

# TIDAL TIMES



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**GRANTVILLE & DISTRICT FORESHORE COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT**

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## **COASTAL PROCESSES STUDY REPORT**

The Grantville and District Foreshore Committee was disappointed to learn of the outcome from the Grantville Coastal Processes study contracted by DSE and undertaken by a private consulting firm.

This study was 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 by the use of groynes.

The final recommendations cite that there is insufficient sand in the Westernport system to enable the use of groynes as an erosion mitigation measure.

The committee is committed to the removal or remodeling of the derelict sea wall at Malcolm Drive and will continue working with the DSE and the community to rectify this problem and to make the area safer, more appealing and environmentally sound.

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

Because of a perceived risk to residents and visitors using the foreshore near Malcolm Drive for recreation, the committee successfully applied for a Risk Mitigation Grant. After the committee received the grant, local contractor Brian Westwood undertook the removal of some of the metal rods protruding from the rubble of the old sea wall. Rubble was also pushed back from the seaward side to the landward side of the old sea wall foundation and some

illegal structures were also removed in line with DSE policy. As a result the beach has become much safer.



*Before the rubble removal*

## **FIRE PREVENTION PLAN**

Finalisation of the foreshore fire prevention plan has not progressed any further as the committee is still waiting for input from the DSE. Anyone with concerns should access our website [www.GADFC.com.au](http://www.GADFC.com.au) for a link to the CFA fire advice service. The committee's plan will be added to the website once completed.

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

One third of the works scheduled for the first year of a three year weed removal program in the Malcolm Drive, Stewart Street area has been completed. The committee was unsuccessful in its application for further funding to complete the remaining two thirds. However some removal of blackberry will be undertaken as a matter of urgency.

Mirrorbush, gorse, and exotics will continue to be removed and will be replaced with indigenous grasses and trees once funding for this project is available. 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 is planning the upgrade of all access tracks and improvement of the signposting at this location as soon as funding becomes available. Members of the committee have been assessing the area to prioritise the works to be carried out.

## **UNAUTHORISED SPRAYING & CLEARING**

The Grantville and District Foreshore Committee is responsible for the area

from Broome Court north to Pioneer Bay (see map). It is important that residents and other users of the area understand that any spraying, clearing or mowing of weeds or blackberries in that area **MUST** be undertaken by the committee. Please contact the committee via the secretary or our website. Contact details at the end of this newsletter.



*Committee's area of responsibility*

## **DSE LISASON**

Leanne Kahn, the committee's liaison officer from the DSE has now left the department. Mick Dortman is a DSE contact person.

## **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 March 9, 2012.

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