



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



Site Preparation Works



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.

Maintenance and upgrades to major infrastructure servicing the Quarantine Station are among programs to be initiated and include water/wastewater, power, gas and telecommunications. The level of works required was determined by current and future use.

The water/waste water project will involve removing the existing sewerage treatment plant and connecting the site to the Portsea sewerage system. This will benefit the site by disposing wastewater into Port Phillip Bay and removing the unsightly treatment from the foreshore. **The site will be connected to the natural gas main**, and a significant overhaul of the telecommunications system will enable the site to support the National Centre for Marine and Coastal Conservation and other user groups.

A program of building works will take place in addition to the infrastructure projects. Initial works will focus on repairs and overdue maintenance, including everything from replacing rusted guttering, downpipes and window glass to more significant tasks such as repainting buildings and **repairing verandahs** and cracked brickwork. These works are essential, not only to improve the appearance of the buildings, but also to maintain their structural integrity for use and enjoyment.

Future use of Quarantine Station buildings and grounds requires the PNCT to formulate a site management model and draft documents for leases, licenses and tenancy agreements. For the approval of short and longer term uses, The PNCT will prepare this material to meet the requirements of the Trust Deed for the approval of short and longer term leases and consult with the State of Victoria, community and Commonwealth agencies. Preparing for public use of the Quarantine Station, the PNCT is measuring and mapping buildings and other assets (internal and external space volumes) so that it can properly insure and manage available spaces.

Plans for opening the Quarantine Station to the public involve upgrading key infrastructure such as roads and utilities. Heritage-sensitive interior and exterior renovations to conserve and improve the heritage landscapes will require Commonwealth, State, local, cultural heritage, planning, building and other works assessments and approvals. The PNCT will take steps to obtain all approvals as needed.

The PNCT will prepare a full site assessment and comprehensive risk management plan for remediating site contamination that may have been left from previous uses so that future uses are safe. The PNCT will prepare a series of works to obtain an EPA compliant certificate to certify that the site has been remediated to the extent required for proposed future uses.

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