

South West and Peel Coastal Management Group (CoastSWaP)
Geographe Coastal Stakeholder Forum, Monday 23rd November 2015.
Draft Minutes



Attendees

	Name	Organisation	Role
1.	John McCallum	City of Busselton	Councillor
2.	Will Oldfield	City of Busselton	Senior Environmental Officer
3.	Jen Mitchell	South West Catchments Council	Coastal facilitator
4.	Jackie Nichol	City of Busselton	Senior Environmental Officer
5.	Judy Clarke	Wonnerup Residents Association	Chair
6.	Blair Darvill	CoastSWaP	Project Officer

Summary of key discussion points.

- City of Busselton, SWCC and CoastSWaP to develop 'Bay Watch Coastal Observers and Engagement Project'
- Wonnerup Beach (east) vulnerable to further erosion which could damage road and cause flooding of estuary.
- Wonnerup Foreshore Management Plan being developed, link with 'Bay Watch' project

Stakeholder presentation and discussion	Action/ followup required from discussion
<p>Blair Darvill- Project Officer, CoastSWaP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated attendees on CoastSWaP Actions previous 12 Months and Future proposed actions; • Facilitated four regional stakeholder meetings in 2014, six planned for 2015. Facilitated Peel Harvey and Leschenault Forums • Collaborated with Peron Naturaliste Partnership to facilitate 3 community coastal climate change adaptation presentations. • Presentations at National Coast to Coast Conference 2014 including lobbying for further state coastcare coordination and funding, plus hosting Bunbury Field Trip. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee rep for Western Australia Landcare Network http://www.landcarewa.org.au/ assisting with integrating coastcare into WALN actions and network. • CoastSWaP website and network updated. • 10 Case studies to be developed by June 2016 to compile and share practical information on key coastal planning and management topics as identified through forums. • Assisted SWCC with development of South West Coastal Action Plan. • Gauging support for facilitating SW regional Off Road Vehicles in the Coastal Zone Forum to assist with better management and minimising impacts from ORV's in the region. Requested info/ support from South Coast Management Group where applicable. 	
<p>John McCallum- Councillor, City of Busselton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia Coastal Council Forum to be held in Rockingham March 2016, contact Alan Stokes, Head Convenor (02 99040311, 0411592269). Chair of Australian Coastal Councils Association is Barry Samils (Rockingham) • Attended ACC forum in Mornington Peninsula with Clr Coralie Tarbotton. Some councils have implemented buy-back program of coastal properties/ blocks being impacted from coastal erosion. • City of Busselton has a beach protection fund • Coastal Zone management/ CHRMAP report should be out 2016, community engagement should follow. CHRMAP info/ community engagement needs to be done properly and effectively. Jen Mitchell- Could base community engagement model on Vasse Wonnerup Strategy. • Other volunteer engagement programs worth considering include Keep Australia Beautiful and Fisheries Inspector Volunteers. • Quindalup petition received by 500 people in response to planned removal of permanent private marquees. Report being drafted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoastSWaP to add ACC Assn contacts to network and contact to attend/ present at forum in March 2016. • Share Curtin University Coastal Values study specifically City of Busselton. • CoastSWaP to investigate Fisheries and KAB programs in regards to Bay Watch project.
<p>Jackie Nichol- Senior Environmental Officer, City of Busselton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wonnerup Foreshore Reserves Management Plan. 02 Marine consultant. Draft plan out for comment, public forum held on Tuesday 24th November. Received funding from Coastwest for revegetation, formalising access and weed control in management area. Receiving bad publicity from papers and on Facebook, particularly from ORV users. Main area of concern is traditional owner burial ground (indigenous consultation carried out by Brad Good) and nesting site near mouth. Other concerns from commercial fishers whose access will be restricted. Interest from Wonnerup/ Capel residents in regards to a coastal observers and engagement program. SWCC will support with Management Plan implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist SWCC, City of Busselton to develop regional management approaches, solutions to ORV impacts in coastal zone. Plan 'Geographe Bay Watch' – Volunteer Coastal Observers and Engagement Program. • CoastSWaP to add new volunteer and Meelup coordinator Kay to network

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft NRM and Community engagement strategies being developed. Need better balance and new approaches to develop partnerships and collaborate with community. John – Current formal environmental committee in City of Busselton, needs to be included. • New Meelup Regional Park Management Committee and Volunteer Coordinator position filled with City of Busselton 	
<p>Judy Clarke- Chair, Wonnerup Residents Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wonnerup MP carried out very quickly. Steering Committee rushed through planning and consultation process. Only one or two ORV users inappropriate. Will be difficult to block access to south, commercial fisherman concerned. Drainage sumps constructed in dunes to deal with stormwater runoff from Layman Rd – locals not consulted, planned fencing and surveillance will be unsightly. Road itself needs to be reprofiled and aligned to prevent flooding. Wonnerup Residents Assn members commented, end result is some recommendations ineffective. • Port Geographe groynes – eastern section further down still being impacted, no sand renourishment occurring as originally intended. Must have sand renourishment to offset erosion from groynes. Significant erosion has occurred for 1st time since reconfiguration, next big storm will impact area significantly including damage to road and flooding of Vasse Wonnerup/ Busselton. Frustrated at overall process of planning and consultation. Some plans contain misinformation which results in ineffective implementation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judi to write letter of submission in regards to Wonnerup Reserves Management Plan.
<p>Jen Mitchell- Coastal Facilitator, South West Catchments Council</p> <p>South West Catchments Council NRM Strategy under review. Funding from National landcare Program. Currently one coastal facilitator funded till 2018 responsible from Binningup to Walpole. Focused on community assisted on ground projects.</p> <p>Geographe Bay Projects Include -</p> <p>5 Mile Brook sand dune stabilisation, revegetation and restriction of ORV (heavy gage wire and steel beams); SW Marine Debris cleanup support; Corporate Vols; West Busselton Primary Adopt a Beach; Marine Debris PD for teachers, Capel Primary.</p> <p>Total for SW 917 vols, 1500 hrs in kind \$40 000. Will continue to support City of Busselton for Wonnerup Rehabilitation and assist with Bay Watch project.</p> <p>South West Coastal Action Plan – difficult to source info for all areas, final version December 2016. Document will be updated regularly. Coastal Action plan identifies threats, values, capacity, opportunities and gaps. Meelup priority.</p>	
<p>John McCallum- Meelup Regional Park Management Committee</p>	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master Plan being revised, new governance, major aspirational goals needed to be prioritised. New coordination involves staff officer as opposed to contractor. Creating 'Friends of Meelup Park' group.• Recent works include Meelup Beach carpark redevelopment, walk and MTB trails upgrade, reveg and weed control through SWCC grant, whale watching platform. | |
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