



## POINT NEPEAN NEWS

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*Welcome to Point Nepean News – a quarterly update on what is happening around the park.*

### Master planning underway

With the Quarantine Station / Officer Cadet School now proclaimed part of the Point Nepean National Park, the Parks Victoria team is working on developing a master plan for the whole of the park. The master plan will consolidate the planning and research done to date, and will focus on planning for the progressive development of the park.

Parks Victoria has appointed a Design Team headed by landscape architects Taylor Cullity Lethlean to assist with the process. Members of this skilled team have worked at World Heritage sites including Uluru, Lake Mungo and Daintree, and other significant places such as Port Arthur and the National Arboretum. The development of the master plan will feature extensive community consultation.

If you are interested in being kept up to date with the master plan project, please email your details to [pointnepean@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:pointnepean@parks.vic.gov.au)

### Range Area remediation works



Following the planned burns that took place in November last year in the former Range Area, the Department of Defence specialists have been able to search and clear ordnance from the treated areas. A total of ten high explosive items were detected and subsequently detonated.

These recent activities are the last intensive elements and a significant milestone in the delivery of the ordnance clearance program, it is a step closer to opening parts of the former Range Area for park visitors to experience. Future works to take place in this precinct are programs are focussed on pest and plant control, environmental monitoring, and delivering

works to enable parts of the Range Area to be opened to the public. These works will include internal fencing and signage development.

### New park office



The establishment of a permanent Parks Victoria office at the Quarantine Station for the Point Nepean team was always a high priority. The obvious location for this facility was the centrally located 1916 built Administration Building, formerly used by both the Quarantine Station and the Army personnel. The building required only

fitting out with toilet and kitchen facilities, floor coverings, IT, communication and office furnishing. It now accommodates around 10 staff as well as meeting rooms, lunchroom, library and resource areas.

Located behind a row of cypress trees, the offices have newly installed flywire doors in front of the French windows to allow for cooling flow-through ventilation, which has kept the building comfortably cool on some of the hotter summer days without the need for air conditioning. Currently the provision of central heating via a solar hot water hydronic system is being investigated.

### Tours of Quarantine Station



From 26 December 2009 visitors to Point Nepean National Park were given the opportunity to experience the history of the Quarantine Station through a daily ranger-led tour. The tours were very successful with over 300 visitors experiencing them in January alone. The tours finished in February but will recommence for school holiday periods. A school holiday program for

children aged 6-12 years is currently being developed for the Easter holidays.

### Summer events



Over the busy summer holiday period Point Nepean National Park hosted three major events.

On Saturday 2 January the **Portsea Twilight 2010**, a run and walk starting at Gunners Cottage at Point Nepean, saw over 2300 people compete in the annual event. The weather was kind and competitors and spectators had a great time.

The following Saturday 9 January the **Portsea Polo**, held on Jarman Oval in the Quarantine Station, entertained approximately 5000 people who enjoyed the skilled horsemanship.

The **Hot BBQ Music Festival**, also at Jarman Oval, on Saturday 16 January had over 8700 people dancing to the beats and singing along with DJ Grandmaster Flash and The Presets.

All events were successful and Parks Victoria is now preparing to run an Expression of Interest process for future events which will form part of the annual calendar of events.

### On our bikes



In keeping with Parks Victoria's Healthy Parks Healthy People the team at Point Nepean National Park have recently acquired two new bikes for staff to get around the park. Not only is it helping staff with their fitness but it's looking after the environment too.

### Point Nepean National Park

Located at the end of Point Nepean Road, Portsea

Open 7 days (except Christmas Day)

10am – 5pm

For more information please call 13 1963 or visit [www.parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au)



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