

**Scotts Head Master Plan
Summary Analysis of Public Consultation**

Public comments were invited on management issues in the Scotts Head Master Plan Area. Display material was mounted in the Recreation Hut within the day use area at Scotts Head and on the Department of Lands website. For study purposes the Study Area was divided into management units

A public workshop was held at Scotts Head on the 11th September 2008 at the Scotts Head Primary School. The following summary of the comments received on each management unit was presented to the workshop and discussed. Also included in the material below are additional comments in italics which were made during the workshop.

In this summary the following terms should be understood to mean:

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| Agreement | The people who commented on an issue were in agreement - however, not all respondents may have commented on the issue under consideration. |
| Broad Agreement | Most, but not all respondents adopted a particular view. |
| Some Support | Some comment in support of a proposition but only limited number of views expressed on the issue. |
| Different Views | On an issue two or more points of view may have been expressed ie there is no agreement on the matter - this usually related to future actions. |

MANAGEMENT UNIT 1 DAY USE AREA

1. Caravan Park Sites

Remove (some/all) of the caravan park camp sites from day use area. - **Agreement**

The economic impact of removing these sites needs to be considered.

The Day Use Area originally did not have camp sites.

2. Parking

Parking is terrible in peak times and during major events - **Agreement**

Heavy vehicle congestion in peak times and weekends - **Agreement**

Caravan park users should not park in day use area - **Agreement**

Actions proposed - **Different Views**

- Provide more parking
- Don't provide more parking - leave as is, or reduce

- Reorganise and limit where vehicles can go and be parked.
- *Park and Ride scheme may be needed in peak times*

3. Community Building

Keep Rec Hut in Day Use Area? - **Agreement**

Need for an additional community building? - **Agreement** on need for Scotts Head;

Differing Views were given on how to provide/where to locate:

- Make better use of community space in Rec Hut and Surf Club
- Relocate and/or modify Rec Hut in Day Use Area
- Buz Brasil Reserve suggested as alternative location
- *Rec Hut should have heritage listing*

4. General

- Amenities poor
- General maintenance could be improved
- Fencing needs to be improved
- Landscaping - keep trees whatever else happens
- More BBQs
- *NYE Event very important*
- *Use of Boat Ramp requires management in peak times*
- *Vandalism/fire / tree management require attention*

MANAGEMENT UNIT 2

CARAVAN PARK AREA

1 Is there a need for a Caravan Park?

Scotts Head needs a caravan park - **General Agreement** but some alternative views presented.

- *In the very long-term the caravan park will go.*
- *Council owned land provided by original owner for the benefit/use of the people of Scotts Head.*

2. Character?

Scale and character of caravan park should be consistent with scale and character of Scotts Head - **General Agreement.**

Actions proposed:

- Area - expand/leave as is/reduce
- Natural in character - improve landscaping
- Limit/reduce/improve number of holiday vans

The visual impact of the caravan park is one of its worst features? - **Agreement.**

3. Entrance and Access

Entrance and Manager's Residence should be relocated - **Agreement**

Fence between caravan park and cricket pitch area should be removed or modified. - **Agreement**

MANAGEMENT UNIT 3

COMMENTS ON COMMERCIAL AREA

1. Traffic and Parking

Traffic and Parking Management in area needs to be improved - **Agreement**

Actions proposed

- Prepare development plan for shopping area
- Parking at rear of development
- 2 hour parking should be policed
- Introduce angle parking
- Upgrade footpaths

Road safety opposite supermarket expressed as a major concern.

2. Visual Impacts

Visual presentation of the commercial area on Adin Street between Waratah & Gloucester is poor - **Agreement**

Caravan Park underpins the commercial viability of local businesses

MANAGEMENT UNIT 4

TENNIS COURTS/PLAYING FIELD/BOWLING CLUB

1. Use of Area

Playing area underutilised - **Agreement**

Area not suitable for a cricket pitch - **Agreement**

Should be kept for open space/recreation? - **Agreement**

[Spectrum of views from leave as undeveloped space (but used for various purposes) through to intensification of use]

2. Tennis Courts

Two views on future of tennis courts:

- Tennis Courts to stay as is but not expand; or
- Tennis Courts should be moved to make way for alternative uses.

Tennis courts is an asset of the caravan park because it is used by tourists

Tourists provide revenue to the tennis club

3. Skate Board Facility

Is there a need for a skate Board facility? - **Some Support**

Skate Board facility would be used by tourists

Youth need their own places/space/facilities.

4. Improvements Required

- Improve access
- Stormwater drainage management

MANAGEMENT UNIT 5

DUNE/BEACH AND HEADLAND AREAS

1. Use

Leave areas as is - **Agreement**

2. Management

Weed and vegetation management is required - **Agreement**

Maintenance of beach access walkways required - **Agreement**

Suggestions

- Some headland paths should be replaced by elevated walkways.
 - Better access around headland above tidal limit required. *Not seen as a good idea*
 - Improvements to stormwater drainage to minimise impacts on beach required
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1. Walkway

Should there be a constructed walkway linking headlands and beaches? - **General Agreement**

3. View Platforms

Are additional view platforms are required? - **Only Some Agreement**

GENERAL ISSUES EXPRESSED IN WORKSHOP

1. *Scotts Head needs a memorial place*
2. *Cost associated with future maintenance needs to be identified and provided for in the Master Plan*
3. *Finance - question raised about the funding required and where it will come from to implement the Master Plan.*
4. *Existing Assets need to be fixed before starting on a new wish list.*