

Collingwood Beach Preservation Group Monthly Report – August 2018

1. Action Plan for the Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Management Plan “CBDVMP”.

Council approved the implementation of an Action Plan for two demonstration sites over a two year period at the Development Committee Meeting held on 14th August.

The action plan has 4 Actions, namely

Action 1 – Revegetation Trial Site (100m in length) from Berry St, south towards Montague St. – The “timeframe” is two years from August 18 with the key date being the “community planting day’ Saturday, 25 August 2018 from 9am – 12 noon.

The public is invited to come and help plant natives at the dunes of Collingwood Beach, Vincentia.

Action 2 – Viewing platform at Berry St access. - The “timeframe” for this is August.

Action 3 – Filtered view trial Site (up to 100m in length) from Susan St north towards Montague St. The “timeframe” is two years from August 18 with the key date being August or when the REF is obtained.

Action 4 – Overall Collingwood Beach Actions from Susan St to Ilfracombe St includes among other management actions to replace vandalism signs with new signing program, investigate CCTV camera installations, weed control, fence maintenance and constant monitoring.

The planting regime near Berry Street includes 4 gum trees that could grow to 30m tall but excludes any plan to manage propagating new growth banksia. The owners do not endorse these two decisions, namely, the gums for safety reasons and the environmental risk of planting them on a fore dune potentially damaging the dunes in a major storm event and the lack of any plan to manage the propagation of new growth banksia has been the cause of all of the issues for over 30 years

2. The status of the Coastal Panel’s certification of the 2012 (now 2018) Coastal Zone Management Plan “CZMP”.

The 2012 Coastal Management Plan was adopted by Council at the end of June 2018 for submission to the NSW Minister for Environment, Hon Gabriel Upton, for review by the Coastal Panel and ultimately to have the plan formally certified.

The certification and subsequent gazettal will also enable Council to seek the maximum available funding for crucial coastal infrastructure, which forms part of the original plan which was rejected by the Coastal Panel.

An expert from the CBPG submitted and made a deputation to Council as part of the public exhibition in June 2018. The submission and deputation can be found on:

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

The CBPG submission to Council on the CZMP included making stormwater drainage at Collingwood Beach a separate action plan and reviewing the extent of property inundation due to flawed assessments, both of which were rejected.

The future steps between now and 2021 after the gazettal of the CZMP will be modifications to update the CZMP into a Coastal Management Plan “CMP” which is required under the new Coastal Reforms gazetted by the NSW State Government in 2018.

The challenge by the CBPG with flaws in the CZMP is similar the experiences of other Coastal communities with submissions to Minister Upton and in some cases subject to Court actions.

3. Beach Erosion – Discharge of Storm water.

A site visit by the Director of Assets and Works, Paul Keech, with representatives of the CBPG and the VRRRA took place in July to review the list of DPOP’s submitted at the Community and Engagement session in June 2018. This included the ongoing risk from the sand being lost because of storm water discharge. This risk is not identified as an action plan within the CZMP, even though like Bayswater Street, the other discharge points channel storm water through the dune which has resulted in the coastal hazard lines being moved landward.

A working party has been proposed to prepare a risk assessment for consideration of the options to manage the risks to be incorporated into the development of the CMP.

4. Slow Down LBD - Safety Signage.

The CBPG/VRRRA will work with the Council’s Road Safety Officer who has expressed interest Council will work with interested communities on continuing the Little Blue Dinosaur campaign.

Similarly The CBPG/VRRRA will work with the Council’ Council who has requested In regard to the signage on cycle ways, would the Collingwood Beach Preservation Group please provide further information on the ‘near misses’ that are occurring on the cycle ways.

Any members or guests who are subject to near misses are encouraged to report such incidents to Kym Snow on 4429 3484 or to vrra.ccb@gmail.com in order to ensure the shared pathways/cycle ways provide a safe environment.

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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.

The CBPG and Council continue to work together towards the risk and safety assessments on the consequences of erosion from storm water and the LBD signage and cycleway near misses.