

MANAGEMENT ISSUES



MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The management units that make up the Study Area are public spaces with complementary characters and functions. Some issues relate to more than one management unit.

1 DAY USE AREA

DESCRIPTION: This area is the focal point for recreational activities associated with the adjoining beaches. Extensive use is generated by the number of activities which compete for access and parking:

- The Surf Lifesaving Club
- Fishing and boating clubs
- The boat ramp
- Community Facilities including the playground
- Caravan park camp sites and amenities

MANAGEMENT ISSUES:

- Poorly designed road system and parking areas
- Demand for car parking is greater than the available capacity in peak periods
- Too many structures - could be better designed and maintained
- Boat launching and trailer parking
- Drainage
- Vegetation management

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Redesign road layout to improve access and parking
- Provision of a community hall
- Improved amenities - shade structures, showers and toilets
- Reduce caravan park sites to provide more open space for day visitors

2 CARAVAN PARK

DESCRIPTION: Caravan park is the major source of commercial tourist accommodation at Scotts Head and a significant income generator to the village.

MANAGEMENT ISSUES:

- Caravan park is in two parts with different owners
- Regulatory Compliance - eg spacing of holiday vans
- Operation of entry
- Substandard amenities
- Drainage line which bisects the park.
- Quality of on-site accommodation including park cabins

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Resolution of issues associated with park tenure
- Bring the caravan park into conformity with legal requirements
- Improve the standard of on-site accommodation and facilities

3 COMMERCIAL AREA

DESCRIPTION: Commercial area provides a basic range of retail activities (takeaway food, café, bottleshop, butcher, bakery etc. for residents and tourists.

MANAGEMENT ISSUES:

- Fragmented development
- Range of services provided is limited by the current population level of Scotts Head.
- Parking in peak periods

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Improvement to streetscape (landscaping, street furniture, signage, edge treatment, parking etc)
- Provision of shop-top housing
- Create focus for artisan activities

4 TENNIS COURTS, PLAYING FIELD & BOWLING CLUB

DESCRIPTION: This area provides both open space and recreational activities for visitors and residents (Bowling club and tennis club).

MANAGEMENT ISSUES:

- Stormwater drainage
- Playing area too small for competitive cricket

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Provision of skate board facility (at least 800m2)
- Additional tennis courts.
- Improved pedestrian access and park furniture
- Improvement to drainage and landscaping

5 DUNE SYSTEM

DESCRIPTION: The vegetated foredune at Scotts Head is an environmentally sensitive area which provides an important visual and ecological transition between the Scotts Head Beach and the adjoining day visitation areas and tourist facilities.

MANAGEMENT ISSUES:

- Coastal erosion and sea-level change
- Weed management
- Pedestrian access through the dunes to the beach.
- Rubbish build up
- Fire management

6 HEADLAND

DESCRIPTION: The headland is the dominant natural coastal feature in the study area. Public access is provided via a maze of walking tracks through dense bushland to vantage points providing views of the coastline to the north and south. It also provides protection and amenity to Scotts Head Beach.

MANAGEMENT ISSUES:

- Preservation of scenic attributes
- Weed Management
- Fire management
- Drainage and erosion management
- Removal of Rubbish
- Safety

7 EASTERN FORESHORE

DESCRIPTION: The eastern foreshore area contains a number of less prominent headlands and beaches which provide a range of recreational opportunities and experiences.

MANAGEMENT ISSUES:

- Vegetation management
- Preservation of ecologically significant flora
- Beach access
- Safety

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Formalise existing coastline walkway to link beaches and headlands within unit.
- Improve access to beach areas
- Install view platform and additional park furniture



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