



Shoalhaven
City Council

SMITHS BAY BUSHCARE ACTION PLAN

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Reserve Name:	Harris St
Reserve No:	BBV527
Land Tenure:	SCC
Comm. Land Type:	Natural Area

1. BUSHCARE GROUP GOALS

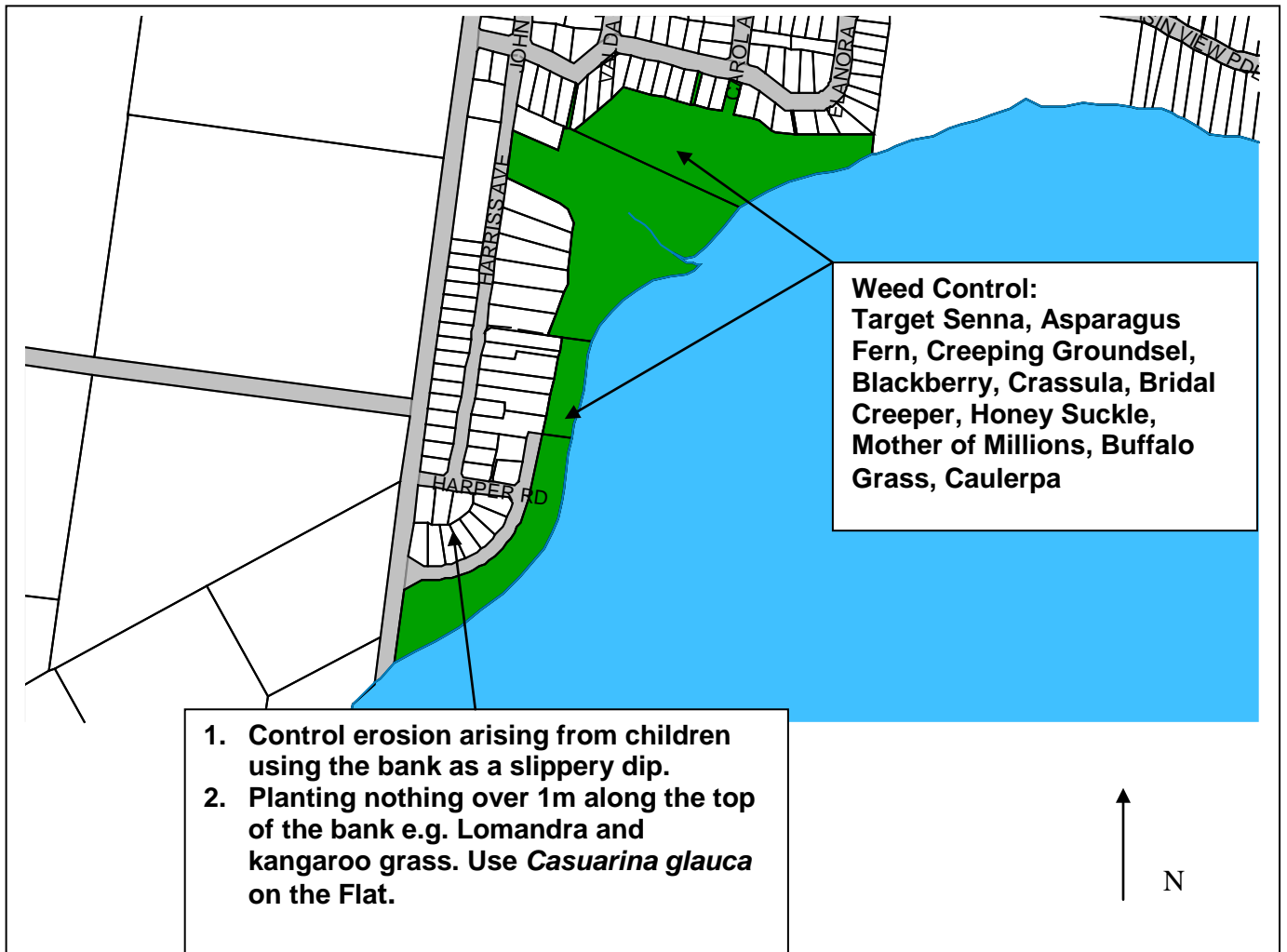
1. To protect the Basin foreshore by maintaining a healthy vegetation cover and managing erosion and weed issues.
2. To educate and raise awareness in the local community of the important role of a healthy vegetation buffer to prevent erosion and promote biodiversity. Promote the natural values of the foreshore.
3. Decrease the abundance of environmental weeds.
4. Consolidate existing track network with a view to securing grant funds to extend board walk in the wet areas.

2. SHOALHAVEN BUSHCARE GROUP ACTION PLAN

NOTE: Priority should be rated as H = High (within 12 months); M = Medium (1-3 years); L = Low

GROUP ACTION	PRIORITY	METHOD	TIME
Weed Control: Senna, Asparagus fern, Creeping Groundsel, Blackberry, Crassula, Bridal Creeper, Honey Suckle, Mother of Millions, Buffalo Grass, Caulerpa	H	Hand Remove, cut and paint, use of contractors	All year
Control erosion arising from children using the bank as a slippery dip.	H	Letter to residents of Harper St Block off using dead timber available with Council assistance	Asap
Raise community awareness of Bushcare activity and the Foreshore Policy. Recruit more volunteers.	M	Erect signs stating that the site is a Bushcare site. Letter box drop policy to foreshore residents Advertise in the About magazine and local notice boards	All year
Planting nothing over 1metre along the top of the bank e.g. Lomandra and Kangaroo Grass. Use Casuarina on the flat.	M	Along the top of the embankment and on the flat as weeds are removed	Autumn
Seek Grants for primary control of Creeping Groundsel and path way extension. Encourage other volunteer opportunities such as Work for the Dole and Green Corps.	M	Work with Council staff	All year
Other activities include rabbit control and Myna bird control.	L	Participate in local control programs	All year

3. BUSHCARE GROUP ACTION PLAN MAP



4. VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE ACTION PLAN:

Type of Activity	Yes	No	SWMS name included
Manual weed control (cut & paint, scrape and paint etc)	x		SWMS NR060
Chemical control (spraying of herbicides)		x	
Planting	x		
Minor construction (walking track, fencing, outdoor furniture)	x		
Propagation & seed collection			
Education (school groups, field days etc)	x		
Other	x		

5. COUNCIL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE ACTION PLAN.

- a) Send letter to residents of Harper St re sliding down the bank
- b) Assist with blocking slide area off
- c) Assist with grant applications
- d) Consider employing contractor to do primary weed work on Creeping Groundsel
- e) Provide signs for advertising Bushcare site
- f) Assist with application for Green Corps or Work for the Dole Team

6. HAS A SITE HAZARD AND RISK ASSESSMENT BEEN COMPLETED FOR THE BUSHCARE SITE?

Yes ✓

7. LIST THE PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR VOLUNTEERS WHILST WORKING ON THE SITE

PPE Equipment Required
First Aid Kit
Gloves
Sunscreen
Insect repellent

8. POSSIBLE FUTURE FUNDING

Project	Funding source
Primary Creeping Groundsel work	State and Federal government. Grant schemes. CMA
Extension of walking track – a board walk	As above

9. PLAN WILL BE DUE FOR REVIEW ON APRIL 2013

10. PLEASE LIST OTHER LOCAL OR REGIONAL MANAGEMENT PLANS OR STRATEGIES THAT THIS PLAN RELATES TO.

Name of document	Year it was produced	Produced by
Foreshore Reserves Policy	2005	Shoalhaven City Council
Natural Areas Generic Plan of Management	2001	Shoalhaven City Council
St Georges Basin Estuary Management Plan	1997	Shoalhaven City Council
Shoalhaven Walking Track Strategy	2010	Shoalhaven City Council

11. SUGGESTED SPECIES LIST FOR FUTURE SITE REVEGETATION

OVERSTOREY TREES	
Botanical	Common
<i>Casuarina glauca</i>	Swamp Oak
SHRUBS	
Botanical	Common
<i>Baeckea virgata</i>	Twiggy Willi Willi
<i>Breynia oblongifolia</i>	Dwarf's Apple / Coffee Bush
<i>Gahnia spp.</i>	Saw Sedge
<i>Lissanthe strigosa</i>	Peach Heath
<i>Melaleuca ericifolia</i>	Swamp Paperbark / Teatree
<i>Melaleuca linariifolia</i>	Snow in Summer
<i>Myoporum acuminatum</i>	Waterbush
<i>Pittosporum undulatum</i>	Sweet Daphne
<i>Trema aspera</i>	Native Peach
UNDERSTOREY (grasses, herbs, climbers)	
Botanical	Common
<i>Cissus hypoglauca</i>	Water Vine

<i>Hibbertia scandens</i>	Golden Guinea Flower
<i>Juncus spp</i>	Rush
<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Spiny Headed Matt Rush
<i>Themeda australis</i>	Kangaroo Grass

12. SITE WEED LIST

Noxious	Other	Control Method
	Asparagus fern	Hand removal
Blackberry		Hand removal, cut and paint
	Bridal Creeper	Spread rust
	Buffalo grass	
	Crassula	Hand removal
	Creeping Groundsel	Folia spray
	Honeysuckle	Hand removal cut and paint
	Mirror bush	Cut and paint
	Mother of Millions	Hand removal
	Ivy	Cut and paint
	Passion fruit	Cut and paint
	South African daisy	Hand removal
	Senna	Cut and paint

Attachment 1: Group support and skill development needs. This information helps to identify gaps that may exist between what the group require to function effectively and what the group has available. **This focuses on the group, overall, not individual members.**

<i>Tick one box only</i>	We are absolute beginners – don't know a great deal	We know a bit – enough to get by most of the time	We know quite a lot – and we know when to seek help	There's probably not much more we can learn on this	Comments
OH&S – develop and follow risk assessment					
Develop and/ or monitor Action Plan					
Plant identification – local native plants					
Weed identification & control methods					
Bush regeneration methods					
Seed collection & propagation					
Group planning and decision making					
Managing neighbour relations					
Community education – schools, neighbours etc					
Volunteer/ group member recruitment					
Preparing grant applications					

List below the 10 most common plants that are indigenous to the area.	List below the 10 most common plants that are <i>not</i> indigenous to the area.
Can all of the group regular volunteers identify these? YES NO circle one	Can all of the group regular volunteers identify these? YES NO circle one

Bushcare Group Name **Coordinator Name** **Signature**
Date / /