

Securing the future of our coastline

Meeting notes

West Beach & Henley Beach South Community Working Group

Tuesday 21 September 2021, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Venue: Beachside Restaurant, 5 West Beach Road

We would like to acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional Lands for the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the greater Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today

Attendees

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| 1. John Dundon, Save West Beach Sand | 7. Alan Young |
| 2. David Brown | 8. Don Gyles |
| 3. Norm Collins | 9. David Ellis |
| 4. Garry Griffiths, City of Charles Sturt | 10. Kay Dempsey |
| 5. Bernadette Cranwell, Henley Dunes Care Group | 11. Dr Josephine Varney |
| 6. Jill Hill | |

DEW attendees:

- James Guy, Project Manager Securing the future of our coastline
- Janet Pryor, Senior Engagement Coordinator

Apologies

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| • Belinda Schiphorst | • Richard Wedding |
| • Karl Kreuzer | • Paul Rafanelli |
| • Stephen Perry | • Jo Mitton |
| • Les Burdett | • Lisa Redman, Henley Dunes Care Group |
| • Daniel Spooner | • Jock (Peter) McKenzie |

1. **Welcome**
2. **Actions from the last meeting** (*refer below*)
3. **Project update**

External sand update / quarry sand delivery

James Guy reported that quarry sand delivery commenced at West Beach on 17 August 2021 and so far approximately 35,400 cubic metres (m³) has been delivered (at 17/9/21) to the West Beach Parks dunes. The initial 50,000m³ is expected to be completed by the end of September 2021. Approximately 1,300m³ is being delivered each day.

The next phase of delivery will commence in October through to December 2021 (approx. 65,000m³). During this time it is intended to build the beach out in front of the West Beach Surf Lifesaving Club, starting from the southern end (refer to presentation slide – ‘placement plan’). To do this, a stock pile of sand will be built at the southern end of the seawall, and contractors will place the sand in front of the sea wall at low tide. Sand delivery will then recommence after the summer holidays (end of January 2022). The intent is to have the external sand delivered before winter 2022. The full quantity of external sand to be delivered to West Beach is still to be confirmed.

A drone 'digital elevated model' will be undertaken in October 2021 following the completion of the initial 50,000m³ delivery. This will be able to show how the beach has changed since the last survey was undertaken. The DHI modelling is still to be undertaken.

James explained the placement configuration of the quarry sand that is being delivered up until Christmas, noting that the contractor had been instructed to place the sand to achieve a thickness of approximately a metre of sand over the toe stones of the seawall, which equates to the sand being placed up to approximately 2.0m AHD. Based on the volume of sand being placed until Christmas, this would be expected to create a dry beach width of approximately 20 – 30m in front of the seawall at a mid-tide water level of 0.0m AHD (1.45m Chart Datum). James also advised that dune stabilisation and revegetation works are not currently planned in front of the seawall.

The community is pleased that sand is being delivered to West Beach now. However concerns have been raised that the targeted quantity of external sand (500,000m³) is uncertain. Community representatives queried how they can influence future decisions. There is also a request for the department to provide a design of the sand placement. **Action: DEW to provide a design of the sand placement.**

James reported that work is being undertaken to develop a strategy for dune stabilisation and planting works for the project. This will be done in partnership with Green Adelaide, council, West Beach Parks and community.

Pipeline update

James provided an update on the Semaphore to West Beach pipeline project. He explained that it is planned for the development application to be lodged in October 2021. The plans will be released as part of the public notification period following lodgement (timing to be advised). Further engagement with local communities will occur during this time. Construction is anticipated to commence in early 2022.

4. Community engagement

A timelapse camera has been set up to capture the changes at West Beach Parks throughout the delivery of external sand. Drone footage has also been captured and footage will be shared in the near future. **Action: Future drone footage to also capture Henley Beach South.**

Community information sessions will likely be held in October/November 2021 during the public notification period for the pipeline development application (timing is subject to change).

The community representatives advised that demolition of the surf club is planned to commence in April 2021.

There was discussion about sand movement works and communication to members of the public, particularly when long stretches of the beach may be affected in the coming months if sand is moved to Henley Beach South. Community members are encouraged to subscribe for SMS updates of beach works to stay informed.

5. Other business

Henley Beach South

James reported that the beach at Henley Beach South has been recovering well following the winter storms. Beach access paths that were previously impacted are now mainly open.

DEW is considering placing some of the external sand at Henley Beach South in spring 2021. Whilst there are Hooded Plovers in the area near the Torrens Outlet there may be a small window of opportunity each day (approx. 2 hours) where trucks could deliver sand to Henley Beach South at low tide. DEW is liaising with Bird Life Australia regarding this and a decision will be determined in the coming months.

Modifications to the truck access into Henley Sailing Club car park

Approvals and quotes have been received for the roundabout modification works. However James reported the timing of the works is to be confirmed and will depend on if further carting via this access will be required. The works can be undertaken fairly quickly and prior to any further sand movement works via the Henley Sailing Club access.

6. Next meeting

4 November 2021

Action list (at 21 September 2021)

Action	Meeting date	Responsibility	Due date	Status
James to bring profile line data at West Beach Parks to show changes over the decades.	11 May 2021	DEW	July	Completed. James to bring updated slides to next meeting showing most current profile lines.
James to meet with Marcus Cooper, Henley Sailing Club once DHI modelling ready.	11 May 2021	DEW	July	Not complete. DHI have not yet completed the modelling.
DEW to provide a design of the sand placement.	21 Sept 2021	DEW	October	
Future drone footage to also capture Henley Beach South.	21 Sept 2021	DEW	October	