

2017 South Coast Sub-regional Forum (Black Point to Walpole)

29th November 2017

10am – 1.30pm (with additional walking field trip to Walpole Inlet 1.30pm-2.30pm)

Walpole Community Hall

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Attendees and apologies

Name	Organisation
Ann Bentley	Councillor Manjimup
Dave Tapley	Councillor Manjimup
Neil Carroll	City of Mandurah
Chris Abbiss	City of Mandurah
Beth and Phill Schultz	Coastal Land Owners and community representative
Jonathan Schultz	Nornalup resident
Julian Sharp	Warren CC
Tracey Robins	DBCA (apology)
Tim Andrews	President – Walpole Nornalup NP Ass.
Kristy	DBCA (on behalf of Jackie)
Jen Mitchell	SWCC
Jo Ludbrook	Coast SWaP
Louise Stokes	Nannup Shire (apology)
Adele Brown	Walpole Nornalup Visitor Centre (apology)
Jackie Manning	DBCA (apology)

2. Key Note Presentations

Jo Ludbrook – South West and Peel Coastal Management Group

- see presentation slides – attachment 1

Jen Mitchell

- see Coastal site assessment presentation and template - attachment 2

Neil Carroll – City of Mandurah Waterways / Coastal Management Plan 2017

- see presentation – attachment 3

Additional presentation notes:

- Matting to beach good for all abilities access
- Coastal/foreshore erosion – intervention or letting nature take its course, main aims for works are access and nature
- Getting historical data, survey, understand and manage community expectation
- Coastal Monitoring / Remote sensing, drones, cameras (automating data)
- Sand bagging, rock walls, groins
- Natural areas no revetment works, recreation areas, safety, access.
- Local champions in the community to have ownership of data and advocacy.

Comments / Questions

Dave T – thank you Neil, great presentation. We have a problem here with access causing damage (Vic Semeniuk) has done some reports, foreshore in Walpole (tourist town) – Foreshore gets boggy, may need to build boardwalk and redevelop.

3. Round table Updates

Ann – Shire of Manjimup

- Windy Harbor Project / Management Plan in the pipeline
 - a) currently manage weeds and roadside, ongoing development going on there, working with lease holders on what can and cannot occur near national park.
 - b) Lease out lots to residents for non-permanent buildings. Regulation for water and power not in place.
 - c) Access way works complete
 - d) Broke Inlet - isolated area, number of squatters huts, a lot of boat / jet ski launching, 4wd only, erosion and veg destruction, work with and educate user community to manage weeds, not create their own roads, etc.
 - e) Foreshore has threatened species and is managing dune areas with SWCC

Neil – response – skipper is responsible to adhere to the maritime laws

- Broke Inlet – check to see if it is un-allocated crown land.
 - a) Developing a management plan there is designated camping areas and currently no water, toilets, procedure, signage etc.
 - b) Bridal trail from Nannup to Broke Inlet (potentially will help with facilities at Broke Inlet)

Comments -

Tracey – response – interpretive signage (DPaW has had an issue with access to the NP (bringing their dogs onto boats and walking them in beach nesting bird habitats)

Jen – response - south coast NRM has an existing compliance and education.

Julian – response - need to educate on the rights of nature (laws around natural environment having legal rights and people having legal responsibility), as opposed to human rights.

- Ann - Walpole Inlet
 - a) Concept plan completed – people want access, yachting access, canoeing access, don't want to change the features, also a place for Walpole tourism.

Dave – Walpole Weeders

- Swarbrick Foreshore - vandalism occurred with trees being damaged, signs were erected in the trees place and dead trees were left, now at a stage where we are hoping to reveg. the area. Weeds have overtaken that area after years of community weeding. CoManjimup natural areas/ works and services do not have funding for weeding (blackberry and many other weeds).

Comments and Questions:

Ann - Funding from SWCC to stabilise a high access area near jetty, doing sand bagging and planting - council did not have confidence in delivery of the trial and \$10000 was handed back to SWCC.

Neil – some advice – (1) permissions for coastal community groups to do some works for erosion control, or other works, (2) make community aware of what you are going to do (3) make councils reports with details of the effort required (4) allow persistent community reps to undertake project I they are enthusiastic

Comment - Volunteers are out undertaking works - insured or un-insured. Permission to go out and undertake works on public land.

Jen Mitchell – SWCC Coastal Facilitator Program

South Coast Achievements (see slides – attachment)

- Weed control at Camfield
- Planting at Camfield
- VTT workshop and removal at Windy Harbour
- Marine Debris Clean Up at Salmon Beach
- Wind Fencing repair and re-siting at Gardner river
- Planting at Shelley Beach (with a local school – each school has a local env. theme)
- Across the broader SWCC region Jen’s Coastal Program includes:
- Future (see slides): Confident the coastal facilitator role will continue, not sure the exact focus, but likely to continue to manage natural coastal areas of ecological significance i.e. Threatened species and ecological communities.

Julian – Warren CC

- Shore bird defence – recognizing n=migratory and nesting shore birds – Pemberton Discovery Tours ran tour, Birdlife Australia with Northcliffe and schools. Nesting Fairy Terns had already nested. Huge impacts on beach nesting birds by vehicles.
- Comment – Shire of Manjimup had a community survey, highest priority id care for the environment and it doesn’t always translate.
- Developed a Warren Community Env and Landcare Survey to be put online – intending to understanding the priorities for the region, for Warren CC to prioritise action for management and onground effort. We have people with skills in our community and we hope to expand with more grass roots (bottom up) effort in managing the cartchment.
- Fairy Terns occur right across the SW and is a great project for collaboration.

Tim – Nornalup to Walpole NP Association

- Hooded Plover – unofficial bird watching group in Denmark, hooded plover nesting at Wilson Inlet where Dogs are allowed and horses are run. Provided bird shelters for the Hooded Plovers.
- Weeding purple celicia
- NP Ass is involved in the bird counts
- Around 100 members with around 6 active members (many aging / retirees)
- Other projects - Pig prevention and the protection and mapping Peets – Project
- Work with Volunteers and DPaW

Kristy – DBCA

- Marine Park - Arum Lily plants discovered by Volunteers at NP Ass. 10-year project
- Work a lot with groups, incl. Conspicuous Cliffs weeding. Involving Perth school groups. Students tackling weeds while hiking into areas that are not as accessible.
- Bush ranger group (students from Perth) and other perth schools come doen each year and self manage coastal marine debris, weeding and other meaningful work to do along the coast
- Tangaroa Blue Project – Uwa in Albany doing a project on sampling micro - marine plastics (currently through to Easter) and potential for ongoing projects.
- Facilitating visitor access along the coast, particularly 4wd access, wind, water erosion of tracks, maintain belting in areas where it is up to 20 years old and implementing new belting
- Section of 4wd where it crosses a creek, sleepers, sand bags and materials put in place for boggy section. Will monitor through next winter for success
- Steps access at Botleneck Bay has been rebuilt. Wooden structure only last to a certain point, but at base there are issues with safety of access
- Bibbulman track is being realigned in some sections where issues arose around track maintenance (east of Walpole)
- Where there is an issue with beach vehicle access – markers
- Future – erosion, steps / access
- Foreshore Project at Walpole will involve DPaw because of Marine Park adjacent
- Erosion control, engineering effort will be funded internally in the near future to see what is needed in adaptation planning.
- Walpole Primary Project at Shelley Beach.

Jen – media release on Hooded Plover nesting sites, surveys.

Beth Schultz – Coastal Land Manager (Property owner 800 acres along the coast west of Black Point and also property on Frankland River at Nornalup)

- Property - Wonil (Noongar for Peppermint) – No beach nesting birds
- Conservation covenant on the property
- Documents relating to areas we are discussing – Southern Shores 2001-2021, Augusta-Walpole Coastal Strategy 2009, Leeuwin-Naturaliste Capes Area Management Plan 2015, Shannon and D’Entrecasteaux Management Plan 2012,

Walpole Wilderness and Adjacent Parks Management Plan 2008, Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park Management Plan 2008, are they being used?

- Jen – Status of Coastal Management in WA will have all these resources noted in it.
- Aware of the Management Plans being used for prioritizing works.
- Tracey – also uses the Management Plans weekly, also site district policy etc.
- Reports and Audits are undertaken on KPI's from Management Plans for each NP area (every 5 years)
- Ann – does everyone know what resources, historic data and existing effort can be built on or used for management purposes
- Aspirational plan to have a special data base for all resources available on coastal areas for integrated management purposes.
- Gov. hack – accessible gov. data.
- Beth has further resources on bird surveys etc.
- NGOs and Environment Centres should be involved to help coordinate the human and literature resources.
 - Seminar on Coastal Law from Environmental Defender's Office – how do we use the law to protect our area.
 - EDO also does fact sheets.
 - Julian – also the Australian Enviro. Law Ass.
 - Jen – there is a gap for facilitating local knowledge and bringing in new info, Coast SWaP can fill that gap.
 - Neil comment – I would encourage local community groups to question and provide feedback on MP's.

1. Meeting Close – 1.30pm

2. Field Trip – walk to Walpole Inlet, Jetty, boat ramp, walking track and to look at proposed boardwalk and erosion issues.