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# Point Nepean Community Trust Preparing the Quarantine Station for Use FACT SHEET



## Forward Planning- realising the public vision for Point Nepean.



**The Point Nepean Community Trust (PNCT) has managed the Quarantine Station/Norris Barracks since June 2004 on behalf of the Commonwealth Government. On 16 June 2006, the Commonwealth made two important announcements impacting on the site's future when it provided \$27 million in extra funding to the PNCT and added Point Nepean to the National Heritage List.**

The Point Nepean draft integrated Management Plan will be available for local and wider public consultation over a two-month period from early July 2006. During the consultation process to finalise the plan and commence master planning, public meetings will be held to discuss the detailed management policies and proposals for implementing the plan.

Community comments and consultation will help guide refinements to the Management Plan, working towards its approval by Commonwealth and State Ministers. They will also guide the next stage of planning to commence immediately, including preparation of a detailed Master Plan for the Quarantine Station and surrounds. The Master Plan will show how the Management Plan will be implemented and guide works to enhance the quality landscapes settings, heritage buildings and grounds. It will consider the caring capacity of the site given various opportunities and constraints, to guide the future use and development of different buildings and areas; ensure the best location is chosen for infrastructure, facilities and services; and guide pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle movement to and within the Quarantine Station and surrounding areas.



A key component in master planning will be further planning for information, interpretation and education (IIE) focusing on Point Nepean's rich heritage values. The aim is to increase public awareness of Point Nepean's themes and stories, facilitate community access to all appropriate areas and stimulate repeat visits. In consultation with relevant stakeholders, IIE will enable a staged approach to presenting the place, guide research that builds further knowledge about it and focus on essential works to enhance presentation to the public. An IIE framework will be developed in consultation with the community, Boonwurrung people, potential service providers, educational organisations, and other key stakeholders to identify demand and target audiences for key themes and stories, identify various techniques for presentation and set objectives and outcomes. Options and methods for providing additional and/or improved on-site interpretation at heritage sites and along recreational trails across the whole planning area will be identified. Partnerships with key providers will be encouraged.

The Quarantine Station may be put to many different uses as outlined in the draft Management Plan. Opportunities for a diverse range of recreational, tourism, educational and community uses consistent with Point Nepean's heritage values will be examined with preference given to uses that minimise disturbance and make a positive contribution to the sustainable use of the buildings and grounds and the natural and cultural heritage of the place.

The PNCT will undertake economic analysis, feasibility studies and financial modelling to inform consideration of future use of the Quarantine Station in ways that are economically, socially and environmentally sustainable. Economic modelling will assess the current and projected future costs of buildings and grounds, consider pricing options, test various site carrying-capacity scenarios - taking into account all heritage values, identifying potential tourism opportunities and preparing feasibility studies to help detail proposals for community use and enjoyment of the place. Master planning will seek input from various government bodies, the tourism industry, local community



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and other key stakeholders. Master planning will detail and provide the framework for a series of special projects that have been funded by the additional Commonwealth Funding to realise the vision for Point Nepean.

One of the best methods to test out potential future uses and identify the best providers of services and facilities is through tendering and expression of interest (EoI) processes. The primary objective is to attract ideas for future uses and identify what potential proponents can offer to achieve the vision and major directions set out in the Management Plan. The PNCT will establish an EoI process to test viable and sustainable uses for specific buildings and areas and clarify site requirements such as accommodation, catering, access, parking and infrastructure. Proposals for use will be evaluated against appropriate use, heritage, environmental, social and economic criteria.

A Draft Master Plan will be completed prior to the tendering and EOI. During the EoI process, those submitting proposals will be required to demonstrate: compliance with the final approved Management Plan, consistency with conservation management policies; response to a full set of appropriate use principles; and development parameters protecting significant attributes and values of the Quarantine Station and surrounds.

The Master Plan will be finalised following completion of EoI processes.

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