



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

11th April 2006

DSS1	MATTYS FLAT AND NEW ENTRANCE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the receipt of the Draft Plan of Management for Mattys Flat and New Entrance.



DESCRIPTION:

Council considered a report at its meeting on 14th March 2006 regarding the Plan of Management for Mattys Flat and New Entrance and resolved:

- 1. That this matter be deferred for consideration at the April Council meeting.*
- 2. That Council make application under the Maritime Infrastructure program for funding for a sewerage pump-out facility at Mattys Flat.*

Council had in March 2003 lodged an application for funding for a vessel sewerage pumpout facility at Mattys Flat to the former Department of Land and Water Conservation.

With the changes in roles and responsibilities of State Government departments, Council on several occasions sought clarification from the Minister and the department regarding continuation of the program and funding for the project.

In May 2005 Council received advice from the Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, that the proposed vessel sewerage pumpout facility at Mattys Flat would be eligible for a 100% subsidy, subject to the assessment of other applications state-wide and availability of funds.

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In June 2005 Minister Kelly further advised Council as follows: -

"I am advised that Kempsey Shire Council, in its role as Reserve Trust Manager, is currently preparing a Plan of Management for the Mattys Flat Reserve. I understand that one proposal to be canvassed will be the establishment of a marina. The advantages of incorporating a vessel sewage pumpout in a marina are substantial. Further consideration of a grant for the pumpout will be made after the Plan of Management has been finalised."

An application for funding under the Maritime Infrastructure Program for a sewerage pump-out facility for Mattys Flat is being compiled.

Applications will not be called for until June or July 2006. Funding available is on a 1:1 basis.

Following is the report previously submitted for Council consideration.

Funding has been provided from the Department of Lands to undertake a Plan of Management for the Mattys Flat Reserve. Council resolved that the plan should consider the long-term development of a marine / boat harbour in the area.

Patterson Britton & Partners were engaged by Council to undertake a Plan of Management for the reserve comprising of 3 land parcels south of Marlin Drive (Zone A) as well as the section of reserve along New Entrance Road to the north that is utilized for recreational activities (Zone B). See attached map (Figure 1) [Appendix A](#).

Initial consultation was undertaken with various stakeholders on 11th February 2005 as well as a community workshop at South West Rocks on 3rd May 2005. As a result of the consultation, values were identified that could be categorised into the following areas: Recreational opportunities, amenity, natural environment, socio-economic elements.

Similarly, key issues could be categorised into the following areas: Car parking, boating facilities, amenity, access, natural environment, economic development and safety and security.

Based on the values and issues outlined above, the following management objectives have been formulated for Mattys Flat and New Entrance:

- car parking;
- boating facilities;
- public access;
- visitor facilities; and
- environmental protection.

Each option was assessed such that it:

- ensures public safety;
- is environmentally sustainable;
- adheres to legislative requirements and policy guidelines;
- is economically viable; and
- will be for the betterment of the local community.

A proposed management strategy and list of actions was developed based on the above options. These options are listed in Table 2 [Appendix B](#).

It is recommended that the Draft Plan of Management now be placed on public exhibition for comment and input from the community. A copy of the Draft Plan will be available for Councillors and will be placed on Council's web page.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental and Social***

The Draft Plan of Management considers the social, economic and environmental values of the area and presents a plan that represents a balance of these values.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

Adoption of the Plan of Management will involve a commitment to a range of actions that will require seeking grant funding with matching contributions by Council.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

The adoption of a Plan of Management for the reserve will ensure that Council meets its requirements under the Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government Amendment (Community Land Management) Act 1998 that a Plan of Management be prepared for all public land.

- ***Acting Director's Review***

That Council support the advertising of this Draft Plan of Management for community feedback.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council place on public exhibition the Draft Mattys Flat and New Entrance Plan of Management.

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