
Livingstone Shire

Bangalee Beach Access

Reference Group

(21-029)

Terms of Reference

1. Background/Context

The Bangalee Beach Access Project seeks to address the community's needs in regards to the provision of a vehicle access to Farnborough beach. In recent years, Livingstone Shire Council (LSC) has carried out extensive investigations to determine the appropriateness of the existing beach access at Hinz Avenue, and frequently engaged the community to seek the feedback and comments from not just the Bangalee residents, but the whole Livingstone Community. Results from past community engagement activities suggest that there are varying preferences between Council, Officers, Bangalee residents, and the wider community. As such, Council is forming a reference group to help guide the project.

The Bangalee Beach Access Reference Group (BBARG) aims to provide guidance to Officers during the planning and design phases of the project, and to act as a conduit for information sharing with the Bangalee residents. It provides an avenue for ongoing community input into the project's delivery.

The BBARG shall include members drawn from both the Council and community and encourage public-private collaboration to deliver optimal outcomes for the community.

2. The Project

The Bangalee community has expressed a number of concerns for people and the environment along Farnborough Beach. In February July 2021 Council resolved the following.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to:

1. Notes the results of the community consultation;
2. Only expend, necessary funds to maintain Bangalee ramps suitable functionality
3. Reaffirm Councils commitment to investigating an alternate/ additional, Farnborough Beach Big Dune Beach/Vehicle Access, north of Bangalee in order to address the current and future growth.
4. Endorse the further development of a traffic management strategy that aims to educate beach goers, reduce errant driver behaviour, and help protect the natural coastal habitat with a report being presented to the October Ordinary Meeting 2021.
5. Undertake a public meeting with the Bangalee community and interested stakeholders to facilitate input into the "Farnborough Beach Big Dune Beach Access".

Moved by: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Belot

Seconded by: Councillor Eastwood

MOTION CARRIED

Crs P Eastwood, A Friend and N Hutton voted in the affirmative.

The Bangalee Beach Access Project will:

- 1) Pursue alternative alignments and locations for vehicular access to Farnborough Beach; and
- 2) Develop a Farnborough Beach management plan to address environmental and traffic management issues.

The Farnborough Beach management plan aims to:

- a. Mitigate harm and pollution of the Farnborough Beach ecosystem.
- b. Protect the turtle hatcheries against destruction by vehicular traffic.
- c. Mitigate disturbance to the environment and residents by errant driver behaviour.
- d. Reinforce the traffic rules for driving along Farnborough Beach.
- e. Improve services and facilities for visitors to Farnborough Beach.

3. Role/Purpose

The Reference Group is externally focussed and provides feedback and advice to LSC regarding the execution of the project. In this respect, the BBARG shall:

- Provide advice to Council on behalf of the Bangalee residents to facilitate delivery of project needs.
- Serve as a conduit for vetting of ideas, prioritisation, and coordination.
- Enable and promote public-private collaboration in the delivery of project initiatives.

4. Term

This Terms of Reference is effective from the date of execution and continues until the date of completion of the Bangalee Beach Access project identified by LSC project number 21-029.

5. Membership

The BBARG membership will be comprised of:

- Councillor (Cr Belot)
- Councillor (Cr Eastwood)
- Manager Engineering Services
- Coordinator Engagement and Events (Chair)
- Member for Keppel (Brittany Lauga MP)
- Bangalee residents:
 - Helen Schweikert
 - Gary Hourn
 - Ian Doherty
- Wider community representatives:
 - Business owner / sporting club / environmental group (Surfrider Foundation – Capricorn Coast)
 - Business owner / sporting club / environmental group (Fitzroy Basin Association – tentatively Rebecca French)
 - Emergency services (QPS – tentatively Erin Shawcross)

Community members may be secured through an Expressions of Interest process or by submittal of qualifications and interest statement. Members should encompass a diversity of age, gender, locality and interests.

Specialist participation can be sought as warranted for more complex or potentially controversial initiatives.

5.1 Chair

The role of BBARG Chair shall be vested in the Coordinator Engagement and Events, or may be determined by a BBARG member majority vote.

5.2 Secretariat

Secretariat support will be provided to the BBARG by Council Officers, either from Engagement and Events or Engineering Services, who will arrange meetings, agendas and attend to record actions.

5.3 Roles

BBARG members shall:

- Work collaboratively with Council, community and other key stakeholders on the development and delivery of project initiatives.
- Provide advice on project directions, priorities and key initiatives to Council, the Bangalee residents and key stakeholders.
- Provide advice to Council to ensure delivery of quality, value-for-money outcomes.
- Promote beach access safety, vehicular use awareness and support within the wider community.

5.4 Responsibilities

BBARG members shall:

- Attend meetings.
- Represent the interests of the community in deliberations regarding Bangalee project and priorities.
- Facilitate the delivery of Bangalee Beach Access outcomes that are beneficial to the community.
- Consult with and support relevant sectors of the community in identifying opportunities and, where appropriate, to assist in the design and delivery of such opportunities.
- Seek advice when necessary to achieve optimal project outcomes.

6. General

6.1 Meetings

To be held as required, tentatively at project milestones, and shall be scheduled in accordance with need.

6.2 Minutes

The minutes/actions of each BBARG meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat and copies, including attachments, will be provided to all BBARG members via email.

6.3 Proxies to Meetings

Members of the BBARG may nominate a proxy to attend a meeting if the member is unable.

6.4 Quorum requirements

A quorum will constitute half of the regular membership plus one.

Executed as an agreement

Signature of BBARG Member

Signature of BBARG Chair

Name:

Name:

Date:

Date: