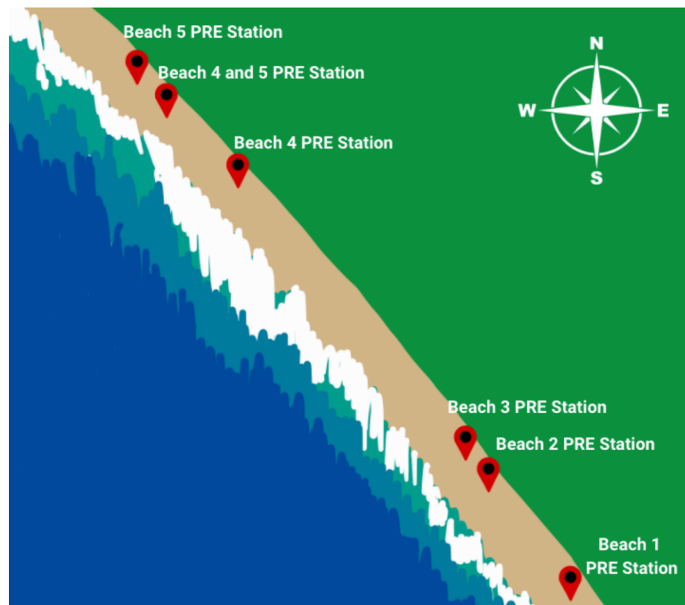


Safety tips

Before you visit the beach, keep these safety tips in mind:

- Know your limits
- Always swim and recreate with a friend
- Check the weather before you go,
- but understand the conditions can change suddenly
- Don't drink and drown



Public Rescue Equipment at Venus Bay



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Don't risk your safety

Always swim between the flags. Venus Bay Beach Number 1 is patrolled every weekend from November 2023 to April 2024. Check the Surf Life Saving Australia Beachsafe app to learn more. beachsafe.org.au



Dangerous Beaches

The South Gippsland region is a drowning blackspot in Victoria, with eight fatal drownings recorded since 2013. The Venus Bay beaches 1 – 5 are very dangerous, characterised by strong rip currents and large waves. Unfortunately, people still enter the water outside patrol hours, unaware of the risks. This has led to many tragic incidents such as untrained bystanders attempting rescues without appropriate equipment.



Due to the vast coastline, only Beach Number 1 has lifesaving services which makes patrolling the entire length unfeasible. These significant factors demonstrate the need for public rescue equipment at this location. This equipment will help mitigate the high risk of drowning at Venus Bay beaches 1 – 5, potentially saving lives.



Public Rescue Equipment Station

Public Rescue Equipment is used by the public in an emergency to help with emergency response. Six stations will be installed across Venus Bay Beaches 1 – 5 and will each contain the following:

- Emergency call button
- Instructional signage
- A rescue tube (flotation device)



1. Push button and quote PRE001.



2. If you cannot swim, do not use this equipment.



3. Remove rescue tube and place strap over shoulder.



4. Swim to patient with caution, maintaining safe distance.



5. Stay calm. Return to shore or float with patient until help arrives.

Understand how your swimming ability might change in coastal environments.

If in doubt, don't go out.