

## **Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Reference Group**

**Friday 26 September 1:00PM – 4:00PM**

### Notes from Second Meeting

#### **Site Visit**

The reference group walked the site from Berry street to south of Illfracombe Avenue. The following observations were made:

- There is hardly any gum trees (eucalyptus) on the dune as gum trees generally don't spread seeds very far - given gum trees have not been planted here there is no regeneration. Gum trees generally allow for views as they have single trunks and high crowns. Other beaches with gum trees have views.
- Some dead vegetation is unsightly, however still has some values such as erosion control of the root system, wind protection/wedge effect/sand barrier, habitat.
- Pine trees are not endemic, they are okay on the street scape but would not be appropriate on the dune.

### **Terms of Reference (TOR)/process**

- The reference group reviewed the TOR - minor amendments were made.
- The reference group discussed the process (as provided in the Notes from meeting 1 –last page).
- The reference group decided that the focus should be developing a set of recommendations to Council.
- Each reference group member put their vision forward for the future management of the dune system.
- Staff will draft a set of recommendations to Council based on those visions and the draft recommendations will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Stakeholders/communication**

- The reference group agreed that communication is important. The set of recommendations to Council will have to include recommendations on communication with relevant stakeholders/interested parties. Ideas such as mail outs, kiosks, signage with positive stories were put forward.

### **Experts**

- The group asked to have access to some experts at their next meetings to test some of the future management options.