COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

Maroochydore Coastal Hazard Adaptation Precinct Planning (CHAPP) Investigations

Community Engagement: Awareness/Education, Values and Character

Consultation dates: 28 October to 25 November 2024

Sunshine Coast Council is undertaking Coastal Hazard Adaptation Precinct Planning (CHAPP) investigations at Maroochydore, Mooloolaba, and Golden Beach and Caloundra (Bulcock Beach).

The Maroochydore CHAPP project aims to explore options to mitigate increasing coastal and flooding hazards in priority areas. It focuses on ways to enhance the resilience of public places and assets to coastal hazards through adaptation.

The coastal lifestyle that is critical to the Sunshine Coast's identity is defined by the local values and character of our coastal places. Adaptation approaches seek to safeguard the values (social, environmental and economic) and character of the region.

We invited you to provide input on coastal spaces, how you use them, their value, and your ideas on how they might be adapted against coastal hazards and flooding. This input will be an important consideration as we develop and analyse adaptation options.

Consultation was open from Monday 28 October to Monday 25 November 2024. Participants contributed their thoughts via an online submission form, at workshops and pop-up events, and via email.

Our First Nations engagement for these projects is being guided by the Traditional Owners of Country through their representative organisation, Kabi Kabi Peoples Aboriginal Corporation (KKPAC).

Maroochydore engagement highlights

- 3640 webpage visits and downloads
- 500+ printed fact and information sheets distributed
- 107 people spoke to us across 2 pop-up events
- Social media campaign made 17833 impressions
- 9569 people reached via online and radio campaign
- 55 online survey responses
- You mapped 64 locations that you visit regularly
- 5685 reached via email campaign
- 23 people attended the Healthy Coast Workshop and drop-in

What you told us

Respondents identified a total of 64 mapped locations that they visit regularly to undertake activities. Many of these locations were highly frequented, with respondents reporting visits more than once a week. This reflects Maroochydore's importance as a hub for exercise, leisure, and social interaction, reinforcing its value to the community.

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Who we heard from

Of the respondents to the online survey:

- 78% of respondents were 50 or over
- 53% live within 1km of Maroochydore
- 66%* have lived in the area for six years or longer; 42%* have lived in the area for more than 11 years.
  * Optional question - 45 responses

Your key values at Maroochydore



Contributes to your health and wellbeing | Appreciating the natural features | Existence of natural features/ nature | Socialising/ community

You also told us about your love of this space, how it provides protection from natural elements, and that you are involved in care or stewardship activities.

Your Top 5 favourite activities



Walking | Relaxing | Swimming | Picnics/barbecues | Paddling/surfing

Other popular activities at Maroochydore include wildlife watching, informal play, cycling and scootering, and shore fishing.

Your concerns about coastal and flooding hazards at Maroochydore

Community concerns in Maroochydore are focused on erosion, stormwater flooding, rising tidal levels and water quality.

83 percent of respondents told us that coastal threats and hazards, such as storm tide inundation and stormwater flooding, would negatively impact the activities you undertake at Maroochydore. You told us that while some of those activities could happen on other areas of the coast, others would become impossible if adaptation does not occur.

Your ideas about adaptation at Maroochydore

70 percent of respondents agreed that the adaptation elements being investigated by Council, described in *CHAPP Fact Sheet 2*, met their expectations.

At Maroochydore, respondents requested that Council also investigate the following:

- dredging of rivers and waterways to address silting and improve navigation
- enforcing speed limits for watercraft and establishing no-wash zones to address erosion
- restricting development in coastal and flood-prone areas to minimise climate change-related risks
- collaborating with all levels of government to develop approaches to address regional climate challenges

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Key observations

Overall, the engagement was positive and constructive. Our community is passionate about the issues affecting their region, particularly those related to coastal hazards.

The engagement for the Maroochydore CHAPP has identified several outcomes important for informing how adaptation should occur over time in this location, including:

- Our community has attributed very high recreational and wellbeing value to the foreshore and coastal environments. They value it because of its natural state and how easy it is to access
- These areas are seen as critical community assets. Their retention / preservation in as natural a state as possible, while retaining accessibility and community function is considered paramount
- Some adaptation options as suggested by the community sit outside Council's jurisdiction. These will require further discussion with the relevant authorities, such as utility providers, and state and federal governments.

Next Steps

We will review and evaluate all feedback received from our community. Community feedback from this engagement will be used, along with financial, functionality and viability criteria, to assess the adaptation options for each investigation area.

How to stay informed

We encourage you to stay informed about upcoming project stages, including future consultation opportunities. For further details:

Keep an eye on the CHAPP web page and social media pages for the latest news, invitations, and progress updates.

Register for regular updates. These updates will include invitations to a range of opportunities to have your say and provide feedback to Council.

Ask a question about coastal hazards and Council's coastal planning activities by emailing: ourresilientcoast@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Further details of what areas may be subject to future coastal hazards can be found on Council's MyMaps flood mapping.

Council looks forward to continuing to work together with community on this important project.

Australian Government

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