

Wollongong City Beach Dune Vegetation Site Plan 2018

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Introduction

Council adopted a Wollongong Dune Management Strategy for the Patrolled Swimming Areas of 17 Beaches in March 2014. Management options were identified to address safety and recreational amenity issues, whilst also considering ecological values and the role of dunes in protection against coastal hazards.

Options relating to vegetation management are management of noxious and invasive weed species and management of subspecies of *Acacia longifolia* (Coastal Wattle).

This site plan will guide vegetation management works which will be undertaken by a number of parties including Council's Dune crew and contractors, and Dunecare volunteers.

Vegetation Maps

Vegetation mapping at Wollongong City Beach was initially undertaken on 28 and 29 September, 7 and 22 October 2014 to inform works and provide a baseline to monitor progress. The site was divided into Bays as delineated by access paths. Each Bay was divided into patches to indicate the location and abundance of weeds and native plants.

Vegetation mapping was re-done in August 2016 to update the maps given the large amount of work already completed and to guide future works.

Management Actions and Priorities

Actions have been prioritised taking into consideration the following factors:

1. The overall aim to improve sight lines for lifeguards and lifesavers, recreational amenity and site access.
2. Safety of those working on the site. For example, potential for cuts from old wire and broken glass and eye injury from sticks and branches.
3. Suitability of actions to be undertaken by different parties. For example some activities such as spraying and using mechanical equipment cannot be undertaken by Dunecare participants.
4. Severity and type of weed infestation. For example, several Weeds of National Significance (WoNS) are present in the dunes. These include *Chrysanthemoides monilifera* subsp. *rotundata* (Bitou Bush), *Lantana camara* (Lantana), *Asparagus asparagoides* (Bridal Creeper), *Asparagus aethiopicus* (Asparagus Fern), *Senecio madagascariensis* (Fireweed), *Anredera cordifolia* (Madeira Vine) and *Opuntia* species (Prickly Pear).
5. Resources available.
6. Need to minimise weed reinfestation.

General Planting Guidelines

Tube stock should be planted into bare areas at a density of one plant per square metre or one or two per square metre for grasses (NSW DLWC 2001). Planting will only occur in areas where weeds or dead vegetation are removed, or where vegetation vandalism has occurred, in accordance with the Tree and Vegetation Vandalism Policy.

Species to be planted should be selected from Council's adopted dune planting list as shown below (GHD 2014). The site has been divided into up to four management zones to aid selection of species for planting. Location of zones shown on the maps is indicative only. Not all zones occur at each beach.

Zone 1 – no planting

Zone 2 – species from incipient dune list can be planted

Zone 3 – species from fore-dune/crest and incipient dune lists can be planted

Zone 4 – species from hind-dune can be planted

Where planting is to replace tree or vegetation that was subject to vandalism, Council will respond in accordance with the Tree and Vegetation Vandalism Policy, adopted by Council on 23 July 2018. This may result in species selection that varies from these guidelines.

Plant species list for dune planting – Appendix I Dune Management Strategy (GHD 2014)

For the patrolled beach management zones, Council will consider sight line requirements when selecting suitable species for planting. Note that several patrolled beaches do not have a hind dune, and in some patrolled beach management areas, tall-growing variants of subspecies of *Acacia longifolia* have created sight line problems for lifeguard/lifesavers and can exist as a monoculture.

Incipient dune

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Actites megalocarpus</i>	Coastal Sowthistle
<i>Calystegia soldanella</i>	
<i>Canavalia rosea</i>	Beach Bean
<i>Carex pumila</i>	Strand Sedge
<i>Carpobrotus glaucescens</i>	Pigface
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Couch
<i>Dianella congesta</i>	Coastal Flax Lily
<i>Ficinia nodosa</i>	Clubrush

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Melanthera biflora</i>	
<i>Poa billardierei</i>	Coastal Fescue
<i>Scaevola calendulacea</i>	Scented Fanflower
<i>Senecio spathulatus</i>	
<i>Spinifex sericeus</i>	Spinifex
<i>Sporobolus virginicus</i>	Sand Couch
<i>Tetragonia tetragonioides</i>	Warrigal Greens, Warrigal Spinach

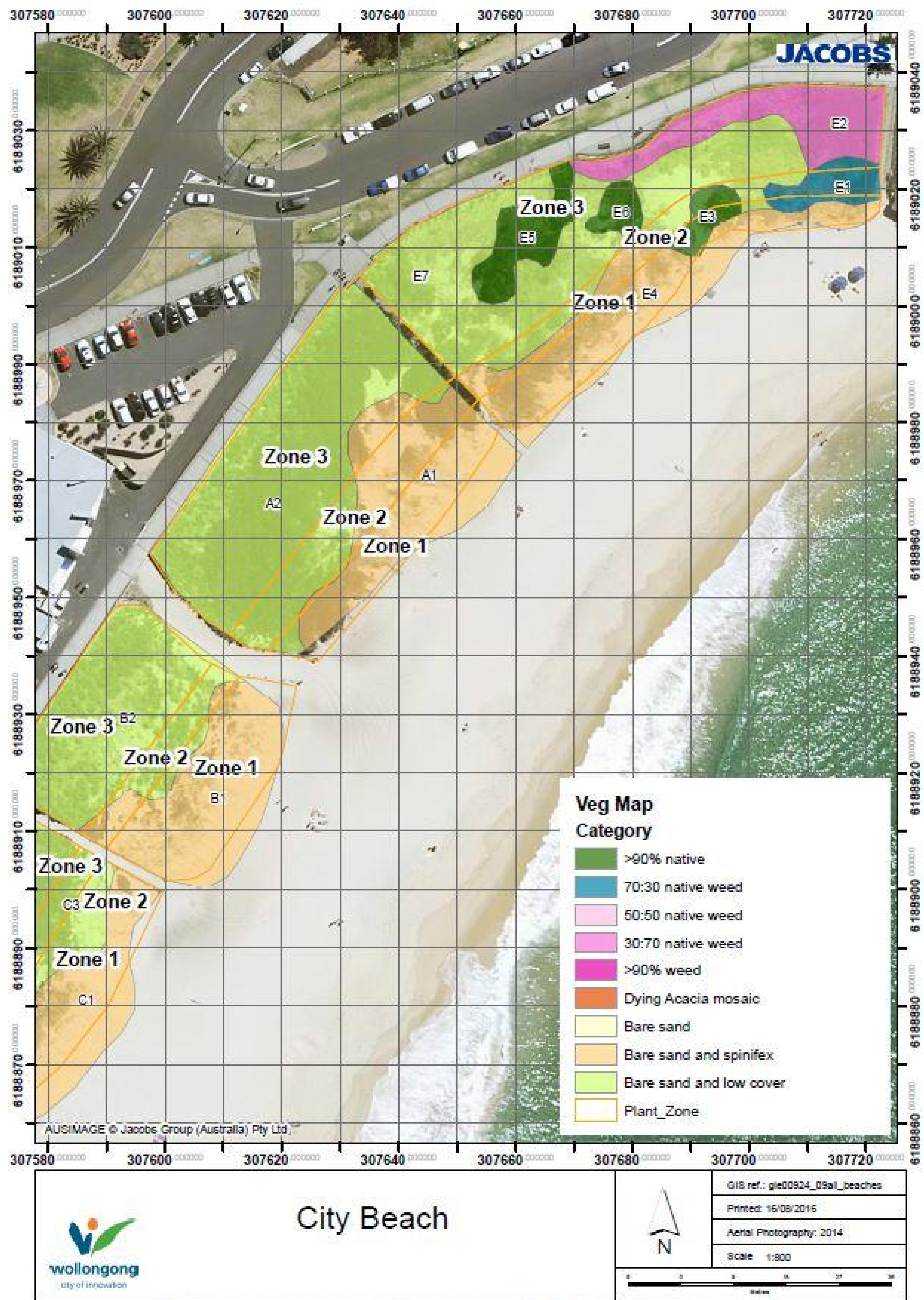
Fore-dune and Crest

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Atriplex australasica</i>	Saltbush
<i>Breynia oblongifolia</i>	Coffee Bush
<i>Cayratia clematidea</i>	Slender Grape
<i>Commelina cyanea</i>	Scurvy Weed
<i>Correa alba</i> var. <i>alba</i>	White Correa
<i>Dichondra repens</i>	Kidney Weed
<i>Hibbertia scandens</i>	Golden Guinea Flower
<i>Imperata cylindrica</i> var. <i>major</i>	Blady Grass
<i>Leucopogon parviflorus</i>	White-beard
<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Mat Rush
<i>Monotoca elliptica</i>	Tree Broom-heath
<i>Monotoca scoparia</i>	
<i>Myoporum boninense</i> subsp. <i>australe</i>	Boobialla
<i>Pelargonium australe</i>	Coastal Geranium
<i>Rhagodia candolleana</i> subsp. <i>candolleana</i>	Seaberry Saltbush
<i>Westringia fruticosa</i>	Coastal Rosemary

Hind-dune and creek mouths

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Acronychia oblongifolia</i>	White Aspen
<i>Acronychia wilcoxiana</i>	Silver Aspen
<i>Alphitonia excelsa</i>	Red Ash
<i>Banksia integrifolia</i> subsp. <i>integrifolia</i>	Coastal Banksia
<i>Carex appressa</i>	
<i>Casuarina glauca</i>	Swamp Oak

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Celtis paniculata</i>	Native Celtis
<i>Clerodendrum tomentosum</i>	Hairy Clerodendrum
<i>Corymbia gummifera</i>	Red Bloodwood
<i>Crinum pedunculatum</i>	Swamp- Lily
<i>Desmodium brachypodum</i>	
<i>Dodonaea triquetra</i>	Hop Bush
<i>Duboisia myoporoides</i>	Poison Corkwood
<i>Endiandra sieberi</i>	Corkwood
<i>Eucalyptus botryoides</i>	Bangalay
<i>Eucalyptus pilularis</i>	Blackbutt
<i>Eucalyptus robusta</i>	Swamp Mahogany
<i>Eustrephus latifolius</i>	Wombat Berry
<i>Gahnia clarkei</i>	Saw-sedge
<i>Gahnia melanocarpa</i>	Saw-sedge
<i>Geitonoplesium cymosum</i>	Scrambling Lily
<i>Glochidion ferdinandi</i> var. <i>ferdinandi</i>	Smooth Cheese tree
<i>Glochidion ferdinandi</i> var. <i>pubens</i>	Hairy Cheese Tree
<i>Guioa semiglauca</i>	
<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>	False Sarsparilla
<i>Homalanthus populifolius</i>	Bleeding Heart
<i>Juncus krausii</i> subsp. <i>australiensis</i>	Sea Rush
<i>Kennedia rubicunda</i>	Running Postman
<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	Coastal Tea-tree
<i>Melaleuca linariifolia</i>	Snow in Summer
<i>Myrsine variabilis</i>	Muttonwood
<i>Notelaea venosa</i>	Native Olive
<i>Oplismenus imbecillis</i>	Basket Grass
<i>Pandorea pandorana</i> subsp. <i>pandorana</i>	Wonga Wonga Vine
<i>Pittosporum revolutum</i>	Rough-fruit Pittosporum
<i>Planchonella (Pouteria) australis</i>	Black Apple
<i>Poa poiformis</i>	Coastal Tussock
<i>Pseuderanthemum variabile</i>	Pastel Flower
<i>Synoum glandulosum</i> subsp. <i>glandulosum</i>	Bastard Rosewood
<i>Zoysia macrantha</i>	Coastal Couch







Dune Vegetation Management Actions and Priorities – Wollongong City Beach

Information for mapping collected on the **1 July 2016**, and updates to actions were undertaken annually on **8 August 2016**, **19 June 2017** and **6 August 2018**.

Priorities are Immediate (I), High (H), Medium (M) and Low (L). Timeframes - Immediate to start within <3 months, High 3-6 months, Medium 6-12 months, Low 12-18 months, subject to availability of resources.

Action statuses are either Ongoing, New, Complete or TBA: Ongoing actions are actions stated in the previous dune management plan that remain relevant; New actions are newly arisen since the previous plan creation and currently relevant; Complete actions are completed since the previous plan, but may become relevant again in the future. TBA actions are relevant pending future decisions (e.g. due to threat of vandalism to plants) and funding availability.

Bay A	Status	Actions	Priority (I,H,M,L)	Patches within bay											
				1	2										
	TBA	Installation of low growing plant species in bare areas at the rear of the dunes in Zone 3 to increase biodiversity (species other than <i>Lomandra</i>).	L	X	X										
	Complete	Follow up treatment of removed <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i>													
	Complete	Crush/remove from site, dead and senescent <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i>													
	Complete	Removal of <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> subsp. <i>rotundata</i> Bitou Bush	L												
	Complete	Removal of <i>Senecio madagascariensis</i> Fireweed	L												
Bay B	Status	Actions	Priority	1	2										
	Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Acetosa sagittata</i> Turkey Rhubarb	H	X											
	TBA	Installation of low growing plant species in bare areas at the rear of the dunes in Zone 3 to increase biodiversity (species other than <i>Lomandra</i>).	L		X										
	Complete	Follow up treatment of removed <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i>													
	Complete	Follow up treatment of <i>Acacia saligna</i>													
	Complete	Removal of <i>Lantana camara</i> Lantana seedlings	L												
	Complete	Removal of <i>Senecio madagascariensis</i> Fireweed	L												
Bay C	Status	Actions	Priority	1	2	3									
	Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Acetosa sagittata</i> Turkey Rhubarb	H		X	X									
	TBA	Installation of small number of low growing plant species in bare areas at the rear of the dunes in Zone 3 to increase biodiversity (species other than <i>Lomandra</i> , <i>Westringia</i> and <i>Correa</i>)	L			X									
	Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Senecio madagascariensis</i> Fireweed	M		X										
	Complete	Follow up treatment of removed <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i>													
	Complete	Removal of old wooden posts that have been left on top of the vegetation													
	Complete	Follow up treatment of <i>Acacia saligna</i>													
	Complete	Removal of <i>Bromus catharticus</i> Prairie Grass													
Bay D	Status	Actions	Priority	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	Ongoing	Removal of <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i> at the seaward edge of the dunes, forward of the fence in zone 1	H						X						
	Ongoing	Removal of <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i> at the seaward edge of the dunes, landward of the fence in Zone 1	L	X					X		X		X		
	Ongoing	Remove from site, dead and senescent <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i>	I										X		
	Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> subsp. <i>rotundata</i> Bitou Bush	I								X				
	TBA	Installation of low growing plant species at the rear of the dunes in Zone 3 and Zone 2 to increase biodiversity (species other than <i>Lomandra</i> and <i>Imperata cylindrica</i>)	L											X	
	Ongoing	Removal of <i>Lantana camara</i> Lantana	I								X				
	Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Acetosa sagittata</i> Turkey Rhubarb	H		X	X		X							
	Ongoing	Treatment of weed grasses around plantings	I											X	
	Complete	Underprune dead <i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i> Teatree branches													
	Complete	Crush/remove from site, dead <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> subsp. <i>rotundata</i> Bitou Bush													
	Complete	Removal of <i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i> Cocos palm													
	Complete	Removal of <i>Senecio madagascariensis</i> Fireweed													
	Complete	Removal of <i>Bromus catharticus</i> Prairie Grass													

	Complete	Water previously installed plants												
Bay E	Status	Actions	Priority	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
	Ongoing	Remove dead <i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i> Teatree branches	L					X						
	Ongoing	Removal of <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i> in Zone 1	M	X		X								
	TBA	Installation of low growing plant species at the rear of the dunes in Zone 3 and Zone 2	H							X				
	Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> subsp. <i>rotundata</i> Bitou Bush seedlings	I	X	X	X								
	Ongoing	Treatment of resprouting/seedling <i>Cestrum parkqui</i> Green Cestrum	I							X				
	Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Delairea odorata</i> Cape Ivy	I	X										
	Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Acetosa sagittata</i> Turkey Rhubarb	I			X	X	X	X	X				
	Ongoing	Removal of <i>Parietaria judaica</i> Asthma Weed	I				X							
	TBA	Installation of low growing plant species following weed removal in zones 2 and 3, particularly along fenceline	L	X	X									
	Ongoing	Remove weeds that are smothering natives without creating large bare areas on steep slope	I		X									
	Complete	Remove from site, dead and senescent <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i>												
	Complete	Treatment of <i>Lantana camara</i> seedlings	L											
	Complete	Treatment of <i>Anredera cordifolia</i> Madeira Vine	L											
	Complete	Removal of <i>Brassica</i> spp.	L											
Bay F	Status	Actions	Priority	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Ongoing	Remove from site, dead and senescent <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i>	H			X								
	Ongoing	Removal of <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i> at the seaward edge of the dunes, landward of the fence in Zone 1	M		X	X								
	Ongoing	Treatment of weed grasses prior to planting	H						X					
	TBA	Installation of low growing plant species at the rear of the dunes in Zone 3 and Zone 2	H						X					
	Ongoing	Removal of <i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i> Cocus palm	H				X							
	Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Acetosa sagittata</i> Turkey Rhubarb	H		X	X	X		X					
	Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Dysphania ambrosioides</i> Wormseed	H						X					
	Complete	Removal of <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i> at the seaward edge of the dunes, forward of the fence in Zone 1												
	Complete	Treatment of resprouting <i>Acacia saligna</i>												
	Complete	Treatment of <i>Cardiospermum halicacabum</i> Balloon Vine	L											
	Complete	Removal of <i>Cirsium vulgare</i> exotic Thistle	L											
	Complete	Treatment of <i>Bromus catharticus</i> Prairie Grass	L											
Bay G	Status	Actions	Priority	1	2	3	4	5						
	Ongoing	Crush/remove from site, dead and senescent <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i> and other dead plant material	H	X										
	Ongoing	Removal of <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i> at the seaward edge of the dunes, landward of the fence in Zone 1	M	X										
	TBA	Installation of low growing plant species at the rear of the dunes in zone 3 and zone 2	L				X	X						
	Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Acetosa sagittata</i> Turkey Rhubarb	H	X										
	Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Lampranthus multiradiatus</i>	H			X		X						
	Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Dysphania ambrosioides</i> Wormseed	H					X						
	Complete	Treatment of mature <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> subsp. <i>rotundata</i> Bitou Bush	L											
	Complete	Treatment of mature <i>Lantana camara</i>	L											
	Complete	Treatment of <i>Cestrum parkqui</i> Green Cestrum	L											
	Complete	Treatment of <i>Araujia sericifera</i> Moth Vine	L											
	Complete	Treatment of <i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i> Asparagus Fern	L											

	Complete	Underprune vegetation to allow access to the site for weed management												
	Complete	Treatment of resprouting <i>Acacia saligna</i>												
	Complete	Treatment of <i>Bromus catharticus</i> Prairie Grass												
	Complete	Removal of <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i> at the seaward edge of the dunes, forward of the fence in Zone 1												

General actions across the whole site

Status	Actions	Priority (I, H, M, L)
Ongoing	Litter removal	I
Ongoing	Removal of annual weeds, eg, <i>Solanum</i> spp., <i>Bidens pilosa</i> , <i>Conyza</i> spp.	H
Ongoing	Removal of <i>Ammophila arenaria</i> Marram Grass	L
Ongoing	Treatment of weed grasses eg. <i>Ehrharta erecta</i> around native plants	H
Ongoing	Management of regenerating taller growing native plants	L
Complete	Removal of old fence wire	

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