

Coolum District Coast Care Group Action Plan 2014

Coolum District Coast Care Group is a volunteer-based community group with over 140 members, many of whom are active. CDCCG has been incorporated since 2000 and is well respected within the Sunshine Coast community. CDCCG projects include but are not limited to: 7 weekly bush regeneration sites from Stumers Dunes to Mudjimba, co-managing Coolum Community Native Nursery, monitoring marine turtle nesting and stranding between Sunshine Beach and Mooloolah River, monthly marine debris surveys in four sites, shared management responsibility for the protection and enhancement of the road reserve from Coolum Beach to Point Arkwright. By working with the community, like organisations and governing bodies, CDCCG aims to preserve the native flora and fauna in our district. For further information regarding the activities undertaken by CDCCG visit the website and Facebook page.

Action Plan Priorities for 2014

Key Result Area	Objective	Focus for Ongoing Activities
1 Coastal Preservation and Restoration	<i>Restore and preserve coastal ecosystems.</i> <i>Manage frontal dunes better.</i>	Increase participation and knowledge of members and the community. Increase numbers of groups undertaking weekly bush regeneration activities Public educational activities promoting the use of local native plant species in urban areas, park and bush lands to reduce the impact of environmental weeds and enhance the biodiversity of the district. Develop interpretive signage to educate people about coastal ecosystem

<p>2 Education and Engagement with the Community</p>	<p><i>Increase community knowledge of biodiversity and coastal conservation management.</i></p>	<p>Coordinate events to ensure target species education coincides with practical activities.</p> <p>Host community forums including school groups to raise awareness about local flora and fauna.</p> <p>Participate in environmental forums as required</p> <p>Work with traditional owners to learn about the cultural and heritage values of the local landscapes.</p> <p>Produce 2015 calendar incorporating where possible links between Indigenous knowledge and biodiversity</p> <p>Develop creative activities to involve the community and CDCCG members to highlight protecting the natural coastal assets- both marine and terrestrial.</p>
<p>3 Coolum Community Native Nursery</p>	<p><i>Provide high quality local provenance plant species for the area in partnership with Maroochy Waterwatch</i></p> <p><i>Encourage community recognition of the value of native plants and the importance of CCNN to the Coolum District</i></p>	<p>Produce a large variety of local native flora species from local propagating materials for coastal revegetation projects, local gardens and parklands.</p> <p>Target and promote planting of birdwing butterfly vines, especially to re-establish habitat linkages.</p> <p>Document the history of the CCNN.</p> <p>Produce materials for printed and digital media about history and current operations of the nursery and its plants.</p>
<p>4 Marine Monitoring and Conservation</p>	<p><i>Promote sustainable use of the marine environment</i></p> <p><i>Increase knowledge of marine fauna and flora</i></p> <p><i>Reduce impact of human coastal activity including marine debris</i></p>	<p>Continue marine debris survey, sending data to Sunfish, Tangaroa Blue, CSIRO.</p> <p>Actively promote reduction in plastic usage.</p> <p>Engage with the public through turtle monitoring activities and presentations to schools and broader community.</p> <p>Show a relevant movie in Tickle Park.</p>

<p>5 Targeted Biodiversity Projects</p>	<p><i>Reduce impacts of feral species on coastal biodiversity</i></p> <p><i>Increase availability of healthy habitats</i></p>	<p>Participate in fox monitoring in partnership with QPWS and SCC.</p> <p>Partner with SCC in Indian (Common) Myna control.</p> <p>Continue weed removal and revegetation activities.</p> <p>Purchase, replace and audit nestboxes.</p> <p>Promote the planting of birdwing vine (<i>Pararistolochia praevanosa</i>) for habitat connectivity.</p> <p>Collect and disseminate marine turtle data, through EHP, SCC and other interested parties.</p>
<p>6 Advocacy for Biodiversity Issues</p>	<p><i>Voice concerns and negotiate environmentally positive outcomes for issues affecting the natural values of the Coolum District</i></p>	<p>Monitor events and development proposals and advocate for appropriate environmental outcomes.</p> <p>Advocate for sustainable land use planning including the coastal urban environment.</p> <p>Partner with Traditional Owners to promote cultural heritage awareness through environmental synergies.</p> <p>Advocate for an enlarged conservation estate incorporating appropriate linkages to ensure regional connectivity.</p>
<p>7 Management and Membership of CDCCG</p>	<p><i>Build sustainability and capacity of CDCCG to achieve the strategic plan</i></p> <p><i>Develop and nourish the membership base</i></p>	<p>Update and maintain website and Facebook page, volunteer hours grid and membership database.</p> <p>Establish bring-up systems for projects to assist in project management.</p> <p>Promote blue cards and first aid certificates to our members.</p> <p>Offer ongoing training activities for our members.</p> <p>Adopt and implement the use of project sheets.</p> <p>Produce quarterly newsletter, increasing distribution as relevant.</p> <p>Hold social functions for members.</p> <p>Participate in community events to attract new members.</p>