

Foreshore Management Plan - Newell Beach

“One of the most important issues in Newell Beach is the vegetation degradation on the foreshore. This is imperative and tree planting should be implemented as soon as possible.”

In September 2020, Douglas Shire Council sought comments from the Newell Beach community about existing park infrastructure and amenities along the Newell Beach foreshore.

In response to this feedback, Douglas Shire Council will be preparing a Foreshore Management Plan for Newell Beach. The plan will cover the whole length of the foreshore as indicated in the map.

In addition to feedback relating to infrastructure, many in the community said they wanted to see better protection of the foreshore vegetation.

It will set out how to protect, maintain and manage the coastline and foreshore and while it will not be a statutory document, once adopted by Douglas Shire Council, actions will be integrated into relevant planning strategies and functions.

A practical tool and great resource for Council and community members.

The Foreshore Management Plan will contain, among other things:

- Description of the vegetation types and density along the foreshore
- Description of fauna found along the foreshore
- Weed species list
- Audit of beach access points – formal and informal
- Dune protection activities such as revegetation and recommended plant species
- Maps which clearly define access points to the beach and priority area for revegetation.

Preparing the Foreshore Management Plan

Douglas Shire Council will seek tenders from suitably experienced companies to develop a Foreshore Management Plan for Newell Beach.

The Draft will then be presented and discussed at a Council workshop before being released for public comment.

The successful consultant will Draft Foreshore Management Plan based on site visits, liaison with Council officers and desktop research. The Plan will also need to align with and/or take into consideration other relevant documents including the [Resilient Coast Strategic Plan 2019-2029](#) and [Coconut Management Plan](#).

All comments received will be considered and the Draft amended as per feedback received.

The Final Foreshore Management Plan will be tabled at an Ordinary Council meeting to be adopted.

When Will the Foreshore Management Plan Be Completed?

A timetable cannot be confirmed until a consultant is appointed, but we are working towards the meeting the following timeline:

Activity	Date
Tenders Open	4 January 2021
Tenders Closed	21 January 2021
Evaluation of Tenders & Appointment of Consultant/s	February 2021
Drafting of Foreshore Management Plan	By End March
Draft tabled at Council Workshop & approved for release for public comment	6 April 2021
Community Consultation	12 – 30 April 2021
Comments collated and Foreshore Management Plan amended as per feedback	May 2021
Final Foreshore Management Plan Adopted by Douglas Shire Council	29 June 2020



Enquiries

If you would like to receive an alert when the Draft Foreshore Management Plan for Newell Beach is released for public comment please contact Council's Community Liaison Officer Gaye Scott by email, gaye.scott@douglas.qld.gov.au or phone 0418 793 009.