













- Initiative of State Government (DES) and Local Government Association of Queensland – launched in June 2016 – completing in Oct 2020
- To facilitate development of Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategies by QLD coastal councils
- 31 Qld coastal councils have accessed the \$12M funding
- 18 Councils will complete a full strategy
- Pro-active planning state-wide for the long-term management of the Queensland coastline

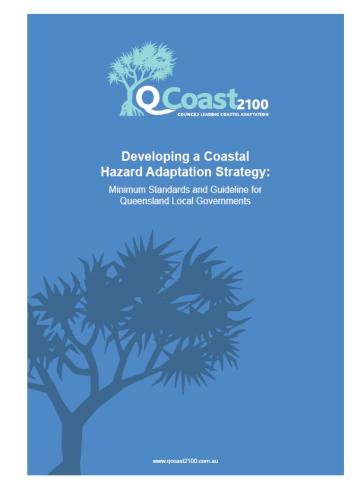


- Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS):
  - Identify coastal hazard areas
  - Understand vulnerabilities and risks to a range of assets
  - Engage with the community to understand their preferred approach to adaptation
  - Determine the costs, priorities and timeframes for implementation.



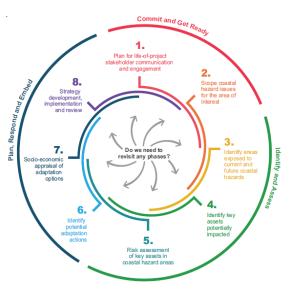






# QCoast<sub>2100</sub> phases

Phase		Description
1	Commit	Plan for life-of project stakeholder communication and engagement
2	and get ready	Scope coastal hazard issues for the area of interest
3	Identify	Identify areas exposed to current and future coastal hazards
4	and	Identify key assets potentially impacted
5	assess	Undertake a risk assessment of key assets in coastal hazard areas
6	Plan,	Identify potential adaptation options
7	respond	Socio-economic appraisal of adaptation options
8	and embed	Strategy development, implementation and review





# Reflections today

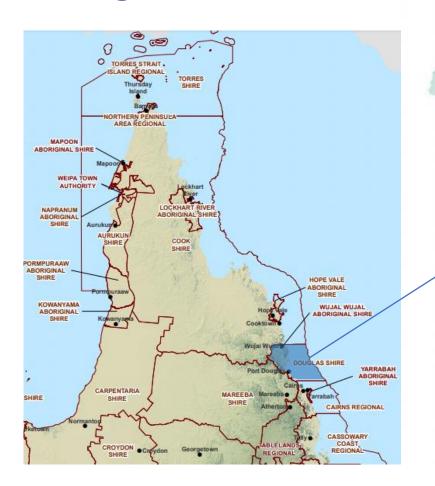
- 1. Engagement and communications
- 2. Technical work
- 3. Strategic planning

Douglas Shire's journey to completion





# **Douglas Shire**















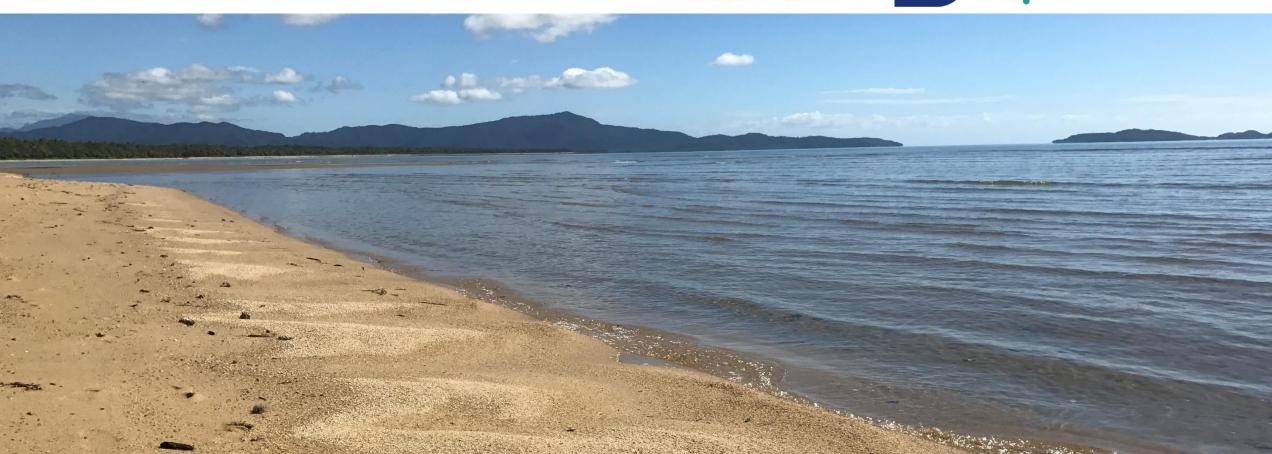












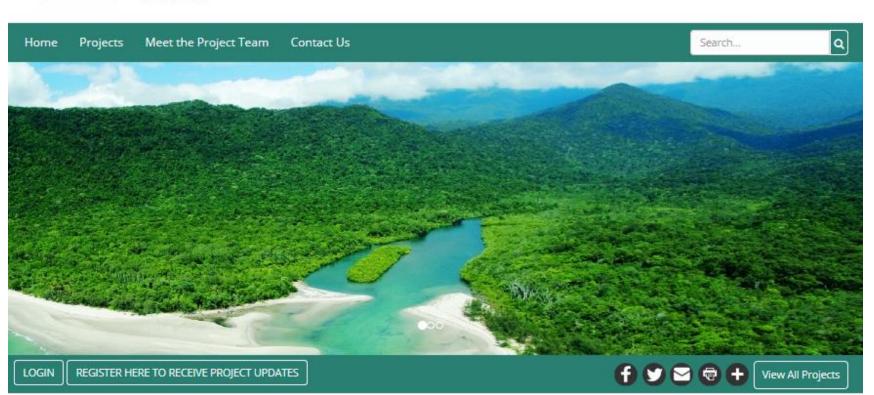
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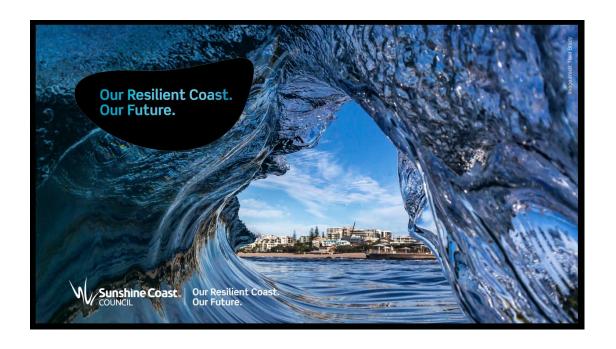
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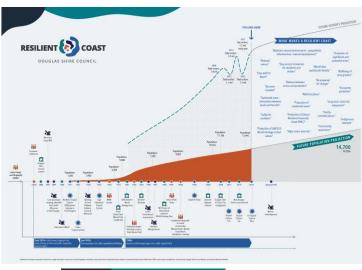


# **Materials**

- Website https://www.ourcoast.douglas.qld.gov.au
- Monthly project updates
- Coastal story timeline
- Fact sheet series (8)
  - Terminology
  - Coastal landscapes
  - Coastal hazards
  - Coastal adaptation
  - Adaptation framework
  - Resilient homes
  - Economics
  - Strategy summary
- Surveys (2)
- Media releases

















# **Shared discussions**

- Council workshops, briefings and updates
- Stakeholder Advisory Group
- Utility stakeholders
  - Transport Main Roads (TMR)
  - National Broadband Network (NBN)
  - Ergon Energy
- Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) and State Government of Queensland
- Interest group briefings
  - Douglas Local Marine Advisory Committee (LMAC)
  - Douglas Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG)

Community workshops – two rounds (May and October 2018) – Mossman, Port Douglas, Cape Tribulation

Stakeholder Advisory Group (6 meetings)

**Australian Cane Farmers Association / Next Gen** 

**Canegrowers Mossman** 

**Daintree Marketing Cooperative** 

**Department of Agriculture and Fisheries** 

**Douglas Shire Council** 

Jabalbina Yalanji Corporation

**Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS)** 

**Terrain NRM** 

**Tourism Port Douglas Daintree (TPDD)** 

**Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA)** 











# The process



Shared responsibility & accountability

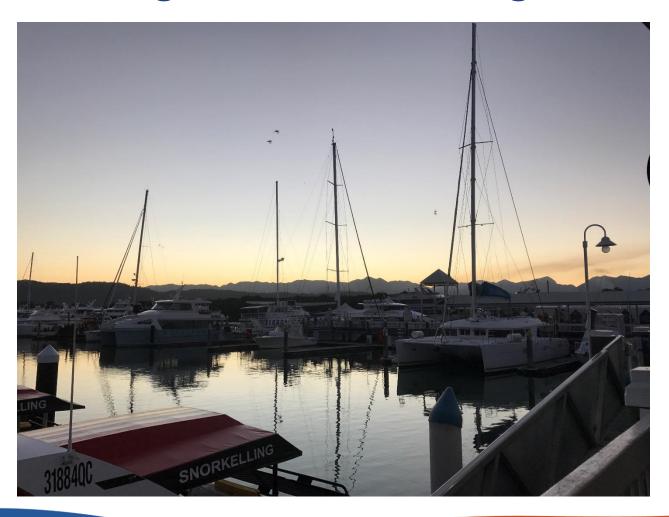
Informed discussion on hazard mitigation & management

Shared understanding of risk

Shared understanding of hazards

Shared interests, values

# Building the coastal management story





# What has shaped the coastline?

Coastlines are shaped by many elements



• **Physical & ecological** – geography, geology, geomorphic process, ecosystems, climate, extreme events ...



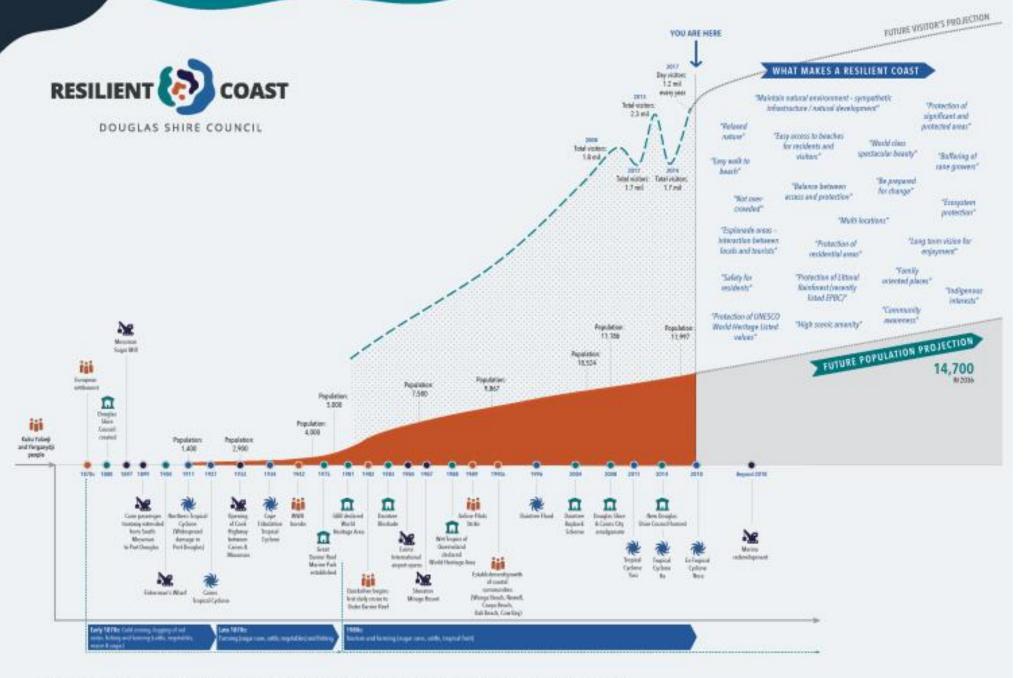
 Social – the people, their cultures and histories, values, attitudes, behaviours, social fabric and networks, liveability and lifestyle



 Governance, policy and regulation – land use planning, international treaties, institutional and organisations

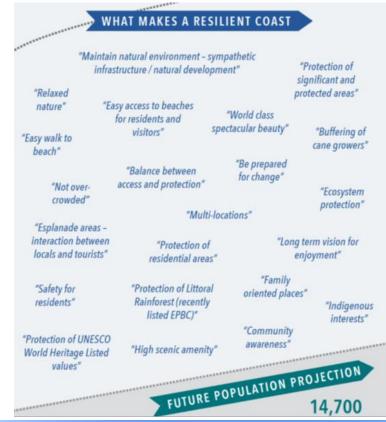


Infrastructure – roads, utilities, facilities, built landscapes



# Key engagement outcomes

- Shared visioning for a resilient coast
  - Infrastructure
  - Economy and growth
  - Public safety
  - Environmental values
  - Traditional Owner values
  - Community services and lifestyle
- Shaping the direction of the technical work
- Shared understanding of hazards and risk
- Building partnerships
- Council enabled to pro-actively prepare
- Strong platform for implementation





# 2. Technical investigations: Coastal hazards & risk

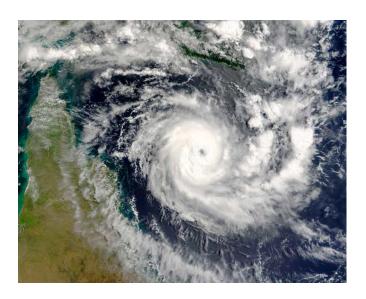


# Phase 3 - 5

- Coastal hazard areas
  - Updated Erosion Prone Areas
  - Mapped storm tide inundation
- Asset data collation
- Exposure likelihood
- Consequence and risk

# Key considerations:

- Leading practice
- Tailoring technical work to provide best value for Council



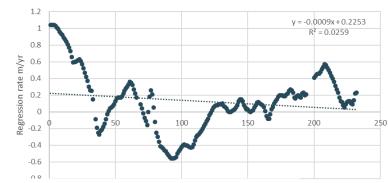


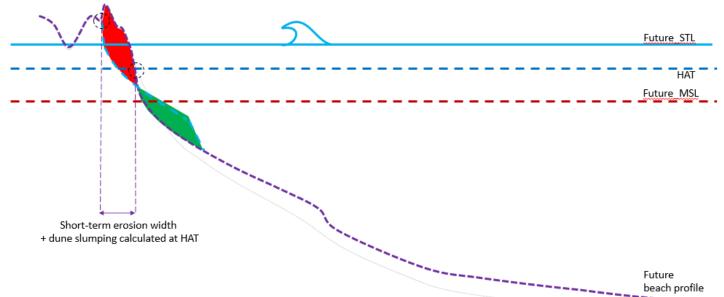






- Historical shoreline change (regression analysis)
- Sediment grain sizes & new modelling



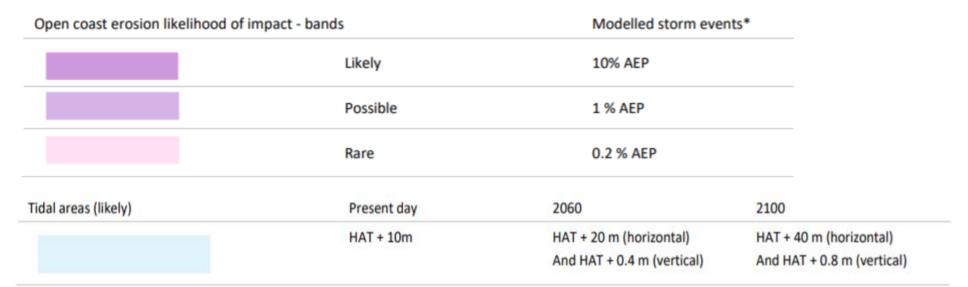






# Coastal hazard areas - erosion

- Updated Erosion Prone Areas
- Likelihoods: Present day, 2060, 2100
- Open coast and tidal areas
- Recognising uncertainty multiple AEPs







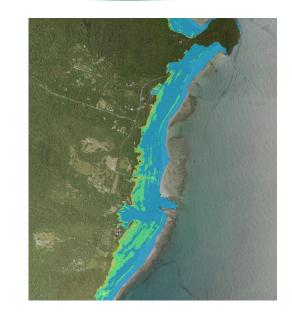


Present day to 2100

30 m buffer

# Coastal hazard areas – storm tide inundation

- Cairns Regional Storm Tide Study
- Tailored mapping
- Likelihoods: Present day, 2060, 2100
- Recognising uncertainty multiple AEPs



Storm tide inundation likelihood - bands		Modelled storm events*
	Likely	HAT
	Possible	1 % AEP
	Rare	0.2 % AEP

# Assets and risk

- Asset databases (new and collated)
  - Infrastructure
  - Planning scheme zones
  - Natural assets
  - Dwellings

# Purpose of risk assessment:

- To inform understanding of regional scale distribution of risk
- To inform strategic adaptation response across the Shire

Risk = Likelihood of exposure x consequence

		Consequence					
		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic	
Likelihood	Likely 10% AEP	Low	Medium	High	Very high	Very high	
	Possible 1% AEP	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Very high	
Lik	Rare 0.2% AEP	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High	









Consequence	Infrastructure	Economy and growth	Public safety	Environmental values	Traditional Owner values	Community services and	lifestyle
Catastrophic	Widespread major damage or loss of property or infrastructure with total value >\$50 million. Partial recovery may take many years.	Regional economic decline, widespread business failure and impacts on state economy.	Loss of lives and/or permanent disabilities.	significan and natur Maintain	HAT MAKES A RESILIENT CO  n natural environment – sympathetic structure / natural development"	Widespread semi-perman	ent impact community ture of the le alternatives.
Major	Major damage or loss of property or infrastructure with total value >\$10 million. Full recovery may take several years.	Lasting downturn of local economy with isolated business failures and major impacts on regional economy.	Widespread series injuries/ illnesses.	3EIIII-DEII	asy access to beaches for residents and visitors"  "Balance between access and protection"  "World class spectacular bea	uty" "Buffering of cane growers"	rm (~1 month) services, e community available.
Moderate	Moderate - major damage to property or infrastructure with total value >\$1 million. Full recovery may take less than 1 year.	Significant impacts on local economy and minor impacts on regional economy.	Isolated series injuries/ illnesses and/or multiple minor injuries/ illnesses.	Substanti more loca ecosyster features a Full recovyears.   Crowded"  "Esplanade areas – interaction between locals and tourists"	"Multi-locations"  "Protection of residential areas"	"Long term vision for enjoyment"	rm (~1 week) ption to es, wellbeing, ity with limited
Minor	Substantial damage to properties or infrastructure with total value >\$200,000.	Individually significant but isolated impacts on local economy.	Minor and isolated injuries and illnesses.	Small, corshort-terr ecosyster features of Full recovers 1 year.  "Safety for residents"  "Protection of UNESCO World Heritage Listed values"	"Protection of Littoral oriente Rainforest (recently listed EPBC)"	mily d places" "Indigenous interests" unity ness"	rm disruption lised services, ture of the ernatives disruption of ces.
Insignificant	Minor damage to properties or infrastructure with total value >\$50,000.	Minor short-term impact on local economy.	Negligible injuries or illnesses.	Little to n impact.	"High scenic amenity" awaren	14,700	uption (~1 ig, finances, or with numerous

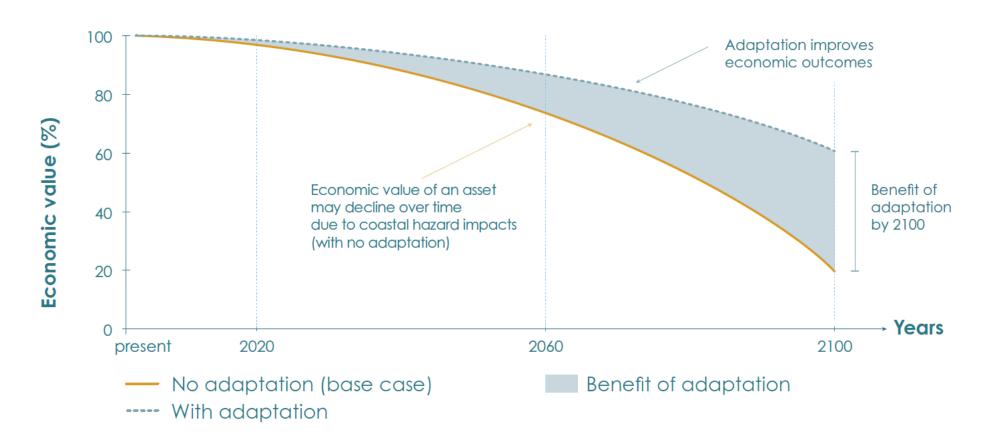
# Assets and risk

Notable increase in risk by 2100 for:

- Beach and foreshore infrastructure
- Roads (including Cape Trib road)
- Recreation & open space, special purpose and environmental management areas
- Residential zones, tourist accommodation and town centre

	Erosion processes (EPA)			Storm tide inundation		
% infrastructure assets at risk from coastal hazards	Present day	2060 2100		Present day	2060	2100
Beach and foreshore	50%	69%	85%	27%	31%	33%
Marine	25%	25%	25%	23%	23%	25%
Sewerage	3%	7%	16%	1%	4%	5%
Water reticulation	1%	1.5%	10%	1%	2%	3%
Drainage	4%	6%	10%	0%	0%	0%
Roads	5%	15%	20%	8%	25%	44%

	Erosior	n processes	(EPA)	Storm	tide inund	ation
% planning scheme zone areas at risk from coastal hazards	Present day	2060	2100	Present day	2060	2100
Conservation	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Rural	5%	7%	10%	5%	7%	9%
Low-medium Density Residential	2%	4%	9%	1%	9%	17%
Recreation and Open Space	32%	40%	52%	0%	0%	0%
Tourist Accommodation	3%	6%	16%	3%	18%	22%
Low Density Residential	1%	4%	10%	1%	8%	15%
Community Facilities	1%	2%	5%	4%	11%	13%
Rural Residential	9%	16%	28%	7%	14%	20%
Special Purpose	42%	48%	55%	37%	44%	47%
Environmental Management	22%	23%	25%	21%	22%	23%
Centre	6%	11%	20%	8%	23%	23%
Industry	3%	4%	6%	2%	5%	5%
Medium Density Residential	1%	2%	7%	0%	4%	4%
Tourism	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



- Valuation
- Base case
- Cost-benefit

Implementing the adaptation approach and actions in the Resilient Coast Strategic Plan will contribute to avoiding potential economic costs to the Shire of up to:

PRESENT DAY:

\$6 million dollars per annum BY 2060:

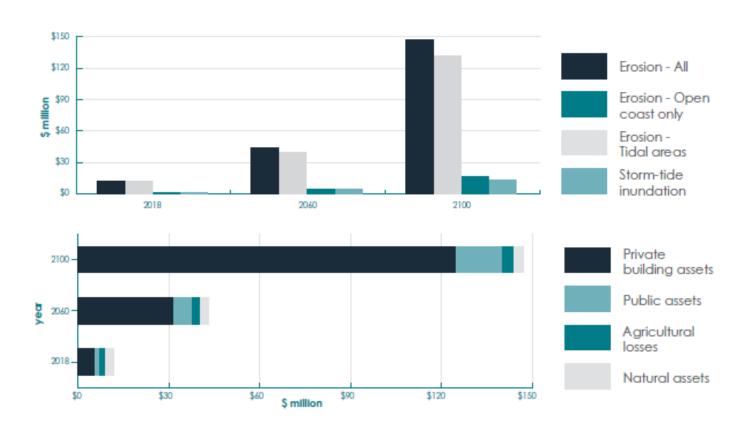
\$42 million dollars per annum BY 2100:

\$140 million dollars per annum.

# Base case: average annual damage costs

- Damage to public assets Council infrastructure, e.g. culverts, roads and wastewater treatment plants
- Damage to private building assets -Dwellings in the coastal hazard zone
- Damage to natural assets e.g. Mangroves, wetlands and coastal forests
- Loss of production for agriculture e.g. lost cane production.



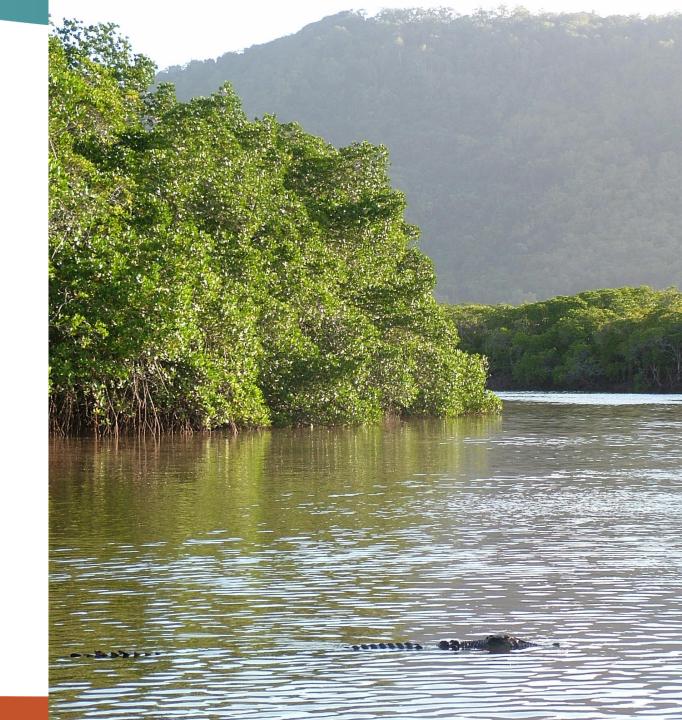


# Average annual damage costs

- AAD apportioned to different components of the Erosion Prone Area (open coast erosion vs tidal areas) and localities
- Split public and private asset damages

# **Case study**

- Cost to local economy from Cape Tribulation road closure:
- \$33,000 to \$184,000 per day
- \$0.25M to \$1.30M for a week
- Closure for a month cost may exceed \$5 million.



# Dune protection and maintenance

# Last line of defence structures

Dune Protection & Maintenance Bed

Beach nourish Burled seawall

Open Coast

Eroslon



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	Present day	2060	2100
Degarra	•	•	•
Cowle Point	•	•	•
Cape Tribulation	•	•	•
Thornton Beach	•	•	•
Cow Bay and Cape Kimberley	•	•	•
Wonga Beach	•	•	•
Rocky Point	•	•	•
Newell	•	•	•
Cooya Beach	•	•	•
Port Douglas and Craiglie	•	•	•
Pebbly Beach	•	•	•
Oak Beach	•	•	•
Wangetti	•	•	•
South of Wangetti	•	•	•

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# Dune protection & maintenance

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Beach nourishment



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Structures to assist with sand retention



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Groynes

Last line of defence structures



Dune protection &

Nourishment

Buried seawall



Structures to minimise inundation



# 3. Strategic planning

- Adaptation framework
- Adaptation response
- Adaptation actions



# Adaptation framework and response

VISION	A RESILIENT COAST FOR DOUGLAS SHIRE						
Adaptation response	Coastal hazard adaptation						
	Monitor	Mitigate	Transition				
	Monitor the risk of coastal hazards. Monitor until local trigger levels are reached to initiate mitigation.	Actively mitigate the risk of coastal hazards through a range of adaptation options. Mitigate until local trigger levels are reached to initiate transition.	A strategic decision to transition to an alternative landuse in some areas. Mitigation may be part of the transition process.				
		Adaptation options					

	Adaptation response				
	2018	2060	2100		
Degarra	Monitor	Mitigate	Mitigate		
Cowle Point	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor		
Cape Tribulation	Monitor	Mitigate	Mitigate		
Thornton Beach	Mitigate	Mitigate	Mitigate		
Cow Bay and Cape Kimberley	Monitor	Monitor	Monitor		
Wonga Beach	Mitigate	Mitigate	Mitigate*		
Rocky Point	Mitigate	Mitigate	Mitigate		
Newell	Mitigate	Mitigate	Mitigate*		
Cooya Beach	Mitigate	Mitigate	Mitigate*		
Port Douglas and Craiglie	Mitigate	Mitigate	Mitigate*		
Pebbly Beach	Mitigate	Mitigate	Mitigate		
Oak Beach	Mitigate	Mitigate	Mitigate		
Wangetti	Monitor	Mitigate	Mitigate		
South of Wangetti	Monitor	Mitigate	Mitigate		

Tailored framework and language

<sup>\*</sup> A transition response may be appropriate for limited areas within each locality

# Adaptation actions

### 1. Shire-wide initiatives

- Community stewardship program
- Growing adaptive capacity
- Monitoring program

### 2. Planning updates

- Land use planning
- Disaster management

### 3. Modifying infrastructure

- **Build** resilience
- Relocate infrastructure

### 4. Coastal management and engineering

- Dune protection
- Beach nourishment
- Structures to assist with sand retention
- Last line of defence structures
- Structures to minimise flooding







### BUILDING A RESILIENT COAST

EXAMPLE ADAPTATION OPTIONS

Updates to landuse planning may include:

Updafina emergency response planning

Identifying appropriate areas for new developmen

Tailoring specific uses for flood and erosion prone

(residential commercial), and new critical infrastructure

areas (e.g. sporting fields, open space and parklands,

· Planning for agriculture, industry, and ecosystem changes

1. Updates to landuse planning

At the interface of the catchment and ocean, the coastal zone will continue to be prone to periodic impacts from costal hazards such as storm fide inundation and short and long-term erosion processes. As changes to our climate occur, these impacts are expected to become more severe. Councils and communitie can work together to build the resilience of the coastine and

A resilient coast has social, economic and environmental systems in place to avoid, manage and mitigate the impact of hazardous events or disturbances. Resilience also means the ability to respond or reorganise in ways that maintain the essential function, identity and values of a region.



There are a range of ways we can adapt to change in the coastal

- · Avoid the hazards (or retreat)
- Accommodate change (moderate intervention)
- · Hold the line / defend (major intervention

For each of these broad responses there are a range of

COASTAL ADAPTATION





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### EXAMPLE ADAPTATION OPTIONS (CONTINUED)

### 3. Coastal engineering

The range of coastal engineering adaptation options include

Dune protection and maintenance Dune protection and maintenance involves limiting disturbance to dunes and protecting/enhancing dune vegetation to increase the stability of the dunes

The dune system is the beach's natural defence to coastal hazards. The foredunes dissipate wave energy and protect the land behind from impacts of erosion and storm tide. Vegetation across the dunes traps windblown sand and enhances the ability of dunes to rebuild after storm activity. Vegetation plans can be tailored to each site, and with car needs (e.g. views, access



Beach nourishment involves importing addition the volume of sand on the beach. Sand can be sourced from off-share, avaries or other sources. Beach nourishment is typically combined with dune maintenance, to enhance the level of protection against erosion and storm tide levels.

Beach nourishment has the benefit of providing increased protection from coastal hazards while maintaining the natural values of the beach and coastline.

### Structures to assist with sand retention

Structures can be installed to assist with retaining sand in a specific area of the shoreline. Usually combined with beach and dune maintenance, these structures typically take the form of one or many groynes that extend perpendicular to the long-short sand transport.

towards the grovne, Grovnes are typically made of rock, wood, o



floodwaters from entering specific areas. Dykes and levees are artificially elevated mounds or walls that can be made of earth, rack, concrete, geo-fabric bags or other materials. The presence of dykes and levees can be either part of an emergency planning approach, or more permanent features as part of a drainage









### Structures to assist with off-shore energy dissipation

Structures can be installed off-shore to create a zone when wave energy will break and dissipate prior to reaching the Natural off-share reefs such as those present along the Dougla: Shire Coastline already provide this benefit for many beaches

### Last line of defence structures

tructures such as seawalls can be used to protect critical assets where other coastal engineering options are not onsidered to be feasible. Seawalls provide an artificial barrie between the ocean and adjacent coastal land, and protect the coastal assets behind the wall from erosion. Seawalls are typically made of rock, concrete or geo-fabric bags, and car be designed as buried revetments or exposed walls.

A segwall is a hard barrier to wave energy. Unlike a dune ystem, a seawall has limited capacity to dissipate (spread out and absorb! energy when it hits the wall. As a result, waves refract off the seawall and scour sand away from the base (or toe). The presence of a seawall can often result in a complete loss of the high tide sandy beach. The appropriateness of seawalls is considered on a site by site basis



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### ADAPTATION OBJECTIVES INCLUDE TO: · Retain the natural beauty of the

- Limit adverse impacts on scenic
- amenity
- Protect important ecosystems
- Protect important rainforests, vegetation and tree canopies (especially north of the Daintree
- · Maintain access to the region
- Minimise potential impacts on tourism
- · Protect significant, protected and sensitive areas (environment and biodiversity)
- · Retain sandy beaches
- Maintain access to beach and assets.
- Limit impact on assets and infrastructure (including new developments) within hazard zone (particularly south of the Daintree River)
- Retain arable land (cane farming).

These objectives provide a reference for considering the suitability of different coastal hazard adaptation options across the Douglas Shire.

# Format of the strategy

- Public document
- A strategic plan, high level
- Underpinned by Phase 1 8 reports
- All of Shire, and location summaries



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# Adaptation actions

# 1. Shire-wide initiatives





# Putting the green back into the Daintree Outline Lister of the wilds Concervation organisation Consultation of the wilds Consultation organisation Daintree List host their first commany tree planting day Daintree Lister of the consultation Consultation of the stand they were Tourishful for the branche state Warming and amazing, she and "Bwa had work the first because were were Warming and mazing," she The group work closely The group work closel

Theme	Strategic action no.	Description	2020 Priority strategic actions (completed within 5 – 10 years)
	1.1 Community stewardship program	Develop programs and partnerships to enhance stewardship of the coastline.	1.1.1 Establish program / officer role 1.1.2 Establish and implement dune protection and maintenance program utilising a mix of Council and volunteers' time 1.1.3 Seek co-funding / resources for further initiatives.
1. Shire-wide initiatives	1.2 Knowledge sharing	Facilitate knowledge sharing and education on hazards and adaptation.	1.2.1 Identify networks / forums for knowledge sharing (internal and external)  1.2.2 Generate communication materials (on Strategic Plan implementation)  1.2.3 Facilitate training / education workshops / events  1.2.4 Co-ordinate cross-agency information sharing.  1.2.5 Promote collaborative partnerships to pursue initiatives for integrated catchment and coastal management (rivers, estuaries, coastline)  1.2.6 Promote collaborative partnerships to pursue initiatives for integrated coast and marine management (coastline, marine environment and ecosystems, fisheries)  1.2.7 Promote cross-sector partnerships and initiatives to enhance resilience and strategic adaptation for agriculture  1.2.8 Promote cross-sector collaboration to improve understanding of future coastal hazard implications for local native species and ecosystems, including terrestrial, freshwater and marine environments.
	1.3 Monitoring	Monitor changes in coastal hazard risk and effectiveness of adaptation.	1.3.1 Establish photo point monitoring system (coast snap or similar) at key areas 1.3.2 Create a platform / process for data management 1.3.3 Develop monitoring / evaluation metrics for implementation of actions, and effectiveness of actions (also a potential post-graduate student project) 1.3.4 Establish drone survey (elevation and aerial imagery) monitoring (every 5 – 10 years), or other tailored monitoring and reporting needed to inform adaptive management and the 10-year planning scheme review.



# Adaptation options – by location



Figure 12. Locality map – Wonga Beach.

Wonga Beach	Present day	2060	2100	
Adaptation response	Mitigate	Mitigate	Mitigate*	
Adaptation actions				
1. Shire-wide initiatives	As per Shire-wide	actions		
2. Planning updates	As per Shire-wide actions			
	Focus action 2.1.2:  Review zoning and development approval conditions for un-developed land with existing approvals			
	Focus action 2.1.3: Clarify implications for future development approvals and conditions			
	Focus action 2.1.4:  Develop approach/triggers for a transition response for targeted areas			
3. Modifying infrastructure	As per Shire-wide actions			
	Focus action 3.1.2: Promote Resilient homes			
Coastal management and engineering	As per Shire-wide	actions		
4.1 Dune protection and maintenance	Implement as part of Shire-wide program			
4.2 Additional open coast erosion mitigation works (if required)	N/A Develop a SEMP and implement erosion mitigation works.			
4.3 Additional protection from tidal and storm tide inundation (if required)	N/A implement inundation protection works			
Potential average annual damages from coastal hazards (to be mitigated)	\$0.5M	\$4M	\$22M	

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# Strategy implementation

- Implementation context & adaptive management
- Change management
- Monitoring and evaluation



# Reflections & learnings

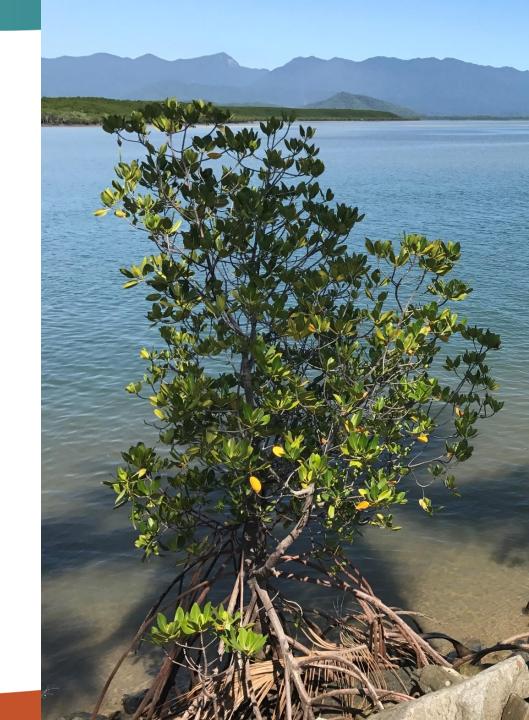
- ✓ Communication and engagement:
  - Engage early
  - Ongoing process
  - Values / synergies

- ✓ Technical investigations:
- ✓ Leading practice
- ✓ Tailored approach
- ✓ Fit for purpose and best value for Council
- ✓ Economic case for adaptation



# Reflections & learnings

- ✓ Strategic planning:
  - Set the direction
  - Tailored language
  - Shire-wide and location specific actions
  - Partnerships
  - Set up for broader / future opportunities
  - Opportunity to safeguard the character of the landscape



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