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Shire Working Group to Tackle Coastal Erosion at Grace Darling Park

The Shire of Gingin held its first Coastal Erosion Working Group meeting last week to discuss the imminent threat to infrastructure and amenity at Grace Darling Park in Lancelin.

Following an on-site meeting at Grace Darling Park to review the current erosion situation, the Working Group – which consists of several Shire of Gingin councillors and executive staff - met formally to discuss the threat to the public toilets leach drain and septic system, as well as discuss quotations from engineering consultants to undertake an assessment and recommend possible action to cease further erosion.

At the time of writing, the erosion face is approximately three metres away from the public toilet leach drains and there is a real risk of contaminants entering beach water.

The Working Group discussed a range of potential actions including the use of well liners to form a temporary wall, concrete webbed blocks or geo-tech fabric sand bags, however this will be determined by the consultant if action is recommended. The removal and relocation of the leach drains and septic tank was also discussed.

Quotations from coastal engineers have been received and the Working Group has recommended MP Rogers be the appointed consultant to prepare the report for immediate works required to protect Grace Darling Park and the adjacent Marine Rescue Building.

The Working Group also agreed that a number of Lancelin organisations be involved in the consultation process - stakeholders have been identified and will be contacted shortly to nominate a representative to participate in the process.

Owing to safety concerns, the Shire advises that beach access via Edward Island Point will remain closed until further notice and access via Hopkins Street will also be closed in the near future.

The Shire will continue to update the public with any information as it comes to hand.

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Photos



Images above represent the condition of Grace Darling Park as at the end of July.