

SHEET 1 TO 3 – ADAPTATION ACTIONS – COASTAL REGION-WIDE INITIATIVES TO ENHANCE ADAPTATIVE CAPACITY

SHEET 1 - COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP

Active community stewardship of the coastline provides a strong foundation for long term success in coastal management. Supporting the shared care of the Gympie Region coastline will maximise resilience and adaptive capacity.

Enhancing stewardship of the coastline

Community involvement in coastal management is important for enhancing the resilience of our beaches to coastal hazards.

Across the Gympie Region, the coast is an essential part of community wellbeing and lifestyle. Access is important for a range of activities (4WD, camping, surfing, boating, fishing). Maintaining access while promoting stewardship is key to achieving balanced management and adaptation.

A priority action for coastal hazard adaptation is the ongoing coordination and support of stewardship initiatives that will seek to further empower and equip communities to:

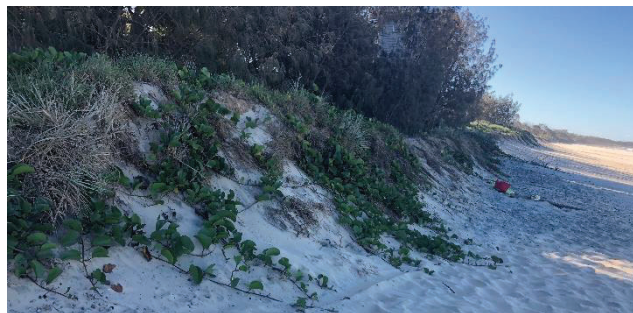
- Contribute to on-ground dune protection and maintenance
- Manage access in a way that seeks to minimise dune disturbance
- Promote and advocate for the care and protection of dune systems
- Share knowledge on observed changes to the coast
- Contribute to monitoring and evaluation of the implementation and success of adaptation actions.



The full range of initiatives and activities that Council may undertake as part of the stewardship program include to:

- Confirm a dedicated role for a Council officer
- Utilise new communication platforms (website, apps)
- Seek new funding and grant opportunities
- Co-ordinate and facilitate community events
- Provide support to volunteer groups
- Identify complementary activities and synergies

- Seek partnerships and collaboration opportunities
- Deliver education and training programs
- Promote use and development of innovative tools and products
- Encourage participation and awareness.



Dune protection and maintenance

As a priority, to provide best possible outcome for coastal hazard protection, community stewardship should have a strong focus on dune protection and maintenance.

Community involvement may include:

- Fencing and creating designated walkways
- Pest, weed and litter control
- Native revegetation (where appropriate)
- Education and awareness (giving talks)
- Protecting cultural sites
- Surveys – coastal user groups, values, activities
- Contributing to the monitoring program – photo points and on-ground monitoring.

Relevant and priority areas

Delivery of community stewardship program initiatives is a priority across all localities.

Community stewardship		
	Programs and partnerships to enhance stewardship of the coastline	Dune protection, maintenance and monitoring
Cooloola (Estuarine frontage)	Relevant / feasible	Not applicable
Cooloola (Ocean frontage)	Relevant / feasible	Priority
Cooloola Cove	Relevant / feasible	Not applicable
Inskip Point South	Relevant / feasible	Priority
Inskip Point Spit	Relevant / feasible	Priority
Rainbow Beach (Estuarine frontage)	Relevant / feasible	Not applicable
Rainbow Beach (Ocean frontage)	Relevant / feasible	Priority
Tin Can Bay	Relevant / feasible	Priority

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