

» Lake Ainsworth » south eastern » precinct project

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LAKE AINSWORTH SOUTH EASTERN PRECINCT - INTERPRETATIVE ILLUSTRATION

» Background

This project is set to improve the Lake Ainsworth precinct for current and future generations. In September 2018, Council resolved to approve the Lake Ainsworth precinct project.

Once completed, the \$1.7M investment will include additional barbeques, pathways, picnic tables, formalised parking, erosion rehabilitation and landscaping.

Full concept plans can be found on Council's website ballina.nsw.gov.au (search Lake Ainsworth).

» Car parking

To address car parking needs for the popular area Council:

- has completed a carparking analysis
- has upgraded Ross Street to provide additional parking (31 spaces)
- has constructed carparking in Pacific Parade opposite of the Lennox Head - Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club (58 spaces)
- will formalise existing parking along the southern road
- will provide new disabled parking facilities

» Disabled access

The upgrade will provide improved access for disabled and mobility impaired people. The Lake Ainsworth upgrades have been designed in consultation with Council's Community Access Reference Group.

On completion, the works will include pathways, dedicated disabled access and car parks all designed to contemporary standards. This includes a three-metre wide accessible path and Lake access ramp.

New disabled parking facilities will be provided on the southern road and in the area adjacent to the junction of the eastern path and southern road.

»» *Camp Drewe Road*

Vehicles wanting to access the Sport and Recreation Centre will need to use Camp Drewe Road on the western side of Lake Ainsworth. The closure of the eastern road is also likely to redirect traffic along the southern road and Camp Drewe Road. To address this anticipated demand, Council has resolved to bitumen seal Camp Drewe Road.

»» *Stage 1: southern road precinct*

This stage will introduce additional parking for Lake visitors and be completed before the eastern road is closed. Other works include:

- formalisation of the roadside carparking
- southern road reconstruction
- bitumen sealing of Camp Drewe Road

Budget: \$900,000

Anticipated timeline: Completed

»» *Stage 2: eastern road precinct*

The road closure of the eastern road precinct will comprise water main relocation followed by path construction and landscaping. The path will be completed in sections to ensure the space is still accessible and usable for pedestrians. Other works will include:

- closure of the Lake Ainsworth eastern road to vehicles
- 3m wide accessible pathway
- BBQ facilities and picnic areas
- sandstone block seats amongst open spaces
- increased grassed areas

»» *Dogs off-leash access*

Dog owners are encouraged to access the dog off-leash area on Seven Mile Beach north of the Lennox Head - Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club. However, the eastern road will remain open for pedestrian access wherever possible during construction. In this area dogs must be restrained on a leash until the designated off-leash area of Seven Mile Beach. Dog owners will also be able to drive, on the bitumen seal, to the 4WD access park, and immediately access the off-leash beach area.

- improved stormwater quality management systems
- restoration and revegetation of the eroded foreshore areas.

Budget: \$880,000 including Stage 3

Anticipated timeline: Due to commence mid-May

»» *Stage 3: roundabout construction*

The third stage will ensure better traffic flow, and include:

- roundabout construction adjacent to the Lennox Head - Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club
- architectural features for road and path surfacing.

Budget: Included with Stage 1

Anticipated timeline: Following Stage 2



If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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