

Collingwood Beach Preservation Group Monthly Report – June 2017

1. The Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Management Plan “CBDVMP”.

NGH have updated the Plan. Council are to appoint a Coastal Expert to make sure the new plan is not a threat to the resilience of the dune.

It is recommended Council hire an appropriate expert who is independent of those currently or previously involved with the SCC CBDVMP. The appropriate engineer should have many years of Coastal Engineering experience including experience with the appropriate methodology for recovery of a dune system from sand mining versus a narrow dune strip on an accreting beach like Collingwood Beach. A report is expected to be tabled by Council in July 17.

2. Coastal Zone Management Plan “CZMP”

This is work in progress. The completion of the review of the 2012 version of the CZMP and mapping is still work in progress for the OEH. The deputation made by CBPG to SCC when consideration was being given to accepting the CZMP advised against acceptance because of obvious flaws in the CZMP. That advice was ignored by a slim majority of Councillors.

It is understood the 2012 version has been returned to Council for further updating. Once the 2012 CZMP is approved Council is expected to commence to update the plan for the revised Coastal Hazard Mapping and sea level rise policy.

3. Sea Level Rise Policy.

The briefing given to Councillors on 22nd March by Dr Howard Brady, a scientist with expert understandings of sea level rise and the Shoalhaven can be found from the following link

<http://www.collingwoodbeachpreservation.com.au/>

4. Coastal Hazard Mapping

Council has collaborated with the CBPG and accepted the recommendation to put the technical questions raised in the CBPG submission on the Advisian report back to Advisian for clarification from a technical perspective.

It is expected the outcomes from the submissions on the Advisian report will be put to Council at the full Ordinary Council meeting on 27th June.

The CBPG will make a deputation in relation to the Advisian report.

5. Coastal Reforms – Stage 2.

Confirmation is awaited from Shelley Hancock’s office as to the appropriate Minister(s) to be responsible for the Coastal Reforms handed over from the previous Planning Minister Rob Stokes.

6. Beach Erosion signs.

DPOP submission has been made on the options to handle the storm water discharge which is the cause of the erosion and has resulted in signs being erected at 3 of the road heads along the beach.

7. Safety Signage.

Further to collaboration with Council the “Hold My Hand” signs have been dismantled on completion of the Easter school holidays and placed into storage until the next end of year school holidays.

The large sign at the Moona Creek entrance which was replaced by the Huskisson Chamber of Commerce “Thanks for visiting Huskisson” has gone astray and yet to be located.

J Stuchbery Chairman

Collingwood Beach Preservation Group

MOTION:

Collingwood Beach Preservation Group – Sub Committee Monthly Report
The CCB adopts the sub committee’s report and that the Minutes including the report are distributed to All Councillors.