

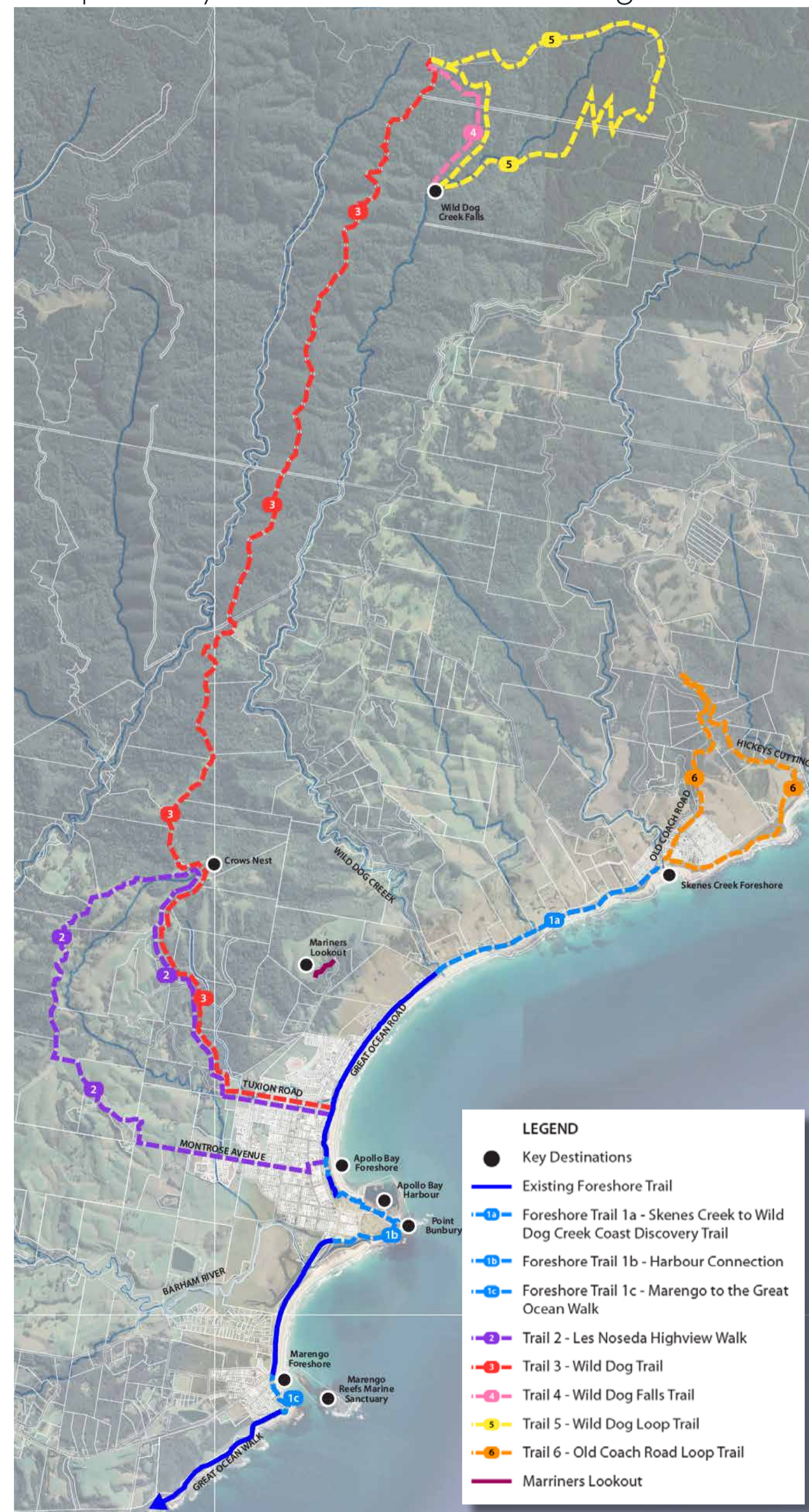
# 2. RECREATION TRAILS



## Overview

The trails outlined below have been identified across a number of previous studies and through community input.

The proposed trails will provide for a diversity of experiences and strengthen the current visitor offer to Apollo Bay, Skenes Creek and Marengo.



Recreational Trails

## Trail 1 - Foreshore Trail

Provides for a continuous foreshore experience connecting Skenes Creek with the Great Ocean Walk at Marengo along a 10km long trail

- **Section 1a** - Skenes Creek to Wild Dog Creek Coast Discovery Trail. The study informing the proposal was delivered by a community led steering committee funded by the Council, State Government and Chamber of Commerce. It is now being delivered by the Council and funded jointly by the State and Federal Governments under the City Deal.
- **Section 1b** - A scenic coastal boardwalk connecting the Harbour into the Apollo Bay Town Centre
- **Section 1c** - will provide for a scenic boardwalk experience with views across the Marine Reefs Sanctuary



Foreshore Trail



Foreshore Trail

## Trail 2 - Les Nosedas Highview Walk

- An 11.8km loop trail with access provided along utilising an unused Government Road along a ridge line providing for spectacular views across Apollo Bay and the Barham River Valley

## Trail 3 - Wild Dog Trail

An 16.5km trail already used by bushwalkers providing a range of landscape experiences and views of forested ridges and river valleys behind Apollo Bay

## Trail 4 - Wild Dog Falls Trail

A 3.5 km trail traversing through wet forest and along Wild Dog River and terminating at the Wild Dog Falls

## Trail 5 - Wild Dog Loop Trail

A 10.1 km loop trail starting at Skenes Creek-Forest Road through wet forest integrating the Wild Dog Falls

## Trail 6 - Old Coach Road Loop Trail

A 6.0km loop trail provides for a range of forest and coastal viewing experiences and spectacular views across to Apollo Bay and the Harbour.

## Marriners Lookout Trail

A steep 150m track providing access between the Marriners Lookout car park and the lookout. The track provides for panoramic views across the coast, extending from Skenes Creek to the Apollo Bay Harbour.



Opportunity for directional signage and distance markers to help people moving along trails.

Foreshore Trail



## KEY CHALLENGES FOR TRAIL DELIVERY:

There are a number of challenges that may impact the delivery of trails outlined. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Topography / slope;
- Land ownership;
- Environmental considerations i.e. existing vegetation, flooding, coastal erosion etc;
- Safety of proposed routes;
- Management and maintenance of paths; and
- Funding.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any infrastructure suggested on or close to dunal areas will need further rigorous investigation by the relevant authorities, particularly with regard to potential erosion and dune stability.