

BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL

SEPARATE ATTACHMENT
TO ITEM 11.1

LENNOX FORESHORE PARK

DRAFT MASTER PLAN

Ordinary meeting 24/3/11

NSW POLICE

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Attention: Ms. J. Pratten

Proposed Redevelopment Lennox Head Foreshore Parkland.

Police recommend the following:

- Toilet complex needs to have separated separate entrances or singular units. The mix of sexes in confined spaces can create a fear of crime(either actual or perceived)
- Lighting of area needs to be substantial and damage proof. Bollard type structures are not recommended
- Pathways should be constructed for shared used including for motorised wheelchair access
- Showers should be constructed in an area of high and natural surveillance. (proposed location on draft plan is not acceptable)

- Vegetation plantings should not provide screened areas or concealment sections. Lower vegetation should not exceed 600mm for lower level plantings
- Consideration should be given to the installation and placement of bus shelters/stops. (Shelter for patrons waiting for arrival of buses)
- The present bus shelter if it is to be retained needs to have improved sight lines. The structure as built has poor natural and casual surveillance, needs to have improved visibility from surrounding area

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27th January 2011.

From: Diana Hopwood [dihopwood@yahoo.com.au]
Sent: Thursday, 27 January 2011 2:30:43 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lennox Foreshore Master Plan - Att Jillian Pratten

We would like to make the following comments re the proposed "upgrade" of the Lennox Foreshore. Whilst there are probably several admirable and desirable aspects to this proposal it strikes us that we will be spending an awful lot of money for what? Will the upgrade be any better maintained than the foreshore is at present? Why spend money and then let the new infrastructure fall into disrepair and neglect as currently happens. The shelter shed and toilet block have been very badly neglected. Both are very serviceable and practical structures so why replace them? Why not refurbish them. Yes the toilet block would benefit from the introduction of more natural light during daylight and surely solar lighting would suffice for night time.

The current shelter shed is a far more practical and weather protecting structure than the proposed new double shelter (actually we will not be gaining any more table space 2xsingle shelters and 1xdouble shelter still only equals 4 tables which we have now). The current structure serves many purposes - it is used by tourist groups and the elderly residents of local nursing homes for morning and afternoon teas. It serves as a weather protection shelter for the bus stop during inclement weather. It is a meeting place for occasions such as the local Lions club Australia Day breakfast. We're sure it would be used more often if it were better maintained.

We are two residents who would very much oppose the removal of these two structures and would much prefer to see them refurbished.

I doubt that we need dedicated areas for public gatherings or events - Can you suggest what they may be used for or the style of public gathering envisaged. We don't have New Year's Eve celebrations and Carols by Candlelight seems to be perfectly well catered for in Williams Reserve. Are we cynical or is this part of the plot to convince the ratepayers that Williams Reserve is superfluous?

We feel that generally the foreshore upgrade is a waste of public money.

The name Lennox Park is perfectly acceptable.

Whilst we are not enamoured of the proposed suggestions for a mural on the existing toilet block (the school and water tower have more appropriate murals) we would if we were one of the young people involved in its creation be absolutely mortified that our artistic talents and time were only valued in such a cavalier fashion - only good enough for the short term until the building was demolished. Why do it anyway if the building is to be demolished? Again a waste of time and money!

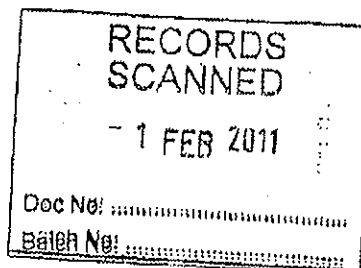
We are unable to see where the proposers of this master plan are coming from. Seems like a master plan for master plan's sake. Money could be better spent on roads or existing open space facilities.

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Submission Re: Lennox Head Foreshore Draft Master Plan.

To prepare this submission three documents had to be consulted:-

- (1) Hawkwood Services Consultancy - Community Engagement Report.
- (2) Council Staff Report Pages 90-98 Agenda to Council meeting of 25th November 2010.
- (3) Lennox Head Foreshore Draft Master Plan Pages 117 – 118 for above Council Meeting.

The report in (2) above is apparently an interpretation of the Hawkwood consultancy report however, there a quite a few comments that are misleading and do not reflect the actual findings in Hawkwood's report.

Hawkwood Services' Community Engagement Report could not be said to represent a true reflection of the community. Thirteen (13) people were interviewed and they were from three separate sections of the Community – Commercial Interests = 5 People

Surfing Interests = 4 people

Community Groups = 4 people.

The responses, in most cases, were based on the comments by three or four of the above people which makes the findings suspect and definitely not representative of the community.

The Lennox Head Foreshore Parkland Draft Master Plan (Page 118 of (3) above) relates to the present and proposed vegetation of this area. This Plan is also ill prepared as it misses out showing several Pandanus , Banksias and a Boobialla that are in this area. To make things worse the report by the Council officer states that no further Pandanus would be planted in the area however, the Plan indicates that it is proposed to plant an extra 14 or 15 Pandanus. To confuse matters further one of these has been flagged as a being a Tuckeroo.

We find this whole presentation of this plan by Council to be fraught with major and minor errors and inconsistencies. As a result it makes the preparation of a meaningful submission very difficult. We will however address some items of concern.

Beach Access Points: The access point indicated just to the south east of the shower in the northern section of the Master Plan does not exist and is not shown as an approved access point in Council's Beach and Bushland Tracks document of 2007.

Shelter Structures: Hawkwood's Report states "More seating is needed but make it sheltered", "there is a need for a group shelter and seating", "there was a need to have a structure in the park that provided shelter from sun and wind, and for large groups" etc. The present Bus Shelter which contains four large picnic tables with extra space for more now provides for the many coach groups that stop here to have a comfort stop, lunch, or morning or afternoon tea. Hawkwood's Report dismisses this usage in a single inaccurate sentence and Council's report does not even mention it. The planned replacement is two ordinary tables under a colorbond roof giving very limited shade, wind or rain shelter and is completely inadequate.

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As the Hawkwood Report states the present facility is regularly used by many local groups, and, to this can be added intrastate and interstate coaches. Only yesterday (28th) Stonestreeets Tours of Toowoomba stopped at this shelter for lunch and a toilet stop with a full load of passengers. Just before last Xmas on a fairly rare sunny morning a man walking the beach over from the bus shelter asked us if we were locals, when we said we were he said "you're lucky; I, and my friends are on a bus trip from Cairns to Sydney and this is the most beautiful spot we've stopped at on the trip." We told him of a few local attractions and advised him of the good air services and he said "I'll talk to my friends - I would like to come back and spend some time here." This shelter stop has no doubt lured many tourists back to the Shire over the years and will keep doing so unless, as this Master Plan suggests, it is pulled down and replaced with a facility with less than half the capacity. Council's lack of proper maintenance of the present shelter over the years has been disgraceful, however it should be retained and upgraded. The cost of doing this would amount to little more than the funds that should have been spent on its maintenance over the years.

Toilet Block: The Reports state that there "was widespread agreement that the current toilet block was inadequate", then proposed a replacement with three unisex toilets with no greater capacity than exists now. In fact, there are disabled toilets in the present facility, with none planned in the new facility so it of lesser capacity. Like the Bus Shelter the present toilet block can be readily modernized, even extended, without razing it and starting again. This is the only public toilet in the business area and should have more capacity than 3 unisex toilets.


Dune Levelling (Uneven Surfaces): The northern section of this area is part of the foreshore dune and any moves to lower the height of this dune is contrary to recommendations in the Coastal Hazard Report which indicated they are already lower than the recommended RL 6.0m AHD.

Shade and Existing and Proposed Vegetation in the Master Plan: Both the Consultants and Council Officers report dealt with Pandanus trees. The Consultant reported that while Pandanus were not good park trees "there was broad acknowledgement that alternative shade tree species were limited". The Councils report stated "the existing Pandanus trees have been retained but no new plantings of Pandanus are proposed". The Plan proposes that 15 Pandanus be planted and many in areas not favoured in the Consultants report. Two advanced Hoop Pines are also to be planted opposite the Byron Street junction "to frame entry". **Hoop Pines will not grow properly in these trying coastal conditions and will progress to an early demise.** The money saved can be used in the upgrade of the Bus Shelter or the toilets.

The only trees that will grow naturally in these foreshore conditions are Norfolk Pines and Pandanus. With considerable shelter from the onshore winds and perhaps in the lee of Pandanus, Tuckeroos and Coastal Banksias will grow but develop various degrees of wind shear. This also applies to shrubs such as Boobialla, Coastal Wattle, various Hibiscus and Lomandra Mat Rushes. They will all grow better if planted in small clumps. Other trees or shrubs will not grow under NorfolkPines or Pandanus. In these conditions all vegetation will need continuing maintenance (Pandanus in particular) to end up with attractive plants. Observation has shown that Council staff does not have the capacity to properly maintain trees and shrubs growing in these conditions. This can be readily demonstrated by the condition of the present vegetation.

This whole Draft Master Plan as it relates to vegetation is so full of errors, omissions, inaccuracies and at odds with the Consultants and Council Officers Reports that there is no real basis to make a detailed assessment of what is proposed. We suggest it be redone and again placed on exhibition for public comment.

We commend the extra seating and the pathway along the foreshore as proposed in the Plan..



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**BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL'S
DRAFT LENNOX FORESHORE MASTERPLAN**

General Comments:

A low key, minimalist, economical makeover, of this area of foreshore, is an excellent idea.

I do not consider vast sums should be spent there, because the strip is likely to be inundated, with the predicted rise of sea levels.

Does Ballina Shire Council realise that 'imported' soil was used to fill the area in front of the former garage, at the corner of Pacific Parade and Byron Street, when it was severely eroded? (This was noted by the widow of the former garage owner, Mrs Bob Smallcombe, when I interviewed her shortly before her death, in company with her son Bob Smallcombe, for the Richmond River Historical Society Inc. Regional Museum, in Lismore.)

That area then was very popular with campers. I enclose a photocopy of tents at that site.

The area, just north of the rock wall on Seven Mile Beach, could be especially vulnerable to beach erosion. I have been told such rock walls produce a 'scalloping' effect on adjacent unprotected areas.

PUBLIC TOILETS ... need to be replaced, including 3 with suggested handicapped access.

EXISTING PICNIC SHELTER ... Should be repaired/renovated, rather than demolished. Contrary to claims, I have seen that shelter used frequently. Its design repeats one of the commercial buildings in Ballina Street CBD. A new picnic shelter could be built nearby.

I approve of the Plan's more lighting, especially solar, more taps, showers, picnic shelters, electrical service points, removing an old light post etc. The illustrated shelter looks attractive. Existing beach access needs to be retained.

New seating, tables, rubbish bins, bike racks etc may be trendy, but are they Lennox Head? I prefer practical rustic furniture, to blend into the landscape... timber rather than aluminium seating slats, because metal gets hot and holds rain droplets longer.

VEGETATION: Norfolk Pines are not locally indigenous. They look stiff, don't provide shade, are susceptible to crashing suddenly, and have relatively shallow root systems, I was told. Nor are Pandanus good shade trees.

I prefer littoral rainforest species to try to replicate vegetation that was there before European settlement. Otherwise the Plan's recommended species, including ground covers, seem appropriate.

If the two advanced Hoop Pines on the Byron Street axis, to frame the entrance, look too contrived, perhaps more softening ground covers could be added. An 'outdoor room' with low walls and covered sails for definition, sounds attractive.

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SURF CONTEST AIDS and ART WORKS... Some surface levelling and other features to assist surfing contest events, which add vibrancy, colour and sound to the seascape and village atmosphere, are admirable ideas, as is a surfing memorial walk and Lennox Tornado memorial.

The Turtle Walk looks too regular to meander. TAFE Goori art program works should enliven that section.

NAMING OF PARK

Lennox Park is a simple, suitable name.

(TEMPORARY) PUBLIC ART MURAL

(I am a trained artist ... 4 years Northern Rivers TAFE and 3 years Southern Cross University, BA degree.)

I enjoy the murals around Lennox Reservoir, which reflect seaside atmosphere.

The genre for the proposed public toilets mural is fine for planters and smaller objects, but could be overwhelming in a large space.

What is the artist trying to say? ... 'LOVE FREE' on one concept, could be interpreted as advocating free love, possibly not ideal at public toilets.

Or is it big fish in a little pond? The images are of large fish, strange women with huge eyelashes, hearts, sunshine and surf.

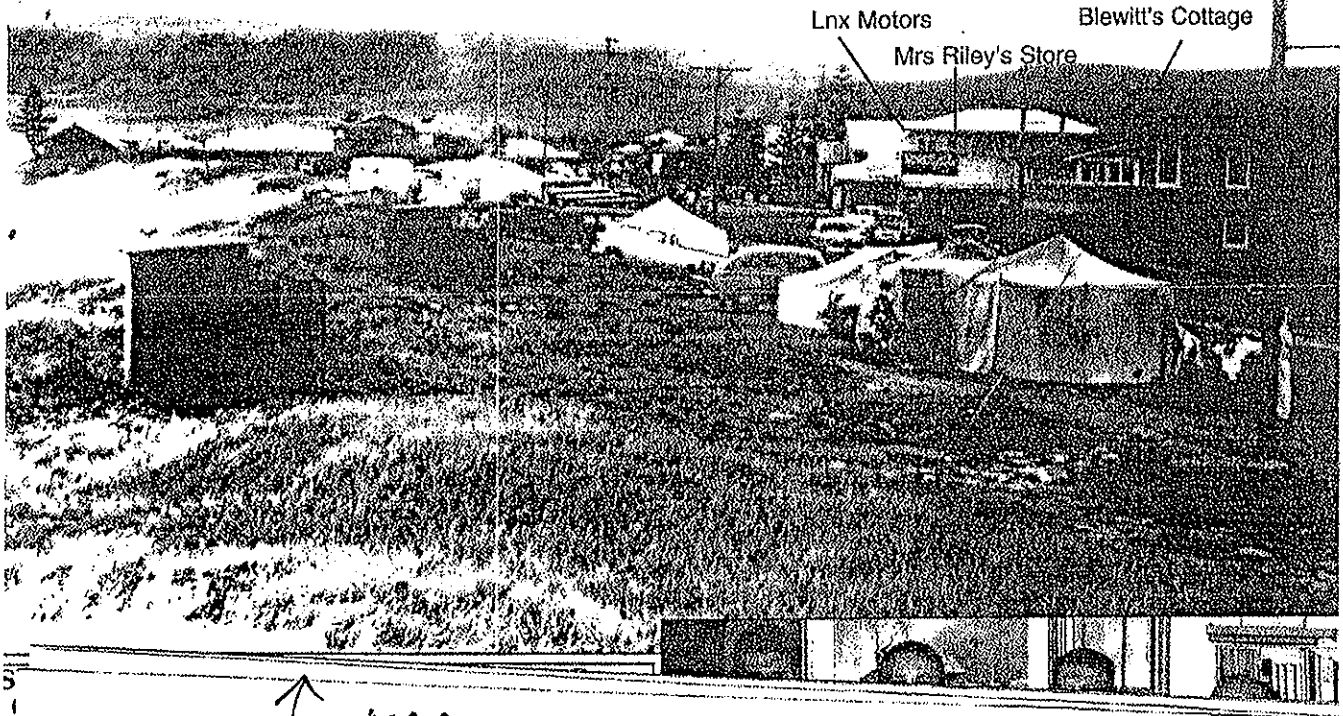
- Greater abstraction, while retaining brilliant colours, might be more meaningful.
- Or perhaps an Aboriginal design, which would have to be executed by Aboriginal artists.
- Or a reference to Lennox being the meeting of cultures. Capt. James Cook and naturalist Joseph Banks noted in their diaries, when the Endeavour was sailing up Australia's East Coast in 1770, the appearance of Aborigines at Lennox Head. That reference is of national significance.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

Marelle Lee



Pacific Parade and Ballina Street 1950's - a few less restrictions on camping.



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Bus shelter funds

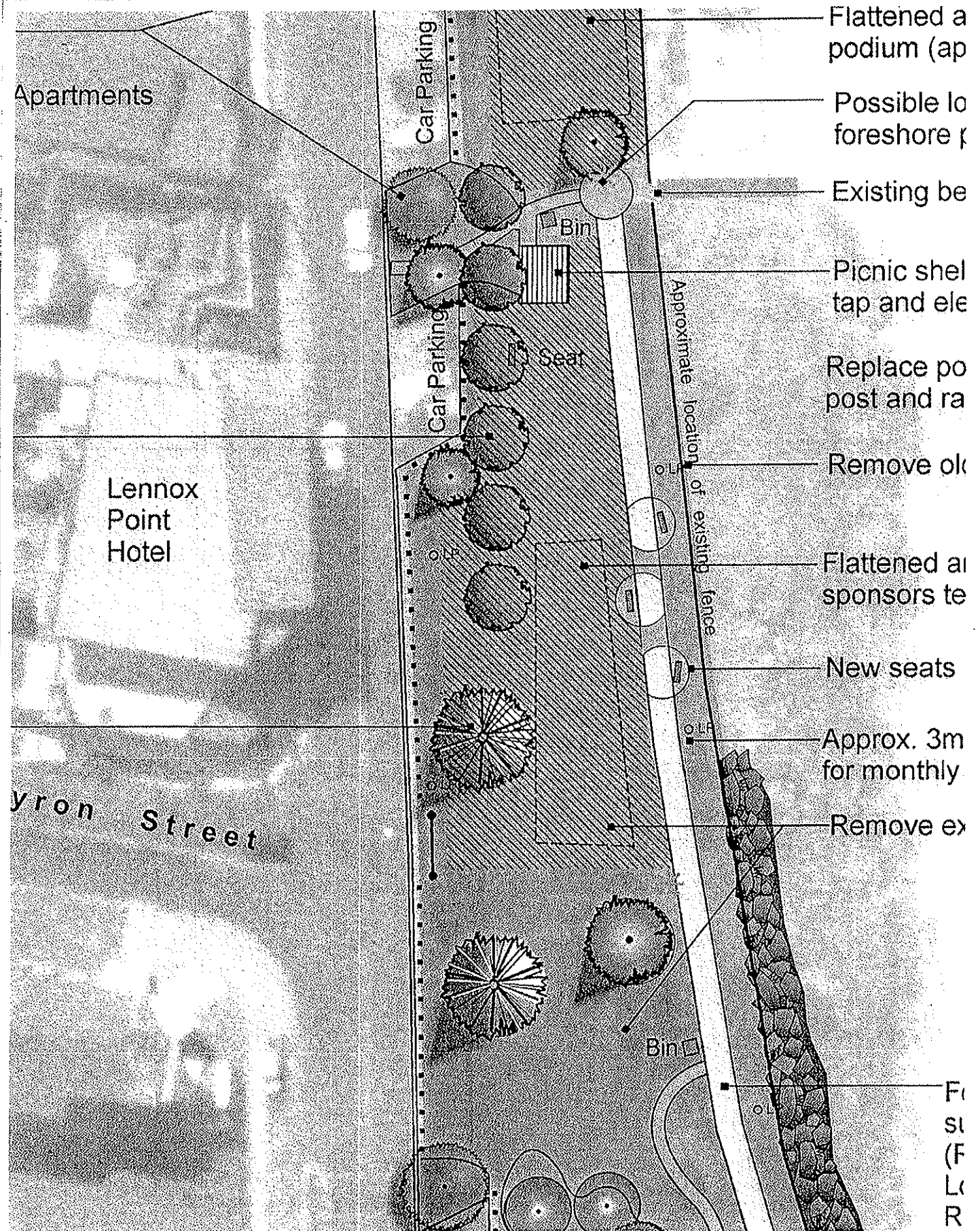
LISMORE will receive \$101,456 in funding to upgrade 15 bus shelters in the city.

The grants will be used to comply with disability standards for accessible public transport.

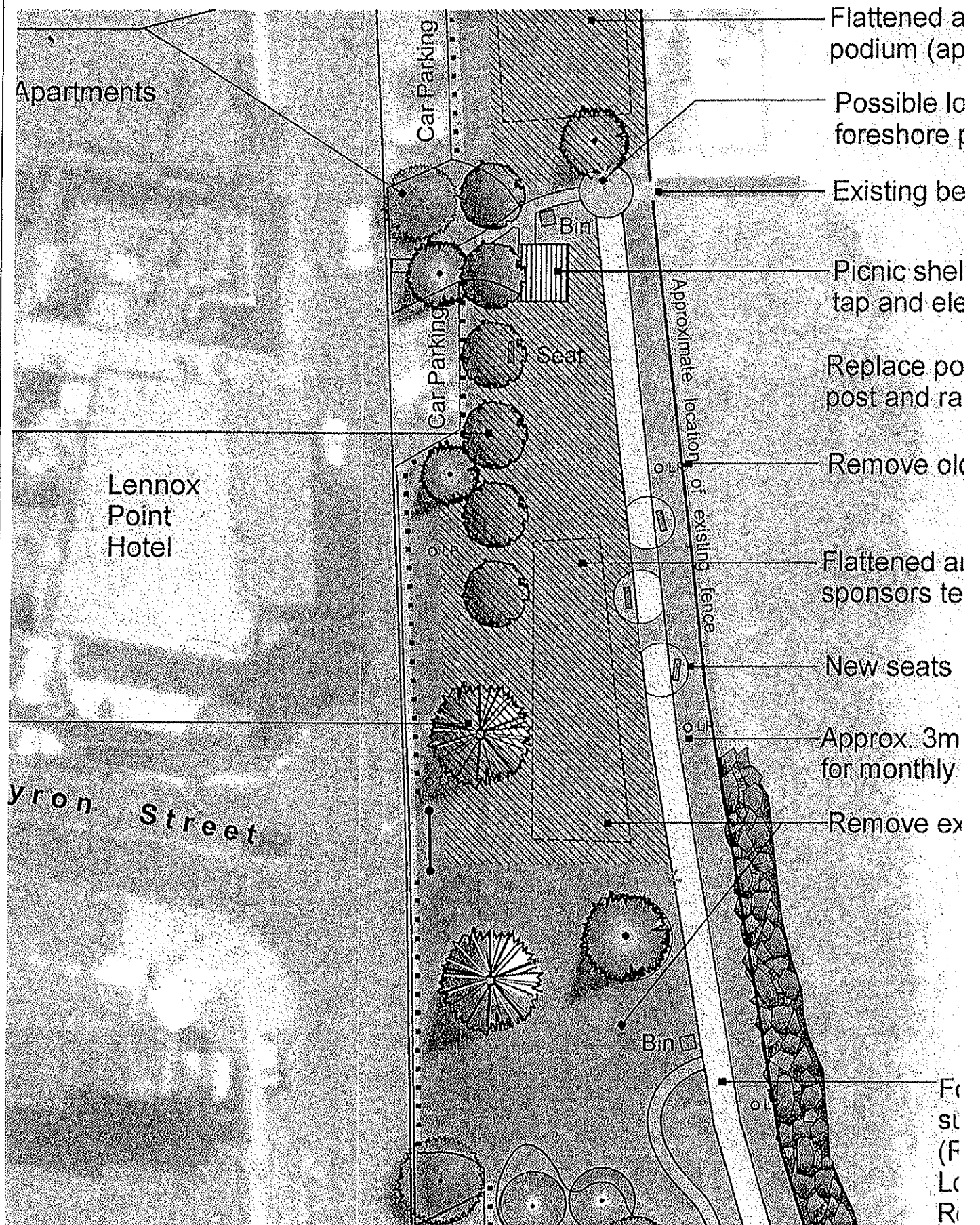
"This is a huge win for our community, with the Lismore City Council being able to address key access issues that have been of concern to many of our residents," the council's road safety officer, Lisa Marshall, said.

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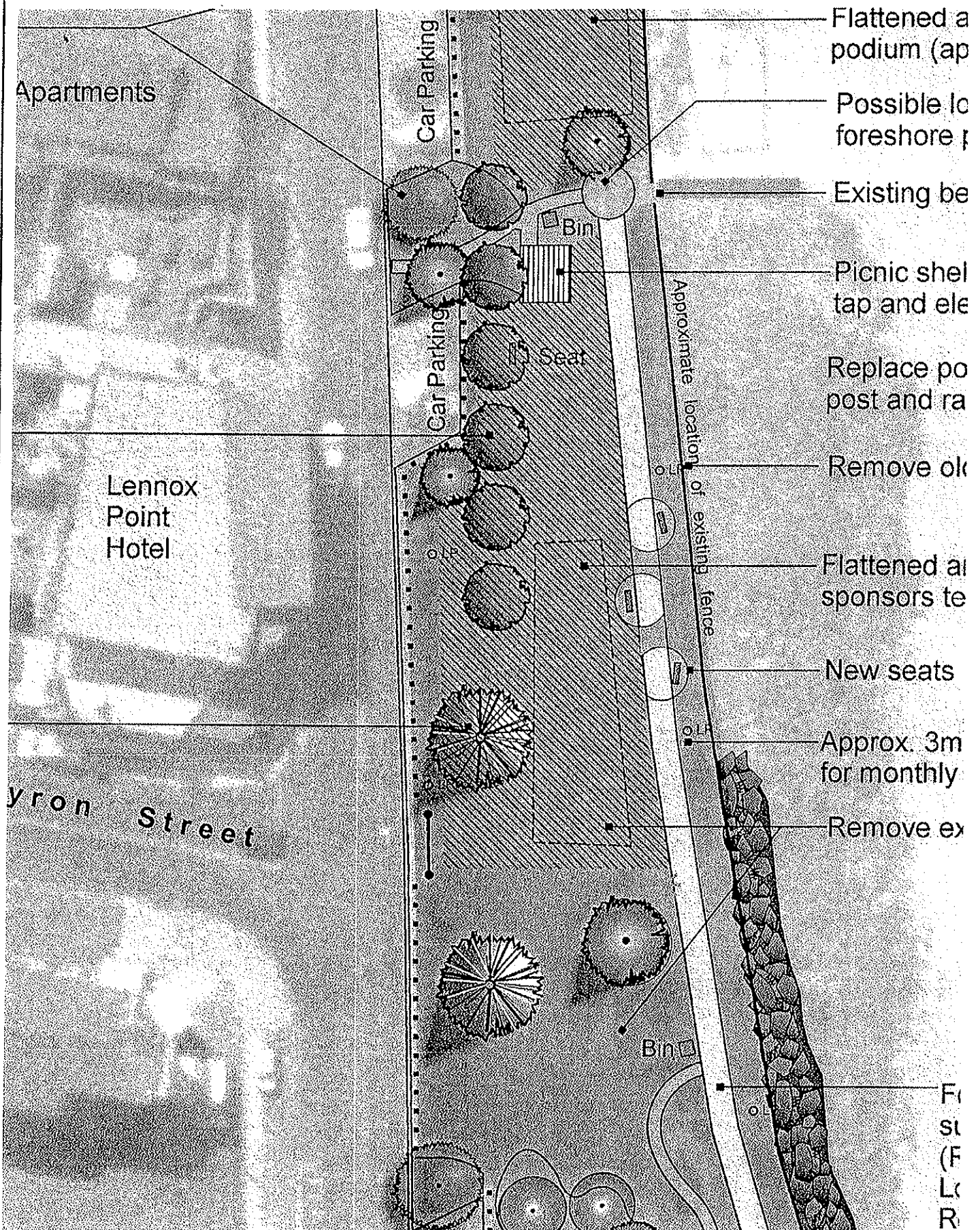
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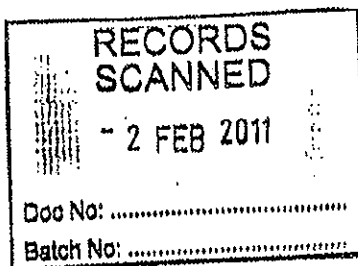
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Dear Sir

Please find enclosed our submission on the exhibited Lennox Park Masterplan.

Yours sincerely

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Submission on Lennox Foreshore Park Masterplan

The first observation to be made about this "masterplan" is that it was an unnecessary exercise and wasteful of money the Council claims is in short supply. This plan ignores the facts that there have been two previously adopted Plans for this area. Those plans are *Lennox Village Centre Master Plan 1998* and *Seven Mile Beachfront Management Plan 2005*. This new plan ignores both of these previous plans. No reference is made to them in any of the present documents.

Another aspect of the documentation worth questioning is the assertions that existing infrastructure is an "eyesore", "is in poor condition" and "past its use by date". The question is; whose fault is that? The answer: Council. If proper maintenance had been carried out these comments would not be valid. Surely a number one priority for Council is maintenance of existing assets. Inevitably this is more cost effective than replacing them.

Turning to the proposed masterplan we have to consult two documents and a map (or plan) with notations in order to understand the possible rationale: first, the report included in the *November 25th Ordinary Meeting of Ballina Shire Council* pages 90-98 and second, the "*Community Engagement Report*" by Hawkwood Services. The report in the Council business paper appears to be an interpretation of the Hawkwood Report and several aspects of that interpretation are misleading. The Council Report does not reflect the findings of the Community Engagement Report (CER). However the nature of the Hawkwood Report leaves much to be desired. Its conclusions are based on comments made by people interviewed. Those people may be from organizations but do they present personal views or those of their communities? As only 13 were interviewed and only 4 written responses were received the conclusions are mostly reached by reference to the comments of 3 or 4 people. Even the mix of people interviewed can be questioned.

The most important issues in the plan are discussed below.

Shelter Structure

The Hawkwood Report states "All those interviewed agreed there was a need to have a structure in the park that provided shelter from sun and wind and for large groups" The Council Report ignores this and similar comments instead proposing a "double shade structure" that will not achieve any of the required elements. It would only provide two table settings. There are four table settings in the existing shelter! Indeed the proposed alternative is not a shelter at all. There is no protection from wind or rain for the types of groups that will use it and that currently use the existing shelter.

A most disturbing aspect of these reports is their ignorance of the value of the large shelter already in existence. The Hawkwood Report dismisses current usage of the shelter in a single

sentence that is quite inaccurate. However, the Council Report ignores this aspect of the need for its retention entirely. The facts are that the present structure is used regularly and frequently especially by disabled and aged groups because of its size and convenience for access to people with mobility aids. Buses from Lismore, Sanctuary Village, Evans Head, Murwillumbah and Casino with groups of disabled and aged people from retirement homes such as Caroon in Lismore use the shelter for lunches, morning or afternoon tea. It is a convenient stop with shelter in all weathers and handy for access to views of the ocean. Were any of these groups consulted about their needs in this park? Some tourist buses both inter and intra state use this shelter.

The NSW Police comment could be adequately coped with by alterations to the western northern and southern sides if the existing shelter.

The conclusion must be that the alternative proposed is inadequate and does not reflect the needs of the community. Neither report considers the alternative of retaining the existing structure and redesigning it to reflect the community's needs and remedying the maintenance neglect of the past. Even at greater cost this is the intelligent solution.

The present structure does not interfere with views of the beach or the ocean from any significant viewing point. Other buildings to the south are far more intrusive.

Toilet Block

In a manner similar to the way the shelter structure is dealt with, the Council report ignores the alternative of renovating and improving the design of the toilet block but instead proposes demolition and replacement with less facility than at present thus ensuring longer queues than at present when buses of tourists arrive. The present mens and ladies toilets each have a disabled facility. The proposed replacement does not have this provision. Although the Council report states that there "was widespread agreement that the toilet block was inadequate" the proposed alternative must also be inadequate!

Again the conclusion must be that not enough thought has gone into how to improve the existing situation. Just because a few people interviewed criticised the toilet block should not result in a knee jerk reaction to demolish an asset already being well used by the community.

Uneven Surfaces

Whilst the idea of levelling some areas of the park to remove the effects of mounding to make them more usable is commendable there must be consideration of the requirements of the *Ballina Shire Coastline Hazard Definition Study 2003*. Simply put the dunes should not be tampered with. Therefore levelling should be achieved by fill rather than lowering of mounds except where absolutely necessary. The higher the park is the better the protection of the Lennox Village.

Shade

This section of both reports dealt with Pandanus trees. The council report stated unequivocally that "the existing Pandanus trees have been retained but no new plantings of Pandanus are proposed".

Unfortunately the Plan actually proposes 14 new Pandanus especially in areas where the features criticised in the original CER would be most objectional. Why doesn't the plan reflect the assertion in the report?

The matter of Vegetation for the park is the subject of a separate report the Association has had prepared to consider all the elements of vegetation included on the draft Masterplan. That report is attached as a separate document.

Beach Access Points

It is probably an error in the original map of the area used for the development of the plan but the plan provides a beach access point that is not included in the provisions of the Beach and Bushlands Tracks 2007.

The access shown south of the shower should not be reopened. It does not exist as a currently approved beach access point.

Name of the Park

LHRA submits Lennox Foreshore Park as an appropriate name.

Note. This was presented to the consultant but not reported in the Hawkwood Report (Section 4.18)

PROPOSED VEGETATION LAYOUT

See Report Attached.

LENNOX HEAD DRAFT FORESHORE MASTER PLAN - PROPOSED PARKLAND

VEGETATION LAYOUT.

REPORT FOR LENNOX HEAD RESIDENTS ASSN INC..

Important Preliminary Information

This report has been made very difficult to prepare because of the conflict of information between the Consultant's (Hawkwood) Community Engagement Report, the Council Officers report to the Council meeting and the actual Draft Plan showing the Park vegetation and layout.

The Consultants report indicated that many were not in favour of Pandanus trees but conceded that alternative shade tree species were limited. Others favoured Pandanus so long as they were properly maintained.

The Council Officers report stated that it was not proposed to plant any extra Pandanus in the Park development.

In the Draft Plan of the Park under 'Legend' - Proposed plantings' the only tree species listed were Pandanus and Hoop Pine! About fourteen new Pandanus are proposed to be planted! To make matters more unclear one of the proposed Pandanus on the Plan has been flagged as a Tuckeroo. All of this is further complicated when it was found that the plantings shown as already existing in the Park are not correct as several Pandanus trees, 2- 3 Banksias and a Boobialla are not shown.

I don't know how Council expects to get proper Community Consultation submissions from such an ill-prepared Plan.

Associated Relevant Documents:- (Should be taken into consideration for the Plan).

Council has already approved 'The Seven Mile (Precinct 2) Beachfront Management Plan (2005)'. This Plan has a Vegetative Management Plan for "The Bus Shelter Reserve". Also Geolink covers this area in their Lennox Head Village Master Plan which has also been accepted by Council.

Vegetation Information.

The information below is related to trees/vegetation that will grow in this rather severe ecological environment.

1] The only trees that will grow naturally here are Norfolk Island Pines and Pandanus.

Both produce toxins from their leaves which wash to the ground underneath them to inhibit the growth of most other plants. Some ground covers like Common Gazania [Asteracaca sp.] Pigface [Carpobrotussp.], Warrigal Spinach [Tetragonia sp.] weeds and grass will grow under them.

2] Coastal Banksia [Banksia integrifolia] and Tuckeroo [Cupaniopsis anacardiodes] will grow in this environment but they need shelter particularly when young and will exhibit wind shear as they grow towards maturity. They will grow better if they are planted in small clumps.

3] Horse-tail Oak [Casuarina equisetifolia] not recommended as it is short-lived and drops copious nuts that damage bare feet. They are also not lawn mower friendly.

4] Small trees /shrubs:- (a) Boobialla [Myoporum sp.] needs some windward shelter when young. There is a vigorously specimen growing north of the parking area opposite the Catholic Church but it has not been shown on the Draft Master Plan.

(b) Yellow Coast Cottonwood and Common Red Hibiscus [both Hibiscus sp.] need windward shelter and annual pruning. They will add some colour to the Park but expect some wind shear after bad weather.

There are virtually no other plants that will grow well in this area unless they are very well sheltered.

NB - Hoop Pines will not grow properly in this area so those proposed for semi-advanced gateway plants should not be purchased and planted . Hoop Pines are not suited to this environment and will most certainly prematurely die. One only has to look up and down the coast to realise that there are no Hoop Pines growing in open costal areas for the reason of unsuitability. Use the money saved for other sections of the Park.

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Suitability, Care & Maintenance: If the Draft Master Plan is to be accepted at face value the whole area is going to be a field of Pandanus, however, for reasons mentioned at the start of this report this Plan appears to be badly flawed. Pandanus should not dominate the Park; so some of the other species mentioned in "Vegetation Information" above will have to be utilized to have a varied mix. To maximize the chances of getting all of them to grow to their best it is necessary to carry out certain establishment and maintenance practices :-

Pandanus: are heavy maintenance trees, they shed fronds that are messy, catching on to mower blades and blocking storm water pipes. Live fronds can tear flesh and damage clothing. To minimize damage they should be periodically pruned so the trees will grow into a mushroom shape with the final canopy well above head height. They should not be planted near footpaths or walkways. Council maintenance gangs must ensure that they do not damage aerial roots with line trimmers or spray herbicide anywhere near the root system as this can debilitate or kill the trees. This type of damage happens too often at present. There is already a Council monitoring system for early detection and treatment of pandanus leaf hopper disease. Existing pandanus trees should have low lateral branches removed to allow the now wasted space under them to be better used. Low boundary edging and mulching around the trunks will allow the growth of aerial roots and minimize damage. The 14 extra trees proposed in the Draft Plan are too many. They should be limited to open areas away from roads and pathways where other species will not grow.

Establishment of Plantings - Norfolk Pines and Pandanus need low mowing barriers around them, at about 1000mm Diam and need mulching. The mowing barrier or something similar needs to remain around Pandanus for the life of the tree.

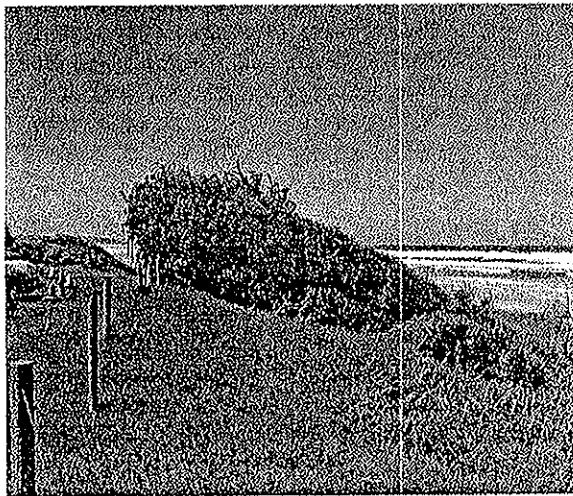
For plants listed at items 2] and 4] above, experience shows that windward i.e. North /South barriers at least 900mm high are required to properly protect plantings. A lot of people do not like shade cloth fencing but it is the cheapest effective barrier. If Lomandras (Mat-rushes) are planted at 900mm centres 500mm behind the fence, the barrier becomes more effective. Ideally, barriers built from timber, masonry or rock would be much better. They could incorporate other features e.g. artwork, and would give more colour and texture to the Park. All plantings should have applications of native plant fertilizer and be heavily mulched.

Recommendations: (1) The Draft Master Plan relating to Vegetation be re-drafted omitting all the errors and inconsistencies in the original plan and again be exhibited for community comment.

(2) That Establishment Care and Maintenance Practices as detailed above be included in the Plan.

(3) That Council maintenance staff be properly trained in these practices and supervised to ensure that they are adhered to.

Examples of some of the topics discussed above:-



(A) Example of wind shear effecting a

Banksia tree south of the Surf Club

Most Banksias and Tuckeroos on the dunes exhibit this characteristic growth

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(B) A sickly Pandanus in the Draft Plan Area exhibiting bad maintenance. Root Growth has been seriously damaged and inhibited by line trimmers and herbicide spray. Its form is now prematurely aged, spindly, fronds small and brownish and it is struggling to survive.

(C) Two Pandanus on the sea-side of Ross Park. The nearer tree, in spite of requests from our Group, has never been pruned and is just a green blob of serrated fronds. It hinders the view and doesn't throw any decent shade. The other Pandanus in the background suffers the same problems as the one in (B) above



(D) This Pandanus was planted in a well mulched garden beside a Tuckeroo. This was a fledging shelter bed of trees to keep strong onshore winds to a minimum in the picnic shelter in Ross Park. The Pandanus has grown very well as it is away from line trimmers and herbicide sprays. It has however, reduced the Tuckeroo to a low ground cover and killed most other vegetation in the garden bed with its leaf toxins. The proposed wind shelter bed has been destroyed. Council would not relocate the Pandanus.





Newton Denny Chapelle

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Attention: Ms Jillian Pratten

Dear Madam,

Re: Draft Lennox Foreshore Masterplan.

Newton Denny Chapelle has been commissioned by Dojoo Pty Ltd, owners of 87 Ballina Road, Lennox Head (Lot 5 Section 1 DP 11687), to highlight concerns with the proposed Draft Lennox Foreshore Masterplan.

Our client wishes to highlight the need for Council to have due regard to the following matters in the determining the final design and operation of the foreshore area.

- **Toilet Facilities**

The Draft Masterplan prepared by Design Team Ink (dated 27.10.10) identifies the construction of new toilet facilities. Our client wishes to highlight their great concern that the toilet will be located closer to their property and specifically their living areas and private open space.

Currently, our client encounters issues associated with anti-social behaviour with persons utilising the toilets and thus to relocate the toilets so they are closer to our client's dwelling house will further exacerbate the issues of noise and odour and thus significantly reduce the their residential amenity.

Our client understands the fact their dwelling adjoins a public reserve and as such there will be public amenities, hence whilst it is not preferential, no objection is raised to the provision of a more modern toilet facility which is located in the current location of the toilet facilities. We would seek Council provide greater consideration to the use of the amenities and as such consider the closer of the toilet outside daylight hours. As a crime prevention measure, my client seeks Council's consideration to limit the access to the toilets so as to negate the use of the toilet facilities by younger kids as a meeting place and to consume alcohol etc.

- **Shower Facilities**

The location of the shower facility is directly adjoining the living room of the dwelling house. Accordingly, we seek Council's review of the Masterplan so as to provide the showers in closer proximity to the beach access area. A suitable location may be near the deck platform adjacent to the beach access as it would provide an area with an acceptable level of surveillance versus the rear of the toilet facility building. Importantly for my client, it would provide greater separation from the public showers to the living room of the dwelling.

- **Electrical Servicing Point**

We note the desire of Council to promote the Lake Ainsworth area for the barbeque and picnic gathering area and as such my client queries the installation of electrical servicing points. We understand of electrical servicing points are required for maintenance, however my client is unsure whether they will be available to the public to be utilised for the provision of barbeque facilities or for users of campervans to use for cooking.

As outlined previously, the provision barbeques is not considered to be a preferred land use due to issues associated with use of the area late into the night. The use of the area provides opportunities for families to have picnics and/or to purchase takeaway food from the Lennox village area and utilise the facilities at the foreshore area.

Provision of electrical servicing points provides further impetus to utilise the area as a meeting location late into the night which in itself may create CPTED issues due to lack of surveillance with limited lighting, concealment locations. The area needs to be a safe environment for families and children to utilise and not as a location to promote as a meeting location for anti-social behaviour.

Whilst no objection is given to a number of elements of the proposed refurbishment works, we trust that Council will give due consideration to the concerns that have been raised in this submission as they are of significant relevance to the existing owners who reside adjoining the foreshore area.

Should Council have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 6622 1011.

Yours sincerely,
NEWTON DENNY CHAPELLE



DAMIAN CHAPELLE
Town Planner. BTP CPP.

From: MARY HOSIE [rmhosie@bigpond.net.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 February 2011 4:04:48 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Lennox Head Foreshore

The Manager,
Ballina Shire,
BALLINA

Dear Sir,

I have been informed that Council plans to demolish the shelter shed on the beachfront at Lennox Head. These shelter sheds have been an iconic part of the Australian beach scene for many years. Instead of demolishing the one at Lennox Head, I consider that it should be heritage listed. In any case, this particular shed is used so often by all manner of visitors and it really does provide shelter from the wind and weather. Its replacement, the typical modern shaded picnic table construction is useless in bad weather and is often a total waste of money.

The toilet block could do with some renovation but hardly needs to be demolished and rebuilt.

There are many better ways to spend the money involved in this scheme.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Hosie

From: sasha anderson [sasha_anderson90@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 3 February 2011 9:27:20 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: submission in reference to lennox head foreshore

Ballina Shire Councils 3/02/2011
Foreshore plan for Lennox Head.

Concerns have been raised, regarding the proposal to develop the Lennox Head foreshores. Especially the suggested levelling of parts of the park and proposed pathway. As identified in Sue Davies archaeological report and expressed by local elders who are knowledge holders within the traditional owners group, there are numerous sites within the Lennox Head area. Especially within the dunal systems where seems to be a burial site.

Cultural significance of this area is regarded by local knowledge holders to be very sacred ground, and can be justified through reputed and respected academics.

Further complaints regarding Indigenous heritage management and the impact this has on the preservation of any remaining within the shire, will be made to other Government Depts. To make those aware of our concerns.

Should be noted, that Jali L.A.L.C. Or the Burrabi housing don't represent the views and aspirations of the Claimant Group, and we wish to convene a meeting with council reps, to ensure our concerns are taken seriously.

Troy Anderson Heritage representative and spokesperson
Numbahging Traditional Owners Group and
John Cook Foundation, Cabbage Tree Island
son of Doug Anderson Snr. custodian of claimant group.

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From: Ian Forster & Sue Williams [forwill@southernphone.com.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 February 2011 4:21:52 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Submission re the Draft Lennox Head Foreshore Parkland Master Plan

The General Manager

Ballina Shire Council

PO Box 450

Ballina NSW 2478

02/02/11

Dear Sir

Re: Draft Lennox Head Foreshore Parkland Master Plan

We would like to make the following Submissions in relation to the above plan:

1. The undulation of the area north from Byron Street adds to the attractive natural look of this part of the foreshore. Any of the proposed flattening is going to detract and add to the commercial nature of the area. Further more it is unclear whether the flattening of the dune is going to be at the apex of the dunes, or at the lowest point or somewhere in between. If it is at the lowest point surely this will allow for inundation from a freak weather event. Flattening at a level recommended by the WBM Coastal Hazard Report is going to look rather odd and where is the fill to come from for this scenario. Overall the natural undulating look is preferable.
2. Hoop pines do not grow naturally on the dunes and we question the choice of this tree for the site. Wind and salt may cause their demise, which would be unfortunate and a waste of money, plus a sandy base with wet conditions may prove dangerous to the general public.
3. We understand it is intended to install a 3 metre concrete path short of fence line/dune line. Surely this path could become covered in sand or at worst be undermined by tidal activity.

Please consider the above comments when discussion of the above Master Plan occurs and provide us with any further information.

Ian Forster and Susan Williams

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From: Susan Kent [susanikent@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, 3 February 2011 4:04:32 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Comments on the Lennox Foreshore Plan

3 February 2011

Comments on the Lennox Foreshore Plan for the Ballina Shire
Council General Manager:

1) As Lennox Head property owners since 1993, we are perplexed as various master plans are developed and adopted every five years or so, but in the plans adopted ever come to fruition. This seems a wasteful expenditure both time and money. The current Lennox Foreshore proposal is the first since 1998.

2) With money in short supply, we believe it very wasteful to demolish the existing shelter house and toilet block, when some simple renovation and then on-going maintenance (which has been lacking) would suffice. Furthermore, the replacement proposed for the shelter house is much less versatile, as it is only two picnic tables with a cover. The current shelter house has four tables, plus provides shelter from sun, wind and rain. Who says it's an eyesore???? The claim that "everyone" agreed it should be demolished completely lacks validity. How many people were surveyed, and how were they selected??? Clearly this was not a random sample of Lennox residents or people who regularly use the shelter structure facility.

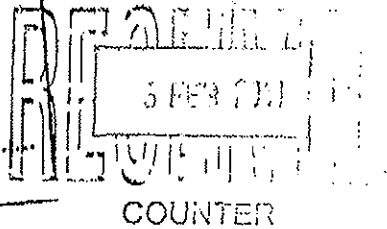
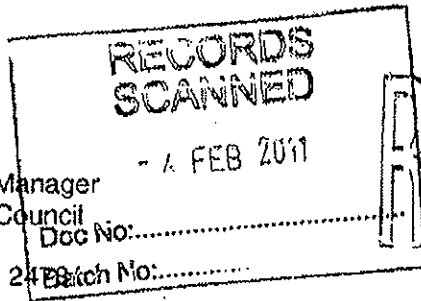
3) Leveling the dunes would be absolutely irresponsible and likely illegal. From an environmental standpoint, dunes should be left alone! If it is imperative to make this area level, fill should be used to raise the height. Please don't destroy dunes that protect our village and that our dune workers have spent so much time and effort to maintain.

Regards,

Susan Kent and Marty Delahanty

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3rd February, 2011

SUBMISSION ON DRAFT MASTER PLAN FOR LENNOX FORESORE PARK

Lennox has lost beachfront camp grounds, recreation fields and the lagoon, not from the sea but from sell off. We have lost much of the Point and most of the fishing cottages, while the old Cricket Club, and Rec Hall have gone from Williams Reserve.

Yes, we have a bypass, ocean outfall, master plan for Lake Ainsworth complete with necklacing treated pine boardwalk a hovering above or below water level and community centre, but where is our village atmosphere which was so strongly supported in the award winning Strategic Plan?

Where is the time line or the budget for this latest furphy of foreshore design? Is there any documentation apart from a 'media release' including an unscaled, un-contoured map, a style page of design concepts and two pages of very unprofessional presentation depicting a garish mural on the to be demolished toilet block, featuring 'Hot Lips' the dolphin, Peace and Love.

Do three unisex WCs and a shower screened at mid height, to eventually replace the painted up block, upgrade our amenities efficiently? Grandma questions. Why isn't there a toilet in Ross Park? Have we lost control of the users to the extent we can't have the assets?

I regard the mural as a red herring. The surfing names, places and sayings burnt into concrete in the Surfers Walk; this year's TAFE Goori art project Turtle Walk; with the mural, hoop pines and fashionable picnic tables, naive at least dangerous at worst.

Why, must one ask, are the shelter shed and undulating dunes to be levelled??
Why, must one ask, isn't the protection of the coast and our heritage acknowledged as essential to maintain and enhance our survival, not just our village atmosphere?

We are facing increasingly unpredictable weather in a region known for severe weather events. This master plan demonstrates no concept of respect for the role the dunes play in protecting the village.

Presumably, the levelling of the dunes will mean filling, not removing the existing undulations. It appears only one fifth or so (there is no scale) of 'the park' will be left unlevelled, I estimate this to be about 1.5 hectares, requiring fill to a depth of about ~ a meter (there are no contours). The information necessary to guide reasonable assessment is poorly lacking, but the plan appears fraught with impossibilities.

The hundred year flood calculations, impacts of climate change and predicted sea level rises make inundation maps to half way across the pub car park optimistic. The mitigation of storm surges should be the overriding impetus to expenditure on the dunes 'as funds become available'.

With scattered showers predicted at best, and a strong N to SW expected, even ten minutes can create an appreciation of a weather/shelter shed. Two picnic tables don't maintain and improve.

Hard surfaced pathways are not an appropriate response in high rainfall, extreme coastal locations. This should be clear to Council from investigation into the scenic coastal cycleway and

recent Coast Road collapse. Although the edges of the Shelter Shed are hard, the points of entry/egress are defined, restricted and designed for the high flows which have always been part of the Lennox beachfront.

Respect for our aboriginal heritage would suggest compacted shell pathways would be more applicable, acceptable and maintainable than concrete. Gunung Guli is a good name for the park.

Respect for our cultural heritage could be better reflected in referencing the significance of the major ceremonial ground which was on the reef and focussed on coastal protection, the bora-ring and boys first initiation ground, or the three brothers landing, rather than post '70's pop art.

Hoop Pines are the totem of the Widjabul c.Lismore. Even Cypress Pine are not locals to the dunes. Basic geography teaches the progression through dune to forests. Council may think it has the resources to deny basic geography, I don't. I think we have the ability to work toward sustainability.

Dad planted Hoop Pine at Sharpes Beach in the '60's on the advice of the Department of Agriculture when he first purchased the land. They all died.

The Norfolk Pines on the dunes of Lennox are stained on the road side by car borne pollutants, as do the pines on The Steyne, Manly. Any planting in high use coastal areas adjacent roadways needs to consider the impacts of salt, soot and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Perhaps this indicator of environmental health will eventually lead to a change in attitude which will diminish the overuse of vehicles. Until then we really need to be clever in how we plant, where and what we plant, to counteract what we cannot change but will need to maintain (or improve).

The stormwater system of Lennox Village was barely capable of dealing with runoff in the '80's. While medium density zoning, still proposed in LEP10, encourages Strata Title apartments to replace fishing shacks and weekenders, best practice storm water management will continue to be an increasing challenge for BSC. Beautification starts in the gutters.


'As the funds become available' remediating water management, reinforcing the dunes and stabilising the rock wall should be priorities for sure. The size and weight of rocks used in the sea wall, c.1989 Public Inquiry, has always been contentious.

I am sorry to waste time worrying about such follies. But history stands before us, if we look for it. (Oh, and 'Lennox Foreshore'... not coming up on the BSC webpage search engine isn't reassuring.) Get real, or at least consider our loss. This is the dunes of Lennox. It needs understanding to be worked, long time.

No one I have spoken with supports this proposal. I have seen more passion in opposition, from more quarters of Lennox, than I have known since proposing one way on Ballina Street, or realisation of the ocean outfall. The word is 'Yuppie'.

Maybe that has something to do with the outcome of the Community Centre. If this is your vision for the future of Lennox... you're dreaming.

With regards,



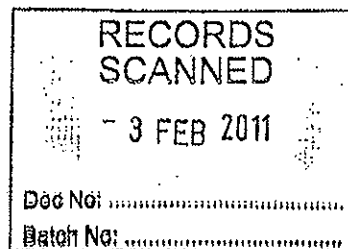
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2nd Feb 2011



SUBMISSION re: Draft Lennox Head Park Master Plan

Executive Summary

After a close examination of the exhibited documentation, this Society opposes the proposed Master Plan for a Foreshore Park located on the Lennox dunes.

Our major points of concern with the draft Masterplan are:

1. Quality of exhibited documentation
2. Regrading to create flat surfaces for temporary structures
3. Removal of existing picnic shelter
4. Appropriateness of species selection and placement
5. Lack of appropriate consultative process.

1. Quality of exhibited documentation

In the history of this Society, we have not previously seen an exhibition of such appallingly poor quality for such an important public space. It indicates a regrettable failure in Council's internal planning and consultation system, and it is our view that this failure should be held to account.

The draft offers no analysis whatever of existing vegetation, and no consideration of heritage sites.

Most significant of all, the only accompanying documentation given to the public to explain and interpret the design illustrations is a 'Media Release'. That "release" depends on cliché throw-away lines like 'the drivers for drafting'... 'The strongest theme'.... 'guide for the future' .. 'as funds become available'. This is a complete abdication of responsibility for giving the public any reasonable standard of explanation, justification or validation of the draft's proposals.

The Society gravely doubts whether the outcome of this process could ever achieve the claimed intention to fulfill 'key Lennox Head stakeholders' ambitions for the park to remain a low key amenity which takes advantage of its location in the village and iconic seaside position.'

In this Society's understanding "Low key" would mean absolutely minimal disruption to the natural habitat, leaving the dunes and the shelter shed building alone or enhanced.

The suggested "murals" are quite inappropriate in a location where the natural scenic virtues of this spectacular coastline must be the main goal of all beachside amenity. In addition, the exhibition of the 'mural' lacks professionalism, with two pages spent - without explanation or interpretation - on what could have been included in the concepts on the previous page.

The Society seriously questions whether this draft Masterplan has even begun to appropriately address the community's ambitions and aspirations for this dunal parkland area. It is the Lennox Community that it is appropriate to consult in the first instance, before any wider community consultation is ever engaged in.

This is an absolutely major procedural defect in process. It highlights the need for reinstatement of the Lennox Strategic Planning Community Access Group.

2. Regrading to create flat surfaces for temporary event tent structures

The Society is astonished at how this proposal completely omits all reference to coastal hazard issues. Obviously, the planners have never watched the sand blow across the dry dune crest, or waded thigh deep in water during downpours, or contemplated the scientific fact that dunes (here as everywhere) comprise the structural division between earth, fresh water and sea.

Are these proposed sites to be regraded upward? Or levelled with the existing trees? The appallingly poor documentation of the draft leaves major uncertainty on every count. If somewhere needs to be filled, where will the fill come from? How much will it cost? Where will the resultant storm water disperse?

The proposal for regrading ignores the fact that competitions are already set up successfully almost every weekend - time and tide permitting. How big a tent is going to be needed for 'local' surf competitions? Even the Markets have been held on the dunes with little difficulty, but questionable sustainability.

Where is the evidence that competitions have ever been handicapped by the undulating dunes? Spectators regularly make use of them without problems. This throws great doubt on the plan's implicit assumption that there is some serious need for special dune height adaptations.

The poor documentation provided in this draft plan fails to reveal the substance of the real master planning it may be that Council is proposing for the Lennox dunes. It conceals that plan, by completely failing to let the reader examine vital issues such as compliance with Coastal Hazard policy and other coastline planning measures (and there are several) that have been already adopted by Council.

3. Removal of existing 'picnic shelter'

The Society is concerned that the present bus shelter / weather-shed, housing 4 picnic tables

and capable of shielding against strong storms (albeit less adequately than it used to do when fitted with windows) is to be replaced with a double rounded roofed picnic setting, which offers little protection from wind, rain or cold.

This proposed demolition displays a serious lack of concern and failure of intention to protect and conserve the heritage values of Lennox village. Given the increasing population pressures coming to bear on foreshore, any proposed "upgrade" of facilities must be at very least comparable with the existing infrastructure -- and ideally be an improvement. These draft proposals fail on all counts.

4. Appropriateness of vegetation species selection and placement.

Species. The Society urges that expert ecological opinion be sought about the sustainability of whatever species are eventually to be considered for dune planting. Dunes are particularly specific about what they will and will not support or tolerate. The Society does not want to watch the proposed "advanced Hoop Pine" framed entry to Lennox to die like the potted Tuckeroos. Good consultation, of which there is at present no evidence, could well provide for the exhibition of durable, useful, tolerant plants with recognition of their cultural heritage values.

Placement: Good placement will protect the plants that are eventually chosen. The Society asks why all the present vegetation proposed is for the western edge of the park?

Appropriate vegetation provides people with shelter from sun and wind, and stabilising for the dunes. Appropriate placement ensures protection from natural and man made hazards, for the plants and the dunes. These factors appear to clearly call for suitable vegetation to be located along the fence line and elsewhere throughout the park. The severe formality and regulation suggested in the draft fails to encourage the casual, beachside village feeling that would be provided by sapling friendly groves. It evokes, on the contrary, a movement towards timed parking meters.

5. Lack of appropriate consultative process

There is hardly a single failure or weak point we have drawn attention to in our assessment of this draft that could not have been avoided and/or turned into a creative, telling advantage in the draft's favour, had the draft been developed with effective community consultation, and released with appropriate documentation. Why was it not?

Summary

If there is a need for renewal on the Lennox dunes, it is this Society's view that it must respond to the following priorities:

- * full remediation of the reef and rock wall,
- * nurturing of the existing vegetation, and
- * management of stormwater (a rising issue with increasing density of the village)

We further draw Council's attention to what it presumably already knows, that the effect of

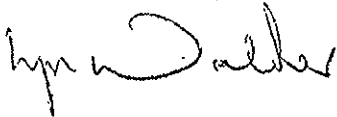
dune remediation upon the rest of the beaches to the north and south needs to be comprehensively examined before anything is done to structurally alter this precinct.

In conclusion, this Society considers this draft proposal a great waste of time, money and resources. It fails to demonstrate any application whatever of practical, social or scientific intelligence.

The draft tries – and abjectly fails – to defend itself, by using fuzzy concepts for surfing names, turtle walks and tornado memorials, without any underlying substance or coherent structure to which these cosmetic frills can be attached.

Most seriously of all, the proposal does appallingly little to address the real function of dunes at Lennox – the function for which these dunes need conservation. It especially fails to address the challenges these dunes are facing with changing climatic and population pressures.

Lennox, the jewel in Ballina's coastal crown, deserves better.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lyn Walker', written in a cursive style.

Dr Lyn Walker
Hon President



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24/1/11

The General Manager

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Dear Mr Hickey,

The Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce is generally in favour of the proposed plans for the foreshore park, including furniture and toilet block art work currently on exhibition with the council. However, we do not support the name, Lennox Park as put forward by Councillors.

This name is not giving a sense of what this park is. The park boasts one of the most glorious views of the Pacific Ocean and is indeed located on both Pacific Parade and Ballina St. A more appropriate name would be Pacific Park or Ocean View.

Rather than impose a name on the park why not conduct a naming competition within Lennox Head? There are many people who would enjoy being part of the competition and would give a sense of ownership and therefore pride in the park.

Given the family nature of the park we believed it would also be appropriate to have a small playground area within the park. Lennox Head is in dire need of more playgrounds in the village area.

We would also like to see the fence at the southern end of the park with artwork similar to the toilet block as this determines the end of the park.

We look forward to Councils response to our suggestions.

Yours faithfully,

Louise Owen

President

Lennox Head chamber of Commerce

From: Kaye Crethar [gkcrethar@hotmail.com]
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To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: FW: Attention all Councillors- Lennox Head Beachfront

Please forward this letter to all Councillors thankyou

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Subject: Attention Jillian Pratten - Lennox Head Beachfront
Date: Wed, 26 Jan 2011 14:48:57 +1100

Dear Madam,

As concerned ratepayers we would like to put forward our ideas for the beachfront opposite Lennox Head Hotel as we feel the removal of the existing shelter is an unacceptable measure. This building is used constantly for bus trips, disabled people and daytrippers as well as locals in the inclement weather and tradesmen for their work breaks. It is a shameful situation that it has been left to get in the state of disrepair it is in and we feel it should not be demolished but repaired for all to enjoy.

As well more wooden tables and seats (not aluminium ones which are too hot and costly) should be installed in the area as well as more children's playground as the one in Ross Park is much too small for the large volumes of people who try to use it with their families.

Our family has had a house in Lennox Head for 56 years and we have holidayed and spent weekends here all that time and have lived here permanently for 11 years.

Please listen to the people of Lennox Head and consult with them on all the issues as we are the ones who have seen and know how best the money can be spent to improve the conditions of our village.

Yours.faithfully, George and Kaye Crethar

From: shauneas@tpg.com.au
Sent: Wednesday, 2 February 2011 12:42:33 PM
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Subject: Submission re Draft Lennox Foreshore Plan

General Manager
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Submission re Lennox Foreshore Development Plan

It is good to see Council planning being proactive in providing for the Lennox Community which has long felt overlooked in many ways. In this way this proposal is a welcome step forward. Unfortunately it has, in my opinion some severe environmental and weather hazard shortfalls and appears to be adopting an aesthetic approach which is more suited to an urban, heavily built environment than a relaxed, casual coastal village. Specifically my concerns are these:

Severe Weather/Environmental Protection-

* lack of evidence of research into or expert advice regarding the impact of modifying the dune system which protects the village from severe storm events and large seas generated off the continental shelf. (I would have thought any plan which is cognisant enough to include a tornado memorial would at the very least be explicit in upgrading the protection offered to the village by the dune system)

*apparent lack of awareness of the important role played by vegetation on preserving dune systems. The plan appears to only consider visual appeal and provision of wide, grassed spaces - these won't stay that way for long unless both the plantings and contours of the dunes are revised to complement the natural forces which are relentlessly working on them.

Aesthetics -

*The overall impression given by this proposal is of a very controlled, quite formal layout. Whilst such areas can be quite beautiful, they are at their best when set in more highly built, urban environments such as the beaches of the major cities, Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast. In a small coastal town this style is in stark contrast to its surroundings and is less appropriate than a more relaxed, natural feel with randomly scattered treeheight plantings throughout and sculptures or memorials more tucked amongst the plantings so that it becomes a delight to explore and thrill at each one as it is discovered.

*as with the lawn and planting proposal the interim murals proposed for the existing shelter are quite aesthetic in their own right but would be far more appropriate in a more heavily built environment. What is needed on the Lennox Foreshore is a mural style which reduces the eyesore of the shelter but draws the eye to the natural amenities of sky, sea and sand rather than competing with them by being so different to them.

Community Amenities-

*There would, I believe, be little disagreement in the community that the current shelter is not attractive visually. It does however fulfil an important function in both offering weather protection for those waiting for buses and for those wishing to eat at the beach but out of the sun or rain. I have often seen all 4 tables occupied by such groups. The proposed replacement reduces both the number of people who can be provided for and significantly reduces the protection afforded them from sun, wind and rain. In fact I would go so far as to say my experience with these structures is that they provide no protection from wind or wind driven rain at all and only a few short hours of sun protection in the height of summer when the sun is at its zenith. Very pretty but not at all practical in fact and hence a waste of time and \$\$\$.

Yours,
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nce a waste of money..

From: Lyn Walker [lynwalker@westnet.com.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 February 2011 2:06:16 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Personal submission re Draft LH foreshore Park Master Plan

The General Manager
Ballina Shire Council

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Re: Personal submission re Draft LH foreshore Park Master Plan.

The following is my personal submission.

I object to the Master Plan on the following grounds.

1. It seems to have been planned as though it were a backyard somewhere with no connection to anything of substance.

- How does it fit into other foreshore plans and policies?
- What effect will it have on the rest of the foreshore?
- How does it take account of future Coastal hazards?
- Where does it show awareness that it is a dune and that there is inadequate dune height from Byron St to the North?

I, like many, love the undulating nature of this surface which goes perfectly with the area. Why make the surface insignificant? children run up and down them with evident pleasure. People like me enjoy walking over them.

2. There are significant financial and planning omissions which give the appearance of treating the community with contempt.

- What is the overall cost expected to be?
- How are the priorities to be determined given that the plan would proceed with funding as it became available?
- What time frame(s) could be expected?
- Why no alternatives?

There appears to be overkill with cost and underkill with planning when something very minimal would be pleasant.

3. What is included does not appear to be in keeping with the stated goal of low key and with scenic qualities in mind.

- Where is the awareness that hoop pines are not comfortable to be around in parks? (Neither are Norfolk Pines as both have scratchy droppings)
- Murals are for covering up and diverting attention to themselves when nothing else of value is available. This proposal will draw attention away from the scenic values. Furniture and buildings are to enhance and blend and I see some effort to do this with them. I dislike the

art work as do most people I have spoken to. I object to having to look at it every time I visit the village. A sculpture is more usual for public art in CBDs.

- A 3m concrete path along the foreshore is uncomfortable however one looks at it or tries to disguise it. It is manifestly large for such a small park. It will be hot. It will be in your face in front of the vision to the sea. **Soft, permeable surfaces are called for to the minimum width for a wheelchair to turn.**

I support the Ballina Environment Society and the Lennox Land Care submissions.

Lyn Walker
2/2/2011

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To the General Manager

regarding the Lennox head draft masterplan for the foreshore park, I have viewed this plan on your web site and thought that it did look quiet good but as a long term resident of Lennoxhead I would like to see the old sheatler kept! this is a little of hennox heads history it should be restored and with the new additions they should blend in with our little bit of history, I also think that we should have more than one lot of toilet blocks along this area.

Also I would like to see a real creative area with art work by our "local" creative artist from "lennoxhead" and we have lots of them Mark Waller would be a good option for the painting mural, James Brown is fantastic wooden artist great garden art.

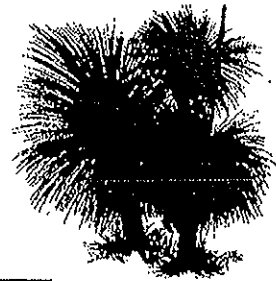
I dont think this whole area needs to be flanted for children to play as it is too close to our main road and we have the whole beach to play on.

I noticed that a lot of the building material used are metal keep in mind this gets very hot, timber looks much nicer even thou it needs up keep, even some stone work would look fantastic.

I would like to see the theme of the ceramics used as they are on the community Centre. One thing for sure lets keep our old sheatler and "do it up" please".

Yours faithfully
C Lane.

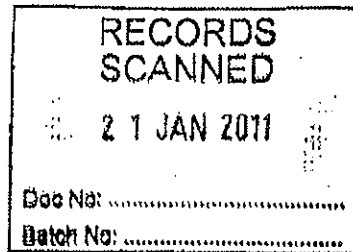
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Dear Sir

Re: Draft Lennox Head Foreshore Parkland Master Plan

We have looked at the above plan and wish to submit the following comments.

Firstly we suggest that the area must be recognised as a previously repaired dune and as such is subject to potential erosion in the future just as has occurred in the past. This applies particularly to the section north from Byron Street which is beyond the rock reinforcements. The recent severe events at Kingscliff demonstrate clearly how quickly an apparently well stabilised foreshore can be eroded with subsequent loss of adjacent infrastructure.

We would also like to draw attention to the following from the WBM Coastal Hazard report:

Similarly, the crest elevation of the dunes at the southern end of Pacific Parade appears to be lower than RL 6.0m AHD. Surveys should be carried out to confirm dune levels in this area and works undertaken as necessary to maintain a crest elevation of at least RL 6.0m AHD and thereby minimise the risk of overtopping.

Relating this warning to the draft plan would seem to indicate that any attempts to level the dune for recreational usage should only be undertaken after confirming height and sea level rise implications. We would recommend no levelling take place north of the rock wall and that if necessary the height be adjusted to the recommended levels as soon as possible to prevent possible inundation of Pacific parade.

Similarly it would seem that any constructed works, such as concrete pathways or reticulated services, beyond the protection of the rock wall, be either avoided or sited well back from future expected dune erosion.

We are also very concerned that the existing picnic shelter will be removed and not replaced by an equivalent structure. The present building covers four large tables within a wind protected environment, catering well for bus groups, whilst only four smaller scattered covered tables will replace them. We would prefer the existing structure to be repaired, but if this is not feasible then the existing shelter should be replaced with a similar capacity building

with wind protection. Other smaller covered tables could be scattered over the area but capacity for bus groups should still be provided.

The proposed toilet building seems to lack provision for the disabled and would also seem to be small in comparison with what is provided now. We also disagree with the plan to paint the existing block with a mural. The existing toilet blends in well with the house beyond and does not need to be highlighted.

The proposal to plant two Hoop Pines is not advised. Even if they do grow in the sand they will be impacted by the wind born salt. They are not equivalent to Norfolk Island Pines. Any tall tree on the dunes will also pose a risk in high winds.

We welcome a plan to ensure future development meets community expectations but we see far greater needs for limited funds elsewhere along the coastline. Toilet facilities at Iron Peg and Sharpes Beach would be the most important assuming construction of toilets at Pat Morton lookout are underway soon.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Malcolm Milner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Malcolm Milner