

Do you love living in the Pelican Area?

Do you love the area's natural beauty and village atmosphere?

Do you want to protect our natural environment and live more sustainably?

Do you have ideas about how to improve our local area and increase community spirit?

Here is a way to become involved in local issues.

See what we have on the agenda...

Our Environment

DUNE CARE

We work with local established Dune Care Groups to help care for, vegetate and rehabilitate the local sand dunes. Why? Because the sand dunes protect our coastal properties from inundation, ensure the beach front remains stable and provides an essential habitat for local bird and wildlife.

BEACH PROTECTION

Our aim is to work closely with local organisations, surf clubs and Council to ensure that activities performed on our beaches are sensitive to maintenance of the beach environment.

We encourage use of the beach for responsible activities including fishing, commercial fishing and four wheel driving. Our goal is to ensure that the beach is protected, that the vegetation and sand is stabilised and that refuse has a place to be deposited thoughtfully. Our coastal environment should be respected now so that it can be enjoyed by the next generation of users.

ANNUAL CLEAN-UPS AND RUBBISH REMOVAL

Help create cleaner and healthier coastal ecosystems and beaches. A focus of activities is directed to clearing and removing rubbish from the Blacksmiths Beach front, from around Naru Street Marks Pt and from the Pelican foreshore area.

Truckloads of rubbish have been removed from these locations on annual clean up days over the past two summers. These have included large items of furniture and white goods left in the dunes and in local bushland. Countless volumes of paper, glass, metal and household and day-tripper refuse has been removed. Volunteers to help out on these occasions are always welcome.

At other times of the year, we work to keep the local area clean and highlight to Council where large items have been dumped. This creates a much cleaner ecosystem, cleaner beaches and a cleaner lake.

Living Sustainably

DRAINAGE AND FLOODING

Many households in the Blacksmiths, Pelican and Marks Point areas have been subjected to flooding and tidal inundation over countless years. We remain actively involved in assessing the condition and flow of local drains and outlets and providing input into the maintenance and rehabilitation of these assets.

CYCLEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Actively pursue plans for the extension of the cycleway from the Fernleigh Track at Belmont through to Swansea. Assess the need for footpaths and accessways to accommodate young and elderly residents and visitors as well as the disabled.

Community Assets

GRANNIES POOL

Our group has already worked successfully for the upgrade of this local landmark. Work to rehabilitate the Grannies pool site commenced in February 2015 and included a major restoration of the breakwall at Blacksmiths.

Work will be ongoing on this project to ensure access to Grannies Pool is upgraded and that appropriate signage, parking and garbage collection facilities are in place. Grannies pool is a much loved local attraction which should be restored for the enjoyment of local families and visitors.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Safe, attractive and accessible recreational facilities are a focal point of most coastal communities. Help upgrade current sites and look for opportunities in the community to provide active and passive recreational facilities for the very young to the elderly.



Get Involved

Help us make Pelican, Blacksmiths and Marks Point more sustainable and vibrant places to live.

You can join our email list, get involved in one of the many exciting project ideas, or be part of the coordinating committee - it's up to you.

The group meets fortnightly to plan and work on our projects, and to review our progress.

The group warmly invites new people to share their ideas, skills, and to help implement local projects over the coming years.

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Help to create a sustainable future for your neighbourhood in Pelican, Blacksmiths & Marks Point