

2017 Bunbury Coastal Stakeholders Forum

13th December 2017, 3pm- 5pm

(Christmas celebration food and drink from 5-5.45pm)

Bunbury City Council, Ocean Room.

4 Stephen Street, Bunbury



Final Draft Minutes

Forum Objectives

- Provide an opportunity for key stakeholders to share up to date information on issues, priorities and actions within the coastal zone from Binningup to Peppermint Grove Beach
- Identify potential planning and management solutions for future coastal rehabilitation and protection.
- AGM prior to the Forum

Agenda

Time	Item	Input
3pm	1. Welcome and introduction, agenda outline	Jo Ludbrook- Coast SWaP Project Officer
3.10pm	2. Presentation: Coastal Condition Template	SWCC
3.20pm	3. Stakeholder Updates and Q&A (approx. 5-10 mins each). Stakeholder perspectives, priorities, issues and actions related to coastal management and planning.	Invited Stakeholders (TBC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coast SWaP (regional, state and national update)• South West Catchments Council• City of Bunbury• Shire of Harvey• Shire of Capel• DBCA• Leschenault Catchment Council• Coastal Community Groups• Peron Naturaliste Partnership• Dolphin Discovery Centre• Leschenault Community Nursery – Plants List
4.45pm – 5pm	4. Coast SWaP Presentation Strategic Plan and Case Studies, summary and close meeting	
5pm	5. Close	
5pm- 5.45pm	Food and Bev Christmas Celebration with CERG (Community Environment Reference Group)	



Meeting Notes

1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees

	Name	Organisation	Role
1.	Peter Eastlake	South West and Peel Coastal Management Group (CoastSWaP)	Treasurer
2.	Jo Ludbrook	CoastSWaP (also ACS and PNP)	Project Officer
3.	Ben Deeley	City of Bunbury	Team Leader Sustainability & Environmental Planning
4.	Jen Mitchell and Jo Hugues-Dit-ciles	South West Catchments Council (SWCC)	Coastal Facilitator and Coastal Program Manager
5.	Sue Kalab and John Collins	Birdlife Australia and Pt Douro	Volunteer
6.	Beth Golden	Lechenault Catchments Council (LCC)	Volunteer Committee rep.
7.	Eleanor Bennett	Peppermint Grove Beach	Volunteer / Community
8.	Karl Ilich	EvoCoast	Consultant and Community rep
9.	Phil Coulthard	Dolphin Discovery Centre	Exec Officer
10.	Rae McPherson	Shire of Capel	Staff
11.	Mark Kennedy	Coast SWaP	Vice Chairperson
12.	Joan Jenkins	Friends of the Earth / Transition Towns	CERG Member
13.	Barry and Julie Clarke	Friends of Manea Park	CERG Member
14.	Susan Hill	SW Environment Centre	CERG Member
15.	Jill Elderfield		CERG Member
16.	Phil Smith		CERG Member
17.	Dr. Bernhard Bischoff		CERG Member

Apology

Alan Cross – SWCD, Sue Kaleb – Birdlife Australia, Craig Perry – PNP/WALGA, Sam Pickering – Shire of Harvey

2. Presentation by South West Catchment Council – Jen Mitchell

(See attachment 1- presentation on Coastal Condition Assessment)

3. Stakeholder Updates

Ben - City of Bunbury

- CoBunbury is a member of the PNP, PNP is a regional group of councils along coast between Rockingham and Busselton. Two major regional projects Bunbury involved in are:
 1. CVP Update - one of three case studies in Bunbury - online surveys, site specific surveys, and google earth mapping workshop
 2. Regional Coastal Monitoring Program - standardised approach to coastal processes
- Hayward street in partnership with SWC and LCC - brushing and infill planting
- Small community group - Friends of Marlston Hill project
- Mindalong – completed infill planting
- Maidens - Preston river regional park - planting previously and brushing in 2017
- Question - Mark - anything planned forth cut?
Answer - Council has some recreational use plans for the area - issues with contamination are there, currently trying to gain an understanding of risks and contamination and what possible uses
- Does Koombana Bay redevelopment have known short term and long term impacts?
- Ben - Impact on coastal processes have been looked at and modelled and again is being looked at by GHD

Eleanor - Peppermint Grove Beach

- website on natives and weed species www.peppiplants.com.au.

Rae - Shire of Capel

- Out of 29km Capel manages around 5kms (still some very old titles - Dalyelalup, Rich Road, Peppermint Grove Beach, Forrest Beach car park
- Also doing coastal monitoring with the PNP (two people required for monitoring). Rae taking Capel planning department staff with her to do monitoring, great for bringing up to speed with where field workers are at and get out of the office and get to know Capel Coastal programs and sites.
- Private landholder has a large 40metre migrating dune (migrating north).

Karl and Charlie – Evo Coast

- Evo coast (Charlie) as a way of introduction - we both live in the South West and enjoy getting involved in these sorts of activities.
- if you want any technical help regarding coastal engineering get in touch
- currently peer reviewing SPER for Koombana Bay

Beth - Leschenault Catchment Council

- most work focuses around Water Quality of the Leschenault
- Conservation volunteer day held, grant monies received from Dep of Communities. 60 people attended.
- Blackberry Control Prgram continues
- Citizen Science Program Continues
- Leschenault Biosecurity Group received funding
- new LCC Board met recently, new chair is Adrian Colley
- Adrian Egan has done a gap review with recommendations on what priorities need to be done (funded by Chrystal) also will fund a 5 year research project to address gaps
- Skilled project officers are working with developers to plant required revegetation
- Regional Estuaries Initiative will see a workshop happen next year
- Leschenault Biosecurity has released virus (check name) for (declared rate)
- UWA have been looking at the seagrass in estuary, slowly recovering after blue green algae event a few years ago, adding to the info and comparisons for water quality plan.

Phil – Dolphin Discovery Centre

- Main focus as a Tourism centre - run tours most days
- As far as coastal issues - we see a lot of issues, we like to partner with coastal community groups, regional, state and local groups and volunteers and media.
- We have outlets and avenues for communication/ media and volunteers available for projects

- Kids teaching Kids Conference, September each year - education, awareness, behaviour change and conservation. Bunbury based conference was born from Mandurah based event. Different model than Mandurah now to have 100% kids teaching kids with mentors (160 kids from different schools attend each year).
- Kids involved present outside of event to teach other students
- 2000 kids a year come through centre for education programs
- Mangrove site is a bit hard to get to currently with redevelopment happening.
- Coastal erosion / foreshore redevelopment / dolphin watching
- Have a research component - now into 4th PHD research candidate through Murdoch. Funding has ceased. May be the last with funding finishing. Human impact assessment PHD study. Looking at female dolphin behaviour / feeding and survivorship rate of calves.
- Comment - Mark - previously collecting Mangrove Seeds and propagating at Kids teaching Kids conference
- Mangroves area could be replanted and Leschenault Community Nursery would be keen to be involved

John and Sue K - Birdlife Australia and Point Douro

- Sue - Mangroves have sprouted up at north side of harbour at Port Mornington. Also sprouted at northern end of Estuary (13kms north of Pt. Mornington. At a bird survey in December Bruce Buchanan commented on this.
- February national shorebird Survey. 24 sites and 30 volunteers. Australia wide study. Counting all species of birds, around 70 species on list. Volunteers walk sections of the coast (including coast, big swamp and estuaries).
- Dolphin was discovered and taken care of until wildlife rescue arrived.
- Special attention to estuary and let Nick Dunlop know when Fairy Terns are seen nesting.
- Port Douro is the last area of remnant - at the end there is a lot of rubbish being dumped, used as a camping site (currently a camp there all winter, another for a few weeks and a third person camping)
- some of the site earmarked for urban development, previously acid sulphate soils onsite. Can be treated.

Jen and Joanna – South West Catchment Council

- See presentation. Work as far as Binningup.
- note -in areas where no coastcare groups exist, rather than setting up new groups there is interest in working under existing groups incorporation and expanding to undertake on ground works like planting, been very successful with around 25 people working on planting at a local Bunbury site this year. (ask Jen for location)
- All activities at each site based on priorities and resources from Coastal Action Plan.

Sue H – South West Environment Centre

- SW Env. Centre is a community support for environmental issue and work as a watch dog. Some concerns about issues around blue green algae.
- raising of the footbridge has raised alarm bells because of yachts and larger boats, there are concerns about increased pressures from bigger boats being able to access up stream
- No public consultation for fluoridation for local water.

Mark – Bilbunya Nursery and Coast SWaP (comments)

- if you live on the coast it becomes important to engage with groups like coast swap. You gain valuable knowledge. I am very hands on and am keen for onground effort.
- This year partnering with Leschenault Community Nursery for revegetation.
- Mark asked if anyone know if anything is planned for the cut.

Written reports

Johnny Prefumo - Leschenault Community Landcare Nursery

- Attachment 2 - plants list, put in orders now for next year.

4. Coast SWaP Presentation (Jo Ludbrook)

- New Strategic Plan 2017-2020, Coast SWaP Forums and Case Studies. (See attachment 3 – Jo's presentation)

5. 5pm close.

- Community Environment Reference Group has a christmas celebration at 5pm - 5.45pm. Coast SWaP Forum participants invited to join celebration.
- CERG is a non-statutory group whom advises council on environment issues.

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