

Media Release

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Join the conversation on protecting Seventeen Seventy from coastal hazards

Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) is inviting the Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy community to join the conversation and be actively involved in continuing to protect the Seventeen Seventy foreshore from coastal hazards.

Upcoming engagement sessions are planned for the community to have their say and input into GRC's Coastal Adaptation and Resilience Plan.

This plan will provide Council with a pathway to plan for and adapt to pressures such as erosion and inundation on coastal areas and foreshore assets along the Seventeen Seventy shoreline.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the plan will be developed in consultation with the community through a series of interactive and collaborative workshops.

"Council will use the community's vision and values as the basis for identifying key Council-managed assets along the foreshore that are important to the lives and lifestyle of our local residents, the broader community and visitors to the area," Councillor Burnett said.

"We understand the significance of this beautiful part of the coastline and know that listening to our community is key to developing plans that will protect the values of this coastline for the future."

Cr Burnett added that the Seventeen Seventy foreshore, with its unique shoreline and topography faces pressures from coastal hazards such as erosion and inundation and these pressures are going to increase in the future," he said.

"Council is committed to preserving our region's lifestyle as our coastlines change and we are proud to offer opportunities for our community to be involved in developing the plan," he said.

The Coastal Adaptation and Resilience Plan will be based on best available science, and community input, to ensure the plan protects and enhances the aspects of the foreshore that the community values the most and infrastructure, such as trails, boardwalks, access points, seating and barbecue areas will be the focus.

There are several ways to be involved and have your say:

- Online Survey – opens 15 February and closes 3 April
- Information Session – 6am to 8am, Thursday 23 February at Air Sea Rescue Park, Seventeen Seventy
- Drop-In Session – 9am to 4pm, Thursday 23 March at TBC – check Conversations for location
- Community Workshop – 17 April, time TBC – check Conversations for time (RSVPs required).

Visit <https://conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au> and click on the Coastal Adaptation and Resilience Plan heading for further information and updates.

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