



Appendix A

Management Implications from Relevant Legislation, Policies and Plans



Responsibilities of the Reserve Trust – Management Implications from Relevant Legislation, Policies and Plans

Instrument	Principal Agency	Purpose	Application
<i>Federal</i>			
Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999	Environment Australia	Regulates the assessment and approval of activities which have a significant impact on 'matters of environmental significance', activities by Commonwealth government agencies anywhere in the world, and activities by any person on Commonwealth land. Protects biodiversity by creating and regulating protected areas such as World Heritage properties. Outlines the listing and management of threatened species and ecological communities.	
National Coastal Action Plan (draft) 1993	Commonwealth Resource assessment Commission	Fair and equitable public and commercial use of coastal resources which maintains public access, coastal areas and feature, biological diversity, water quality and recognises indigenous interests.	
National Ecotourism Strategy (draft) 1993	Federal Department of Tourism	Develop and promote the sustainable delivery of eco-tourism products.	
Native Title Act 1993		Recognises that indigenous people have been dispossessed of their traditional lands. Recognises a form of native title that reflects the entitlement of indigenous peoples. Enacts that native title is extinguished by valid government acts such as the grant of freehold or leasehold estates.	



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State			
Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979	DoP, Local Government	Assess the environmental, social and economic impact of proposed developments and plans Part 3A State Significant Development which includes the development of sensitive coastal areas and tourism development	Environmental planning instruments including Local Environment Plans (LEP) and State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPP). Environmental impact assessment procedures under both Part 4 and Part 5 apply to works and development.
National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974	DECC	Management of National Parks, protection of flora and fauna. Protection of aboriginal sites.	Permits and/ or licences required for damage to aboriginal sites, holding of native fauna, removing flora.
Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995	DECC	Ensure developers consider threatened species and their habitat in the planning process	A licence to 'harm' or 'pick' a threatened species is required from the Director General where development impacts on a threatened species, population or ecological community or damages their habitat.
Crown Lands Act 1989	LPMA	Ownership and management of Crown Lands e.g. grazing, extraction, reservation for various purposes.	Outlines that Crown land is managed for the benefit of the people of NSW. Details the Principles for Crown Land Management and outlines the PoM process.



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Soil Conservation Act 1938	DECC	Protection of areas of erosion hazard.	
Local Government Act 1993	Local government authorities	Allow local government to undertake a range of functions and responsibilities	Allows opportunities for works such as drainage, removal of obstructions, erosion control, protection of roads
Rural Fires Act 1997	Rural Fire Service, Local Government Authorities	Outlines responsibilities of landholders in terms of minimising fire hazard and controlling fires on their properties	All fire ignitions to be suppressed or at least prevented from spreading from one land tenure to another. Landholders must implement fuel hazard reduction programmes as per their local Fire Management plan or direction from the Bushfire Management Committee.
Native Vegetation Act 2003	DLRA	To conserve native vegetation in NSW	Controls the clearing of native vegetation and protects habitats and threatened species. Clearing for fire suppression exempt.
Catchment Management Authorities Act 2003	DLRA	Implement Total Catchment Management (TCM)	Catchment Management Authorities coordinate policies, programs and activities as they relate to TCM.
Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997	DECC	Overhaul of EPA legislation including the Clean Air, Clean Waters, Noise Control and other Acts.	Provides for the protection of air and water quality and outlines enforcement and penalties



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Companion Animals Act 1998	RVC	The Companion Animals Act provides Councils with a more effective means of keeping track of dogs and cats for the benefit of the wider community. It includes provisions regarding the responsibilities of cat and dog owners.	
Impounding Act 1993	RVC	Sets out the requirements relating to the impoundment of animals and other articles. In the context of the coastal reserve the Impounding Act relates to the impoundment of animals.	
NSW Coastal Policy 1997	NSW Government	Manage coastal and foreshore areas to ensure environmental protection, community access and minimal impact on ecosystems and other values.	
State Strategy for Natural Resource Management in NSW	NSW Total Catchment Management	Vision: for everyone to understand and act to achieve sustainable natural resource management while maintaining quality of life both now and in the future.	
State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) 14 (Coastal Wetlands)	DoP, Local Government Authorities	Protect major coastal wetlands. Refers to wetland maps at DIPNR. Most are zoned for environmental protection by local councils. Sets out procedures for processing development applications.	
SEPP 44 (Koala Habitat Protection)	DoP, Local Government Authorities	Protect Koala habitat. Applies to local government areas where Koalas are known to occur. Requires studies to accompany Development Applications eg if certain Koala food trees are present	
SEPP 71	DoP	Protects the NSW coast from over development and pollution. Protect public access to beaches and foreshores. Major developments (eg over 13 metres high) and high-risk developments (eg near sensitive rainforest or wetland environments) will be considered by DIPNR rather than local councils.	



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SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007	All agencies and Local Government Authorities	Provide for flexibility in government infrastructure delivery. Permits a range of works as exempt development where carried out by a government authority.	
Coastal Crown Lands Policy 1989	DLRA	Retain, conserve and maintain coastal Crown Lands and their intrinsic, environmental, and cultural qualities in public ownership. Maintain public access, rehabilitate lands where necessary, and acquire further significant coastal lands for future public use.	
NSW Open Space Strategy 1992	NSW Government	Planning for open space and facilities which is equitable, ensures public access and protects significant features.	
NSW Biodiversity Conservation Goals and Strategies (1992)	DECC	Conserving biodiversity in perpetuity through managing threats, increasing knowledge and understanding and developing community awareness and support.	
Coastline Management Manual	NSW Government, Local Councils	<p>The Manual has been prepared to assist local councils in developing balanced plans of management for the coastline. It is also aimed at providing information to assist present and potential users and occupiers of the coastline understand the nature of coastline hazards and the options available for their management.</p> <p>The Manual outlines the management system which is advocated in the Coastline Hazard Policy and which is the central issue in meeting the objective of the legislation proposed to provide councils with exculpation from liability. It also provides a summary of the management options available to deal with coastline hazards and their relevance in two broad scenarios, namely in areas of "low" and "high" development.</p>	



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Acid Sulfate Soil Manual	DoP, Local Councils	The ASS Manual provides advice on best practice in planning, assessment and management of activities in areas containing ASS. The manual contains recommendations, guidelines and methods relating to ASS in terms of: planning; assessment; management; laboratory methods; drainage and waterways; groundwater; management plan; and industry.	
Draft Oxleyan Pygmy Perch Recovery Plan	DPI	The draft Recovery Plan for Oxleyan Pygmy Perch has been developed with the aim of ensuring the recovery and long-term survival of this species in north-eastern NSW. Recovery actions outlined in the plan are grouped into the following six areas: Research needs; Community awareness, involvement and support; habitat protection and restoration; reducing the impacts of introduced fish; involvement of aquarium enthusiasts; and monitoring.	
<i>North Coast Region</i>			
North Coast Regional Environmental Plan (NCREP) (Now a SEPP)	DoP, Local Councils within the North Coast region	Deals with issues relating to the North Coast region as a whole allowing for a regional approach to matters such as environmental protection and the provision of service corridors.	
Far North Coast Regional Strategy	DoP	Manage the region's high growth in a sustainable manner. Identifies growth opportunities in the region and encourages a move away from the immediate coast for new urban and employment areas.	
North Coast Region Tourism Development Strategy 1987	Tourism NSW	Develop the tourism potential of national parks, state forests, state recreation areas, crown reserves, rivers, dams, waterways. Preserve coastal holiday villages and their capability to service a growing tourism industry. Upgrade existing caravan parks.	



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Northern Rivers Regional Economic Development Strategy Plan	North Rivers Regional Development Board	Develop a local industry which caters for domestic tourism via development of facilities with a focus on the middle and lower ends of the market rather than on high priced international style resort development	
Local			
Richmond River Local Environment Plan 1992 (LEP)	Local Council	The main means of development control with zoning maps and a written instrument categorising development as either permissible or prohibited.	
Evans River and Estuary Management Study and Plan	Estuary Management Committee/ Local Council	Plan provides series of sequential tasks to assist Council and other government agencies in establishing a healthy estuary that is sustainable from both ecological and human user perspectives. Plan is based on redressing the main issues that currently degrade the Evans River Environment.	
Airforce Beach Plan of Management	RVC	Airforce Beach POM has been prepared to guide the future management, use and development of Airforce Beach and the surrounding environs. The plan contains aims/objectives; description of the study area; a land assessment; basis for management values and objectives, management issues and management strategies relevant to the site; as well as containing details on the categories such as: Nature and Conservation; Scenic Beauty and Aesthetics; the Social and Economic Environment; Recreation and Tourism; Culture and Heritage; Education; and Future Generations.	



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Evans Head Recreation Reserve Plan of Management	RVC	The Evans Head Recreation Reserve POM aims to promote and care for sensitive natural environments within the Recreational Reserve, as well as to protect the tourism and recreational opportunities that are associated with the wide range of uses undertaken in the reserve.	
Shark Bay/ Razorback Plan of Management	RVC, Razorback Lookout Reserve Trust	The Shark Bay/ Razorback Lookout Plan of Management provides strategies for the use and management of Crown Reserve 92456. The plan identifies the following: category of the land; the objectives and performance targets of the Plan with respect to the land; the means by which the Reserve Trust proposes to achieve the Plans' objectives and performance targets; and the manner in which the Reserve Trust proposes to assess its performance with respect to the Plans objectives and performance targets.	
Richmond River Shire Council Open Space Planning Statement 1999	RVC	This report looks at existing open space and recreational opportunities throughout the Shire. One of the fundamental aims of the statement is to determine the actions required to achieve a balanced provision of quality park, recreation and sporting opportunities, relative to the needs and demands of the community from a needs based approach based on both qualitative and quantitative indicators and measures.	
Richmond Valley Council DCP No. 10 – Evans Head	RVC	DCP No. 10 is a formal DCP prepared and adopted pursuant to S. 72 of the EP&A Act. The purpose of DCP No. 10 is to provide for the planned growth of Evans Head by identifying both development constraints and development opportunities and to outline a strategic sustainable approach to the future growth of the town. The aim of the DCP is to regulate development in Evans Head within the 2(v) and adjoining zoned areas in order to achieve a desirable built environment, which protect and enhances existing and future amenity by minimizing land use conflict.	



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Richmond Valley Council DCP No. 5 – Acid Sulfate Soils	RVC	DCP No. 5 aims to ensure effective management of areas affected by ASS.	
Richmond Valley Council DCP No. 9 - Water Sensitive Urban Design	RVC	DCP No. 9 sets out guidelines for water sensitive urban design	
Richmond Valley Council DCP 11 – Onsite Effluent Management	RVC	DCP No. 11 details the guidelines for effective onsite effluent management.	
Richmond River Council DCP No. 6 – Exempt and Complying Development	RVC	DCP No. 6 lists guidelines for complying and exempt development	
Richmond River DCP No. 8 – Development Standards	RVC	DCP No. 8 sets out the development standards for the shire.	



Appendix B
Community Consultation

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Evans Head Coastal Reserve Plan of Management

Media Release 1

Evans Head has many beautiful natural areas and public reserves, including the various parcels of Crown land next to the coastline and along the banks of the Evans River. Council has made the decision to consolidate the coastal Crown lands which are collectively known as Evans Head Coastal Reserves, into a single coastal Crown reserve. The intended use of the reserve is public recreation and coastal environmental protection. The map shows the location of the various Crown reserves to be included in the consolidation.

Council have commissioned GHD Pty Ltd to prepare a Plan of Management for the Evans Head Coastal Reserve. The Plan of Management will be the key document for the future management, protection and enhancement of the reserve.

Some issues which will be dealt with in the Plan of Management include the impacts of natural processes and hazards on the study area; 4WD access to Airforce Beach; urban stormwater runoff; weeds and garden escapes within the reserve; rubbish dumping within the reserve; beach and estuary foreshore access and pathways; fire management; encroachment of recreational areas into natural bushland; adequacy of public facilities within recreational areas; vegetation clearing or removal to obtain views and/or aesthetic reasons; and the future economic development of the Reserve as a means to support on-going maintenance requirements.

Community consultation is an essential part of the preparation of the Plan of Management. The knowledge, involvement and support of the local community is required to ensure that all relevant issues are addressed and the best possible plan of management implemented for the Evans Head Coastal Reserve. Richmond Valley Council invites and welcomes community comments and suggestions to assist in the preparation of the Plan of Management through any (or all) of the means described below.

Newsletters will be distributed to local residents providing updates on the study and inviting comment. Additional copies of the newsletters will also be available from Council.

A toll-free telephone number has been set up for the project to provide information to interested parties and to receive comments and submissions from the community. The toll-free number is: **1800 255 310**

Public displays will be set up by Council at various stages during the study. Enquires and comments regarding the project can be made at these displays.

A Community Survey will be undertaken at the reserve on Sunday 11th January from 11am to 3pm. The survey is intended to capture the needs, wants, views and priorities for the Evans Head Coastal Reserve. Copies of the results of the survey will be available to interested parties.

Submissions and comments can be sent to:

Evans Head Coastal Reserve, Plan of Management

Reply Paid 6120

GHD

Coffs Harbour

NSW 2450

(You do not need a stamp)

Additional media releases will also be printed in local papers to inform the community about the project and its progress.

Council and GHD look forward to all comments, submissions and questions regarding the Evans Head Reserve Plan of Management. We urge the community to share their knowledge and experience of the area so that the best and most relevant plan of management can be prepared for this beautiful coastal environment.



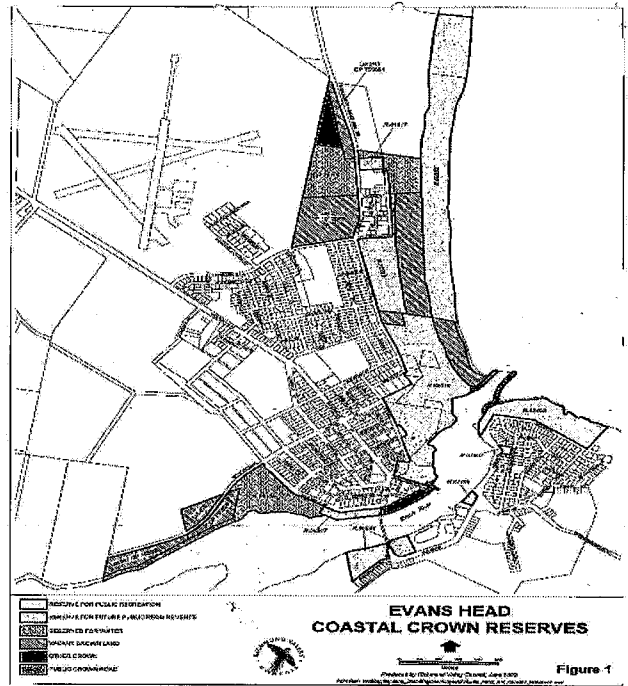
EVANS HEAD COASTAL RESERVE, PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Community Newsletter

Evans Head has numerous parcels of Crown land surrounding the village, particularly next to the coastline and along the banks of the lower Evans River. The map opposite shows the location of the various coastal Crown reserves at Evans Head.

Richmond Valley Council has recently decided to consolidate these various parcels of Crown land into a single reserve for the purpose of "public recreation and coastal environmental protection". As part of this decision a Plan of Management is to be prepared for these Crown lands which are collectively known as the Evans Head Coastal Reserve. The Plan of Management will be the key document for the future management, protection and enhancement of the reserve.

Richmond Valley Council invites and welcomes community comments and suggestions to assist in the preparation of the Plan of Management. This is the first in a series of newsletters to keep the local community informed on the status and progress of the Plan of Management. Information on how you can have your say and find out more is included in this newsletter.



Issues to Consider

Issues that will need to be considered during the preparation of the Plan of Management include:

- ▶ Impacts on natural processes and hazards on the study area;
- ▶ 4 Wheel Drive access to Airforce Beach;
- ▶ Urban stormwater runoff;
- ▶ Weeds and garden escapes within the study area;
- ▶ Rubbish dumping in the study area;
- ▶ Beach and estuary foreshore access and pathways;
- ▶ Fire management
- ▶ Encroachment of recreational areas into natural bushland;
- ▶ Adequacy of public facilities (picnic tables, toilets etc.) within designated recreational areas;
- ▶ Vegetation clearing and removal to obtain views and/or aesthetic reasons;
- ▶ Future economic development of the Reserve as a means to support ongoing maintenance requirements;

Community input is needed to address these issues, and identify other issues that will influence the development and selection of possible options for the reserve.

What does the Study Involve?

The objective of the study is to identify a preferred Plan of Management for the Evans Head Coastal Reserve. The plan needs to address the issues identified, and the needs and expectations of the community and stakeholders. This will involve the following tasks:

Formation of a Coastal Management Committee

The Coastline and Estuary Management Committee has been established under the stewardship of Richmond Valley Council with technical assistance from State agencies and support of the local community. The committee will be used to oversee the preparation of the Evans Head Coastal Reserve Plan of Management.

Undertake a Coastal Management Study

A Coastal Management Study will be carried out to develop management objectives and to consider all feasible management options. This study will also assess the social, economic, aesthetic, recreational and ecological issues associated with land uses in the area.

What does the Study Involve? (cont.)

Preparation of a Plan of Management

A Plan of Management will be prepared, which will consist of the best combination of options to achieve the plan objectives.

Review the Plan of Management

The Plan of Management will be reviewed through public exhibition and consultation.

Adopt and Implement the Plan of Management

The Plan of Management will then be adopted and implemented in accordance with the developed implementation strategy. The Plan will be monitored, evaluated and reviewed on a regular basis.

Community Involvement

Community involvement is encouraged during this process. Information about the studies and plan of management will be provided to the community, with comments and input sought throughout.

Who is Undertaking the Plan of Management

Richmond Valley Council has engaged GHD Pty Ltd Management, Engineering and Environment Consultants from Coffs Harbour to undertake the study, including all investigations and community consultation.

How You Can be Involved

The involvement of the community is a very important part of the project. Community consultation is an essential component of the coastline management process. A quality Evans Head Coastal Reserve Plan of Management depends largely on the knowledge, involvement and support of the local community.

Consultation during the study will include:

- ▶ the distribution of **newsletters** providing updates on the study and inviting comment;
- ▶ receiving and considering community **submissions**;
- ▶ A **toll-free telephone number** to find out more information;
- ▶ **media releases** printed in local papers, containing information about the project and its progress. The media releases will encourage community submissions regarding the project;
- ▶ a **Public Workshop** will be held to inform the community of the project's progress and to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to present their case and raise issues and concerns;
- ▶ a **Community Discussion/Open Day** is to be held at the Reserve, during the public exhibition of the draft plan, to provide interested stakeholders and members of the community with the opportunity to discuss the Plan.

Have Your Say

At this early stage of the project you may wish to raise issues, or provide suggestions about the things you think should be considered. To do so please fill in and return the attached "Have Your Say" form (you do not need a stamp).

You can also forward your comments in writing to the address below, or contact the study team by calling the toll-free phone line:

Toll Free – 1800 255 310

Please return the form or provide comments by 15 March 2004.

Register to be on the mailing list

If you would like to be on the mailing list and receive information during the study, please tick the relevant box on the "Have Your Say" form and return the form.

How to Contact the Study Team

Phone: 1800 255 310

Fax: (02) 6652 6021

Free Post: Evans Head Coastal Reserve POM
Reply Paid 6120
GHD, PO Box 6120
Coffs Harbour Plaza NSW 2450

Email: cfsmail@ghd.com.au

HAVE YOUR SAY FORM

Title: _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: (Home): _____ (Work): _____ Fax: _____

Group represented (if applicable): _____

For what purpose do you use the reserves? Are the facilities adequate? Which reserves do you use the most?

What suggestions do you have for the management of the reserves?

Which reserve(s) do you consider to be of the highest priority in terms of works or management required?

What issues do you think should be considered in the preparation of the Plan of Management?

Please tick if you would like to be included on the mailing list to receive future newsletters and study information.

Please return this form by Monday 15 March 2004

(You do not need a stamp)

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EVANS HEAD COASTAL RESERVE POM
GHD
PO BOX 6120
COFFS HARBOUR PLAZA NSW 2450

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Do you have any other comments?

'Have You Say' form Responses

For what purpose do you use the reserve? Are the facilities adequate? Which reserves do you use the most?	What suggestions do you have for the management of the reserves?	Which reserve(s) do you consider to be of the highest priority in terms of works or management required?	What issues do you think should be considered in the preparation of the Plan of Management?	Any other comments?
Walking, especially when family and friends visit from Sydney, Melbourne and Newcastle	There is a problem with toilet facilities mostly always locked weekends and public holidays possibly due to vandalism, with lack of security	Don't know	Security	A beautiful place worthy of thoughtful care.
I am elderly and a dog owner and walking is my exercise. There no off-leash areas in any reserves and I therefore cannot use them, except for a gentle, on-lead walk occasionally	The official off-leash area (up the beach) is too far for me to walk from home - I do not use my car everyday and not twice a day. Evans Head is unfriendly to dog owners.	The riverside strip of R. 92456 would be an ideal 'off-leash' area for south Evans Head - say 2 hrs morning and 2 hrs evening (as is done all over Sydney). This little beach is frequently deserted particularly before 10am and after 5pm.	4WD vehicles are alien on Airforce Beach, which should be protected as a passive recreational area for the town. The vehicles have made entry to the beach difficult for pedestrian and very dangerous as they speed along the 'off-leash' area.	Ten years ago when I retired here from Sydney, returning to my childhood home, there was little or no pressure on dog owners and several reserves where we could go on lead. Now there are few and no footpaths wither (on South Evans Head). So people who want to release and keep fit walking their dogs must do so on the hard roads or up the beach (if a car owner) and risk being run over. Life is so different now.
Recreation, Rehabilitation therapy (post spinal fusion). Facilities OK. I use those closest to my home as my mobility is still impaired. This makes access to some difficult	Severely restrict (or ban altogether) access by any vehicles (including 4WD), unleashed dogs. Increase ranger patrols to ensure compliance. Tree preservation orders. Increase patrols and fines for littering and dumping rubbish.	The closest to the beaches and river and/or which directly abut residential development.	All those listed in community newsletter, also sewerage disposal. Treated effluent into river/ocean is far from foolproof!!	Building and developers should be severely restricted and developers et al charged the true cost of their proposals including cost of provision and disposal of water and waste including sewage.
Walking generally	That all areas including area on beach with dog exercise area are made to pick up dog waste - either provide bags or impose fine			
Shark Beach and BBQ	Keep the bushes to a low growth in Woodburn Street as it is hard to see on coming cars			
Dirrawong Reserve - walking. There needs to be rooves erected over the tank to collect water. The walkway needs upgrading. DOGS should be allowed on Chinamans Beach	Four wheel drives are going too fast along Airforce Beach - needs patrolling	Dirrawong - Walkway	Dogs allowed back on Chinamens Beach	
Recreational Fishing - Picnicking, Use Airforce Beach and area surrounding Silver Sands Caravan and Camping Park	Richmond Valley Council to have COMPLETE control. State Government (NPWS) NO control.	No preference	Existing areas are currently 'family friendly' and cater for a 'laid back' atmosphere at affordable costs to public in general. I would not like to see a hands in pocket environment be created as NPWS has done	We do not need to introduce any more taxes/charges to satisfy the minority of 'dogooders'.
Pleasure, walking, talking, surfing and general appreciation of natures facilities	Better control of dogs, limiting use of alcohol, better beach inspection	Lookout, Chinamens Beach, Shark Bay and area	Better inspection, more constant, control of vandalism	
Fishing - North Airforce Beach, 4WD Access needed for elderly especially with disabilities	The lookout area should be grassed with trees and seats on northern side of the hill for locals and tourists. It is a great spot for everyone. FIRE MANAGEMENT IMPORTANT.	1. Riverbanks, 2. Shark Beach Area, 3. FISHING NORTH AIRFORCE BEACH, 4. Boat Harbour Areas	Shark Bay Beach should have a sign up to warn against the removal of sandstone from cliff. It has been spoilt. Seating is important as large elderly population. Shade also important (trees). River banks on south side of river in front of houses needs monitoring for erosion into river channel.	Map was impossible to read even with a magnifying glass.
Purpose: Gaining access to beaches. Facilities: Adequate. Reserves used most: those to main beach and Chinamens beach	Access pathways to main beach in dire need of repair - then constant maintenance			
My family and I use the reserves for beach access, for walking, swimming, surfing, fishing, cycling, for the birds, playing on the playground and swimming in the river	Move access for 4WD onto Airforce Beach further north. The Silver Sands Caravan Park should be reduced in size to provide more public open space and allow for regeneration of the littoral rainforest. There should be more provision for camping and less space for permanent or semi-permanent structures.	Permanent structures in Caravan Park are leading to escape of garden plants into neighbouring littoral rainforest. Permanent structures should be moved back from beach.	Preserving a green buffer between the beaches and riverbanks and adjacent development.	Could I suggest larger maps in the future so that they are readable.
The 4WD access point is an important part of the Reserves and the community (including seasonal holiday makers)				

'Have You Say' form Responses

For what purpose do you use the reserve? Are the facilities adequate? Which reserves do you use the most?	What suggestions do you have for the management of the reserves?	Which reserve(s) do you consider to be of the highest priority in terms of works or management required?	What issues do you think should be considered in the preparation of the Plan of Management?	Any other comments?
Surfing, Swimming, Walking, Barbeques, Views. - Facilities are generally ok - Areas used most: Razorback Lookout, Shark Bay, Main Beach, Dirrawong Reserve	Upgrade barbeques, upgrade weed management, improve lookout views, better fire management	Razorback Lookout, Shark Bay	Review facilities requires, ensure maintenance of views at lookout, prepare weed management plans, in particular bitou bush, fire management plans	
I consider the reserves a very important asset to Evans Head. Going for walks and enjoying the changing seasons with some wildlife included is of great interest. Some views at the right time are very spectacular to best describe it. Living across one in Beech Street gets most of my attention as it provides access to the beach.	The whole area is overrun with all sorts of weeds, need some real effort to get it under control. - ___ and I cleared a wide area of bitou bush with some of them woody weeds, however there are many other garden plants covering the ground completely out of control. It would need some serious attempt to control this mess.	They all need urgent attention with every year the weed problem gets worse. I don't think Council is taking it very serious. Some allocated walkways would be a good thing in some parks.	As a 4x4 wheel owner I do not agree tat they should be on the beach. I do not like encroachment of any thing into natural bushland. I strong object of clearing any vegetation to enhance views. I once could see the sea but no longer and it has not diminished the appreciation of the landscape in my view.	I would like to have the natural bush kept and no inroads for recreational or commercial development at all.
1) Aesthetic, recreation, plant study, removing weeds, cleaning up rubbish dropped by people going to the beach, hosting visitors. 2) Facilities: in all areas adequate for present use, In future develop walkways in order to presence bushland. 3) Areas used - Goanna Headland, Chinamens Beach, Schnapper Rock, Beech Street from Surf Club to Salty Lagoon, Shark Bay and River Reserve.	1) Areas around River and Camping Reserve, Surf Club, South side lookout are in good order for present use - maintain present state. 2) Urgent need to deal with stormwater runoff and occasional sewerage discharge, desperate need for weed control - seek government funding. No 4WDs, no further clearing for picnic areas. NO CLEARING TO ENHANCE VIEWS. 3) Consider again construction of raised walkway (not cycleway) from surf club to Koinonia for appreciation of flora, fauna and wetlands. No future economic development.	Highest priority to preservation, weed control and deal with erosion/water runoff damage to Goanna Headland, Chinamens Beach and Reserve from Surf Club to start of Broadwater National Park.	No. 1 - get expert advice on what is actually present then carry out best practice to Preserve our wonderful shrub/bushland areas. Disturb as little as possible seek government funding - these areas are truly unique and have almost disappeared in other coastal towns.	Consider walking tracks to help preserve natural habitat. These coastal reserve bushland areas should be valued extremely highly both for their biodiversity and fauna habitat and be preserved at all costs. I think Council is not aware that scientists, overseas and local visitors and our own high school students use these areas for study and research. These areas are Evans Head's most valuable asset. People come here to live, study and holiday because of out 'open space' areas not to look at brick and cemented development!
Recreation, view appreciation, boat ramp facilities. Facilities appear to be adequate. Use R. 92456 and R. 86541 the most.	Improved tourist, observer and (elderly) pedestrian facilities. Increase attention to be paid to fire hazard control.	R. 92456 - additional seating could be provided along Ocean Drive for older pedestrian to rest. Improved clearing of scrub to improve view over River mouth.	With respect to R. 92456, GHD should consult with Shark Bay and Razorback Lookout Landcare Group re further possible enhancement to the Reserve.	I would be happy to be consulted
Walking, taking visitors around; school groups are able to study the original flora on the headland, as well as the impact of walking tracks, erosion, introduced weeds.	Raised walkways to prevent erosion and to control erosion, removal of weeds; preserve the natural bushland on the headland R92456; appeal to local interest groups e.g. school groups, environmental groups for help; seek government funding when funds are available	Preserve and maintain the headland area R92456 and retain the tree area where the vacant crown land is near the ocean front behind R. 62583	No vegetation clearing for views and/or aesthetic reasons. Careful consideration for 4 wheel drive access and use because of the impact along the beach, also speed limits. Dog droppings to be removed by owners.	The camping area and existing parks are being used and keep up the good work with maintenance
For recreation; BBQs, toilet facilities and sightseeing. Facilities are adequate, R. 92456, R. 86541, R. 62583	Visitors often remark on the glorious views but comment on the disgusting state of the surrounding Crown Land. There is an urgent need for fire clearing and general cleaning up of non-native and noxious plants and preservation of views for both visitors and high rate paying residents	Clean up bitou bush and other noxious weeds in all reserves particularly along the beach R. 62583 and along ocean drive east of Razorback Lookout	GHD should consult with members of the shark bay and razorback lookout landcare group who have been maintaining Crown Reserve R. 92456 for the past four years as approved by Richmond Valley Council and the DLWC	I would like to be consulted and invited to any meetings on the project

Community Survey

Advertising

- Name – From GHD
- Richmond Valley Council have engaged consultants GHD to prepare a Plan of Management for the Evans Head Coastal Reserve. As part of the project GHD are undertaking a community survey to gain a better understanding of the community's knowledge of and expectations for the area. We want as many people as possible to participate in this exercise to ensure these reserves continue to accommodate the uses and facilities for the general community.
- The survey will take approximately 2 minutes of your time... Would you be interested in completing the survey.
- To clarify what is meant by the Evans Head Coastal Reserve this map (show map) shows the areas which are to be included in the Plan of Management.

Questions

1. Are you a local resident or visitor to the area?
 - Local resident
 - Visitor

2. How often do you use the reserve?
 - Daily
 - Weekly
 - Monthly
 - Annually
 - Never
 - More in summer
 - More in winter

3. What types of recreational activities have you taken part in at or from the reserve?

<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking the dog
<input type="checkbox"/> Relaxing	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping
<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking/BBQ	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Related Activity
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> 4WD
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography
<input type="checkbox"/> Walking/hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Sketching
<input type="checkbox"/> Jogging	<input type="checkbox"/> Snorkeling
<input type="checkbox"/> Socialising	<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoying visual environment
<input type="checkbox"/> Sightseeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Nature Observation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing	
<input type="checkbox"/> Surfing/ Body boarding	

4. Which areas of the reserve have you used/been to the most? (Use map for reference)

- Airforce Beach (R 62583)
- Terrace Street access to Airforce Beach (R. 76203 and R. 62583)
- Shark Bay Reserve (R. 92456)
- Razor Back Lookout (R. 92456)
- Ocean Drive Reserve (R. 92456)
- Beach Street Reserve (R. 76203)
- Macdonald Street – Gunthorp Reserve, Cribb Reserve (R. 82910)
- Evans Head Recreation Reserve (Beach Street) (R. 82910)
- Silver Sand Caravan Park (R. 82910)
- Mangrove Street Reserve (R. 58547)
- Iron Gates Drive (Lot 408 DP 755624 and Lot 547 DP 48550)
- Bundjalong Road Reserve, Ocean Drive Boat Ramp (R. 86541)
- Kalimna Park (R. 87795)
- Bingarra Reserve (R. 87867)
- Archery (R. 81617)
- Proposed playing fields (Lot 2 DP 1012063)

5. Which areas (if any) of the reserve do you consider to be the most important? What values do these areas have to you? (Values may be aesthetic, ecological, social, recreational, economic)

Area

Values

6. **Have you noticed any areas within the reserve that have experienced negative/unwanted impacts, or any activities that have caused negative/unwanted impacts within the reserve?
(If yes list - which areas, what activities, what types of impacts)**

Area

Activities

Type of Impact

7. **What safety and security issues exist within the reserve?**

8. **Any additional comments you wish to make in regards to the Evans Head Coastal Reserve Plan of Management.**



1. Community Survey

Introduction

GHD prepared a community survey for Evans Head residents and visitors, seeking information on the needs, wants, views and priorities of the users of the Evans Head Coastal Reserve.

The first of the onsite user surveys was carried out on Sunday 11th January 2004. Two GHD staff members conducted the survey between the hours of 11am and 3pm. The intention of this first onsite survey was to collect information from locals and the large number of visitors who frequent Evans Head during the Christmas holidays.

During a site visit to Evans Head on Tuesday 17th February 2004, one GHD staff member conducted the survey at various times throughout the day, interviewing people using the reserves.

A total number of sixty-six (66) residents and visitors completed the survey. Respondents were interviewed by GHD staff at a number of locations within Evans Head, including the walkway between Silver Sands Caravan Park and the Main Street (Oak Street), Airforce Beach Surf Club, Razorback Lookout, Shark Bay, Bundjalung Road Reserve, Ocean Drive Boat Ramp, Gunthorp and Cribb Reserves, and along the northern foreshore of the Evans River.

The limited number of respondents limits the accuracy of the representativeness of the local Evans Head community (and its visitors), meaning the following results should be considered with some degree of caution.

Survey Question Results

Question 1 – Are you a local resident of visitor to the area?

	Number and percentage of respondents (11/1/04) + (17/2/04) = Total
Local Resident	(total no. 36) 62% + (6) 75% = 42
Visitor	(total no. 22) 38% + (2) 25% = 24

Question 2 – How often do you use the reserve?

	Local respondents (11/1/04) + (17/2/04) = Total	Visitor respondents (11/1/04) + (17/2/04) = Total
Daily	(14) + (5) = 19	(1 - when visiting Evans Head) + (0) = 1
Weekly	(11) + (1) = 12	(1) + (0) = 1
Monthly	(5) + (0) = 5	(2) + (0) = 2
Annually	(4) + (0) = 4	(10) + (1) = 11
Never	(2) + (0) = 2	(0) + (0) = 0



	Local respondents (11/1/04) + (17/2/04) = Total	Visitor respondents (11/1/04) + (17/2/04) = Total
Passing through	(0) + (0) = 0	(8) + (1) = 9
More in summer*	(16) + (3) = 19	(12) + (0) = 12
More in winter*	(2) + (0) = 2	(2) + (0) = 2

* Respondents to this question answered daily, weekly, monthly, annually, never or passing through. The more in summer / more in winter question was answered optionally by only some of the respondents.

Question 3 – What types of recreational activities have you taken part in at or from the reserve?

	Local Respondents (11/1/04) + (17/2/04) = Total	Visitor Respondents (11/1/04) + (17/2/04) = Total
Fishing	(15) + (2) = 17	(15) + (1) = 16
Relaxing	(6) + (1) = 7	(6) + (1) = 7
Picnicking/BBQ	(16) + (1) = 17	(12) + (1) = 13
Swimming	(26) + (1) = 27	(10) + (2) = 12
Boating	(5) + (1) = 6	(2) + (0) = 2
Walking/Hiking	(16) + (2) = 18	(4) + (1) = 5
Jogging	(2) + (0) = 2	(0) + (0) = 0
Cycling	(3) + (0) = 3	(1) + (1) = 2
Socialising	(4) + (0) = 4	(4) + (1) = 5
Sightseeing	(2) + (0) = 2	(6) + (1) = 7
Nature Observation	(0) + (0) = 0	(0) + (0) = 0
Canoeing	(0) + (0) = 0	(0) + (0) = 0
Surfing/Body boarding	(4) + (1) = 5	(2) + (0) = 2
Walking the dog	(6) + (1) = 7	(0) + (0) = 0
Camping	(4) + (0) = 4	(10) + (0) = 10
Work Related Activity	(4) + (0) = 4	(0) + (0) = 0
4WD	(2) + (0) = 2	(0) + (0) = 0
Photography/Sketching	(0) + (0) = 0	(0) + (0) = 0
Snorkelling	(2) + (0) = 2	(0) + (0) = 0
Enjoying the visual environment	(4) + (1) = 5	(2) + (1) = 3



	Local Respondents (11/1/04) + (17/2/04) = Total	Visitor Respondents (11/1/04) + (17/2/04) = Total
Other	(1) + (0) = 1	(0) + (0) = 0

Question 4 – Which areas of the reserve have you used/been to the most?

	Local Respondents (11/1/04) + (17/2/04) = Total	Visitor Respondents (11/1/04) + (17/2/04) = Total
Airforce Beach (R.62583)	(19) + (5) = 24	(19) + (2) = 21
Terrace Street access to Airforce Beach (R.76203 and R.62583)	(2) + (0) = 2	(0) + (0) = 0
Shark Bay Reserve (R.92456)	(8) + (1) = 9	(6) + (1) = 7
Razor Back Lookout (R.92456)	(13) + (0) = 13	(4) + (1) = 5
Ocean Drive Reserve (R.92456)	(2) + (0) = 2	(0) + (0) = 0
Beech Street Reserve (R.76203)	(2) + (0) = 2	(0) + (0) = 0
MacDonald Street – Gunthorp Reserve, Cribb Reserve (R.82910)	(10) + (1) = 11	(4) + (0) = 4
Evans Head Recreational Reserve (Beech Street) (R.82910)	(9) + (2) = 11	(4) + (1) = 5
Silver Sand Caravan Park (R.82910)	(17) + (0) = 17	(12) + (0) = 12
Mangrove Street Reserve (R.58546)	(5) + (0) = 5	(2) + (0) = 2
Iron Gates Drive (Lot 408 DP755624 and Lot 547 DP48550)	(0) + (0) = 0	(0) + (0) = 0
Bundjalung Road Reserve, Ocean Drive Boat Ramp (R.86541)	(5) + (1) = 6	(8) + (0) = 8
Kalimna Park (R.87795)	(2) + (0) = 2	(0) + (0) = 0
Bingarra Reserve (R.87867)	(0) + (0) = 0	(0) + (0) = 0
Archery (R.81617)	(0) + (0) = 0	(0) + (0) = 0
Proposed playing fields (Lot 2 DP1012063)	(0) + (0) = 0	(0) + (0) = 0



Question 5 – Which areas (if any) of the reserve do you consider to be the most important? What values do these areas have to you? (Values may include aesthetic, ecological, social, recreational, and economic)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Values</u>
<u>Local Respondents 11th Jan</u>	
All reserves (10 respondents)	Each of the reserves around Evans Head have aesthetic, ecological, social, recreational and economic values to local residents
Airforce Beach (4 respondents)	Secluded, not as busy Aesthetically pleasing, recreation values
Evans River Foreshore Areas (4 respondents)	Aesthetics (well presented) Good that all reserves are accessible to everyone for recreation
Beaches and Foreshore Areas (3 respondents)	aesthetic, ecological, social, recreational, and economic values
BBQ Facilities	Social and recreational opportunities Nice views of river
Boat Car Park	Recreational
Caravan Park (4 respondents)	Economic values for the whole of Evans Head
Kiosk	Economic values
<u>Local Respondents 17th Feb</u>	
All Reserves (2 respondents)	Each of the reserves around Evans Head have aesthetic, ecological, social, recreational and economic values to local residents
Airforce Beach (1 respondent)	Airforce Beach considered to encompass all values listed
Evans River (1 respondent)	Evans River considered to encompass aesthetic, ecological, social, recreational and economic values
Foreshore Reserves (1 respondent)	Foreshore reserves considered to have aesthetic, ecological, social and recreational values
<u>Visitor Respondents 11th Jan</u>	
Bundjalung Road Reserve	Recreational values (able to fish off rocks)
Airforce Beach Surf Club (3 respondents)	Aesthetic and recreational values (nice near beach)



	Aesthetic, ecological, social and recreational values
Evans River Foreshore (2 respondents)	Aesthetic values (nice area, well presented)
Northern Foreshore	Aesthetically pleasing
Caravan Park (5 respondents)	Economic, social and aesthetic values
	Aesthetics (nice to look at), social, recreational, economic and ecological values
All Reserves (3 respondents)	Aesthetic, ecological, social, recreational, and economic values
Evans River	Aesthetic, ecological, social, recreational, and economic values
<u>Visitor Respondents 17th Feb</u>	
Razorback Lookout (1 respondent)	Aesthetic, recreational ('we stop and eat our lunch here every time we pass by on highway, lovely spot, nice views')
Foreshores and Beaches (1 respondent)	Aesthetic, ecological, social, recreational and economic values

Question 6 – Have you noticed any areas within the reserve that have experienced negative/unwanted impacts, or any activities that have caused negative/unwanted impacts within the reserve? (If yes list – which areas, what activities, what types of impacts)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Impact</u>
<u>Local Respondents 11th Jan</u>		
Car park	Litter	Messy/ litter entering river
Skate park	Noise, Loitering	Area less appealing
Skate park	Drinking, Smoking	Deters others using area
Amenities	Overuse in summer	Toilets and showers not clean
Monument near surf club	Vandalism	Damage to monument, bad image for town
Bundjalung National Park	Entry fee	Entry fee has made park less accessible Less people using B.N.P (especially families)
Evans River	Silting up	Less accessible for boats
Caravan Park	Summer tourists	'overrun', crowded
Northern foreshore	Tourists	Too crowded, less enjoyable
Airforce Beach	4WD	Destroy dunes conflicts between dogs and 4WDs



Local Respondents (17th Feb)

Airforce Beach	4WD	Erosion particularly near access track
Foreshore	Litter	Enters waterways, looks terrible, bad for Environment
River	Silting up	Getting shallower, dangerous
Parks near kiosk on foreshore	Litter	Litter, especially near BBQs
Beech St Reserve (R.76203)	Dumping Rubbish and Garden Waste by residents	'It's a mess', fire hazard, weeds

Visitor Respondents 11th January

Evans River	Fishing	Overfishing
	Silting up	Shallower every year
Caravan park	Amenities	Dirty, need to be cleaned more regularly
Kiosk	Picnic tables	Require more regular cleaning
Foreshore	Number of users	More tables needed

Visitor Respondents 17th February

Caravan Park	Overcrowded in summer	Degradation from overuse
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Question 7 – What safety and security issues exist within the reserve?

Local Respondents 11th January

- ▶ Fifteen (15) local respondents reported that there are no safety and security issues within the reserve.
- ▶ Two (2) respondents reported that more lighting was required within the reserves.
- ▶ One (1) respondent believed the wood fires on the southern foreshore of the Evans River to be a fire hazard.
- ▶ One (1) respondent though more security was needed in the reserve to curb noise, swearing and drunkenness.
- ▶ There was one (1) report of increasing crime within the caravan park with alcohol being stolen from caravans and campers.
- ▶ Loiters at the skate park after dark was considered to be a safety and security issue by one (1) respondent.
- ▶ One (1) local respondent believed the recent vandalism of the monument at the surf club is the only safety and security issue that they had heard of occurring in the reserve.
- ▶ One (1) respondent reported 4WD users on Airforce Beach as a potential safety issue. The distance 4WDs travel along the beach is a long way from help if it is required.



Local Respondents 17th February

- ▶ One (1) respondent that a continuous sealed path was required throughout the reserves for elderly residents to get around
- ▶ One (1) respondent reported that the river mouth was dangerous for boats heading out to sea and trying to get back into river – too shallow
- ▶ Four (4) respondents reported that there was no safety and security issues

Visitor Respondents 11th January

- ▶ Twelve (12) visitors reported that there are no safety and security issues within the reserve.
- ▶ Two (2) respondents believe more lighting is required on the foreshore
- ▶ One (1) respondent reported drunkenness as a safety and security issue within the reserve.
- ▶ One (1) respondent viewed the potential flooding of the caravan park as a safety and security issue.

Visitor Respondents 17th February

- ▶ One (1) respondent thought more lights were needed near the northern breakwall
- ▶ One (1) respondent did not know of any safety and security issues which exist in the reserves

Question 8 – Any additional comments you wish to make in regards to the Evans Head Coastal Reserve Plan of Management.

11th January

Just fewer than 50% of respondents provided additional comments in regards to improvements that they would like to see incorporated into the Evans Head Coastal Reserve Plan of Management. The majority of respondents who provided additional comments were local residents (85%). Comments and management suggestions are listed below, grouped under various headings. Where the same of similar comments were made, the number in brackets after the comment indicates the number of people who gave this response.

17th February

Half the local respondents provided additional comments in regards to the Evans Head Coastal Reserve Plan of Management. Both of the visitors to the area provided comments.

Additional Facilities / Works

11th January

- ▶ Could build more walkways/cycleways/boardwalks (5).
- ▶ Area is pretty good although more work could be done around the surf club.
- ▶ More lighting required within reserves (2).
- ▶ More trees could be planted along the foreshore to provide additional shade, for aesthetic purposes and for the health of the river (3).



- ▶ More seats are needed along walkways (for elderly and less mobile residents).
- ▶ More gas BBQ's needed (2).
- ▶ More bins are required along foreshore to reduce litter (2).
- ▶ More picnic/BBQ areas are needed along the foreshore.
- ▶ More seats, tables and BBQs are required at Bundjalung Reserve (near western boat ramp) (2).

17th February

- ▶ More shade, seats and sealed pathways especially for elderly residents

Development

11th January

- ▶ Need to ensure the area is not overdeveloped
- ▶ Would like to see more development around Airforce Beach. Would also like to see the Iron Gates development finally go ahead.

Evans River

11th January

- ▶ River is silting up, especially the bar. Something needs to be done about the bar as it is dangerous.

17th February

- ▶ Dredging of the river needed

Tourism

11th January

- ▶ The number of people in the caravan park over the Christmas holidays decreases the enjoyment of the use of the northern foreshore.

Dogs/Domestic Animals

11th January

- ▶ The northern section of Airforce Beach should be kept as an off-leash dog walking area.

17th February

- ▶ Keep north Airforce Beach as leash free dog walking area as there is no where else to go

Other Comments

11th January

- ▶ Reserve areas are generally well maintained
- ▶ The Gazebos and BBQs near the caravan park are a great idea – we use them all the time!!

17th February

- ▶ Beautiful spot – preserve public use of foreshore and coastal areas
- ▶ Lovely area – 'we holiday in February to avoid the crowds'

'Have You Say' form Responses

For what purpose do you use the reserve? Are the facilities adequate? Which reserves do you use the most?	What suggestions do you have for the management of the reserves?	Which reserve(s) do you consider to be of the highest priority in terms of works or management required?	What issues do you think should be considered in the preparation of the Plan of Management?	Any other comments?
Walking, especially when family and friends visit from Sydney, Melbourne and Newcastle	There is a problem with toilet facilities mostly always locked weekends and public holidays possibly due to vandalism, with lack of security	Don't know	Security	A beautiful place worthy of thoughtful care.
I am elderly and a dog owner and walking is my exercise. There no off-leash areas in any reserves and I therefore cannot use them, except for a gentle, on-lead walk occasionally	The official off-leash area (up the beach) is too far for me to walk from home - I do not use my car everyday and not twice a day. Evans Head is unfriendly to dog owners.	The riverside strip of R. 92456 would be an ideal 'off-leash' area for south Evans Head - say 2 hrs morning and 2 hrs evening (as is done all over Sydney). This little beach is frequently deserted particularly before 10am and after 5pm.	4WD vehicles are alien on Airforce Beach, which should be protected as a passive recreational area for the town. The vehicles have made entry to the beach difficult for pedestrian and very dangerous as they speed along the 'off-leash' area.	Ten years ago when I retired here from Sydney, returning to my childhood home, there was little or no pressure on dog owners and several reserves where we could go on lead. Now there are few and no footpaths wither (on South Evans Head). So people who want to release and keep fit walking their dogs must do so on the hard roads or up the beach (if a car owner) and risk being run over. Life is so different now.
Recreation, Rehabilitation therapy (post spinal fusion). Facilities OK. I use those closest to my home as my mobility is still impaired. This makes access to some difficult	Severely restrict (or ban altogether) access by any vehicles (including 4WD), unleashed dogs. Increase ranger patrols to ensure compliance. Tree preservation orders. Increase patrols and fines for littering and dumping rubbish.	The closest to the beaches and river and/or which directly abut residential development.	All those listed in community newsletter, also sewerage disposal. Treated effluent into river/ocean is far from foolproof!!	Building and developers should be severely restricted and developers et al charged the true cost of their proposals including cost of provision and disposal of water and waste including sewage.
Walking generally	That all areas including area on beach with dog exercise area are made to pick up dog waste - either provide bags or impose fine			
Shark Beach and BBQ	Keep the bushes to a low growth in Woodburn Street as it is hard to see on coming cars			
Dirrawong Reserve - walking. There needs to be rooves erected over the tank to collect water. The walkway needs upgrading. DOGS should be allowed on Chinamans Beach	Four wheel drives are going too fast along Airforce Beach - needs patrolling	Dirrawong - Walkway	Dogs allowed back on Chinamens Beach	
Recreational Fishing - Picnicking, Use Airforce Beach and area surrounding Silver Sands Caravan and Camping Park	Richmond Valley Council to have COMPLETE control. State Government (NPWS) NO control.	No preference	Existing areas are currently 'family friendly' and cater for a 'laid back' atmosphere at affordable costs to public in general. I would not like to see a hands in pocket environment be created as NPWS has done	We do not need to introduce any more taxes/charges to satisfy the minority of 'dogooders'.
Pleasure, walking, talking, surfing and general appreciation of natures facilities	Better control of dogs, limiting use of alcohol, better beach inspection	Lookout, Chinamens Beach, Shark Bay and area	Better inspection, more constant, control of vandalism	
Fishing - North Airforce Beach, 4WD Access needed for elderly especially with disabilities	The lookout area should be grassed with trees and seats on northern side of the hill for locals and tourists. It is a great spot for everyone. FIRE MANAGEMENT IMPORTANT.	1. Riverbanks, 2. Shark Beach Area, 3. FISHING NORTH AIRFORCE BEACH, 4. Boat Harbour Areas	Shark Bay Beach should have a sign up to warn against the removal of sandstone from cliff. It has been spoilt. Seating is important as large elderly population. Shade also important (trees). River banks on south side of river in front of houses needs monitoring for erosion into river channel.	Map was impossible to read even with a magnifying glass.
Purpose: Gaining access to beaches. Facilities: Adequate. Reserves used most: those to main beach and Chinamens beach	Access pathways to main beach in dire need of repair - then constant maintenance			
My family and I use the reserves for beach access, for walking, swimming, surfing, fishing, cycling, for the birds, playing on the playground and swimming in the river	Move access for 4WD onto Airforce Beach further north. The Silver Sands Caravan Park should be reduced in size to provide more public open space and allow for regeneration of the littoral rainforest. There should be more provision for camping and less space for permanent or semi-permanent structures.	Permanent structures in Caravan Park are leading to escape of garden plants into neighbouring littoral rainforest. Permanent structures should be moved back from beach.	Preserving a green buffer between the beaches and riverbanks and adjacent development.	Could I suggest larger maps in the future so that they are readable.
The 4WD access point is an important part of the Reserves and the community (including seasonal holiday makers)				

'Have You Say' form Responses

For what purpose do you use the reserve? Are the facilities adequate? Which reserves do you use the most?	What suggestions do you have for the management of the reserves?	Which reserve(s) do you consider to be of the highest priority in terms of works or management required?	What issues do you think should be considered in the preparation of the Plan of Management?	Any other comments?
Surfing, Swimming, Walking, Barbeques, Views. - Facilities are generally ok - Areas used most: Razorback Lookout, Shark Bay, Main Beach, Dirrawong Reserve	Upgrade barbeques, upgrade weed management, improve lookout views, better fire management	Razorback Lookout, Shark Bay	Review facilities requires, ensure maintenance of views at lookout, prepare weed management plans, in particular bitou bush, fire management plans	
I consider the reserves a very important asset to Evans Head. Going for walks and enjoying the changing seasons with some wildlife included is of great interest. Some views at the right time are very spectacular to best describe it. Living across one in Beech Street gets most of my attention as it provides access to the beach.	The whole area is overrun with all sorts of weeds, need some real effort to get it under control. - ___ and I cleared a wide area of bitou bush with some of them woody weeds, however there are many other garden plants covering the ground completely out of control. It would need some serious attempt to control this mess.	They all need urgent attention with every year the weed problem gets worse. I don't think Council is taking it very serious. Some allocated walkways would be a good thing in some parks.	As a 4x4 wheel owner I do not agree tat they should be on the beach. I do not like encroachment of any thing into natural bushland. I strong object of clearing any vegetation to enhance views. I once could see the sea but no longer and it has not diminished the appreciation of the landscape in my view.	I would like to have the natural bush kept and no inroads for recreational or commercial development at all.
1) Aesthetic, recreation, plant study, removing weeds, cleaning up rubbish dropped by people going to the beach, hosting visitors. 2) Facilities: in all areas adequate for present use, In future develop walkways in order to presence bushland. 3) Areas used - Goanna Headland, Chinamens Beach, Schnapper Rock, Beech Street from Surf Club to Salty Lagoon, Shark Bay and River Reserve.	1) Areas around River and Camping Reserve, Surf Club, South side lookout are in good order for present use - maintain present state. 2) Urgent need to deal with stormwater runoff and occasional sewerage discharge, desperate need for weed control - seek government funding. No 4WDs, no further clearing for picnic areas. NO CLEARING TO ENHANCE VIEWS. 3) Consider again construction of raised walkway (not cycleway) from surf club to Koinonia for appreciation of flora, fauna and wetlands. No future economic development.	Highest priority to preservation, weed control and deal with erosion/water runoff damage to Goanna Headland, Chinamens Beach and Reserve from Surf Club to start of Broadwater National Park.	No. 1 - get expert advice on what is actually present then carry out best practice to Preserve our wonderful shrub/bushland areas. Disturb as little as possible seek government funding - these areas are truly unique and have almost disappeared in other coastal towns.	Consider walking tracks to help preserve natural habitat. These coastal reserve bushland areas should be valued extremely highly both for their biodiversity and fauna habitat and be preserved at all costs. I think Council is not aware that scientists, overseas and local visitors and our own high school students use these areas for study and research. These areas are Evans Head's most valuable asset. People come here to live, study and holiday because of out 'open space' areas not to look at brick and cemented development!
Recreation, view appreciation, boat ramp facilities. Facilities appear to be adequate. Use R. 92456 and R. 86541 the most.	Improved tourist, observer and (elderly) pedestrian facilities. Increase attention to be paid to fire hazard control.	R. 92456 - additional seating could be provided along Ocean Drive for older pedestrian to rest. Improved clearing of scrub to improve view over River mouth.	With respect to R. 92456, GHD should consult with Shark Bay and Razorback Lookout Landcare Group re further possible enhancement to the Reserve.	I would be happy to be consulted
Walking, taking visitors around; school groups are able to study the original flora on the headland, as well as the impact of walking tracks, erosion, introduced weeds.	Raised walkways to prevent erosion and to control erosion, removal of weeds; preserve the natural bushland on the headland R92456; appeal to local interest groups e.g. school groups, environmental groups for help; seek government funding when funds are available	Preserve and maintain the headland area R92456 and retain the tree area where the vacant crown land is near the ocean front behind R. 62583	No vegetation clearing for views and/or aesthetic reasons. Careful consideration for 4 wheel drive access and use because of the impact along the beach, also speed limits. Dog droppings to be removed by owners.	The camping area and existing parks are being used and keep up the good work with maintenance
For recreation; BBQs, toilet facilities and sightseeing. Facilities are adequate, R. 92456, R. 86541, R. 62583	Visitors often remark on the glorious views but comment on the disgusting state of the surrounding Crown Land. There is an urgent need for fire clearing and general cleaning up of non-native and noxious plants and preservation of views for both visitors and high rate paying residents	Clean up bitou bush and other noxious weeds in all reserves particularly along the beach R. 62583 and along ocean drive east of Razorback Lookout	GHD should consult with members of the shark bay and razorback lookout landcare group who have been maintaining Crown Reserve R. 92456 for the past four years as approved by Richmond Valley Council and the DLWC	I would like to be consulted and invited to any meetings on the project