

Cooloola Coast Monitoring App Survey Results

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Purpose

The purpose of the Cooloola Coast Monitoring App Survey was to provide the community input into the design and functionality of a new Cooloola Coast Monitoring App.

Once created, this app will gather data and information on the coastline utilising community input. Any learnings from the data can then be applied to future resilience enhancement projects and restoration works.

The survey was open for five weeks from Monday, 12 September until Friday, 14 October 2022 and was advertised in a number of places including, but not limited to, newspapers, social media and temporary signage in parks of interest.

Over the five weeks, Gympie Regional Council received a total of 260 submissions. It is important to note that while council received 260 submission, not every question on the survey was a mandatory field therefore not filled out.

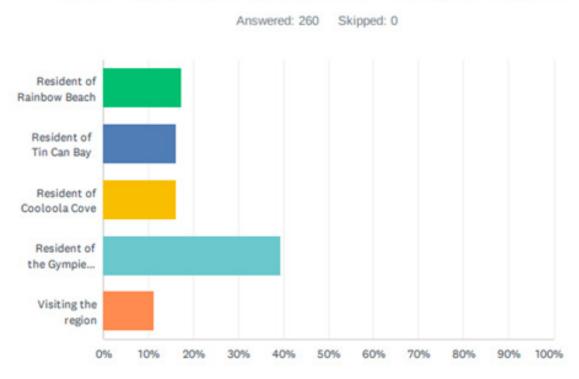
Some questions were 'skipped' by the respondent. This means that the respondent has exited the survey before clicking the 'Done' button.

Audience

The audience of the respondents was captured in Questions 1, 2 and 13.

Of the 260 Submissions, 129 submissions were residents living on the Cooloola Coast (Tin Can Bay, Rainbow Beach and Cooloola Cove). One-hundred and two were residents of the wider Gympie region and 29 were visitors to the region.

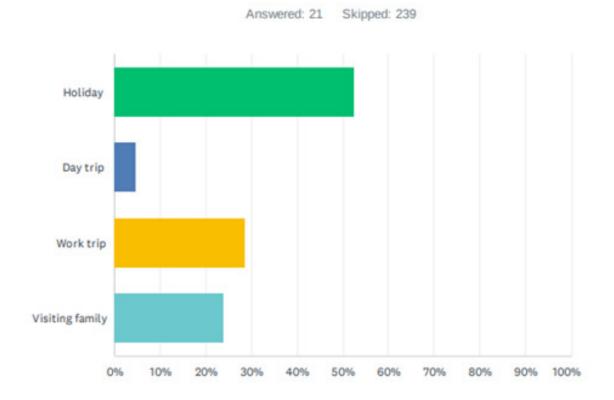
Q1 Firstly, are you a resident or visiting the region?



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Of those submissions who indicted they were visitors to the region, over 50 per cent indicted they were in the region on holiday, with the second highest being a work trip at just under 30 per cent.

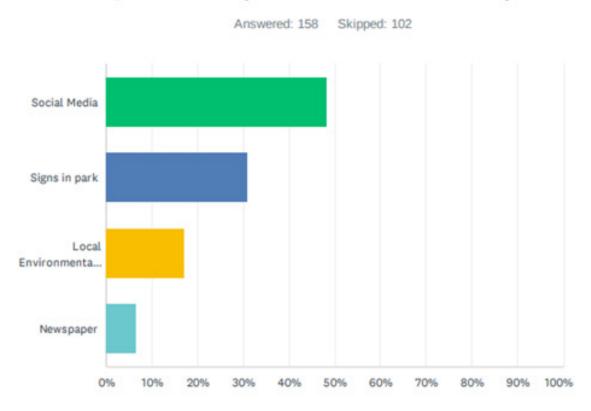
Q2 Welcome to the region! What is the reason for visiting?



When asked how the respondents heard about the survey, almost 50 per cent marked social media, followed by signs in park at 30 per cent, local environmental groups at 17.09 per cent and newspaper at 6.33 per cent.

The 'other' option was selected by 22.48 per cent with comments including email and Gympie Regional Council website as their information source.

Q13 How did you hear about this survey?



Results

Respondents sentiment towards the environment

Questions 3 and 4 were asked to gauge the overall opinion and sentiment towards environmental protection on the Cooloola Coast.

Two-hundred and eleven respondents filled out Question 3. The results suggest that when asked to rank the value of Cooloola Coast features, the average is shown below, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least.

- 1. Natural Environment 42.65 per cent listed this as their first pick.
- 2. Foreshore 35.07 per cent listed this as their second pick.
- 3. Recreation 28.91 per cent listed this as their third pick.
- 4. Park Use* 27.49 per cent listed this as their fourth pick.
- 5. Exercise Opportunities* 27.49 per cent listed this as their fifth pick.
- 6. Lifestyle 38.39 per cent listed this as their sixth pick.

^{* &#}x27;Park Use' presented the highest in both the fourth and fifth option with 'exercise opportunities' as a close second. As a result 'Exercise Opportunities' has taken fifth position by default. 'Park Use' had only 0.47 separating the two rankings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
Foreshore	34.60% 73	35.07% 74	15.17% 32	8.06% 17	5.21% 11	1.90% 4	211	4.80
Lifestyle (cafes, shops etc.)	5.21% 11	6.64% 14	16.59% 35	14.69% 31	18.48% 39	38.39% 81	211	2.5
Natural environment	42.65% 90	27.49% 58	10.90% 23	10.43% 22	6.64% 14	1.90% 4	211	4.8
Recreation (Boating, kayaking, swimming, surfing, fishing ect.)	11.37% 24	18.48% 39	28.91% 61	16.11% 34	14.22% 30	10.90% 23	211	3.6
Exercise opportunities (Dog walking, cycling, fitness equipment etc.)	3.32% 7	6.64% 14	12.80% 27	23.22% 49	27.49% 58	26.54% 56	211	2.5
Park use (Picnics, playgrounds, BBQ areas etc.)	2.84%	5.69% 12	15.64% 33	27.49% 58	27.96% 59	20.38%	211	2.6

Image 1 (above) Question 3: What do you value most about the Cooloola Coast? (Ranked)

Out of the 211 respondents to Question 4, the overwhelming response to this question was 'very important' with 81.99 per cent selecting this as their response. On the other side of the spectrum, only three people listed foreshore protection as 'low importance'.

	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	LOW IMPORTANCE	NEUTRAL	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	MODERATELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL
*	0.00%	1.42%	2.84%	1.42%	12.32% 26	81.99% 173	211

Image 2 (above) Question 4: How do you rate the importance of foreshore protection at the Cooloola Coast?

Citizen Science and app uptake

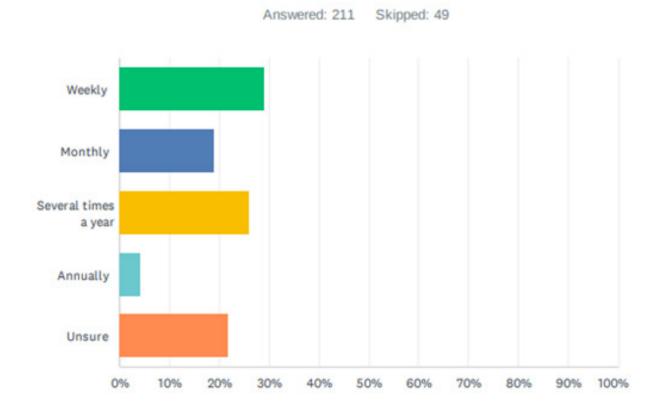
Questions 5, 6 and 9 asked respondents to gauge the potential use of the app once created. Of the 211 respondents, 45 per cent had heard of citizen science projects, 47.39 per cent hadn't and 7.58 per cent were unsure.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	45.02%	95
No	47.39%	100
Unsure	7.58%	16
TOTAL		211

Image 3 (above) Question 5: Have you heard of citizen science projects?

When asked if the respondent would participate in citizen science for coastal monitoring on the Cooloola Coast, 81 out of 211 responded with 'yes', 65 responded with 'no' and 65 were 'unsure'. It was also found that 28 per cent of respondents were interested in using the app 'weekly' with the second most popular frequency of 'several times a year' making up 26.07 per cent of the responses.

Q9 How often would you use this app?



RESPONSES	
28.91%	61
18.96%	40
26.07%	55
4.27%	9
21.80%	46
	211
	28.91% 18.96% 26.07% 4.27%

Desired features and app capabilities

Questions 7, 8 and 10 explored which features of the app respondents would be interested in using and capturing as part of citizen science.

Two-hundred and eleven respondents filled out Question 7. When asked to rank which features respondents are most likely to take pictures of, the results showed the below (1 being the most important and 4 being the least).

- 1. The Coastline 46.92 per cent listed this as their first pick.
- 2. Coastal Critters* 31.28 per cent listed this as their second pick.
- 3. Water* 27.01 per cent listed this as their third pick.
- 4. Snap Send Solve Link– 42.18 per cent listed this as their fourth pick.

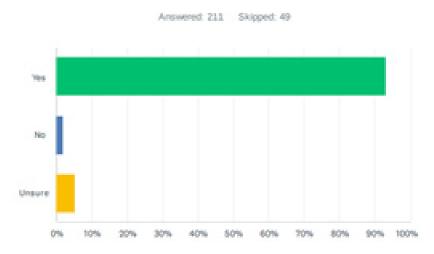
^{* &#}x27;Coastal Critters' presented the highest in both the second and third option with 'Water' as a close second. As a result, 'Water' has taken third position by default. 'Coastal Critters' had only 0.47 separating the two rankings.

	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	SCORE
The Coastline - Erosion, accretion, sand and dune movement, changes in the coastline.	46.92% 99	23.70% 50	17.06% 36	12.32% 26	211	3.05
Water – images of water colour compared to a colour scale.	12.80% 27	28.44% 60	27.01% 57	31.75% 67	211	2.22
Coastal Critters – flora and fauna images	23.22% 49	31.28% 66	31.75% 67	13.74% 29	211	2.64
Snap Send Solve link - Reporting unusual coastal / environmental impacts	17.06% 36	16.59% 35	24.17% 51	42.18% 89	211	2.09

Image 4 (above) Question 7: Which coastal features are you most likely to take pictures of to contribute to the program?

When asked if respondents would find a feature that could assist with identifying names of bird and marine critters useful, the majority of respondents recorded 'yes' with 196 of the 211 responses finding value in the feature.

Q8 If the app had a function that assisted with identifying the names of the birds and marine critters. Would you find this useful?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	92.89%	196
No.	1.90%	4
Unsure	5.21%	11
TOTAL		211

Image 5 (Above) Question 8: If the app had a function that assisted with identifying the names of the birds and marine critters, would you find this useful?

Question 10 was multiple-choice, asking respondents which locations would be best to install a fixed snapshot platform. Of the preselected locations, the below data was captured. There was also a fillable field where respondents could submit their own locations; Double Island Point, Poona Lake, Mullins Creek and Pacific Boulevard Beach Access were popular suggestions. A full list of suggestions can be found in Appendix 1.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lawrie Hanson Park (Rainbow Beach)	44.08%	93
Carlo Sandblow (Rainbow Beach)	52.61%	111
Norman Point (Tin Can Bay)	60.19%	127
Crab Creek (Tin Can Bay)	45.02%	95
Inskip	53.08%	112
Total Respondents: 211		

Image 6 (Above) Question 10: What locations do you recommend to install a fixed snap shot?

Locations of interest

Questions 11 and 12 were optional questions to assist the Environmental Team in responding to particular areas of concern along the Cooloola Coast.

Question 11 asked respondents to report on five environmental impacts.

- 1. Changes in coastline 64 responses received.
- 2. Coastal Erosion 80 responses received.
- 3. Usual changes in water colour or clarity 37 responses received.
- 4. Changes in coast fauna population 34 responses received.
- 5. Changes in the populations (local and migratory) 37 responses received.

A full list of the responses can be found in Appendix 1.

Appendix 1 – Fillable sections of the survey

Question 10 What locations do you recommend to install a fixed snap shot platform to capture good photos and data?

- Tom Impey Park TCB, beachfront RB
- Cooloola cove
- Searys Creek
- Bullock Point. Double Island Pt
- Looking at the bay from the Cutting at Double Island Point (where all the 4WD park, compact and dig up); Mullins Creek Park Cooloola Cove; Foreshore William Dodd Park near where the drain/creek comes out into estuary; Emperor Street Park track; Carlo Point (end of Carlo Rd, Rainbow) past marina looking along beach section behind Caravan Park;
- Mullins Creek
- Wes Mitchell Park bbq area
- creeks across Cooloola to monitor weeds, rubbish etc
- Park opp. Library at Tcb and foreshore at CC.
- Pacific Boulevard beach access RB
- Pacific Boulevard beach entry Rainbow Beach
- 2 at Double Island Point facing north and south
- lifesavers tower Rainbow Beach
- The foreshore near the state park in Tin Can Bay
- Bob Reibel Park TCB Wes Mitchell Park TCB Kindy Beach TCB William Dodt Park TCB Mullens Crk Park CC 'The Rocks' RB Rainbow Beach Surf Lifesaving Tower

- Many areas on the Tin Can Bay foreshore would be suitable
- Poona Lake
- Patrol Tower
- Foreshore near the park at Tin Can Bay
- Rainbow shores
- sand marsh near Mullins Creek at end of Bayside Dr, CC
- The little sandblow that will eventually engulf buildings if nothing is done
- Lighthouse Double Island Point
- Surf lifesaving tower
- Double Island point
- Beach Opposite the Shores
- Surf club beach tower and Carlo Point
- Lifesavers tower at Rainbow Beach
- Mullins Creek.
- Search creek
- Poona Lake, Carlo Point, Bullock Point
- William dodt park

Question 11 Are there any locations in particular that you have noticed the below issues at? If yes, please specify (optional).

Changes in the coastline?

- Wes Mitchell Park, William Dodt Park
- no
- Inskip point inlet
- No
- Inskip to Rainbow
- Inskip Point
- Various locations along ocean side of Inskip
- Crab creek and Norman point
- no
- Rainbow shores
- Rainbow Beach
- No
- Unsure
- TIN CAN BAY
- Inskip pt
- Inskip east side
- Beach erosion
- Inskip Point
- Opposite Inskip point
- Tin Can Bay Esplanade
- No
- Erosion at the end of the bitumen road on Inskip Point towards the barge
- Inskip Point
- Inskip
- Inskip
- Rainbow beach
- Willian Dodt Park resession Rainbow Beach all beach ression
- A lot of sand slips on the colored sand cliffs

- Increasing high tides are definitely having effect on our foreshore coastline
- Double island
- Beach to Inskip
- Double Island Point
- I skip Point
- Rainbow Beach to Inskip Point
- No
- dune erosion Rainbow beach beach access
- Norman point, Mudlo Rocks
- Rainbow to Inskip
- Rainbow Beach
- N
- No
- Inskip Point
- Tin can bay
- Double Island Point and Freshwater
- foreshore
- N/A
- Rainbow Beach constantly changes with big swell
- Inskip area changing sands
- No
- Shores erosion
- Double Island Point, Rainbow Side
- Double Island
- Gq
- Dunes landslides
- Inskip

- drone footage of Double island Point
- Dune where people run up and down above township before the blow
- Tewah dune rubbish
- No
- Generally along Rainbow Beach
- Rainbow main beach
- Entire Rainbow Beach, DI, inskip coastline.
 Recurrent
- Inskip Point
- Inskip

Coastal erosion?

- Rainbow Beach near Mudlo Rocks
- Crab Creek TCB, viewing platform Phil Rogers park
- no
- Tin Can Bay foreshore
- There are constant change sin the coastal environment, I'm unsure whether this is increasing with weather events or just part of the natural cycle.
- No
- Rainbow Beach, Inskip
- As Above
- Inskip Point
- Coffee Rocks at Rainbow;
- Trees and dunes falling in to the water along the beach DI
- Inskip
- Wes Mitchell park and kindy beach
- Rainbow beach
- Viewing platform Rainbow
- Kindy Beach, Inskip
- Rainbow Beach sand dunes north of township
- No
- No
- Rainbow Beach
- rainbow beach beneath surf club
- Rainbow Beach
- Along the Inskip reach to Rainbow Beach
- Rainbow beach foreshore under viewing platform Phil rogers
- Rainbow Beach
- rainbow beach to inskip point recent erosion greatest in past decade



- Rainbow Beach below the sandblow
- Tin Can Bay Esplanade
- No
- Rainbow Beach near the surf life saving club
- Rainbow Beach Inskip Point to Rocks below town
- Crab creek
- Inskip point
- Under rainbow beach lookout
- Inskip
- Crab creek,kindy beach
- Erosion along the Esplanade. Needs rock wall
- Crab Creek
- Teewah beach due to heavy usage vehicles and camping
- Tin Can Bay inlet from Normanto Kindy Beach has several areas that are severely eroded due to strong S E winds and unusually high tides we are experiencing more frequently.
- We are losing a lot of trees along the water edges of our foreshore
- Rainbow to DI
- Inskip
- Yes, along the TCB foreshore
- Inskip Point
- Yes
- Rainbow Beach
- Rainbow Beach
- Rainbow Beach to Inskip Point
- No
- Yes
- Beach Tin Can bay next to yacht holding yard damage to trees

- Esplanade, Tooloora Road
- Rainbow Beach towards Double Island Point
- Inskip, Rainbow Beach
- No
- Inskip Point
- Crab creek
- Under the new view platform that GRC installed.
- Tin can bay
- Double Island Point and Freshwater
- foreshore
- N/A
- Sand dunes below surf club / platform
- No
- Kindy Beach
- Shores and Inskip
- All of Rainbow Beach to Inskip
- The entire beach. 4WD damage.
- At the shores, Inskip
- Inskip
- under the new deck of the surf club and the viewing platform
- Rainbow beach
- All cooloola
- No
- Particularly platform opposite caravan park Rainbow Beach
- Old stairs to beach below rainbow caravan park
- Entire RB, DI, inskip coastline. Recurrent
- Rainbow Beach
- Rainbow Beach and sections of Tin Can Bay

Unusual changes in water colour or clarity?

- Crab creek
- no
- No
- Rainbow Beach
- Rainbow Beach
- Carlo point (marina) sunk boat rubbish
- Crab Creek & Tin Can Bay Inlet
- Foreshore walk under bridges to Crab Creek - stagnant & smelly
- Rainbow Beach
- No
- No
- Crab creek
- No
- Tin an Inlet especially around the sewerage treatment plant
- Rainbow beach
- Viv Mason to Tom Impey Park during weather, turns brown.
- Sea coloured ~ 200m from shore with heavy seas and slips of the coloured sand cliffs
- Only after a lot of rain. Mainly tannin and this doesn't seem to be a concern

- Norman points
- TCBay water still murky (brown)
- Carlo
- No
- Just the clay when there are storms
- Yes
- Tin can bay
- N/A
- Varies according to swell rather than pollution
- Tin Can Bay
- Double Island Point
- Inskip
- Yes, at Lawrie Hanson Park the water is sometimes GROSS
- from Phil Rogers Park
- No
- No
- Inskip, rainbow beach, double is point.
- Tin Can Bay Inlet
- Snapper Creek

Changes in coastal fauna population?

- Boardwalk tin can bay.
- no
- NO
- all of the inside from Bullock point to the outside coastline to Rainbow Beach.
- What about Flora?? No question on that
 lots more weeds in foreshore areas
 including Council Parks
- Increase in wild dogs / dingos Mallett St
- No
- No
- Decrease sightings of dugongs in TCB inlet
- Perceived impact of increased roaming cats in rainbow shores on goanna and pythons
- No
- Road kill of echidnas and koalas on Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach Rds
- Yes rubbish is growing along the foreshore as they no longer mow some of the areas.
 We had a beautiful foreshore once because it was kept mowed.
- Seal found at Inskip
- Shea Oak taking over unmowed areas. Too much black wattle seedlingss
- Thanks to our council and improved work practices - less mowing - I would say our fauna is improving

- Not really
- Carlo to inskip point
- No
- damage to flora 4 wheel drives in Rainbow beach
- Trees holding the foreshore preventing erosion, they are falling in the water
- Less fish around sandy Strait, need to install f.a.d inside sandy Strait and tin can bay
- No
- Tin can bay and rainbow beach
- Kings Bore circuit
- N/A
- Beach critters are minimal where drivers are on beach
- Teewah
- Rainbow shores due to new buildings amd trees removal
- less dingoes at the dump
- Turtle deaths
- Sea Eagles not many
- No
- Entire coastline.



Changes in the bird populations (local and migratory)

- Less near populated areaa
- Infestation of crows in cooloola cove
- Foreshore area due to presence of dogs
- no
- NO
- Way too many Indian Myna Birds in Cooloola Cove and Tin Can Bay and now even Rainbow Beach - they force out lots of native birds and arboreal mammals.
- Mullins creek
- Increase in Indian Myna birds chasing away local foreshore birds
- Cooloola Cove
- No
- Unsure
- Tin Can Bay foreshore
- No
- Inskip Point and Double Island Point
- Less Bee Eaters Winter 2022 Clarkson Av Rainbow Beach
- Less on Tin Can Bay side- dogs on mudflats
- Indian myna are impacting on our local bird species and their numbers are growing rapidly
- Increase in the number of myna and other birds that are pushing other local birds out.

- Probably
- Rainbow beach
- No
- Inskip point curlews
- Invasion of Indian Mynas. Fewer migratory shorebirds
- No
- Indian myna population. Please provide leadership
- Tin can bay
- N/A
- Increase in Indian minors
- Rainbow Beach
- National Parks
- Birds nesting in different areas due to new buildings
- noticeable changes after fireworks displays
- Decreased bird life on beaches due 4wds
- No
- Less native birds along foreshore
- Yes.
- Changes after controlled burn off's and tropical low weather events

Question 12 Any other feedback you would like to provide regarding coastal management? (Optional)

- Seagrass monitoring for mudflats. Soldier crab populations. Weed species. Wild dogs
- no
- No off lesh dogs as it's not appealing and people are not being responsible pet owners
- It's a good balance. Been going there for years. Only occasional human issues.
- Do not agree with the traffic allowed along Rainbow Beach. Mainly caters for the 4WD market with limited environmental sympathy. The impacts to micro organisms and less visible consequences beneath the surface can not be good.
- No
- new to region have only been here twice to see the coast.
- NA
- Don't know need more information
- Reduce the number of permanently anchored boats in the bay
- Stop continually blocking off the foreshore views in Tin Can Bay with closing all areas, soon you will not be able to see the water,
- no
- Cars on beaches need to be stopped.
- Thank you!
- Parking of cars prohibited on foreshore except in designated areas to reduce damage to grasses. More council rubbish bins on foreshore next to tables to collect rubbish and stop littering.
- Heavy seas in past 5 years have eroded 10-15m on sand dune along Rainbow Beach north of township resulting in significant loss of coastal vegetation!

- I know Rainbow beach around to Double Island and south is managed by QPWS, but Council should be active in working with them to manage visitor/public use of these spaces. Lobby to reduce # on the beach in particular at any time. The same as Inskip Point. Other conservation areas around the Council (particularly WA) have limits, permits and systems where visitor have to book their 'spot' in the park or on the beach at any time during peak periods. Over loved will be the demise of this special place. What about Council managed land as part of facilities like the Tin Can waste site and water treatment plant (RAMSAR wetland) is this being well managed, weed management, excess irrigation changing vegetation - so many birds in that area, very valuable. What about the site where the Ground Parrots are? - this area may be state owned I think, but more people know about it and 4WD vehicles use it for a 'run' Council should work with state to help protect these areas in our region as I don't think the State are doing anything!!! 4WD generally in and around our beautiful coast and foreshores should be better managed (wading bird breeding sites, turtle nesting sites, erosion, vegetation destruction and weed spread)
- No
- I'm not here often enough to assist I'm sorry. I'm interested in trees and plants and the wind direction that impacts them
- signage to educate and bring awareness to the prevention of pollution.
- Keep up the great work.
- Get rid of all palm trees palm fronds droped is a fire hazard on the foreshore TCB

- Dune management ways to prevent 4WD damage of the fragile dunes?
- No
- I would like to see jet skis banned completely from use in Rainbow Beach Double Island Teerwah.
- Not much going on in Gympie Shire!
- Talks in schools. Encourage youngsters and families to play a part in the physical hiking etc. I am already in my 80's!
- No
- Thanks
- It would be good to have shade sail or similar over new gym equipment at Tin Can Bay.
- Fantastic move by council to enlist citizen scientists to gather data. Hope you use Coast Snap and iNaturalist to their maximum capacity and not pay for stuff that already exists. Great to see that you intend to enlist the tourists as well as the locals.
- Need to focus on safe people movement at pedestrian crossings when frontal dune is eroded to point where drop to beach is more than 50cm. Is resulting in increased damage to dunes from people walking on the top and further erosion at crossing points as well as potential injury to persons attempting to reach beach. Rainbow Shores crossing at end of Wyvern Road and Min Beach from park.
- No
- No
- Have seen damping of deep sea fish carcasses around Tin Can & Cooloola
- Illegal camping on foreshore
- Have only moved here recently so can't make a qualified comment.

- Please continue to look after our foreshore so that the bay can be enjoyed by future generations. Blocking it off and allowing it to grow rubbish again makes it unusable to families. So sad to see a minority ruling on these decisions
- Uncle Russel Bennet and Justin Holmes and Leaf Bennet are traditional Gubbi Gubbi owners and could assist with land and coastal management - contact Anglicare Gympie and Gympie Council for Russel Bennet.
- Long term planning and vision needed. Invasive species such as garden escapees and weed dispersal needs to be understood. Mangrove growth is taking over shoreline and affecting visitor experience, can they be height reduced in certain areas ie Norman Point. Need for wind sports launch area away from high density use areas ie kite surfing
- Do not support (in fact strongly object) the proposal to build luxury eco cabins in the national park.
- Please prevent vehicles from driving along or across the dual use Foreshore walkway. They impact the flora and fauna of this area and pose a significant risk to the wellbeing of persons utilising this walkway!
- Please prevent vehicles from crossing our much used walkways - driving to the water line impacting this precious foreshore which will take years to recover from vehicle impaction
- More rubbish bins needed
- traffic control
- It would be good to have a raised walkway that allows access to the waterfront during high (king) tides and also provides special needs access at all times. I am referring to the beach near the playground opposite the library.

- developing the app is a great idea.
- Don't let commercial accommodation into Poona lake or double island point
- Permanently anchored boats/ yachts to be clearer of main channels
- Promoting eco tourism, bird watching etc
- Need to monitor the shift in the position of The Little Sandblow.
- Need more litter enforcement
- More maintenance is required
- new bollards and walkway at TCB are excellent. The Pandanus at TCB are slowly being damaged.
- Stop the erosion at Tin Can the paths are so close to the water's edge in some locations.
- I would like to see motion-activated cameras mounted on some of the sand tracks near the inlet that are regularly used for dumping of tyres, household appliances and garden waste. I resolve to use the Snap Send Solve app more diligently!
- Would be good to see an artificial reef or f.a.d in the southern end of sandy Strait as there seem to be less fish around
- It would be valuable to have actual data about changes, but difficult to collate faunal info
- N
- Nil
- Maintain consultation processes with locals and those that use the space.
- Control of sailboats
- GRC, QPWS and other responsible agencies to consider best mgt of "little blow" Rainbow Beach
- None at this point
- monitoring marine waste would be good

- Support the cause to have NO glamping sites in the very precious Cooloola National Park which is of International Significance. Walking tracks only to be allowed other than the existing maintenance roads and even these need to be managed more carefully for erosion.
- Sounds like a great initiative!!
- It would be good to have some educational signs up to inform visitors (and locals) about the need to avoid walking and driving on protected dunes/areas, as well as turtle season and rubbish collection.
- Keep up the good work within our communites
- Sounds like a terrific idea. It is vital to upkeep & protect our foreshore & environment.
- stop driving to the waters edge
- not at this stage
- Hoping the people of our region will continue to protect and care for this.
- Don't visit enough
- No
- Need better signage on where vehicles are able to be on the beach and where they are prohibited to better protect sea life e.g turtles
- Na
- Absolutely. Stop any further damage and degradation to dunes. Don't allow commercial interests to dictate conservation.
- Cc
- Yes we should definitely do this and look after our coast. I am opposed to the development at Lake Poona
- Perhaps oppose commercialism of National Parks.



- Beach driving compacts the hard sand and crushes micro-organisms living in the intertidal zone. Migratory shorebirds get chased by dogs off-leash and their feeding is disrupted by constant vehicle traffic. Norfolk pines are a stupid choice of foreshore tree for a park reserve built on sand. Still no foreshore management plan for Rainbow Beach has been adopted or implemented. Encroaching tides will continue to lessen the buffer between the highest tide mark and Rainbow Shore properties. Development on RS Stage 2 must never go ahead in any form. Life savers facilities should have relocated to old mill site instead of cantilevering a new deck on coffee rock foundations. Overclearing of the cotton trees stabilising the Rainbow Stairs has caused massive erosion already, with more extreme rain events forecast. We need a foreshore management plan.
- Need to stop 4Wds on beach in turtle season. Need to limit the numbers 4Wds altogether snd decrease the speed to a mixed use zone which is 10km an hour. I have almost been hit by speeding cars twice in the past few weeks.
- Cooloola Cove boat ramp and picnic facilities need upgrading and the road and foreshore need attention do that the area can reach its potential.
- No
- We need a safe walking/cycle path to and from Carlo point. Many people in town would benefit from this, young and old!
- Reduce vehicle numbers south of rainbow beach and on the island.