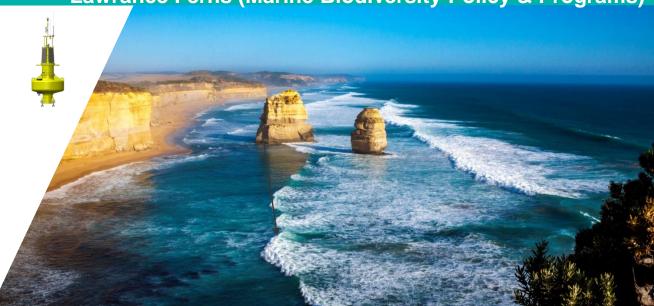
# Victorian Coastal Monitoring Program

2nd International Workshop on Waves, Storm Surges and Coastal Hazards

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Environment, Land, Water and Planning

#### Introduction

The Victorian Coastal Monitoring Program (VCMP) is a \$4 million component of the *Protection of Victoria's Iconic Beaches and Coastline Program 2016-2020* funded by the Victorian Sustainability Fund (Ministerial budget priority 2016).

A further budget of \$0.74 million was integrated in 2017-19 from the Sustainability Fund Project *Wave Climate Data to Improve Coastal Climate Change Modelling and Projections.* The objective of this project is to:

- improve the quality of Victoria's wave climate data so that modelled projections of the present and future effects of climate change on coastal hazards can be made with more certainty; and
- use these improved models to better inform coastal planning and adaptation decisions

Significant co-investment with universities, local government and citizen science volunteer groups has been sought:

- Improving coastal erosion assessments: (\$4M Sustainability Fund; \$200K from Port Phillip Bay Fund plus co-investment of cash/in-kind of \$3.8M from University Partners)
  - Priority open coast beach locations
  - Port Phillip Bay beaches
  - Priority locations of Western Port Bay
- \* Coastal wave monitoring and sea level rise modelling (\$740K Sustainability Fund, plus co-investments of \$145 Biodiversity Division & \$900K from University Partners)



The VCMP was launched by the Minister for Energy, Environment & Climate Change in November 2017

#### What we do

#### **Biodiversity Division (Knowledge and Decision Systems)**

- Decision support systems (eg. NaturePrint, Strategic Management Prospects)
- Knowledge management (eg. Biodiversity Knowledge Framework; Net Gain reporting)
- Policy advice (eg. Threatened species common assessment, Regional Forest Agreement)

#### Marine Biodiversity Policy and Programs

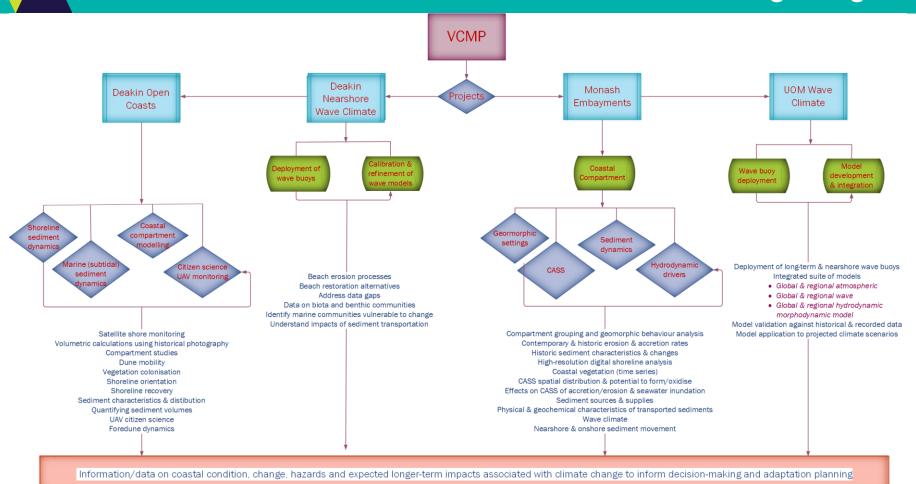
- Policy and technical advice on marine and coastal biodiversity
- Development and management of marine & coastal biodiversity science projects and decision support systems
- On-ground actions to manage threats to marine biodiversity (Biodiversity Response Planning).

#### **Land Management Policy Division**

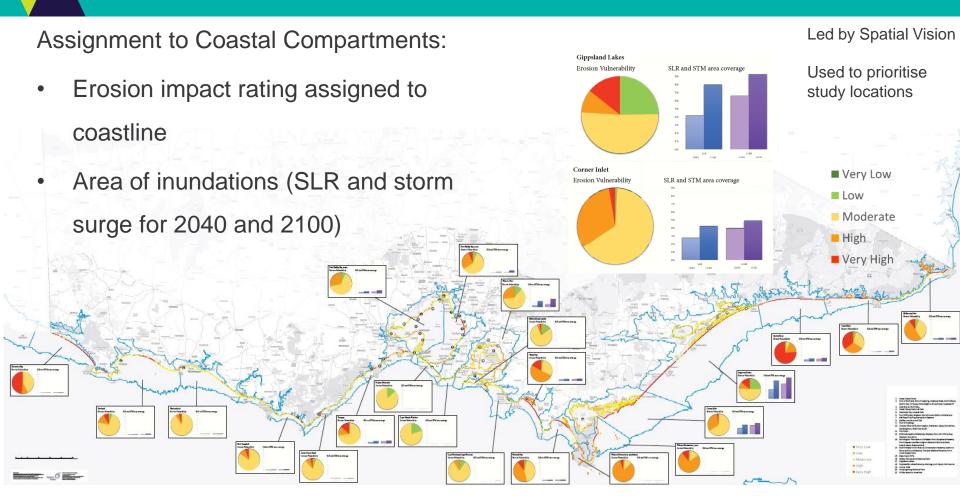
- Coordinate implementation of the transition plan for the *Marine & Coastal Management Act 2018*
- Marine & Coastal Policy and Marine Spatial Planning Guidelines (2019)
- Marine & Coastal Strategy (2020)



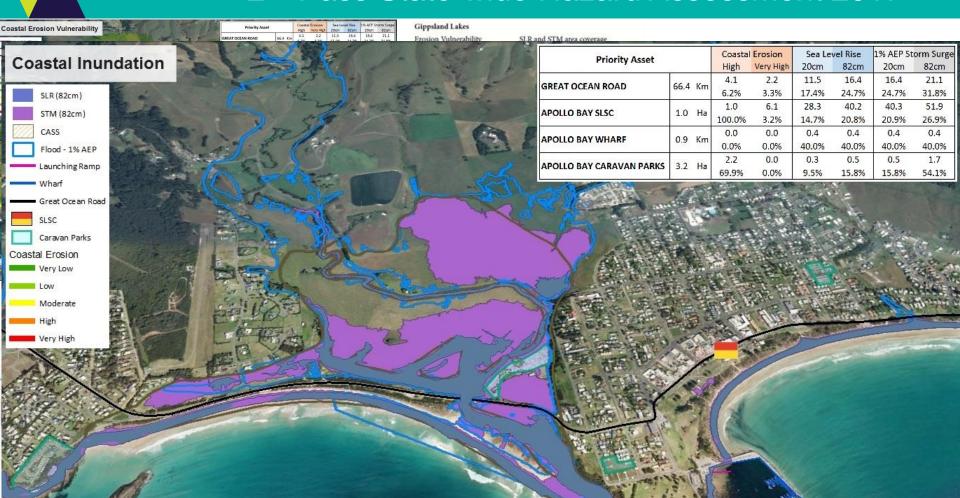
## VCMP Design Logic



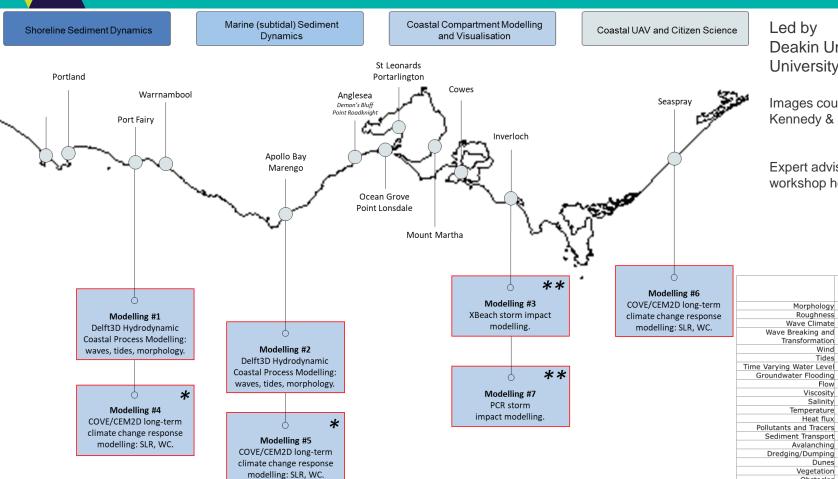
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### Open Coast Sub-Program



Led by
Deakin University &
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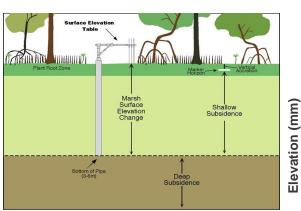
Expert advisory board workshop held in March 2019

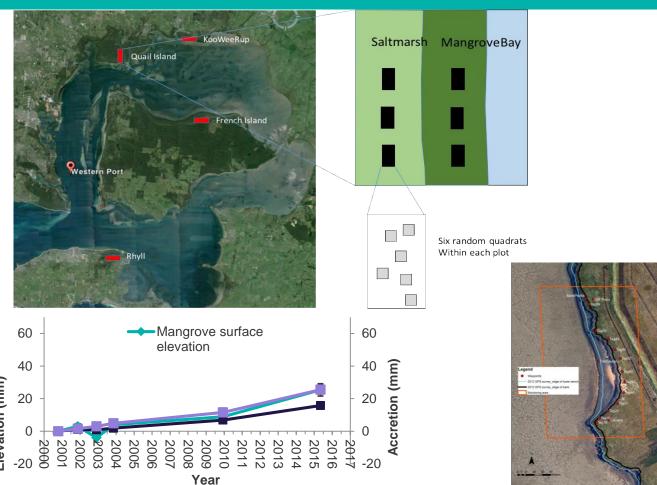
## **Embayments Sub-Program**

The project has four themes:

- Geomorphic setting
- Coastal acid sulphate soils
- Sediment dynamics
- Hydrodynamic drivers

Led by Monash University partnership with University of Wollongong, Macquarie University





### Coastal Waves and Sea Level Rise Sub-Program







Led by University of Melbourne with Deakin University

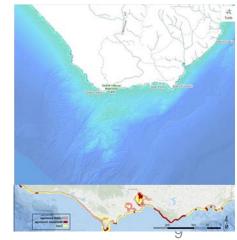
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3 larger offshore buoys and 9-10 \*smaller inshore buoys over 2 years

\* Wave spotter monitoring initiated <a href="https://vicwaves.com.au">https://vicwaves.com.au</a> (Portland, Port Fairy, Apollo Bay)





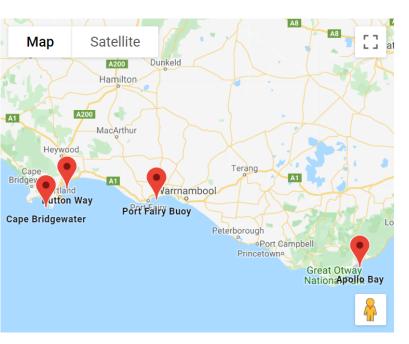
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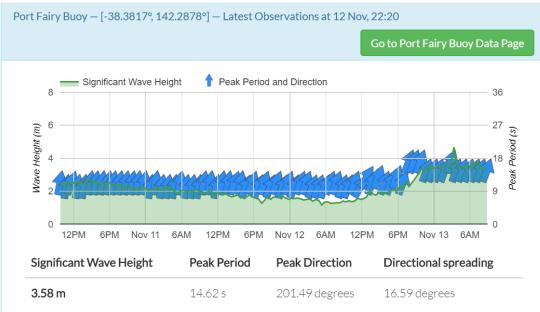






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## **Use of Drone Technology**



**Deakin University** 

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Satellite Bridge gap between traditional remote sensing and field observations

Plane



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cm

#### Citizen Science

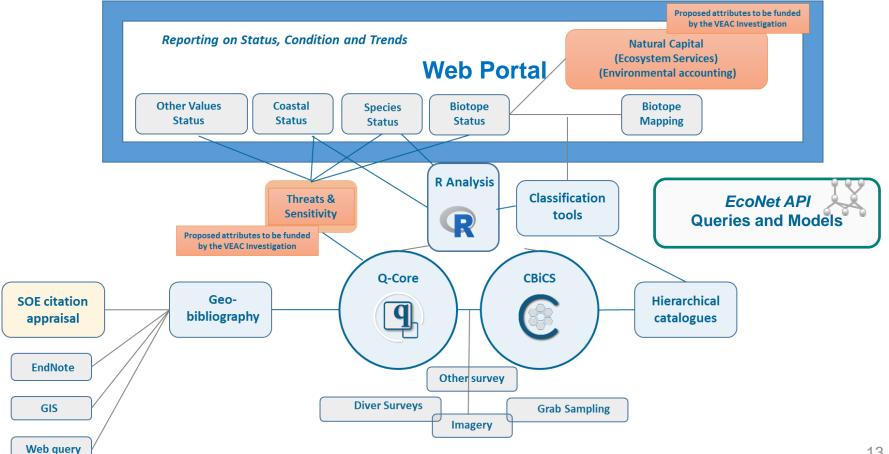
12 Citizen Science Groups – 15 areas – Over 100 volunteers







## CoastKit design



#### CoastKit – Supports the *Marine Knowledge Framework*

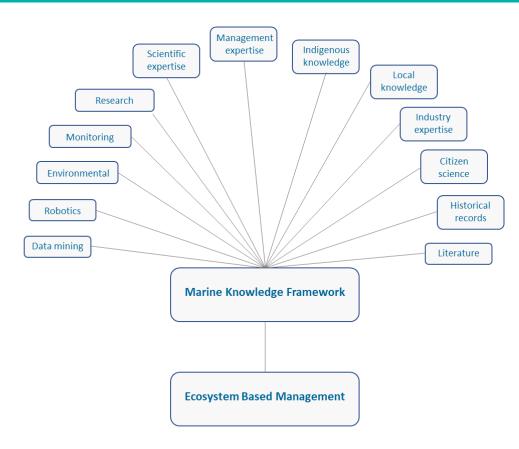
#### **Objectives**

#### Support evidence based decision making

- Systematic framework for aggregating knowledge
- Combine and provide information as needed
- Scenario modelling what if?
- Optimise social and ecological aspects

#### Requirements

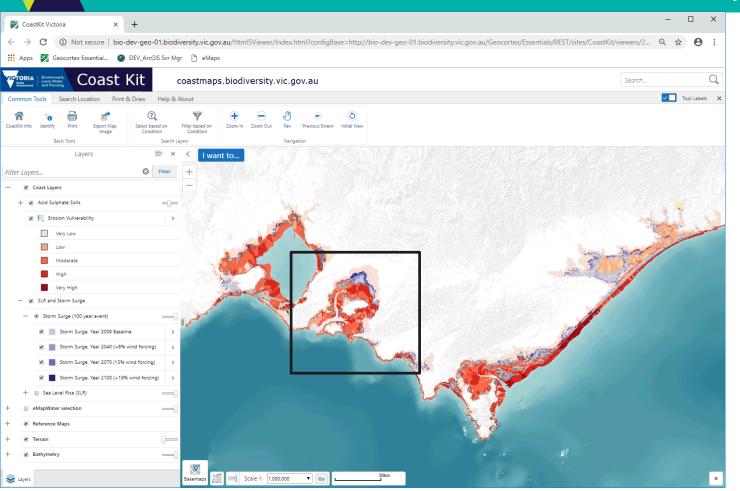
- Ecosystem based
- Lines of evidence
- Provide for uncertainty, knowledge gaps
- Transparent, accessible
- Objective outputs
- Reliable, trustworthy
- Flexible, agile, updatable





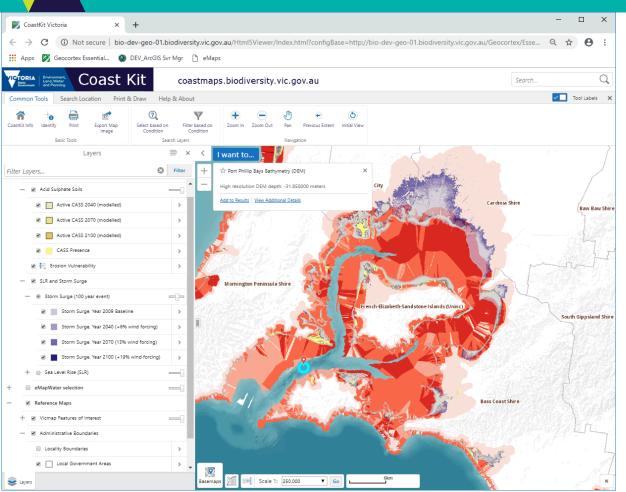
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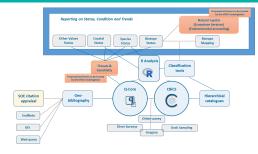
Apollo Bay





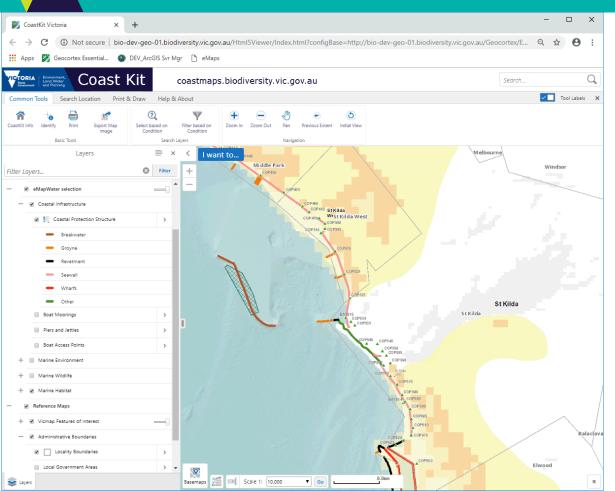
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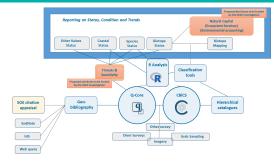




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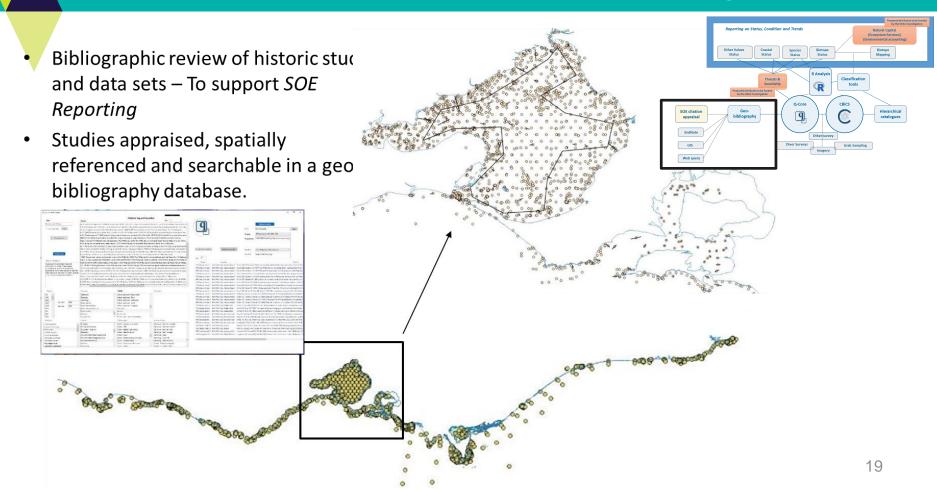
Western Port





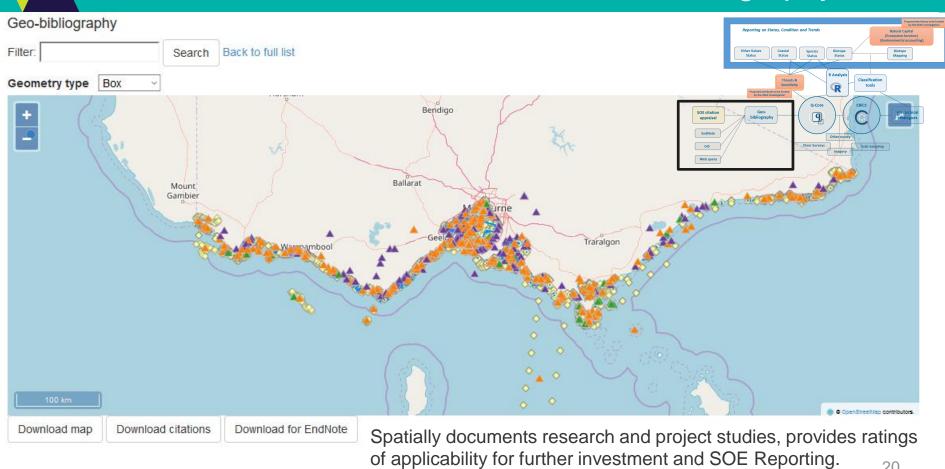
#### Coastal Infrastructure

## CoastKit – Geobibliography tool



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# Thank you

