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Dear Mayor and Councillors,



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## **Protective Dune Fencing near the Ricketts Point Tea House and Removal of Derelict Plinths**

**Protective Dune Fencing:** Beaumaris Conservation Society Inc. wishes to congratulate Bayside City Council on the good work it has done in constructing protective fencing along the vegetated sand dunes in front of, and to the north and south of the Tea House at Ricketts Point, Beaumaris.

The fencing appears to be both durable and effective, as well as being aesthetically acceptable and economical. BCS Inc. notes that the area immediately in front of the Tea House, which was affected by intense random traffic before the fencing, has been completely surrounded by fencing, whereas areas further to the north and south have had the fencing applied alongside the concrete path only. That difference in treatment will allow comparisons to be made of the effectiveness of those two styles, with the possibility of more complete fencing later if needed. A further comparison will be able to be made between those two styles of fencing, and areas even further to the north and south where there is no fencing.

**Need for Removal of Derelict Plinths:** The appearance of the area above, and many other parts of the foreshore reserve along Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary continues to be marred by the presence of derelict concrete and timber plinths that the former Sandringham City Council, which ceased to exist in 1994, installed there to mount signage on. The signs on the plinths were intended to convey information about the area, but the signs have since disappeared or become unreadable, leaving in most cases obtrusive concrete or timber stumps with no apparent purpose or use.

BCS Inc. has identified 17 such plinths, details of which are listed on the attached table, and it asks Council to improve the foreshore environment by removing those plinths from it entirely. Council's recent review of signage in this part of the Bayside foreshore will have made it aware of the large number of signs in this area, and realize that the impact of signs considered necessary is greatly lessened if obsolete signage structures are removed. BCS Inc. would appreciate being informed as to whether Council will agree with the proposal to remove these plinths, please.

Yours sincerely,

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cc. Bayside City Councillors

**THE 17 DERELICT SIGNAGE PLINTHS ON BEACH PARK AT RICKETTS POINT MARINE SANCTUARY: JANUARY 2009**

(Click on the blue, underlined Photo Nos. at left to see a photograph of a particular plinth)

Photo No.	Location	Purpose (Present or past)	Type	Comments	Height (mm)	Notice (mm)		Lat. (S)	Long. (E)
						Wide	Deep		
<a href="#">0070</a>	Above path at McDonald Rock south of Quiet Corner	Former SCC interpretive notice	Bare short timber plinth	<b>Disused and redundant</b>	550	180	150	37° 56.91'	145° 1.110'
<a href="#">0100</a>	In sea near sea wall between Quiet Corner rotunda & concrete ramp	Former SCC "interpretive" notice	Empty obtrusive concrete plinth	<b>Abandoned concrete plinth dumped over sea wall</b>	950	230	295	37° 58.30'	145° 1.151'
<a href="#">0270</a>	At edge of beach near Surf Avenue	Former SCC "interpretive" notice	Timber plinth with "She-oak Point" note	<b>Faded, hard-to-read text</b>	900	200	100	37° 59.08'	145° 1.390'
<a href="#">0270</a>	At edge of beach near Surf Avenue	Former SCC "interpretive" notice	Empty obtrusive concrete plinth	<b>Disused, redundant concrete plinth</b>	730	230	295	37° 59.08'	145° 1.389'
<a href="#">0290</a>	At edge of beach near Wellington Avenue	Former SCC "interpretive" notice	Timber plinth with "Spinifex" note	<b>Timber post nearly overgrown with shrubbery</b>	900	200	100	37° 59.14'	145° 1.447'
<a href="#">0290</a>	At edge of beach near Wellington Avenue	Former SCC "interpretive" notice	Concrete plinth with faded notice under acrylic made opaque by underside moisture	<b>Dilapidated notice unreadable</b>	730	230	295	37° 59.14'	145° 1.447'
<a href="#">0612</a>	Near paved path north of boardwalk north of Tea House	Former SCC "interpretive" notice	Timber plinth with faded "Coast Beardheath" note	<b>Faded, hard-to-read text</b>	800	200	160	37° 59.45'	145° 1.721'
<a href="#">0640</a>	In park just north of Car Park B18	Former SCC "interpretive" notice	Concrete plinth - for former "Geology" note under acrylic	<b>Pointless concrete block</b>	730	230	295	37° 59.52'	145° 1.800'
<a href="#">0680</a>	On dune at south-west corner of Car Park B18	Former SCC "interpretive" notice on "Thomas Ricketts 1860-1906"	Obtrusive concrete plinth with mouldy dilapidated interpretive notice under acrylic cover	<b>Dilapidated notice unappealing to readers</b>	730	230	295	37° 59.53'	145° 1.810'
<a href="#">0750</a>	On dune to north of concrete barrel drain	Former SCC notice on "Rocky Shores"	Obtrusive concrete plinth with mouldy dilapidated notice under broken acrylic cover	<b>Dilapidated notice unappealing to readers</b>	730	230	295	37° 59.60'	145° 1.821'
<a href="#">0884</a>	On inland path between Burgess St and Tramway Pde	Former SCC notice on "National Trust Banksia"	Concrete plinth obscured by plants and sited where the Banksia referred to is not very evident.	<b>Text obscured by bird droppings</b>	730	230	295	37° 59.64'	145° 1.989'
<a href="#">0920</a>	In sand 40 metres south-east of Life Saving Club	Former SCC "interpretive" notice	Timber plinth, nearly buried, with patchy "Coast Banksia" note	<b>Obscure, with patchy text</b>	200	185	160	37° 59.67'	145° 1.991'
<a href="#">0954</a>	Just south of foot of Tramway Parade ramp	Former SCC "interpretive" notice	Bare short split timber plinth	<b>Disused and redundant</b>	700	185	160	37° 59.68'	145° 2.034'
<a href="#">0991</a>	Foot of cliff south of Dalgetty Rd stairs 4 m north of "No Boating" sign pole	Former SCC "interpretive" notice	Bare short timber plinth	<b>Disused and redundant</b>	750	185	160	37° 59.71'	145° 1.148'
<a href="#">1060</a>	On sea side of clifftop path 13 m south of stairs just south of Rennison St	Former SCC "interpretive" notice on "Pretty Climber"	Obtrusive concrete plinth with mouldy dilapidated interpretive notice under acrylic cover	<b>Faded note on Clematis unappealing to readers</b>	730	230	295	37° 59.74'	145° 2.225'
<a href="#">1062</a>	On dune 15 m south of Rennison St stairs	Former SCC "interpretive" notice	Bare short timber plinth	<b>Disused and redundant</b>	850	185	160	37° 59.75'	145° 2.219'
<a href="#">1160</a>	Top of steps to beach at Table Rock and Scouts boatshed	Former SCC "interpretive" notice on "Sea Creatures"	Obtrusive concrete plinth with mouldy dilapidated interpretive notice under acrylic cover	<b>Dilapidated notice unappealing to readers</b>	730	230	295	37° 59.74'	145° 2.225'