

What are Foreshore Management Works?

Foreshore management works are undertaken for a variety of reasons, ranging from the enhancement of the amenity of a foreshore locality to the rehabilitation of environmental characteristics of these areas.

Treatments in foreshore areas previously undertaken on private and public land within the Greater Taree Local Government Area include the construction of gabion (rock) and block walls for the purpose of riverbank revetment, to enhance the aesthetic value of these areas and provide erosion control.

Environmental protection and enhancement works have included riparian revegetation, installation of rock fillets in order to provide or enhance aquatic habitats, the use of rock groynes for environmentally sensitive erosion control and livestock exclusion to prevent damage to fragile foreshore ecosystems. A range of other environmental protection and enhancement works have also been implemented on a case-by-case basis.

All works that impact upon foreshore environments must take into account the affects of such works on the fragile and dynamic ecosystems that exist within these areas. There are a variety of legislative provisions and best practice standards that should be applied to all works in order to ensure that minimal environmental damage arises from such works. This will ensure that the unique integrity and natural functioning of foreshore areas is maintained.

Foreshore management projects have been undertaken by Greater Taree City Council for many years and have resulted in the rehabilitation, conservation and sustainable management of many kilometres of estuary foreshore within the Manning River System. However, these outcomes are only minor in respect to the extent of degraded foreshore within the System. With the continuation of these programs and the undertaking of sustainable management practices on private and public land it is envisaged that the community will see an ongoing improvement in water quality and ecosystem functioning within the river into the future, for the benefit of all who utilise this important community resource.



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A GUIDE TO FORESHORE MANAGEMENT WORKS

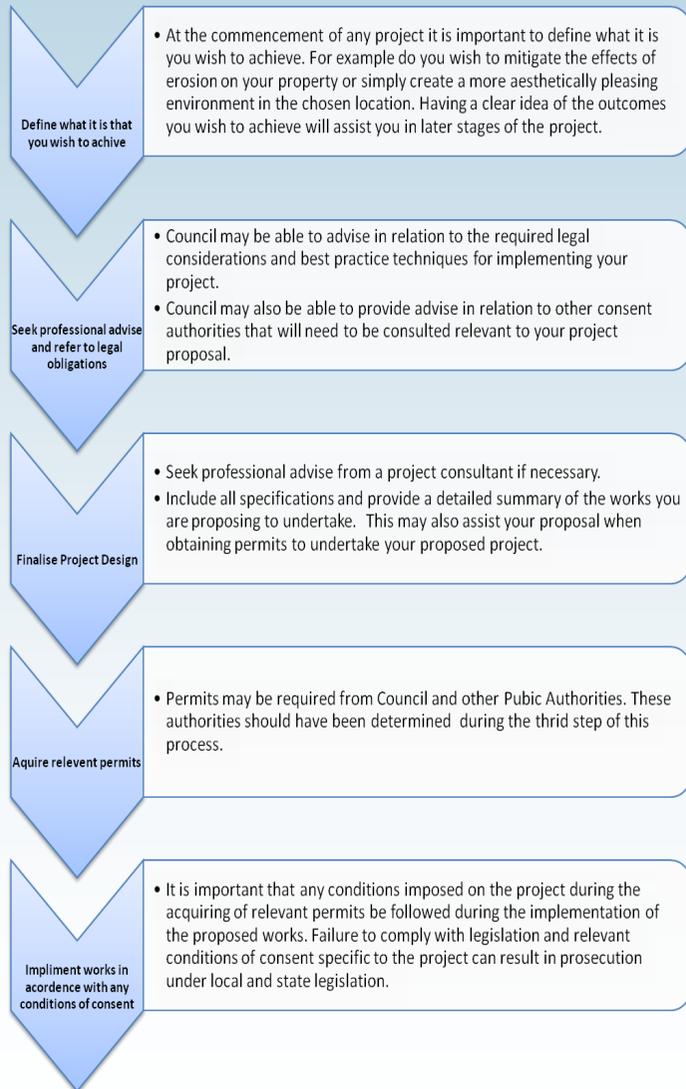
**WITHIN THE MANNING RIVER
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Planning to Undertake Foreshore Management Works?

Non - Grant Funded Projects



Sourcing Funding for Community and Environmental Projects

There are a wide range of sources of funding available for community and environmental projects in relation to foreshore management. Funding may be available from government or non-government bodies and is offered throughout the year.

Grants available from funding bodies usually aim to achieve certain targets that form part of the funding bodies interests or core business. It is therefore important that you pursue funding from an organisation that may provide the resources you require. Funding applications also tend to be more positively looked upon when they incorporate a wide range of community benefits and benefits to multiple stakeholders rather than having a narrow focus.

Council may be able to provide advice on the sourcing of funding and the undertaking of projects where there is a demonstrated benefit to the wider community for non – environmental projects on public land

Legal Obligations

There are a variety of legislative obligations that apply to any works undertaken within foreshore areas. Probably the most relevant to such work is the *Water Management Act 2000* and the associated controlled activity provisions of the Act. Before any foreshore management work (that is not exempt) is carried out, Controlled Activities Approval (CAA) is required from the NSW Office of Water. Other legislative obligations that relate to foreshore management works occur under a suite of legislation and are administered by various government departments. Council staff can provide information regarding legislative obligations for all types of foreshore management works.

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