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Goolwa Beach Speed Limit Changes 24 October 2022

Council have successfully appealed for the speed limit to be changed and have received approval from the Department for Infrastructure and Transport to reduce the speed limit on our popular Goolwa Beach.

The new speed limit of 40kph will be introduced thanks to the October 2022 decision from the Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP, the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, and will make this hugely popular stretch of beach safer for the entire community and our local wildlife.

Goolwa Beach is a popular location for those who love to 4WD, especially during school holidays and long weekends. The 12-kilometre beach runs from Goolwa all the way to the Murray Mouth with many open spaces that are used for recreational activities such as fishing and swimming. Although being a shared environment for many activities, there has been ongoing concerns with vehicles traveling at speed so close to people and wildlife.

Following years of advocacy to reduce the speed on Goolwa Beach, Council further appealed to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport in November 2021, requesting reconsideration of previous decisions to maintain existing speed along the beach. The change is welcome news following ongoing community concerns about reckless driving endangering beach users.

Signage will include changed speed limit on Beach Road, the entry to the access track and as you enter the beach from the access track.

Alexandrina Council's CEO, Nigel Morris said, we are really proud that we have been able to achieve a reduced limit and advocate on behalf of our community for this important safety initiative.

"Local Government does not have the power to set or alter speed limits and requires the responsible State Government Minister to approve any alternations. The change in speed limit on Goolwa Beach is something that our community have been passionate about for some time and the outcome is a great result. The State Government default 100kph speed limit has been of great concern as the surface of the beach is unstable, and unpredictable.

We are enormously thankful that the Minister was able to make this important change to improve road safety for all beach users" he said.

The 40kph speed limit and drive to conditions signage will be installed in the coming weeks in the lead up to the busy summer period on Goolwa beach.

Further improvements to the beach entrance are scheduled as part of Master Plan works for the Goolwa Beach Car Park and Environment project currently underway. Improvements will include significant changes to the car park and flow of traffic utilising a slip lane onto the beach access ramp. The project will further improve traffic flow onto the beach, safety and crowd management during crowded busy summer periods.

To view the master plan and find out more on this exciting project visit www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/goolwabeach



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