



Woolgoolga Lake, Willis Creek and Darkum Creek Estuary Processes Study, Management Study & Management Plan

Monthly Progress Report – June 2011

Summary of overall progress:

- the initial phase of the study has been completed which involved compilation and review of existing data and reports and initial consultation with the community and stakeholder groups. The objective of this phase of the project is to identify information gaps that are potentially limiting to the development of the Estuary Management Plans.
- the draft Estuary Processes Study has been completed for review by Council and the Coastal and Estuary Management Advisory Committee. The Estuary Processes Study identifies the processes driving function and health within each estuary and provides an understanding of the relationship between the estuary processes, external influences and issues of concern;
- A community survey questionnaire sheet was released during the Easter period in 2011. Approximately 40 completed surveys were returned. The results from the survey will be used in the Estuary Management Study phase to develop key values, issues and objectives for the estuaries;

Summary of work undertaken in previous month:

- Finalising the draft Estuary Processes Study.

Summary of work planned for next month:

- Assessment of community survey results
- Identification of management issues / development of initial strategies for Estuary Management Study.