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SACCA MEETING SUMMARY

September 2024

SACCA held a committee meeting on 12 September 2024 via Teams. Key Outcomes from the meeting include;

- Committee Member Updates: SACCA Committee members provided updates on priority coastal issues from their Council and LGA region.
 The issues raised include;
 - ▶ It was noted that a severe weather system had significantly impacted the SA coast during the first week of September with most damage reported from the Northern and Yorke and Limestone Coast.

Pt Augusta – high tides caused inundation in various areas

Foul Bay – erosion damage and inundation has required emergency works and lead to access issues.

Kingston – Seaweed rack covered jetty with further sand build up in and around Cape Jaffa

Robe – significant sand loss and erosion from Town Beach

Wattle Range – significant damage and sand loss on western side of Beachport (salmon hole/post office rock). Beachport bay experienced sand loss and damage to infrastructure around the town jetty. Significant sand loss and erosion from Southend with implications for the caravan park.

- **Regional adaptation planning** project continues in the Limestone Coast with climate and inundation/erosion forecasting underway.
- ➤ Jetties and the State **Jetties Renewal Program** continues to be a significant issue for the 18 SA Councils with State leased jetties. 5 Councils are currently negotiating with DIT new lease and funding agreement T&C's.
- ➤ Coastal access arrangements and 4WD use DC Yorke Peninsula has just introduced a similar camping booking scheme to that on the EP. Adelaide Plains Council (APC) has been approached by DEW to consider management options for Thompson Beach. 4WD and coastal access trial arrangements are ongoing with emphasis on Goolwa beach, the Yorke Peninsula and APC.
- **Seaweed** build-up over winter with concerns from residents / visitors.
- > Sand replenishment, loss, build up and movement is challenging many Councils.
 This issue will be a focus for the SACCA Coastal Forum.
- ➤ Native Title a number of Councils have raised concerns with Native Title claims creating challenges for Councils seeking to undertake coastal development.
- Executive Officers Update: EO Adam Gray provided an update on key activities currently underway.
 - Supporting the delivery of the Climate Ready Coasts program as a member of the project management group. Adam outlined the current consultation process on the draft CRC materials refer here! for more info.
 - Working with the CEOs of those 5 Councils offered Jetties Renewal Program funding from DIT on future funding and governance arrangements. This includes the coordination of shared legal advice on the new leases offered by DIT and investigation of grant options to undertake an R&D project into potential future state/local government collaboration models.
 - ▶ Planning for the annual SACCA Coastal Forum (8th November at Adelaide Shores West Beach) is underway. Risk and liability case studies will be showcased along with green infrastructure and sand management practices.
 - On-going engagement with various stakeholders on future options for coastal access management and Statewide tools/resources. DEW will be presenting information on their trial projects at the SACCA Coastal Forum.
 - Various grant funding bids are in progress (Coastsnap, IPWEA coastal asset management tools, LG R&DS green infrastructure project, vehicle access). SACCA in partnership with the Institute of Public Works and Engineering Australasia has



- been successful in a grant application the Federal Disaster Ready Fund. This partnership will deliver tools/resources for Councils to support integration of assets into long term asset management and financial management plans.
- The SACCA EO continues to attend regional LGA meetings to engage with members, seek feedback and share information.
- **SACCA Social Media:** The SACCA LinkedIN profile has proved a valuable tool in raising the profile of the Alliance and issues affecting coastal Councils. Recent posts have focused on providing positive feedback on the States Jetties Renewal Program and highlighting the impacts of the recent severe weather across the State.
- SACCA Coastal Forum 8th November 2024: Planning for the 2024 SACCA Coastal Forum is well underway. The Forum will be held at Fuego Adelaide Shores West Beach. Councils and other stakeholders are encouraged to showcase innovative coastal projects/reforms.

• Stakeholder Updates

- ➤ Dept Environment & Water (DEW) / Coast Protection Board (CPB) Update. 2024-25 CPB Grants are now available refer here! The DEW coastal flood map viewer has been revised and released here! DEW and the LGASA have supported 4x Council staff with a grant to attend and review the Griffith University Coastal Resilience short course here! DEW is considering options for a similar course to be made available in SA. In recognition of the recent severe weather events.
- LGASA / Adelaide Coastal Councils Network (ACCN).

 The ACCN has developed a range of plans to guide its activities. These activities include collaborating with SACCA on a range of grant funding applications, information sharing and forums and projects (such as the CRC project). LGASA hosts the ACCN and employs the ACCN Executive Officer.

 LGASA is leading delivery of the CRC project with consultation currently underway here!, and was pleased to partner with the CPB to offer grants for Councils staff to undertake the coastal resilience short course.
- Next Meeting: The next meeting of SACCA Executive Committee will be held on 7th November from 3-5pm in Adelaide (and also available on Teams).