



Norah Head Lighthouse Land Manager Board  
P.O. Box 4 Toukley, NSW 2263 Australia

## February 2021 Newsletter

### Covid 19 Virus and the Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve

The Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve Land Manager Board encourages everyone to come and enjoy the Lighthouse Reserve while being mindful in practicing the 1.5m social distancing.

Please be aware that the situation is constantly under review and our Web Site and Facebook Page will try and keep you up to date on the lifting of restrictions.

<https://norahheadlighthouse.com.au/>

<https://www.facebook.com/NorahHeadLighthouse/>

### LIGHTHOUSE TOWER TOURS STILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

### ACCOMMODATION & WEDDINGS AVAILABLE

Visit our web site for details or call our Site Manager, Tracy Stubbings on 0452 564 102.

## 2020-21 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund

Funding announcement



Crown Land Manager	Application no.	Reserve name	Reserve type	Activity description	Grant amount (\$)
Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve Land Manager	200178	Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve	Local Parks & Reserves	Improvement to access and facilities at the Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve	79,109
Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve Land Manager	200432	Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve	Local Parks & Reserves	Control of invasive weeds and bush regeneration at Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve	15,400

### Funding Application Success

Each year Crown Lands NSW invites applications for its Crown Reserves Improvement Fund (CRIF)

The CRIF is an annual funding program that provides financial support to develop, maintain and improve Crown reserves. The annual CRIF program provides funds to develop, maintain and protect more than 34,000 public reserves in NSW.



The Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Adam Crouch, MP presents Board Members ( L to R ) Colin Paulson, Neil Rose and Ian McNaught with our CRIF cheque for \$94,509.00.

## Category A CRIF Funding \$79,109.00

The Board applied for funding in two categories -

- A. general development, maintenance and protection activities on any eligible reserve
- B. pest and weed projects on Crown land

The funding provided under Category A is for improvement to access and facilities at Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve, specifically a new concrete path from Quarters Q1 to Beach Steps.

This was considered a health and safety issue that can have serious consequences. A public pathway runs from the south western corner of keeper's Quarters Q1 down past the lighthouse tower and on to the public stairway down the cliff to Nimbin Beach. This community pathway requires reconstructing with a disability friendly concrete path to replace the current narrow and dangerous bitumen path.

It has been identified that the main path through the reserve is too narrow and sections have a trip hazard. The current bitumen surfaced pathway is a danger to both able and particularly disabled pedestrians. Quotations are being obtained for a new 175m long, 1.8m wide, concrete path to replace the existing narrow bitumen path.



This path is the public access to the reserve. It is how the public access the lighthouse and the grassed hillside to picnic and watch for the passing whales. It is a very busy pathway accommodating hundreds of pedestrians on weekends and public holidays. It is important that it is made safe.

## **Category B CRIF Funding \$15,400.00**

The funding provided under Category B is for control of invasive weeds and bush regeneration at the Reserve.

With the help of Professionals, the NHLRLM Board's Coastcare volunteers have an enviable record of weed eradication, particularly lantana and bitou bush from the reserve over recent years.



**BUSY LITTLE VOLUNTEER BEES: 40 years of Bitou Bush going going GONE!!!! Over 50 weed piles were burnt by Coastcare Volunteers. With a fire ban imminent our local RFS Unit then came to the rescue and helped out.**

The allocation of \$15,400 to allow the Board to continue to maintain and regenerate the native trees, bushes and grasses on the Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve to encourage native wildlife and reduce land erosion while controlling the growth of noxious weeds and shrubs.

The Board has contracted Gecko Environment Management (GEM) to carry out the identified bush regeneration works. GEM is truly an 'environment management' business. They have a proven track record and have successfully carried out a broad range of works associated with remnant bushland and its conservation on the Reserve. Their willingness to work with the Board's Coastcare Volunteers where and when it is safe to do so is an added bonus.

Known to be within the project sites, Aboriginal cultural heritage exists in both tangible and intangible forms. Multiple sites listed on the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) have been mapped with corresponding actual onsite work exclusion zones set. It has been acknowledged by cultural stakeholders engaged as partners in conservation works that on weed removal potential exists for identification of additional cultural material.

A training session and Aboriginal cultural heritage induction for project workers to increase the levels of understanding of the project site's cultural values and "Due Diligence" requirements will be held. Gem employs qualified staff and experienced Bush regenerators with current pesticide and white card WHS certification. They will provide the Board with a WH&S plan. The work will be photographically recorded by establishing a series of 6 indicative permanent photo monitoring points within the work zones.



**The three proposed work areas are shown within yellow polygons**

**Zone 1**

Contains slopes supporting heavy Bitou Bush infestations. This highly invasive weed is listed as a weed of National Significance. Works here would concentrate on control of this weed adjoining areas in which works have previously been carried out with great success. The bushland here contains native species indicative of high regeneration resilience.

**Zone 2**

This area has steep slopes with dense Bitou infestations which have in part been treated in previous years, it will require a combination of Hand preparation and Splatter gun treatment to control the Bitou Bush, Asparagus Fern and Lantana.

**Zone 3**

To the east this area has steep slopes with dense Bitou infestations which have in part been treated in previous years, it will require a combination of Hand preparation and Splatter gun treatment to further control the Bitou Bush, Asparagus Fern and Lantana. We intend to provide support to the Coastcare group further to the West in this zone where a host of other environmental weeds including Bitou Bush, Bidens pilosa , Senna Pendula, Crofton weed form significant infestations.

## Norah Head Lighthouse Conservation Management Plan Endorsed by Heritage Council of NSW



Conservation Management Plans (CMP) are the main guiding document for the conservation and management of State listed heritage items. The Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve (NHLR) site was gazetted on the State Heritage Register 13th April 2007 as SHR No: 01753.

A CMP is a document which sets out what is significant about a place and consequently what policies are appropriate which enable that significance to be retained in its future use and development. For most places it deals with the management of change.

The NHLR's CMP 2020 was subjected to close scrutiny by the Heritage Office before endorsement. It replaces the 2000 Conservation Management Plan (CMP2000) that was endorsed by the Heritage Council on the 18th of July 2005. Placemark Consultants was engaged by the then Norah Head Lighthouse Reserve Trust to prepare a Conservation Management Plan in 2017. This document was submitted to the Heritage Office and returned with a long list of requested revisions. Because of the cost of engaging a Heritage Architect to undertake the required revision attempts were made to make them in house. In 2018 and 2019 the document went back and forth several times in failed attempts by the Board to obtain endorsement. In 2020 the Board engaged Heritage Architect Michael Bogle to completely review the document and obtain Heritage Office approval. A lot of new work by the Board and Michael went into revising the document and on his second revision Michael was successful in obtaining an Endorsed Heritage Council CMP for the Board on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. It has been a long, difficult, and expensive project.

The Endorsed 2020 CMP has been placed on the Boards web site and can be downloaded [here](#).

One of the guiding principles, overall policy and approach in ensuring the Norah Head Lightstation Precinct must be retained and conserved in accordance with the requirements of the NSW Heritage Act 1977, is the Australian ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance, known as the Burra Charter (2013 and updates) and the associated series of Burra Charter Practice Notes, for a standard of best practice.

You can view a copy of the 2013 Burra Charter [here](#)

The Board is now in the process of producing a 2021 Management Plan based on the Endorsed 2020 CMP.

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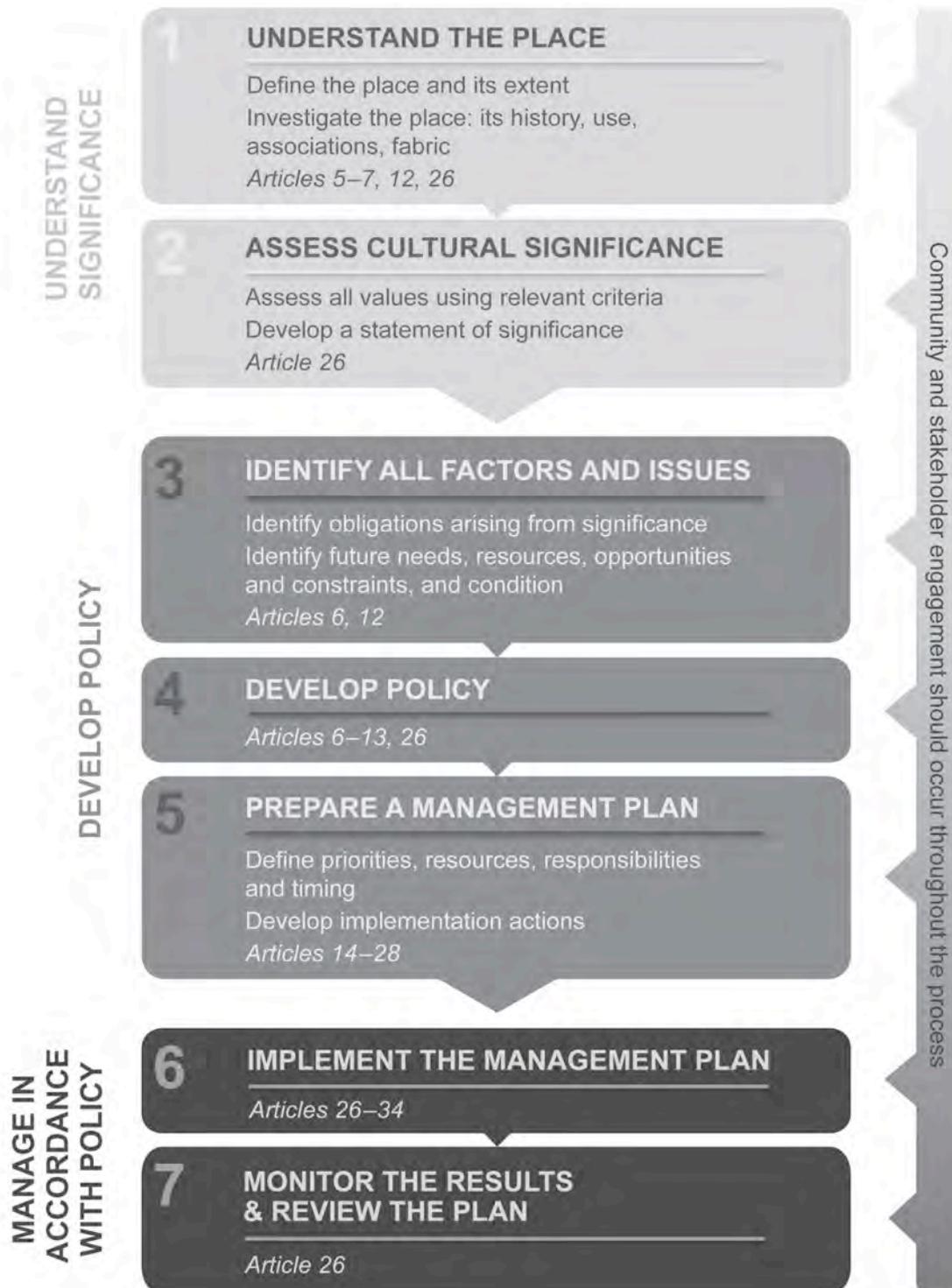
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# The Burra Charter Process

Steps in planning for and managing a place of cultural significance

The Burra Charter should be read as a whole.

Key articles relevant to each step are shown in the boxes. Article 6 summarises the Burra Charter Process.



The Burra Charter Process: flow chart from the *Australia ICOMOS Burra Charter, 2013, p10*.

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