



Norah Head Lighthouse Land Manager Board  
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## April 2022 Newsletter

### Heritage Curtilage & The Lightstation Setting

The State Heritage listing is for the 'Norah Head Lightstation Precinct', a Reserve of approximately 15 hectares. The Lightstation Precinct has its own curtilage that sits within the boundaries of the whole Precinct Reserve. The constraints placed on developments in the Lightstation precinct are addressed in detail in the CMP.



The CMP also calls for key view corridors and sightlines into and out of the site to be protected.

The NHLRLM Board's Coastcare Volunteers are passionate about protecting trees, that have grown up and are now interrupting the key view corridors. The NHLRLM Board's proposal to protect the key view corridors at the expense of some Banksia that have grown too tall has caused a great deal of consternation among the volunteers.

The NHLRLM Board want to ensure everyone that it is committed to a planned management on the whole 15 hectares of the Reserve. It is proposed to try and prevent these types of issues developing in the future. A more planned approach to planting is needed. The NHLRMB Board plans to work with Gecko Environment Management Pty Ltd to achieve this.

CRIF 2021 funding (Weeds Item 1) of **\$21,962.00** has been provided for Gecko Environment Management to continue with a program for the management of native vegetation and weed control. The NHLRLM Board is also proposing to engage Gecko to undertake a new Flora Study and prioritised strategies for 4 years management plan that would see them oversee where our Coast Care volunteers are working on the Reserve.

### **Landslide and land Slippage at Lighthouse Beach**

One year ago, this newsletter reported that a severe weather event from 14<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021, had caused a landslide on the north of the Reserve at Lighthouse Beach. This area has been of continued concern to our Coastcare Volunteers who have reported continued slippages of late. The Covid impact over the past year on the NHLRLM Board's finances meant that a planned geotechnical investigation was postponed.

Douglas Partners proposed to carry out an assessment in two stages. The proposed stages are as follows:

**Stage 1** - Conduct a site inspection to assess the extent of the landslide, determine likely failure mechanisms, determine likely slope stabilisation measures, meet with key stakeholders to discuss findings and provision of a brief site inspection memo of findings; and,

**Stage 2** - Compile and provide a report with recommended slope stabilisation measures based on stage 1 findings.

It can now be advised that this investigation will be undertaken in the near future.

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### **Accommodation & Weddings are Available**

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

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

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### **Limited Lighthouse Tower Tours Are Now Available.**

The Lighthouse will be open for tours every Friday and Sunday 10.00am to 3.00pm. The tours cost \$10.00 for an adult and \$5.00 for children. In the future if additional days for opening are agreed then a notice will be issued.

Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy the Lighthouse Reserve and its spectacular views, walks, rock pools and beaches.

## Storage Workshop

This project is part the 2020 NSW Government Stimulus package. On 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 the NHLRLM Board formally advised Convert Homes it had accepted their quotation for the construction of the new Storage Workshop on the Reserve.



The services required were the construction of a steel framed structure on a concrete slab secured by screwed piles.

Construction commenced on 31st January 2022 and was estimated to take 8 to 10 weeks. The concrete slab was laid within a week. Despite the rain work has progressed.



## Reconstruction of Missing Chimneys

The Quarters were re-roofed in the 1970's with grey concrete tiles. At this time nine of the existing ten chimneys were demolished to just below the new roof.



The Quarters are constructed out of concrete blocks cast on site in 1902. They have been cement rendered and pointed to give the appearance of sawn stone. One chimney in Quarters Q3 was not demolished but is not believed to be at its original height.



