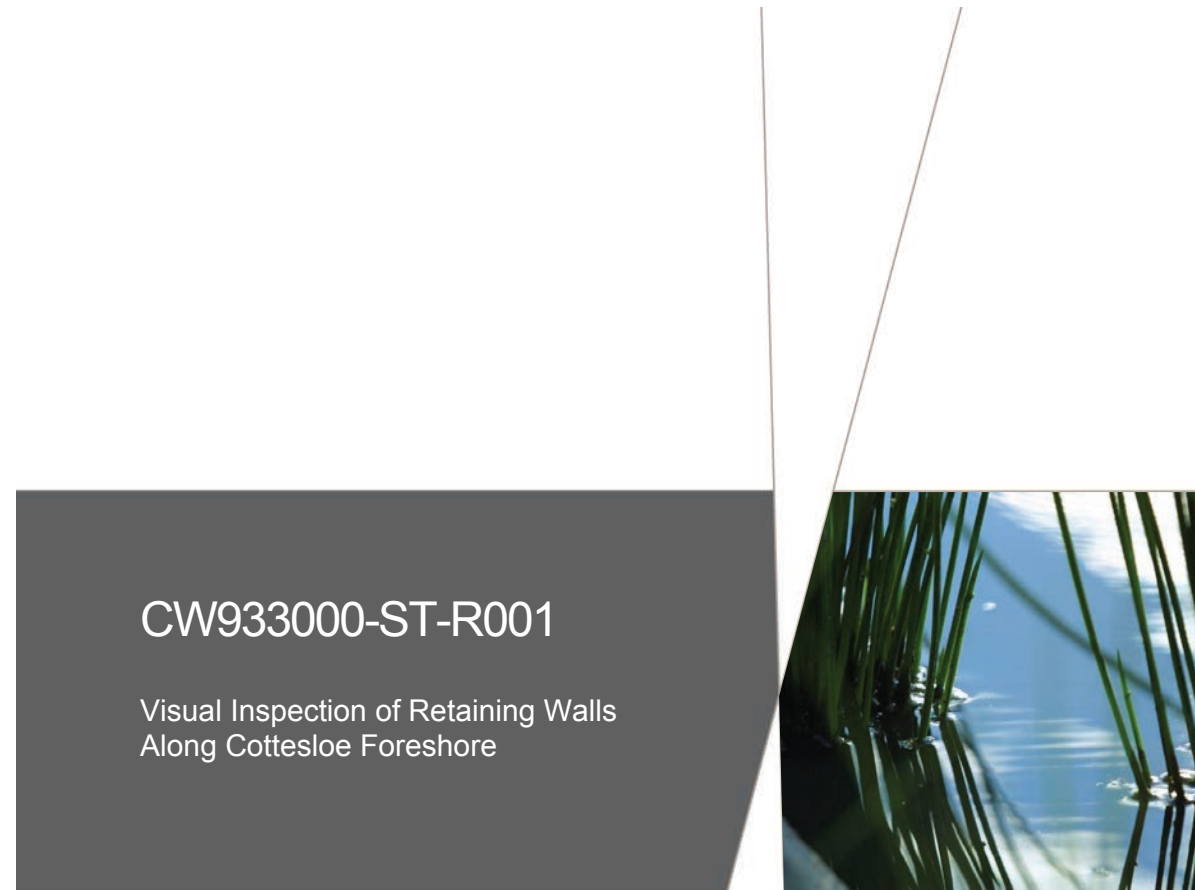


## Appendix 4 - Visual Inspection of Retaining Walls Report



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Executive Summary

The Town of Cottesloe have engaged Cardno to prepare a foreshore redevelopment plan for Cottesloe.

An inspection of the current condition of the terrace retaining walls along the Cottesloe Foreshore, nearby Indiana Tea House, has been carried out. The requirement of this inspection and report is to ascertain the structural condition of the terrace and identify repair works that shall be considered during detailed design.

It was observed that all stone retaining walls (RW1-RW4, RW6-RW8) were generally in good and stable conditions. Shrinkage cracks were observed on the mortar joints between the stone, however in general, the mortar is still firmly intact to the stone. It is recommended that the mortar joints are inspected, and any loose parts are removed and patched with repair mortar.

Vertical crack along the height of the wall were observed at some location. Though it seems that those cracks were not excessive, and have been addressed on previous repairs, it is recommended that they should be kept under observation to identify further movement.

The concrete retaining wall RW5 was generally in good condition. Shrinkage cracks were observed along the height of the wall at regular intervals. Exposed reinforcement was observed at some location. This reinforcement is badly corroded and need to be replaced, and covered.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Introduction

At the request of the Town of Cottesloe an inspection of the current condition of the retaining walls along the Cottesloe Foreshore, nearby Indiana Tea House was carried out by Nico Kusradi of Cardno.

1.2 Scope of Works

The Town of Cottesloe has engaged Cardno to prepare a foreshore redevelopment plan for Cottesloe. The requirement of this report is to ascertain the structural condition of the terrace and identify repair works that shall be considered during detailed design.

The scope of the report is to:

- carry out a visual inspection;
- provide a report on the condition of the terrace retaining walls;
- provide recommendations for maintenance/repair;

This report has been based on our visual assessment of the retaining walls. No demolition or opening up works were undertaken to expose concealed structure. No construction drawings of the retaining walls have been made available. No calculations have been carried out of the structure.

1.3 Location

The location of the retaining walls inspected is identified in Fig 1-1.



Figure 1-1 Indiana Tea House Cottesloe



2 Observations

Fig. 2-1 and 2-2 show the walls inspected with the walls identity.

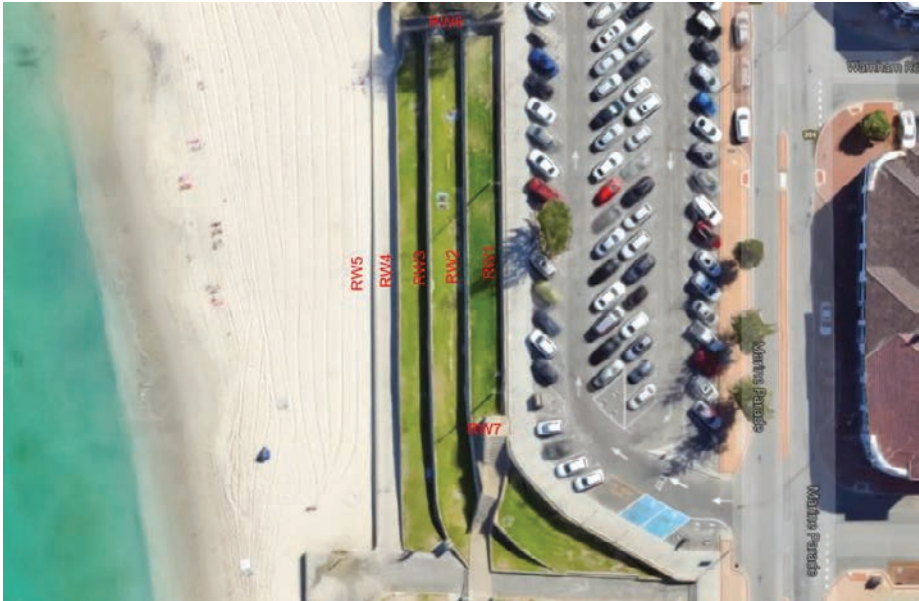


Figure 2-1 North Side Retaining Walls



Figure 2-2 South Side Retaining Walls



All retaining walls, except RW5, are stone retaining walls. RW5 is concrete retaining wall.

The photos of observations from our inspection are outlined in Table 2-1 below.







Table 2-1 Retaining Wall Observations





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| <p>Typical shrinkage crack on the face of mortar joints between stone.</p> |   |
| <p>Vertical Crack on RW1, near Southern stair</p>                          |  |







|   |   |
|---|---|
| <p>Spalling and loose mortar on top of RW2.</p> |   |
| <p>5mm – 7mm crack on RW3</p>                   |  |





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|-------------------------------------|--|
| Vertical Crack at the corner of RW4 |    |
|                                     |   |
| Vertical crack at RW6               |  |
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| Vertical Crack through RW7, near the corner with RW1. We believe that those cracks were caused by soil pressure at the back of retaining wall. It seems that those cracks have been observed previously, and the steel cantilever columns have been installed to prevent further movement of the wall. |    |
|  |   |
| Typical Shrinkage crack on concrete retaining wall RW5   |  |
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|   |  |
|---|--|
|   |    |
| Exposed and corroded reinforcement at RW5 |   |
|   |  |
| Vertical crack on RW8                     |  |



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|---------------------------|---|
| Carpark railing corrosion |    |
|                           |   |
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| <p>Missing Post</p> |  |

### 3 Conclusion and Recommendations

A visual inspection of the retaining walls and carpark railing have been carried out.

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