

10. Committee Reports

10.1. Report from Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee - Review of Master Plan Actions

C265/08/25

Moved Cr Michael Scott seconded Cr Lou Nicholson

That Council:

1. Receive and note the contents of the report titled Report from Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee - Review of Master Plan Actions
2. Note the Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee's review of the actions contained within the 2018 Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve Master Plan as provided at Attachment 1 contained in this meeting agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C266/08/25

Moved Cr Sue Miller seconded Cr Lou Nicholson

That Council:

1. Note the Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee's suggested removal of the actions contained within the 2018 Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve Masterplan (Masterplan) as follows:
 - a. Item 4.2.3, Zone 2 - Port Elliot Caravan Park relating to investigating alternative water sources for irrigation supply to main turf activity areas of the Caravan Park;
 - b. Item 4.2.7, Zone 6 - Main Park Entry relating to improving park signage at the main Port Elliot entry point;
 - c. Item 4.2.7, Zone 6 - Main Park Entry relating to retaining open grassed site to the south-west of the entry road for future caravan park extensions;
 - d. Item 4.2.9, Zone 8 - Basham Beach Hinterland relating to the reinstatement of a windmill;
 - e. Item 4.2.9, Zone 8 - Basham Beach Hinterland relating to creating a link path in the existing road reserve to connect residents of Frenchman's Drive area to Ratalang; and
 - f. Item 4.2.10, Overall Park Recommendations - Relating to improving park signage at major entry points.
2. Note the Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee's suggested amendments to the actions contained within the Masterplan as follows:
 - a. Item 4.2.5, Zone 4 - Crockery Bay relating to upgrading the existing creek crossing, be amended from a Medium priority to a Low priority;
 - b. Item 4.2.9, Zone 8 - Basham Beach Hinterland relating to increasing facilities and interpretive material adjacent existing ruins including additional picnic tables, potential shelter and interpretive material, be amended from a Medium priority to a Low priority;
 - c. Item 4.2.9, Zone 8 - Basham Beach Hinterland relating to restoring the historic copper mine for improved safety and educational benefit, be amended from a Medium priority to a Low priority; and

- d. **Item 4.2.10, Overall Park Recommendations - Relating to undertaking a coastal hazard assessment and develop adaptation plans in response to climate change impacts, be amended from a Medium priority to a High priority.**
- 3. **Approve a further report being brought to Council containing a draft Community Engagement Plan on the above proposed changes to the Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve Masterplan, which will include the State Government as landowner and the operators of the Port Elliot Caravan Park.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Committee Reports

10.1. Report from Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee - Review of Master Plan Actions

Decision Report

Responsible Officer: Alan Harvey (General Manager Infrastructure)

Report Author: Alan Harvey (General Manager Infrastructure)

Previous Decisions: February 2018 - ACM1823

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is to receive recommendations from the Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee (Committee) for agenda item 4.1 Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve Master Plan Actions Review from its meeting held on 31 July 2025, and to consider further information and recommendations from Administration.

The public agenda and minutes from this Committee meeting can be located on Council's website at [Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee](#).

Recommendation

That Council:

Recommendation Group A

1. Receive and note the contents of the report titled Report from Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee - Review of Master Plan Actions
2. Note the Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee's review of the actions contained within the 2018 Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve Master Plan as contained in Attachment 1.

Recommendation Group B

1. Note the Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee's suggested removal of the actions contained within the 2018 Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve Masterplan (Masterplan) as follows:
 - a. Item 4.2.3, Zone 2 - Port Elliot Caravan Park relating to investigating alternative water sources for irrigation supply to main turf activity areas of the Caravan Park;
 - b. Item 4.2.7, Zone 6 - Main Park Entry relating to improving park signage at the main Port Elliot entry point;
 - c. Item 4.2.7, Zone 6 - Main Park Entry relating to retaining open grassed site to the south-west of the entry road for future caravan park extensions;
 - d. Item 4.2.9, Zone 8 - Basham Beach Hinterland relating to the reinstatement of a windmill;
 - e. Item 4.2.9, Zone 8 - Basham Beach Hinterland relating to creating a link path in the existing road reserve to connect residents of Frenchman's Drive area to Ratalang; and
 - f. Item 4.2.10, Overall Park Recommendations - Relating to improving park signage at major entry points.

2. Note the Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee's suggested amendments to the actions contained within the Masterplan as follows:
 - a. Item 4.2.5, Zone 4 - Crockery Bay relating to upgrading the existing creek crossing, be amended from a Medium priority to a Low priority;
 - b. Item 4.2.9, Zone 8 - Basham Beach Hinterland relating to increasing facilities and interpretive material adjacent existing ruins including additional picnic tables, potential shelter and interpretive material, be amended from a Medium priority to a Low priority;
 - c. Item 4.2.9, Zone 8 - Basham Beach Hinterland relating to restoring the historic copper mine for improved safety and educational benefit, be amended from a Medium priority to a Low priority; and
 - d. Item 4.2.10, Overall Park Recommendations - Relating to undertaking a coastal hazard assessment and develop adaptation plans in response to climate change impacts, be amended from a Medium priority to a High priority.
3. Note that a further report will be brought to Council containing a draft Community Engagement Plan on the above proposed changes to the Masterplan, which will include the State Government as landowner.

Background

Following a review process of the *2018 Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve Masterplan* (Masterplan) recommendations the Committee at its meeting held 31 July 2025, resolved the following amendments:

4.1 Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve Master Plan Actions Review

Recommendation Group A

RBB202529

Moved Paul Minards

Seconded Kallan Dennis

That the Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee receives and notes the contents of this report titled Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve Master Plan Actions Review, including the Master Plan Review outcomes as per Attachment 4.1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recommendation Group B

RBB202530

Moved Jade McHughes

Seconded Sue Dixon

That the Ratalang Basham Beach and Horseshoe Bay Advisory Committee recommends to Council as part of the Master Plan Actions Review that:

1. The action assigned to Item 4.2.3, Zone 2 Port Elliot Caravan Park relating to investigating alternative water sources for irrigation supply to main turf activity areas of the Caravan Park be removed from the Master Plan actions list.
2. The priority rating assigned to Item 4.2.5, Zone 4 Crockery Bay relating to upgrading the existing creek crossing, be amended from a Medium priority to a Low priority.
3. The action assigned to Item 4.2.7, Zone 6 Main Park Entry relating to improving park signage at the main Port Elliot entry point be removed from the Master Plan actions list.
4. The action assigned to Item 4.2.7, Zone 6 Main Park Entry relating to retaining open grassed site to the South West of the entry road for future caravan park extension be removed from the Master Plan actions list.
5. The action assigned to Item 4.2.9, Zone 8 Basham Beach Hinterland in relation to reinstatement of a windmill be removed from the Master Plan actions list.
6. The action assigned to Item 4.2.9, Zone 8 Basham Beach Hinterland in relation to creating a link path in existing road reserve to connect residents of Frenchman's Drive area to Ratalang be removed from the Master Plan actions list.
7. The priority rating assigned to Item 4.2.9, Zone 8 Basham Beach Hinterland relating to increasing facilities and interpretive material adjacent existing ruins including additional picnic tables, potential shelter and interpretive material, be amended from a Medium priority to a Low priority.
8. The priority rating assigned to Item 4.2.9, Zone 8 Basham Beach Hinterland relating to restoring the historic copper mine for improved safety and educational benefit, be amended from a Medium priority to a Low priority.
9. The action assigned to Item 4.2.10, Overall, Park Recommendations relating to improving park signage at major entry points, be removed from the Master Plan actions list.
10. The priority rating assigned to Item 4.2.10, Overall Park Recommendations relating to undertaking a coastal hazard assessment and develop adaptation plans in response to climate change impacts, be amended from a Medium priority to a High priority.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The above proposed amendments have been formed through meeting discussions and workshops with the Committee and Administration, who recognised the need to review the Masterplan recommendations since their adoption in 2018.

Discussion

The following table provides the further details for each of the proposed amendments and is contained in **Attachment 1** which contains the entire review.

Action and zone	Original action	Change proposed	Reason for proposed change
4.2.3, Zone 2, Port Elliot Caravan Park	Investigate alternative water sources for irrigation supply to the main turf activity areas of the Caravan Park. Options include stormwater harvesting, storage and re-use from the urban catchment upstream from Crockery Creek (possible scaled wetland at the upper end of the creek adjacent to the Cockle Train line).	Remove recommendation	Inconsistent with conservation plan as this was - a caravan park priority.
4.2.5, Zone 4 Crockery Bay	Upgrade existing creek crossing.	Change priority from medium to low	This creek crossing is a non-commissioned Asset. The Asset will be reassessed in 2027.
4.2.7, Zone 6 Main Park Entry	Improve park signage at the main Port Elliot entry point on the Victor Harbor - Goolwa Road.	Remove recommendation	This is not a Committee priority or requirement for the Conservation Reserve.
4.2.7, Zone 6 Main Park Entry	Retain open grassed site to the South West of the entry road for future caravan park extension including accommodation for educational tour groups.	Remove recommendation	Open grassed area has been retained. This area will be rezoned to Conservation and will also contain a portion of land earmarked for the Crockery Creek related stormwater diversion wetland. A caravan park extension including accommodation for educational tour groups is not supported for this area.
4.2.9, Zone 8 Basham Beach Hinterland	Reinstate windmill for water harvesting and education subject to environmental authority approval.	Remove recommendation	Interpretive signs already onsite talk to the European farming heritage of the area, as well as old farm ruins and stock trough being retained onsite. Installation of a windmill will be problematic, likely attract vandalism and management of water harvested via the

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			windmill, will be challenging to keep it from going stagnant.
4.2.9, Zone 8 Basham Beach Hinterland	Create a link path in existing road reserve to connect residents of Frenchman's Drive area to Ratalang.	Remove recommendation	This project would require a large budget allocation to accommodate major road works to safely get pedestrians from Frenchman's Drive, over or under the main Port Elliot Road. This offers minimal benefit to Ratalang or the residents.
4.2.9, Zone 8 Basham Beach Hinterland	Increase facilities and interpretive material adjacent existing ruins including additional picnic tables, potential shelter and interpretive material.	Change priority from medium to low	Interpretive signs are already in place on the existing ruins. Future consideration to be given to need for additional picnic tables or shelters. Need to be mindful not to take away from the natural setting of the park. Don't want the park to be over built.
4.2.9, Zone 8 Basham Beach Hinterland	Restore historic copper mine for improved safety and educational benefit.	Change priority from medium to low	Large bee hive is present and recommended to keep the bees in place. Opportunity for interpretive signage to be installed to detail the history of the mine.
4.2.10, Overall, Park Recommendations	Improve park signage at major entry points from the Victor Harbor-Goolwa Road.	Remove recommendation	This is a repeat of recommendation 4.2.7 This is not a Committee priority or requirement for the Conservation Reserve.
4.2.10, Overall, Park Recommendations	Undertake coastal hazard assessment and develop adaptation plans in response to climate change impacts.	Change priority from medium to high	Ongoing erosion is continually occurring and increasing. Consultant has been engaged to undertake a detailed Coastal Dune Assessment at Sandy

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			Bay within Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve. Once the report has been compiled, the consultant will present their findings to the Committee at a future meeting.

Further discussion will be needed with the Committee to determine the method of communicating and consulting on these proposed changes to the Masterplan with the community. As such further reporting through the Committee will be brought back to Council with an appropriate community engagement plan for consideration.

Financial Implications

In accordance with the Alexandrina Council's Adopted Budget / Long Term Financial Plan, the financial implications of adopting these recommendations are considered low as no additional budget is required

Risk Implications

In accordance with Alexandrina Council's Risk Assessment Matrix, the risk of adopting this recommendation is considered low as the delivery of the Masterplan is a function of the Committee and they have been a party to the review.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve Master Plan Review

Attachment 1 - Ratalang Master Plan Review

Item Ref	Zone	Zone Description	Recommendation	Priority	Status (Completed, In-progress, Not Started, Completed - Ongoing)	Comments
4.2.2	Zone 1	Horseshoe Bay	Continue conservation efforts in foredunes and monitor beach access paths through the dunes, providing dune protection fencing if required.	High	Ongoing	Ongoing and reported to Ratalang Committee as maintenance needs present. This is monitored regularly and particularly after weather events.
4.2.2	Zone 1	Horseshoe Bay	Create a link path through Commodore Reserve from the carpark to the Caravan Park. Consider in conjunction with any future Master planning for Horseshoe Bay.	Medium	Completed	Action completed.
4.2.3	Zone 2	Port Elliot Caravan Park	Improve alignment and wayfinding signage for the Encounter Bikeway at the Basham Parade carpark to provide a more legible link from Horseshoe Bay to Basham Beach.	High	Completed	Clear and basic wayfinding signs installed.
4.2.3	Zone 2	Port Elliot Caravan Park	~~Investigate alternative water sources for irrigation supply to the main turf activity areas of the Caravan Park. Options include stormwater harvesting, storage and re-use from the urban catchment upstream from Crockery Creek (possible sealed wetland at the upper end of the creek adjacent to the Cockle Train line).~~	High	Not Started	Inconsistent with conservation plan - this is a caravan park priority. Committee recommend that this item be removed from the Master Plan.
4.2.4	Zone 3	Commodore Point	Continue revegetation and weed control program.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing revegetation and weed control continuously occurring.
4.2.4	Zone 3	Commodore Point	Restrict access to sensitive cultural heritage areas at Commodore Point. Install timber viewing platform to focus on whale watching activity in designated areas and provide signage to educate and deter visitors from wandering further onto Commodore Point.	High	Completed	Action completed.
4.2.4	Zone 3	Commodore Point	Install whale watching platform in clear grassed location on headland between Commodore Point and Crockery Bay.	Medium	Completed	Action completed, platform installed.
4.2.4	Zone 3	Commodore Point	Realignment and surface upgrade the main walking path from Crockery Bay to Commodore Reserve as necessary to improve safety and access. Ensure the current natural coastal aesthetic is maintained with appropriate material and surfacing selections.	Medium	Completed	Action completed.

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4.2.5	Zone 4	Crockery Bay	Continue revegetation and weed control program with potential to introduce additional trees for shade.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing revegetation and weed control continuously occurring. Woody weeds have been removed.
4.2.5	Zone 4	Crockery Bay	Integrated management plan for Crockery Creek as identified in the Port Elliot Stormwater Management Plan which identifies works required to manage flooding and improve water quality, biodiversity and cultural heritage outcomes.	High	In-progress	2023/24 - the project has involved the design phase of a wetland to manage flooding, water quality and biodiversity for Crockery Creek, and a basin for the Waterport Heritage Reserve. Consultants 'Design Flow' were engaged to develop concept and detailed design plans for a wetland adjacent Crockery Creek based on flood modelling, peak flows, levels, and velocities in the catchment area. This includes a 500m2 sediment pond, a 1400m2 wetland with the necessary inlets and outlets to Crockery Creek with landscaping and pedestrian access. Several options were provided which offer improved conditions at the caravan park during a flood, protection to properties, and water quality improvements at the creek that discharges to Crockery Bay. The preferred design option was the option that had the least impact on existing trees and vegetation, had the least amount of cut out of fill for disposal, and with the smallest footprint onsite. The proposed wetland work would remove significant loads of sediment and nutrient loads from the crockery creek catchment area improving the quality of stormwater to Crockery Bay. As part of the work Council also had confirmation from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) that any related culverts crossing Port Elliot Road will be the responsibility of Council to upgrade with the new development at Crockery Creek. Included with this work is the design of a basin in Waterport Reserve with stormwater connections in Stock Drive, which is under review. The consultant has finalised this with a bill of quantities, unit rates and overall cost for the wetland works at Crockery Creek with all civil and landscaping services and a cost estimate for the culvert on Port Elliot Road. Council can review both projects for consideration in future capital works programs and any available grant applications. As of June 2025, a Peer Review is currently being undertaken by an external consultant, to review the concept and detailed design plans. A report will be provided back to Committee for further consideration.
4.2.5	Zone 4	Crockery Bay	Undertake riparian revegetation along Crockery Creek to improve water quality and increase biodiversity.	High	Ongoing	Ongoing revegetation continuously occurring.
4.2.5	Zone 4	Crockery Bay	Improve facilities including timber platform seating, interpretive signage and bins.	Medium	Completed	Action completed.
4.2.5	Zone 4	Crockery Bay	Upgrade existing creek crossing.	Medium Low	Not Started	This creek crossing is a non-commissioned Asset. The Asset will be reassessed in 2027. Change priority rating to Low.
4.2.5	Zone 4	Crockery Bay	Realignment and surface upgrade the main walking path from Commodore Point to improve safety and access. Ensure the current natural coastal aesthetic is maintained with appropriate material and surfacing selections.	Medium	Completed	Action completed with way finding signage and interpretive signs also installed.
4.2.6	Zone 5	Pink Granite Cliffs and Fisherman's Bay (Sandy Bay)	Continue revegetation and weed control program.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing revegetation and weed control continuously occurring.
4.2.6	Zone 5	Pink Granite Cliffs and Fisherman's Bay (Sandy Bay)	Retain natural, informal character and form of existing headland walking trails.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Completed. Ongoing checks undertaken with site inspections to manage any issues.

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4.2.6	Zone 5	Pink Granite Cliffs and Fisherman's Bay (Sandy Bay)	Minimise the web of walking tracks within the northern headland area to the east of Fisherman's Bay (via closure and revegetation) and provide a more clearly defined and sign-posted track over the top of the headland.	High	Ongoing	Action completed. Dune fencing installed in relevant areas to restrict access over the dunes. Ongoing monitoring and maintenance occurring.
4.2.6	Zone 5	Pink Granite Cliffs and Fisherman's Bay (Sandy Bay)	Relocate dutch ladder providing access to Fisherman's Bay and consider wayfinding signage discouraging access to northern part of headland.	High	Completed	Action completed.
4.2.6	Zone 5	Pink Granite Cliffs and Fisherman's Bay (Sandy Bay)	Develop adaption strategies to prevent trampling of vegetation on dune above Fisherman's Bay at high tide.	High	Completed	Action completed. Unable to fence the area due to repatriation burial sites and tidal movements, therefore the area has been planted out with dense vegetation to restrict access.
4.2.6	Zone 5	Pink Granite Cliffs and Fisherman's Bay (Sandy Bay)	Realignment and surface upgrade of the walking path from main entry to Fisherman's Bay and Crockery Bay (as shown on Master Plan drawing) as necessary to improve safety and access. Ensure the current natural coastal aesthetic is maintained with appropriate material and surfacing selections.	Medium	Completed	Action completed.
4.2.6	Zone 5	Pink Granite Cliffs and Fisherman's Bay (Sandy Bay)	Introduce small scale timber platforms at strategic locations near Fisherman's Bay for informal seating, picnics and whale watching. Ensure sites are selected so no damage is caused to existing revegetation.	Medium	Completed	Action completed.
4.2.7	Zone 6	Main Park Entry	Continue revegetation and weed control program.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing revegetation and weed control continuously occurring.
4.2.7	Zone 6	Main Park Entry	Formalise path link to Port Elliot town centre including safe railway crossing.	High	Completed	Action completed.
4.2.7	Zone 6	Main Park Entry	Initiate a wetland revegetation program along the extent of Crockery Creek for increased biodiversity and improved water quality.	High	In-progress	Ongoing revegetation and weed control continuously occurring. In addition, the Integrated Stormwater Management Plan project including a wetland will assist to manage flooding, water quality and biodiversity for Crockery Creek. Refer to further comments detailed above at Item 4.2.5 (Zone 4 - Crockery Bay)
4.2.7	Zone 6	Main Park Entry	Improve Crockery Creek crossings for pedestrian and cyclists.	High	Completed	Action completed.
4.2.7	Zone 6	Main Park Entry	Improve connection between Caravan Park and Encounter Bikeway by formalising existing unsealed link path and providing new pedestrian bridge.	Medium	Completed	Action completed.

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4.2.7	Zone 6	Main Park Entry	Improve park signage at the main Port Elliot entry point on the Victor Harbor-Goolwa Road.	Medium	Not Started	Recommend action be removed, this is not a Committee priority or requirement for the Conservation Reserve.
4.2.7	Zone 6	Main Park Entry	Investigate potential for a future bus turnaround / drop off zone adjacent main carpark.	Low	Completed	Action completed.
4.2.7	Zone 6	Main Park Entry	Retain open grassed site to the South West of the entry road for future caravan park extension including accommodation for educational tour groups.	Low	Not Started	Open grassed area has been retained. This area will be rezoned to Conservation and will also contain a portion of land earmarked for the Crockery Creek related stormwater diversion wetland. A caravan park extension including accommodation for educational tour groups is not supported for this area. This action should be removed from the Masterplan.
4.2.8	Zone 7	Basham Beach and Dunes	Continue revegetation and weed control program.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing revegetation and weed control continuously occurring.
4.2.8	Zone 7	Basham Beach and Dunes	Upgrade boardwalk at 'The Gap' to address structural issues.	High	Completed	Action completed.
4.2.8	Zone 7	Basham Beach and Dunes	Provide low-key resting place including shelter and seating at 'The Gap'.	High	Completed	Action completed.
4.2.8	Zone 7	Basham Beach and Dunes	Close and revegetate unauthorised walking tracks through the dunes and introduce signage to direct visitors onto approved beach access points.	High	Completed	Action completed.
4.2.9	Zone 8	Basham Beach Hinterland	Continue revegetation and weed control program.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing revegetation and weed control continuously occurring.
4.2.9	Zone 8	Basham Beach Hinterland	Retain natural character of existing walking paths with regular maintenance to ensure adequate fire track access.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing monitoring and maintenance continuously occurring.
4.2.9	Zone 8	Basham Beach Hinterland	Undertake a formal assessment of car-parking needs at the Middleton end of Ratalang.	High	Completed	Action completed. Carpark was resurfaced.
4.2.9	Zone 8	Basham Beach Hinterland	Establish a new low-key educational / interpretive centre at the old dairy.	Medium	In-progress	Asbestos was previously removed. The dairy is currently closed off to public access due to building structural issues. Future use opportunities to be considered by the Committee.
4.2.9	Zone 8	Basham Beach Hinterland	Establish new walking trails for less abled and younger children with newly revegetated areas near the carpark.	Medium	Completed	Action completed.

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4.2.9	Zone 8	Basham Beach Hinterland	Reinstate windmill for water harvesting and education subject to environmental authority approval.	Medium	Not Started	Recommend this action be removed from the Master Plan. Interpretive signs already onsite talk to the European farming heritage of the area, as well as old farm ruins and stock trough being retained onsite. Installation of a windmill will be problematic, likely attract vandalism and management of water harvested via the windmill, will be challenging to keep it from going stagnant.
4.2.9	Zone 8	Basham Beach Hinterland	Create a link path in existing road reserve to connect residents of Frenchman's Drive area to Ratalang.	Medium	Not Started	Recommend removing this action from the Masterplan. This project would require a large budget allocation to accommodate major road works to safely get pedestrians from Frenchman's Drive, over or under the main Port Elliot Road. This offers minimal benefit to Ratalang or the residents.
4.2.9	Zone 8	Basham Beach Hinterland	Upgrade dilapidated stock fencing to Pleasant Banks in rural style.	Medium	Not Started	Retain the original wooden fencing planks and install new posts and cross rails Could utilise old railway sleepers from SteamRanger to keep within the theme. This fencing would help set the scene when visitors and community drive down to the entrance. There maybe an opportunity to acquire the split-gum fence posts that may be removed from the Hickenbotham development site at Middleton.
4.2.9	Zone 8	Basham Beach Hinterland	Increase facilities and interpretive material adjacent existing ruins including additional picnic tables, potential shelter and interpretive material.	Medium Low	Not Started	Change priority rating to Low. Interpretive signs are already in place on the existing ruins. Future consideration to be given to need for additional picnic tables or shelters. Need to be mindful not to take away from the natural setting of the park. Don't want the park to be over built.
4.2.9	Zone 8	Basham Beach Hinterland	Restore historic copper mine for improved safety and educational benefit.	Medium Low	Not Started	Large bee hive is present and recommended to keep the bees in place. Opportunity for interpretive signage to be installed to detail the history of the mine. Priority rating to be changed to Low.
4.2.9	Zone 8	Basham Beach Hinterland	Explore the introduction of experimental native grass seed crops in existing agistment paddocks.	High	In-progress	Native grasslands project has commenced. Council approval to establish native grasslands, approved by Council on XXXX, Council resolution XXXXX Site data collection and weed control undertaken by Seeding Natives. Project Implementation Plan endorsed by Council XXXXX, council resolution XXXXX Adjoining property owners informed of the Implementation Plan. Construction of the berm completed in late June 2025. Direct seeding of Stage 1 (4.5Ha) completed by contractor Seeding Natives in early July 2025. Priority rating changed from Low to High, as per Council resolution XXXXXX
4.2.9	Zone 8	Basham Beach Hinterland	Introduce park signage facing railway line to raise awareness of Ratalang to Cockle train passengers.	Low	Completed	Action completed.
4.2.10	Overall Park Recommendations	Ratalang Conservation Reserve	Continue to engage community volunteers, indigenous and school groups in the revegetation programme, in seed collection, plant propagation and planting, to reinforce the feeling of ownership of Ratalang within the community.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing engagement is occurring with Friends of Ratalang, indigenous and school groups assisting in revegetation, seed collection, plant propagation and planting.
4.2.10	Overall Park Recommendations	Ratalang Conservation Reserve	Continue to implement and update the 5-year Weed Management Plan and Mowing Regime and consider undertaking GPS mapping of pest plants.	High	Ongoing	Ongoing 5-year weed management plan and mowing regime has been implemented and is reviewed regularly by Council's Coastal Maintenance team.

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4.2.10	Overall Park Recommendations	Ratalang Conservation Reserve	Investigate an alternative more durable material for any future signs and upgrades (e.g. vitreous enamel).	High	Completed	Action Completed. Removed signs from granite rocks and replaced with new hardwood materials and signage in sticker form allowing easy replacement.
4.2.10	Overall Park Recommendations	Ratalang Conservation Reserve	Ensure continual protection of all sites of Aboriginal significance	High	Ongoing	Sites are regularly monitored to ensure protection of the sites. The Committee membership also includes a representative from the local Ngarrindjeri Community.
4.2.10	Overall Park Recommendations	Ratalang Conservation Reserve	Consider options for demarking planted areas and areas where natural regeneration of native grasses is occurring to prevent damage by visitors and maintenance workers.	High	Completed	Action completed.
4.2.10	Overall Park Recommendations	Ratalang Conservation Reserve	Develop a suite of wayfinding signs and markers that identify the various trails and destinations within Ratalang.	High	Completed	Action completed.
4.2.10	Overall Park Recommendations	Ratalang Conservation Reserve	Continue ongoing rabbit and fox monitoring program and initiate control measures as required.	High	Ongoing	Ongoing rabbit and fox monitoring and control programs undertaken regularly within Ratalang. Review of the program is undertaken by Council's Coastal Maintenance team and they also increase control measures when deemed required.
4.2.10	Overall Park Recommendations	Ratalang Conservation Reserve	Establish a comprehensive feral animal management plan separate to this Master Plan.	High	Ongoing	Annual control program is undertaken by a qualified contractor for both rabbits and fox; dens located and mapped when active.
4.2.10	Overall Park Recommendations	Ratalang Conservation Reserve	Ensure local residents & visitors are made aware of policies regarding dog access and increase compliance presence within Ratalang to monitor and police dogs off leash.	High	Ongoing	Dog on leash area declared, in accordance with Dogs By-Law 2023, as resolved by Council at 18 December 2023. Community Safety team monitor the area when undertaking patrols. Coastal Maintenance staff also onsite monitor and report to Community Safety team if any issues are observed.
4.2.10	Overall Park Recommendations	Ratalang Conservation Reserve	Review Development Plan zoning to ensure it most appropriately reflects conservation focus of reserve.	High	Not Started	No formal review has been undertaken however it has been noted by Council's Planning and Development team who will consider this with future Code Amendments. This action would require a Code Amendment which can take between 12-24 months depending on complexity. Given the land is under Council's care and control and there is no current risk of development, it is not preferred to undertake a single Code Amendment process for this area, and would be better added onto another related Code Amendment. The benefit of reviewing the zone is to apply a Zone that is better reflective of the anticipated use of the land, in this case 'Conservation'. At present there is no risk as the land is under Council's care and control and Council also has oversight on associated projects.
4.2.10	Overall Park Recommendations	Ratalang Conservation Reserve	Introduce educational walking tours during tourist season which could have an environmental and/or cultural focus.	Medium	Completed	Cultural tours operate within Ratalang Conservation Reserve. In addition, the Friends of Ratalang also undertake tours on request.
4.2.10	Overall Park Recommendations	Ratalang Conservation Reserve	Improve park signage at major entry points from the Victor Harbor-Goolwa Road.	Medium	Not Started	Note: This is a repeat of recommendation 4.2.7 Recommend removal of this item. This is not a Committee priority or requirement for the Conservation Reserve.

Item Ref	Zone	Zone Description	Recommendation	Priority	Status (Completed, In-progress, Not Started, Completed - Ongoing)	Comments
4.2.10	Overall Park Recommendations	Ratalang Conservation Reserve	Undertake coastal hazard assessment and develop adaptation plans in response to climate change impacts.	Medium High	Ongoing	Change priority status to High, as ongoing erosion is continually occurring and increasing. Coastal Adaptation Study completed which included Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve. Coastal Adaptation Plan is now implemented and was adopted by Council in 2022. June 2025 - Consultant has been engaged to undertake a detailed Coastal Dune Assessment at Sandy Bay within Ratalang Basham Beach Conservation Reserve. Once the report has been compiled, the consultant will present their findings to the Committee at a future meeting.