



COQUETTE POINT, COCONUTS AND FLYING FISH POINT

COQUETTE POINT, COCONUTS AND FLYING FISH POINT COASTAL AREA

This area includes the small coastal settlements of Coquette Point, Coconuts and Flying Fish Point. Located a short drive east of Innisfail, inside the mouth of the Johnstone River, Coconuts is a small residential community home to popular boat ramps and an outrigger canoe club on the foreshore parkland. Immediately north of the mouth of the river is Flying Fish Point, a beachfront residential area, with a tourist park, café and school. On the southern side of the river mouth, Coquette Point is a small, semi-rural residential area surrounded by high value conservation areas serviced by a single road access that crosses Ninds Creek. Most built infrastructure is on elevated land.



Figure 12. Coquette Point, Coconuts and Flying Fish Point Locality

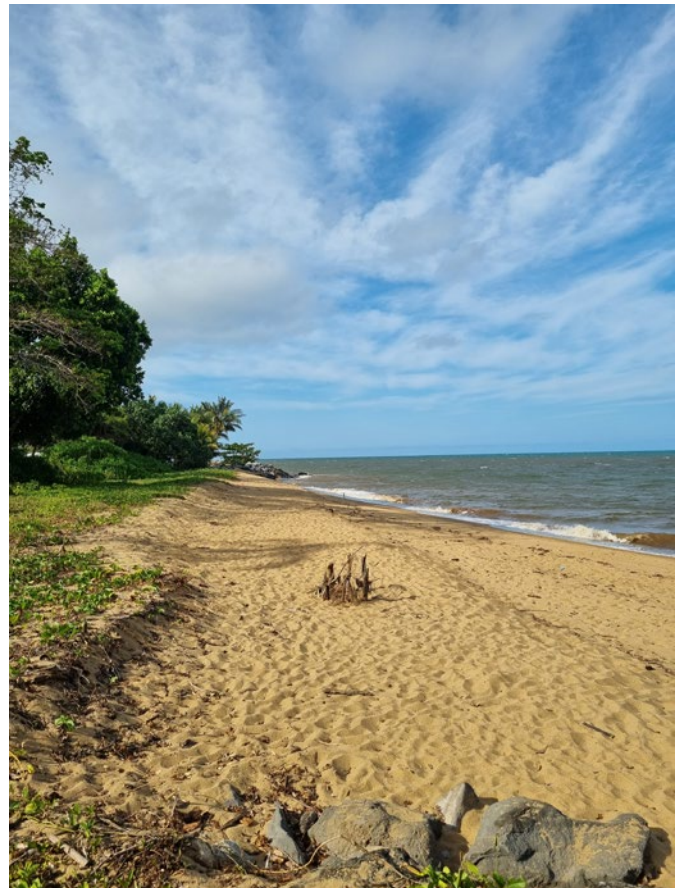
OUR VULNERABILITIES AND RISKS

All coastal hazards will result in the isolation of Coquette Point, particularly inundation at the bridge crossing of Ninds Creek. The other coastal communities are largely at risk from erosion and inundation, particularly buildings, structures, land and services directly adjoining the beachfront and creek and river systems:

- Coconuts is exposed to coastal erosion from the southeast as well as tidal inundation from the northwest. In addition, Bay Road, the sole road access to the community of Flying Fish Point, traverses this site.
- Flying Fish Point - Persistent erosion in the area for decades has resulted in the construction of extensive but occasionally discontinuous lengths of public and private seawalls, now extending to cover the majority of the beachfront.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY?

Based on your feedback, the key community values for this area and the most important features to protect are the natural environment, particularly the waterways, beach and mangroves as well as community infrastructure and open space such as parklands.






OUR ADAPTATION PATHWAY

Table 9 outlines the adaptation pathway and triggers for Flying Fish Point, Coconuts and Coquette Point in response to local coastal hazards and risks over time under a changing climate.

- Minimum floor levels will need to be mandated for new development in all areas.
- Natural restoration and enhancement actions, including active habitat management, are required in Coquette Point and Coconuts under the present climate.
- Infrastructure upgrades to maintain road connectivity to Coquette Point
- Develop overall seawall strategy for Flying Fish Point and explore long-term viability of Johnstone River frontage.

Table 9 Coquette Point, Coconuts and Flying Fish Point Adaptation Pathway

LOCATION	ADAPTATION ACTIONS	SHORT TERM  (Present coastal hazards risks)	MEDIUM TERM  (Coastal hazard risks around 2050 (0.3m sea level rise))	LONG TERM  (Coastal hazard risks around 2100 (0.8m sea level rise))
ALL AREAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandate minimum floor levels for new development 	●————→	————→	————→
COQUETTE POINT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore/enhance natural ecosystems along Johnstone River frontage • Progressively raise level of Coquette Point Road (alongside measures for Ninds Creek, refer Table 8) 	●————→	————→	————→
COCONUTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active habitat management along river frontage 	●————→		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further investigate dune augmentation • Upgrade level of Bay Road 		●————→	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate seawalls along river frontage 			●————→
FLYING FISH POINT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate opportunity for land buy-back or swap on Alice St • Develop plans for seawall design and alignment to fill gaps in existing seawalls 	●————→	————→	————→
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise crest levels on existing “low” seawalls • Upgrade stormwater outlets to limit tidal inundation 			●————→