

Surfers for Wetlands



What is Threatening Bells Beach?



Where is Bells Beach?

Bells Beach is a coastal locality of Victoria, Australia in Surf Coast Shire and a renowned surf beach, located 100 km south-west of Melbourne, on the Great Ocean Road near the towns of Torquay and Jan Juc. Bells Beach is the home of the world's longest-running surfing competition – the Rip Curl Pro Surf & Music Festival.

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- Development of infrastructure to accommodate commercial tourism and unsustainable levels of visitation within Bells Reserve.
- Growing pressure for larger and more frequent events, along with permanent event infrastructure and clearing of natural vegetation to accommodate events within Bells Reserve.
- Clearing of natural vegetation and installation of permanent infrastructure for irregular user groups.
- “Rural Conservation Zone” amendments that now allow significant commercial development throughout the hinterland immediately surrounding Bells Reserve.
- Massive local population growth without clear vision or management strategies in place.

What Can You Do to Help?

Get involved with or donate to Bells Beach Preservation Society (www.savebellsbeach.com). Their vision is to respect, protect and cultivate the environmental values, indigenous heritage and recreational surfing experience of Bells Beach now and for all future generations.



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