

PROJECT UPDATE No.2 - September 2020

Progress to date

Council has been progressing towards the development of a draft Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS). In recent months the project team have completed:

- Technical assessments - to inform an appreciation of coastal hazard risk (Phase 5)
- Scoping of options - to mitigate risk and adapt to change (Phase 6)
- Economic assessments - to inform decision making on adaptation options and action in the draft strategy.

The draft strategy is nearing completion, in preparation for stakeholder feedback.

New fact sheets

New fact sheets are available on the website.

- **Threats and values:** This fact sheet summarises community feedback from early phases of the project on important values along the coast, and potential threats to these values. This information is informing the strategy development to ensure coastal hazard adaptation actions seek to protect key values. Actions that provide multiple benefits for addressing a range of adaptation, infrastructure and land management needs can also be prioritised.

- **Adaptation framework:** This fact sheet outlines Council's framework for adaptation, including the approach to defining adaptation pathways and shared roles in adaptation.

How to get involved

If you are interested in Cooloola Coast – The Resilient Coast, please be part of our community consultation. Your ideas and input will be a valuable part of our strategy refinement.

- Check the website <https://www.gympie.qld.gov.au/resilientcooloola> for regular project updates and fact sheets, upcoming events, and opportunities to participate in surveys and other activities, and comment on the draft strategy (late 2020).
- Ask the team questions about coastal hazards and the strategy by emailing the project team at environment@gympie.qld.gov.au.