

SHOALHAVEN HEADS NATIVE BOTANIC GARDEN PARKCARE ACTION PLAN

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Reserve Name:	Curtis Reserve
Location:	Shoalhaven Heads
Reserve No:	NSH 035
Land Tenure	Council
Comm Land Type	Freehold - General community use

1. PARKCARE GROUP GOALS

Maintain the concept of the Shoalhaven Heads Native Botanic Garden, located in Curtis Reserve, as a demonstration and showcase of the plants of Australia.
Maintain the plantings and the grounds of Curtis Reserve.
Promote the educational value of the Shoalhaven Heads Native Botanic Garden for the local community and for visitors from further afield.
Initiate, design and implement improvements and upgrades to the infrastructure and the plantings of the Garden within the concept of the Shoalhaven Heads Native Botanic Garden.

2. SHOALHAVEN PARKCARE GROUP ACTIVITIES TABLE (to be in conjunction with attached site map)

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

GROUP ACTION	PRIORITY	METHOD	TIMING
Propagate, collect, grow, maintain and exhibit Australian native plants	High	Volunteers	Ongoing
Maintain the grass and garden beds through a program of mowing, mulching and weeding as required	High	Mowing and hand tools	Ongoing
Maintain minor parks infrastructure (excluding children's playground equipment), plus the Botanic Garden - specific improvements (e.g. the arbor entrance, plant nursery, interpretive signage, irrigation, etc) on the site	High	Hand tools and equipment as appropriate	Ongoing
Conduct educational tours, assist visiting groups and provide information presentations	High	Volunteers	Ongoing
Develop a wheelchair accessible boardwalk, incorporating a viewing platform, with expansion of adjoining garden beds <i>(Consultation with surrounding residents will occur in the planning stage)</i>	Medium to High	Professional design, grant applications, and engagement of contractors	2019/2020 Probably in stages

3. PARKCARE GROUP ACTION PLAN MAP



Please refer to D19/292959 for a 4 page detailed survey plan

4. PARKCARE GROUP WHS & EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Type of Activity	SWMS name included
Weed control	SWMS1408
Mower – Ride On	SWI50 (v2)
Landscape construction and maintenance	SWMS1200
Park furnishings and playground equipment maintenance	SWMS1201

5. COUNCIL SUPPORT

Technical advice and support, including training as required.
Provide an adequate water supply appropriate to Botanic Garden needs.
Arrange bulk supplies of mulch as required and if available.
Provide plants, materials and garden tools as required and as budget allows.
Remove surplus vegetation pruned, trimmed and collected from the Garden (included in the \$400 yearly allocation).

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

Yes. Risk assessments are completed daily as part of the Site Recording Group Sheet & Site Specific Risk Assessment Form.

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

PPE Equipment Required	Date issued
Insect repellent and sunscreen	As required
Gloves, safety glasses and safety vests	As required
1 st Aid kit	Issued

8. POSSIBLE FUTURE FUNDING

Project	Funding source
Wheelchair accessible boardwalk, incorporating a viewing platform, with expansion of adjoin garden beds <i>(Consultation with surrounding residents will occur in the planning stage)</i>	Grant applications and fundraising, with volunteer labour for garden beds
Develop new garden beds and planting on the eastern side of Curtis Reserve	Volunteers and fundraising
Upgrade plant nursery, by moving to new location where expanded size is possible <i>(Consultation with surrounding residents will occur in the planning stage)</i>	Volunteers and fundraising
Investigate options for reducing usage of potable water, including expansion of irrigation systems	Volunteers and fundraising
Investigate options for developing a dry creek bed feature	Volunteers and grant funding
Expand interpretive signage	Fund raising and sponsorships
Continue rock edging around gardens	Volunteers
Update Plan of Management and prepare Thematic Plan for site	Volunteers and collaboration with Council and Botanic Gardens Australia New Zealand (BGANZ)
Website development	Volunteers and fundraising

9. PLAN WILL BE REVIEWED EVERY THREE YEARS

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

Name of document	Year it was produced	Produced by
Generic Plan of Management	2001	Shoalhaven City Council

11. RECOMMENDED PLANTING SPECIES LIST

With the limited space available at Curtis Reserve becoming increasingly planted out, SHNBSG will increasingly concentrate on planting vulnerable and threatened species of Australian natives, with a view to developing excellence with such exhibits.

Examples of these to date include:

- Banksia vincentia
- Brachychiton ormeau – Ormeau Bottle Tree
- Clausena smyrelliana – Greg’s Wampi
- Glycosmis trifoliata – Orange Berry
- Notelaea lloydii - Olive

A detailed catalogue of the Australian native plants which have already been established by SHNBSG is maintained on its website at www.shnbotanicgarden.org.au

12. SITE WEED LIST

Common Name	Control method used by group
Asparagus fern	Hand weeding
Small leaf oxalis	Spot spraying with Glyphosate
Wandering jew	Hand weeding

13. NATIVE SPECIES LIST (EXISTING)

The original western part of Curtis Reserve was planted out by Friends of the Curtis Park Arboretum with an extensive range of trees and shrubs and groundcovers native to eastern Australia.

This was subsequently added to by planting West Australian natives on part of the eastern side of Curtis Reserve.

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Parkcare Group Name Shoalhaven Heads Native Botanic Garden Incorporated

It is worth noting the name history of the Parkcare Group, starting as Friends of the Curtis Park Arboretum Incorporated on 4.5.2010 and changing to its current name on 1.9.2017 to better reflect the nature of this community Parkcare project.

Coordinator Name Rob Stewart, President

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