

Site: Sorrento Foreshore Reserve and Township

About the Sorrento Foreshore Reserve

The Sorrento Foreshore Reserve includes the land between Sullivan's Bay car park at its most eastern point and the Sorrento boat ramp at its most western point. It varies in width from 20 to 150 metres and has approximately 2.5 kilometres of open space. The Sorrento Foreshore Reserve has important natural environment and cultural-heritage features and provides for a range of recreational usages. Consequently, managing these features is important especially given the projected growth in visitor numbers for this area and the increased usage of our coasts.

This site provides the chance to analyse and evaluate the management strategies that have been implemented to maintain the sustainability of the Foreshore Reserve.

Paid parking is available near the ferry terminal or along the roadside. This site is wheel chair accessible.

Prior to your visit to this site it is highly recommended that you complete the tasks on the Sorrento Foreshore Reserve found in Activity Sheet 4. The following website, which is referred to in these tasks, has background information and base maps of the foreshore reserve. Go to <https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/>. Once at this site go to Building and Planning then Coastal Planning followed by Coastal Management Plans.

Fieldwork Activities.

Please note that not all of these activities need to be undertaken. Select those that suit your needs.

1. With reference to your base map describe the relative location of the Sorrento Foreshore Reserve.

OR

Using either the GPS Test or GPS Data apps describe the absolute location of the Sorrento Foreshore Reserve.

2. In the table below list the potential uses of the Sorrento Foreshore Reserve. For each of these uses comment on the environmental, economic and socio-cultural impacts.

Uses of the Sorrento Foreshore Reserve	Environmental, economic and socio-cultural impacts of this use.

3. Below is a list of features that could appear on a typical foreshore area. Record those found on the Sorrento foreshore and comment on their effectiveness.

Facility or management technique.	Y/N Count	Comment on the quality/ effectiveness of this facility/management technique.
Lighting		
Bins		
Barbecues		
Seating and tables		
Bicycle facilities		

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Traffic Controls -parking bays -pedestrian crossings -speed humps -speed signs -signage -pedestrian barricades		
Informative signage		
Shade/shelter areas		
Disabled facilities(specify)		
Access to fresh water		
Emergency facilities (phone, signs, etc)		
Toilets/change rooms		
Paths/boardwalk		
Restricted areas		
Grassed areas		
Fencing		

Sorrento Business Area.

This activity can be used to provide further evidence about the extent that businesses in Sorrento are dependent on tourism. It could also be used to show the changing nature of business in Sorrento with the rising number of boutique and franchise shops.

