

Coolum District Coast Care Inc. Action Plan 2016

Coolum District Coast Care Group Inc., trading as **Coolum and North Shore Coast Care**, is a volunteer based community group with over 160 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: nine weekly, fortnightly or monthly bush regeneration sites from Stumers Dunes to Twin Waters; children's and public environmental education; co-managing Coolum Community Native Nursery; monitoring marine turtle nesting and stranding between Sunshine Beach and Mooloolah River; conducting monthly marine debris surveys in four sites; sharing management responsibility for the protection and enhancement of the road reserve from Coolum Beach to Point Arkwright. By working with the community, like-minded 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 2016

Key Result area	Objective	Increased Focus for Ongoing Activities
1 Coastal Preservation and Restoration	<i>Restore and preserve coastal ecosystems</i> <i>Manage frontal dunes better</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase participation and knowledge of members and the community • Consolidate the groups undertaking weekly bush regeneration activities • Undertake 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 ecosystems
2 Education and Engagement with the community	<i>Increase community knowledge of biodiversity and coastal conservation management</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Eco Discovery to increase ecological knowledge in children and families, combining education with practical activities • Establish Eco Discovery Young Leaders program • Host community forums including school groups to raise awareness about flora and fauna • Participate in environmental forums as required • Work with Traditional owners to learn about the cultural and heritage values of the local landscapes • Produce the 2017 calendar incorporating innovative themes to showcase

		<p>the natural environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and produce where appropriate, a range of printed materials that support operations • Develop creative activities to involve the community and CDCCG members to highlight protecting the natural coastal assets, both marine and terrestrial
<p>3 Coolum Community Native Nursery (CCNN)</p>	<p><i>Provide high quality local provenance plants 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce tubestock of a large variety of local native flora species from local propagating materials for coastal revegetation projects, local gardens and parklands • Target and promote planting birdwing butterfly vines especially to re-establish linkages • Document the history of CCNN • Produce materials for printed and digital media about the history and current operations of the nursery and its plants • Continue to review operations to ensure efficient and effective operations • Review the need for relocation and explore options for a new site as required
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue CDCCG's marine debris survey, sending data to Sunfish, Tangaroa Blue and CSIRO • Actively promote reduction in plastic usage • Engage with the public through turtle monitoring activities and presentations to schools and the broader community • Collect and disseminate marine turtle data to DEHP, SCC and other interested parties • Show a relevant movie in Tickle Park
<p>5 Targeted Biodiversity projects</p>	<p><i>Reduce the impact of feral species on coastal biodiversity</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in fox monitoring, in partnership with QPWS and SCC (turtle group) • Participate where possible with SCC in Indian Myna control • Continue weed control and revegetation activities

	<i>Increase availability of healthy habitats</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit nestboxes as required • Promote the planting of birdwing vines for habitat connectivity • Explore funding opportunities for re-surveying the flora and fauna of dunal vegetation communities
6 Advocacy for Biodiversity Issues	<i>Voice concerns and negotiate environmentally positive outcomes for issues affecting the natural values of the Coolum and North Shore area</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor events and development proposals and advocate for appropriate environmental outcomes • Advocate for sustainable land use planning including in the coastal urban environment • Partner with Traditional Owners to promote cultural heritage awareness through environmental synergies • Advocate for an enlarged conservation estate incorporating appropriate linkages to ensure regional connectivity
7 Management and membership of CDCCG	<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update and maintain the website and facebook page, volunteer hours spreadsheet and membership database • Establish an Instagram site for photographs • Use bring-up systems or calendar notes for projects to assist in project management • Promote Blue Cards and First Aid certificates to membership • Offer ongoing training activities for members • Adopt and implement use of project sheets • Ensure major projects have adequate volunteer/coordinator support • Produce a quarterly newsletter, increasing distribution as relevant • Hold social functions for members • Participate in community events and attract new members • Review the range of governance requirements to ensure organizational compliance • Explore options to ensure continuing financial security