

## **Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Reference Group - Draft Recommendations**

### **Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Management 2015-2020**

1. That Council develop a plan for the management of the Collingwood Beach dune vegetation on a 5 year trial basis in accordance with the following objectives:

#### **Management Objectives**

- 1.1 The dune vegetation needs to be diversified by natural seeding and planting of local natives species to support a healthy and resilient dune system; and
  - 1.2 The dune vegetation needs to provide a wedge effect to ensure the retention of sand on the beach and to protect assets (public and private) located at the back of the dune; and
  - 1.3 The dune vegetation needs to be managed in a way that maximises filtered views at appropriate locations; and
  - 1.4 The dune vegetation provides from the walkway and from the beach a range of experience, with filtered views, thickets, healthy vegetation, tall occasional shade trees
  - 1.5 The dune vegetation needs to be managed and maintained in a sustainable way, meaning it will need to be legally, financially, and environmentally, acceptable for present and future generations.
2. That Council, with the community, actively communicate, educate and engage with relevant parties, including but not limited to tourists, residents, property owners, interest groups and bushcare groups on dune vegetation management at Collingwood Beach, in accordance with the objectives of these recommendations.

#### **Communication Objectives**

- 2.1 Community understands the role of vegetation on dunes in particular with regard to protection of public and private assets;
- 2.2 Community sees the dune and its vegetation as a community asset providing benefits to many;
- 2.3 Community members have opportunities to have a say and be involved in the dune vegetation plan of management activities; and
- 2.4 Community understands the complexities of managing a natural active system in an urban tourism setting, and supports the balanced approach put forward by the plan of management of the Collingwood Beach dune vegetation.