

Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Reference Group

Wednesday 13 May 3:00PM – 5:00PM

Minutes

Present: Mark Corrigan, Bruce McKenzie, Melissa McManus, Johanna Pullinger, Noel Rosskelly, Councillor Allan Baptist, Kelie Lowe –Environmental Services Manager, Isabelle Ghetti – Natural Resources and Floodplain Manager

Apologies: Barbara Liddle, Debra Evelyn

Background information to be provided to consultant

The group agreed that it is important for the consultant to be aware of the history of the site and that the following background information material should be provided to the consultant for their review:

- community brochure / pamphlet which was produced following the 70s replanting of the dune (to be provided by Noel)
- Locale – key issues report (August 2014)

The issue of the negative visual impact to views due to the proliferation of the Banksia was reiterated by some members. The consultant will be briefed on this issue along with other issues as raised by members of the reference group at the inception meeting.

Information to residents

The group decided that a flyer/postcard should be produced when the successful consultant is appointed to inform the community of the project (i.e. Development of the Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Management Plan), council allocation of resources for this project and likely timing of opportunity for community members to have their say in the project development.

Assessment of proposals

Members of the group (except council's staff) conducted separate assessments of the 4 proposals received to develop the Collingwood Beach Dune Vegetation Management Plan five year trial.

Each member of the group was provided an opportunity to comment on the proposals.

There was a general agreement that two of the proposals were preferred to deliver the project.

However one of these proposals was strong technically but was lacking community consultation and the other preferred proposal was stronger in community consultation but the technical strength was lacking.

It was agreed that staff will approach both consultancies to require further information on these matters.

Note:

Council on 10 December 2014 resolved to:

- a) *Adopt the recommendations and management objectives developed by the Collingwood Beach Reference Group*
- b) *Investigate and consider funding through the budget review process with the aim of:*
 - i) *developing of a dune vegetation management plan by experts in dune restoration, coastal processes, graphic representation and community engagement; and*
 - ii) *allocation of \$15,000 over 5 years for a part time project officer to be responsible for overseeing this project, implementing the works in collaboration with community members, monitoring and documenting the impacts of the 5 year trial.*

The dune vegetation management plan is funded through savings from the Planning and Development Group 2014/15 budget.