

## **Agency Consultation and Public Exhibition**

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*Table 1: Agency responses*

| Agency Consultation                                     |                     |                    |                  |
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| Agency  | Submission          | Object/<br>Support | Council Response |
| NSW Rural Fire Service                                  | Refer Attachment 1. | Support.           | Noted            |
| NSW DCCEEW<br>Biodiversity and<br>Conservation Division | Refer Attachment 2. | Support.           | Noted            |

Table 2: Summary of written submissions to public exhibition

| Public Exhibition – Site specific summary of submissions |   |   |
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| Site   | Theme   | Council Response  |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford<br>(Lot 2 DP 1011876)             | <b>Community and health</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Gosford City Bowling Club is a vital community hub that has been serving the area for over 85 years.</li> <li>Provides social and recreational space for a diverse range of community members, including the elderly, people with disabilities, school children, and the general public.</li> <li>Participation in lawn bowls at the club contributes to the physical, mental, and social well-being of its members.</li> <li>The club is seen as providing a sense of purpose and belonging, particularly for retirees and those with special needs.</li> </ul> | <p>Council acknowledges the community significance of the Gosford Bowling Club, and the benefits it provides to its members of all ages and abilities. The reclassification of the site from community land to operational land will not lead to any change in the short term. Council has already indicated its intention to offer another lease over the site so that it can continue to be used as a bowling club for another 5 years.</p> <p>Council will provide an extended period of notice so that the Central Coast Leagues Club can identify another site on which the bowls club can operate in the future. Central Coast Leagues Club (which lease the site on behalf of the bowls club) may be able to identify an alternative venue for the members of the bowls club to make use of in the future.</p> |
|  | <b>Accessibility and Inclusion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The club is accessible due to its proximity to public transportation, making it ideal for those with mobility issues, (including the visually impaired), those on restricted licenses and those coming from outside the region.</li> <li>It offers programs for people with disabilities, including the largest group of blind bowlers in Australia, and hosts various social activities.</li> </ul>  | <p>Council acknowledges and commends the range of programs that are offered at the site to for bowlers of all abilities, making lawn bowls a more inclusive form of recreation. Council encourages all sporting and community clubs both in the Central Coast and elsewhere to make their recreational facilities available to all sectors of the community. An extension of the lease over the site has been offered which will enable the bowling club to continue operation for 5 years.</p>   |
|  | <b>Loss of recreation space and opposition to rezoning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opposition to rezoning of land for high-rise development.</li> <li>Need to retain green space rather than contribute to the heat island effect.</li> <li>There needs to be more recreation space for the growing Gosford community, not less.</li> </ul>  | <p>Council acknowledges that the future use of the site occupied by Gosford Bowling Club may change in the future. This could occur irrespective of whether the classification of the land changes. However, changing the classification of the land will allow a broader range of options for management of the site to be considered in the future.</p> <p>The site (currently zoned RE1 Public Recreation) is not proposed to be rezoned, only reclassified from Community to Operational land. If the reclassification progresses, the site will remain RE1 Public Recreation, where the permitted uses are limited to recreation facilities (and other similar uses as detailed in the SEPP). If the site is intended to be used for anything other</p>  |

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|  |   | than recreation, it would need to be rezoned and a separate Planning Proposal process would be required.   |
|  | <b>Ethics and morals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community perceives the potential sale and development of the land as a moral issue, with a call for the council to prioritize the social value of the club over financial gain.</li> <li>The land was originally intended for community use, therefore it should be retained.</li> <li>This should be an issue considered by elected Council</li> </ul>  | The Planning Proposal has followed the same process with Council under administration as it would have with an elected Council in place. When Council commenced the Planning Proposal process, a Gateway Determination was issued from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, which requires the Planning Proposal to be completed on or before 28 August 2024. |
|  | <b>Suggestions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer the bowling club an alternative site if relocation is necessary.</li> <li>Council should upgrade existing facilities and infrastructure to accommodate the growing population rather than repurposing the club's land</li> </ul>  | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Council has offered an extension of lease of up to 5 years to the Central Coast Leagues Club (who lease the site on behalf of the bowling club), which will enable the continued use of the site for the bowling club community and its members.</p>  |
| 49-51 Mann Street, Gosford (Lot 1 DP 251476)                                       | No site-specific comments   | N/A  |
| Part 2-4 Park Road, The Entrance (part Lot 10 DP 1285833 and part Lot 1 DP 406038) | <b>Support the rebuild of the Bowling Club</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The redevelopment includes significant improvements to the bowling facilities, such as shade structures and synthetic greens, with an investment exceeding \$18 million.</li> <li>The local community and Central Coast Council have shown strong support for the club's rebuilding.</li> <li>The club's continued operation aligns with the original vision of the land donors and the community's expectations for the future.</li> </ul> | Noted.   |
| 48W Wallarah Road, Gorokan (Lot 2 DP 733448)                                       | No site-specific comments   | N/A  |
| 191 Wallarah Road, Kanwal (Lot 21 DP 813270)                                       | No site-specific comments   | N/A  |
| 75 Bungary Road, Norah Head (Lot 5 Sec 24 DP 758779 and Lot 1 DP 860696)           | <b>Retain as Community Land</b><br>Whilst the current site needs upgrading the site should remain as Community land.  | The site was used for the old Norah Head Community Hall, but is now dilapidated and beyond repair. A new Community Hall has since been built located on the village green, along Soldiers Point Drive. The site will be sold via a competitive open market process, and the sale of the site at Bungary Road will part fund the new Community Hall.                              |

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| Part 6W Kemira Road, Lake Munmorah (part Lot 79 DP 217918)            | <p><b>Support connection to future housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate release of approximately 300 residential lots, assisting in the housing supply crisis.</li> <li>Collector road will provide important east-west connection from Tall Timbers Road to the local school precinct.</li> <li>Will facilitate drainage and stormwater works.</li> </ul> <p><b>Impact on traffic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Doesn't support the extension of the road given it would not be wide enough for the increased traffic that would be generated.</li> <li>Road is subject to flooding and drainage issues.</li> </ul>  | <p>Reclassification will allow the land to be available for dedication as a public road reserve, which will facilitate the extension of Chisolm Avenue. The road will connect the site to a future housing development which was subject to a separate Planning Proposal process in 2022.</p> <p>The construction of the road will be required to meet road design standards and will be engineered to facilitate drainage and stormwater works.</p>  |
| 13 and 15 Yaralla Road, Toukley (Lot 78 DP 20493 and Lot 79 DP 20493) | No site-specific comments   | N/A   |
| 50W Parraweena Road, Gwandalan (Lot 1 DP 1043151)                     | <p><b>Inclusion of buffer zone in front of industrial estate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The lot is used as a buffer zone off the road for Kanangra Drive and Parraweena Road .</li> <li>The lot (specifically in front of the industrial estate) has been planted and maintained in accordance with council requirements set back in the late 90s</li> <li>The area in front of the business park is used by the business park for recreation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Loss of buffer zone</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The lot is maintained by Tidy Towns</li> <li>Land zoned RE1 should remain as recreation purposes</li> <li>The vegetation corridors and parkland are what set Gwandalan and Summerland Point apart from other urban areas</li> </ul> <p><b>Traffic and access</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to the future local centre can be provided via the extension of Summerland Road, and the access of Kanangra Drive is not necessary.</li> <li>If the intention is to use the lot to widen the road to dual lane this should be shared with the community.</li> </ul> | <p>Following the public hearing Council determined that the inclusion of the northern part of the site (currently zoned RE1) did not require reclassification. As such Council seeks to amend the Planning Proposal to remove the buffer fronting the established business park from the reclassification process.</p> <p>The site specific Development Control Plan requires all development at the Local Centre site to be setback 10m from Kanangra Drive .</p> <p>Detailed design of the Local Centre site has not been completed and a development application is yet to be lodged with Council. A detailed traffic impact assessment and traffic modelling will be required which will determine what access points are required.</p> |
| 20 Summerland Road, Summerland Point (part Lot 4 DP 263812)           | <p><b>Concern for future development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unclear if reclassification was for the whole or part of the lot where Summerland Sporties lease area is.</li> <li>Reclassification of the whole lot makes the lot vulnerable to future clearing and development which is not supported.</li> </ul>   | <p>The reclassification applies to the Summerland Sporties lease area only, which is part of the lot on the south-western corner. The remainder of the site will remain Community Land and will be managed by Council under a Plan of Management. The Heritage Walkway will not be impacted as part of the</p>  |

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| <p><b>Importance of Heritage Walkway</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern the reclassification would impact the heritage walkway which is important to the local community</li> <li>Significant investments into community education about local ecology and botany is provided along the Heritage Walkway.</li> <li></li> </ul> | <p>reclassification process, and no part of the Heritage Walkway is within the Sporties lease area being reclassified.</p> |
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Table 3: Written submissions to public exhibition (full)

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| Site   | Submission  | Object/ Support |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford (Lot 2 DP 1011876)      | I believe this land being the Gosford City Bowling Club should remain as recreational land as it is the only bowling club in the actual Gosford area. The club provides facilities for the blind & disabled bowlers of the coast and also has schools using it a sporting activity. The club also provides it facilities for barefoot bowls and is very popular of the summer months and its a great avenue for the club to attract more members. Please leave this land alone.   | Object          |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford (Lot 2 DP 1011876)      | <p>"This area should not be rezoned for a 'higher purpose'.</p> <p>This area is a sport precinct and should remain so. The Gosford Bowling has a long history in this area and supports a community of bowlers of all ages. They also provide excellent bowling programs for people with disabilities. These programs involve coaching and social activities that promote participation in a sport.</p> <p>If rezoned for a high rise development it would be an eye sore for the area. It is near a stadium that have many functions that are extremely noisy -again making it unsuitable for people to live so close to the stadium.</p>  | Object          |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford (Lot 2 DP 1011876)      | <p>"This is currently the site of a community bowling club that plays a major role in supporting men and women bowlers; and also a significant number of people with disabilities (including vision, and intellectual). The club also provides a central venue for older citizens. Social, mental and physical benefits are apparent.</p> <p>Rezoning will inextricably threaten the existence of this vital community facility. "</p>  | Object          |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford (Lot 2 DP 1011876)      | This change in heart is greedy and immoral.   | Object          |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford (Lot 2 DP 1011876)      | My disabled son plays lawn bowls there thanks to the abled bodied Gosford Lawn Bowls members and they regularly have groups attend for the social and sports side of learning a new skill. They have groups of blind bowlers, all levels of autism, intellectually disabled, physically disabled, high schools students and day programs. All come and learn from the generosity of these Lawn Bowlers. This is a community facility for anyone to come and enhance their health and well being. It was gifted to be used as a bowling club and as such should remain in the Community hands. Hands off Gosford City Council, remember Lawn Bowlers are rate payers. What right has the | Object          |

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|  | Council to want and develop and sell off to make money to cover the mismanagement of BAD Councils in the past. The innocent should not be made paid for this mismanagement.  |        |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford<br>(Lot 2 DP 1011876) | "I wish to protest the proposed rezoning of 18 Dane Drive. This land has been used and occupied by Gosford City Bowling Club for more than 85 years, conducting the game of lawn bowls for its members as well as community groups, in particular ""All Abilities Bowls"" and vision impaired bowlers (Vision Australia). The majority of the club members, both men and men, are elder persons, the eldest being 99 years old. It is vital to the community that 18 Dane Drive remain a site for lawn bowls, the next such clubs are at Ourimbah and Wamberal, beyond the limit where elder persons on restricted driving licences are permitted to drive. On completion of the ""Archibald"" (Mann & Donnison Sts) there will be ample hotel-style accommodation. Also, with numerous highrise residential coming on the market nearby, Gosford will be in need of more recreation space, not less. Thank you."  | Object |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford<br>(Lot 2 DP 1011876) | "I have been a member of Gosford city bowling Club for in excess of 40 years and have seen many Elderly members spend many days at the club. The club has given these people a purpose in life. Should the area be rezoned it would only become a means for council to sell the area to make a financial gain. It would more beneficial to the community if it were to remain as it is so that any new council would not be tempted to sell the area.<br>If you are unaware the bowling club is a popular area for special needs people to enjoy bowls. Surely this is a moral decision not a financial one.   | Object |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford<br>(Lot 2 DP 1011876) | There is no need for this property to be rezoned. It is used by the community including school children and handicapped people.  | Object |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford<br>(Lot 2 DP 1011876) | "I am legally blind and have had the most amazing time of my life learning blind bowling here. It makes me feel like my life is worth living. To take this place away from us is to take away our hope and community away. I hope that you consider the quality of life you are taking away from us.<br>Kind regards,<br>[REDACTED]  | Object |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford<br>(Lot 2 DP 1011876) | "We move to Gosford in [REDACTED]. Now retired Gosford was a great place for retirees especially with the availability to a bowling club. In retiring the elderly no longer have the health or age to play sports like cricket soccer etc so need alternatives. Lawn Bowls is one social, competitive game that not only the elderly but young ones as well can play.<br>Gosford City Bowling Club has a history that Gosford should be proud of and a very active and supportive club for people on the coast. The Club has and is helping the community at this very moment by:<br>-Helping the disabled play a game at their level.<br>-Helping the blind play<br>-Hens parties,<br>-Birthday parties<br>-Christmas parties<br>-School children<br>-Help people with health or personal issues that need support from a club like Gosford bowling Club and their members.<br>-bringing in travelling bowling sides from elsewhere in the State to Gosford which helps the economy.<br>-Brings the Central Coast together with interaction with other bowling clubs on the coast through various competitions.<br>-Gives retirees something positive to look forward to after leaving the workforce . the bowls club does that and surely retirees deserve that. | Object |

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|  | <p>- The Gosford City Bowling Club has lost members not because of the club but because of the uncertainty Council has placed on the future of the Club. Pensioners deserve a better go than working found the best they can for NSW then retiring to ""nothing"" especially if The Gosford City Bowling Club ceases to exist.</p> <p>We have young players registered as well. President of the Club started playing while at school and now only from memory 19-20. Years of age. So good to see.</p> <p>Let Gosford support and assist the recreational requirements of retirees, young, old, disabled etc etc by keeping the Gosford City Bowling Club alive"</p>  |        |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford (Lot 2 DP 1011876)  | <p>"I am very sad and disgusted to be having to write this. I have been a resident in the Narara and Wyoming area for over 40 years and for most of those years, I have been a member of Gosford City Bowling Club.</p> <p>The people at our club give me a reason to get out and stay active. They give me company and encouragement and it means a lot to me. If the land is rezoned and the club closes I won't be able to go to another club. I catch public transport into Gosford and home again and there is no other club nearby that would allow me to do this. We have to keep space in our community for people to meet other residents and be active. Feeling like you belong is so important for everyone's mental health and Gosford City Bowling Club makes you feel like you belong."</p>  | Object |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford (Lot 2 DP 1011876)  | <p>When you see the number of cranes around the Gosford precinct, the number of people expected to live in the heart of Gosford will be numerous. With all this added to the population, it is important to maintain any green space that is available, not reduce the area. The bowling club plays such an important place in the town's citizens life and is used by so many important and essential activities. The club has the biggest number of vision impaired bowlers in the country - imagine taking that away from them. High schools and many other organisations participate in barefoot bowls. A large number of members are seniors and this is an important part of their lives. Careful consideration should be made before all this could be taken away and no green space left to enjoy.</p>   | Object |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford (Lot 2 DP 1011876), | <p>The area has enough housing within the city space for the facilities that are in Gosford and with the removal of this club it will limit the areas quiet meeting place for people to catch up socialise without entering a larger noisier clubs or hotels for such meetings and removing the bowling greens would mean the people within the area would need to go to clubs further away which will impact those that have restricted licences and cannot travel to the next bowling club to continue to enjoy the game or to meet others</p>   | Object |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford (Lot 2 DP 1011876), | <p>I wish to lodge my objection to the proposed reclassification of 18 Dane Drive Gosford.</p> <p>This land is currently used by Gosford Bowling club which is an integral part of the Gosford community.</p> <p>The club provides facilities for members to meet other people, enjoy outdoor activities and give a sense of belonging.</p> <p>The club currently provides the wider community with services such as a place to meet new people and become actively in involved in lawn bowls.</p> <p>Schools such as Erina High, Central Coast sports, Gosford High and a group of disabled bowlers have the opportunity to learn and play bowls each week. These are hosted by willing volunteers from the bowls community.</p> <p>Hundreds of as 'barefoot' bowlers or social bowlers also visit and use the facilities each year.</p> <p>This facility should remain an active part of the community providing somewhere for residents to be active and socialise, it can co-exist amongst all the high rises and development currently being built in the area and would be a much needed recreational facility in the future. You just need to look at the Gold Coast to see how green space such as bowling greens can exist amongst the development and be an important part of the community.</p> <p>Please leave this land alone to be used as its current usage."</p> | Object |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford (Lot 2 DP 1011876), | <p>Bowling club is used by many on a regular basis, and also holds functions for businesses doing barefoot bowls. be a shame to loose it.</p>  | Object |

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| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford<br>(Lot 2 DP 1011876) | <p>"Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion re the reclassification of 18 Dane Drive from community land. My understanding is that lot 2 DP 1011876 is community land which has been set aside for the use of the residents of the Gosford regional area and is presently serves many diverse community groups. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*it is the home of the biggest blind bowling club in Australia.</li> <li>*it is the feeder area for 9 schools in the Central Coast region. No other club on the coast provides so much support.</li> <li>*it provides many other social activities, eg all year long Barefoot Bowls attended by 60 to 70 Newcastle Hospital interns.</li> </ul> <p>With all the new development that is proposed for the area, many new people will be moving into the district and will be needing these amenities/ open space areas.</p> <p>It is important to maintain these open spaces for the well-being of the WHOLE community, making it accessible for all.</p> <p>The present location is IDEAL for visually impaired people as it is close to rail and bus transport. There is no other location on the Central Coast that is as ideal.</p> <p>It is my fervent hope that this reclassification DOES NOT GO AHEAD. To say that the land will be rezoned for a ""higher purpose"" is insulting to the people who presently are using it.</p>  | Object |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford<br>(Lot 2 DP 1011876) | <p>" My name is [REDACTED], but at Gosford Bowling Club, I am known as [REDACTED]. There are 3 other [REDACTED] there, so we are called [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]and [REDACTED].</p> <p>I am totally blind.</p> <p>I live at [REDACTED] but come up to Gosford Bowling Club every fortnight to play social bowls and to practice for events like the State Championships and various inter club activities.</p> <p>I am able to travel, unaided, from my home at [REDACTED] because the club is so near the railway station. If this land is resumed by Council and the bowling club is closed down, I won't be able to participate in this social activity which is so important for my physical and mental well-being. I will lose very important social contacts that I have formed over the last few years.</p> <p>I hope Council reconsiders this matter.</p>   | Object |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford<br>(Lot 2 DP 1011876) | <p>" I moved up from the Central West 18 months ago, when I retired, not knowing anyone on the Central Coast. My next door neighbour is a volunteer at the Gosford Vision Australia office and, because I was a teacher of visually impaired children for 15 years and had no friends here, I decided to offer to volunteer as well.</p> <p>I was asked to help with the blind bowling group at Gosford Bowling Club and have been doing this now for 14 months. It is such a wonderful group of people..... both the visually impaired players and the members of the Bowling Club who offer their time and expertise unstintingly.</p> <p>I look forward to the fortnightly social games and have watched as the skill levels of the players steadily increase..... with the corresponding increase in feelings of social competence and physical fitness. The deep level of committed friendship between the Bowling Club helpers and the visually impaired players, is also wonderful to see, because it is well known that visually impaired people over a certain age often suffer severe social isolation and depression.</p> <p>I cannot comprehend why Council would consider taking this wonderful resource away from the Central Coast, when it already is lacking in sufficient green space, as described by Marilyn Vale in the Central Cost community newspaper, in March 2022. This article describes how the Council's then under-administration's newly endorsed Green Grid plan said that Gosford was already in danger of ""future heat areas"", and lacked sufficient green space to ""keep major centres cool, encourage healthy living, enhance biodiversity and ensure ecological resilience"".</p> <p>It is unconscionable on the part of Council to be considering taking this ""community land"" from the people of the Central Coast. There are things in life that are more important than money.</p> | Object |



| Refer Attachment 3                           |   |        |
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| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford<br>(Lot 2 DP 1011876) | <p>"My name is [REDACTED] and I have a severe vision impairment and I want to say how important Gosford Bowling Club is to me and my life. In 1985, when I was 14 years old, I lost my sight in a motor-cross bike accident in Western Sydney. My family moved up to the Central Coast in 2016. I was newly married at the time, but had no friends on the Coast.</p> <p>I was hoping to continue working and [REDACTED] from Vision Australia (VA) was assisting me with this. Unfortunately, I couldn't find paid work but did a lot of volunteering for VA: working in the office making phone calls; assisting in various programmes, for example The Way I See It programme in Primary schools where I would use aids and answer questions showing strategies I use in my daily life and educating the wider community on ways to protect their eyesight.</p> <p>A couple of years after I moved up from Sydney, Gosford Bowling Club teamed up with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] (as coordinator), myself and two other visually impaired people to start our specialist bowling club. It has become a VERY IMPORTANT part of my life. I have made some wonderful friends and these strong friendship bonds have raised my self esteem, increased my resilience and given me a purpose. I am very proud of how all our bowling skills are improving. When you are visually impaired, the getting and improving of every extra skill is so important.</p> <p>Before my accident, I was a very active kid and bowling has allowed me to continue being physically active. You need balance and fitness to bowl well. It is also great knowing that I am becoming a very good blind bowler.</p> <p>The club provides services for ALL ages and all walks of life, including school children with visual impairments and other disabilities. It will just continue to grow if it is able to stay in it's present location.</p> <p>If it is not able to continue in it's present location, there will be many members who won't be able to attend blind bowls any more, and this will be very sad for all concerned.</p> <p>I hope Council reconsiders what they are doing.</p> <p>I also want to say that I am a PROUD and COMMITTED member of the blind and visually impaired community here on the Central Coast and a volunteer for Gosford Vision Australia who do SO MUCH to improve the quality of life for its' blind and visually impaired members.</p> | Object |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford<br>(Lot 2 DP 1011876) | <p>LATE SUBMISSION</p> <p>"I am not a member of Gosford Bowling Club although I regularly attend to volunteer.</p> <p>I think we should be careful in what we do with the bowling club as I feel it will impact the community within Gosford and its surrounds:</p> <p>Some of the wonderful supports provided by volunteers at Gosford are:</p> <p>All ability lawn bowls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visually impaired (B1-B4 graded).</li> </ul> <p>Twice a month coaching mornings</p> <p>Alternating bi-annual visits between Maitland and Gosford</p> <p>NSW State Titles to be held in September</p> <p>Opportunity to socialise with people with a common background.</p> <p>Efforts underway to expand starting with the Avalon club and New South Wales Vision Impaired and Blind Bowlers Association Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coast Link.</li> <li>• People with down-syndrome</li> </ul> <p>Community:</p>   | Object |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gosford High School</li> <li>• Barefoot bowls – the club accommodates facilities for private and business groups.</li> </ul> <p>I want to make the point – it is more than a bowling club. It is a great support mechanism for those doing it tough. It provides social interaction where one does not feel it is only them in the situation. My current bowling club provides exactly that for me.</p> <p>Many multi-story home units are being built in Gosford which will see an increase in population. The Gosford bowling club will provide an opportunity for those wishing to socialise, volunteer and play. The next closest clubs would be Ourimbah RSL (11.5Km north) or Davistown RSL (11Km East). These options are considerably harder accessible by public transport. We have some visually impaired bowlers who travel on the country train from Avalon and Pennant Hills.</p> <p>I understand that Central Coast Council has self induced financial issues caused by the people put in trusted community positions. It was not the rate payers and I feel it would be unfair to void the coast of already limited sporting areas.</p> <p>Gosford Bowling Club used to be the club of the Central Coast – let's make it that way again."</p> |        |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford<br>(Lot 2 DP 1011876)  | <p>LATE SUBMISSION</p> <p>"Gosford Community Bowlo is under Central Coast Council reclassification process. Please you need to keep the Bowlo club. This is a community sports facility.</p> <p>Please I beg Keep Gosford's Community Bowlo . With an ageing population, in 30 / 40 + years time will need this facility . What sport offers 70 yr + low cost outdoor , 2.5 hr physical activity, 50 weeks a year. None.</p> <p>It should be promoted not demolished.</p> <p>Please keep Gosford Community Bowlo."</p>  | Object |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford<br>(Lot 2 DP 1011876),49-51<br>Mann Street, Gosford<br>(Lot 1 DP 251476) | <p>I am a Blind Bowler and the loss of the use of Gosford Bowling Club is very distressing to me. The bowling club is used by the largest group of Blind Bowlers in Australia. This because of its location. It is near a railway station and is within a safe walkable distance. The club is also used by disabled people to bowl. Several of our blind bowling group come from Sydney and others from areas located along the Sydney to Newcastle train-line.. There are no other clubs on the Central Coast suitable. The club is also used by bowlers who do not have any disabilities and some of these are used as instructors, who are very necessary. Please do not sell our club.</p>  | Object |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford<br>(Lot 2 DP 1011876),49-51<br>Mann Street, Gosford<br>(Lot 1 DP 251476) | <p>I do not agree to change the bowling club land to commercial as we need more recreational space in Gosford City I feel it would be a backward step to development.</p>   | Object |
| 18 Dane Drive, Gosford<br>(Lot 2 DP 1011876),49-51<br>Mann Street, Gosford<br>(Lot 1 DP 251476) | <p>I believe the land at 18 Dane Drive Gosford should be retained in its current state to facilitate the sport of Lawn Bowls in the area.</p>   | Object |

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| 75 Bungary Road, Norah Head (Lot 5 Sec 24 DP 758779 and Lot 1 DP 860696)                                      | I wish to oppose the re-classification of this property and believe that while the current site may need to be updated or repurposed it should remain as Community Land.  | Object  |
| Part 2-4 Park Road, The Entrance (part Lot 10 DP 1285833 and part Lot 1 DP 406038)                            | <b>Refer Attachment 4.</b>  | Support |
| Part 6W Kemira Road, Lake Munmorah (part Lot 79 DP 217918)  | "On behalf of the landowners of 285-325 Pacific Highway Lake Munmorah, we support the PP amendment to rezone/reclassify part of 6W Kemira Road Lake Munmorah from Community to Operational. The rezoning of the SP2 Zone and the associated reclassification will facilitate drainage and stormwater works for the proposed Collector Road to be built. The collector road will provide an important east-west connection from Tall Timbers Road through to the local school precinct and forms part of Councils strategic plans for the locality. The collector road will also facilitate release of approximately 300 residential lots to aid in addressing the housing supply crisis. The PP should therefore be supported.<br>"   | Support |
| 20 Summerland Road, Summerland Point (part lot 4 DP 263812), 50W Parraweena Road, Gwandalan (Lot 1 DP1043151) | LATE SUBMISSION<br><b>Refer Attachment 5</b>  | Object  |
| 50W Parraweena Road, Gwandalan (Lot 1 DP1043151)  | <p>To all council members,</p> <p>Thank you very much for your time last night at the public hearing at Wyong golf course and your clarification on the proposed changes to lot 1 DP1043151 at 50 Parrawenna Road GWANDALAN.</p> <p>It is now apparent that the councils proposed changes to the zoning is for the purpose of road widening potentially to gain access into the proposed new town centre.</p> <p>We strongly oppose this for a number of reasons as follows</p> <p>Council has maintained a 50 m buffer zone extending from the Pacific Highway right through to The gwandalan public school on Kanangra Dr which serves for purposes You only know too well as this was a council initiative.</p> <p>To reclassify this parcel of land would have a very negative effect on the overall streetscape of Kanangra Dr, we so far have no objection whatsoever to the proposed development of the new town centre, however access to the town centre can be easily gained from the extension of SUMMERLAND Road which as I understand it has been gazetted and runs directly off the roundabout.</p> <p>Not only are you proposing to reclassify the parcel of land in front of the proposed town centre on Kanangra Drive you have also included the buffer zone in front of our property being 50 Parrawenna Road industrial estate. This buffer zone which fronts our property to</p> | Object  |

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|           | <p>Kanangra Drive and Parraweena Road has been planted and maintained in accordance with council requirements set back in the late 90s and serves as a community space for the childcare centre. Medical Centre the veterinary clinic, the gymnasium and also the Cafe where people utilise this space for recreational purposes and relaxation.</p> <p>To include this parcel of land and have it combined with the land in front of the proposed new town centre will have a serious negative impact on the community.</p> <p>This parcel of land in particular is maintained by the tidy towns and our self at no expense whatsoever to the council and offers a sanctuary to patrons of the industrial estate.</p> <p>We strongly oppose any change to the existing zoning and recommend that the land zoned RE1 remain for recreational purposes to benefit the community.</p> <p>We feel a lot more consideration needs to be given to this proposal as it serves to gain little or no benefit to our community</p> <p>We have invested millions of dollars in the development of the Medical Centre, the gymnasium, childcare centre, veterinary clinic mechanical services Centre etc which are principally focused to serve the community in this current product mix of tenants.</p> <p>This proposed change to the zoning should be rejected and remain in its current zoning for the benefit of the community and commercial stakeholders within the industrial estate.</p> |        |
| All sites | <p>I believe the administrator should go into caretaker mode and not process ANY more development applications, they should all now wait until we have a democratically elected council. No one unelected officer should be able to change the character of an area because of a state plan which is not being modified by the local communities effected.</p>  | Object |

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## **Attachment 1**

### NSW Rural Fire Service Response

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## NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Central Coast Council  
PO Box 20  
WYONG NSW 2259

Your reference: Ref-2592 (PP-2023-2245)  
Our reference: SPI20231207000160

**ATTENTION:** Rachelle Hardaker

Date: Monday 18 December 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Strategic Planning Instrument  
LEP Amendment - Other**

Council seeks to reclassify 13 land parcels (including 4 part lots) from Community Land to Operational Land, allowing for an amendment to the Central Coast Local Environmental Plan 2022 and State Environmental Planning Policy (Precincts – Regional) 2021.

I refer to your correspondence dated 07/12/2023 inviting the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) to comment on the above Strategic Planning document.

The NSW RFS has considered the information submitted and provides the following comments.

The RFS raises no concerns with the proposed rezonings. Future development on bush fire prone land is required to address the relevant requirements of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019* (or equivalent).

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Adam Small on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

Nika Fomin  
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## **Attachment 2**

NSW DCCEEW Biodiversity and  
Conservation Division

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Dear Rachelle

**Response to request for agency referral – PP-2023-2245 – Reclassification of various Council owned land from Community to Operational**

The Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) received your request regarding PP-2023-2245 on 6 December 2023 and has reviewed the information provided.

BCD understands that Central Coast Council is proposing to reclassify 10 parcels of land from Community Land to Operational Land. Three sites are also proposed to be rezoned from RE1 Public Recreation to RE2 Private Recreation. The main objective of the proposal is to enable future long-term lease or sale of Council owned land.

BCD raises no objection to the proposal, provided the reclassification does not raise development expectation to parcels that are either of high biodiversity value, flood prone or mapped coastal zones. For example, 6W Kemira Road Lake Munmorah has been identified as high biodiversity value and a biodiversity certification application is currently being assessed by BCD. The property at 20 Summerland Road, Summerland Point is also of high biodiversity value.

It is understood that the proposed reclassification does not propose new forms of development, and that any future planning proposal or development would be subject to separate application and assessment in accordance with legislation such as the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, Coastal Management Act 2016 and State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) Resilience and Hazards 2021. It is recommended however that effort be made at this stage of the process to avoid placing increased development pressure on areas known to be of biodiversity value, flood prone or within a mapped coastal zone.

If you have any further questions about this issue, please contact Sarah Warner, Senior Regional Conservation Planning Officer at [huntercentralcoast@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:huntercentralcoast@environment.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

Joe Thompson  
Director, Hunter Central Coast  
Biodiversity and Conservation Division

11 January 2024



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## **Attachment 3:**

### Submission Attachment

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## Green Grid Plan shows Council needs to acquire open space

More than half of land zoned for future open space needs to be acquired by Central Coast Council, the council-under-administration's newly endorsed Green Grid Plan shows.

A first of its kind for regional NSW, the Plan aims to deliver an interconnected network of open space that will keep the Coast's major centres cool, encourage healthy living, enhance biodiversity and



Key towns across the coast are highlighted in red.

ensure ecological resilience. The plan shows the Central Coast zoned for public open space

(REF1) and 486 ha of land zoned for private open space (REF2) such as golf courses. In addition, a number of Council bushland reserves, zoned environmental protection, National Parks and State forests offer opportunities for recreation. The plan states that 55 per cent of land zoned REF1 is owned by Council, leaving 85 per cent as areas for future open space as a result of future acquisition. The Green Grid establishes a framework for planning and identification of future projects. Current availability of open space found that 89 per cent of people lived within a 400m radius of publicly owned land but this was not equal across each of the 17 Social Planning Districts and a large proportion of these areas contained no mapped open space improvements, such as play equipment, outdoor gyms, or paths.

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## Sport

After taking out the title three years ago, the Gosford 2021, \$420,000 of prize money has been named as a finalist. See page 21



Central Coast Mariners won down 3-1 in their semi-final away to Adelaide United on Sunday, to reach out of the A-League finals. See page 22

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# Green Grid Plan shows Council needs to acquire open space

From page 1

Only 64 per cent were close to sports fields and less than 23 per cent were near mapped bushland walking tracks although 50 per cent were near some sort of publicly owned bush walking track that was not mapped.

The plan will implement the principles and actions identified in the recently adopted Greater Places Strategy and will enable Council to apply for grant funding, supporting current and future capital works projects, such as a Tiggerah to Ourimbah Mountain Bike (MTB) off-road path via Kangy Angy CCC estate, Old Watland Rd reserve, CCC bushland, CCC Mard Dam catchment & State Forest, and closing and rehabilitating trails not part of the access system at Murrumbidgee State Conservation Area.

They are among more than 20 pages of projects attached to the report, but they are not endorsed by Council, nor has detailed costing assessment been undertaken, the report says.

The Plan integrates with several of Council's future and current strategic documents

including the Local Strategic Planning Statement, Streetscape Design Manual, Local Character Statements and the Climate and Sustainability Action Plan," Council said.

"The intent of the Plan is to shape the future character of the Central Coast through understanding current natural and built assets and how these can be connected in the future.

"It is intended that the Plan will be used as a framework for LGA-wide and local place planning in the region for the next two decades and beyond."

The Plan identifies different components of the region and terms them into six grids: Ecological Grid; Recreational Grid; Hydrological Grid; Cultural Grid; Agricultural Grid; and Transport and Public Domain Grid.

Overarching aims of the green grid include improving the livability and walkability of local centres, improving climate resilience, and supporting ecologically sustainable development.

Anything done as part of the overarching Green Grid needs to be sympathetic to the aims of the six grids.

The agricultural grid explains that the Central Coast contains 22,327 ha of land that is zoned either for Primary Production (zoned RU1) or as a Rural Landscape (zoned RU2) in relevant Local Environmental Plans.

Council completed a rural lands audit in 2020, through visual assessments of properties to determine the types of uses that were occurring within each zone.

"In both RU1 Primary Production and RU2 Rural Landscape zoned land, rural living was the predominant use where no dominant commercial use was observed," the report said.

Commercial fishing licences occur over waters of the region, which allow for the harvesting of fin fish, prawns and crayfish.

In addition, 4,390 ha of aquatic leases for the farming of oysters occur along the Hawkesbury River and in Brisbane Water.

The agricultural grid aims to identify and support key agricultural and rural areas, to strengthen production and connection to agricultural lands, and encourage the maintenance of the rural landscape.

"This will be achieved through identifying important agricultural land zone for these uses, encouraging quality agricultural nature-based tourism ventures, to establish the region as a key destination for these types of activities such as farm tourism," the plan says.

The transport and public domain grid aims to provide green active transport corridors for more sustainable, active and connected local centres.

"This will be achieved through providing connectivity to centres and places of interest such as shorelines, beaches and public reserves," the plan states.

It will also improve environmental performance of public domain areas including during infrastructure upgrades such as considering lifestyle life cycle analysis of projects, addressing urban heat island effect and providing habitat for urban wildlife.

The Central Coast contains 460 heritage listed items which represent a wide range of items including houses, trees and ruins.

There are 24 items that are listed on the NSW State Heritage Register.

The cultural grid aims to conserve and interpret areas and items of cultural significance.

It will also promote opportunities for cultural tourism and economic development, Council said.

The ecological grid aims to maintain ecological processes through improving ecological resilience within natural areas in response to increasing pressure from climate change, urban development and other indirect impacts.

The ecological grid will also ensure areas of higher biodiversity value are adequately protected and managed and will encourage community behaviours that protect and enhance ecological values.

Targeted field surveys for the plan detected 17 species of microbat, including eight threatened species, 16 species of native ground-dwelling and/or climbing mammals, including four threatened species, five species of introduced mammals, three species of reptiles and 32 bird species, including two exotic species and four threatened species.

The recreational grid aims to improve connectivity, accessibility and quality of open space.

This will be achieved through encouragement for participation in outdoor activities, improving opportunities for sustainable outdoor recreation within natural areas, including establishing the Central Coast as a destination for such activities.

The hydrological grid aims to protect and enhance natural waterways and coastline.

This will occur through best practice management of waterways.

Next steps include determining the location of future conservation lands and conservation projects.

Council Administrator, Rick Hart, said adoption of the plan was a key milestone in measuring the region's long-term livability.

"The Plan will be used as a framework for LGA-wide and local place planning for the next two decades and beyond and is expected to streamline project alignment for future public projects," Mr Hart said.

Martin Vale

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## **Attachment 4:**

### Submission Attachment

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## **Mingara Leisure Group Submission in support of reclassifying Part 2-4 Park Road, The Entrance NSW (part lot 10 DP 1285833 and part Lot 1 DP 406038)**

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The Entrance Bowling Club was formed in 1939, when a site was selected at The Entrance Oval, now known as Taylor Park at The Entrance. Taylor Park was designated for public recreation by the subdividers of the Taylor Estate, Mrs H Denning, Austin Taylor and Councillor A L Taylor in 1929. Members from the newly formed bowling club duly approached the subdividers and were granted a section of the land for the establishment of a club. After the first subdivision, the sportsground had been passed to the old Erina Shire Council and in due course, with the subdividers consent, a section of the oval was allocated by "plain lease" to The Entrance Bowling Club.

The first site inspection was on the northern side of Denning Street, opposite Park Avenue, which is now known as Park Road. The site resembled a swamp, was densely covered with trees with a shallow watercourse running through the site. Topsoil was transported from Berkeley Vale, and the stones for the foundation were gathered from Tumbi Umbi.

Members of the club rallied together and moved them by truck to the club site. The club and the first bowling green was officially opened on April 9, 1944, but there were still only 18 members at the time. In August 1945, members numbers had grown to 69, with an increase the following year to 88. In 1946, the post office building from Rutherford Military Camp became the clubhouse. This building which was 39 feet by 18 feet, was transported in sections from Rutherford and re-erected on the clubhouse site. Original members, Mr & Mrs Jim Duffy are said to have purchased this post office building and donated it to the club.

Members of the club enjoyed visiting this community facility and the second bowling green was opened for their bowlers use in 1947 after works were undertaken by the members. Erina Shire Council granted a further lease in 1960 for a period of 21 years which provided an opportunity to build a third green, and a fourth green was constructed in 1962. This provided The Entrance region, with one of the biggest bowling clubs in the State with four greens.

In the 1970's the Club obtained a commercial loan from Commonwealth Bank for \$200,000 to be used to reconstruct a new clubhouse. This enabled the committee and have plans drawn up for the proposed alterations and extensions to the club. In November 1975, the 2-storey clubhouse, with the exception of the eastern lounge, was constructed and completed. Roy Thompson was President at the time of the official opening. In the late 1970's the club saw a large influx of top bowlers.

In 2019 Mingara Leisure Group amalgamated with the financially distressed club and committed to support the club by providing facilities for the community including a lawn bowls hub. Following the amalgamation, in March 2020 an electrical fire destroyed the club premises and unfortunately the club was required to cease trading and close.

After a lengthy planning and development application process, with the development requiring approval from the Hunter Central Coast Regional Planning Panel, the development application was approved in August 2022. The bowlers and community were extremely supportive of the rebuilding of the fire damaged building and the improvements to the club including the bowling facilities.

By enhancing the bowling greens with the addition of the bowling shade structures and converting to a synthetic green, this is the most significant improvement to the bowls facilities

in the clubs 80 year history. This is also the most significant improvement to Taylor and Shore Park in its history. The redevelopment has received great support from the local community alongside the Central Coast Council. The members have been incredibly patient throughout the redevelopment of the new Club and facilities which enhances the Central Coast lifestyle in the area

Bowlers and the community are supportive and excited for their club to be rebuilt. Mingara Recreation Club are currently accommodating The Greens members during the redevelopment. This enables the bowlers to continue to play their sport and continue engaging with their community whilst awaiting their brand new facility.

The re-development of the Club and Bowling greens is in excess of \$18 million dollars, this is an extraordinary investment for the Clubs members and local community. The new Club will revitalise The Entrance centre as part of a healthy, prosperous, and connected Central Coast community, and is a key priority to Mingara Leisure Group.

Mingara Leisure Group support the land reclassification which will allow the opportunity to purchase the land from Central Coast Council. The land transfer ensures that capital investment in the bowling club remains viable and provides the members and community with peace of mind the bowling club will continue as the local community envisaged 80 years ago upon gifting the land to Council. In July 2021 the Council resolved to the reclassification of the land on which The Greens, The Entrance club is located with the intent for Mingara Leisure Group to purchase.

Mingara Leisure Group is a leader in the NSW Registered Clubs industry with extensive expertise and success in the management of registered clubs and sports facilities. A not-for-profit community organisation who strives to provide the local community with a sustainable and growing community benefit. Our vision is 'to make a significant contribution to the quality of community life'. Mingara Leisure Group is an organisation who loves giving back and supporting our local communities.

The Greens, The Entrance has been operating on the site since 1939 under a lease agreement with Central Coast Council. With the current 20-year lease in place this means by the end of the lease in 2044, The Greens will have held operational control over the land for over 100 years and have funded all developments and improvements to the site over that period.

The Taylor Estate that donated the land to Council, The Greens Club that developed and operated the club and bowling greens for almost 80 years, and now Mingara Leisure Group that rescued the club from financial distress and a devastating fire all share the same vision. As a result of Council's proposal to reclassification and transfer the ownership of land, Mingara Leisure Group will be in a sustainable position to continue delivering the vision for the community well into the future.

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***Images taken 13/3/2024 of Mingara Leisure Group's Construction progress at The Greens The Entrance.***





Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Yelds'.

Andy Yelds

Chief Property Officer

Mingara Leisure Group

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## Attachment 5:

### Submission Attachment

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ATTENTION: Scott Duncan

Section Manager

Land Use and Policy

Central Coast Council

10/5/2024

Dear Scott

I was pleased with the opportunity to speak at the recent Community Forum and the receptive response from the Council Staff present. I and many people in our community were concerned by two of the proposals for land reclassification proposed by Council. These were:

20 Summerland Road, Summerland Point NSW 2259  
Lot & Deposited Plan No. Lot 4 DP 263812 (Part)

50W Parraweena Road, Gwandalan  
Lot & Deposited Plan No. Lot 1 DP1043151

**20 Summerland Road, Summerland Point NSW 2259**

Below is the area that was proposed online to be reclassified and offered to the Sporties Club, a subsidiary of Doyalson Wyee RSL, for their long term lease and future development.



The meeting was told that this was inaccurate and that the area being offered for long term lease and future development was only the present foot print of the Club. What was not clear to me, on reflection, was whether it would be necessary to reclassify the whole Lot or is just the Part presently occupied by the Club needed. Reclassification of the whole Lot would open the area up to future clearing and development; not something that the community would support.

As stated at the meeting, the area and particularly the areas adjacent to the Heritage Walkway are very important to the Community. The path and surrounds are maintained by the Tidy Towns group and approximately 2/3 of the Heritage Walkway is in that Lot.

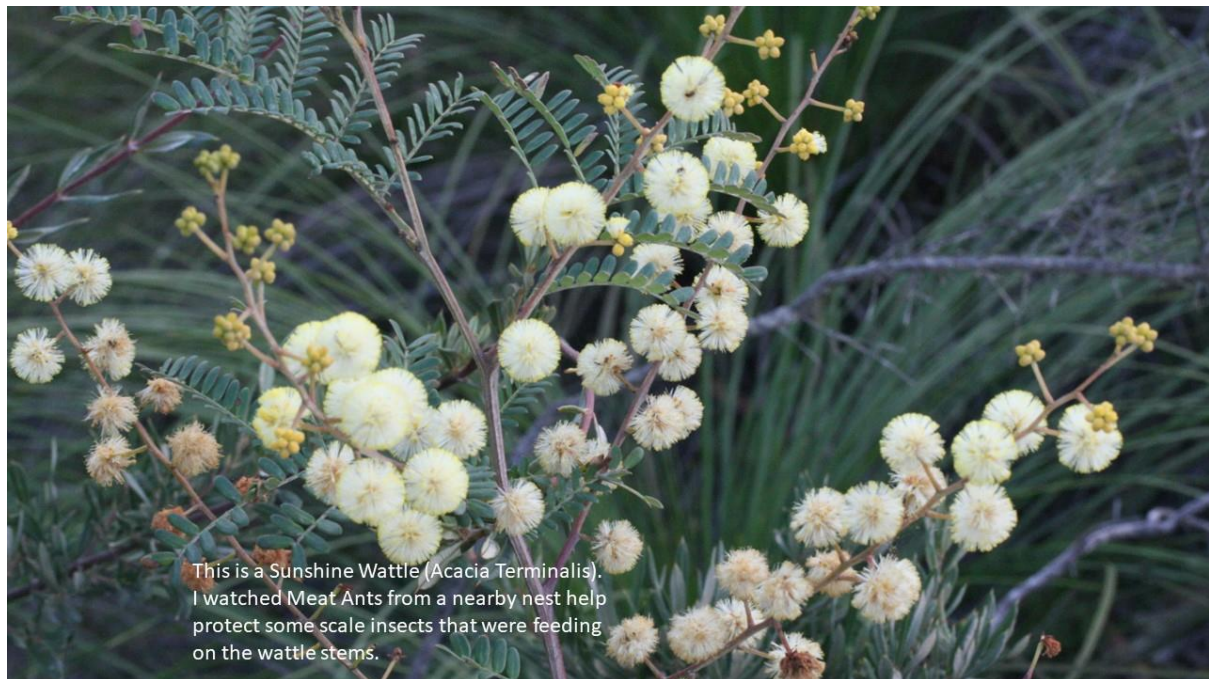
Currently, with financial support from Delta, the group is replacing the aged and damaged signs that were placed along the Walkway in approximately 1992. These identified 22 different trees, shrubs and grasses beside the track.

It is the intention of Tidy Towns members to add to the signage by providing a Power Point Presentation detailing each of the species and their relationships and significance within their environment. I have detailed below an example for Site 2, The Sunshine Wattle (*Acacia terminalis*).

While this is not the final form of the presentation and is information from a prior one that I developed for another group, it indicates the quality and type of information that will be available for each site and species.

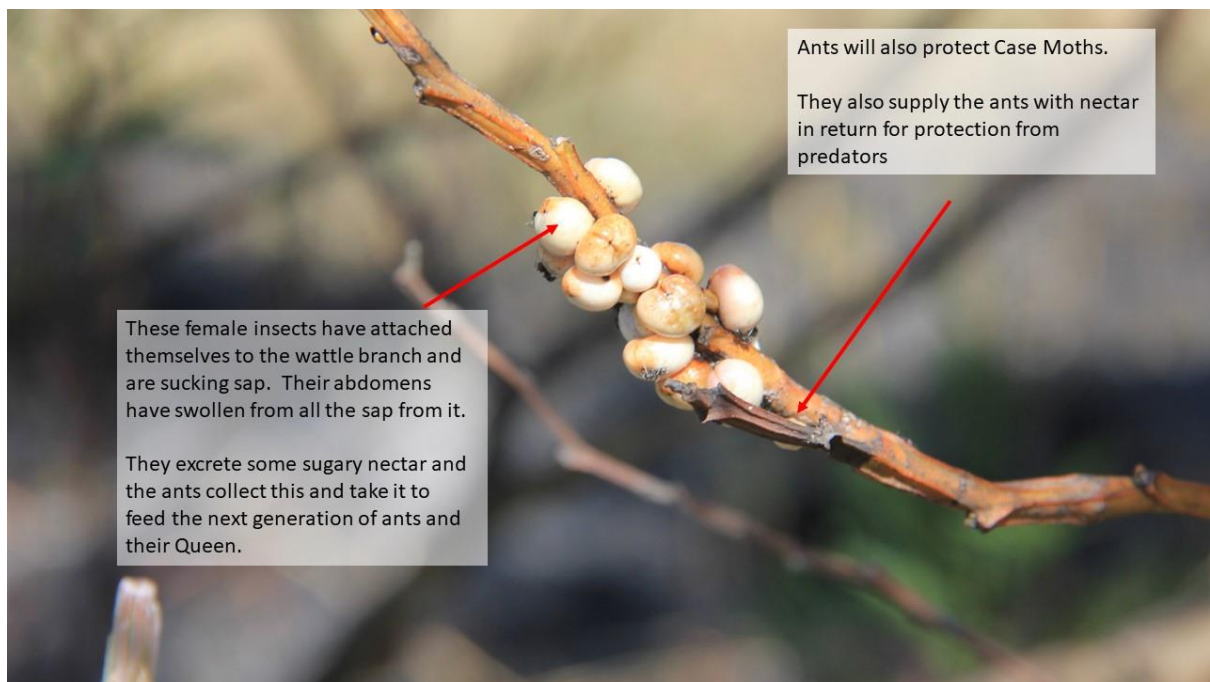
Initially it will be made available to the schools in the area so that they can inform their students and take them on the walk to see the subjects first-hand. The species information on the other sites will include traditional sources of bush food as well as information on Botany and Ecology.

Symbiosis is the main theme/concept at the site of the Sunshine Wattle.





Ants have a symbiotic relationship with many sap sucking insects



Ants will also protect Case Moths.

They also supply the ants with nectar in return for protection from predators

These female insects have attached themselves to the wattle branch and are sucking sap. Their abdomens have swollen from all the sap from it.

They excrete some sugary nectar and the ants collect this and take it to feed the next generation of ants and their Queen.



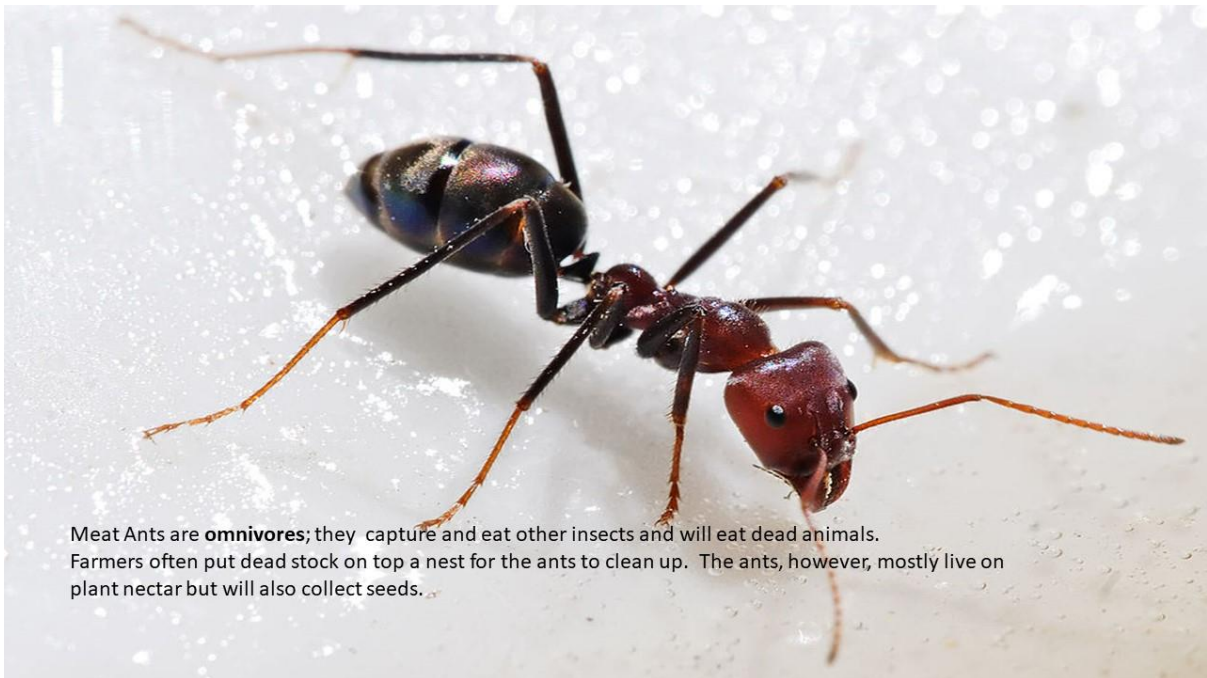


There are at least 1100 species of ants in Australia.

It is common to see ants going up and down the trunks of trees and shrubs to collect nectar from flowers or the many sap sucking insects.

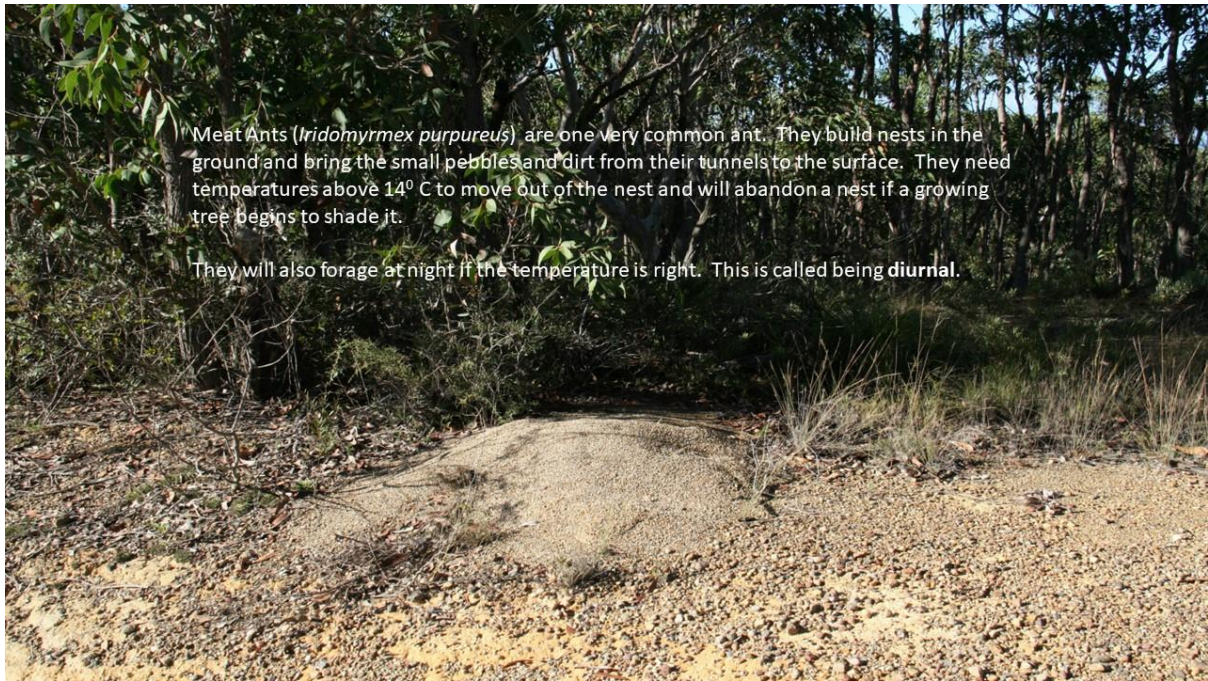
Some ants also eat dead insects and animals. This **Recycling** is very important to the environment.

Ants also collect seeds and take them to their homes in the ground and many plants germinate from there.



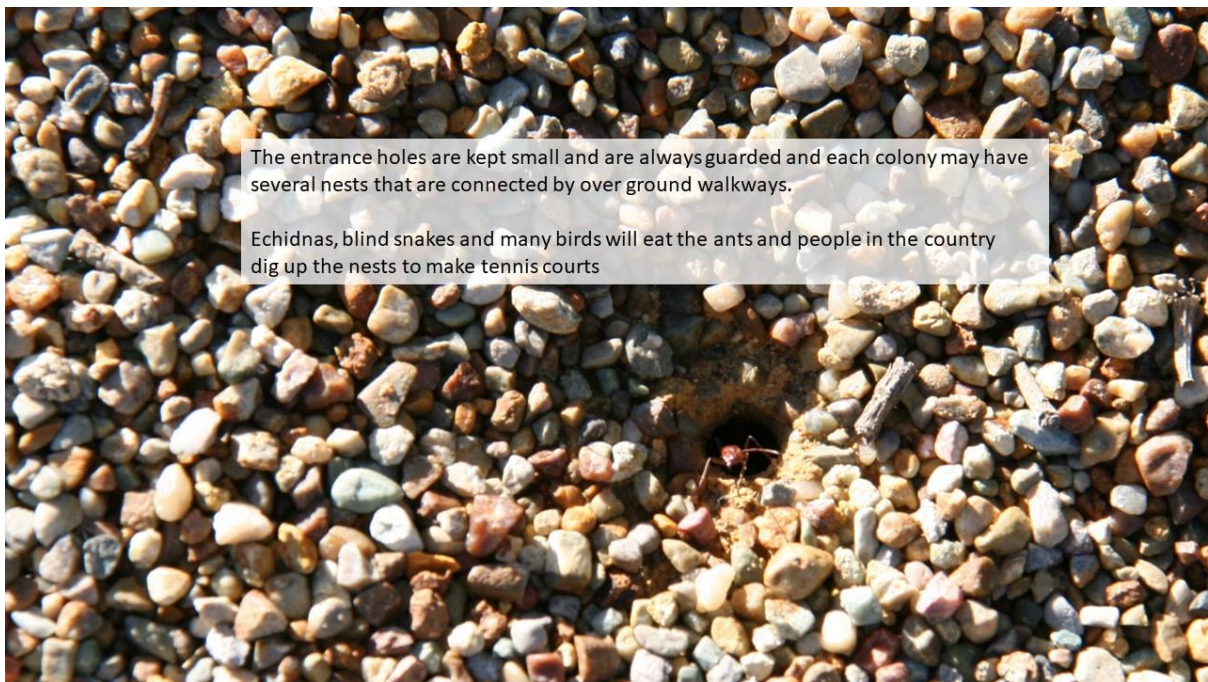
Meat Ants are **omnivores**; they capture and eat other insects and will eat dead animals. Farmers often put dead stock on top a nest for the ants to clean up. The ants, however, mostly live on plant nectar but will also collect seeds.





Meat Ants (*Iridomyrmex purpureus*) are one very common ant. They build nests in the ground and bring the small pebbles and dirt from their tunnels to the surface. They need temperatures above 14° C to move out of the nest and will abandon a nest if a growing tree begins to shade it.

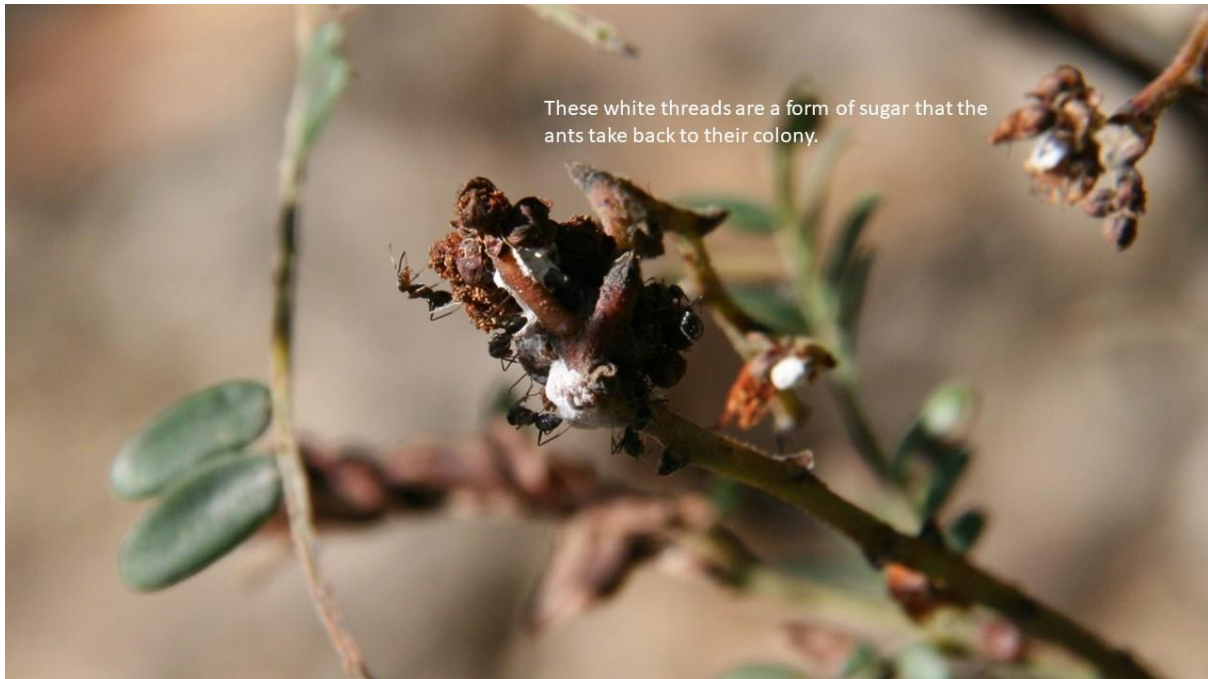
They will also forage at night if the temperature is right. This is called being diurnal.



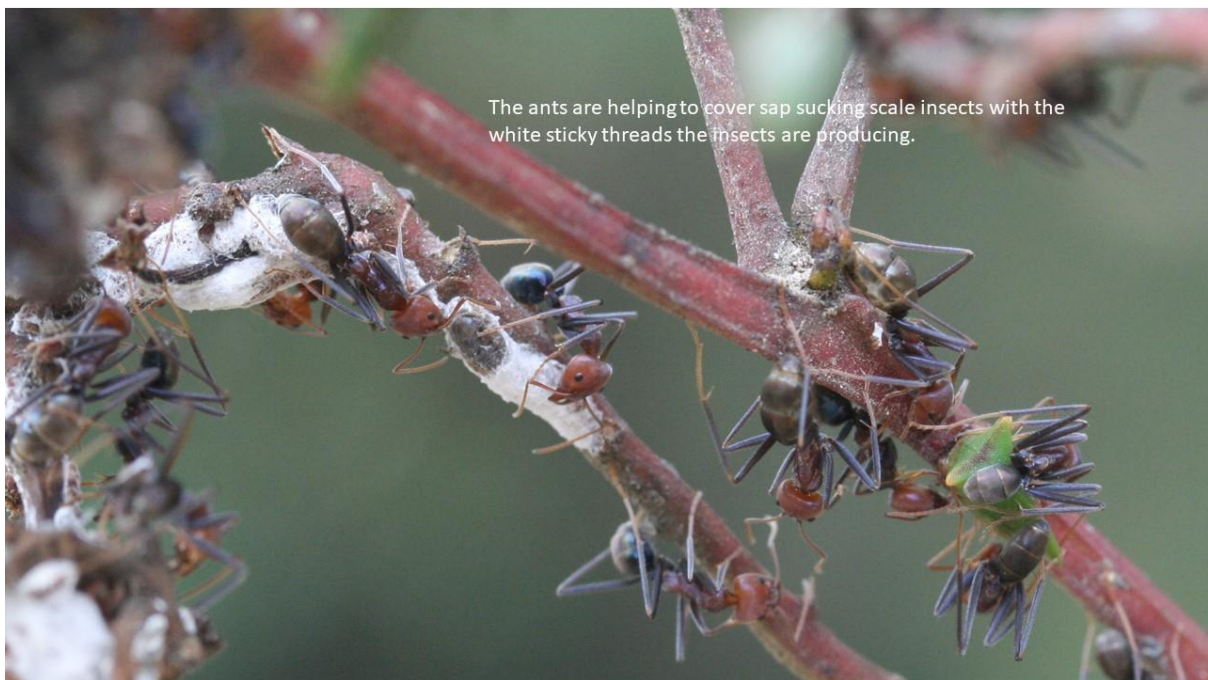
The entrance holes are kept small and are always guarded and each colony may have several nests that are connected by over ground walkways.

Echidnas, blind snakes and many birds will eat the ants and people in the country dig up the nests to make tennis courts

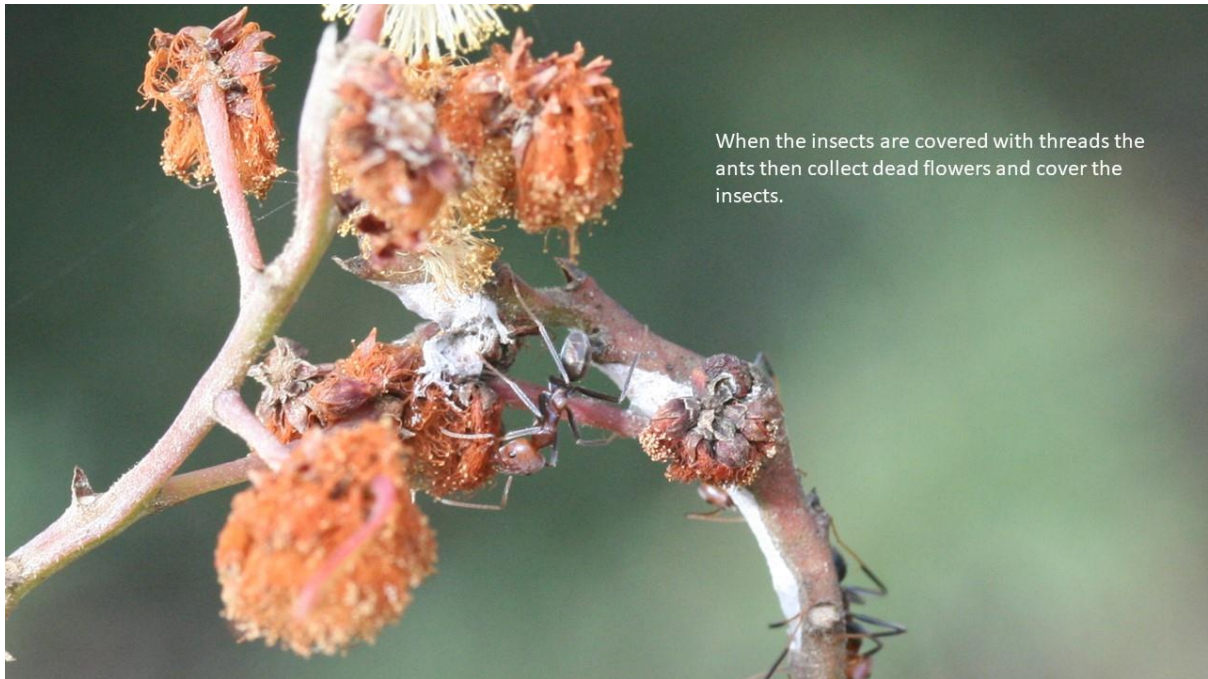




These white threads are a form of sugar that the ants take back to their colony.



The ants are helping to cover sap sucking scale insects with the white sticky threads the insects are producing.



In future it would be sensible and desirable to add QR Codes to the signage and allow walkers to access the information. This would, however, require the development of a website, something we could do but which would require financial support; something Council could consider.

#### **50W Parraweena Road, Gwandalan**

Below is the map of the Lot that was proposed for reclassification. The reason given in the Council publication was that it "will allow the land to be available to deliver the proposed outcomes of the Gwandalan Centre".

At the meeting this was clarified and the purpose was stated to allow for the road widening that would be associated with the development of the "Town Centre".



Summerland Road is gazetted to cross Kanangra Drive at the present roundabout and so provide access to the proposed “Town Centre” and the residential subdivision that will follow it. Summerland Road will continue and end close to the foreshore of Crangan Bay.

Although not stated at the meeting we assume that the road widening would involve creating two lanes at the roundabout and two lanes on the approaches to it. If this is the case it should be made clear to the community.

The previous Council had a policy that was widely accepted. This involved leaving and maintaining an area of natural vegetation on both sides of the main access roads. In the past this has been kept from the Pacific Highway to the Gwandalan Primary School. It is the vegetation corridors and parkland that gives Gwandalan and Summerland Point a character that sets it apart from many other urban areas in the Central Coast and this is highly prized by the Community.

The set back maintained in the current development at Crangan Bay is approximately 39m and this provides a visual amenity, space for residents and some animals to enjoy a natural habitat and some noise abatement. I hope this size buffer will remain in the last area of the development towards the roundabout.

Maintaining the roadsides and parks is a significant and costly task but the Gwandalan and Summerland Tidy Towns Group provides and will continue to provide, significant help to Council. Currently members mow and maintain 21 sites in the area as well as the numerous garden areas we have established. They patrol the entire 5.6 Kilometres of roadside along Kanangra Drive and collect rubbish deposited by people in passing vehicles. Maintaining the vegetation buffers is a paramount concern for them.

The Lot that is proposed to be reclassified is not uniform. The area in the North, that is adjacent to the industrial/service area, was originally a vegetation offset required to be part of the development of the Units on that site.



It varies in width from approximately 15m to 20m, is maintained by the present owners of the site and is regularly used by the community. On the eastern side of the entrance the space is used almost daily by the Child Care Centre and the larger area on the West is grassed and has a number of picnic tables among the trees. These are used as meeting places by walking groups and by people using the adjacent businesses. These include a Vet, Medical Centre, Gym, Automotive Repairs and Maintenance and a very well patronised Café. A number of the trees on site have hollows and I have seen these used as nests by birds and a possum.

It is difficult to see how this part of Lot 1 is required for road widening and it should be kept for the current community use that it provides. Reclassifying it as Operational land and associating it with the new "Town Centre" seems absurd. It needs to continue to be associated and maintained as Community Land by the industrial/service estate.

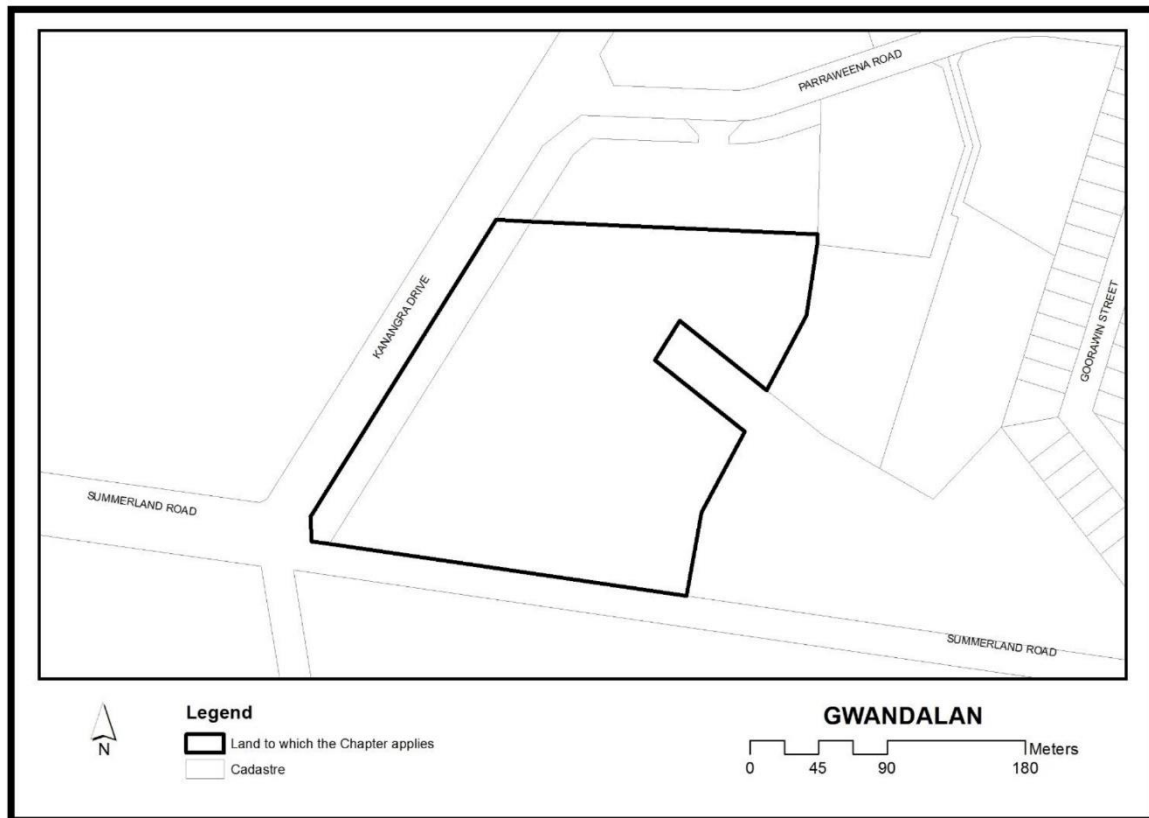
It is vital to most in the Community that the vegetative corridors be maintained including the remainder of Lot 1, i.e., between the industrial estate and the roundabout. It should not be classed and sold to a future developer of the "Town Centre". While this may not be the present intent future Councils may be able to do this with an Operational Classification.

The Location Specific Development Controls document for the Gwandalan Centre, as set out in the Central Coast Development Control Plan 2022, on page 4, mandate a landscape set back as below:

"d) A landscape setback of 10m to Kanangra Drive is to be observed. This setback must not include any above natural ground level signage, car parking, servicing or other structures

e) A landscape setback of 5m to Summerland Road is to be observed"

For Kanangra Drive this is inadequate. The width of Lot 1 in the area adjacent to Kanangra Drive is currently 20m, it would be halved in the Control Plan and seriously reduce the visual amenity. The plan is shown below.



Currently the two lane road occupies approximately 9m of space and the distance between the Sewage Treatment block and the boundary of Lot 1 is approximately 30m. This should be enough to allow for any road widening. If it isn't in a small area near the roundabout and the reclassification takes place then the remaining land should be returned to Community Classification or in the worst case scenario, the Landscape Setback should be increased to 20m.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback and I look forward to Council's response. I intend to share my response with my Tidy Towns group and some of the other concerned residents.

Regards

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