
Major Project Works Update – 2020-2022

BWSP – Local Economic Benefit \$999,075 per annum to local economy (using Economic Benefit of Commercial Caravan Holiday Park Calculator Tool)

Semi Finalist Crown Land Manager Excellence Awards NWS/ACT 2021 – Nominated by Visitors

DUNE REHABILITATION

- Dune stabilization fencing of Southern Dune, 1.85 hectares
- Planting and rehabilitation of Southern frontal dune, over 700 Native Coastal plants planted. Collected seed spread to encourage further flora to grow in catchment area
- Dune stabilization of Northern Dune, over 5,000 square meters
- Planting and rehabilitation of Northern Dune. More than 500 Native Coastal plants planted by staff and Volunteers. 800 meters of sand forming fencing. Spinifex runners planted along sand fence and fore dune
- Beach fencing of entire beach front to prevent 4WD entering frontal dune and allowing Coastal Dunes to rehabilitate. 4 Kilometers of plain wire perimeter fence installed with 150mm posts
- Obtained funding from Crown Reserve Improvement Fund (CRIF) to have a Dune Management Plan/study completed to address current and future projects to rehabilitate and protect our coastal area in line with current and best practices. \$15,000 in funding
- Successful Application - Community and Environment Grant \$18,500 plus \$20,000 in kind. Complete over 3990 square meters of sand fencing on the top and hind side of the Northern Dune, stabilize and revegetate area with native Coastal Fauna and seed. Over 2,000 plants planted

BWSP PLANNING

- Successful Application - CRIF funding \$15k to have a Recreational needs Study completed. This study was completed to show current and future recreational activities that could be used in the park to encourage better Community usage and direct funding applications for specific infrastructure to support these activities.
- Appointment of consultant to undertake Strategic Review of the BWSP POM 2010
- In discussions with Crown lands for the establishment of a Community Advisory Group – 6month term

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Established six walking tracks for the park visitors to enjoy. These walking tracks are regularly maintained by staff to ensure safe and enjoyable community usage

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- Successful application 2021 Seniors Week Festival of Activities \$5k – delivered free workshops and community activities in collaboration with key user groups and stakeholders
 - Hosted the Planet Ark’s 2021 National Tree Day Planting Event (first time for the park) – Over 60 people volunteered planting over 750 trees
 - Social Media Following – increase 169%
 - Support a “Friends of BWSP Volunteer Group” (20 volunteer members) – on average 10 people attend twice a week, includes a social BBQ each week and morning teas – On average the volunteer’s plant 5000 plants per year
 - Support annual “Clean Up Australia Day” event at the park
 - Support Take 3 for the Sea – encouragement and education through social media platforms

COLLABORATION PROJECTS

- Host on average eight work experience students each year
- Engaged with Belmont High School in the recruitment of a Park Trainee
- Engaged with Newcastle University in the recruitment of a Park Trainee
- Park Cultural Tours/Walks – Bahtabah Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Support the Annual Blacksmith-Redhead Beach Clean Up Days
- Support Trees in Newcastle (TIN) by purchasing over \$45,000 of plants
- Hunter Water Waste Treatment Works Project. Successfully apply and won Tender for this project. Complete 500 meters of heavy duty fencing with 30mm gal wire. Install 500m of Dune forming fencing, install 800m of perimeter fencing, revegetate dunes and complete reports. This project allowed BWSP to engage local contractors and Trees In Newcastle giving valuable funding to local businesses
- BWSP employed four new staff from the local community

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

- Successful CRIF funding for two Waterless Composting Toilet Blocks, \$286,500 to be November 2021
- Successful CRIF funding to provide additional toilets amenities to service visitors and additional funding to upgrade toilet capacity at Third Creek. \$770,000 in funding – works commence 2021
- Successful CRIF funding for the removal of asbestos in the park \$285,000 works to commence November 2021
- Upgrade to Park Security System and an additional two site cameras – improved security and surveillance

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- Development and Implementation of Online Permit System
- Biannual WHS Audit of the Park
- Covid Safety Planning and Processes – no reports of cases linked to BWSP
- Increase in supervision hours during peak times – increase in weekly hours approx. 32hours
- Reduction 75% in penalty notice revenue over last 12 months-improved behavior
- Lease Arrangement formalised with Trees in Newcastle

OTHER

Financial Investment into Trees in Newcastle

2021 \$41,499.30

2020 \$6250