

DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

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DSS9 DUNE CARE GROUPS
FILE: B1-3 GJW

SUMMARY:

Reporting on Applications from the Grassy Head and Big Hill Dune care groups.



Grassy Head Dunecare and Big Hill Dunecare are both community based organisations carrying out work on Council controlled land. They are not currently listed as a 355 Committee of Council. Both groups have made an application to be listed as a 355 Committee of Council when carrying out work on Council controlled land.

The Grassy Head Dunecare group has carried out work controlling weeds and maintaining beach accesses on Grassy Beach. The Big Hill Dunecare group has recently formed and intend to carry out weed control work on Council controlled land between Racecourse Headland and the Big Hill Cut.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Dunecare Groups do a measurable and definite job in environmental protection and should be encouraged. Whilst supported by DIPNR, no volunteers insurance is provided.

- ***Social***

Such volunteer groups, by working together on public land, significantly increase social capital.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

The financial implications to Council would be potential increase in insurance premiums as a result of expanding the number of 355 Committees.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

Nil.

- ***Director's Review***

Council is asked to support the Recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Grassy Head Dunecare and Big Hill Dunecare be accepted as 355 Committees of Council with the delegation to manage the Grassy Head and Big Hill Dune Care Programs.

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