

# Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake & Berrara Creek Coastal Management Program

## Summary of Community Engagement

### Stage 1

Identify the scope of the CMP

### Stage 2

Determine the risks, vulnerabilities & opportunities

### Stage 3

Identify & evaluate options

### Stage 4

Prepare, exhibit, finalise, certify & adopt the CMP

### Stage 5

Implement, monitor & evaluate

CMP stages	What we asked	What we heard	What we actioned	Full report
<p><b>Stage 1 – Identify the scope of the CMP</b></p>	<p>How the community values, uses and interacts with the Shoalhaven Coastal Zone and what issues and concerns do they have for these areas.</p> <p>What issues exist within the St Georges Basin/Sussex Inlet, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek estuaries?</p>	<p>Several key issues and concerns raised through the scoping study for the estuaries related to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impacts from foreshore erosion.</li> <li>• Impacts of inundation and sea level rise.</li> <li>• Navigation and boating safety.</li> <li>• Water quality and estuary health.</li> <li>• Protection of the ecological environment, including threatened species.</li> <li>• Interest in sustainable development to promote the natural beauty of the area.</li> </ul> <p>Importance of the estuary to the community and their lifestyle, local business and wellbeing.</p> <p>Need for the CMP to be transparent, involve local stakeholders and consider historical studies in developing management actions.</p>	<p>To address key issues, technical studies were identified for completion in Stage 2 to gain a more detailed understanding of the key issues impacting on the estuaries.</p> <p>Further consultation was arranged for Stage 2 to gain more insights from the community on the risks and issues to be considered in the CMP.</p> <p>A <a href="#">Project Page</a> was set up to allow stakeholders to keep up to date with development of the Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake &amp; Berrara Creek CMP.</p>	<p><a href="#">Final Coastal Management Program Scoping Study</a></p>

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<p><b>Stage 2 – Determine risks, vulnerabilities, and opportunities</b></p>	<p>Based on what we heard during Stage 1, we asked for community feedback and information to expand on the identified risks, vulnerabilities, and opportunities for management for the St Georges Basin/Sussex Inlet, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek estuaries and coastal zone.</p>	<p>Key issues from Stage 1 were re-iterated, with the following additional issues noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presence of culturally important sites within the study area that require protection from coastal hazards and impacts from site usage and visitation.</li> <li>• Recreation and access to the estuaries for community and visitors.</li> </ul>	<p>Technical studies were carried out to increase understanding of the key issues. These studies also considered previous studies and data available for the region.</p> <p>Further community consultation was conducted, including online surveys, workshops, an interactive map, and committee briefings.</p> <p>Key issues identified were used to develop potential management actions to be evaluated in Stage 3 of the CMP process.</p> <p>The way community feedback received during Stage 2 was considered in developing potential management actions is documented in the Stage 2 'Closing the Loop' Summary Report.</p>	<p><a href="#">Stage 2 Synthesis Report</a></p> <p><a href="#">Stage 2 Detailed Risk Assessment</a></p> <p><a href="#">Tidal and Coastal Inundation Study</a></p> <p><a href="#">Foreshore Erosion Assessment</a></p> <p><a href="#">Boating Study</a></p> <p><a href="#">Swan Lake and Berrara Creek Entrance Management Review</a></p> <p>Water Quality and Estuary Heath Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">St Georges Basin and Sussex Inlet</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Swan Lake</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Berrara Creek</a></li> </ul>

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<b>Stage 3 – Identify and evaluate options</b>	We asked for feedback on <u>potential management actions</u> that related to all estuaries and <u>specific locations within each estuary</u> that had been developed following the completion of technical studies, consideration of historical reports, as well as feedback from Government Agency stakeholders and the community as part of Stage 1 and 2 of the CMP, and technical advice from experts on the project team.	Feedback indicated community interest in potential management actions related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The importance of boating to the local community was highlighted, including the need for improved boating facilities and safe navigation.</li> <li>• Need for better stormwater management to protect estuarine water quality.</li> <li>• Protection of the environment and sensitive ecological areas such as wetlands and saltmarsh, as well as marine ecology and biodiversity.</li> <li>• Protection of areas and locations of cultural heritage significance.</li> <li>• Access to the foreshore and opportunities for recreation.</li> <li>• Issues surrounding foreshore erosion and proposed restoration works.</li> </ul>	Community feedback was used as part of the evaluation of management actions. This was considered alongside technical studies completed in Stage 2, previous community consultation and historical studies to identify management actions to be carried through to Stage 4. <p>This evaluation required the CMP Project Team to consider the following criteria to evaluate the management actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Feasibility</b> – practicality of the proposed option and the ability for it to be implemented, as well as the ability to reduce risk from the coastal hazard</li> <li>➤ <b>Viability</b> – economic considerations and cost to implement, including a cost-benefit analysis for entrance management options.</li> <li>➤ <b>Acceptability</b> – level of support from stakeholders</li> </ul> <p>The way community feedback was considered in this process is documented in the <u>'Closing the Loop' Summary Report</u></p> <p>The final action list can be seen in the draft Stage 4 CMP report presented for public exhibition.</p>	<a href="#">CMP Stage 3 – Identify and Evaluate Options Report</a>
<b>Stage 4 – Prepare, exhibit, finalise, certify and adopt CMP</b>	We asked for feedback and comments on the draft CMP and the management actions that will be implemented over the next 10-years	[To be updated following public exhibition]	[To be updated following public exhibition]	<a href="#">Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek Coastal Management Program</a>