

Broulee Beaches Draft Landscape Plans

Report on Submissions and Recommended Amendments

17 April 2007

57 submissions on the draft Landscape Plans for Broulee Beaches were received. This document summarises the issues and documents how the Landscape Plans will be amended for final adoption by Eurobodalla Shire Council.

On 13 March 2007, Councillors resolved to invite representatives of the four main interest groups to work with Council staff on assessing the submissions and determining what changes need to be made to the plans. The Community Reference group included the following representatives:

- Broulee Boardriders – Adrian Fafie
- Broulee Community Association – Carol Marple
- Broulee/Mossy Point Landcare/Dunecare – John Hicks
- Broulee Surf Life Saving Club – Gordon Harris
- Eurobodalla Shire Council – Councillor Peter Cairney
- Eurobodalla Shire Council – Deb Purss - Plans of Management Officer

On 16 April 2007 the above group met and agreed to change the Landscape Plans as per this report. This report provides a summary of the issues that were discussed at the meeting and what changes need to be made to the landscape plans as a result.

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1. Priority List for completion of most important issues

The group agreed on the following priority list for the issues they felt were most important:

1. Upgrade the area around the Stormwater Outlet at South Broulee Beach to make it safer and reduce its visual impact.
2. Construct a viewing platform at South Broulee Beach that provides equal access and meets the needs of surfers and beach goers.
3. Realign the main beach access from Broulee Surf Club to the beach to minimise sand build-up and ongoing maintenance requirements.
4. Provide overflow parking at the northern end of Bayside Street and at the Corner of Bayside Street and Harbour Drive.
5. Construct a formal beach access from the northern end of Bayside Street to Shark Bay using holey belt.
6. Construct overflow parking along Heath Street and Lyttle Street and construct pathway to connect Surf Club with existing pathway network.
7. Implement measures to protect and enhance Bengello Beach and support the current application for grant funding.

2. Closure of the access road to South Broulee Headland

The group agreed on the following strategy for closing the access road to South Broulee Headland:

1. In principle, the access road should be closed in the long term to improve safety for the community. However, before this occurs it is essential that the viewing platform is in place and all overflow parking has been constructed (Bayside, Heath & Lyttle Streets).
2. Once the viewing platform and overflow parking areas have been constructed, a trial of closing the access road should be undertaken over a two week period from Christmas Day. During this time, the closure of the road and any impacts (including the impact on vehicular traffic on Wirrunna Street) can be monitored.
3. By including the closure of the access road at South Broulee Headland in these Landscape Plans the community is given plenty of notice that it will happen at some stage in the future.

3. Extension of the South Broulee Beach Carpark

The group agreed on the following strategy for extending the carpark at South Broulee Beach:

1. The group suggested that the extended carpark remain on the landscape plan, but that it's inclusion on the plan be reconsidered once the viewing platform and overflow parking has been constructed (Bayside, Heath & Lyttle Streets).
2. The extended carpark should be shown on the landscape plan as a dotted line to indicate that it is a long term proposal and will be reconsidered at a later stage (as stated above).

4. Shared Pathway Around Proposed Skate Park

The group agreed that they do not support changing the location of the shared pathway from behind the skatepark to the roadside of the skatepark. This was because they did not support the removal of vegetation along the roadside. In order to address the issues raised in the submissions regarding visibility and safety, the group suggested that the lower branches of vegetation be removed to provide a clear line of sight into the skate park and through to the shared pathway.

5. CHANGES TO ALL PLANS

Broulee Beaches Park Furniture

Notation will be added to the Landscape Plans to ensure that future park furniture is sympathetic to the natural environment and is consistent with existing furniture being a dull green colour [insert dulux colour].

Signage

Notation will be added to the Landscape Plan to provide that signage is created and designed with a more 'positive' focus.

Weed Control

Notation will be added to the plans to provide for the environmental management of the natural environment.

6. CHANGES TO BROULEE BEACHES LANDSCAPE PLAN

Coronation Drive Parking

Broulee Beach Parallel or 90 degree parking will be replaced on the plan with 'informal on grass parking'.

North Broulee Beach Public Toilets

Notation will be added to the Landscape Plans to upgrade the beach access at this location.

Park Furniture

Notes will be added to the plan to provide for more sheltered tables and chairs at North Broulee Beach. Also bench seats off beach access tracks will be included in the plan at elevated locations. In particular a bench seat will be included on the pathway between Francis Street & Charles Street.

7. CHANGES TO BENGELLO BEACH PLAN

- Landscape Plans will be amended to include a rubber walkway beach access track from the Sand Pit and at the creek.
- Bengello Beach Landscape Plan will be amended such that Vehicular access will be prohibited from the Sand Pit through to the northern boundary of the airport on the Bengello Beach Landscape Plan. An area for car parking will be provided at the Sand Pit.
- There is an error on the Bengello Plan. Number 4 refers to the Surf Club and needs to be deleted. Number 4 on the Legend will be deleted from the Bengello Plan.
- The vegetation corridor along George Bass Drive at the south western corner of Bengello has been identified as a critical link. The Landscape Plan will be amended to show this area as an important vegetation corridor.
- The vegetation around the creek needs to be strengthened. Notes will be added to the plan to provide for additional buffer planting to the creek.
- The southern end of Bengello Beach forms part of Moruya Airport's take off and approach. The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) specifies that take off and approach areas be cleared of obstructions to specified slopes. Council will maintain the airport and surrounds to the requirements as specified by CASA. The Landscape Plan will be amended to show the area that is currently maintained for aircraft take off and approach. Notation will be added to the Landscape Plan that a detailed Vegetation Management Plan for the take-off/approach area be prepared (as per Council Resolution of 20 December 2006) and that the future management of the area will be subject to the requirements of CASA or any relevant regulating authority.
- The area of Bengello Creek which is included in the Marine Park will be added to the Landscape Plan.

8. CHANGES TO SOUTH BROULEE BEACH & SURF CLUB

In response to requests raised in submissions, this Landscape Plan will be renamed South Broulee Beach and Surf Club.

Beach Shower

A beach shower be located at the pedestrian beach access labelled 1 on the Landscape Plan.

Bayview Street Issues

A holey belt beach access will be added to the Landscape Plan providing access from the northern end of Bayside Street through to Shark Bay.

Additional overflow parking will be added to the plan at the north eastern corner of Bayside Street and Harbour Drive.

Notation will be added to the landscape plan indicating that the access track from the Skate Park through to Bayside Street will be upgraded to better provide for pedestrian and bicycle access, but it will not be upgraded to the level of the formal shared pedestrian/cycle way.

Broulee Headland

Notation will be added to the Landscape Plan to acknowledge this concern “erosion issues to be addressed”.

Community Park

Further investigation will be made into the relocation of the ½ basketball court – is it required?

Boat Ramp & Access Road

Rename this to “Beach Access Ramp” on the landscape plans.

Notation will be added to the Landscape Plan indicating that the closure of the access road will be trialed once the viewing platform and all overflow parking has been constructed.

Carparking

The extended carpark will be shown as dotted lines.

Notation will be added to the Landscape Plan indicating that the carpark extension will be reconsidered once the viewing platform and all overflow parking has been constructed.

Stormwater Management

Notation will be added to the Landscape Plans to upgrade the area around the Stormwater Outlet at South Broulee Beach to make it safer and reduce its visual impact.

Viewing Platforms

The eastern viewing platform (above the stormwater outlet) will be removed from the Landscape Plan.

9. OTHER ISSUES

Broulee Island

NPWS will be contacted about installing interpretive signage in Bayside Street about Broulee Island.