



# Bush to Beach News

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Eastern Dorrigo Field Day	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Witness King Tides Project	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec
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## President's Report

Welcome to the end-of-year 2012 Edition of the Bush to Beach News. Where to start? The State Government has recently announced that Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs)

will be amalgamated along with some agricultural extension services from the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and Livestock Health and Pest Authorities (LHPA) into a new organisation called Local Land Services (LLS).

Detail is sketchy at best, but it seems the way we've been doing Natural Resource Management business in the past has been ditched for some unknown reason. The new organisation will be a one-stop-shop for farmers and landowners for a wide range of services that range from animal health, pests, bio-security and yes, somewhere in the mix there's supposed to be a spot for Natural Resource Management (NRM) but that's not really clear yet. Landcare has been mentioned in dispatches but we have grave concerns for our CSO position which has been funded through Catchment Management Authorities. At this point of time there is no word regarding ongoing funding past June 30, 2013.

I have to say that at this stage I've not seen too much that suggests that NRM is a priority. There's no mention of rivers, catchments, urban areas or the coast, just very broad language which is open to interpretation, which may be the intention, while the new organisation's structure and roles are being sorted out by a panel of experts.

So far, what we know is CMAs will be downsized and their budgets substantially reduced. It seems that in the future, the LLS model will deliver services financed by a user-pays system based on an expanded version of the current LHPA levy system, a big new tax! Again, more will be known in the coming months.

What does all this mean for organisations like Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare? Well I have to say I haven't got a clue, but rest assured your Executive is keenly interested and keeping a watchful eye as this new organisation is put together. We're keen to make the necessary decisions to ensure we maintain this vital community service.

In the meantime, the new Draft Catchment Action Plan has been on public exhibition before being finalised and lodged with the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) who'll review it to ensure it meets New South Wales targets, before passing it through to the Minister for signing off.

Coffs Harbour City Council has recently had on public exhibition its Draft Fine-Scale Vegetation Mapping Strategy. I hope many of you took the opportunity to familiarise yourself with the work and comment.

The work demonstrates that once again, the Coffs Harbour Local Government Area is the leader in regard to understanding the complexities of the vegetation that abounds in the area. It makes me very proud to be a member of the Coffs community, where we have been so pro-active in undertaking mapping at such a sophisticated standard. I only wish now that State and Federal Government departments would follow suit.

What makes it even more special is that it was conceived, funded and undertaken by a Local Government in NSW. This visionary strategic document demonstrates a clear understanding of the vital role vegetation plays in supporting life and is particularly timely in light of the current pressure on our natural resources. All those involved in its production should be congratulated.

Council is also asking for Environmental Levy submissions again. Kara will be contacting you (if she hasn't already) to make sure your group is included in our regional Landcare submission.

The weather continues to create havoc not only in Australia but all around the globe, precisely what scientists have been warning of for some time. For those interested and wanting to inform themselves and others, I highly recommend the CSIRO's recently released "Climate Snapshot 2012" which gives an update from an Australian perspective, and New Scientist Weekly's 17 November issue which has a current snapshot from a global perspective. The office has PDF copies to email anyone who would like them.

Since the last issue we've run a successful workshop dealing with coastal management at Arrawarra, which drew a good crowd, and we've conducted the Annual Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare Awards at Jetty Beach. The winner of the Eileen

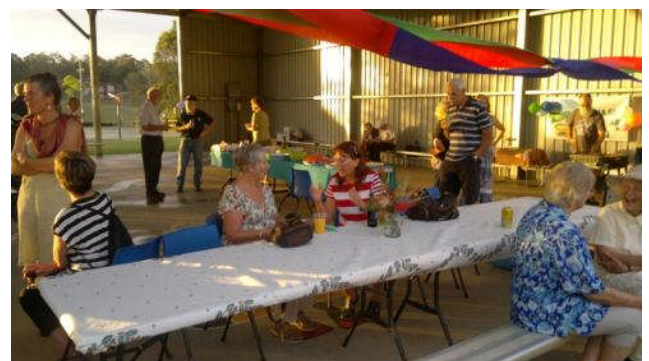
Moody award was Desnee McCosker, who was recognised for the years of blood, sweat and tears she's dedicated to the Jetty Foreshores and surrounds.



**Congratulations Desnee McCosker! Winner of the Eileen Moody award for 2012**

This year we also held the inaugural Dee Wallace Memorial Landcare Group award, which fittingly was won by the CHRL Nursery in recognition of the thousands of plants they have helped get in the ground over their 20 year history. Dee was an enthusiastic founder of Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare, and without her drive and determination, the Coffs Coast would be a poorer place today.

We also joined with the Orara Rivercare Management Committee to hold a combined Christmas Party at Nana Glen. Special thanks to Bob Piper who drove the "Landcare Bus", which made it possible for a few more people to attend and reduced our carbon footprint at the same time.



**Landcarers enjoying Christmas at Nana Glen**

I'm sure you all join with me in especially thanking Kara, Jude, Craig, Pia and Alistair for another tremendous effort in providing support services to the Coffs Harbour Region's Landcarers. It can be a thankless job sometimes, yet they still turn up each week ready to face the challenges of a sometimes uncompromising world.

That's it for another year. I'd like to wish you all the very best for the coming holiday season. Here's hoping you have a chance to enjoy some quality time with friends and family and recharge for 2013. It looks like being a challenging year, so have a good rest to get ready for whatever is in store for Landcare.

Merry Christmas, cheers for now, and Happy Landcaring.

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of the process will be to develop and release a final Northern Rivers CAP 2013-2023. The final CAP2 is due to be submitted for Agency signing in late December 2012. Before the final CAP2 is adopted in 2013, it will be reviewed by the NSW Natural Resources Commission before submission to the NSW Government for consideration and approval.

To follow the latest progress on the CAP, visit:  
<http://www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au/news/cap-review-update>

## A State of the Environment Report for the Northern Rivers Region

Fifteen Northern Rivers local councils and the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (NRCMA) are working together to prepare a Regional State of the Environment (SOE) Report for 2012.

Due for release in November 2012, the Regional SOE Report has three main goals:

1. to meet the reporting requirements of the Local Government Act 1993;
2. to provide information to the community and decision makers on the condition of the local environment and where resources are best placed to respond to community expectations; and
3. to better integrate with State Natural Resource Management (NRM) reporting.

This project aims to produce a useful, informative and streamlined report that informs both local councils and state government agencies about the current condition of the environment at a regional and local level. With the next SOE report due in 2016, this report will act as a baseline of environmental condition which can be used for comparison.

The new Regional State of the Environment Report will provide more meaningful data for Councils to make informed decisions in terms of their Environmental Objectives in Community Strategic Plans.



## Catchment Action Plan (CAP) - Update

During October, a final round of public consultation sessions was held across the Mid-North Coast by the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority. These sessions were held to help facilitate submissions for consideration by the NRCMA when preparing the final Catchment Action Plan 2013-2023.

The process began in July 2011, and since that time there have been a number of opportunities for all stakeholders (which includes any member of the public) to get involved and have input into the directions and priorities for natural resource management going forward to 2023.

The deadline for final submissions on the Draft CAP closed on 9 November 2012. The next major stage

For more information on this soon to be released SOE Report, check out the NRCMA website at <http://www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au>

### **Northern Rivers CMA Incentive Program Participant Survey**

As you probably know, the Northern Rivers CMA has been offering an Incentive Program for the past three years. The Program's purpose is to provide an opportunity for the NRCMA to engage and partner with the community to undertake works to improve the natural resources of the region. To date, the Program has delivered over three million dollars to the community and has supported over 280 biodiversity, riparian, coastal and soil projects and plans.

The NRCMA is seeking your comments to help them review this funding Program, determine its existence in the future and how it may be better delivered.

Anyone in the northern rivers region who has an interest in NRM and the Incentive Program is welcome to complete the survey. It comes in three parts – Part A for everyone, Part B for previous applicants to the program (whether or not they received funding), and Part C for people who have received funding through the program.

The survey can be found at the NRCMA website: <http://www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au/> or you can come into the office for a hard copy. If you have any questions about this survey please telephone Melinda Fletcher, NRCMA, Alstonville on 02 6627 0170



### **Local Land Services Reforms**

**Help us get our message right!**

The NSW State Government has announced reforms that will see Livestock Health and Pest Authorities (LHPAs) merge with Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) and DPI Extension Services by 2014 to form semi-autonomous boards across the State. The Government hopes that the formation of these 'Local Land Services' Boards will reduce duplication and increase efficiencies.

A Reference Panel chaired by Dr John Keniry AM (Natural Resources Commissioner) will be appointed to build the new Local Land Services (LLS) to deliver valued services to the people of NSW. Mick Keogh, Executive Director of the Australian Farm Institute, will work alongside Dr Keniry and specifically with community groups, stakeholders and staff to develop LLS. The Reference Panel is comprised of representatives from NSW Farmers, the LHPAs, CMAs, the DPI, Landcare NSW, Greening Australia and the Local Government and Shires Association.

The panel's key focus will be to outline the core and non-core functions LLS will provide, a new governance structure which "ensures appropriate accountability to the NSW government and other funding contributors" and "information on a cost-recovery and complementary service-pricing system".

Having a seat on the Reference Panel is a good opportunity for Landcare NSW to have input into the new model so Landcare NSW needs your thoughts to ensure they get their message right.

At the moment it is thought that Landcare will benefit under the new arrangements as being able to deliver local on-ground outcomes and projects. Whilst Landcare NSW is optimistic about this prospect we are advising that communities require adequate support and resources for this to work for everyone.

It is proposed that the new authorities will be governed by a board of five – a chairperson, two government appointed members and two locally elected members.

For more info from Landcare NSW and to complete their survey, please visit: <http://www.landcarensw.blogspot.com.au/>

Survey responses are collated externally and returned to Landcare NSW without identification so tell them what you really think! They have also asked for your email address and while it is not essential to do so it will enable them to keep you informed of important developments.

It is important that as many people as possible complete their survey so please distribute widely in your networks!

You can also have your say at the NSW DPI feedback site  
<http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices>

## WORKSHOPS – PAST & FUTURE

### Coastal Dune Management

On 31 October, CHRL provided a free workshop on Coastal Dune Management – presented by Alastair Maple. The workshop was hosted by the Arrawarra Coastcare group, who are currently working on a dune stabilization project funded by a Caring for Our Country Community Action Grant.

The workshop was a great success, with many attendees commenting how good it was to learn from another group with a project in progress.

A big thank you to to Arrawarra Coastcare, and to Alastair for sharing his knowledge and experience.



Alastair ponders the big questions while others survey the effects of coastal erosion at Arrawarra

### Native Plant Propagation

EnvlTe is hosting a free workshop that will provide an opportunity for you to learn native plant propagation techniques in a “hands-on” learning environment.

The workshop will be held at the Landcare Nursery in Woolgoolga on Wednesday, **12<sup>th</sup> December** from 9.30-12noon.

For more information, and to RSVP to reserve your spot, contact Justin Couper on 6650 9170 or [justinc@envite.org.au](mailto:justinc@envite.org.au). Numbers are limited, so booking is essential.

### Eastern Dorrigo Plateau Restoration Field Day

EnvlTe is offering an opportunity to visit a significant riparian restoration project in Eastern Dorrigo on **14 December**. Participants will learn about bush regeneration techniques and plant a tree to contribute to connectivity and habitat for threatened flora and over 11 threatened fauna.

The site encompasses a range of vegetation types, including cool temperate rainforest, tall open forest and gully rainforest.

For further details and to register, contact Mick Webb on 6650 9170 or [mickw@envite.org.au](mailto:mickw@envite.org.au).

### Equi-culture Seminars Coming in February

Nationally acclaimed author and experts on horse property management, Jane Myers MSc (equine) and Stuart Myers will be coming to our area in the new year to deliver seminars which are of value to not only horse owners but to the wider environment, particularly our water catchment.

Jane and Stuart will be talking about how to improve horse property management. The seminar educates horse property owners about how to develop a sustainable property that works with the environment rather than against it. This includes how to manage pasture for horses and encourage biodiversity, how to manage manure, water and vegetation and how to plan and design a horse property.

The seminar educates horse property owners about the value of sound property management practices, not only in terms of horse care, horse health, financial benefits and aesthetic improvements to their property, but just as importantly the environmental benefits, including the effects on water catchment, weed control and erosion and the benefits to the wider community.

If you would like to attend one of these informative and engaging seminars, pencil in your diary for the end of February. Details about the exact where's and when's will be advised as soon as they are available.

## WHAT LANDCARERS ARE DOING AT... COFFS HARBOUR

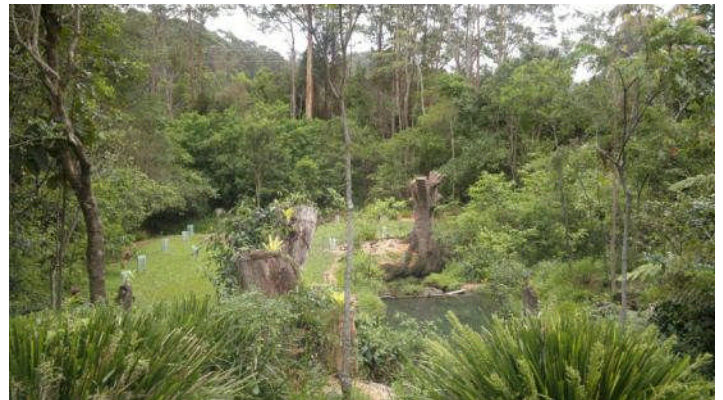
You may have seen a recent article in the Woolgoolga Advertiser about a local banana farmer, Dave Tate, who has been putting in the hard yards at his farm to reduce erosion & increase soil health through compost and green mulches.

Dave's efforts are a great example of utilising a range of techniques to improve both sustainability and productivity. We extend a warm welcome to Dave as a new Landcare member, and look forward to working with him in the future to help him with his sustainable farming practices.



Erosion control works at Dave Tate's farm

CHRL would also like to welcome to our newest Landcare group – Bandicoot Hollow Landcare. Located in the new public reserve behind Cotswold Close in Coffs Harbour, this reserve is already well on its way to becoming a beautiful spot for residents of the area to come and commune with nature. A few more helping hands would be welcome to help maintain the extensive work that has already been done, and to extend into parts of the reserve that still need attention. Contact the CHRL office for more details if you would like to help care for this suburban oasis.



Bandicoot Hollow Landcare site

## NEW RESOURCES

**COMING SOON - Mining Law in NSW: A guide for the community**

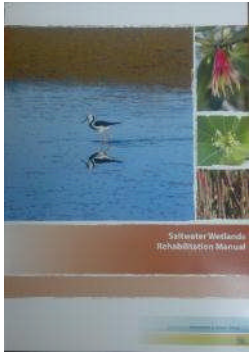


The Environmental Defender's Office NSW will soon be releasing a plain-English guide to the law on mining in NSW. The publication is aimed at mining and CSG affected communities and offers landholders a step-by-step legal guide to dealing with mining companies, and understanding their rights and obligations under the law.

For more information about the guide go to the EDO website at <http://www.edo.org.au>, or to order your advance copy, email or phone the NSW EDO office on 02 9262 6989.

The guide will be free to members of the community, but they only have limited hard copies to give away so get in early to avoid missing out!

### Saltwater Wetlands Rehabilitation Manual

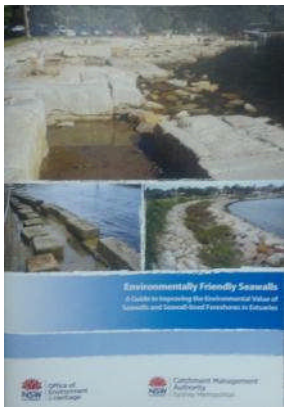


A new resource for rehabilitating the important saltwater wetlands of the coastal zone has been added to CHRL's library.

The manual contains information about saltwater wetlands and offers advice for those wishing to restore these complex ecosystems.

The CD contains information about saltwater wetlands characteristics and processes, as well as the appendices from the manual for restoration planning.

### Environmentally Friendly Seawalls



Another recent addition to the CHRL library is an OEH/Sydney CMA publication called "Environmentally Friendly Seawalls."

This guide aims to improve the environmental value of seawalls and seawall-lined foreshores.

The guide contains explains the differences between natural and seawall-lined intertidal shorelines, and their consequences.

While you may not be planning to build a seawall yourself anytime soon, there is still interesting information to be had about the effect that seawalls have on shores and their habitats – particularly in light of the likelihood of more seawall construction as our coastal communities come under threat from sea level rise.

As always, all of the books and DVD's in the substantial CHRL resource library can be borrowed by members at any time.

## Northern Rivers Landcare Awards

Nominations are now open for the Northern Rivers Landcare Awards, with winners to be announced at a Gala Dinner on **Thursday, March 7, 2013**, during the North Coast Landcare Forum.

The Forum will offer a great opportunity to learn more about some great Landcare successes in our region, catch up with other Landcarers and discuss opportunities.

The forum will be held at the Angourie Resort at Yamba with full details to be announced soon.

Put your thinking caps on to decide if an individual or a special project in your community might fit one of the 10 categories:

- Sustainable Farming
- Coastcare
- Young People/ Education
- Indigenous
- Community Group
- Urban
- Individual Landcare
- Landcare Partnership
- Young Landcare Leader
- Local Landcare Facilitator/  
Coordinator/Community Support Officer

The guidelines and the nomination forms can be downloaded from the CHRL website - [www.coffsharbourlandcare.org.au](http://www.coffsharbourlandcare.org.au) Celebrate and acknowledge the great successes and contributors in our landcare community and nominate!!

## Volunteers Worth More to Australia than Mining

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Volunteers are rarely in the spotlight - more often they're the ones working silently behind the scenes,

making important things happen but rarely getting the credit.

But new research from the University of Adelaide tries to put the focus back on their work by putting a value on it. According to Dr Lisel O'Dwyer, volunteers contribute more than \$200 billion to the Australian economy, more than the entire mining industry.

According to the State of Volunteering in Australia report, about 36% of the adult population volunteered in 2010, almost doubling since 1995 from 3.2 million to 6.1 million people.

A previous estimate from the Australian Bureau of Statistics put the value of this activity at \$14.6 billion nationally in 2006, while a 2008 study by the Queensland government put the value of volunteering in Queensland alone at \$13.4 billion in 2006.

But Dr O'Dwyer says the true value of volunteering in Australia may be as much as \$200 billion, significantly more than the entire mining industry which contributes about \$121 billion to Australia's GDP, but only employs about 187,000 people directly.

"There are many ways to measure the value of volunteering and the benefits flow both ways," she says.

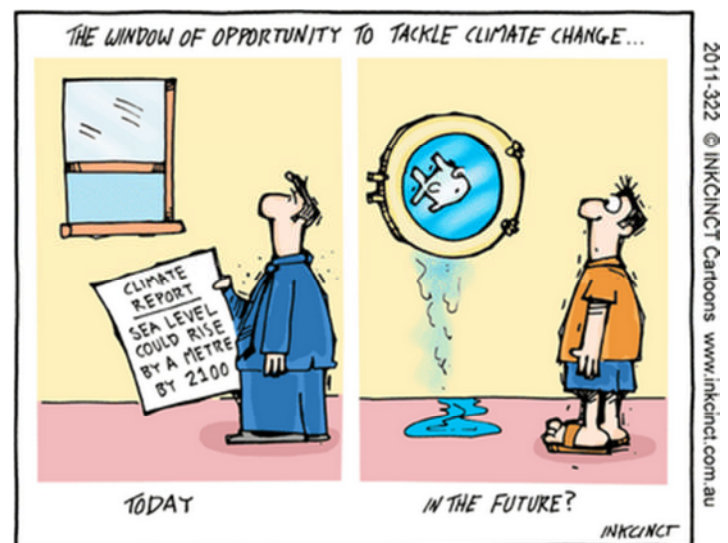
"Volunteers get a lot of satisfaction from helping others, enhancing the quality of their life and their health. The benefits to the recipients are obvious and there are also positive spinoffs for governments and workplaces."

Dr O'Dwyer says that while current estimates of the economic value of volunteering are likely to be "gross under-representations", she warns that focusing on the monetary value may be damaging if it reinforces the notion that volunteering is all about saving money.

"If a volunteer fire fighter saves the life of a child, what is that worth? If environmental degradation is slowed because of millions of trees planted by volunteer conservationists, what is that worth? And if an elderly person receives a hot meal five days a week, what is that worth?"

But if you're looking to volunteer as a pathway to a job in the community sector, Dr O'Dwyer has some good news for you:

"Volunteers gain a broad range of new skills that are transferable to their workplace, for example. They are healthier, fitter, more mentally alert and more socially connected than people who do not volunteer. These benefits may even act as a pathway to employment," she says.



## Witness King Tides Project

On **December 14** there will be another king tide, and Green Cross Australia wants you to get your camera out to capture it.

By registering at [www.witnesskingtides.org](http://www.witnesskingtides.org) and submitting a photo of the king tide in your area, you will contribute to a national collection of images to help understand what our coast could look like in the future.

Changing coastal conditions will impact our environment and coastal communities in the coming years and it is important that Australians are informed and aware of potential risks and hazards.

So why not get out and take a photograph of your favourite beach/creek/pier and be a witness for king tides 2012?



# Changes to NSW Coastal Management Policies

**In September the NSW Government announced the start of reforms to coastal management policies. Below is the media release from Chris Hartcher, MP – Minister for Resources and Energy, Special Minister of State, and Minister for the Central Coast:**

## NSW MOVES AHEAD ON COASTAL MANAGEMENT

The NSW Government today announced significant changes to the way the NSW coast will be managed, giving more freedom to landowners to protect their properties from erosion and dropping Labor's onerous statewide sea level rise planning benchmarks.

Special Minister of State Chris Hartcher said the changes mean councils will have the freedom to consider local conditions when determining future hazards.

The first stage of the NSW Government's comprehensive coastal reforms will:

- Make it easier for coastal landholders to install temporary works to reduce the impacts of erosion on their properties;
- Remove the compulsory application of sea level rise benchmarks;
- Deliver clarity to councils on the preparation of section 149 notices by focusing on current known hazards; and
- Support local councils by providing information and expert advice on sea level rise relevant to their local area.

Mr Hartcher said the changes strike the right balance between protecting property and managing the State's vast coastline.

"The NSW Government has listened to the concerns of communities and councils about previous coastal erosion reforms and the uncertainties they caused for landholders," Mr Hartcher said. "The Ministerial Coastal Taskforce has carefully considered the best ways to empower coastal communities to take preventative measures before erosion occurs.

"Our changes will mean landowners can more easily place sandbags on their properties to reduce impacts of erosion from smaller storm events. Landowners in

erosion prone areas need to be allowed to take sensible measures to protect their land from coastal erosion and not be tied up in red tape."

"We will also halve the maximum penalties for offences relating the inappropriate use of these works, which were excessive. Mr Hartcher said the heavy-handed application of Labor's sea level rise planning benchmarks for 2050 and 2100 would go."

"There has been concern about the negative impacts on property values from these unclear section 149 certificate notations," Mr Hartcher said. The NSW Government will remove the need for councils to use state-wide sea level rise projections."

"We will be assisting councils by providing information on future sea level rise relevant to their local area and by giving councils access to expert advice. It is critical that the information contained in the section 149 certificates and the underlying mapping is clear and accurate."

The NSW Government will issue advice to all councils to guide the preparation and use of section 149 certificates. This will provide much needed certainty for local communities on how these certificates refer to future coastal erosion hazard.

"This will give councils more certainty as the Government continues its reform of coastal management in NSW," Mr Hartcher said.

The NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer has identified uncertainty in the projected rate of future sea level rise given that the scientific knowledge in the field was continually evolving. Mr Hartcher said as an interim measure, all councils preparing coastal zone management plans will be given an extra 12 months to complete them and have suspended certification of any further plans. The Coastal Ministerial Taskforce will continue to work with councils and communities on the second stage of reforms.

**... But there are always two sides to any story...**

**At the recent 21st annual NSW Coastal Management Conference in Kiama, the proposed reforms to coastal policy were not well received. Following is a media release from the Australian Coastal Society:**



**Recent changes to NSW coastal management policies and legislation were greeted with anger and frustration by delegates attending the 21<sup>st</sup> annual NSW Coastal Management Conference in Kiama this week, as a range of speakers expressed serious concerns about their likely impacts on local councils' legal liability and budgets, public beach amenity and effective coastal management.**

"There is no unifying vision for the future of the NSW coast guiding these changes and it appears that the Government has taken a very short sighted and naïve view rather than developing a comprehensive agenda for protecting both the public and private interests in the coast," Mr Angus Gordon spokesperson for the Australian Coastal Society, said today.

"This is a recipe for chaos, not a model for the good governance of NSW coastal management. Coastal landowners are being duped if they think these changes will protect their properties for erosion. They're more likely to deliver a lose, lose, lose outcome whereby landowners who proceed with ad hoc coastal protection works will increase erosion impacts on their neighbours' land, destroy beach amenity and trigger a storm of costly litigation between private landowners," said Mr Gordon.

Many conference delegates felt frustrated and disappointed that NSW Ministers had revoked the NSW planning benchmark for sea level rise, but had failed to attend the conference to provide any adequate justification for the decision or to explain how sea level rise or other climate change impacts should now be managed.

"Plainly there's a real disconnect operating here. The Ministers made these far reaching decisions, but the government officials present at the conference had difficulty explaining them. The NSW Chief Scientist has publicly said the science behind the sea level rise planning benchmarks is sound. However, instead of a consistent state-wide approach the Government has left it to local councils to navigate the issue of climate change impacts with no guidance," he said.

"The Australian Coastal Society doesn't support the current reforms and we want them revisited via a genuine process of consultation that engages all affected stakeholders. The NSW Government should form a new, independent coastal advisory council to assist it to develop a coherent vision for the NSW coast before proceeding with changes to the legal and policy framework for coastal management."

## Coffs Council Draft Coastal Zone Management Plan

And while we're on the subject of coastal management... Coffs Harbour City Council has released their Draft Coastal Zone Management Plan for public exhibition as of 28 November. The plan can be reviewed and commented upon until **23 January 2012**.

Council is holding a series of drop-in community sessions on the Coastal Zone Management Plan in December:

- December 6<sup>th</sup> at Coffs Coast Growers Market, City Square, from 10am – 1pm
- December 6<sup>th</sup> at Sawtell Surf Lifesaving Club, from 4pm – 6pm
- December 7<sup>th</sup> at Woolgoolga Neighbourhood Centre, from 10am – 12noon.

Copies of the plan can be viewed at Councils Administration Building, Woolgoolga and Coffs Harbour City Libraries and on Council's website at [www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au](http://www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au). For more information contact Council's Coastal & Environmental Engineer, Malcolm Robertson on 6648 4427.



# Worksite Updates

**Arrawarra Coastcare Site:** Volunteers working monthly on littoral rainforest at the southern end of Corindi Beach. Contact David Bryant 6649 2825.

**Bandicoot Hollow Landcare:** A new group looking after a reserve behind Cotswold Close Coffs Harbour. Contact the CHRL office for more info.

**Bundagen Landcare:** A new sub-group has just started in the Bundageree village that will be focusing on revegetating the creek that passes through the village.

**Crystal Waters Landcare Site:** Volunteers are working with National Parks in Coffs Coast Regional Park at Sapphire Beach – maintaining the dunes and wetlands. Contact: Tim and Jennie 6656 4158.

**CHRL Nursery:** A dedicated bunch of plant enthusiasts meeting each Wednesday and Thursday. Contact Doug Prendergast 6654 7421.

**Eastern Dorrigo Landcare Site:** The group continues to work on riparian zones, both on public & private land. The group will assist local landowners who were successful in gaining funds from CMA. Contact Lindy Davis 6654 5313.

**Friends of Coffs Creek:** Meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from 9-12, Mondays 8-2.30, Tues 8-2.30, and Thurs 8-11. Ph Elisabeth Edwards for more information 6651 5380.

**Jarrett Creek Landcare Site:** The group continues its great work at Woopi (despite frequent flooding!). Looking for more members to join. Contact Leah Sjoberg 6654 7942.

**Jetty Dunecare Group Inc:** Are continuing their bush regeneration work in the Jetty area. Volunteers meet Tuesdays and Saturdays from 7.30am. Contact Jane Ireland for more information 6652 4389.

**Karangie Landcare Group:** Meet monthly to weed areas around the Cemetery. Contact Ron Smith 66538249

**Karangie Public School:** Karangie School students continue to work along Karangie creek each fortnight.

**Kinchela Landcare Site:** A new group looking for members to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. Contact Helen Lawrence 6653 2015.

**Korora Basin Landcare Site:** Meet every six weeks, alternating between public and private land. Contact Kris Hely 6653 6781.

**Korora Dunecare Site:** Looking for new members to work on Korora's foreshore. Contact Michael Pitt 6653 7557.

**Mullawarra Dunecare Site:** Meeting on the last Saturday of the month. Contact Roger Jennings 6654 1203.

**Nana Glen Landcare Group:** Have commenced work on a NRCMA bio-grants project in conjunction with Nana Glen School. Meeting every second Saturday. Contact Larry Langman 6654 3965.

**Park Beach Dunecare Site:** Volunteers meet on Fridays at 9am between the Hoey Moey and the Bowling Club. Contact Rosemary on 6652 5940 or Judy on 6651 7691.

**Red Rock Landcare:** A very active group meeting frequently at various locations around Red Rock. Contact Rose & Vern Treilibs 0418 112 390.

**Safety Beach Dunecare Site:** The group is having monthly working bees and working closely with National Parks staff.

**Sandy Beach Dunecare:** An enthusiastic group meeting regularly at Sandy Beach. Contact Peta Fairbairn 6656 2255.

**Sapphire Reserve Landcare Group:** An active group with activity centered around White Bluff. Contact Greg Robinson 6653 7118.

**Sawtell Community Bushcare:** Group meets on Sundays, usually around 9am. Any new volunteers that would like to join contact Charlie England 6658 1622.

**Sawtell Dunecare:** Continue to remove weeds, plant local natives & remove man-made rubbish from the beach. Contact Les & Heather Fairey 6653 1770.

**Serenity Landcare:** Volunteers regularly working along Serenity Beach, Look at me now Headland, and Emerald beach. Contact Karina Rothacker 66561895

**Woolgoolga Main Beach Dunecare:** Are continuing their good work with working bees carried out every Monday and Wednesday from 8am to 12 on the dunes. Looking for new members. Contact Gerard Nolan 6656 0929.

**Woolgoolga Back Beach Dunecare:** Working bees are held on the second Sunday of each month, 8-11am, meeting at the back beach picnic area at the end of High St. Contact Alex Groot 6654 2833

Please note: The information about dates for group activities is sourced from your membership & group activities forms, if it is not correct please let CHRL know, phone 6651 1308 or email [chrl@westnet.com.au](mailto:chrl@westnet.com.au)



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