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Dear Council,

Submission to the Draft Recreation and Open Space Strategy.

Following are our comments on certain Key Recommendations listed in the Strategy for Tuross Head:

Implement Tuross Coastal Headland Reserves Assessment

The THPA has been advised that this key recommendation is an error in the Draft strategy and will be removed in the next draft before formal adoption by Council.

The document it refers to is actually called *Coastal Management Plan, McWilliam Park, Tuross Head* and was prepared by Dual Design for the Tuross Lakes Preservation Group in 1999. The document is an appendix to the *Developed Reserves and Facilities Plan of Management* and is available on Councils website <http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/site/Publications/Strategies/Management/index.html>

As the Plan of Management and the Coastal Management plan are both over ten years old we have been informed that they will be reviewed as a priority. It should be noted, however, that many of the recommendations in the McWilliam Park Plan have already been implemented by Tuross Lakes Preservation Group (interpretive signage, access tracks, revegetation of dunes, seating), THPA/ESC (cycle/walk), ESC(seating) and further works by the Memorial Gardens Management Committee.

One Tree Point

- Upgrade of lookout/path/seating
- Upgrade of beach access

The history of the evolution of the One Tree Lookout from what it was to how it is today is well documented on the Tuross head website at the following link:
<http://www.turosshead.org/Pages/Rotters.htm>

Lookout: The lookout facility that the Tuross Residents and visitors alike now enjoy is a testament to the volunteer efforts made by community members and the assistance and funding provided by Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Seating: In the Coastal Management Plan, McWilliam Park, Tuross Head which was prepared by Dual Design and adopted by Council on the 23rd March 1999 on page number 38 it was advised by Dual design that seats such as that shown below be the preferred choice of seating for McWilliam Reserve.

POWDER COATED CHYR IRON
FRAMES WITH MARRANGUMI PANE
WOOD. HARDWOOD SLAT SEAT.



POSSIBLE CHARACTER SEAT

1 : 20

The THPA, after community consultation, informed Council that it would much prefer to have hardwood seating as has been more than successful at Tarrandore Point. The primary difference between the two seats other than the aesthetics is that the powder coated frames need to be taken away to be sand blasted and resprayed (One set took over six months to return). The hardwood timber seats on the other hand are maintained on site by TPLG members who apply a coat of varnish each year.

The fancy seats might have suited the consultant however the community would like to remind Council that their preferred selection is the less expensive and simpler hardwood chair. No doubt Council staff will consult with THPA prior to any upgrade of One Tree Point seating.

Beach Access: In regards to the proposed upgrade to beach access the THPA would like to submit that Council remove the board & chain access track closest to One Tree Point that provides a steep descent to the beach north of One Tree known locally as Never Works Beach. There is no need for this path in the opinion of the THPA and it should be removed to allow revegetation of the area. Reparation should then be done on the primary access to Never Works that is provided directly from the One Tree Pt. Carpark.

BoatRamp: The THPA has written to Eurobodalla Shire Council specifically in support of the Tuross Head VRA desire to see the One Tree boatramp refurbished to provide additional emergency access for its new rescue craft. The extent of modification requires no more than the infill of rocks and the provision of concrete along with the installation of a lockable Emergency Services Only gate. The Tuross residents will happily pay for the modifications.



Above: an impression of the proposed modifications to the One Tree boat ramp that would see it being used only for emergencies with a lockable railing or bollards to ensure access wasn't gained by non-emergency craft.



Above: As can be seen in this photo all that is required is to reinstate the section that is missing between the carpark and the existing slab – rock, concrete andCouncil permission

Can Council please accept the raising of this issue as a Recreational Fishing need that would be well placed within the Recreation and Open Space Strategy. Irrespective of its inclusion in this policy the THPA will continue to pursue this request outside of this submission process.



Above: The One Tree Point routed sign that could also do with a make-over

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. The THPA looks forward to assisting Council with its revision of the *Coastal Management Plan, McWilliam Park, Tuross Head*

Yours sincerely
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