



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

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DSS9	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.



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 F](#).

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 G](#).

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***

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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