

Precinct	Bays and Beaches
Date, meeting time and venue	26 February 2025, 7pm Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay
Chair	Chris Hanson
Secretary	Leela Hanson
Commenced	7:05pm
Attendance	22 residents plus Councillor Noel D'Souza and Councillor Bill Burst
Declaration of interests	None
Apologies	Barry and Lynne Wallace, Councillor Danny Said
Previous minutes	Unanimously accepted. (Peter Fagan/Adriene Pearson)
Financials	At 26 February 2026, the Precinct's bank balance was \$1,057.01
Presentation 1	Commander Simpkins of the Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command provided an interesting presentation of: 1. The types of crime in the Bays and Beaches Precinct; 2. The strategies that police are employing to combat crime; and 3. The types of operations the police are undertaking to control crime eg. Domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse and traffic infringements.
Announcements	1. Subscription to RCC Bushcare Newsletter – Please email Emily Strautins on: Emily.Strautins@randwick.nsw.gov.au if you are interested in subscribing to this newsletter. You can find the latest edition here: Bushland-Newsletter-Summer-2025 Web.pdf 2. Precincts' information booth at Spot Festival – Council is offering all precincts a free booth at the upcoming Randwick Spot Festival on 23 March 2025 for precincts to provide information to residents about the activities of the resident's precincts. Those interested in helping to man the booth for the Bays and Beaches Precinct (for 1-2 hours max) please email baysbeaches@gmail.com to register their interest and availability by COB, 10/03/2025.
Updates on Precinct Resolutions	Parking of RVs, boats, trailers and vehicles (Res #4, 17/04/24 mtg) In April 2024, the precinct passed a resolution for Council to provide the community with a concept plan for the introduction of designated areas and/or permit controlled parking for the Anzac Parade median strips at the following locations: 1. Jennifer Street to Reservoir Street 2. Bilga Crescent to Solarch Avenue 3. Kain Avenue to Franklin Street Subsequently at the Ordinary Council meeting of 26 November 2024, Director City Services tabled Report No. CS50/24 Subject: Investigation - Uncontrolled parking of various types of RVs, trailers, vehicles and boats on Anzac Parade. This report can be found on pages 26-33 of the Agenda for Ordinary Council meeting of 26 November 2024: https://randwick.infocouncil.biz/Open/2024/11/OC_26112024_AGN_3694_AT.PDF A motion (NM3/25) was raised by Councillors Danny Said and Bill Burst at Randwick City Council Ordinary Meeting dated 25 February 2025 to include in Council's proposal to TfNSW the option of defined parking area on Anzac Parade median off Budd Ave, Little Bay for 60 spaces, a defined parking area on Anzac Parade median off Bilga Crescent, Malabar for 24 spaces, and parallel parking on the Anzac Parade median between Kain Avenue and Hillary Parade for 16 spaces for passenger vehicles only;. This motion was defeated.

	The Precinct reiterated its original resolution that any proposed solutions to resolve the problem should first be communicated to the Precinct and the community for residents to consider and respond with feedback. Removal of foliage at Bunnerong Road/Little Bay Road roundabout (Res #1, 27/11/24 meeting) A resolution was passed at the Precinct's meeting on 27 November 2024 for Randwick City Council investigate, as a matter of urgency, the reduction in height or removal of vegetation on the south side of Little Bay Road in the vicinity of the Bunnerong Road roundabout — to improve visibility for vehicles northbound on Bunnerong Road. Council's engineers have inspected the approaches to this roundabout and found visibility to be adequate. Council's report is attached. However, Councillor D'Souza undertook to request Council to expedite the Land & Engineering Survey into the roundabout's approaches scheduled for completion by June 2026. Improvement of public access roads to Kamay Botany Bay National Park Res#1 16/10/24) Letters from our local member, Michael Daley and Minister Penny Sharp, Minister for Environment and Heritage responding to the resolution, are attached. The letters reiterate that a resolution to this issue will need action from all levels of government and relevant private sector entities. Minister Sharpe suggested that the Precinct contact NPWS to progress the matter. Chris will contact Ben Khan, Manager South Sydney Area, NPWS and report back next meeting.
Presentation and Resolution #1	A presentation by Peter Fagan <i>"Disintegration of the Yarra Bay Groyne and need for urgent action"</i> is attached. In response, the Precinct passed the following resolution: Bays and Beaches Precinct recognises that the continuing deterioration of the groyne in Yarra Bay at Yarra Bay 16 Foot Sailing Club poses extreme risks for the sailing club (damage to built assets) and for swimmers and surfers on Yarra Bay beach in the vicinity of the debris from the damaged groyne. The Precinct notes that the responsible authorities appear to be Transport for NSW (repair of the groyne) and Randwick City Council (ensuring safe beach conditions for swimmers and surfers). The Precinct requests its executive write to Transport for NSW, General Manager Randwick City Council and Local Member of State Parliament Michael Daley, requesting they take action to rectify this situation.
Next Meeting	Wednesday 23 April 2025 at the Prince Henry Centre. Doors open at 6.30pm for coffee and tea and the meeting starts at 7pm.

Precinct resolution

PRECINCT: Bays and Beaches Precinct **EMAIL:** baysbeaches@gmail.com

MEETING DATE: 27 November 2024 **FILE:** F2021/08210

ACTIONED TO: Ryan Zammit, Manager Infrastructure Services

RESOLUTION NUMBER: **Resolution 27112024(1)**

Resolution

Resolution 27112024(1): Bays and Beaches Precinct requests Randwick City Council investigate, as a matter of urgency, the reduction in height or removal of vegetation on the south side of Little Bay Road in the vicinity of the Bunnerong Road roundabout — to improve visibility for vehicles northbound on Bunnerong Road.

Council response

Thank you for your email.

Council Officers have inspected the garden beds located at the southeastern corner of Little Bay Road and Bunnerong Road, Chifley.

Images have been attached in relation to the area inspected for your reference.

Based upon the specifics of the request and focusing upon the north bound traffic flow, the current garden beds, and existing planting heights and densities located in proximity of the roundabout do not present as encroaching upon lines of sight.

Council is of the opinion that there is adequate visibility at the intersection allowing for safe passage, these garden beds are regularly maintained and shaped to be low profile and of moderate height. Some vegetation in this location improves road safety as motorists will slow down on the approach to the intersection, rather than coming into the intersection at high speed.

Are you able to confirm this is the section referenced in your resolution?



Council contact



Ryan Zammit

Manager Infrastructure Services

17 December 2024

31 January 2025

Mr Peter Fagan
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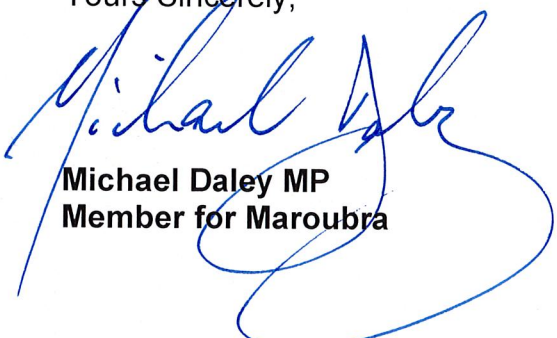
Our Ref: LM/26447662N/250123

Dear Mr Fagan,

Thank you for writing to me about the Bays and Beaches Precinct regarding public access roads in Kamay Bay National Park. I have received the attached response from The Honourable Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Environment.

Thank you for raising this matter with me and if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours Sincerely,


Michael Daley MP
Member for Maroubra



OFFICIAL

The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC

Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy,
Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage,
Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council



Your ref: SZ/26447662N/241203

Our ref: MD24/8075

The Hon Michael Daley MP
Attorney General
Member for Maroubra

By email: maroubra@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Attorney General *Michael,*

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Mr Peter Fagan and Mr Chris Hanson of the Bays and Beaches Precinct regarding public access roads in Kamay Botany Bay National Park.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is aware of a number of the issues raised by your constituents in relation to these roads and have been working with Randwick City Council on this matter. Council traffic engineers have been engaged to undertake a risk assessment of Henry Head Lane and Cape Banks Road. Actions identified will be prioritised and form part of an ongoing maintenance plan.

As these roads are Crown roads, it is the responsibility of all road users to maintain them. In this case, the road users include NSW Golf Club, St Micheal's Golf Club, Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Base, Sydney Pistol Club and the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS).

NPWS will work with all road users to ensure basic road and vegetation maintenance is completed for the safety of all visitors to the national park. NPWS compliance officers will also address any illegal parking issues along Henry Head Lane.

If Mr Fagan or Mr Hanson have any further questions about this matter, they can contact Mr Ben Khan, Manager Sydney South Area, NPWS, at ben.khan@environment.nsw.gov.au or 0438 285 943.

Thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to my attention.

Sincerely

Penny Sharpe MLC

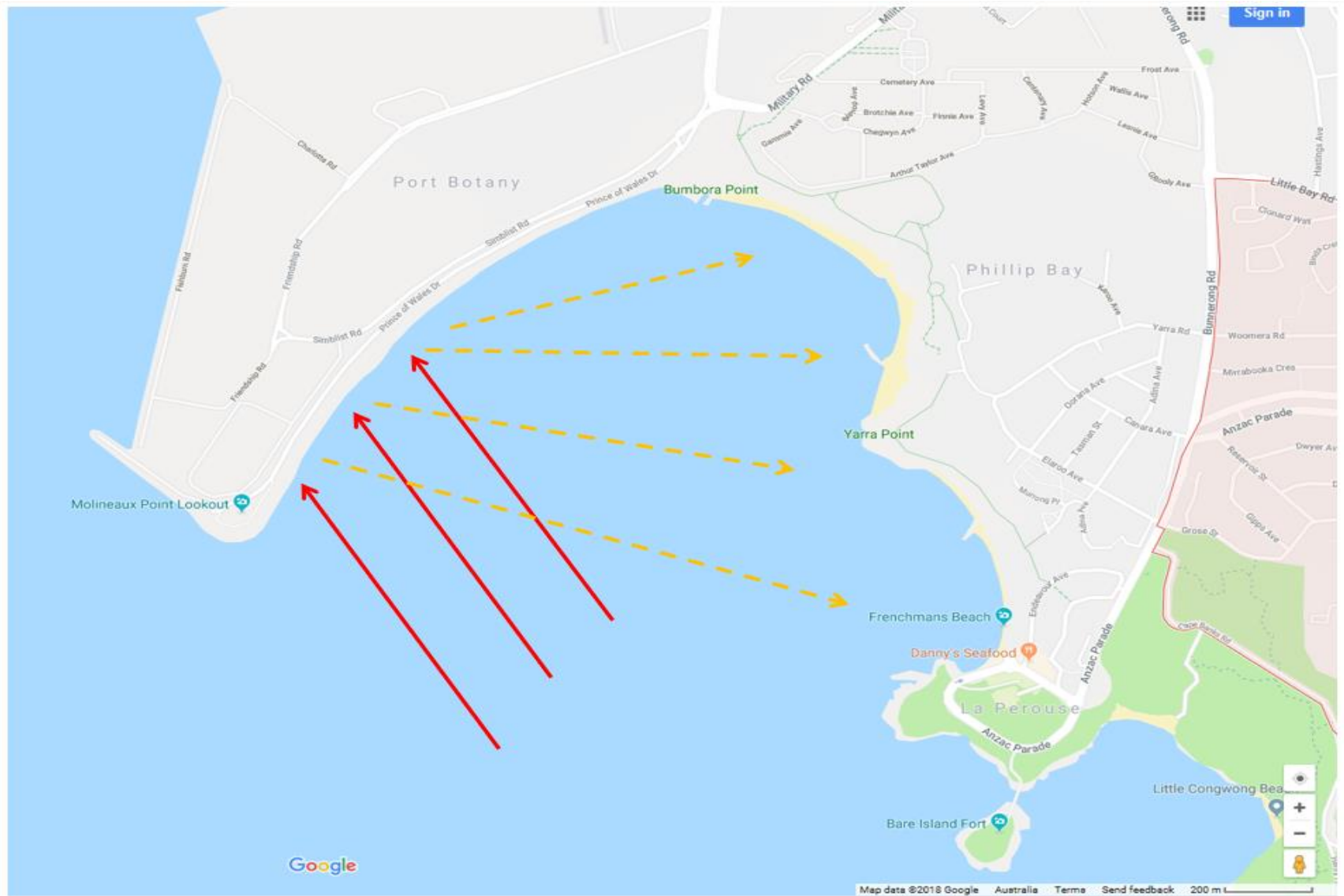
Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy,
Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage

13/1/25

The Yarra Bay groyne — disintegrating and in urgent need of repair

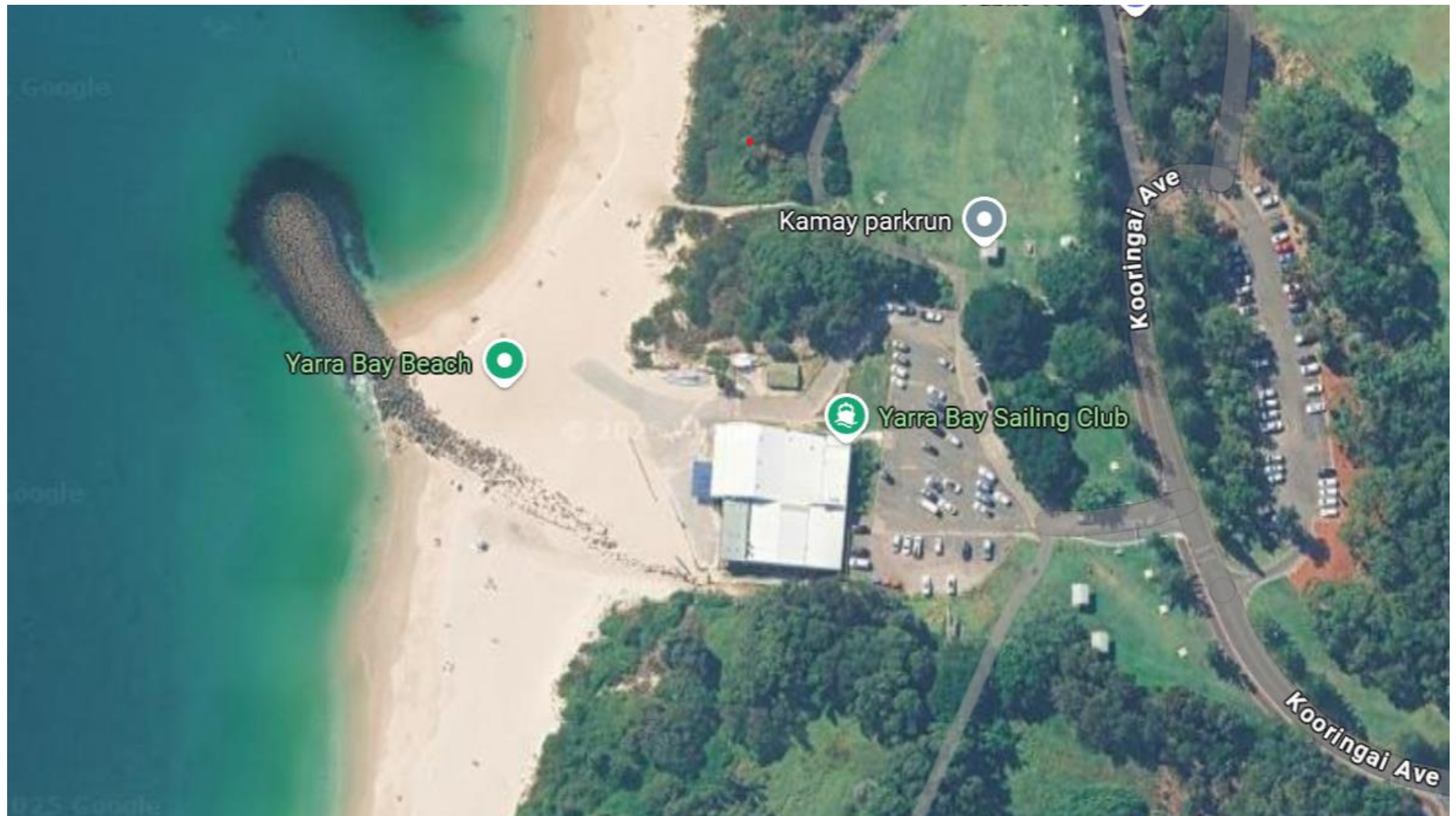
Presentation on 26 February 2025 to NSW Ports
Port Botany Community Consultative Committee
by Peter Fagan, Community Representative
fagan.peter@gmail.com – 0416 031 555

Molineaux Point break wall protects Brotherson Dock and Bulk Liquid Berths — but redirects powerful swells onto Yarra Bay





A groyne protects Yarra Bay 16 Foot Skiff Sailing Club building from storm surge incursion — and protects beach, launching ramp and yacht rigging area from wave damage





The groyne was strongly constructed. From high water mark it is shielded by tightly packed and interlocking dolosse.



Beneath the dolosse is a core of layers of dolerite, graded for size



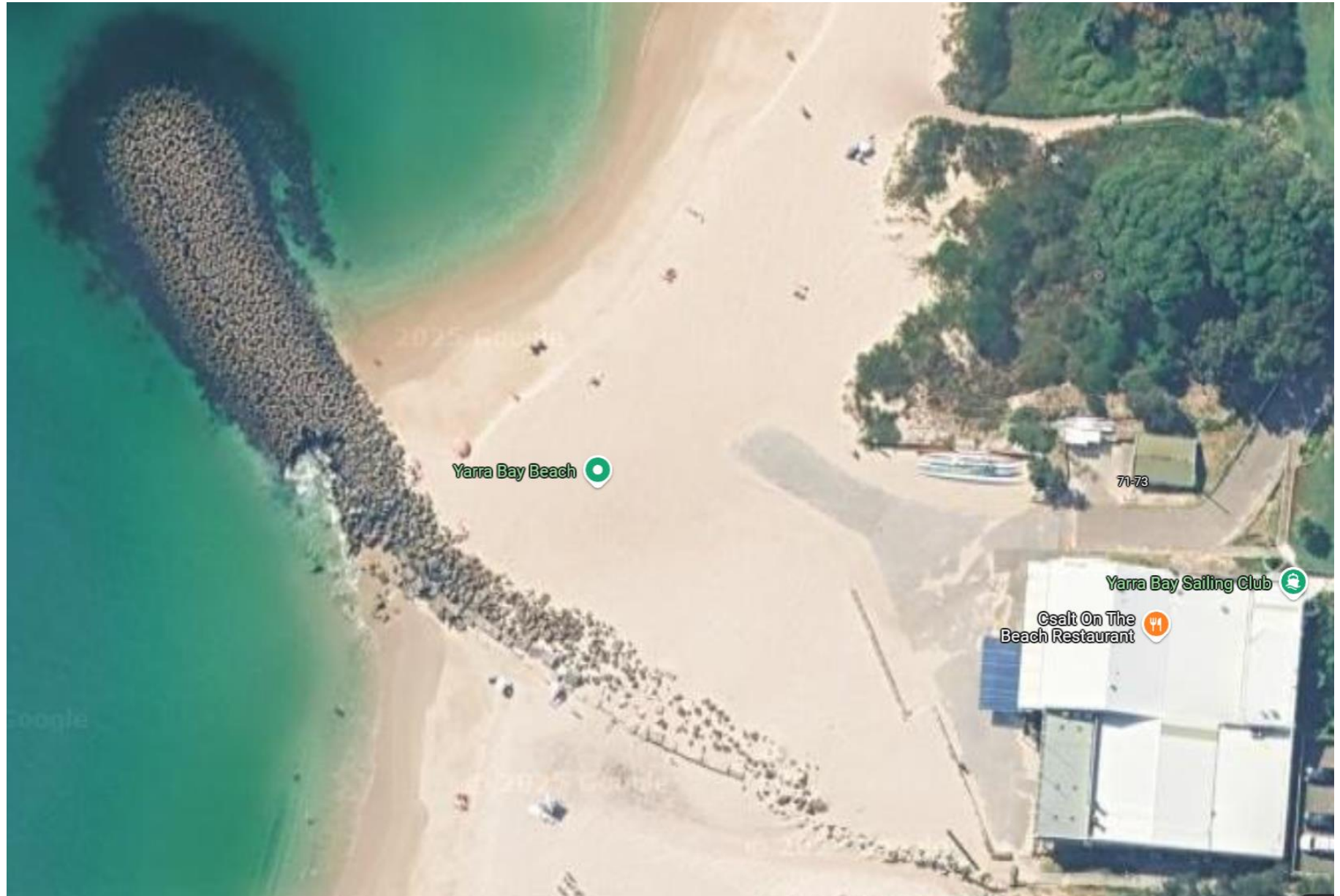
Above high water mark, instead of dolosse,
large dolerite boulders were carefully placed



Wave action over the years has
breached the integrity of the groyne



Area of damage (left of “Yarra Bay Beach” label)





Dolosse and dolerite pieces large and small are being scattered



Scatter zone is currently along the pristine beach to the south east



Dolosse and dolerite pieces are being buried.
They are hazards to swimmers and surfers.



What are the risks ?

If the groyne continues to disintegrate and is eventually pierced:

- Sailing club house, rigging area, launching ramp and beach will lose protection from big swells

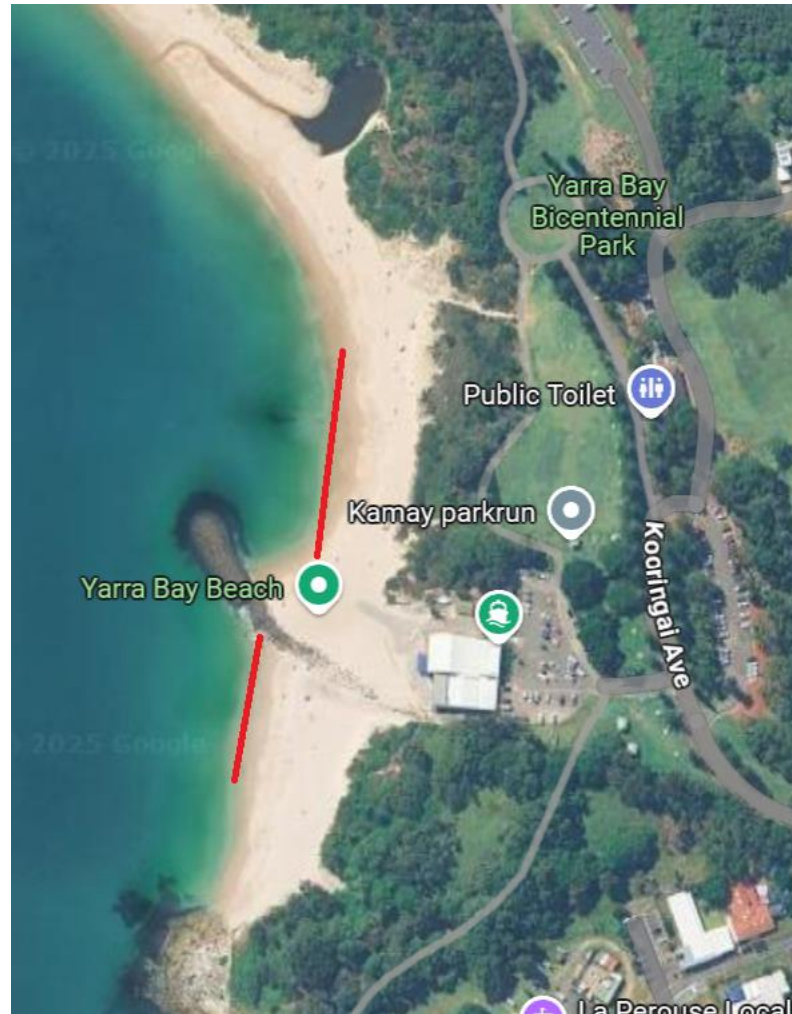
Whose insurer will pay for the storm damage ?

- Dolosse and rock will spread south east and north west, placing surfers and swimmers at risk of:
 - head and body injuries from collisions with dolosse and rock
 - cuts from rusting steel reinforcement (exposed as dolosse disintegrate)

These personal injury risks will necessitate permanent closure of the impacted lengths of the beach

Delaying repair will increase the risks and the cost of eventual repair

Disintegration of the groyne will make the lengths of Yarra Bay beach marked in red unsafe for swimmers and surfers. These areas will need to be permanently closed.



Some questions

Who was responsible for installing the groyne ?

Who paid for it ?

Who owns it ?

Who is responsible for ongoing maintenance ?

Do the owners have a responsibility to get it repaired ?

Who should pay for the repair and debris cleanup ?

If there is no repair, who will accept responsibility for the risks ?