

Background

Since 2016, the Crescent Head community have provided extensive engagement and planning input to Council as part of the adoption process for:

- Crescent Head Master Plan
- Your Future Macleay – Local Strategic Planning Statement
- Crescent Head Public Domain Project, and
- Macleay Valley Coast Holiday Parks Future Development Plans

The Crescent Head foreshore and ocean front carpark development designs are still under review following significant community discussion and the emergence of conflicting views on the proposals.

In July 2021 Council commenced a two year engagement and design project to better understand and balance community needs for car parking and green space.

Decision timeline

November 2017	Crescent Head Masterplan adopted by Council
September 2020	Your Future Macleay – Local Strategic Planning Statement adopted by Council
October 2020	Crescent Head Public Domain Plan adopted by Council
March 2021	Draft Crown Lands Plan of Management endorsed by Council, sent to NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for comment and endorsement.
April 2021	Macleay Valley Coast Holiday Parks Future Development Plans adopted by Council (adopted Crescent Head Plan excludes cabins on foreshore boundary)
May 2021	Crescent Head petition from 'Save Crescent Head carpark' noted by Council Council resolved to revisit Public Domain concept plans for foreshore to include additional carparking whilst maintaining greenspace principles
July 2021	Council resolved to undertake renewed community engagement and design development for the foreshore area and present a further report in 24 months
August 2021	Council endorsed the proposed engagement methodology for the extended foreshore project

How will revised foreshore designs be developed?

In August 2021 Council endorsed a seven stage approach to engage the community, finalise a design brief and prepare landscape designs for this critical area.



Stage 1: Audit Project Scope

STATUS: Completed March 2022

- Stage 1 of the revised project approach was to conduct an independent audit to determine the land included in the foreshore design project.
- When initial foreshore designs were exhibited, the community questioned whether all options had been explored to determine the maximum space available for development.
- The aim of the audit was to consider in depth whether the area defined as the 'foreshore' could be adjusted and the economic and social complexities in doing so.
- This structured process evaluated and compared all relevant Council reports, community engagement, external reports, stakeholder interviews and legislation.

What area is included in the foreshore for the design project?

- The map below shows the footprint for the Crescent Head foreshore.
Western limit: The point just past the footbridge where the path narrows along Killick Creek
Southern limit: The existing Holiday Park boundaries
Eastern limit: Where the path narrows and meets the Golf course boundary
- The footprint excludes the area in front of the Surf Club (circled) as this is not on Council managed Crown Reserve.
- The footprint excludes the holiday park and the golf course.



What happens next?

- Council will conduct a formal request for quote process and select independent consultants with expertise in Public Domain design and complex community engagement.
- The consultants will work with Council staff to develop engagement plans and options for the foreshore area.

When will the community have another say?

- The consultants will work with Council to develop an engagement program that provides multiple ways for the community to share their views.
- The program will include
 - Forming a Community Advisory Group
 - Workshops
 - On site catch-ups
 - Opportunities to share feedback online via Your Say Macleay
- To stay informed register your interest at yoursay.macleay.nsw.gov.au/crescent-head-plans

Who makes the final decision on proposed designs?

- All draft designs will be placed on public exhibition before being presented to Council for decision making.
- Council will assess the proposed designs taking into consideration:
 - Community feedback
 - Council's legislative obligations for the management of Crown Land
 - Environmental factors
 - Financial implications.