Coolum District Coast Care Group Action Plan 2014

Coolum District Coast Care Group 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; 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, 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 flora in our district. For further information regarding the activities undertaken by CDCCG visit the website and facebook page.

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Action Plan Priorities for 2014

Key Result area	Objective	Increased Focus for Ongoing Activities
1 Coastal Preservation and Restoration	Coastal restoration and preservation. Frontal dunes better managed	Increase participation and knowledge of members 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
2 Educating and Engaging the community	Increase community knowledge of biodiversity and coastal conservation management. Increase community knowledge.	Eco Discovery to mesh target species education with practical activities Host community forums including school groups to raise awareness about local flora and flora Participate in environmental forums as required Work with Kabi Kabi traditional owners to learn about the cultural and Produce 2015 calendar incorporating where possible links between Indigenous knowledge and biodiversity Develop creative activities to involve the community and CDCCG members to highlight protecting the natural coastal assets- both marine and terrestrial.

3 Nursery Operations	Provide high quality local provenance plant species for the area in partnership with Maroochy Waterwatch Community recognition of the value of native plants and the importance of CCNN to the Coolum District	Produce 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 vine especially to re-establish habitat linkages Document history of the nursery. Produce materials for printed and digital media about history and current operations of the nursery and its plants
4 Marine Monitoring and Conservation	Promote sustainable use of the marine environment Increase knowledge of marine fauna and flora Reduce impact of human coastal activity including marine debris	Continue marine debris survey -data to Sunfish, Tangaroa Blue, CSIRO Actively promote reduction in plastic usage Engage with the public through turtle monitoring activities and presentations to schools and broader community 'Movie' in the park
5 Targeted Biodiversity Projects	Reduce impacts of feral species on coastal biodiversity Increase availability of healthy habitats	Participate in Fox monitoring in partnership with QPWS and SCC Partner with SCC in Indian Myna control Continue weed and Revegetation activities Purchase, replace and audit nestboxs Promote the planting of birdwing vine for habitat connectivity Collect and disseminate Marine turtle data- EHP, SCC and other interested parties

6 Advocacy for Biodiversity Issues	Voice concerns and negotiate environmentally positive outcomes for issues affecting the natural values of the Coolum District	Monitor events and development proposals and advocate for appropriate environmental outcomes Advocate for sustainable land use planning including the coastal urban environment Partner with Kabi Kabi 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	Build sustainability and capacity of CDCCG to achieve the strategic plan Develop and nourish the membership base	Update and maintain website and facebook page, volunteer hours grid and membership data base Establish bring up systems for projects Promote blue cards and first aid certificates to membership Offer ongoing training activities for our members Implement and adopt use if project sheets Produce quarterly newsletter - increasing distribution Hold social functions for members Participate in community events to attract new members

