

Woonona 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 Woonona Beach was initially undertaken on 4, 17 and 24 July 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 24 and 30 June 2016 to update the vegetation maps and guide works, given the large amount of work that has already been completed.

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 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
<i>Melanthera biflora</i>	
<i>Poa billardierei</i>	Coastal Fescue
<i>Scaevola calendulacea</i>	Scented Fanflower

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Senecio spathulatus</i>	
<i>Spinifex sericeus</i>	Spinifex
<i>Sporobolus virginicus</i>	Sand Couch
<i>Tetragonia tetragonioides</i>	Warrigal Greens, Warrigal Spinach

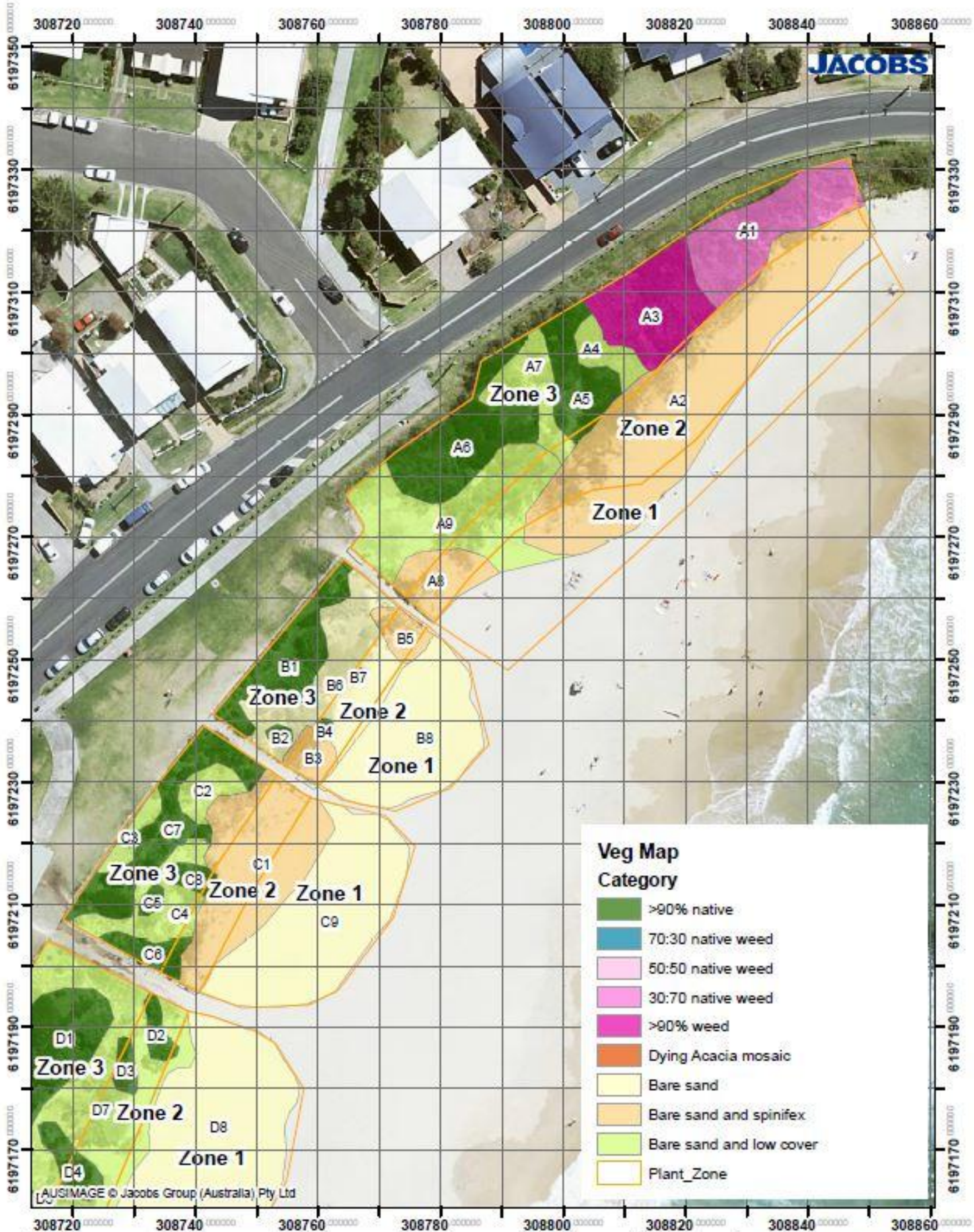
Fore-dune and Crest


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
<i>Celtis paniculata</i>	Native Celtis
<i>Clerodendrum tomentosum</i>	Hairy Clerodendrum
<i>Corymbia gummifera</i>	Red Bloodwood

Scientific Name	Common Name
<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





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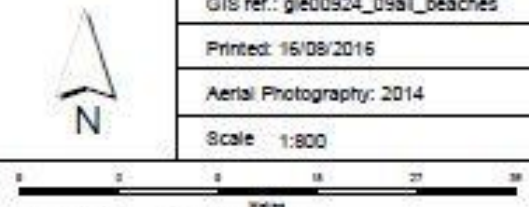
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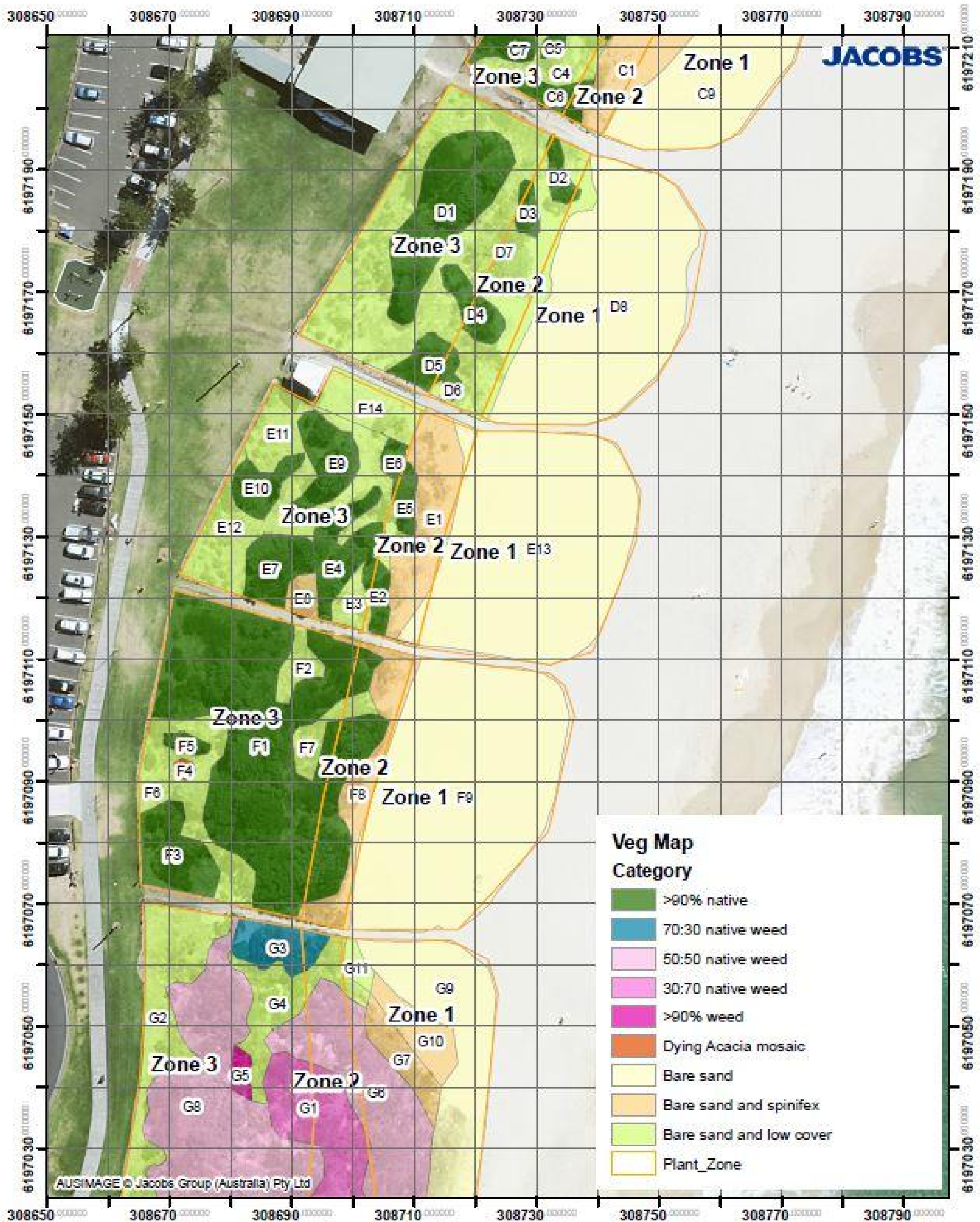
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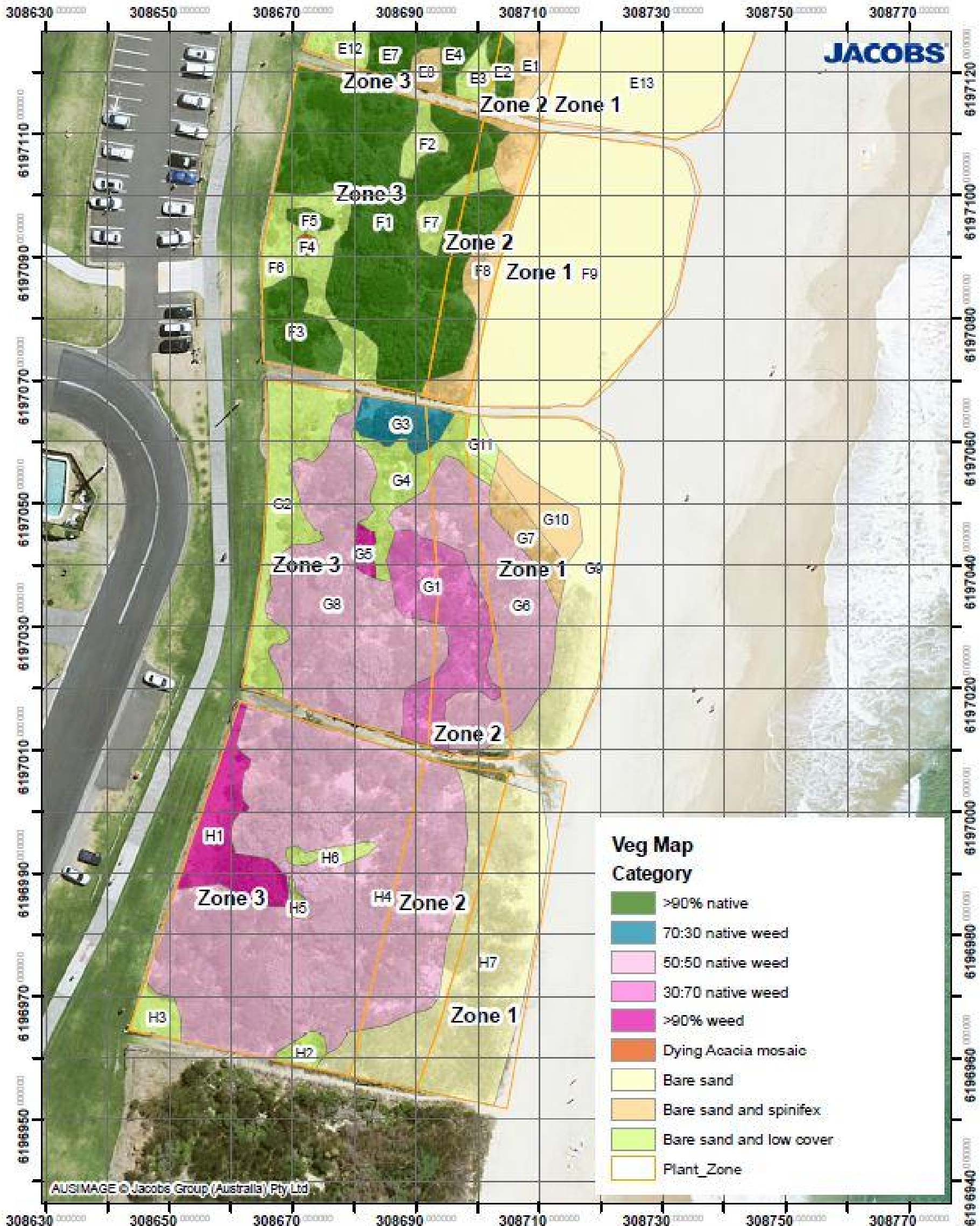
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Dune Vegetation Management Actions and Priorities – Woonona Beach

Information for mapping collected on the **24 and 30 of June 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 (to be advised): 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; and TBA actions are relevant pending future decisions only (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	3	4	5	6	7	8	9						
Ongoing	Crush/remove from site, dead and senescent <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i>	I					X	X									
Ongoing	Removal of dead branches from vandalised vegetation, mostly <i>Acacia</i> and <i>Teatree</i>	L							X								
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> subsp. <i>rotundata</i> Bitou Bush seedlings	H	X	X	X												
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Lantana camara</i> seedlings and resprouting treated <i>Lantana camara</i>	H			X												
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Acetosa sagittata</i> Turkey Rhubarb	H	X		X												
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i> Asparagus Fern	H							X			X					
Ongoing	Removal of vegetation spreading seaward	H		X								X	X				
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Senecio madagascariensis</i> Fireweed	H							X								
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Brassica</i> sp.	H									X						
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Coprosma repens</i> Mirror Bush	M	X	X					X	X							
Ongoing	Crush down dead <i>Lantana camara</i>	I		X	X												
Complete	Treatment of mature <i>Lantana camara</i>	L															
Complete	Removal of mature <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> subsp. <i>rotundata</i> Bitou Bush	L															
Complete	Removal of <i>Yucca</i>	L															
TBA	Spray <i>Pennisetum clandestinum</i> Kikuyu especially along western edge and replace with low growing natives	L	X														
TBA	Installation of low growing plant species in currently bare areas in zone 3 and <i>Spinifex</i> in zone 2	L	X		X	X					X		X				
TBA	Installation of low growing plant species in bare areas following weed removal	L	X		X												
Bay B Status	Actions	Priority	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9						
Ongoing	Remove dead vegetation, mostly <i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i> <i>Teatree</i> and <i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	I	X														
Ongoing	Remove from site, dead and senescent <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i>	I	X														
Complete	Crush dead Bitou and <i>Lantana</i>	L															
Ongoing	Removal of vegetation spreading seaward of the old fenceline	H									X						
Complete	Removal of <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> subsp. <i>rotundata</i> Bitou Bush seedlings	L															
Complete	Treatment of <i>Acetosa sagittata</i> Turkey Rhubarb	L															
Complete	Removal of exotic palm	L															
TBA	Installation of <i>Spinifex</i> in zone 2	L							X								
Ongoing	Installation of low growing plant species in bare areas at the rear of the dunes in zone 3 (species other than <i>Lomandra longifolia</i>)	L							X								
Bay C Status	Actions	Priority	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9						
Ongoing	Removal of vegetation spreading seaward of the old fenceline	H									X						
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Acetosa sagittata</i> Turkey Rhubarb	I					X										
Ongoing	Removal of <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i> in zone 2, once low growing native species are established	H						X		X							
Ongoing	Crush down vandalised <i>Leptospermum</i> and <i>Acacia</i> branches	I							X								

Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Senecio madagascariensis</i> Fireweed	I				X				X						
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Parietaria Judaica</i> Asthma weed	I				X				X						
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Acacia saligna</i>	I								X						
Complete	Remove wind damaged dead vegetation	L														
Complete	Removal of <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> subsp. <i>rotundata</i> Bitou Bush seedlings	L														
Complete	Treatment of mature <i>Lantana camara</i>	L														
Ongoing	Installation of low growing plant species in bare areas at the rear of the dunes in zone 3	L		X	X	X										
Bay D	Actions	Priority	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8						
Ongoing	Installation of low growing plant species at the rear of the dunes in zone 3	I								X						
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Acetosa sagittata</i> Turkey Rhubarb	I			X		X									
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Senecio madagascariensis</i> Fireweed	I					X									
Complete	Remove wind damaged dead vegetation	L														
Complete	Remove <i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i> blocking sight line from Lifeguard tower	L														
Complete	Remove from site, dead and senescent <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i>	L														
Ongoing	Removal of vegetation spreading seaward of the old fenceline	H								X						
Complete	Treatment of <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> subsp. <i>rotundata</i> Bitou Bush seedlings	L														
Complete	Treatment of <i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i> Asparagus Fern	L														
Complete	Treatment of <i>Ipomoea cairica</i> Coastal Morning Glory	L														
Bay E	Actions	Priority	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
TBA	Installation of low growing plant species at the rear of the dunes in zone 3	L			X								X	X		
Ongoing	Remove <i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i> blocking sight line from Lifeguard tower in zone 2	H					X	X								
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> ssp. <i>rotundata</i> Bitou Bush seedlings	I								X						
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Solanum seaforthianum</i> seedlings	I		X						X						
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i> Asparagus Fern	I		X						X						
Complete	Treatment of <i>Acetosa sagittata</i> Turkey Rhubarb	L														
Complete	Treatment of <i>Lantana camara</i> seedlings	L														
Ongoing	Removal of vegetation spreading seaward of the old fenceline	H													X	
Complete	Remove wind damaged dead vegetation	L														
Bay F	Actions	Priority	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9					
Ongoing	Crush/remove from site, dead and senescent <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i>	H				X										
Ongoing	Treatment of resprouting <i>Acacia saligna</i>	I		X	X											
TBA	Installation of low growing plant species at the rear of the dunes in zone 3	L		X				X	X							
Ongoing	Under pruning of vegetation to allow access for weed removal	H	X													
Ongoing	Removal of tall growing species in Zone 2 <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i> and <i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	M	X													
Complete	Installation of Spinifex in Zone 2	M	X							X	X					
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Lantana camara</i> seedlings	I			X											
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Araujia sericifera</i> Moth Vine	I			X											
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Solanum seaforthianum</i>	I	X		X											
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i> Asparagus Fern	I					X									
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Acetosa sagittata</i> Turkey Rhubarb	I	X		X	X		X	X							
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Chrysanthemum monilifera</i> ssp. <i>rotundata</i> Bitou Bush	I	X													
Complete	Removal of vegetation spreading seaward of the old fenceline	L									X					
Complete	Crush/remove from site dead Bitou and Lantana	L														

Bay G Status	Actions	Priority	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
Ongoing	Crush/remove from site, dead and senescent <i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i>	H	X					X								
Ongoing	Removal of vegetation spreading seaward into G10 and G11	I										X	X			
Ongoing	Removal of <i>Acacia longifolia</i> ssp. <i>sophorae</i> in zone 1	H				X		X	X				X			
TBA	Installation of low growing plant species at the rear of the dunes in zone 3, particularly along fenceline	L		X		X										
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> subsp. <i>rotundata</i> Bitou Bush	I	X					X		X						
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Lantana camara</i>	I	X							X						
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Ipomoea cairica</i> Coastal Morning Glory	I	X		X	X	X	X		X						
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Araujia sericifera</i> Moth Vine	I		X	X											
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i> Asparagus Fern	H	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X				
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Acetosa sagittata</i> Turkey Rhubarb	I	X	X	X	X	X	X					X			
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Pelargonium capitatum</i> Rose Geranium	H	X	X				X		X						
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Opuntia</i> sp. Prickly Pear	I	X													
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Ochna serrulata</i> Mickey Mouse Plant	I								X						
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Cordyline australis</i> Cabbage Tree	H	X													
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Solanum seaforthianum</i> Brazilian Nightshade	I		X	X					X						
TBA	Installation of native plant species following weed removal in zones 2 and 3	L	X	X	X	X	X	X		X						
Complete	Removal of dead vegetation along seaward edge of dune	L														
Bay H Status	Actions	Priority	1	2	3	4	5	6	7							
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Lantana camara</i>	H	X			X	X									
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i> ssp. <i>rotundata</i> Bitou Bush	H	X			X		X								
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Acetosa sagittata</i> Turkey Rhubarb	H	X	X		X	X	X								
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Asparagus aethiopicus</i> Asparagus Fern	H	X	X	X	X	X	X								
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Solanum seaforthianum</i> Brazilian Nightshade	H					X	X								
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Araujia sericifera</i> Moth Vine	H	X													
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Opuntia</i> sp. Prickly Pear	H				X										
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Ochna serrulata</i> Mickey Mouse Plant	H				X										
Ongoing	Treatment of <i>Pelargonium capitatum</i> Rose Geranium	H				X		X								
TBA	Installation of native plant species in bare areas and following weed removal in zones 2 and 3	L	X	X	X	X	X	X								

General actions across the whole site

Status	Actions	Priority (I, H, M, L)
Ongoing	Remove new seedling growth east of fence posts in bare sand to ensure no plant growth in Zone 1	I
Ongoing	Litter removal	I
Complete	Removal of old fence wire	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	L
Ongoing	Management of regenerating taller growing native plants	L

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