

Coolum District Coast Care Inc. Action Plan 2016 – Report Card

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	Achieved in 2016
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small growth in numbers of active volunteers achieved • Groups meeting regularly; (Dec-Nov: 3261 hours; 1202 bags of weeds removed; 2986 tubestock planted); 2nd year of EEC grant employing bush regen contractors in key areas; 3 group working bees at Mt Coolum NP; new floor for storage shed to enable groups to easily/safely access equipment; • Five school groups and TAFE students hosted for weeding/planting activities; Eco Discovery planting activity

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop interpretive signage to educate people about coastal ecosystems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childrens Poster workshop held, and posters created. Funding being sought for printing of signs
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 the natural environment • Review and produce where appropriate, a range of printed materials that support operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four sessions plus poster workshop successfully conducted • “Eco Detectives” young leaders program successfully established • 15 schools talks conducted including 10 turtle/marine debris talks to schools; talk at Cool Connections, Noosa Parks Friday Forum X2 and at the Noosa Photography Club; marine debris talk at 1st Bay • Participated in SCEC Roundtable and National Landcare conference (poster display) • Publicised Aboriginal culture and history education/awareness seminars; joint wildflower walks at Marcoola; joint EcoDiscovery session on mangroves and wetlands; gave assistance for project writing • 2017 calendar “Naturally Sunshine Coast” produced, involving local photographers and artists • Review OLAB with a view to reprinting when funds permit; Promotional video produced for

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop creative activities to involve the community and CDCCG members to highlight protecting the natural coastal assets, both marine and terrestrial 	<p>Landcare Conference awards to showcase CaNSCC activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect to your creek cleanup, 3 Wildflower Festival walks and talks; Wildlife and turtle talk at Nth Shore Xmas market, Eco Discovery and turtle talk sessions, NPA Friday forum X2
3 Coolum Community Native Nursery (CCNN)	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing; 5892 volunteer hours (Dec-Nov); over 52,000 tubestock of 151 species • Ongoing • Timeline of nursery history established electronically • Printing nursery history not considered a priority at this stage • Ongoing – transfer to accrual accounting underway • Ongoing
4 Marine Monitoring and Conservation	<p><i>Promote sustainable use of the marine environment</i></p> <p><i>Increase knowledge of marine fauna and flora</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue CDCCG's marine debris survey, sending data to Sunfish, Tangaroa Blue and CSIRO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly surveys continuing, with data to AMDI (Tangaroa Blue) and UQ (CSIRO methodology); maintain 5 excel spreadsheets to enable a running total on types, sizes and colours of litter at each site; Glostix still to be discussed with Sunfish

	<i>Reduce impact of human coastal activity including marine debris</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine debris talks; no single use plastic used in activities or at CCNN Community marine debris cleanup in January (turtle cleanup) and August (Seaworld Foundation grant); At least 10 childrens talks and 4 adult talks (incl NPA and Xmas markets) Ongoing Scheduled for January 2017
5 Targeted Biodiversity projects	<p><i>Reduce the impact of feral species on coastal biodiversity projects</i></p> <p><i>Increase availability of healthy habitats</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 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCC has kept CaNSCC informed and up-to-date with fox control program, including inviting interested members to dog tracking excursions Ongoing success at appropriate sites Ongoing weekly and monthly see under 1) Not audited 2016 due to lack of funds Vines available and actively promoted at CCNN 2 Grant applications unsuccessful in 2016; 3 applications yet undecided
6 Advocacy for	<i>Voice concerns and negotiate</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor events and development proposals and advocate for appropriate environmental 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on Coolum, Yaroomba, Marcoola and Twin

Biodiversity Issues	<p><i>environmentally positive outcomes for issues affecting the natural values of the Coolum and North Shore area</i></p>	<p>outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Waters West development proposals and Mt Coolum golf course redevelopment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in meetings and campaigns organized by DW, SCEC; submissions and letters to SCC regarding lack of consultation and inappropriate planning amendment proposals • Partner in environmental cleanups, Eco Discovery, support for grant applications • Advocating for “Wallum corridor” (north-south linkage from Noosa to Maroochy River, linking Noosa and Mt Coolum National Parks and SCC environmental reserves); encourage TMR to control environmental weeds in road reserves near national parks (partly successful)
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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing • Developed an Instagram site, but not yet active • Calendar in Outlook updated • Ongoing • Informal only • Ongoing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing • Four editions circulated • Ongoing – 6 held • World Environment Day; Wildflower Festival walks and talks; North Shore Xmas Markets; National Landcare Conference; Connect to your Creek; SCIRWF at Coolum; CCNN at Qld Garden Expo; new members recruited from most events • WH&S and other protocols reviewed with SCC; 11 Mgt Committee meetings held + AGM in August; financial reporting mechanisms for management meeting upgraded resulting in better understanding of our financial situation • Donation button on website through PayPal; small range of merchandise available for sale; calendar sales
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