

## Collingwood Beach Preservation Group– Sub Committee Monthly Report – December 2020

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

The final report on the Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Plan Trial Sites was presented to the Development Committee Meeting on 1st December 2020.

The motion moved by staff was amended to reflect the critical short comings discussed at numerous reference group meetings and reported in CBPG Monthly reports over many years.

The amendments are expected to provide the foundation for moving forward with appropriate vegetation in appropriate places, a Banksia Management Plan, a solution for the discharge of storm water, assessing safety of accessways, transfer of responsibility for the dunes to the City Services department and compliance with the Coastal Manual and Coastal Dune Reference Manual which are a requisite to comply with the Coastal Reforms Act 2018.

Further details of many of the issues are set out in a letter by the CBPG Environmental Auditor and Internationally recognised Engineer George Kruk. The letter can be found on the CBPG website.

The webinar can be watched on :

<https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Council/Meetings/Stream-a-Council-Meeting>

Click on item DE20.138.

### 2. Safety Alerts – Action required for Risk Management to make pathway and access ways a safe place for Residents and Visitors

(a) Action is required for the ongoing and increasing exposure to the trip and slip hazards at the entry onto the beach from the pathway at the bottom (/north side) of Church St. Council is requested to assess and make good this risk before the xmas holidays. See pics at the end of this report.

(b) Council has been requested to provide a Strategic Plan to address the lessons learnt from previously reported incidents and issues affecting public safety which were highlighted and supported by a gallery of pictures in the January and subsequent CBPG reports.

No feedback has been received from Council in respect of **“the history of near misses and the risks from fallen trees and limbs, or combustible vegetation to residents and visitors”**.

The CBPG continues to request Council to collaborate on outstanding actions and opportunities related to public safety including but not limited to hazards along the coastal walkway and protecting beach access ways from threats of all natural events.

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

A Get Involved page has been created on the Council site with the outcomes of the recent engagement on the Scoping Study.

The links for further information are : :

<https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/CMP>

<https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/CMPStage1ScopingStudy>

A timeline of 2021 has been set by Council for completion of a Jervis Bay CMP.

#### 4. Storm Water.

The acknowledgement from Councillors on the ground in Vincentia ( at Development Committee 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020 ) for seeking funds to rectify ineffective storm water discharge and risk to infrastructure, highlights the benefits of sharing experiences with nearby owners with eyes and ears open during rain storm events.

#### 5. NSW Coastal Conference Nov 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> 2020

A precis of this is :

- (a) CZMP's expire Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.  
CMP's need to be approved by Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.  
There is no provision for those not able to provide signed off CMP's by 31 Dec 2021.
- (b) The lessons learnt from Wamberal are :
  - a. Ineffective Councils not devoting attention to coast and waterways
  - b. Beach nourishment s not the solution for protecting coast and waterways.
- (c) (i) The NSW coastal council fails to have a Coastal Engineer on the Council.  
(ii) Pam Dean Jones, specialist in Geomorphology, who was the author of the original Shoalhaven CZMP and now a prime contributor to the Coastal Manual used for the Coastal Reforms was a new appointment to the committee. Pam can be remembered for her feedback from a public meeting at Vincentia High School, Nov 2007.

Q. What types of vegetation are essential ?

A. A diverse array of groundcover and shrub species is critical - to maintain ground cover, to trap sand and to provide a visual buffer. Tree species are not essential for these functions, but could add diversity. I would not want to see all the vegetation a uniform height, but neither do I think that dense stands of tall shrubs or small trees extending along the dune crest (such as Banksia integrifolia) are the best species for a narrow dune crest in an urban area. Some trees would provide shade which could be desirable along a long pathway.

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**MOTION:**

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The VRR/CCB accepts the sub committee's report.**



**ENTRANCE TO BEACH - NORTH SIDE OF CHURCH ST**



**TRIP HAZARD**



**SLIP HAZARD**



**STORM WATER DISCHARGE AT EDGE**