



Report

By Collingwood Beach Preservation Group "CBPG"

As a sub committee of

The Community Consultative Body "CCB" in respect of the

Coastal Zone Management Plan "CZMP".

(Photo ex SCC Fit for the Future package May '15)

"The purpose of the group is to share knowledge, ideas, and potential solutions. The group will foster communication amongst beachfront owners and other concerned users of the beach on matters vital to preserving the amenity of Collingwood Beach, both as a place to live as well as a place for others to enjoy"

Summary

1. Motion - Collingwood Beach Preservation Group – Sub Committee Monthly Report

The CCB/VRRA adopts the sub committee's report and that the Minutes including the report are distributed to All Councillors.

29th May 2016

COLLINGWOOD BEACH PRESERVATION GROUP "CBPG"

Progress Report to the CCB Meeting for June 2016

1. Sea Level Rise Policy- consequences on hazard lines.

Await update from SCC on the meeting between OEH & SCC on re various matters impacting the Coastal Zone Management Plan.

2. Collaboration with Shoalhaven Council.

Action on the CCB request for the SMECC (2009), Worley & Parsons peer review "WP" (2011) and the Manly Hydraulics "MH" (2013) reports still outstanding. Minister Rob Stokes indicated support for community engagement on such matters.

3. Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Plan. "CBDVMP"

Council voted for the CBDVMP to be placed on public exhibition for four weeks at the Ordinary Council meeting on 24th May '16.

A demonstration site is to be prepared near Susan St in an attempt to demonstrate to the community some of the complex solutions put forward by the consultants "ngh".

The CBPG consider the draft CBDVMP is complicated and is not consistent across the whole of the dune system. Further, the draft CBDVMP is not based on scientific facts and does not address the root cause of vandalism. In addition, the draft CBDVMP incorporates a complicated and expensive monitoring regime.

The CBPG have put forward a simple 11 point amendment to the plan to make it more equitable and easier for the community to understand. Council voted to display the CBPG Amendment alongside the ngh plan when it goes on public exhibition.

4. Sharing experiences, benchmarking and feedback from the Natural Resources Committee.

The community engagement project, "**Our Coast - Our Lifestyle - Community Engagement**" was released in March 2016.

Feedback is awaited from Council on application for CBPG member to represent the CBPG and CCB on the Natural Resources Committee.

5. Coastal Reforms Stage 2.

The CBPG were represented at a meeting between the NSW Coastal Alliance, Office of Environment, Coastal Panel and representative of the Minister for Planning in Sydney in April.

There is unrest in many Coastal Communities on the Coastal Reforms currently before parliament. This is represented by the tone of the submissions lodged.

6. Request for consideration of an Estuary Management Plan for Moona Moona Creek.

Still await feedback if Council is to consider this.

7. Safety awareness program for "slow down-holiday time" theme with Blue Dinosaur Group.

Latest feedback from Council is for the "Slow Down - Hold my Hand" safety initiative to remain in place.

8. Sharing experiences.

The CBPG were fortunate to receive a request at short notice from the Hon Minister for Planning, Rob Stokes, to meet on site on 24th May to discuss the issues raised in the CBPG submission on Coastal Reforms. This also included the Dune Vegetation Management Plan. A "walk the talk" took place along the dunes of Collingwood Beach. The CBPG shared experiences of the surveying the Collingwood Beach dunes by the CBPG. The Minister shared many enlightening understandings on the vegetation with the CBPG.

The CBPG are happy to share experiences on the Coastal Reforms etc with any members wishing to do so.



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