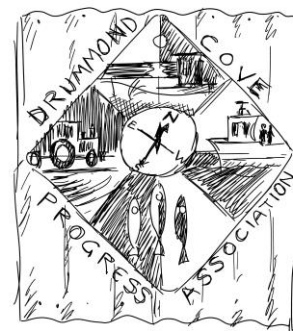


# Drummond Cove Progress Association.

Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017



Re: Transference of responsibility of Drummond Cove foreshore land

The Drummond Cove Progress Association (DCPA) would like to thank you for taking the time to speak with us recently about the possibility of transitioning responsibility for land along the coast at Drummonds Cove from the City of Greater Geraldton (CGG) to the DCPA that had previously been occupied by leasehold shacks.

It is the intention of the DCPA to propose that transference of responsibility through a long-term leasing arrangement for the land at Drummond Cove south of John Batten Hall that is currently under a Management Order from the Department of Lands. The purpose of the transfer of responsibility is to ensure that the local Drummond Cove community continue to enjoy the amenity of this beautiful area of our coast.

As you would be aware, the DCPA has undertaken an extensive community consultation process to identify the potential future use of the land that is currently being returned to a 'natural' habitat via the removal of shacks on the western side of Whitehill Road. The views of the residents were varied but agreement was reached on a preferred outcome after a community engagement process that was undertaken by Co-design on behalf of the DCPA.

This outcome is, in essence, to return the area affected by the removal of shacks between John Batten Hall and Seacrest Way to its 'near-natural' environment. This design incorporates the history of Drummond Cove into pathways, seating and areas of quiet reflection that will allow residents and visitors to experience the attachment to the ocean that has been enjoyed here for decades.

The DCPA is proposing that a partnership is entered into with the CGG to manage the area to achieve this outcome, thereby negating the need for the CGG to continue to maintain this area into the future. On-going management of the area by the DCPA on behalf of the local community will also likely remove any further potential for considerable expenditure by ratepayers. How this partnership is best undertaken

should be determined through meaningful dialogue between the DCPA and the CGG to reach an equitable outcome.

Some of the important aspects that the DCPA would like to incorporate into the Co-designed community outcome are things as simple as follows –

- Foreshore conservation
- Native plant revegetation
- Walking trails/Pathways that feature important local aspects
- Coastal viewing area
- Engagement with other Not-for-Profit organisations such as Landcare and Northern Agricultural Catchment Council (NACC)
- Protection of local heritage
- Creation of an alternative short-term caravan and motorhome parking area which may also include a future dump point
- The potential for a future community kiosk

To achieve this the DCPA would seek funding via a range of opportunities such as the Royalties for Regions Community Chest Fund and Regional Grant Scheme, through Natural Resource Management (NRM) funding and also through entering into partnerships with other NFP organisations such as NACC and Landcare to attract additional funding support. The DCPA would ask that we are able to meet with you and your team again in the near future to determine a process by which the change of management of land along the Drummond Cove coast between John Batten Hall and Seacrest Way can be progressed.

Yours faithfully,



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