**FOGIC Beach Access and Erosion Community Survey Results**

**Q1. Are you a resident/landowner at:**

Garden Island Sands, **66%**   Garden Island Creek **34%**

**Q2. Did you attend the community consultation and discussion about beach access and erosion held at the beach on the 28th of January?**

Yes, **48%**  No **52%**

**Q3. How often do you visit the beach at Garden Island Sands?**

Daily **43%**  Weekly **5%**

Once a month **14%**   Frequently but seasonally **24%**

Infrequently **14%**

**Q4. How long have you been visiting the beach at Garden Island Sands**

Less than 5 years **43%**  5 to 10 years **19%**

More than 10 years **38%**

**Q5. Have you seen/experienced changes to the beach at Garden Island Sands?**

Yes, major change **86%**

**Q6. If visiting the beach at Garden Island Sands in the past 2 years have you found the beach difficult to access since the boat ramp was removed?**

Yes **86%**

**Q7. How important do you think it is to address beach access at Garden Island Sands**

Very important – urgent action is needed.**81%**

Important – action is needed soon. **14%**

Not important – no action required. **5%**

**Q8. It has been suggested that safe beach access for people/prams/dogs may be easier to establish than boat access, how do you feel about that?**

OK. Safe beach access for people is adequate. **62%**

Not OK. I feel the replacement of the boat ramp is very important.**38%**

**Q9. Do you think either a ‘sand ladder/board and chain walkway’ seen at other local beaches, or a set of recycled concrete steps (for which the materials are currently available) are appropriate?**

I would be happy with either **32%**

I prefer the ‘board and chain walkway’ **23%**

I prefer the wide concrete steps **36%**

I have another idea **9%**

**Please comment**

**I've always found narrow steps difficult to walk on.**

**Replacement of boat ramp gives access for all**

**Removal of boat ramp has made access very difficult**

**In a perfect world access and a boat ramp ideal - but safe access easier**

**The beach issues have gotten worse after boat ramp removal. It provided a buffer. Seawalls work overseas**

**Boat ramp should be replaced**

**Concrete will be undermined by erosion - action only needed to minimise erosion**

**Being able to get Kayaks onto the beach is VIP to us, so a ramp of some description seems like a better option than steps. I imagine families with prams would prefer a ramp as well**

**Access for horses. A ramp. Some councils have recycled plastic grate ramps. Both of the suggested options are susceptible to erosion**

**Q10. How important do you feel it is to take action regarding erosion of the beach at Garden Island Sands**

Very important – urgent action is needed **86%**

Important – action is needed in the near future **14%**

**Q 11. What do you think are the most important reasons for protecting the beach at Garden Island Sands from erosion? (please rank)**

Protect private property **28%**

Protect the environment **34%**

Ensure safe ongoing use of the beach by the community **38%**

**Please comment**

**Clean out the dead wood and replace will wall similar to Gordon**

**We frequented this beach when I had a toddler& children. It's such a shallow safe beach. Such a shame to see the trees & private property at risk**

**Good meeting on the 28th Thank you for organising and effort you've put in**

**Mick Kelly's idea and donation - we should act now**

**Severe erosion once boat ramp removed. I don't have a boat and don't even fish, but the boat ramp served a dual purpose**

**The wide steps are a great idea but possibly a ramp next to them for prams, wheelchairs and Kayaks would we worth considering**

**Once white gums are gone, erosion is likely to be exacerbated. Also the aesthetics of the beach will be diminished**

**Tractor available if needed with front end loader**

**Q 12. I may like to be involved in the following moving forward**

Community meetings to discuss progress and options for beach access and erosion protection**. 13 people**

A group that meets regularly to progress these specific projects (no experience necessary, no commitment required, just participation) **6 people**

Working bees where I am able to be physically involved in sandbagging etc **11 people**

Working bees where I can attend and have a less physical role **7 people**

Joining the Friends of Garden Island Creek group or committee **6eople**

**Other Comments:**

**Huon council and/or MAST should co-ordinate works. Contemplate an artificial reef to break waves**

**The council should be urgently developing strategies relating to this site**

**Can we ask council for a bin near the swing seat for rubbish**