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Over May to September the *Our Resilient Coast. Our Future* team were out and about talking with the community about values of our coastline, and past experiences of coastal erosion and inundation.

These discussions are helping to shape the direction of a coastal hazard adaptation strategy for the Sunshine Coast.

The project team are continuing to progress technical studies through to February 2020. From mid-2020 we will be back with the community to talk about adaptation options.

Round 1 engagement - what's been happening?

Since May 2019 we have:

- Seen over **2,600** people visit the website
- Received over **650** survey responses
- Provided over **36** community engagement opportunities
- Had face-to-face discussions with over **2,500** people
- Held three Community Advisory Group (CAG) meetings

This has included over 16 briefings for special interest groups including:

- Youth
- Traditional Owners
- Business
- Community
- Research
- Coast/environment interest groups
- Disaster management services
- Utilities



JBP wave tank at Kings Beach

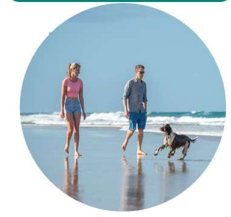
The focus of discussions in Round 1 have included:

- An overview of Our Resilient Coast. Our Future
- Values of the Sunshine Coast
- Management challenges
- Past experiences of coastal hazards (erosion, inundation)
- Thoughts for a resilient future coast

Round 1 discussions have provided direct input that is informing the direction of the technical assessments (risk and adaptation), under several key themes (over page).



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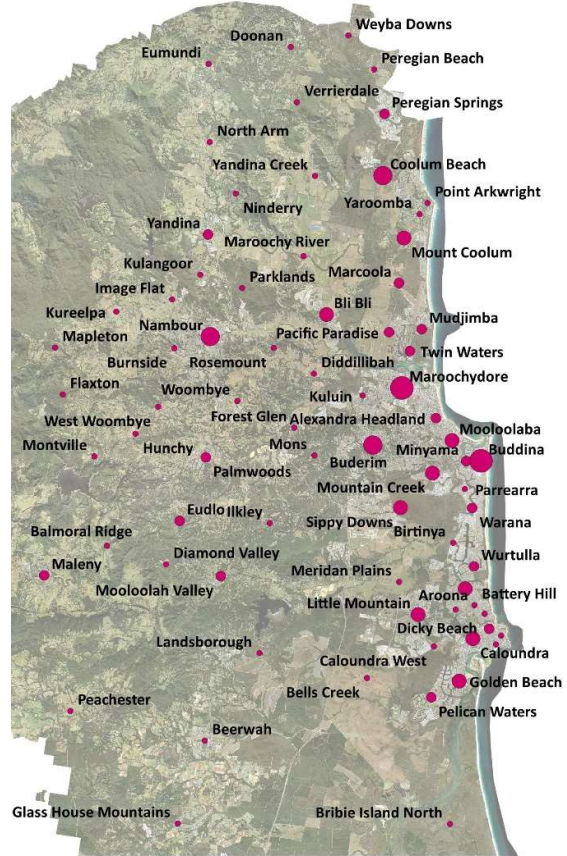


Important elements of a future resilient coast identified by our community included:

- Balance
- Cooperation/collaboration
- Sustainability
- Working with nature
- Healthy and functional
- Accessible
- Cooperation and awareness
- Smart planning/innovative
- Protecting key ecosystems and species

The first online survey has also provided additional information on coastal values and experiences of coastal hazards.

Survey responses (650+) were received from across the coastal zone and into the hinterland. The natural ecosystem, landscape and beauty are the top values of the coastal zone, over 50% of respondents have experienced coastal hazards, and there is strong community support for further planning and preparation.



Count of responses:
 • 1 - 5 • 5 - 10 • 10 - 30 • 30 - 50 • 50 - 100

Survey respondents location



Looking north from Coolum Beach Surf Life Saving Club

Values and experiences survey – what did we hear?

The coastal values and experiences survey was live on the website from April to September. Highlights from the survey include:

- Over 75% of respondents visit the beach once a week or more
- The natural landscape and recreational opportunities are the main values thought to attract visitors
- Around 70% of respondents said that the natural ecosystem, wildlife or the unique landscape features and natural beauty of the Sunshine Coast were the most important values
- Over 50% of respondents note they have a good understanding of coastal hazards
- Over 50% of respondents have been affected by coastal erosion and/or storm tide inundation in the past
- Over 80% of respondents expressed strong support for further work to prepare for and recover from future coastal hazard impacts.

Our Community Advisory Group

A Community Advisory Group (CAG) is supporting Council with the development of the coastal hazard adaptation strategy.

The CAG meets every 2 months (approx.) to provide input and feedback. The CAG consists of representatives from:

- The community
- Interest groups (e.g. OSCAR, SCEC)
- Council
- The business and industry sector
- Kabi Kabi Traditional Owners
- Tertiary Research
- Dept. of Transport and Main Roads
- Sunshine Coast District Disaster Coordinators
- Dept. of Agriculture and Fisheries
- Dept. of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning
- Surf Life Saving Queensland
- Dept. of Environment and Science
- The development industry



Image Credit: Chris Schwencke.

The project team wish to thank everyone for contributing and sharing their values, knowledge and past experiences over the last six months.

What's next?

Over the next few months, the project team are progressing technical work on coastal hazard exposure and risk, in preparation for discussions on adaptation options in mid-2020.

How can I get involved?

If you would like to find out more and be kept up-to-date with *Our Resilient Coast. Our Future*, please:

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