

Collingwood Beach Preservation Group – Sub Committee Monthly Report – December 2019

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

As reported in October, the last meeting of the Reference Group was May 31. The only activity since then was a mapping of the current banksia population and a meeting to review further trimming of trees on the trial site.

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

Update

The input from the survey/questionnaire in respect of Stage 1, i.e. the scoping study, for the CMP is now with the consultants, Advisian. Advisian will compile the scope. It is scheduled to present the scoping spec to Councillors in December for approval to put the scoping spec on public exhibition in December, with a minimum of six weeks to the cut off for submissions.

- Stages 2 and 3, “Determine risks, opportunities and evaluate options for projects with community consultation is scheduled for Spring 2020.

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

Update

Await feedback from the Senior Council Executives “SCE” since the recent walk of the dunes with SCE to assess the risks and discuss the opportunities to mitigate the stormwater risks and other issues in the dunes. The CBPG submission on the scoping study, as requested by the Senior Council executives, identified the need to ensure the risk from stormwater discharge / erosion is included in the scoping for the CPM.

4. Sharing experiences / benchmark from the NSW Coastal Conference October 2019.s

It is interesting to note the understandings, support and various options for defence actions identified by Port Macquarie Council, in particular, Lake Cathie where the Council had identified and undertaken cost benefits analysis for Strategic actions in the preparation of their CZMP 2018 compared with the Shoalhaven Council where there were only three local action plans for Collingwood, which were merely to undertake further studies for re location of sewer pipes, monitoring dunes and a two year demonstration site for vegetation.

<https://www.coastalconference.com/2019/papers2019/Kate%20Ashton%20Full%20Paper.pdf>

<https://www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/Services/Environment/Waterways-and-coastlines/Lake-Cathie/Lake-Cathie-Coastal-Zone-Management-Plan>

5. Slow Down LBD - Safety Signage.

Ongoing

The Hold My Hand campaign will start up on again on 1st December.

The idea of using a VMS noticeboard which was identified as a benchmark from another coastal community has initially been received with enthusiasm by Council.

Subject to securing a sponsor this could be in rolled out for the upcoming holiday period.

The VRRRA is continuing to work directly with Council on a safety initiatives to ensure Incidents are reported, recorded and investigated.

Any members or guests who are subject to near misses are encouraged to report such incidents to Ryleigh Bowman on 4429 3315 or to vrra.ccb@gmail.com in order to ensure the shared pathways/cycle ways provide a safe environment.

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Sub Committee for Collingwood Beach Preservation Group

MOTION:

**Collingwood Beach Preservation Group – Sub Committee Monthly Report
The CCB accepts the sub committee’s report.**