



representing the Community on issues that affect the Community

Dear Frank

Thank you for being one of our guest speakers at a Cootharaba Community Association (CCA) meeting and providing an update regarding Council's intended plans for the rehabilitation of the Boreen Point part of the Lake Cootharaba foreshore.

No doubt these works will help alleviate some of the immediate safety risks as well as the damaged vegetation and reduced amenity resulting from the considerable erosion caused by the elevated water levels, wind and wave action during the February and more recent floods in April. Hopefully the La Nina weather event is now in abeyance for the immediate future, so remedial action may now need to occur sooner than later. The main beach in front of the sailing club has suffered the worst and needs urgent attention during what could be considered the sailing 'off season, however there are other areas of concern as well (see images below). The Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club (LCSC) will

be back in full swing from September and as usual there will be several State and National titles held, showcasing the LCSC, the Lake as a wonderful small craft sailing destination and the Noosa Shire in general.

While the CCA is always very appreciative of Council's efforts regarding the current regime of foreshore restoration works; and recognizing that such events are likely to increase in frequency, our membership considers that it may be an appropriate time to pursue a longer-term plan for the foreshore. To progress this, the CCA Management Committee (CCA MC) has the support of our membership to assist Council in the development of what could be considered a Long-Term Foreshore Restoration and Stabilisation Plan. The plan would require some modelling, especially given the Lake's likely very different hydrological processes under average versus storm and flood conditions. The longer term planning, restoration and stabilisation options for consideration by Council would also require consultation to consider the needs of all relevant stakeholders. To this end the CCA would provide a valuable conduit for Council to community stakeholders and in particular those with the greatest interest in the foreshore e.g., the LCSC. Getting it right in the planning phase will lead to the eventual successful implementation of works that will both protect the values of our foreshore for all stakeholders and reduce the need for ongoing intervention works by Council.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the CCA, we'd welcome any suggestions you may have and look for to Council's attention to the urgent part of this letter (i.e. the immediate need for some remedial action) as well as your response in relation to the longer term planning matter.

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