

Why not...spruce up the whale zone?



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This week: Why not spruce up the whale zone at Logan's Beach, Warrnambool?

The fact Warrnambool has a whale nursery right on its doorstep is truly remarkable.

People travel for miles to Warrnambool to see these beautiful creatures in the wild, doing wild things, without the need for anyone to pay an admission ticket, to stand in a queue or be bombarded by people selling tacky souvenirs.

Instead, it is a simple, pure experience to stand high on a headland and watch up to 16 Southern Right whales – 16 ! – swimming in the water below.

But on land, things are starting to look a little shabby.

The sign to the main turnoff to the whales is rusted and faded and the interpretive signs on the whale viewing platform are similarly showing the signs of long exposure to salt air. Both could do with a makeover.

And while we're at it, why not ban smoking on the whale platform itself? We asked the Warrnambool City Council about this, but their response indicated that it would involve a complicated, convoluted process that seems to accompany most

decisions by councils.

Why not just do it?