

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

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

Update on actions..

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

Council has now commenced work on the Coastal Management Program “CMP” which is required to be developed by 2021 in accordance with the Coastal Reforms Act 2016..It will replace the current Coastal Zone Management Plan “CZMP” for which approval was gazetted in September 2018.

The first stage was a set of public meetings for the affected property owners “APOS” and the general environmental members “GEMS” at workshops called at short notice in September 2019. The workshops were to provide the APOS and GEMS with understandings of the scoping for the CMP. A survey has been placed on the Council site providing for input from APOS, GEMS the public including. The purpose of the survey is to provide the scoping for subsequent stages of the CMP. The link for access to the survey, along with many understandings of Coastal Management issues can be found on :

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

The survey closes on 31st October 2019.

Some of the issues identified by the CBPG for the scoping of the CMP include :

Flawed coastal hazard lines, inconsistency comparing inundation lines from aerial photography compared with ground surveys, inundation lines not take mitigating factors into account, failure to acknowledge risks are mitigated for many properties with high floor level will not be affected by inundation, why does Council feel that a 1.5 Factor of Safety is warranted for stable foundation line why using the ZRFC when ZSA line recommended in peer review, why didn't SCC include action plan for staff suggestion to nourish precinct A, is planned retreat now known or to be known under a different term, what is the official position of Council, to defend it's coast, or retreat, what consideration was and will be given to the evidence based sea level rises for the last 100 years *which reflects the mean sea level in 2019 is 6cm lower than 1914*, pick up actions missing from the CZMP re storm water.

The survey as it stands at the moment is a survey of visitors to the coastal area. Even the residents are asked questions about coastal amenity as if they were

visitors. All the questions are "feel good" questions about managing the environment. The questionnaire is based on environment management, not social management (i.e. adaptation plans for residents) or economic management (i.e. the impact on commerce and at what cost) nor addresses the Coastal management issues

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

Update

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.

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

Senior Council executives have followed this up with a recent walk of the dunes to assess the risks and discuss the opportunities to mitigate the stormwater risks and other issues in the dunes. The executives requested the CBPG ensure the risk from stormwater discharge / erosion is put forward in the scoping for the CPM.

4. Slow Down LBD - Safety Signage.

Ongoing

Council has implemented The "Share the Track" road safety campaign with signage and line markings on the shared cycle/pathway at Collingwood.

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.

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

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MOTION:

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