

# TIDAL TIMES



**GRANTVILLE & DISTRICT** FORESHORE COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT

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## **FORESHORE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The GDFC committee has been busy working on their foreshore management plan in preparation for it to be submitted to the DSE. When completed and ratified it will appear on their website for community information.

The committee spent a morning walking at low tide along the part of the foreshore for which they are responsible. Many areas needing improvement were noted, including weed infestation, rotting structures, some erosion and last but by no means least the derelict sea wall at Malcolm Drive. All of these concerns will be addressed in the committee's management plan. The committee will continue working with the community to rectify the problems and to make the area safer and environmentally sound.

### **STEWART ST AND MALCOLM DRIVE WEED REMOVAL**

One third of the works schedule for the first year of a three year weed removal program in the Malcolm Drive, Stewart St area has been completed. The committee has applied for a further grant to complete the remaining two thirds. Mirrorbush, gorse, blackberry and exotics will continue to be removed and will be replaced with indigenous grasses and trees. This will improve the habitat for local fauna, birds and insects and help preserve the biodiversity of the area as well as protect against erosion.

The committee will also be upgrading and signposting access tracks in the area.

### **RE-VEGETATION AT PIONEER BAY**

Weed removal and replacement of native trees and grasses following the building of the boardwalk beach access has been completed at Pioneer Bay. Landcare has sprayed weeds and planted boobialla, coastal banksias and tussock grasses. The weed removal has already begun to allow the resident coastal paperbark trees to spread and fill the area.

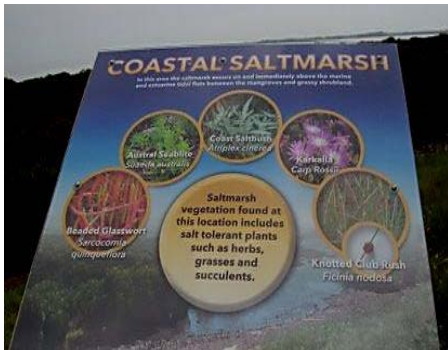


**Coastal Banksia**

## **BOARDWALK SIGNAGE**

Three signboards depicting the flora and fauna of the Pioneer Bay foreshore have been erected on or near the boardwalk beach access. Information about mangroves is depicted on one sign, berm grassy shrubland which includes the coastal paperbarks and the wildlife that inhabits that area is featured on a second and detail about coastal saltmarsh features on the third.

The signs are clear and easily read as people access the boardwalk and then the beach.



**Sign depicting vegetation classified as coastal saltmarsh**

## **RISK MANAGEMENT AT MALCOLM DRIVE FORESHORE**

The committee received a risk mitigation grant for the removal of some of the smaller rubble remains of the old sea wall. Some illegal structures will also be removed. Local contractor Bryan Westwood is to undertake the work and it should begin this month.

## **COASTAL PROCESSES STUDY**

A draft copy of the Grantville Coastal Processes report contracted by DSE has been forwarded to members of the

committee. The study was undertaken by a private consulting firm to garner information about sand and tide movement in the area to facilitate actions to remove the seawall ruins on the Malcolm Drive foreshore while mitigating inundation and erosion at this site. The final recommendations will be included in our next newsletter.



**Malcolm Drive seawall ruins**

## **FIRE PREVENTION PLAN**

Finalisation of the foreshore fire prevention plan is still on hold waiting for further information from the DSE. The plan will be completed and circulated in future newsletters and on our website at [www.GADFC.com.au](http://www.GADFC.com.au)

## **OUR MEETINGS**

Are held on the second Friday of each month at the Grantville Transaction Centre at 7pm, and interested community members are invited to attend. Our next meeting is October 14.

The GADFC Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 11.

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