

OLD BAR BEACH SAND REPLENISHMENT GROUP INC

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Another 12 months have passed and we are having our
EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –
Venue, Club Old Bar - 1 Belford Street, Old Bar
Sunday, August 20, 2017 - time: 2.30 pm

To vote members need to be financial – membership renewals are coming in for which I thank you, but in case you have not renewed, I attach a membership renewal

I am very disappointed with the lack of results we have had from so much effort, follow-up, continual searching for answers and especially at the lack of response to the many plausible solutions we have found.

The NSW Government is really at “sixes and sevens” with their new Coastal Management Act with much of the associated material not yet finalised including the Coastal Management SEPP. Even though it has been passed, it has still not been proclaimed which was planned for January 2017. Coastal Zone Management Plans are still required to be prepared by councils. Originally called for in 2008 they have been constantly submitted by councils and refused by government - apparent lack of communication and coordination within government offices regarding their content causing them to be returned for revision. Finalisation of our “Old Bar Manning Point Coastal Management Program” is not expected until 2019, and that is when progress can be started on whatever the content finishes being”

SAND SCRAPING

Will give us some protection of our dunes with nourishment

- All being well it will start end of spring beginning of summer.
- Funds sitting with MidCoast Council - \$45,000 from State Government, \$45,000 from MidCoast Council

DUNE FENCING and SAND TRAPS

Our beach no longer has width – when the “SAND SCRAPING” has been completed then we can again start putting up dune fencing and sand traps.

HAY BALES

Still in our “to-do” list being constantly worked on for licences or whatever is necessary by the ever determined Andrew Staniland.

WHAT WE REALLY NEEDED & CAN'T GET

NOURISHMENT FOR OLD BAR BEACH FROM DREDGING FARQUHAR INLET

30,000 cubic metres of sand – 2km x 1.5m high x 10m wide

soft training wall at soft rocks or fluidisation of the inlet

training of Racecourse Creek exit with groyne

groyne at the end of Lewis Street Beach

**this is a proposal set out at our 2015 AGM by International Coastal Engineer
ANGUS JACKSON**

MIDCOAST COUNCIL'S ACTION –

- Beach Scraping - the Coastal Management Project Group of Midcoast Council, after much hard work, eventually have the money in hand for the beach scraping which will give us some nourishment
- Old Bar Manning Point Coastal Management Program – Project Manager has advised that Grant Funding of \$160,000 from OEH to Council has been approved. This will be matched with \$160,000 from MidCoast Council, but there are still a few refinements ensuring funding and council will put out a formal media notification. **Our group is very supportive of the abovementioned “What We Really Need” – the dredging of Farquhar Inlet has been on the “wishlist” of the oyster farmers since 2006 and is strongly supported by the Prawn and fishing industries, and will restore the rapidly reducing tourist industry of this area – Farquhar Inlet being un-navigable.**
- Stormwater and Racecourse Creek outlet
Racecourse Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan is underway and is to be completed in 2017/2018

NEW COUNCIL TO BE ELECTED – SEPTEMBER

We can only speak of our experience with the MidCoast Council and it has been excellent – no doubt when three councils are merged and such a large local council created, not everything will run smoothly, but our group has received attention and we have meetings around every three weeks and get an update on progress in our matters. It is to be hoped that newly elected councillors will be supportive of the present council administration.

BUNNINGS BARBEQUES, MARKETS, AND OUR WORK

Over 9 years many have joined our group of workers, but illness, accidents and family matters have taken their toll. We have cancelled the remaining Bunnings Barbeques this year because of lack of helpers. The return is not high, but it is something and it is desirable that we keep on doing them to keep our work and need in the public eye. We have a very keen group of “hands on” workers under the supervision of Barbara and we have Pat’s constant vigilance in his position at the beach. But if you have some spare time available your help would be appreciated in the “think-tank” area. Our Treasurer has been a constantly changing position and we would appreciate someone who is able to take the job on knowing they can stay the distance.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR AGM
WE NEED CLEAR & STRONG OBVIOUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

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

**MY MOTTO
SAND ON THE BEACH “ANY WHICH WAY”
ELAINE PEARCE – PRESIDENT – mob. 0407 229 145**