

Coolum District Coast Care Action Plan 2015

Coolum District Coast Care Group, trading as Coolum and North Shore Coast Care, is a volunteer based community group with over 150 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 bush regeneration sites from Stumers Dunes to Twin Waters, 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, shares 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 2015

Key Result area	Objective	Increased Focus for Ongoing Activities	Achieved in 2015
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 • 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	• Small growth in numbers of active volunteers achieved • ToS, Nth and Sth Marcoola consolidated with regular roster • 7 school groups, TAFE, Deloitte participated in planting and weeding activities • Proposals discussed but workshops not held yet
2 Education and Engagement with the community	<i>Increase community knowledge of biodiversity and coastal conservation</i>	• Use Eco Discovery to increase ecological knowledge in children and families, combining education with practical activities • Host community forums including school groups to raise awareness about flora and fauna	• Four sessions successfully conducted • 7 school groups for planting/weeding, several turtle/debris talks, participated in Turtles/Foxes

	<i>management</i>	• Participate in environmental forums as required • Work with Traditional owners to learn about the cultural and heritage values of the local landscapes • Produce the 2016 calendar incorporating innovative themes to showcase the natural environment • 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	• Participated at SCEC Round Table and several SCC forums • Welcome to Country for events, joint wildflower walk at Marcoola showing traditional uses, publicized educational activities regarding Aboriginal culture and history, eco-discovery session on bush food plants and uses • Successfully produced, launched, distributed –‘Patterns of Nature’ theme • New information brochure and business cards • Jellyfish talk, Bees and Butterflies talk, Connect to your Creek, Wanderlust cleanup, Movie night, wildlife @ Nth Shore Xmas market, Ecodiscovery etc
3 Coolum Community Native Nursery (CCNN)	<i>Provide high quality local provenance plants for the area in partnership with Maroochy Waterwatch</i> <i>Encourage community recognition of the value of native</i>	• 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	• ongoing • 2 successful plantings at Bli Bli, involving the community, DEHP release of larvae in area • In progress • not achieved

	<i>plants and the importance of CCNN to the Coolum District</i>	• Continue to review operations to ensure efficient and effective operations • Review the need for relocation and explore options for a new site as required	• ongoing • ongoing
4 Marine Monitoring and Conservation	<i>Promote sustainable use of the marine environment</i> <i>Increase knowledge of marine fauna and flora</i> <i>Reduce impact of human coastal activity including marine debris</i>	• 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	• monthly surveys continuing, now sending data to AMDI database as well • Letters re balloons; forum at Noosa re plastic • numerous presentations to school, preschool and community • ongoing • "The Lost Years" shown on 5/12/15 – approx. attendance 200.
5 Targeted Biodiversity projects	<i>Reduce the impact of feral species on coastal biodiversity</i> <i>Increase availability of healthy habitats</i>	• Participate in fox monitoring, in partnership with QPWS and SCC • Partner with SCC in Indian Myna control • Continue weed control and revegetation activities • Purchase, replace and audit nestboxes • Promote the planting of birdwing vines for habitat connectivity	• CaNSCC involvement reduced due to NSC/SCC/QPWS arrangements, but baiting and trapping program undertaken • lapsed due to lack of members having SCC-approved sites • ongoing weekly and monthly • Nestbox project completed June15 • vines available at CCNN and media promotion
6 Advocacy for	<i>Voice concerns and negotiate</i>	• Monitor events and development proposals and advocate for appropriate environmental	• comments on Sekisui and SC airport proposals

Biodiversity Issues	<i>environmentally positive outcomes for issues affecting the natural values of the Coolum and North Shore area</i>	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	• comments on Surfrider Place rezoning proposal, SCC tree management strategy, comments on 2nd Bay platform and Pt Arkwright coastal pathway • Welcome to Country at events; partner in environmental cleanups eg 'Connect to your Creek' • letters to SCC and local MP sent as part of continued advocacy
7 Management and membership of CDCCG	<i>Build sustainability and capacity of CDCCG to achieve the strategic plan</i> <i>Develop and nourish the membership base</i>	• Update and maintain the website and facebook page, volunteer hours spreadsheet and membership database • Establish bring-up systems 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	• ongoing • not a formal system but calendar in Outlook established • ongoing • Weeding workshop 5/12/15 (SCC) • Ongoing • ongoing • ongoing • ongoing • World Environment Day, North Shore Markets, Marcoola Markets, Board Swap Marcoola, Landcare Conference (field trip), Connect to your Creek,

		• Review the range of governance requirements to ensure organizational compliance • Consider options to ensure financial stability	Wanderlust beach cleanup etc; increased numbers of CaNSCC members of Aboriginal descent • WH&S to be reviewed with SCC • donation opportunities reviewed
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