

Collingwood Beach Preservation Group Monthly Report – December 2017

1. The Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Management Plan “CBDVMP”.

Council resolved the following resolution at the 21st November Strategy and Assets Committee meeting:

That Council:

1. Receive the advice received from the Office of the Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage.

2. In view of advice from Manly Hydraulics Laboratory (MHL), Government agencies and NGH Environmental and the objectives of the Coastal Management Act, adopt the following:-

a. Recognise the final draft recommendations and proposed management and communication methods compiled by the Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Reference Group (Chaired by Allan Baptist in the former Council) were adopted as a broad framework on which to build and should be utilised as a reference document.

b. Develop two trial sections at Collingwood Beach beachfront, each of approximately 50 mtrs in length, to be monitored over a two year period:-

i. Section One will be a damaged and denuded section to be revegetated in accordance with an agreed plan and with appropriate plants (not of the banksia species) in accordance with the five management objectives of the “Baptist” draft recommendation. The first stage of restoration will include the cutting down and spreading of dead wood on the selected site in recognition of its value as habitat.

ii. Section Two will be a current vegetated area of Banksia species to be trimmed progressively over time to provided filtered views of the Bay.

iii. Identifies location for 1 viewing platforms in accordance with MHL’s report; and

iv. Includes a monitoring and evaluation program during the 2-year trial implementation period.

v. The aim of the trial is to show good foreshore management.

c. Prior to any implementation of the trial:-

i. A Management plan for the two sites be developed;

ii. Pictorial records will be made of the beachfront from the land and air in order to have a means of measurement of outcomes;

d. All existing signs regarding tree vandalism will be removed from Collingwood Beach and a new signage program developed in the new Tree Vandalism policy.

e. All Management planning and assessments of the Trial to be managed by:-

- i. Council staff
- ii. Reference Group - Community members;
Bruce McKenzie, Noel Ross-Kelly, Dawn Thompson and Barbara Liddle
- iii. Councillors –
- iv. Jo Gash, Kaye Gartner, Patricia White, John Levett, Mitch Pakes and other interested Councillors.

f. A strong engagement and communication strategy be established with identified stakeholders including a program of public consultation and education throughout the trial period and ongoing. Explanatory signs should be erected to encourage the local community to take ownership of the plan.

3. Pursue funding options of:-

- a. The current Collingwood budget
- b. Grant funding
- c. Council budget at quarterly reviews

4. Develop a robust Shoalhaven Tree Vandalism policy to be rolled out across the Shoalhaven. In the interim Council immediately adopt the anti-vandalism strategy as outlined in this report be adopted and implemented to mitigate against continuing vandalism

2. The status of the Coastal Panel's certification of the 2012 Coastal Zone Management Plan.

Council is in negotiations with the NSW Coastal Panel and NSW Office of Environment and Heritage in relation to the submission of the Coastal Zone Management Plan for certification, as this is depended on when the Stage 2 of the NSW Coastal Management SEPP is gazetted.

3. Revised Coastal Hazard Mapping and consequences.

On 13th June 2017 Council wrote to NSW Minister for Environment and submitted the adopted Shoalhaven Coastal Hazard Review to the NSW Government and asked that the 2009 Coastal Hazard Assessment for the

nine high risk priority beaches be replaced with the 2016 Coastal Hazard Review as per the Shoalhaven Sea Level Rise Policy, see attached copy of the letter.

4. Coastal Reforms – Stage 2.

The CBPG along with many other Coastal Communities is seeking clarification of many items in the Coastal Reforms Stage 2.

5. Beach Erosion signs – Discharge of Storm water.

The CBPG is collaborating with Council to review and update where necessary the latest Risk Assessment for the discharge of water along Collingwood Beach.

6. Hold My Hand - Safety Signage.

Jones Lang Lesalle “JLL”, the Asset Manager of the Vincentia Market Place have confirmed they are procuring and erecting Hold My Hands signs in Dec 2017. JLL is to be commended for undertaking such an important safety campaign to mitigate the risk to children in car parks.

A donation of \$100 from a CBPG member (originally for dog bags, which were subsequently sponsored by a local real estate agent) is to be redirected for the purchase of a “Hold My Hand” sign to be placed in the car park at the Leisure Centre. This sign will replace and relocate a sign at Moona Creek which was destroyed without thought for the cost and safety message.

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 VRRRA/CCB write to the Corporate Safety Manager of JLL to commend this safety initiative taken by the Local Assets Manager, Melissa Steward for the Vincentia Market Place and encourage it be embraced at JLL’s other locations.