

7 Recommendations

The below recommendations support the implementation of the concept designs for the Frenchman Bay FMP. They respond to the outcomes of community and stakeholder consultation, the technical findings of the Coastal Hazard Assessment (Bluecoast, 2025), and section 6.2 Design principles.

#	Recommendation	Area	Action	Responsibility	Time frame
1	Stabilise foreshore edge to mitigate ongoing erosion	Area 1 and 2	Implement design of foreshore for adaptation planning and coastal resilience with soft engineering solutions (such as regrading, stabilisation and revegetation with toe protection, geotextile sand containers, and sand nourishment)	City of Albany	Short term (2025-2030)
2	Investigate dual naming for the site	All areas	Investigate dual naming for the site in consultation with Wagyl Kaip Southern Noongar Aboriginal Corporation (WKSAN)	City of Albany and WKSAN	Short term (2025-2030)
3	Seek environmental approvals required to implement design stages of the concept	All areas	Vegetation clearing may be subject to a Section 40 approval from DBCA as per the WA Biodiversity Conservation Act. Seek environmental approvals as required for the implementation of further recommendations. Consider if a Fauna Management Plan is required for future stages of development.	City of Albany and DBCA	Short term (2025-2030)
4	Protect and conserve heritage and archaeological site values	All areas	Identify remains of Frenchman Bay Whaling Station (ruin) and establish monitoring protocols to safeguard significant heritage artefacts, ensuring any site works adhere to heritage protection protocols and complies with Heritage Act 2018	City of Albany	Short term (2025-2030)
5	Identify and nominate clear roles and responsibilities	All areas	Roles and responsibilities of governments and private parties in the management of risk must be defined to ensure successful implementation and longterm success	City of Albany, DBCA, WKSAN, FBA	Short term (2025-2030)
6	Investigate removal of the boat ramp	All areas	Investigate removal of existing ramp as part of site regrading and stabilisation, addressing erosion and safety concerns	City of Albany	Short term (2025-2030)
7	Restrict and formalise vehicle access and parking	All areas	Restrict general vehicle access, retain drop-off and ACROD parking only, and formalise designated parking areas away from the foreshore	City of Albany	Short term (2025-2030)
8	Formalise pedestrian pathways and improve accessibility	Areas 2 and 3	Design and implement safe pathways that maintain sustainable public access to the foreshore, investigate inclusive access and universal design	City of Albany	Short term (2025-2030)
9	Install wayfinding and information signage	All areas	Install integrated signage providing wayfinding, safety, education, and cultural interpretation, as well as reflecting dual naming.	City of Albany	Short term (2025-2030)
10	Rehabilitate compacted and degraded areas, and enhance biodiversity values	All areas	Rehabilitate degraded areas, such as previous vehicle access, through revegetation with native species to support site stability, safeguard biodiversity and ecosystem integrity	City of Albany	Short term (2025-2030)
11	Implement public open recreation space	Area 1 and 2	Proposed open space areas should be implemented alongside site rehabilitation works, to support public amenity value and align with responsible coastal use for tourism and recreation activities	City of Albany	Short term (2025-2030)
12	Implement managed retreat strategy for vulnerable infrastructure	Area 1	Plan for staged relocation of assets outside of hazard zones based on coastal hazard assessment. Plan for renewal and replacement of infrastructure as it reaches end of life with use of durable and adaptable materials for long term sustainability	City of Albany	Medium term (2030-2035) and ongoing
13	Protect culturally significant freshwater spring	All areas	When due for renewal, relocate toilet block away from culturally sensitive freshwater spring	City of Albany and WKSAN	Medium - long term (2030-2035+)
14	Coastal monitoring and maintenance	Area 3	Implement coastal monitoring program to track shoreline changes and evaluate erosion control measures, informing adaptive planning and future management decisions. Monitoring framework should include periodic asset review and maintenance aligned with site recommendations and concept design.	City of Albany	Ongoing
15	Strengthen partnerships and community connection		Maintain partnerships through ongoing consultation with WKSAN, FBA and other stakeholders to ensure cultural, recreation and heritage values inform adaptive decision	City of Albany	Ongoing
16	Periodic FMP review and adaptive planning		Conduct FMP review every 5 years to incorporate new coastal hazard data, climate change projections, and monitoring findings	City of Albany	Ongoing

Table 9 Foreshore management recommendations