centre @ Hastings	Sustainable building accommodation “green credentials”	Morn Pen Vignerons			
	partnerships with other businesses/food	Golf			
	Ramsar	Eco Tourism Australia			

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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

<p>Information exchange > strategy – Issues/sourcing/usage/promotion</p> <p>Ask community what problems it wants to solve</p> <p>Signage – Biosphere & Ramsar?</p> <p>Biosphere schools information pack Ceres link</p> <p>Moto/slogan</p> <p>“Keeping a special place special”</p> <p>“We live in a special place”</p> <p>“Biospheres are for living”</p> <p>“Celebration of</p>	<p>WPCC/Councils International Wetlands Day</p> <p>Use existing signs with decals (council/”tidy towns”)</p> <p>Business Community liaison committees (BlueScope, Toll ports etc)</p> <p>Encourage the development of a Kyoto 2 year style polytechnic school.</p> <p>More Art and Culture</p> <p>Festivals and events relevant to Biosphere theme (Noosa water festival)</p>	<p>Schools?</p> <p>Councils</p> <p>Community groups – ESP, Friends Groups</p> <p>Real Estate Agent signage</p> <p>“Be the Change Inc” (the Packamama foundation)</p>	<p>Protocols</p> <p>Save water? R Alliance – developing schools curricula for water course strategies</p>	<p>How do we know we are acting sustainability?</p> <p>“sustainable” = Biosphere</p>	
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<p>Community and environment”</p> <p>“Western Port for the next generation”</p> <p>“A future for Western Port”</p> <p>“Helping to make Western Port a place where our grandchildren will want to live work and play”</p>					

SUSTAIBILITY IN AGRICULTURE

<p>Indigenous (wild) foods</p> <p>Little support from government to support farmers within Biosphere? (Biosphere specific)</p> <p>One stop shop</p> <p>Who decides what grows where?</p>	<p>Reconnecting the landscape to ensure ecological services</p> <p>Farmers markets to promote sustainable farming (inc above)</p> <p>Landshare – make unused farmland available for share farming</p>	<p>Landcare</p> <p>Gippsdairy</p> <p>Landholders</p> <p>Murray</p> <p>Goulburn</p> <p>VFF</p> <p>LG</p> <p>Veg Growers</p> <p>Assoc</p> <p>Vignerons</p> <p>Assoc</p> <p>Truyst for</p>	<p>Link “laboratories for change” to State and Federal Government projects and funding</p> <p>Attach to ‘like’ organisations</p> <p>Engage/meet</p>	<p>Farmer’s markets accreditation process. Best of Biosphere ?</p> <p>Biosphere is losing some of its agriculture research facilities</p> <p>Withdrawal of extension services</p>	
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<p>Carbon sequestration into soils</p> <p>Food security (Bunyip food belt)</p> <p>Food sovereignty</p> <p>Waste water runoffs</p> <p>Storm and Waste Water wasted</p>	<p>Aquaculture provided the ‘waste water’ is cleaned up</p> <p>Best of Biosphere brand for produce</p>	<p>Nature DSE/DPI CSIRO Eco farmers markets (standards set for these) Slow Food Australia AUSVEG</p>	<p>with LGA Business development re farmers markets e.g. ‘best of Biosphere Branding’</p>	<p>from government?</p> <p>Current crops in Biosphere include =</p> <p>Orchards >apple, pear, cherries olives</p> <p>Vegetable growers > intensive >extensive</p> <p>Potatoes, barley, asparagus, canola</p> <p>Meat > cattle, sheep, pigs, deer</p> <p>Chickens and other birds</p> <p>Nurseries</p> <p>Turf farms</p> <p>Novelty crops > herbs, lavender</p> <p>Hydroponics</p> <p>Aquaculture</p>	

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

<p>Across biosphere data on biodiversity is ‘old’ data and on public land – does not reflect</p>	<p>Birds Australia doing monthly bird counts at Devilbend (over 6 years)</p>	<p>Biosphere to partner with Birds Australia to</p>	<p>Morn Pen Shire doing updating of their biodiversity</p>	<p>Sustainable environment culture, economic, environment –</p>	
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<p>current state of biodiversity.</p> <p>Research of long term trends not being done</p> <p>Mapping of biodiversity does not give information on species in locations.</p> <p>However electronic version gives for each dot point.</p>	<p>BOCA counts Western Port bay water birds, shore birds “Shore birds Australia 2020”</p> <p>Eastern treatment plant – Mike Carter. Melb Water Get all councils in Biosphere to use same type of mapping for biodiversity Biodiversity crosses boundaries – get a statement of understanding with all councils and landowners</p> <p>Improving quality and quantity of communications between stakeholders</p>	<p>run annual monitor or Devilbend and promote out to schools</p> <p>Councils, friends groups and field naturalists, Earthwatch, Education institutions</p> <p>Animal Welfare and advocacy’</p> <p>DSE regional/state</p> <p>Parks Vic/DPI Landcare groups CMA/Melb Water Botanical Gardens/Museum Vic</p>	<p>mapping including private landowners includes ‘feral control’ will do analysis and come up with strategy.</p>	<p>needs to be triple bottom line</p> <p>Biosphere should be reporting in charter and also a library</p> <p>Biodiversity day = universities tafes, schools</p> <p>Biolinks connected with Walking tracks, creeklines, private and public bush blocks and reserves</p> <p>THREATS DANGERS</p> <p>Lack of knowledge</p> <p>Lack of political will</p> <p>Population increase</p>	

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	<p>Get all Friends to join the Biosphere</p> <p>Establish a series of Biolinks . move on biolinks now even if data monitoring not fully there</p> <p>New infrastructure – need environments “Quidpro Quo”</p> <p>Use net gain offsets and additional contributions for habitat linkages Western Port highway</p>	<p>Corporate stakeholders</p> <p>Peak bodies – VPNA etc.</p> <p>VFF</p> <p>National Heritage Trust</p> <p>Trust for Nature</p> <p>Vic Roads LMA</p>		<p>Increasing development</p> <p>Introduced predators and other vertebrates i.e. birds etc.</p> <p>Ongoing local extinctions</p> <p>Fragmentation of habitat</p> <p>Degradation of habitat</p> <p>Inappropriate human activities in reserves</p> <p>Lack of cooperation and coordination amongst agencies and government at all levels.</p>	