

CONSULTATION SUMMARY

### TAYLORS BEACH COASTAL RESERVES

Council recently opened a survey for the community to have their say on the future management options of Lucinda, Taylors Beach and Forrest Beach coastal reserves.

The survey followed the recently completed community meetings (Lucinda - September 2021, Taylors Beach and Forrest Beach - April 2022) where participants were presented with foundational knowledge to understand how these special places came to be.

Throughout these workshops, the community was encouraged to add their own knowledge of each area by sharing their experiences.

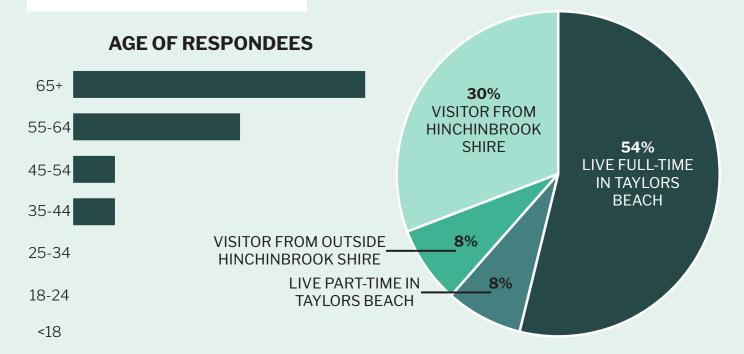


#### WHO GAVE FEEDBACK?

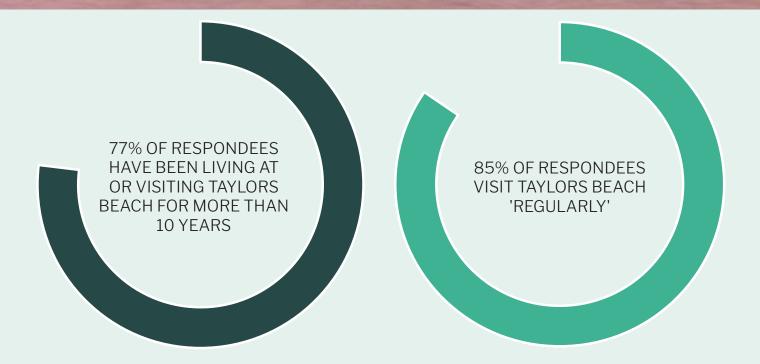
The survey was conducted for a period of three weeks, closing on Thursday 30 June 2022.

A total of 63 responses were received across the three localities, with Taylors Beach receiving 13 of these responses.

## RESIDENTIAL STATUS OF RESPONDEES

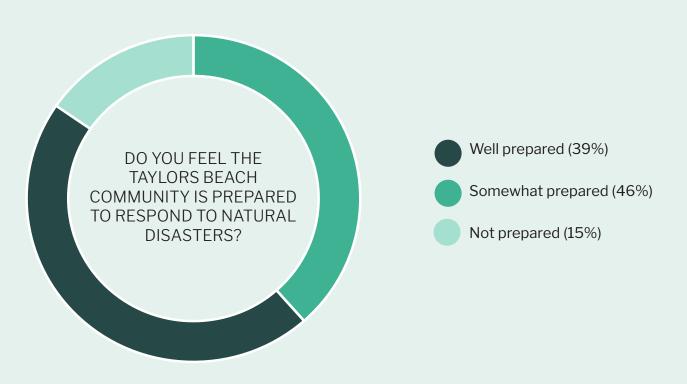


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People visit Taylors Beach for a wide variety of reasons, with the most popular being:

- Fishing;
- Boating;
- Beach activities (i.e. running, sitting, relaxing on the sand); and
- Nature observation.



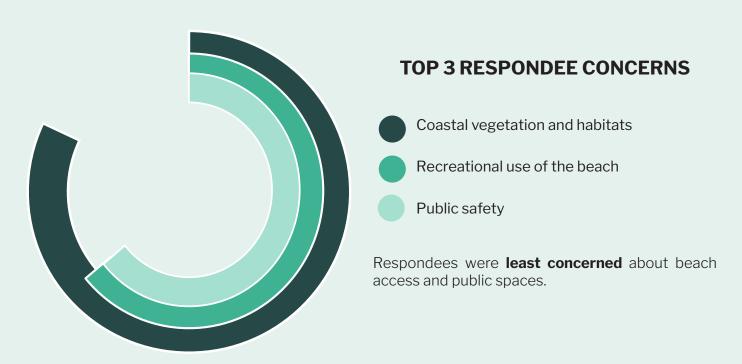
What do you value about Taylors Beach? Respondees top answers:

- Scenic Values because it is beautiful;
- Environmental Values because it allows me to connect with nature; and
- **Recreational Amenity** because of the recreational uses it provides me.

#### TOP COASTAL CHANGES OF CONCERN

- Coastal erosion from a cyclone resulting in permanent loss of *public* land.
- Coastal erosion from a cyclone resulting in permanent loss of *private* land.
- Gradual invasion of dry *public* and *private* land by water due to sea level rise.

#### EFFECTS OF COASTAL CHANGE IN TAYLORS BEACH



#### **COASTAL ADAPTATION OPTIONS**

#### **MOST SUPPORTED**

- 1. Revegetate and stabilise the coastal dunes and foreshore;
- 2. Limit access to controlled access points, to support coastal vegetation growth; and
- 3. Prevent/limit further development in vulnerable areas.

#### LESS SUPPORTED

- 1. Do nothing;
- 2. Remove (and do not replace) infrastructure when it is at risk (i.e. buildings, playgrounds, carparks); and
- 3. Ongoing (yearly or as needed) scraping of sand from other locations to replenish areas currently experiencing erosion.

# RESPONDEES RANKED FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT COASTAL ADAPTATION MEASURES

(1) MOST IMPORTANT TO (6) LEAST IMPORTANT

#### Overall Ranking

- 1. Maintaining coastal vegetation and natural ecosystems;
- 2. Maintaining access to the sandy beach or amenity and recreational use;
- 3. Maintaining grassed public open space areas:
- 4. Protecting and continuing to provide public facilities close to the coast;
- 5. Protecting private residences and properties; and
- 6. The financial cost of coastal adaptation actions.

## WHAT RESPONDEES HAD TO SAY ABOUT AND/OR RECOMMEND FOR TAYLORS BEACH:

"Taylors Beach is a beautiful, quiet beach. Great for bringing up kids and has no major infrastructure"

"Remove geotextile bags and build up the beach using dredged sand"

"Taylors Beach is protected and a family friendly recreational location supporting a range of activities such as fishing, water sports, boating, beach side picnics and barbeques. Great weekend and holiday destination"

"Some extended hard infrastructure might be warranted in the short-term, but we need to build resilience to prolong Taylors Beach's existence"

"Keeping the boat ramp operational and accessible is very important as Lucinda is over crowded already. We want to protect what we have and maintain the lifestyle we love"