

Indented Head Our Coast Meeting May 17 2017

Attendees

Ian Morris, Jennifer Morris, Lewis Rowell, Annette Lewis, Gina Fiske Helen Woods, Rob Parry, Leigh Dennis (CoGG)

Guests

Leia Howes (BBFCM) Matt Crawley (BCN)

Intro and welcome

Leigh welcomed attendees and provided them with an outline of the procedure to be followed for the evening which entailed:

- Presentation by Leia Howes from the Bellarine Bayside Foreshore Committee of Management regarding monitoring
- Presentation by Matt Crawley from Bellarine Catchment Network regarding group formats and support
- Discussion with regard to next steps with regard to:
 - Monitoring
 - Where to proceed to → purpose → vision

1. Monitoring

Leia provided a presentation with regard to the methodology that was being used to monitor the profile of the beaches under BBFCM and how community volunteers were involved.

The group then paired up and had a discussion with regard to any questions they had for Leia.

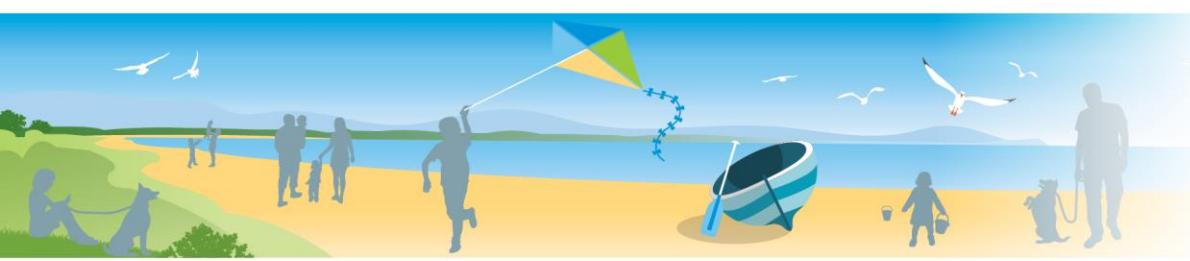
Leia then answered questions from the pairs to clarify any queries with regard to frequency of monitoring, data collection and sharing and training and support to volunteers.

2. Group Formats and Support

Matt provided a presentation with regard to the types of community groups that came under the BCN's umbrella, how they operated and the support that was provided to them by the network. He provided some examples of activities that groups were involved with and also discussed the evolution and dynamics of groups.

The same process for questioning was run with Matt suggesting that the key to groups success was to have a defined purpose or issue to resolve.

Matt and Leia then left the meeting



3. Next Steps

Leigh opened the discussion by reviewing where the group had come from:

- Open House event
- Initial meeting with those who had indicated they wanted to take further
- Formation of an initial discussion group
- Meeting to discuss next steps
- Workshop that identified community needs
 - Engagement
 - Lobbying
 - Monitoring and recording
- Follow up meeting with Port Fairy Group out of which the next steps of:
 - Becoming involved with monitoring group
 - Proceeding as steering group, and
 - Developing a vision/mission/focus for existence

were identified as possible directions to take into the future.

Leigh then asked the group how they wanted to proceed into the future. Out of the ensuing discussion consensus was that the group did not want to proceed as a stand-alone group at this stage. They were however interested in becoming involved with the beach monitoring program. Leigh suggested that he would circulate this to all participants in the process to date and ask them to respond in relation to whether they wanted to be involved, and if so in what localities. The group agreed to this.

Meeting ended.