

Ms Paresa Spanos
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Coroner's Court of Victoria
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Dear Ms Spanos

CORONIAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF REMY DA SILVA - COR 2023 001630

I am writing in response to your letter dated 10 April 2025 about recommendations made under section 72(2) of the Coroners Act 2008 (Vic) relating to the drowning death of Remy Da Silva at Gunnamatta Back Beach on the Mornington Peninsula.

Firstly, Parks Victoria wishes to acknowledge the continued grief of all affected by this tragic incident, particularly Mr Da Silva's family and loved ones, and offer our sincere condolences to them.

Recommendations 2 and 3 in 'Finding into Death Without Inquest' COR-2023 001630 relate to Parks Victoria.

Recommendation 2

Parks Victoria will support the promotion of Surf Life Saving Australia Beachsafe App and web site through the installation of QR codes at Gunnamatta Back Beach. Development of the QR codes has already commenced with 7 to be installed across the site including all beach access points. QR codes will be installed prior to November 2025.

Recommendation 3

Parks Victoria continues to work closely with Life Saving Victoria to explore the most efficient and feasible options for delivering interactive and improved signage on the site. This process follows an evidence-based approach to ensure the solutions meet visitor safety needs.

Parks Victoria is not the most appropriate agency to provide up-to-date information on ocean conditions. I am advised that Life Saving Victoria is currently investigating interactive signage options.

Parks Victoria will continue to support Life Saving Victoria in delivery of blackspot funding to evaluate different safety signage options (including interactive) at Gunnamatta and other high-risk locations which highlight localised hazards, previous drowning events and support with multilingual text.

In addition to signage provisions, Parks Victoria has removed a key access point onto Gunnamatta beach and consolidated trails to guide pedestrians past the Surf Life Saving Club where hazards are overtly highlighted. Upgrades to the area will include new safety signage.

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Parks Victoria is committed to the safety of visitors on the land under its management and will continue to maintain appropriate safety signage at Gunnamatta Beach and across the Mornington Peninsula National Park.

Should you require further advice on this matter please contact Ms Jodi Heath, Regional Director Southern and Maritime via email [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



Lee Miezis
Chief Executive Officer

16 June 2025