

OLD BAR BEACH SAND REPLENISHMENT GROUP INC

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Over for another year – same committee re-elected,

- President: Elaine Pearce, Secretary: Rosemary Probst, Treasurer: Bob Galvin, Keith Stackman, Barbara Fogarty, Pat Abdoo, David McCoy

We have room on our working committee if anyone would like to join.

LACK OF PROGRESS

I must express my frustration at no immediate action, but there has been more progress in this 12 months than we have seen in previous years and I am having to learn to be patient.

PROJECT MANAGER REPORT

Work being done has been set out in detail by Project Manager, Andrew Staniland who meets with us every three weeks and this is his detailed report:- I have used it as it was given to me and I thank Andrew for such in depth explanation and his and Gerard Tuckerman's hard work on behalf of our beach. I do tell them that as the funding is approved then June 2018 is looking good for completion of the CMP.

OLD BAR MANNING POINT CMP

As advised by Gerard Tuckerman at our AGM the grant application Council submitted to the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has been successful. The successful grant will provide \$160,000 of state funding to Council to develop the CMP, Council will match this funding dollar for dollar, giving a total of \$320,000 to generate the CMP. The funding will pay for scientists to undertake Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) in the Old Bar Manning Point area. GPR acts like an ultra sound for the earth, which will show exactly where rock exists in this area. Once rock is found, the scientists will determine if the rock will provide resilience against the potential impacts from the ocean. This information will be used in supporting different management options. Council may also use a technique known as Seismic Velocity. This technique uses sound waves to determine where rock is. Council is undertaking more research into Seismic Velocity to determine if this will be useful for the Old Bar Manning Point area.

With assistance from OEH, the grant will look at the economic benefit of management options. This will determine if the costing of the management options are sound. This will have the double benefit of allowing the Old Bar Manning Point CMP to adhere to criteria in the Coastal Management Act 2016. It is anticipated this Coastal Management Act (presently awaiting completion of attachments) will commence prior to concluding the writing of the CMP.

With new information on where rock is and costings of management options, the grant will allow for a community engagement specialist to ensure this information is shared to all of the Old Bar Manning Point communities and those that use the beach. The entire community including beach users will be given the opportunity to have a say on which management options they feel would be best suited for the area.

A Steering Committee, comprised of stakeholders, multiple Government agencies, coastal scientists and community members will be presented with all of the information gathered and be given the task of selecting the preferred management options.

It is envisaged that the management options selected will cover a range of time lines (1 - 5 yrs, 5 - 20 yrs 20- 50 yrs up to 100 years).

The Old Bar Manning Point CMP is a long term strategic plan that will set the course to follow. This plan will suggest what management options would work best under these differing time frames. As the years progress and more information about the coast comes to hand, the CMP will be revised to ensure that the management options are relevant.

Sand Scraping

Council is finalising the Review of Environmental Factors (REF). The REF is a necessary step to check the entire operation to determine the impact the works will have on the environment and ways to mitigate these risks. It is envisaged that this REF will be finished next week (22 Sept 2017). Once it is completed this REF will be submitted along with a licence application to Crown Lands. Crown Lands will review the REF and determine the licence. Following Licence approval, works will commence.

With Geoff Love's retirement from MidCoast Council, a large hole in our development of the sand scraping has occurred. To get around this, Council will be contracting James Carley (Principle Coastal Engineer, Water Research Laboratory UNSW Sydney) to provide advice and final design on the sand scraping. Further, Council is in discussion with James to contact his team of coastal specialists to undertake the monitoring of the sand scraping campaign.

Sand scraping will occur from north of the school to in front of the surf club and park. This area has been determined to be the best location for this trial. The trial is a one off campaign. The results of the sand scraping will be used to determine the management options within the CMP, as mentioned above

Coastal Management Working Group Meeting

Council Chairs the Coastal Management Working Group. This Group is comprised of staff representatives from MidCoast Council, Office of Environment and Heritage, Department of Industry Lands (Crown Lands) plus independent coastal scientists. This group discusses the progress of the Old Bar Manning Point Coastal Management Program. The individuals of the group are all experts that have worked along the NSW coast in various locations. Members of the group have had personal experience of different compartments with Old Bar and Manning Point.

A recent meeting was held Wednesday 13 September 2017.

In attendance at this meeting was

Attendees	
Name	Organisation
Phil Watson	OEH
Neil Kelleher	OEH
Angelica Austin	OEH
Peter Evans	OEH
Catherine Knight	Dol Lands & Forestry

Ron Cox	Independent Coastal Scientist
James Carley	UNSW Water Research Laboratory
Lisa Schiff	MCC
Gerard Tuckerman (Chair)	MCC
Andrew Staniland	MCC

CONFUSION BETWEEN CZMP AND CMP

It has certainly not been made easy the two plans having such close names, but to keep the record straight and help you understand the confusion - I advise as follows

CZMP - State Government in 2008 advised councils that a Coastal Zone Management Plan had to be completed. Many studies and many submissions to Office of Environment and Heritage followed, for submission for gazettal. Many times, despite hard work on the part of the council, their CZMP'S were returned – and this is what was inherited by MidCoast Council. However, Andrew Staniland determinedly working with the material supplied by Richard Pamplin, has now submitted the Manning Valley CZMP for gazettal and is hoping for success. *This plan covers all former GTCC coastal areas, excluding, because of its complexities, the Old Bar Manning Point coastline.* This is covered by the **CMP (Old Bar Manning Point Coastal Management Plan)**– Which is presently being attended to by MidCoast Council as advised by Andrew in his very detailed report above.

This covers what is being done for our Old Bar Manning Point Coastal area and I suggest that a copy of this newsletter is kept so you can keep your finger on what is happening and where it is at.

STEPHEN BROMHEAD'S VISIT

Stephen Bromhead will be visiting Old Bar, 1.30 pm, Thursday, 2nd November. This is an opportunity to learn what he is trying to achieve and to raise any matters which you feel need attention.

MIDCOAST COUNCIL COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Monday 30 October 2017 Club Old Bar
1 Belford Street Old Bar 6pm-8pm

It is good that MidCoast Council takes the time to meet with us to discuss their planned direction and listen to any suggestions our community may have to offer. Please come along and meet with them at the Club Old Bar.

REMEMBER

“TO DO NOTHING IS DISASTER – WE MUST DO SOMETHING”

MY MOTTO

SAND ON THE BEACH “ANY WHICH WAY”

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