

## Minutes of the meeting of the CCA Foreshore Working Group 22 December 2022

A working group comprising members from the Cootharaba Community Association (CCA) and the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club (LCSC), met with Julie Calvert and Oscar Rogers from Noosa Shire Council (NSC) on the 21 December 2022.

The members of the working group are:

Rosie Edgar	CCA
John Olds	CCA
Dave Hanby	CCA
Doug Straker	CCA & Bushcare
Warren Kuscof	CCA and SES
Steve Jardine	CCA
Mick Capelin	CCA & Bushcare
Todd McVey	LCSC
Bill Henderby	LCSC
David Finch	CCA (an apology for 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2022)

We provided a PowerPoint presentation for some more background to the flooding events earlier this year, which also will go up on the CCA website.

Julie will present the next version of the plans at the next CCA meeting, originally planned for 11 February 2023 but will now be **18 February 2023**.

At the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> we were informed that there are two main projects that relate to the restoration of the Boreen Point foreshores that NSC is running.

1. The QLD Reconstruction Authority (QRA) funded project, which is primarily aimed at repairing the damage following the 2022 floods.
  - a. Julie Calvert is heading up the team preparing a submission to QRA on this project and in her address to the group, showed concept drawings of what NSC will include in their submission to QRA.
  - b. At the time NSC was finalising an application to QRA seeking around \$500K for restoration works around the Boreen Point foreshore.
  - c. The plans currently show the works will include the use of rocks on some small areas of restoration but the larger areas of restoration e.g., the main beach in front of the sailing club will utilise up to three tiers of 'geotech' fabric sandbags, each offset landward of the one below in line with the current slope (drawings will be available at the CCA meeting in February).
  - d. Julie explained that once the funding is approved there can be minor modifications to the plan within the allocated budget.
  - e. There will be minimal if any loss of the beach.

- f. These works are not so much to fix erosion problems but aim to make our foreshore and therefore community more resilient to flooding.
  - g. The plans currently show full restoration of the existing soil, grass and infrastructure above the proposed sandbags.
  - h. All minor works to date since the three floods earlier this year have been funded by NSC.
  - i. Julie fielded comments from the group and took suggestions on board regarding the concept plans including:
    - i. consideration of the need for some form of irrigation for restoration of grass etc.
    - ii. the possible use of a combination of structures, fabric and vegetation above the sandbags to stabilise the area
    - iii. possible reduction of the height of the top of the works above the Geotech sandbags, reducing the amount of soil that has historically been built up around the old trees to allow for placement of the curb
    - iv. Vegetation (e.g. *Lomandra* spp.) and its ability to reduce wave/wind action and stabilise soil and sand needs to be an integral part of the planned works.
2. Oscar Rogers from NSC spoke to the group about the much longer term (i.e. at least five years) draft *Living Foreshore Plan*.
- a. The aim will be to equip the foreshores in the shire with appropriate vegetation and infrastructure to ensure they are as resilient as possible to both natural and human impacts in the longer term.
  - b. The draft plan will include community aspirations and cover areas such as access, environment, land and street scaping as well as flood and hydrological process studies.
  - c. This draft plan is currently with NSC awaiting approval for release for consultation following internal processes including risk assessments etc.

Hope you all had a great Christmas and all the best for 2023. Looking forward to our continued work on the project with NSC.