

Collingwood Beach Preservation Group Monthly Report – June 2019

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

Update.

A “Progress Report” on the Action Plan together with “Arborist Report” was placed on the Council website on 30th May..

The links to the reports are :

https://shoalhaven.infocouncil.biz/Open/2019/06/DE_20190604_AGN_14985_AT_WEB.htm

https://shoalhaven.infocouncil.biz/Open/2019/06/DE_20190604_ATT_14985_EXCLUDED_WEB.htm

Further update.

The latest Reference Group meeting was held on May 31 where the current state and effectiveness of the trial sites was reviewed including a report from the consulting arborist (attach from Council meeting).It was agreed that Council staff and the arborist would review the viewing window definition and scope. It was also agreed that new growth banksia would be mapped in all areas along the beach to get an understanding of the future problem sites in relation to formation of banksia thickets as a forerunner to an action plan to address such.

Council Staff are to prepare a new Review of Environmental Factors “REF” within two months to enable potential action in relation to the viewing windows and the formation of new banksia thickets.

A review of the draft Tree and Vegetation Vandalism Prevention Policy prepared by Council Staff and amended by Cirs White and Levitt was undertaken and after further amendments was agreed for submission to a Councillor Workshop before placing on public exhibition. This is a generic document that makes allowance for areas subject to a managed plan such as Collingwood.

2. Collingwood Dune Care

Council passed the following motion at the ordinary Council meeting on 28th May 2019.

“That staff take all necessary steps required to form a Collingwood Beach Dunecare Group for the Susan Street to Moona Creek section of the dunes. A particular focus on the recruitment of nearby residents would be absolutely essential, with other residents being most welcome to apply.”

The CBPG has requested a budget allocation to include the expertise required to ensure a smooth transition from the Bush Care aspirations to Dune Care aspirations.

The CBPG will shortly be calling for expression of interest in joining the Dune Care team.

The CBPG look forward to working with Council in providing effective outcomes.

3. The status of the Coastal Management Program “CMP”.

Ongoing

Between now and 2021 action will be taken to replace the CZMP with Coastal Management Program “CMP” which will comply with the Coastal Manual developed by OEHL to enable Councils to meet the requirements of the Coastal Protection Act 2016. Council has yet to advise of the timeline and actions for completion of the CMP.

It is expected actions missing from the CZMP re storm water will be picked up in the CMP. The CBPG brought this matter to the attention of SCC in its submission on the draft CZMP suggesting that a separate Action Plan be included.

4. Beach Erosion – Risk assessment on discharge of Storm water.

Ongoing

The CBPG as key stakeholders and SCC are in ongoing engagement after representatives of the CBPG and SCC conducted an inspection of a sampling of the storm water outlets in December 2018. The inspection is recognised as the starting point for a review of the risk assessment to be incorporated into the Coastal Management Program “CMP” due to be actioned by 2021.

Update

The matter has been flagged for further key stakeholder engagement in the current 2019/20 Delivery Program and Operations Plan “DPOP” submission by the CBPG.

Of concern is providing an effective solution for the collection, harvesting and discharge of storm water.

Update - Storm event June 2019.

Some sand has moved into the water after a series of different storm activity between 27th May and 4th June. The loss of the sand from the incipient dune occurred in a peak tide on the evening of the 4th June with the consequence of some scarping of the incipient/foredune as is a normal occurrence with storms in the winter period, although it is a few years since a similar storm.

The loss of sand has been exacerbated by rainfalls falls of 70mm over two successive 24 hour periods in the rain gauge at Collingwood beach. This caused further erosion around storm water discharge points.

5. Slow Down LBD - Safety Signage.

Ongoing

The CBPG DPOP submission has provided for working with SCC's Road Safety Officer in a risk assessment and action plan to capture near misses and safety initiatives to make the shared pathway / cycleway at Collingwood Beach a safe place for the local community and thousands of visitors.

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.

The presence of powered skateboards on both the shared pathway/cycleway and the beach is now happening. It is suggested this be in the scope of the risk assessment.

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.**

The Council is sought to collaborate with the CBPG on the matters raised in the DPOP submission by the CBPG.