



Barwon Coast Committee of Management

Ocean Grove Spit DRAFT Landscape Master Plan – December 2009

Barwon Coast has engaged consultants to develop a **DRAFT** landscape masterplan for the Ocean Grove Spit following upon the recent resolution of the location of the new Barwon Heads bridges. Written feedback on the **DRAFT** masterplan is welcomed and can be lodged at the Barwon Coast office, Barwon Heads; emailed to office@barwoncoast.com.au or posted to Barwon Coast c/- Post Office Barwon Heads 3227 by the **end of February 2010**.

Design Objectives

The **DRAFT** landscape master plan for the Ocean Grove Spit is intended to address a number of specific objectives, including:

- **Revitalisation of the Riverside Camping Area**, including reviewing the number and location of amenities, definition of day visitor areas, review of circulation, and identification of a large group camping area
- Identification of a **continuous trail** for both pedestrians and cyclists through the river side of the Spit, (in addition to the trail on the Oceanside of the Spit) enabling a range of landscape experiences, ensuring safety for trail users and recognizing the use of the Spit for summer camping
- **Review of parking nodes** on both the river side and ocean side of the Spit, with a view to improving efficiency and considering the provision for a shuttle bus service
- Integrating these uses and considerations with the **fragile nature of the existing vegetation** and physical landscape.

Design Elements

In response to the above objectives and in recognition of the particular characteristics and features of the Spit, the **DRAFT** landscape master plan includes a number of key elements:

- Four **new amenities blocks**, replacing the existing five, located to take advantage of existing access and cleared areas, and allowing for new revegetation opportunities particularly along the BH- Ocean Grove Road and to assist site preservation.
- Definition of a number of **day visitor nodes** taking advantage of views across Barwon River, providing seating and parking access. All nodes are also accessed by the proposed shared trail
- Nomination of a **large group camping area** to the north of the general camping area for use after the summer season. This location takes advantage of the new Toilet Block replacing the existing Toilet Block 5, which will be the largest of the new amenities blocks.
- A **new toilet block** near the bridge car park aligning with the new Barwon Heads pedestrian bridge.
- A **shared trail** connecting the Riverview Family Caravan Park with the Barwon Heads Bridge. This trail integrates a range of experiences including river views, seating nodes and informal open space areas, and incorporates new trail areas, existing circulation routes and boardwalks. The proposed trail runs along the river edge in the northern section of the camping ground and then goes onto existing roads / paths from TB4 down to TB1 . The proposed trail then goes back to the waterfront. Do you think the trail should go all the way along the waterfront or use the existing roads?
- A defined with refuge **pedestrian crossing** point near the Barwon Heads Bridge to allow for safe access from the trail to the new pedestrian bridge to Barwon Heads plus additional preferred crossing points from the riverside to the surfside identified with signage.
- Consolidation of a number of **vehicle access points** into the Riverside Camping Area, from Barwon Heads Ocean Grove Road, to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety.
- Enhanced facilities and amenities to support the **Life Guard beach patrol south of 18W** ocean side, including improvements at 18W toilet block.
- Nomination of **four bus drop-off areas** on Barwon Heads Ocean Grove Road, providing convenient access to amenities and beach access points.

Impact on Riverside Camp Sites

As shown on the **DRAFT** masterplan, it is proposed to remove a number of sites near existing Amenity Blocks 1, 4 & 5 as part of the trail development, public day visitor access and for the location of new amenity blocks. However a number of new sites (less than the number proposed to be removed) are to be created i.e. on existing amenity block 2 site.

When will these changes be implemented?

There are several processes to be followed prior to any implementation of the landscape masterplan including the review of feedback from campers and the general community; preparation of the final draft for our Committee approval and approvals from other authorities such as the Department of Sustainability & Environment.

During 2010 we understand that Barwon Water will be undertaking works within the Spit including laying of a new sewer main plus a river crossing to Barwon Heads. Whilst these works are being undertaken we will develop plans for the new amenity blocks and the trail re-alignment

It is unlikely that any substantial on ground works will be undertaken by Barwon Coast before 2011 and would then be implemented progressively over 10 years.

What happens if the site that I currently camp on is affected?

The **DRAFT** landscape masterplan identifies the loss of about 35 camp sites throughout the Riverside Camping Ground. It further identifies the potential to create about 10 new camp sites ie about a net loss of 25 sites.

Every opportunity will be taken to try to relocate campers whose sites are affected to the new sites and to have first priority to access any cancelled site bookings.

It is however likely that not all who wish to be relocated will be able to.

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Comments:

OCEAN GROVE SPIT, BARWON COAST - LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN



BARWON RIVER

RIVERSIDE

SURFSIDE

BASS STRAIT

EXISTING TRAIL TO RIVERVIEW FAMILY CARAVAN PARK

SANDY POINT CAR PARK ACCESS ROAD

21W

STRUCTURED ACCESS STAIRS
CLOSE ROAD

REMOVE EXISTING AMENITIES BLOCK AND DEFINE NEW CAMPING SITES

PROPOSED NEW AMENITIES BLOCK

BOARDWALK SECTION OVER VEGETATION

NEW ROAD. CAMP ACCESS AND BUS DROP OFF CIRCULATION

LARGE DAY VISIT AREA IN OPEN VIEW CORRIDOR FROM RIVER TO ROAD

18W

EXISTING AMENITIES BLOCK REMOVED AND REPLACED

NEW, UPGRADED AMENITIES BLOCK

OCEANSIDE CAR PARK 17W

HORSESHOE CAR PARK 17W

EXISTING TRAIL AND PATH TO SURF BEACH ROAD

POTENTIAL FOR SAFE CROSSING ZONE IN DESIGNATED GROUP CAMING AREA

CLOSE ROAD

ROAD CLOSED. PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ONLY

MULTIPLE INFORMAL RIVER ACCESS POINTS TO SERVICE CAMP SITES AND VISITORS ALONG BEACH

SPIT 18W-SURF CAR PARK UPGRADE EXISTING TOILET BLOCK AND DEFINE TRAIL NETWORK THROUGH CAR PARK

18W

SPIT 18W CAR PARK

LIFE SAVING OBSERVATION PLATFORM

BUS DROP OFF ZONE WITH POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE A SAFE CROSSING ZONE

NEW AMENITIES BLOCK IN EXISTING LOCATION

SEPERATE PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR ACCESS

BUS DROP OFF ZONE WITH POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE A SAFE CROSSING ZONE

19W

RAAF'S 19W CAR PARK

UPGRADE BEACH ACCESS STAIRS. REMOVE CONCRETE AND RUBBLE FOUNDATION FOR STAIR CONSTRUCTION

CLOSE ROAD AND RE VEGETATE

EXISTING AMENITIES BLOCK REMOVED. DEFINE NEW CAMPING SITES

PROPOSED NEW AMENITIES BLOCK
OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW CAMPING SITES

CLOSE ROAD AND RE VEGETATE

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EXISTING AMENITIES BLOCK REMOVED AND NEW ACCESS ROAD PROVIDED TO SERVICE CAMPING AREA AND ENLARGED CAR PARK

ROAD CLOSED PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ONLY

BUS DROP OFF ZONE

20W

BOARDWALK SECTION OVER ERODING BANK

BRIDGE RIVER 20W CAR PARK

NEW, SURFACED CAR PARK ENTRY

20W

BRIDGE SURF 20W CAR PARK

TO DEFINE TRAIL TO PROVIDE SAFE MOVEMENT THROUGH CARPARK

PROPOSED NEW TOILET (DISABILITY ACCESS)

BOARDWALK CONNECTION TO NEW FOOT BRIDGE

LEGEND

- - - PROPOSED SHARED TRAIL
- - - EXISTING TRAIL NETWORK
- ➔ PREFERRED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING POINT
- BOARDWALK
- EXISTING AMENITIES RETAINED
- PROPOSED NEW AMENITIES
- EXISTING CAMP SITE
- PROPOSED GROUP CAMPING
- POTENTIAL NEW CAMP SITES
- CAMP SITES REMOVED
- PATROLLED BEACH ZONE
- CARPARKS
- SHARED ROAD NETWORK
- PROPOSED BUS DROP OFF ZONE
- PROPOSED PUBLIC OPEN SPACE / DAY ACTIVITY AREAS