
The 1.8km of lake foreshore, as a result of dedication of the 'Offset' land to DECC located at Nords Wharf under the care and control of Lake Macquarie Shire Council, will be of no benefit to residents of Gwandalan/Summerland Point in the Wyong Shire Council area.

Any future residential development must include access to suitable local foreshore areas to cater for the popularity of recreational boating activities, being the reason Wyong Shire residents are drawn to this area.

Gwandalan/Summerland Point is the gateway to the waters of Lake Macquarie. Residents and visitors need somewhere to picnic, bbq and socialise adjacent the foreshore for recreational boating activities such as waterskiing, aquaplaning, swimming, canoeing etc. The peninsular currently has many foreshore reserve picnic areas however Sandy Beach is the only location conducive for watersports. No other picnic area caters to recreational boating activities, as such Sandy Beach is beginning to suffer the effects of overcrowding. Further increases in population will exacerbate the problem which may result in these activities being restricted due to environmental issues. No-one wants that to happen.

In 2006 a submission was forwarded to various government departments to look at the feasibility of returning a small section of foreshore land at Point Wolstoncroft for public use. This submission met with favourable responses from all parties and a precis of responses is attached. (Point Wolstoncroft was signed over to the Department of Sport & Recreation a few years ago resulting in total restriction to the public).

The foreshore land, the subject of the submission, is arguably the most beautiful on Lake Macquarie and faces north towards Pulbah Island. The shore is sandy with no weed or sea grass to disturb. It is protected and has a wonderful ambience similar to that of Sandy Beach. The water is crystal clear and perfect for swimming. The foreshore characteristics are similar to Sandy Beach and boats can easily and safely pull up on shore. The foreshore is well away from activities at Sport & Rec. Currently, there is a short clear wide walking track off Kanangra Drive, just past entrance sign to Sport & Rec, that takes you to this site however, it is covered and not seen from the road. On weekends and public holidays families arrive by boat to informally camp at this site to swim and to undertake recreational boating/sporting activities. Unfortunately, the site is also well utilised by unsupervised kids in tinnies, who also camp at this site. This has resulted in environmental vandalism of site with chain saws being bought in and gum trees being destroyed for firewood. Broken glass and rubbish is strewn throughout the site. General Manager Sport & Rec advised this site is not used by Sport & Rec and the area cannot be managed so the vandalism continues to worsen. This area of foreshore needs to be signed back to the Crown and given to Wyong Council to manage under Parks and Gardens. The formalisation of this site is not onerous as the site is already cleared apart from bitu bush and no gum trees would need to be removed. Formalisation of this site is the only way to stop the environmental vandalism and will be an unrivalled asset for the local community and shire residents.

Infrastructure for this site should be provided by the developer. Two reasons: access to this site is off Kanangra Drive and would only be a very short distance from proposed entrance to the new development giving residents direct access. This will undoubtedly raise the value of these blocks. This may also enable the developer to have fewer home sites with bigger block sizes. The land that was given back to the Crown by the developer located at Nords Wharf is of no benefit to this community or Wyong Shire residents in general.

The 2006 submission did not advance due to incarceration of previous MP. I am raising this matter again as this proposed development at Gwandalan is destined to go ahead. Providing an alternate site to Sandy Beach is now a priority and this is too important a opportunity to let slip by for all residents and visitors to this area.

This undoubtedly would be a win/win all round and there should not be any reasonable excuse why this beautiful part of the lake should not be given back to the public.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Copy of Submission dated 24 March 2006

Attachment 2: Map indicating proposed site.

Attachment 3: Responses to Submission.

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