

**South West and Peel Coastal Management Group (CoastSWaP)**  
**Capes Coastal Stakeholder Forum, Thursday 13 October 2016.**  
**Minutes**



**Attendees**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Role</b>
1.	John McKinney	Augusta Margaret River Shire Council (AMRS)	Senior Environmental Officer
2.	Caroline Hughes	Capes Catchment Group (CCG)	Coordinator
3.	Blair Darvill	South West and Peel Coastal Management Group (CoastSWaP)	Project Officer
4.	Steve Fairbairn	Friends of Redgate (FoR)	Volunteer
5.	Vere Fairbairn	Friends of Redgate	Volunteer
6.	Jen Mitchell	South West Catchments Council (SWCC)	Coastal facilitator
7.	Genny Broadhurst	MR Coastal Residents Association (MRCR)	Environmental Coordinator
8.	Janet Dufall	MR Coastal Residents Association	Volunteer
9.	Kane Goodwin	Department Parks and Wildlife, Blackwood District (DPaW)	Head Ranger
10.	Dave Boykett	Friends of Gracetown (To be confirmed)	Volunteer

**Summary of key discussion points and actions.**

- ‘Friends of Gracetown’ group formation planned with local resident Dave Boykett, support from existing groups offered.
- Coastal Assessment Form developed for Gnarabup/ Prevelly very useful, to be shared with CoastSWaP Network. Form used to evaluate dune areas after fires, all areas improved with no downgrading of sites.
- CoastSWaP Forums very useful, to be continued annually with request for site visits added to program or as separate event.
- DPaW very active in off road vehicle rationalisation and off track rehabilitation, need to inform and engage with community to improve profile and gain public support.
- The Capes coastal stakeholder network is very strong with good collaboration and partnership projects, resulting in many successful on ground outcomes and a more protected natural environment. Ultimately comes down to the people involved, their commitment and willingness to work together.

Stakeholder presentation and discussion	Action/ followup required from discussion
<p><b>Genny Broadhurst and Janet Dufall- Coordinators, MR Coastal Residents Association</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulfilling grant obligations with support from AMR Shire and CCG – Brushing, fencing, weeding, planting Regular weekly volunteer days held with small core group Contractors continuing control of Pyp Grass and Arum Lilly after Nov 2011 fires Manual weeding controlling Sea Spurge, Onion Weed, Geraldton Carnation Weed Hardy colonisers such as Ficinia, Pig Face and Scaevola most successful with planting.</li> <li>• Coastal Condition Assessment form very useful for all aspects of coastal management – provides baseline info on current condition, future assessments can identify improvement/ decline, assists with prioritisation, planning and reporting. AMRS collating data and entering into GIS system. All areas showed signs of improvement with no downgrading.</li> <li>• Prevelly to Gnarabup Coastal Track – erosion threatening stairs and pathway. Soft engineering considered best option from management perspective as solid structures costly to install, repair and maintain. Can be easily modified to suit conditions. Public needs to be engaged as traditional stairs popular Funding required for planning realignment/ retreat of track and beach access, AMRS to look into available funding internal and external. Specific assessment and recommendations regarding this are in Shire’s CHRMAP</li> </ul>	<p>CoastSWaP to share coastal assessment form and process /methodology to network. AMRS to identify funding for future planning and implementation of Prevelly – Gnarabup Coastal Track realignment.</p>
<p><b>Steve and Vere Fairbairn – Volunteers, Friends of Redgate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed first 12 months as ‘Friends of Redgate’ coordinators with support from SWCC, CCG and DPaW Actions Include regular weeding days with core members, community busy bee, beach clean ups, revegetation monitoring with quadrats. Group focusing on weed control- Arum Lilly, Onion Weed, and Sea Spurge Have had offer of support from local business Redgate Wines</li> <li>• John McKinney offered services of Green Army Team to assist with further on ground works.</li> </ul>	<p>AMRS Green Army to assist with onground works 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. Site visit planned that afternoon to plan future works and fencing realignment with DPaW and SWCC.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPaW have repaired existing fencing, however a narrow pinch point exists where SES cannot get through to beach with rescue vehicle. DPaW to realign and expand 'pinch point'.</li> <li>• Large scale redevelopment of Redgate Carpark and beach access planned, see DPaW update below.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Kane Goodwin – Head Ranger, Department of Parks and Wildlife</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of pressure from off road vehicles within Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park (LNNP), difficult to manage with limited resources (8 rangers within whole district). Have carried out considerable works to formalise and realign tracks and rehabilitate areas.</li> <li>• New plan of management for park prioritising works. Includes identification of designated public roads, lead to on ground works at Joeys Nose, Boranup, Deepdene, Boodjidup and Three Bears. Included extensive brushing, track hardening with underlay of plastic webbing and limestone. Very good results in some areas eg 3 Bears, Joeys Nose however some areas brushing removed to maintain access.</li> <li>• Redgate beach development plan (pushed back until 2017) includes expansion and rationalisation of carpark and further beach access improvement. Will keep Friends of Redgate closely informed to prevent group working on areas planned for development. AMRS to design and construct carpark, DPaW to install infrastructure.</li> <li>• Stakeholders surprised with amount of rehabilitation works carried out, suggested further community engagement to raise awareness of works to community. Kane mentioned that press releases don't often get published (only the 'negative' stories) and very time limited, however accepted that more publicity is required.</li> </ul>	<p>DPaW to work towards a better community engagement strategy, in order to inform public of rehabilitation works, raise public profile and seek support from members of community that 'do the right thing'.</p> <p>Kane to send photo and brief summary of recent works for CoastSWaP to share with network.</p>
<p><b>John McKinney- Senior Environmental Officer, Shire of Augusta- Margaret River</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UWA coastal monitoring project at Gnarabup recording visual changes over time, including detailed wave and tide data and beach profiles. 12 months completed, project will continue for further 12 months. Identified large swells with high periods for 2016 winter (up to 8m swells with 18 second periods), also 'infragravity waves'- very high period (&gt;30 seconds), low height surges that have occurred.</li> <li>• Worked with AMRCR, CCG and SWCC with onground projects, developed Coastal Condition Assessment report and mapped onto GIS.</li> </ul>	<p>Share Coastal Monitoring, CHRMAP and Coastal Condition Assessment reports if publicly available.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shires Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) has been completed and a successful Department of Transport Coastal Action Planning grant has been received to complete a geotechnical assessment of the coastal limestone cliffs within the shire. Lack of guidance as to how to manage and plan for high risk 'soft rock' coastlines in SPP 2.6 and CHRMAP process, have to develop own strategy.</li> <li>• Stakeholders praised the support and work carried out by John McKinney. John mentioned that he could not do it without the commitment from volunteers.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Jen Mitchell- Coastal Facilitator, South West Catchments Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jen showed summary map of works carried out through community group support projects across south west from Binningup to Walpole. Capes projects include Windmills Geraldton Carnation weed control, Yallingup brushing, Smiths revegetation and brushing, Injidup Beach brushing, Gracetown community and school planting day, Redgate beach busy bee, Augusta brushing and track formalisation.</li> <li>• Also supported UWA citizen science microplastic study, assisted to collect SW samples.</li> </ul>	<p>Jen to share summary map of projects for CoastSWaP to share with network.</p>
<p><b>Caroline Hughes- Coordinator, Cape to Cape Catchments Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting Coastcare groups Friends of Redgate and Margaret River Coastal Residents. Drew McKenzie Project Officer assigned to support community groups, can work with Dave Boykett to help plan and conduct onground actions and promote group in Gracetown.</li> <li>• Our Patch schools program to include 'Adopt a Spot', where 4 schools are linked with a community group and location each. They will participate in on ground actions and interpretive events.</li> </ul>	<p>CCG to notify when 'adopt a spot' launched and CoastSWaP will share with network.</p>
<p><b>Dave Boykett – Volunteer, Friends of Gracetown (to be confirmed)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After listening intently and asking a range of questions, Dave identified the process he believed to take to plan on ground actions and promote group and recruit volunteers. Support was offered from SWCC, AMRCR and CCG. CoastSwaP wishes you good luck Dave and also offers to assist where required.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Blair Darvill – Project Officer, CoastSWaP</b></p> <p>Blair will be travelling from February next year and will no longer be facilitating these forums. Three questions were asked;</p> <p>Q - After participating in three annual forums are they seen as worthwhile and effective? A- Yes!</p>	<p>Discuss with CoastSWaP committee succession of forums and add to 2017 strategic planning.</p>

Q – Would the stakeholders be willing to coordinate the forums from now on?

A- Possibly, John McKinney stated he could help coordinate them. However point was made that by having CoastSWaP do this we can take information and share externally. Group preferred that CoastSWaP continue to coordinate forums.

Q -Would you change anything?

A- Potentially run every six months, with alternate site visit and forums. Or whole day with site visit and forum combined.