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Have your say on Shoreline Erosion Management Plan for BITS and beyond

Gladstone Regional Council has commenced the development of a Shoreline Erosion Management Plan (SEMP) for the Boyne Island and Tannum Sands (BITS) foreshore and there are many ways for residents to be involved in the process.

Community members are now invited to provide feedback via Council's Conversations page, register for future updates or attend upcoming information sessions.

This management plan, which covers a 22km stretch between Lilley's Beach to the north and Bangalee to the south, is one of the priority short-term actions from the *Our Coast. Our Future* Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy, formed as part of the QCoast2100 program, a Queensland Government and Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) initiative.

Gladstone Region Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck said Council's Shoreline Erosion Management Plan will focus on this area as a priority for erosion and foreshore management.

"This coastline is continually changing due to the winds, waves, tides, and currents. Over time these weather events move sand and sediments to shape the shoreline and our beaches," Councillor Goodluck said.

"These climatic changes can threaten and negatively impact foreshore infrastructure and buildings, as well as impact important coastal places and natural habitats, and how we use the coastline."

Cr Goodluck said the Shoreline Erosion Management Plan will provide Council with a framework to proactively plan for and manage coastline erosion over the short to medium term (5-10 years).

"The plan will be developed by building a better understanding of the local coastal processes and hazards and developing options to allow us to better live with or mitigate these hazards," he said.

"This is a careful balancing act to ensure we also protect and maintain what the community loves most about the Boyne Island and Tannum Sands shoreline."

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How can you get involved?

- Visit conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au and click on the *Boyne Island & Tannum Sands Shoreline Erosion Management Plan* heading
 - Tell us about why the Boyne Island and Tannum Sands shoreline is important and meaningful to you
 - Tell us about how the coast has changed over time and key events that you believe are linked to coastal changes
- Attend one of the Drop-in sessions at the Boyne Tannum Community Centre (Cnr. Wyndham & Hayes Avenues) at the following times:
 - Tuesday 31 May any time from 6pm-8pm (downstairs in Mt Larcom Room)
 - Wednesday 1 June any time from 9am-11am (downstairs in Mt Larcom Room)
- Register your details via the Conversations page to receive regular updates and to be invited to future project engagement sessions.

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