

## South West and Peel Coastal Management Group (CoastSWaP)

Warren Coastal Stakeholder Forum (Black Point – Walpole), Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

### Minutes



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

- Windy Harbour weed control and other on ground work need followup actions including further weed control, brushing and planting. Community engagement event planned for January 2017, key stakeholders to support and assist.
- ORV and informal camping issues need to be addressed by higher level decision makers. Further funding and resources required to manage as well as changes to policy, planning and legislation.
- Walpole Inlet erosion issues need to be addressed by detailed planning and assessment, CoastSWaP recommends stakeholders investigate conducting Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) for region, Dept of Planning provides guidelines and funding.
- Momentum gaining with increased coastal on-ground actions in Warren region and stakeholder collaboration. Great to see!

Stakeholder presentation and discussion	Action/ followup required from discussion
<p><b>Julian Sharp, Murray Grey and Yarnie – Warren Catchments Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windy Harbour Victorian Tea Tree removal project. 2 staff worked on 6 month program to manually cut and burn. Majority has been removed, needs further followup and support to continue, can be completely eradicated around town site. Also planted and stabilised dune around boatramp. Support from Caravan Park manager helped engage with community however more education/ engagement required to get community on board and active. Beach cleanup planned there after Australia Day. WCC, SWCC and Manjimup shire agreed to organise and run community workshop/ interpretive session on removing Victorian tea tree and planting local natives including planting spinifex and brushing for stabilisation.</li> <li>Difficulty sourcing seed and provenance plants, suggested to trial cutting and translocation of local species <i>Spinifex hirsutus</i>, <i>Carpobrotus virescens</i>. As well as direct seeding eg <i>Olearia axillaris</i></li> <li>Three beach clean-ups also carried in region this year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share Coastal Gardens Guide with WCC developed by South Coast NRM</li> <li>Share CoastSWaP revegetation and stabilisation case studies with WCC</li> <li>WCC, SWCC and SoM to coordinate community engagement event at Windy Harbour for 2017.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tracey Robins- Ranger, DPaW Donnelly District</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biggest issue in D'Entrecasteaux NP people pressure. Mostly from Off Road Vehicle users straying from track and informal camping in dunes. Very high use in peak periods – in excess of 1000 vehicles (many of these camping) on beach Easter 2016. Management Plan still allows for informal camping in DNP, rangers and staff pushing very hard to designate for formal camping areas. Only designated sites are Black Point and Yeagarup. Management moving slowly, lack of funding and staff. Short term aims to install signage and temporary toilets to encourage camping in certain areas, although not formally designate. No weed program for Donnelly district, limited funds once again.</li> <li>Education also not considered a priority by management however it's carried where possible by rangers. Have investigated '4wd retailers association' group to approach and encourage sustainable ORV use on the coast. Other groups such as Keep Our Coast Open and Unlock the Gates very powerful lobbyists for 'open access'.</li> <li>Review of interpretive and information signage in NP being conducted. Some research shows many visitors are simply 'sign blind'.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Source details for '4wd retailers association' for potential future engagement/ adding to stakeholders network.</li> <li>Source and share research on effectiveness of signage from DPaW incl 'sign blind' info.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Jacky Manning – Parks and Visitor Services Coordinator, DPaW Frankland District</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coastal Belting most successful and cost effective method of rationalising and maintaining ORV access. However still costly and time consuming to maintain, need heavy machinery. Can get 20 -30yrs use out of the belting if maintained. Some areas (eg Long Point) have had parallel tracks informally created when one gets too rough another is 'bashed through'. These are mostly rationalised and hardened off where possible to have one main access, however some remain as 'sacrificial areas' for ORV enthusiasts to use.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share contacts and links to CHRMAP process to Walpole Coastal Stakeholders</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bibbulman track maintenance along coast, 'box stairs' still effective method for access down steep slopes in sandy areas.</li> <li>• Fishermans track to Broke Inlet. Need to restrict access for six months every year to let areas recover, often gate is damaged/ removed illegally to gain access. However restrictions still work to help area recover, lots of priority/ significant flora and fauna sites there.</li> <li>• Walpole Inlet, lots of erosion along foreshore along Coalmine beach and boatramp. Need to start thinking about methods of protection. CoastSWaP recommended to look into CHRMAP process for funding, planning and implementation of erosion control.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Janine McDonald- Nature Conservation Coordinator, DPaW Frankland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hand baiting carried out to control fox populations at Circus and Shelley Beach. Dogs being used to track/ chase out pigs in areas after fire. Cats difficult, fussy with baits, separate project to eradicate these being carried out across the south west forests. In Mornington Peninsula dogs being used to chase up trees then they are shot, this might not in coastal area as thick heath difficult for dogs.</li> <li>• Weed control limited funds available not a large component of program, some Cape tulip at Clifty Head. Large invasion of sea Wheat at Clifty head.</li> <li>• Shore Birds (Brad Kneebone input here too)- No sign of Plover Nesting at Broke Inlet – no beach due to mouth still open. Bitterns at Owingup Swamp and potentially Marinup too. Mouth of Irwin no nesting Fairy Terns, however Hooded Plovers present there.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Ann Bentley - Sustainability Officer, Shire of Manjimup</b> (notes copied from handout presented)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Windy Harbour Weed Management Program</b> In 2016 the Shire of Manjimup have been working in partnership with the Warren Catchments Council and Community Volunteers to deliver weed management in our Windy Harbour A Class Reserve. Our activities have come from the priorities established by the Manjimup Weed Action Group, a collection a key government and community stakeholders in our Shire. We are currently putting together a weed control program 2017.</li> </ul> <p>The following weeds that have been targeted for control, should not be planted in the Windy Harbour development as they escape from gardens and spread into our Sensitive Environment Areas.</p> <p>Sydney Golden Wattle, <i>Acacia longifolia</i> False Onion Weed, <i>Trachyandra divaricata</i> Coast Teatree, <i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i> Butterfly Bush/Myrtleleaf Milkwork, <i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> One-leaf Cape Tulip, <i>Moraea flaccida</i> Bridal Creeper, <i>Asparagus asparagoides</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information and interpretive signage to be developed and installed at Broke Inlet, support and assistance from SWCC and WCC</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Windy Harbour Coastwest New Beach Access Point</b>            The existing Windy Harbour Beach Access point near the Look out has been identified as being in an unsustainable location. Adaption planning and coastal monitoring show that behind the rocky headland could be a suitable location as the new access point. Pedestrians are already using this location, causing erosion and damage to sensitive environments.            The community have been contributing to the rehabilitation of their coastal environment, protecting it for the long term. The Coastwest grant will enable training and resources for volunteers to continue this work and provide improved access in emergency conditions. We are currently looking for volunteers to take coastal photos and monitor the environmental conditions at Windy Harbour.            The project will commence in 2017 after an engineering assessment.         </li> <li> <b>Warren Catchments Council (WCC) Environs Project – Windy Harbour</b>            In 2016 the WCC have conducted weed control and biodiversity works as part of an Environs Project. The Shire of Manjimup are very thankful to the WCC for the partnership project as the work completed will save money in controlling the weeds in the future.            In 2017 rehabilitation and signage are planned to prevent erosion and protect shorebird nesting habitat.         </li> <li> <b>Walpole Foreshore – Swarbrick Jetty</b>            The Shire of Manjimup were unable to deliver the project that was funded by the SWCC Groundworks funding to stabilise the foreshore as the best way to fix the erosion problem could not be determined.            A concept plan for the foreshore has been funded from illegal clearing in Walpole. The plan has gone out for public comment to determine the long term management of the foreshore.         </li> <li> <b>Broke Inlet, Camfield</b>            Partnership project with South West Catchments Council and Department of Parks and Wildlife to control weeds and erosion problems.         </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Jen Mitchell - Coastal Facilitator, SWCC</b> (notes copied from powerpoint presentation)</p> <p><b>2016 projects for Warren region</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitating the Citizen science micro-plastic survey from Walpole to Binningup</li> <li>Planting and snail removal with WPS, WOW Wilderness Cruises Nornalup Inlet mouth/Shelley beach</li> <li>Hosted WPS at Yallingup for planting and marine debris collection</li> <li>Gardner River planting and weed removal with MSHS over 2 days</li> <li>DPaW conveyor belt installation at Broke Inlet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WCC and SWCC to arrange for Manjimup prisoners to assist with on ground coastal works.</li> </ul>

- DPaW VTT removal Broke Inlet
- Green Army (Shire of Manjimup) bollard installation at Broke Inlet

**2017 Proposed projects**

- Gardner River-brushing, Broke Inlet-planting, Walpole- 'Grow a Planet' program
- To continue to work with UWA on the micro plastic research using developing methodology for real-time sampling at 'hot spots' identified through the original research
- Develop and maintain partnerships to deliver on-ground events promoting Coastal NRM