



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

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**DSS2 HORSESHOE BAY RESERVE DRAFT PLAN
OF MANAGEMENT
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the progress of the Draft Plan of Management for Horseshoe Bay Reserve.



DESCRIPTION:

A Draft Plan of Management for Horseshoe Bay Reserve was prepared to meet statutory obligations under both the Local Government Act and the Crown Lands Act.

On the 12 October 2005 Council resolved to place the Draft Plan of Management on public exhibition. The plan was placed on public exhibition on 8 November 2005 until 20 January 2006 with a public meeting held on 28 January 2006. Three hundred and twenty nine people attended the meeting and 1,173 submissions were received.

The majority of submissions clearly supported the retention of caravan and camping sites and did not support the installation of cabins.

Council at its meeting on 14 February 2006 resolved:

'That Council advises the Department of Lands that it would not be economically viable to remove caravan sites from Horseshoe Bay Reserve and that Council does not wish to add additional cabins or to return camping/caravan areas to public use.'

Further to the report provided to Council on 18 July 2006 [Appendix B](#), the draft Horseshoe Bay Reserve Plan of Management has been revised by the consultant, Insite Landscape Design, to address the expressed wishes of the various stakeholders and Council. The draft Plan of Management is distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Following adoption by Council, the Draft Plan of Management will need to be forwarded to the Department of Lands for endorsement.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

The Draft Plan of Management addresses landscaping issues and generally aims to improve the broader environment on the Reserve.

- *Social*

The revised Draft Plan of Management recommends improvements that do not substantially alter the spirit of the current design. Improved general public access is considered highly desirable and has been addressed in the revised plan.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Council resolved on 14 February 2006 that proceeds received by Council from the lease agreement be allocated to the implementation of the program of works identified within the Plan of Management for overall foreshore precincts.

In 2006 / 2007 an amount of \$82,625 in income from the Horseshoe Bay Caravan Park has been allocated to maintaining the Horseshoe Bay Day Visitor Area.

Revenue derived from Section 94 Contributions, Caravan Park Reserve Fund and from the proposed sale of reserves in South West Rocks can be utilized to undertake capital works proposed in the Plan of Management.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Council has a statutory obligation, under both the Local Government Act and the Crown Lands Act, to prepare a Plan of Management for the Horseshoe Bay Reserve.

- *Director's Review*

Amendments made to the Plan of Management address the concerns raised in submissions from the community.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the revised draft Plan of Management for Horseshoe Bay Reserve be adopted.

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