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SCENIC DISTRICT

Mebbin

ASSOCIATED SCENIC SETTING UNITS

41 Back Creek 42 Kunghurloo Creek Valley

Location

- South West of Shire

Description (incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Predominantly forested hills along Byrill Creek and Back Creek valleys

Edges & Entrance

- Transition edge to the north along Brays Creek
- Tweed Range to the west
- Forested edge to the south
- Hills to the east

Significant Features

- Brummies Lookout • Tweed Range • Wollumbin State Forest
- Mebbin State Forest • Back Creek • Kunghurloo Creek • Byrill Creek

Designated Scenic Viewpoints

- Brays Creek Road • Blackbutts picnic area and lookout

Designated Scenic Routes & Destinations

- Tweed Range Road

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Scenic Appreciation / Significant Values

- Densely forested hills form a forested edge to Shire
- Screened views of Mt Warning and Tweed River valleys

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Recreational spaces within State Forest area
- Lookouts along Forestry Roads

Scenic District Objectives

- Retain existing forest canopy
- Preserve forested edge to Shire

Parameters of Development

- Upgrade road to Brummies Lookout (no seal) to join tourist drive at Byrill Creek Road
- Development should not impact upon views from Brummies Lookout, Mt Warning and Tweed Range Road

SCENIC DISTRICT

Tyalgum

ASSOCIATED SCENIC SETTING UNITS

36 Limpinwood 37 Tyalgum Creek 38 Oxley River
39 South Pumpenbil Creek 40 Palmer Creek

Location

- North West of Shire

Description (incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Open cleared rural valleys, hills and mountains • Forested mountains to west

Edges & Entrance

- Edges: Border Ranges to west ridgeline to south, mountains to north, transitional edge at Brays Creek, Tyalgum ridge to east

Significant Features

- Bald Mountains • Border Ranges and Mount Warning World Heritage National Parks
• Wollumbin State Forest • Oxley River • McPherson Range • Tyalgum village

Designated Scenic Viewpoints

- Brummies Lookout • Lookouts along Tweed Range Road and McPherson Ranges

Designated Scenic Routes & Destinations

- Tweed Range Road • Tyalgum - Chillingham Road
• Brays Creek Road • Limpinwood Road

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Scenic Appreciation / Significant Values

- Steep cleared agricultural valleys with streams contrast the enclosing forested mountains and distinctive rocky cliffs of the Border Ranges and Mt Warning National Park

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Tweed Range Road to become a scenic tourist drive
• Recreation spaces along Oxley Creek • Limited residential development

Scenic District Objectives

- Preserve ridgelines as a natural foreground to Mt Warning
• Preserve creek corridors

Parameters of Development

- Development to retain existing rural character where visible
- Limit development along scenic roads and along creeks
- Development should be restricted from ridgelines and should not significantly open the existing forest canopy
- Any proposed residential subdivision in rural valleys should be reviewed for its visibility and limited to retain the dominance of an undeveloped rural character.....

SCENIC DISTRICT

Chillingham

ASSOCIATED SCENIC SETTING UNITS

- 31 Rous River 32 Dungay Creek Valley 33 Nobby's Creek Valley
34 Crystal Creek Valley 35 Numinbah

Location

North West of Shire

Description (incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Open rural valleys of Rous River and its tributaries enclosed by the McPherson Ranges to the north

Edges & Entrance

- Edges: McPherson Range to north; Tweed Range to west; transition to Tweed Valley in east

Significant Features

- Villages - Chillingham
- Rous River
- Rainforest vegetation adjoining McPherson Ranges
- Distinctive creeks and ridges

Designated Scenic Viewpoints

- Views from Springbrook
- Border Gate

Designated Scenic Routes & Destinations

- Numinbah Road
- Zara Road

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Scenic Appreciation / Significant Values

- Border Gate entry point for visitors to the Shire with extensive views over rural valleys and Mt Warning

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Tourist drive between Murwillumbah and Border Gate
- Tourist and recreational rainforest walks and facilities

Scenic District Objectives

- Retain existing forest cover on foothills of Ranges
- Maintain scenic quality of views from Springbrook Lookout
- Retain existing rural character lookouts

Parameters of Development

- Development should not be clearly visible from lookouts along the McPherson Range or detract from the overall visitor experience
- Development should not significantly open the existing rainforest canopy
- Limit development along Numinbah - Murwillumbah road and retain rural character where visible
- Limit development in forested hills
- Maintain rural landscape character of grassed foothills as transition between forested ranges and canefields without extensive rural residential developments particularly in views from roads and existing residential areas.

SCENIC DISTRICT

Terranora

ASSOCIATED SCENIC SETTING UNITS

1 Fingal Beach 2 Fingal 3 Terranora 4 Cobaki
5 Mt Summerville 6 Upper Bilambil 7 Duroby

Location

North East Shire

Description (incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

• Tweed Estuary and Fingal Beach on the coast • Terranora and Cobaki Broadwater basin with inland lake scenes and farming • Narrow hinterland valleys of south eastern McPherson Range

Edges & Entrance

• Shire Boundary to the North • Fingal Beach along coast
• McPherson Range and Terranora Ridge

Significant Features

• Terranora and Cobaki Lakes • Terranora Creek and Inlet • Tweed River
• Bilambil Village • Fingal Township • Cook Island Nature Reserve
• River and Broadwater Islands

Designated Scenic Viewpoints

• Pacific Highway Bridge • Boyd's Bay Bridge • Fingal Headland • Point Danger
• Carool • Lookouts along McPherson Range

Designated Scenic Routes & Destinations

• Pacific Highway • Terranora Road - Banora Hills to Terranora

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Scenic Appreciation / Significant Values

- The high degree of naturalness to the north west and Terranora estuary scenes contrast to adjacent Queensland and form a scenic and environmental gateway to the Tweed Shire
- The Terranora and Cobaki Lakes and their natural setting have a district identity and high scenic role in the shire

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Maintain the natural setting of the Broadwater with managed development the enhancing area as the visual focus of the district.

Scenic District Objectives

- Develop a green and scenic setting for the intensity of residential, recreational and commercial development desired.
- Maintain a natural corridor from the mountains to the sea down the Terranora Basin to the Tweed River.
- Maintain the high degree of natural undeveloped and farm landscape at the northern edge of the shire.

Parameters of Development

- Development to be contained in clusters or villages, avoiding sprawl and linear roadside urban character • Ridgelines, gullies and waters edge to retain a natural landscape character.

SCENIC DISTRICT

Cudgen

ASSOCIATED SCENIC SETTING UNITS

8 Wommin Bay 9 Chinderah 10 Cudgen Creek 11 Bogangar Beach

Location

- Central East Coast - Tweed River to Bogangar

Description (incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Coastal beaches - Bogangar and Wommin Bay
- Open Coastal Valley from Banora Point • Ranges to West

Edges & Entrances

- Terranora ridge to north • Duranbah to Round Mountain Ridge to west and south
- Entrances on Pacific Highway • Forested Edge: Stotts Island Nature Reserve.

Significant Features

- Tweed River • Cudgen Memorial and Avenue • Cudgen Lake • Kingscliff Esplanade Pines • Round Mountain • Tweed Broadwater • Cudgen Village

Designated Scenic Viewpoints

- Cudgen Lake Shore • Norries Head • Cudgen Headland • Banora Point

Designated Scenic Routes & Destinations

- Pacific Highway • Cudgen Road • Duranbah Road Cabarita Beach • Dream Time Beach

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Scenic Appreciation / Significant Values

- Canefield and rural landscape in contrast to the forested hills that enclose the scene
- Littoral forest

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Cudgen Lake as a natural recreation facility
- Develop sense of entry to shire along the Pacific Highway by retaining canefields and vegetated hills.

Scenic District Objectives

- Retain natural character ridgelines on • Maintain naturalness of beach setting

Parameters of Development

- Limit visibility of development from beach headlands and major beach entries
- Cudgen Lake edge and surround to remain undeveloped
- Maintain vegetation along ridgelines, development in these locations to be subject to colour, size and height restrictions
- Consolidate development within existing towns to maintain rural character

SCENIC DISTRICT

Round Mountain

ASSOCIATED SCENIC SETTING UNITS

12 Clothiers Creek Valley 13 Reserve Creek Valley 14 Christies Creek Valley
15 Hastings Point 16 Cudgera Beach 17 Cudgera 18 Cudgera Creek Valley

Location

- South East of Shire - along coast Bogangar to Black Rock

Description (incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Coastal beaches • Coastal plain - Wallum and melaleuca wetlands
- Eucalypt forested hills • Round Mountain Range to west

Edges & Entrance

- Edges: Condong Range and Round Mountain Ridge; Hastings Point and Cudgera beaches to east

Significant Features

- Hasting Point • Norries Head • Round Mountain • Melaleuca wetlands
- Coastal plains and beaches • Cudgera Creek • Mooball Creek
- Bicentennial Park • Pottsville village • Black Rock

Designated Scenic Viewpoints

- Hastings Point • Norries Head • Coorabilla Road (Mooball State Forest)
- Pottsville-Mooball Road

Designated Scenic Routes & Destinations

- Clothiers Creek Road

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Scenic Appreciation / Significant Values

- Backdrop of forested hills to coastal settlement
- Agricultural valleys to west surrounded by heavily forested hills

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Beaches to be managed as a natural scenic and recreational focal point for Shire
- Canoe trail • Scenic walks

Scenic District Objectives

- Maintain vegetated backdrop to coastal and rural valleys as seen from the roads and beaches • Maintain the natural creek corridors and wetlands • Maintain the natural landscape character vegetation which separates the coastal villages

Parameters of Development

- Development should not disturb natural processes - eg. beaches, wetlands and natural creeks
- Limit visibility of development from beaches, headlands and major beach entries
- Access and car parking to be kept out of beach process zone
- Limit visibility of development from scenic routes and viewpoints
- Retain forested backdrop of Round Mountain
- Limit development on prominent hillsides and ridges
- Encourage development to consolidate in existing communities
- Clustered residential and recreational development along secondary roads (other than designated scenic routes) which complement the surrounding rural scenic setting.

SCENIC DISTRICT

Mooball

ASSOCIATED SCENIC SETTING UNITS

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|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 19 Mooball Beach | 20 Sleepy Hollow | 21 Wooyung Valley |
| 22 Crabbes Creek Valley | 23 Upper Crabbes Creek | |
| 24 Burringbar Creek Valley | 25 Burringbar | |

Location

- South East Coast

Description (incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Coastal beaches • Coastal plain - Wallum and Melaleuca wetland
- Cane fields and grazing in open valleys • Burringbar Range encloses valleys to west

Edges & Entrance

- Burringbar Range • Crabbes Swamp • Shire Boundary to South

Significant Features

- Creek Valleys • Cane Fields in Wooyung Valley • Black Rock • Mooball Beach
- Burringbar State Forest • Villages : Mooball, Burringbar and Crabbes Creek

Designated Scenic Viewpoints

- Crest of hill on Pottville- Mooball Road

Designated Scenic Routes & Destinations

- Mooball- Pottsville Road • Wooyung Road

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Scenic Appreciation / Significant Values

- Natural backdrop to long surf beach "wilderness" quality • Littoral forest
- Natural landscape viewed across cane fields (wetlands forest and forest ridges)
- Diversity of vegetation in rural scene

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Canoe trail • Recreational trail or bikeway along creeks • Introduction to Shire landscape at Pacific Highway (Gateway)
- Some residential development in narrow valley and focused areas, eg. Sleepy Hollow

Scenic District Objectives

- Open coastal plain to be kept natural where it is a viewshed of a scenic route
- Retain significant scenic cultural features, eg. dips, fencing, timber bridges
- Maintain scenic, natural outlook from railway - "Gateway" to shire
- Maintain natural scenic quality of Pacific Highway outlooks

Parameters of Development

- Limit visibility of development from beaches, headlands and major beach entries
- Access and car parking to be kept out of beach process zone
- Limit development on prominent hillsides and ridges
- Residential development is not to detract from the scenic appreciation of the agricultural landscape from major roads
- Cluster residential and recreational development in rural valleys to retain dominance of rural character.
- Limit development in littoral forests and coastal wetlands

SCENIC DISTRICT

Murwillumbah Valley

ASSOCIATED SCENIC SETTING UNITS

27 Wardrop Valley

28 Dunbible Creek

29 Byangum

30 Oxley River Valley

Location

- Central in Shire

Description (incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Open rural valleys of the Tweed River and its tributaries
- Forested areas to south west and east

Edges & Entrance

- Edges: enclosing hills and mountains
- Transition edges to south Tweed Valley

Significant Features

- Tweed River
- Oxley River
- Dunbible Creek
- Mooball State Forest
- Wollumbin State Forest
- Condong Range
- Views to Mt Warning
- Boulders embedded in grassed hills along Kyogle Road

Designated Scenic Viewpoints

- Springbrook Lookouts

Designated Scenic Routes & Destinations

- Kyogle Road
- Tyalgum Road

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Scenic Appreciation / Significant Values

- Rural landscape of flat canefields and grasslands contrast the openness of the Tweed River valley and the forested mountains
- Extensive river and creek views.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Tourist drive linking scenic Tweed valley to Mt Warning National Park
- Residential housing
- Recreational spaces and facilities along Tweed River.

Scenic District Objectives

- Retain distinctive rugged character of Kyogle Road landscape
- Rural character at entry to Korrumbyn Creek Road
- Preserve vegetation and views along river corridors

Parameters of Development

- Development to be contained within existing towns and new clusters or villages
- Linear development and sprawl between Tyalgum, Murwillumbah, Uki and Stokers Siding is to be avoided
- Development should not be clearly visible or prominent from Mt Warning Lookout or detract from the overall visitor 'wilderness' experience

SCENIC DISTRICT

Nightcap Range

ASSOCIATED SCENIC SETTING UNITS

51 Doon Doon Creek Valley 52 Midginbil Hill 53 Kunghur Creek Valley
54 Upper Tweed River 55 Mount Burrell 56 South Tweed Range

Location

- South West of Shire

Description (incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Rural valleys with forested hills to south
- Valley along Murwillumbah-Nimbin Road enclosed by grassed and treed hills with views to Tweed River and Mt Warning

Edges & Entrance

- Entrance: South Tweed Range; Murwillumbah-Nimbin Road near Mt Terragon
- Edges: Mebbin State Forest and Nightcap Range.

Significant Features

- Nightcap Range
- Upper Tweed River
- Mt Terragon
- Mt Burrell
- Clarrie Hall Dam
- Doughboy Mountain
- Nullum State Forest

Designated Scenic Viewpoints

- Lookout on South Tweed Range - views to Mt Warning.
- Southern Edge of Clarrie Hall Dam and surrounding forests

Designated Scenic Routes & Destinations

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Scenic Appreciation / Significant Values

- Attractive rural river and creek valleys contrasting against steeply forested mountain ranges

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Develop Clarrie Hall Dam as a regional recreational facility
- Limited rural tourist development, in particular, eco tourism.

Scenic District Objectives

- Retain rural landscape character
- Retain views to forested mountainous in outlooks Shire edge

Parameters of Development

- Retain existing forested tree canopy along hills and ridges
- Development to be in character with existing rural landscape - in scale and location.
- Rural residential subdivisions to be in new "village" nodes or clusters in areas away from roads and major lookouts to retain dominance of undeveloped character.

SCENIC DISTRICT

Mount Warning

ASSOCIATED SCENIC SETTING UNITS

43 Cedar Creek 44 Korrumbyn Creek Valley

Location

- Central in Shire

Description (incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Areas adjoining Mt Warning

Edges & Entrance

- Base of Mount Warning near Korrumbyn Creek Road turn off • Pretty Gully

Significant Features

- Mt Warning • Pretty Gully • Korrumbyn Creek
- Mount Warning World Heritage National Park

Designated Scenic Viewpoints

- Mt Warning • Brummies Lookout

Designated Scenic Routes & Destinations

- Korrumbyn Creek Road • Mt Warning bush walking trail

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Scenic Appreciation / Significant Values

- Highly scenic World Heritage National Park Area which is approached by rock along a steep vegetated creek valley

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Enhance the 'naturalness' of the visitor experience and views from the mountain
- Consider small scale environmentally sensitive tourist development in the foothills of the mountain • Promote the revegetation of Cedar Creek Valley where degraded.

Scenic District Objectives

- To retain, and in some areas - enhance, the forested landscape setting of Mt Warning

Parameters of Development

- Development should not be obtrusive or detract from the 'natural' experience of this World Heritage Environment
- Development should not be a dominant feature of this landscape when viewed from the lookout at Mt Warning
- Development in this area when viewed from Mt Warning should not be clearly visible though the existing tree canopy.
- Developments along the approach roads to Mt Warning should be kept modes in scale and signage to maintain the character of route to the "wilderness".

SCENIC DISTRICT

Nullum

ASSOCIATED SCENIC SETTING UNITS

45 The Sisters 46 Smiths Creek 47 Stokers Siding
48 Upper Dunbible Creek 49 Chowan Creek 50 Rolands Creek

Location

- Central in Shire

Description (incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Tweed River and associated rural creek valleys
- Densely forested surrounding mountains

Edges & Entrance

- Edges: Nullum State Forest and Burringbar State Forest to south and east
- Mt Warning and Mt Uki to north west

Significant Features

- Mt Warning • Mt Uki • Mt Misery • Tweed River • The Sisters
- Townships - Stokers Siding and Uki

Designated Scenic Viewpoints

- Mt Warning • Clarrie Hall Dam

Designated Scenic Routes & Destinations

- Kyogle Road • Uki

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Scenic Appreciation / Significant Values

- Attractive rural creek valleys contrasting against steep forested hills and mountains of The Nullum Range

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Rural recreational and tourist facilities for visitors to Mt Warning National Park
- Limited residential development

Scenic District Objectives

- Retain rural landscape character • Maintain scenic outlooks from roads and residential areas.

Parameters of Development

- Development should not be prominent in view from significant lookouts and Scenic Routes • New subdivision development should be focused and not dispersed through the district • Development to be restricted on prominent ridgelines to keep rooflines below the skyline • Preservation of scenic town settings for Stokers Siding and Uki
- Development to be in context with existing rural landscape

SCENIC DISTRICT

Tweed Valley

ASSOCIATED SCENIC SETTING UNITS

26 Tweed River Valley

Location

- Central in Shire

Description (incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Scenic valley - wide flat floodplain adjoining the Tweed River surrounded by forested hills and mountain ranges. Landscape is defined by canefields and canals.

Edges & Entrance

- Edges - mountain ranges around valley; Murwillumbah township
- Transition/Forested edge to north-east • Entrances - along surrounding ridge roads

Significant Features

- Cane fields and canals in open river valley Tweed River and tributaries
- Forested Hills • Views to Mt Warning • Rainforest vegetation in north west hills
- Stotts Island Nature Reserve • Dinsey's rock • Wetlands in south west
- Rous River • Condong Range • Villages : Tumbulgum and Condong
- Stotts Island Nature Reserve

Designated Scenic Viewpoints

- Pacific Highway - entrance to Valley at Cudgen • Lookout along Terranora Road
- Lookout from Clothiers Creek Road • View at crest of hill - Tomewin Road
- View at crest of hill- Pacific Highway • Tumbulgum Bridge

Designated Scenic Routes & Destinations

- Pacific Highway • Clothiers Creek Road • Dulguigan Road • Tomewin Road
- Tumbulgum Road • Farrants Road • Duranbah Road • Coorabilla Road

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Scenic Appreciation / Significant Values

- The wide open Tweed River floodplain - the river and canefields are seen in contrast to heavily forested ridges from the Pacific Highway. This highly scenic valley is important to Tweed Shire identity and the Shire amenity and cultural heritage.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Recreation opportunities along the river
- Retain highly scenic agricultural landscape

Scenic District Objectives

- Preserve vegetated ridge lines as a visual edge to district • Retain open rural valley character • Ensure development enhances high scenic quality is retained.

Parameters of Development

- The foreground of the Pacific Highway should remain open to views of canefields and/or natural landscape without advertising signs or development • New development should not be a prominent or distracting in view from the Pacific Highway and other designated scenic viewpoints • Development should be consolidated within the existing development nodes of Tumbulgum, Condong and Murwillumbah to avoid sprawl into the surrounding rural landscape • Retain tree canopy of surrounding forested hills • Development within the Tweed River Valley should be restricted to existing nodes of development and should be sensitive to the highly scenic setting.

SCENIC SETTING UNITS

- 1 Fingal Beach
- 2 Fingal
- 3 Terranora
- 4 Cobaki
- 5 Mt Summerville
- 6 Upper Bilambil
- 7 Duroby
- 8 Wommin Bay
- 9 Chinderah
- 10 Cudgen Creek
- 11 Bogangar Beach
- 12 Clothiers Creek Valley
- 13 Reserve Creek Valley
- 14 Christies Creek Valley
- 15 Hastings Point
- 16 Cudgera Beach
- 17 Cudgera
- 18 Cudgera Creek Valley
- 19 Mooball Beach
- 20 Sleepy Hollow
- 21 Wooyung Valley
- 22 Crabbes Creek Valley
- 23 Upper Crabbes Creek
- 24 Burringbar Creek Valley
- 25 Burringbar
- 26 Tweed River Valley
- 27 Wardrop Valley
- 28 Dunbible Creek

SCENIC SETTING UNITS Continued

- 29 Byangum
- 30 Oxley River Valley
- 31 Rous River
- 32 Dungay Creek Valley
- 33 Nobby's Creek Valley
- 34 Crystal Creek Valley
- 35 Numinbah
- 36 Limpinwood
- 37 Tyalgum Creek
- 38 Oxley River
- 39 South Pumpenbil Creek
- 40 Palmer Creek
- 41 Back Creek
- 42 Kunghurloo Creek Valley
- 43 Cedar Creek
- 44 Korrumbyn Creek Valley
- 45 The Sisters
- 46 Smiths Creek
- 47 Stokers Siding
- 48 Upper Dunbible Creek
- 49 Chowan Creek
- 50 Rolands Creek
- 51 Doon Doon Creek Valley
- 52 Midginbil Hill
- 53 Kunghur Creek Valley
- 54 Upper Tweed River
- 55 Mount Burrell
- 56 South Tweed Range

SCENIC UNIT

1 Fingal Beach

DISTRICT

Terranora



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Northern most beach of Shire south of Tweed River mouth

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- NE facing surf beach, 4km, along natural spit at mouth of Tweed River

Edges & Entrances

- Edges: Tweed River, North Head, Fingal Head to south
- Entrances: Fingal Road at Fingal Head village

Landscape Features - Natural

- Fingal Head and Giant's Causeway • Cook Island
- The Spit, Kerosene Inlet, beach and foreshore

Scenic - Cultural Features & Associations

- Caravan park and settlement frontage to beach • Cemetery
- Surf Lifesaving Clubhouse

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Large carparks • Road shoulders

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Beach near SLSC
- Headland
- South Head wall

Scenic Assessment

High

Scenic Appreciation / Significant values

- Uninterrupted ocean and coastal view
- Natural undeveloped appearance

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Extention of green corridor from Terranora hills
- Retain as a natural beach setting

Parameters of Development

- Maintain as generally natural / undeveloped spit
- Low key development within village of Fingal Head
- No development to be clearly visible from beach or headland

SCENIC UNIT
2 Fingal

DISTRICT
Terranora



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Tweed River estuary and mouth, west of Fingal, east of Pacific Highway

Description (Incl. - Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Coastal plain with diverse mix of natural landscape features - river and mangrove forests, urban development and cultural landscape of golf course and parks.

Edges & Entrances

- Edges: Tweed Heads to north, Sexton Hill - Rocky Point - Fingal to south.
- Entrances: Pacific Highway, Boyd's Bay bridge

Landscape Features - Natural

- Terranora Inlet • Ukerebagh Nature Reserve • Mangrove forests

Scenic - Cultural Features & Associations

- Golf course • Tweed River training walls • Fishing boats • Keith Curran Park and other Tweed River and Inlet parks • Historic site

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Some urban sprawl and housing estates • Golf clubhouse

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Tweed River park • Ukerebagh Passage park (highway) • Sexton Hill housing

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Natural river estuary landscape in midst of urban development provides a strong contrast and visual enhancement
- Water passages provide scenic outlook from major roads.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Screen and soften urban developments and emphasise Tweed River and Inlets as the strong environmental and scenic identity of Tweed Shire.
- Linear park along all waterway shores + interpretative canoe trail
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Parameters of Development

- Limit height and extent of developments (incl. car parking and roads) to maintain natural landscape dominant in views from roads and parks. Height of buildings not to extend over mangrove or fringing forests in view from parks and shore viewpoints.
- Islands and waterways of Tweed River and Ukerebagh Passage to remain natural and intact in character with no visual disturbance by developments.

SCENIC UNIT

3 Terranora

DISTRICT

Terranora

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- North east Shire: view shed around Terranora Broadwater

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Basin around the Terranora Broadwater with remnant forests on hillsides and along creeks and gullies, farm land and urban development

Edges & Entrances

- Ridges to south and north are backdrop to basin

Landscape Features - Natural

- Broadwater, including islands and natural forested shoreline, focus at central peninsula and island.
- Remnant tree groves amongst farming or semi urban areas.
- Terranora Creek and shoreline

Scenic - Cultural Features & Associations

- Farming / agricultural landscape on hillsides
- Oyster beds
- Grassed cleared areas with tree groves forming scenic cultural landscape

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Large scale intrusive buildings and extensive residential subdivisions

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Banora Hills residential area
- Terranora Heights and road
- Bilambil Heights residential area and road

Scenic Assessment

High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Broadwater and its natural landscape setting as focus of outlooks of the area. Natural / cultural farm landscape on hillsides.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Maintain natural visual focus of unit by maintaining Broadwater edges and setting as natural with both undeveloped and rural/cultural character
- Educational/Recreational facilities along broadwater.

Parameters of Development

- Contain development by keeping natural landscape elements and structure dominant and throughout unit:- maintain forested gullies on hillsides and farming areas, maintain natural ridges by keeping housing below ridge.
- Preserve ecological processes of broadwater and island.

SCENIC UNIT
4 Cobaki

DISTRICT
Terranora

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- North east shire, west of Tweed Heads

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Enclosed flat coastal plain, drained by Cobaki Creek, with extensive wetlands around Cobaki Broadwater. Enclosing ridges to the north and south.

Edges & Entrances

- McPherson Range backdrop to west. Coastal development and highway to east.

Landscape Features - Natural

- Cobaki Broadwater, wetland forests and swamps.
- Mountain backdrop.

Scenic - Cultural Features & Associations

- Farmyards, fences, dip etc.

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Powerlines
- Cobaki Creek edges environmentally degraded in parts.

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Cobaki Creek
- In valley
- At water's edge

Scenic Assessment

- Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Naturalness in proximity to Tweed Heads / Coolangatta.
- Isolated scenic farm paddocks in the hinterland.
- Broadwater and its natural setting have district identity and the potential for a high scenic role in the Shire.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Access to the Broadwater for environmental education / recreation
- Recreation and scenic access to Cobaki Creek
- Preservation and revegetation of creek corridors and Broadwater as a green corridor.

Parameters of Development

- Housing could occur out of sight up side valleys as clusters or villages (not rural residential)
- Maintain naturalness of backdrop hills
- Restrict waterside development to preserve naturalness:

SCENIC UNIT

5 Mt Summerville

DISTRICT

Terranora



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Along northern Shire border west of Cobaki

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Narrow valleys and rugged ranges - the southern edge of the McPherson Range.
- Farm landscape along narrow small creek flats. • Gravel roads to isolated houses.

Edges & Entrances

- Entrance at east - Cobaki and Piggabeen settlements.
- Edges: McPherson Range ridge / Shire border to north, Mt Tomewin, Mt Carool ridge to south.

Landscape Features - Natural

- Mountains, forested mountains and hillsides • Piggabeen and Cobaki Creeks

Scenic - Cultural Features & Associations

- Historic farm clearings and buildings • Winding narrow roads

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Power lines

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Piggabeen Creek valley - "Cressvale" vicinity • Cobaki Creek valley

Scenic Assessment

- Medium

Scenic Appreciation / Significant values

- Remote, intimate landscape high in both natural and cultural landscape values.
- Winding roads and unfolding picturesque scenes.
- Some views to ocean/coastal landscape

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Scenic drive to low key creek / tea house / educational / recreational destination
- Some housing in sympathetic form and location

Parameters of Development

- Maintain remoteness and undeveloped character link.
- Disallow rural residential strip development along road.
- Development to respect creek / dairy flats character.
- Set housing in "villages" back from road.
- Preserve vegetation along ridgelines.

SCENIC UNIT

6 Upper Bilambil

DISTRICT

Terranora



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Along Bilambil Creek, west of Bilambil village

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Long, narrow enclosed valley of dairy farms enclosed by steep forested hills

Edges & Entrances

- Entrance at Bilambil village at east, Urliup Road in McPherson Range at west end.

Landscape Features - Natural

- Bilambil Creek and riverine trees • Mountains and ridges - natural character

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Dairy landscape, farm buildings and yards • Winding, narrow gravel road evoking remoteness and history

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Power lines

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Upper Bilambil • Bilambil village

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Remote, intimate landscape high in both natural and cultural landscape values.
- Winding road and unfolding picturesque scenes.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Scenic drive to low key creek / tea house / educational / recreational destination
- Some housing in sympathetic form and location

Parameters of Development

- Maintain remoteness and undeveloped character from Upper Bilambil to Urliup Road link.
- Disallow rural residential strip development along road
- Respecting creek / dairy flats character
- Set housing in "villages" back from road.

SCENIC UNIT
7 Duroby

DISTRICT
Terranora



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Along Duroby Creek west of Terranora - Bilambil Road

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Narrow, dead end valley of dairying and small crop farms along creek below steep forested ridges

Edges & Entrances

- Entrance off Terranora - Bilambil Road
- Edges of enclosing ridges

Landscape Features - Natural

- Dense forest on hillsides
- Riverine forest
- Creek crossings

Scenic - Cultural Features & Associations

- Historic farming landscapes
- White timber fence
- Horse stud

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Power lines
- Erosion on farmed hillsides in part
- Quarry

Unit 7

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Valley entry near Marks Dip

Scenic Assessment

- Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Enclosed, intimate valley with narrow winding road, creek crossings, farms and rugged forested hillsides and ridges

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Some housing • Recreation and tourist accommodation - cabin character

Parameters of Development

- Maintain rural character at valley entry and throughout
- Development of rural residential extending along roadside to be avoided in favour of cluster or "village" housing set back from road or forming a small focus in a rural setting.
- Prominent hillsides to be kept free of developments
- Development in any section of the valley to occur on one side of the road to maintain a dominant rural outlook.

SCENIC UNIT

8 Wommin Bay

DISTRICT

Cudgen



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Fingal Head south to Kingscliff and Cudgen Headland

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- East facing beach, 6km long, with dune Casuarina forest from sandmining revegetation.

Edges & Entrances

- Entrances: Kingscliff (north) from Pacific Highway connection, Fingal Head village, Kingscliff -on headland.

Landscape Features - Natural

- Wide, surf beach • Wommin Lake and Lagoon

Scenic - Cultural Features & Associations

- Caravan parks • Headland lookouts and walks

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- New housing and motel developments - urban sprawl

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Dreamtime Beach (Fingal)
- Kingscliff Beach (near SLSC)
- Kingscliff housing on headland

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Long undeveloped beach with near natural headlands enclosing views

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Recreational / educational access and trails along northern section

Parameters of Development

- Limit / prohibit visibility of development from beach
- Maintain coastal wetlands / forest area along Lake and Lagoons
- Enhance access and gateways to beach views
- Enhance beach esplanade / foreshore landscape treatments

SCENIC UNIT

9 Chinderah

DISTRICT

Cudgen



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Adjacent to Tweed River from Stotts Island to Kingscliff

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Tweed River flood plain with hillside enclosures of Terranora Heights ridge to north and Cudgen to south. Canefields landscape with coastal wetland forests.
- Eucalypt forested ridges.

Edges & Entrances

- Entrances: Stotts Creek and Island to the south west; Kingscliff
- Edges: Terranora and Cudgen ridge roads.

Landscape Features - Natural

- View of long curving beach and island views • Tweed River • Dodds Island & Boyds Channel • Canefields landscape • Fingal Head • Treed hillsides

Scenic - Cultural Features & Associations

- Treed River plain - canefields landscape and associated history
- Chinderah cemetery • Chinderah golf course • Cudgen Memorial trees

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- New housing sprawl in Kingscliff area • Chinderah Bypass
- Melaleuca Station tourist attraction

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Kingsliff Headland residential and roads
- Cudgen Road ridge
- Pacific Highway

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- The wide open Tweed River floodplain - the River and canefields are seen in contrast to heavily forested ridges from the Pacific Highway south of Chinderah. This is the scenic gateway to the natural, inland landscape of the Tweed Shire.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Lookouts along Cudgen and Terranora Roads

Parameters of Development

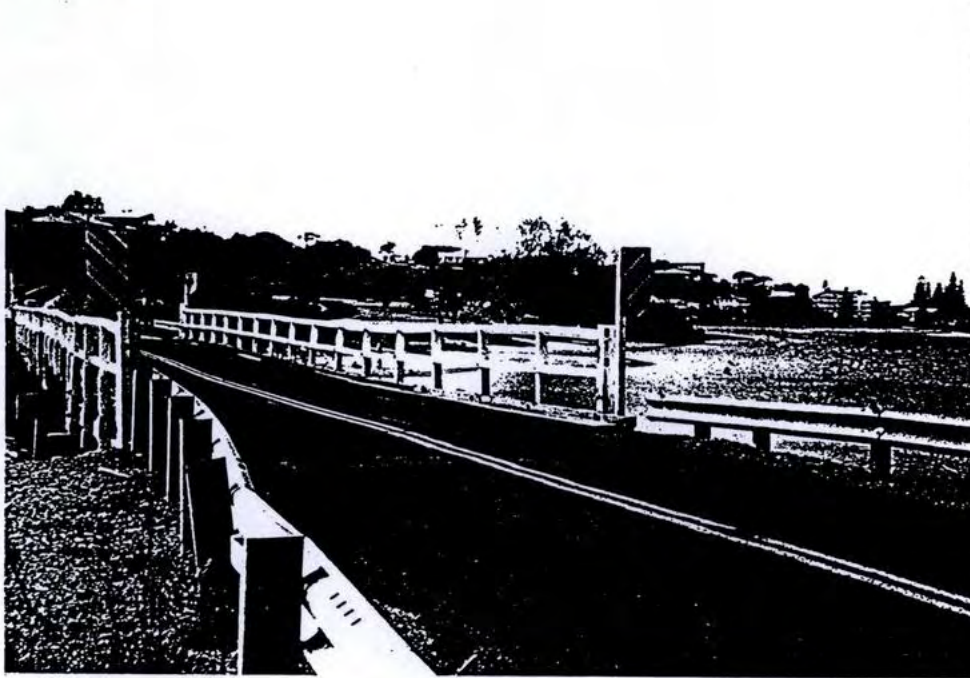
- Terranora ridge hillside should remain undeveloped west of Chinderah Island.
- The foreground to the Pacific Highway should remain open to views of canefields and/or natural landscape without advertising signs or developments.

SCENIC UNIT

10 Cudgen Creek

DISTRICT

Cudgen



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Coastal plain between Kingscliff and Bogangar bounded inland by the Cudgen and Duranbah ridges.

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Cudgen Creek winds north from Cudgen Lake behind the foreshore and the coastal forests adjoining this from the eastern edge.
- The undulating terrain supports extensive agricultural farms and pine tree plantations

Edges & Entrances

- Edge: Terranora ridge to NW, Kingscliff - Cudgen ridge

Landscape Features - Natural

- Cudgen Lake • Cudgen Creek riverine forest • Remnant rainforest area.

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Line of pine trees -Cudgen Memorial
- Farm landscapes south of Cudgen -bananas, avocados etc.
- Small villages and settlements -Cudgen, Duranbah

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Cudgen Creek - dumped cars and rubbish

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Cudgen Lake shore
- Kingscliff residential on headland
- Old Bogangar Road

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Undulating farm landscape.
- Rural landscape with hillside backdrop seen from Kingscliff and Cudgen ridges and roads.
- Melaleuca wetlands / forests and Cudgen Lake provide natural coastal landscape setting between changed landscapes of farms and coastal settlements.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Enhance Lake access
- Cudgen Creek -clean up - enhance recreation access
- Lookout at Kingscliff water towers
- Preservation of remnant rainforest

Parameters of Development

- Hills around Lake and Lake shore - no clearing or large scale development
- Maintain rural / farm landscape by limiting small lots - concentrate housing in "village" groups
- Protect village character by limiting extent of residential spread around edges
- Maintain all wetland forest behind beach south of Kingscliff
- Maintain all remnant rainforest vegetation in Unit.

SCENIC UNIT

11 Bogangar Beach

DISTRICT

Cudgen



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Between Kingscliff and Bogangar

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Straight, long beach, 8 km, with a curve at Cabarita Beach at the south to Norries Head, a grassed open headland with a rocky beach edge below.

Edges & Entrances

- Edges: Norries Head at the south Foreshore vegetation
- Entrances: Cabarita Beach

Landscape Features - Natural

- Norries Head - rocky ledges and outcrops, pandanus trees, grass, small beach
- Long, undeveloped foreshore

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Sandmining evidence

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Carpark on Bogangar / Norries Head headland visible from beach
- Sandmining at Cudgen Headland

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Beach at SLSC • Norries Head headland lookout • Beach south of Cudgen Headland

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Naturalness of foreshore dune area, beach backdrop and headlands
- Coastal wallum vegetation along roadway

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Screen carpark on headland

Parameters of Development

- No buildings to be clearly visible or prominent in foreground views to and from beach
- No development on headland - pedestrian and parking facilities to be unobtrusive in views from beach
- Retain natural vegetation edge to beach - access through the beach processes zone to be kept low key - carparks small and treed.

SCENIC UNIT

12 Clothiers Creek Valley

DISTRICT

Round Mountain

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- East of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Long, wide coastal valley in east of Shire enclosed by wooded hills and ranges to the north, south and west.
- Encroaching urban development.
- Combination of agricultural (grazing and cane) and residential land uses
- Large areas of relatively inaccessible bushland in south east of unit

Edges & Entrances

Entrances : Bogangar township, Cabarita Beach and view from Norries Head;
Ridge along Clothiers Creek Road

Edges: Condong Range; Dense vegetated edge of Round Mountain; Norries Head

Landscape Features - Natural

- Norries Head
- Edges of Cudgen Lake
- Clothiers Creek
- Condong Range
- Round Mountain
- Melaleuca wetland
- Reserve Creek
- Views to ocean and Mount Warning

Scenic - Cultural Features & Associations

- Landmark fig tree
- Tanglewood Estate
- Football field
- Plantation
- Parkland type estates & rural residential housing development
- Cane fields

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Plantation
- Football field
- Views to antenna

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Tanglewood Estate
- Condong Range
- Clothiers Creek Road
- Tweed Coast Road

Scenic Assessment

High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Open rural valley with backdrop of ridges and hills
- Melaleuca Wetlands

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Enhancement of Cudgen lake edge

Parameters of Development

- Ensure preservation of the natural edge to Bogangar township
- Ensure preservation of views to Lake and wetland area
- Retain the agricultural character of the area for outlooks from Clothier Creek Road

SCENIC UNIT

13 Reserve Creek Valley

DISTRICT

Round Mountain

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

Valley in Central-east of shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Small enclosed grazing valley • Diverse contrast between dense rainforest vegetation which defines the entry to this unit and the cleared agricultural land

Edges & Entrances

Edges: Surrounding hillsides and ridges

Entrances: Opening in vegetation along Palmvale Road; crest of ridge along Condong Range

Landscape Features - Natural

- Enclosing Condong Range • Rainforest • Reserve Creek

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Pine forest • Bald hill • Nursery • Landmark fig trees
- Cane fields

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Cowpaths on hills • Powerlines • Bald hill

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Round Mountain Road • Palmvale Road

Scenic Assessment

Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Enclosed valley

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Revegetation of degraded areas

Parameters of Development

- Ensure the preservation of remnant rainforest areas and other significant vegetation
- Ensure the hillsides and ridges are maintained as natural landscape.

SCENIC UNIT

14 Christies Creek Valley

DISTRICT

Round Mountain

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- East of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Wide plains of grazing land and cane fields with wooded hills and mountains

Edges & Entrances

- Entrance : bend in Cudgera Road reveals the Christies Creek valley

Landscape Features - Natural

- View to Coast • Christies Creek • Condong Range • Mooball State Forest

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Row of pines • post and wire fences • houses located on ridges with garden
- grazing

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Antenna / transmitter • lettuce farm • some eroded areas

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Condong Range • Top of Burringbar Road • Cudgera Road

Scenic Assessment

- Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Condong Range forms a forested scenic backdrop to the open Coastal valley

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Mooball forest to be developed as a recreational and educational node
- Limited residential development

Parameters of Development

- Development in nodes within valley
- Restrict development and clearing of vegetation along ridgelines

SCENIC UNIT

15 Hastings Point

DISTRICT

Round Mountain

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Central coastal beach in Tweed Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Small section of beach between two landmark headlands
- Grassed foredunes with a backdrop of casuarina, banksia and beach acacia
- Creek entry and swamp to South west

Edges & Entrances

Edges: Headland at Norries Head and Hastings Point; Coast Road

Landscape Features - Natural

- Norries head
- Hastings Point
- Entrance to Cudgera Creek
- Coastal Dunes
- Dune grass with Casuarina and Acacia backdrop
- Views to Mountains at Mouth of the Creek

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Caravan Park
- Parkland
- Pines at river mouth

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Headland retaining walls
- Tracks through dunes to the beach
- Previous sandmining of beach
- Holiday and residential housing visible from beachfront which detracts from the naturalness of the experience
- Bitou Bush weed in dunes
- Car park on Hastings Point headland

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Headlands
- Occasional glimpses along Coast Road

Scenic Assessment

High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- High energy coastal beach with dune and casuarina backdrop
- Landmark headlands

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- To enhance the perceived naturalness of the beach by removing weed species, restricting paths to limited areas away from the high dunes and by reducing the visual impact of development by screening.

Parameters of Development

- Development of Coast Road must not impact upon the natural experience of this beach
- New development should be limited to behind the beach process zone
- New development is not to be visible from the beach and therefore is subject to height limits

SCENIC UNIT

16 Cudgera Beach

DISTRICT

Round Mountain

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Coastal - South East of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Surf beach and coastal dunes between Hasting Point and Mooball Creek

Edges & Entrances

- Entrances: Hasting Point headland and creek mouth

Landscape Features - Natural

- Casuarina and Beach Acacia backdrop • Grassed foredunes • Mooball Creek

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Buildings not obtrusive • Houses visible from beach toward Mooball Creek
- View to Cape Byron Lighthouse

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- All of beach sandmined previously • Bitou Bush weed in dunes • rock walls at mouth of Mooball Creek • Car park on Hastings Point headland • Tracks through dunes to beach

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Cudgera & Cudgera Creek Roads

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Long natural castal beach with minor visual intrusion from development
- Littoral forest along beach

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Preserve 'naturalness' of the beach setting • Recreational opportunities at creek entry

Parameters of Development

- New development should be limited to behind the beach process zone
- New development is not to be visible from the beach and therefore is subject to height limits
- Preserve form of spit as a natural scenic backdrop to the creek and beach

SCENIC UNIT

17 Cudgera

DISTRICT

Round Mountain

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

South east of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Large open coastal agricultural valley with predominantly grass and cane on the valley floor, surrounded by the wooded hills of Round Mountain
- Significant wetland vegetation is being encroached upon by sprawling residential development

Edges & Entrances

Edges: Townships and beaches of Pottsville and Hastings Point; Round Mountain; vegetated ridges; wetland transition area to the south east

Entrances: Surrounding ridges

Landscape Features - Natural

- Cudgera Creek
- Round Mountain
- Wetlands
- Pines on ridgelines
- Landmark figs
- Views to Ocean

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Hastings Point
- Pottsville township
- Landmark fig tree
- Pines on ridge
- Round Mountain
- Yards
- Cane and banana growing
- Split rail fencing
- Timber Bridge

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Vast areas of cane and associated land uses
- Quarry
- Trucking Company Garage
- Pottsville Waters and Black Rock Canal Estates
- Eroded areas along CudgeraCreek Road
- Sewerage treatment plant
- Power lines along road

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Cudgera Creek Road • Round Mountain Road • Pottsville

Scenic Assessment

High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Open valley of large cane fields and grazing

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Clustered rural residential development which does not detract from the scenic amenity of the area
- Small scale tourism development which is in context with the agricultural and natural character of the area
- Maintain views to Melaleuca wetlands and coast
- Retention of historic landuses such as canefields and banana plantations as a basis for cultural heritage tourism

Parameters of Development

- Development should not occur extensively in the viewshed of well trafficked through roads which have a scenic rural or natural amenity. This is especially significant for views over coastal valleys with views to the ocean over natural vegetation, such as wetlands.
- Development should not impact upon areas of significant vegetation, such as the wetland and littoral forest areas, or the vegetated backdrop of the surrounding wooded hills
- Development areas should be consolidated and not facilitated to spread between the coastal vilages. The edges to existing townships should be retained as natural landscape.
- Rural residential subdivisions should be limited in extent to ensure a continuity of rural landscape character from the hills to the coastal fringe, particularly along the waterways and roads eg Cudgera Creek Roak.

SCENIC UNIT

18 Cudgera Creek Valley

DISTRICT

Round Mountain

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Central - East of shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Creek valley predominately pastoral and grazing lands. • Dense pockets of vegetation along curvilinear roadway

Edges & Entrances

Edges: Burringbar Range

Entrances: Camphor Laurel Avenue and timber bridge; opening of vegetation along Cudgera Creek Road

Landscape Features - Natural

- Cudgera Creek • Burringbar Range • Mooball State Forest
- Varying natural roadside vegetation • Ocean Views

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Creek views along Cudgera Creek Road • Ocean Views • Wooden bridge
- Avenue plantings • Landmark hoop pines in field

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Quarry

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Cudgera Creek Road • Wabba Road

Scenic Assessment

Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Enclosed creek valley, with variable vegetation density and sense of enclosure
- Views to creek and ocean

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Scenic drive
- Residential and small scale eco-tourism developments or facilities

Parameters of Development

- Scenic rural character maintained along road in views
- Hillsides maintained as natural backdrop without developments prominent in foreground views

SCENIC UNIT

19 Mooball Beach

DISTRICT

Mooball



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

South East of Shire.

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

Beach and coastal dunes • Grassed foredunes with a backdrop of casuarina and beach acacia • No visual intrusion from development.

Edges & Entrances

Entry to Mooball Creek • Littoral forest vegetation in the back dunes

Landscape Features - Natural

• Black Rock • Creek entrance at Pottsville.

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

• View to Lighthouse at Cape Byron • View to Landmark Pines at New Brighton
• Pines at Wooyung.

Alterations and Degraded Areas

• Coast Road • Weed infestation in sand mined dunes • Slightly disturbed back dunes, tracks, road verges • Signage at Wooyung corner • 4 WD on beaches.

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Beach near Caravan park • beach near Pottsville • Black Rocks.

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Natural backdrop to long surf beach, "wilderness" quality
- Littoral forest along beach and Mooball Creek.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Recreation, Scenic trail or bikeway including Mooball Creek

Canoe trail

Parameters of Development

- Limit visibility of development from beach and major beach entries.
- Access and car parking facilities to be kept back from beach process zone

SCENIC UNIT

20 Sleepy Hollow

DISTRICT

Mooball



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

South East of Shire.

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Coastal agricultural land with predominantly small land holdings
- Hilly semi-cleared land
- Cane fields in low lying areas.

Edges & Entrances

- Entrance - views over hillcrest
- Burringbar Range to the South and West
- Wetlands to the East form an edge.

Landscape Features - Natural

- Melaleuca Wetlands
- Mangroves along Mooball Creek
- Forested hills to the West.

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Views over cane fields
- Golf club and courses with parklike planting.

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Piggery
- Eroded grassland.

Unit 20

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Pottsville Road crossing Burringbar Range, Warwick Park Road, Sheens Creek Road.

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Diversity of vegetation in rural scene
- Enclosed by forested hillsides - cane fields, wetlands forest, grasslands etc
- Small rural developments in narrow valley - Sleepy Hollow.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Some residential and recreational development in focused areas.

Parameters of Development

- Open coastal plain to be kept with natural landscape character -rural and undeveloped areas - as viewshed of scenic route - Mooball - Pottsville Road
- Developments limited on prominent hillsides and ridges.

SCENIC UNIT

21 Wooyung Valley

DISTRICT

Mooball



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

South East of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Open valley surrounded by rolling treed hills with a mountain backdrop to the West
- Some views to Mount Warning

Edges & Entrances

- Treed ridges between Burringbar and Mooball • Burringbar Range • Wooyung corner

Landscape Features - Natural

- View to Mount Warning in distance • Pine trees along ridges.

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Panoramic views over cane fields • Mooball township - distinctive buildings
- some sparsely trees planted along side Railway line ie. Figs, Jacaranda, Golden Rain trees • Roadside stalls • Beachside Caravan park • Pioneer Plantation tourist attraction.

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Railway line along Pacific Highway • Erosion along Mooball / Pottsville Road
- "Garden" style planting on significant hillsides • Road cuttings.

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

Pacific Highway, Pottsville Road, Hulls Road

Scenic Assessment

High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

Cane fields and rural landscape in contrast to forested hillsides that enclose the scene.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

Scenic rural landscape enjoyment

Introduction to Shire landscape at Pacific Highway - gateway

Parameters of Development

Limit development on prominent hillsides and ridges

Maintain natural landscape in significant outlooks from roads to Mount Warning.

Maintain natural scenic quality of Pacific Highway outlooks.

SCENIC UNIT

22 Crabbes Creek Valley

DISTRICT

Mooball



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

South East of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

Enclosed valley with panoramic views of cane fields and banana plantations to the West of unit • Eastern unit open coastal grassed valley • Mount Warning and mountains in distance

Edges & Entrances

- Wooyung corner

Landscape Features - Natural

- View to Mount Warning

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

• Old Wooyung School building and pines • Camel farm • Timber Bridge over Railway line near Pacific Highway • Panoramic view over cane fields • Canals in cane fields • Roadside fruit stalls.

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Road cutting

Unit 22

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Wooyung Road vic. Jordan's Dip,
- Wooyung Road near beach.

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Natural landscape viewed across open cane fields plains - wetlands forest and forested ridges.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Some residential and recreational development.
- Coastal wetlands and forests educational facilities

Parameters of Development

- Maintain natural character along Pacific Highway - Shire entry
- Maintain natural landscape outlook from road south to Crabbes Swamp
- Hillsides prominent in views and rural outlooks to be maintained in undeveloped character - to maintain southern edge of shire as natural rural and forested range landscape in contrast to open plain to north.

SCENIC UNIT

23 Upper Crabbes Creek

DISTRICT

Mooball



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

South East of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

Agricultural creek valley enclosed by close hills becoming more densely vegetated to the West.

Edges & Entrances

• Entrance from Pacific Highway • Creek crossings • Crabbes Creek Township • Enclosing vegetated hills.

Landscape Features - Natural

• Large Camphor Laurels throughout • Large Fig tree on hill • Creek views.

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

• Domestic gardens • Water near Crabbes Creek Bridge • Fences / dips • Crabbes Creek Township • Timber and tin sheds and out buildings • Stock grid in road.

Alterations and Degraded Areas

• Pacific Highway road cuttings • Macadamia farm.

Unit 23

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Crabbes Creek near P. O.,
- Crabbes Creek Road

Scenic Assessment

- Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Narrow rural valley enclosed by forested hillsides.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Residential / rural

Parameters of Development

- Maintain scenic natural outlook setting at Crabbes Creek - "gateway" to Shire.
- See unit 22

SCENIC UNIT

24 Burringbar Creek Valley

DISTRICT

Mooball



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

South East of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

Open valley which is enclosed by densely vegetated mountains to the West.

Edges & Entrances

- Town of Burringbar

Landscape Features - Natural

- Enclosed steep wooded valleys • Creek • Dense vegetation enclosing roadway.

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Avenue of Camphor Laurel trees along driveway • Timber Bridge over creek crossing
- Cattle dip • Timber split rail fences • Old farm building increasingly derelict from East to West.

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Railway line along roadway • New housing estate near Burringbar • Cow path (erosion) on hills.

Unit 24

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Burringbar Road - Upper Burringbar,
- Burringbar Road + Railway

Scenic Assessment

- Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Enclosed rural valley - small forms and traditional character along winding road.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Residential and recreational facilities

Parameters of Development

- Maintain scenic, natural outlook from Railway - "gateway" to Shire.
- see unit 22

SCENIC UNIT

25 Burringbar

DISTRICT

Mooball

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- South East of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Agricultural valley enclosed by close hills - more densely vegetated in creeks adjoining State Forest

Edges & Entrances

- Burringbar Gap
- Mooball and Burringbar villages

Landscape Features - Natural

- Palm Trees & 'Blackboys'
- Rainforest species along hills
- Burringbar Creek

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Timber Bridges • Dips • Railway • Mooball and Burringbar villages

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Quarry scar • Railway • Lantana

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Points along Pacific Highway & Howard Road

Scenic Assessment

- Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Diversity of vegetation in rural scene • Retain diversity of vegetation
- Open grasslands enclosed by forested hillsides

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Some residential and recreational development in focused areas
- Retain diversity of vegetation • Limit development on prominent ridges or hillsides

Parameters of Development

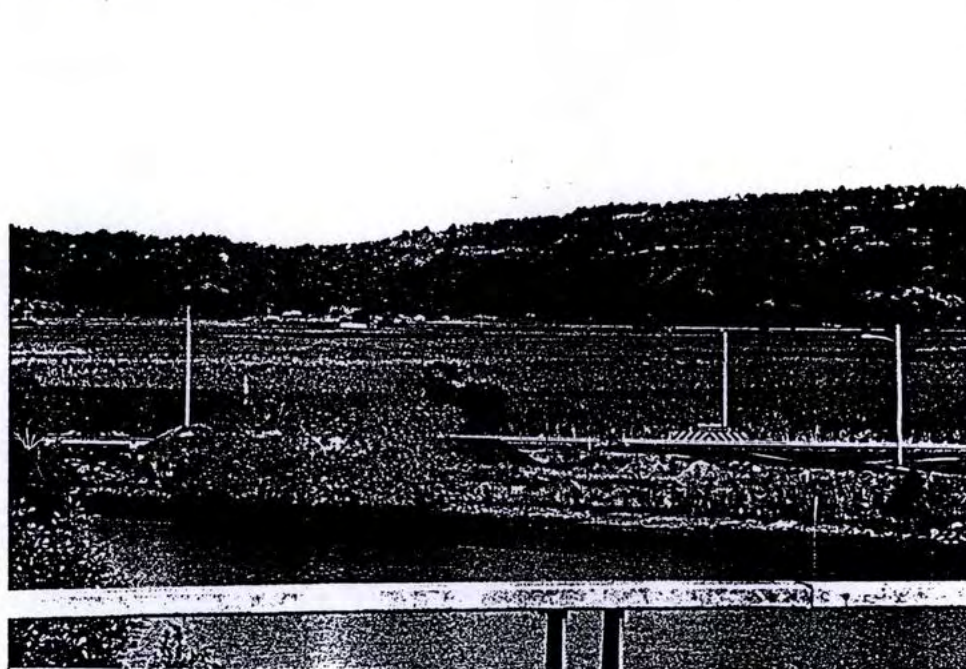
- Retain agricultural landscape in viewshed of main roads and scenic viewpoints
- Retain forest cover for development adjoining State Forest
- Retain areas of remnant rainforest

SCENIC UNIT

26 Tweed River Valley

DISTRICT

Tweed Valley



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Central in Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Scenic valley - wide flat floodplain adjoining the Tweed River surrounded by forested hills and mountain ranges. Landscape is defined by canefields and canals.

Edges & Entrances

- Edges - Mountain ranges around valley
- Entrances - ridges

Landscape Features - Natural

- Views to Mt Warning
- Rainforest vegetation in north west hills
- Tweed River
- Stotts Island Nature Reserve
- Dinsey's rock
- Wetlands in south west of unit

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Landmark: Condong Mill, Tumbulgum bridge, Old house and cultural planting - bamboo and figs
- Pines along hill
- Scenic Entry to Murwillumbah

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- radio antenna on ridge
- cement works
- scar on hill / quarry
- new housing along ridges
- increasing rural residential housing

Unit 26

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Pacific Highway • Clothiers Creek Road • Dulguigen Road • Tomewin Road
- Tumbulgum Bridge • Farrants Road • Duranbah Road

Scenic Assessment

- Very High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- The wide open Tweed River floodplain - the river and canefields are seen in contrast to heavily forested ridges from the Pacific Highway. This highly scenic valley is important to Tweed Shire identity and its overall landscape structure

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Recreation opportunities along the river
- Retain highly scenic agricultural landscape

Parameters of Development

- The foreground of the Pacific Highway should remain open to views of canefields and/or natural landscape without advertising signs or development
- New development should not be clearly visible from the Pacific Highway and other designated scenic viewpoints.
- Development should be consolidated within the existing development nodes of Tumbulgum, Condong and Murwillumbah to avoid sprawl into surrounding landscape
- Retain tree canopy and open grassed ridges of surrounding ridges as natural landscape.
- Hillsides in foreground of Highway and significant viewpoints viewsheds to be maintained as undeveloped natural landscape -rural or forested. These landscapes form the scenic setting of the Tweed Shire entry and central landscape in the shire identity. As such they play a major role in the shire landscape amenity for residents and visitors.

SCENIC UNIT

27 Wardrop Valley

DISTRICT

Murwillumbah Valley

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Central shire, south of Murwillumbah

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Large valley surrounded by wooded hills
- Extensive valley views from the Pacific Highway

Edges & Entrances

Edges: Condong Range; Pacific Highway; Edge of Murwillumbah township

Entrances: Railway crossing outside of Murwillumbah; Enclosing vegetation

Landscape Features - Natural

- Condong Range • Undulating hill sides • Wide valley

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Bus shelter • Old signage • Landmark pines • Banana Plantations • Cane
- Railway line and crossings

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Banana Plantation • Major road cuttings, especially at entrance to Fernvale Road
- Views to antenna

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Pacific Highway • Fernvale Road

Scenic Assessment

Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Large grassy valley with long views to adjoining hillsides • Strong contrast in large grassland area and agricultural fields • Major views from Pacific Highway

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Rehabilitation of the roadcutting at the entrance to Fernvale Road from the Pacific Highway. This area could also accommodate a visually sensitive truck rest area

Parameters of Development

- Commercial development should be restricted from the eastern side of the Pacific Highway and limited to retail nodes along the western side of the road and within the desired radius growth of Murwillumbah township
- The agricultural character to the eastern side of the Pacific Highway to be maintained
- Maintain vegetation on hills and ridgelines

SCENIC UNIT

28 Dunbible Creek

DISTRICT

Murwillumbah Valley

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Central, south of Murwillumbah

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Small valley with in the northern foothills of Mount Nullum
- Agricultural land and cleared hills contrasting to natural mountain backdrop
- Housing Development occuring along Bakers Road Ridge and in surrounding areas

Edges & Entrances

Edges: Pacific Highway; Tweed River; Mt Nullum and range

Entrances: Crest of hill on Stokers Road

Landscape Features - Natural

- Views to Mount Warning • Dunbible Creek • Wetlands • Mt Nullum and range
- Views to Border Ranges • Forested hills

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Landmark fig on hill • Rifle range • Timber fence • Banana plantation
- Cleared hills • New housing prominent in lower valley

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Many cleared hills • Banana plantation as foreground to forested hills

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Stokers Road • Pacific Highway • Bakers Road • Points on Kings Gulley Road

Scenic Assessment

Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Cleared hills in foreground contrast sharply to naturalness of prominent vegetated landforms • Forms a rural backdrop to the town of Murwillumbah

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- To retain a natural and rural backdrop to Murwillumbah
- Preserve views to river and existing riverine vegetation to create a pleasant visitor experience by varying vegetation density and creating a changing sense of enclosure and a sense of openness
- Maintain vegetated ridgeline character

Parameters of Development

- Development to be contained within new nodal development areas-sprawl is to be avoided
- Development should not be clearly visible from Mt Warning Lookout or detract from the 'natural' visitor experience.
- Development should not visually detract from the natural and rural backdrop to Murwillumbah
- Development should retain the rural character of the area

SCENIC UNIT

29 Byangum

DISTRICT

Murwillumbah Valley



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Central in Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Tweed River Valley enclosed by hills and mountain ranges

Edges & Entrances

- Transition edge in north to cane fields • Curving road in south opening to the Byangum Valley • Encircled by ranges

Landscape Features - Natural

- Mount Nullum • Hattons Bluff • Tweed River • Rugged open terrain
- Boulders in landscape • Rocky outcrops • View to 'Blue Hills'

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Cultural planting - bamboo and pines • Stone walls to properties
- Landmark house • Byangum Bridge • Farmland • Creek vegetation

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Fruit stall on roadside • New housing • Signage at Mt Warning turnoff

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Entry point to Kyogle Road

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Rugged character of boulders in grassed rural landscape contrasting the openness of the Tweed River Valley and nearby vegetated mountains
- River views in small valley surrounded by wooded hills

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Preserve views to river and existing riverine vegetation to create a pleasant visitor experience by varying vegetation density and creating a changing sense of enclosure and a sense of openness
- Maintain vegetated ridgeline character
- Retain distinctive rugged character of Kyogle Road
- Maintain rural character of entry to Korrumbyn Creek Road.

Parameters of Development

- Preserve unique landscape character of area by ensuring boulders are incorporated into the new development (if allowed)
- Restrict linear roadside development along scenic roads
- Development to be contained in existing townships or new nodal development areas - sprawl is to be avoided
- Preserve vegetated roadside corridor
- Development should not be clearly visible from Mt Warning Lookout or detract from the 'natural' visitor experience.

SCENIC UNIT

30 Oxley River Valley

DISTRICT

Murwillumbah Valley

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

Central shire, south of Murwillumbah

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Wide flat open valley enclosed by naturally vegetated hillsides
- Some residential and rural residential development

Edges & Entrances

Edges: Mt Warning; Mt Wollumbin and ranges

Entrances: Pencil pines and rock cutting on Tyalgum Road; vegetated spur from Mountain

Landscape Features - Natural

- Views to Mt Warning • Mt Warning National Park • Mt Wollumbin
- Hutton Bluff • Oxley River

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Concrete bridges • Small community groups (ie Hare Krishna)
- Grazing and farming land • Landmark pencil pines and dips

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Rock cutting • Eroded areas

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Tyalgum Road

Scenic Assessment

Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Large open agricultural valley surrounded by naturally vegetated hillsides
- Strong contrast between the flat landscape and the surrounding rising peaks
- Valley is the foreground to Mt Warning

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Small nodes of residential and rural residential development near existing development • Enhance Tyalgum Road scenic value preserve views to river and existing riverine vegetation to create a pleasant visitor experience by varying vegetation density and creating a changing sense of enclosure and a sense of openness • Maintain vegetated ridgeline character • Maintain rural character of entry to Tyalgum Road

Parameters of Development

- Development to be contained in existing townships, new nodal "village" development areas, or in areas back from road to maintain rural character.
- Preserve vegetated roadside corridor
- Development should not be clearly visible from Mt Warning Lookout or detract from the 'natural' visitor experience.
- Development should ensure the retention of all existing river views and glimpses from the roadway

SCENIC UNIT

31 Rous River

DISTRICT

Chillingham



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

North West of Murwillumbah

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Valley along the Rous River in the foothills of the Border Ranges. Bushland, agricultural land and rural residential development characterise the valley floor and nearby hills contrasting the rugged hills and mountains in the distance.

Edges & Entrances

Edges : surrounding ranges to north and south, Bald Mountain transition edges across open valleys

Entrances: Numinbah Road at Chillingham; Numinbah Road near Pumping Station

Landscape Features - Natural

- Rous River • views to Mt Warning and high rugged hills of the Border Ranges
- Rainforest vegetation to the north • Tall Eucalypt forest vegetation to the south
- Bald Mountain

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Chillingham Village • Bridge and Pumping Station • Dips • Camphor Laurels
- Jacaranda Avenue • Landmark pines • Significant figs • Landmark Church
- Concrete weir • Variety of fence styles

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Cleared and bald hills • Erosion • Quarry scars • Rural residential housing along Zara and Numinbah Roads

Unit 31

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

Points along Numinbah Road

Scenic Assessment

Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- The wooded creek character and open river views are important contrasting components of the Rous River landscape

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Residential
- Rural and nature based tourism - eco-tourism
- Numinbah Road to be accentuated as a scenic drive - self guided tourist route
- Small country rural and craft industries / businesses

Parameters of Development

- Hillsides in foreground and middleground viewshed of Numinbah Road to be maintained as natural, undeveloped backdrop
- Residential subdivision to be kept focused in small areas, out of the viewshed of the road. Developments not to extend along the road or dominate a part of the scenic valley or river plain.
- Numinbah Road outlooks to be managed and their scenic quality maintained in any development.

SCENIC UNIT

32 Dungay Creek Valley

DISTRICT

Chillingham



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

North West of Shire on Queensland Border

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Wide valley at the foot of the McPherson Range
- Undulating Agricultural land enclosed by heavily vegetated rainforest ridgelines to the north and south

Edges & Entrances

Edges: MacPherson Range and its spurs form the boundaries to the north, east and west

Transitional edge: cane fields to the south

Landscape Features - Natural

- Dungay Creek • MacPherson Range • Mt Thunberrigan • Cockatoo Hill
- Views to Mount Warning • Remnant Fig trees • Landmark Pines
- View to Rous River

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Stone walls • Pine plantation • Silos • Landmark housing and fences
- Sugar cane and banana growing • View to Murwillumbah Hospital
- Historic Lookout (1921) • Old bridges • Roadside shop

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Soil creep and erosion • Road cuttings • Clearing for Bananas on hills

- Points along Tomewin Road
- Lookout
- Campbell's Lane

Scenic Assessment

HIGH

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

Scenic Road which contrasts from cleared farmland to enclosing rugged ranges.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Tourist Drives
- Limited Residential development in some areas

Parameters of Development

- Retain pasture land and cane fields north of Campbell's Lane as farmland i.e. no subdivision
- A village could be established near the Dungay School which would be a focus for the local community and allow for increased residential density in the area
- Limit subdivision of the valley to the west of Tomewin Road as it forms the highly scenic entry to Tweed
- Encourage subdivision along Brookes Road.

SCENIC UNIT

33 Nobby's Creek Valley

DISTRICT

Chillingham

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

Valley in North West of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Small enclosed valley, variation of agricultural to residential land use, cleared hillsides to mountainous backdrop.

Edges & Entrances

EDGES : Foothills of McPherson range

ENTRANCES : Pumping station

Landscape Features - Natural

- Nobbys Creek at Bridge crossings • Cockatoo Hill • view to Mt Warning
- Forested hills to the Northwest • Rainforest remnants • Landmark remnant figs i

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Pumping station • Avenue of pines • Gates in roadway & bridges • Bald Hill
- Old timber fences • Clustered housing communities.

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Bald Hills • New roads • Clearing of hills for bananas

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Points along Nobbys Creek Road

Scenic Assessment

- Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Contrast in cleared hillsides to mountainous backdrop
- Extensive view across farmland valley to natural landscape.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Scenic Drives
- Retain existing Rural character
- A village and commercial focus could be established at the Crystal Creek Turnoff

Parameters of Development

- Cluster rural subdivision in pockets not along the roadway
- Where topography and aspect allow ensure development occurs on one side of the road only

SCENIC UNIT

34 Crystal Creek Valley

DISTRICT

Chillingham

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- North West of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Open grassed valley with wooded hills which are increasingly enclosed and vegetated to the north by the mountains of the McPherson Ranges.

Edges & Entrances

- Entrance: bend in road at Charnock's Crossing
- Edges: McPherson Ranges and enclosing hills

Landscape Features - Natural

- Dense rainforest vegetation at foothills of mountains • Crystal Creek
- Border ranges dominant in scene

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Corrugated iron fence

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Erosion, scar and quarry
- Weed infestation - bamboo, camphor laurel, tibouchina in creek banks

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Points along upper Crystal Creek Road

Scenic Assessment

- Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Significant creek views from agricultural valley contrasting the remnant rainforest and flowing creek in the foothills of the McPherson Ranges

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Retain rural character along the Numinbah Road area • Retain existing forest cover at base of Ranges • Limited rural residential development along valley floor

Parameters of Development

- Development should not significantly alter the existing rainforest canopy and forested ridgelines • Development should not negatively impact or detract from views from designated scenic routes or viewpoints • Development should relate to the rural landscape context and setting • Keep existing roadside character by restricting linear development • Ensure existing visual quality of creek corridor is maintained and enhanced

SCENIC UNIT

35 Numinbah

DISTRICT

Chillingham



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- North West of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Wide valley with natural and rural landscape characteristics

Edges & Entrances

- Border gate - view over valley
- Edge: border ridges of McPherson Range
- Chillingham Village

Landscape Features - Natural

- Views to Mt Warning
- Several creeks crossing large valley
- View from lookouts at Springbrook over valley
- View to crags and cliffs of the border ranges.

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Border gate
- Cow shed, old buildings and fences
- Chillingham village

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Power lines across road
- Bananas

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Border gate
- Best of all Lookout
- Numinbah Road

Scenic Assessment

- Very High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Rugged mountains and an open agricultural valley adjoining McPherson Ranges contrasting forested hills
- Changing views of remnant rainforest vegetation, creek and farm landscapes along Numinbah Road give the area a very high level of scenic quality.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Tourist drive along Numinbah Road
- Tourist and recreational rural and rainforest walks and facilities.
- Retain existing forest cover
- Retain existing landscape character.

Parameters of Development

- Development should not significantly alter the existing rainforest canopy or forest cover
- Development should not negatively impact on views from designated scenic routes and viewpoints
- Development should enhance the existing landscape setting

SCENIC UNIT

36 Limpinwood

DISTRICT

Tyalgum



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- North west of shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Undulating creek valleys which are cleared for grazing
- Long valley edged by mountains
- Steep hillsides of varying form close to road

Edges & Entrances

- Entrances - Ridges along the Chillingham - Tyalgum Road

Landscape Features - Natural

- Bald Mountain • Toenail point • Limpinwood Nature Reserve
- Mt Durigan • View to Mt Warning
- Long valley edged by chain of mountains
- Creek views - stony wide bed with rushing water
- Rocky outcrops along ridgelines

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Tea house • Landmark shed on hill • Landmark bridge
- Lookout on Bald Mountain road • Yards

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Camphor Laurels along creeks and beside roads • Power lines across views

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Lookout on Bald Mountain road
- Various locations along valley road

Scenic Assessment

- Very High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Long flat rural creek valley with cleared Bald Hills, edged by contrasting, high vegetated mountains with feature rock formations

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Scenic tourist road to join Tweed Range Road
- Limited rural style tourist development
- Retain rural landscape setting for Bald Mountain

Parameters of Development

- Retain rural landscape character, setting and existing landuse
- Preserve character of open grazing areas
- Retain landscape setting of old farm buildings typical to the unit
- Preserve significant vegetation - riverine forest, ridgeline and hillside vegetation, creek corridors
- Development should not significantly impact on designated scenic routes and viewpoints

SCENIC UNIT

37 Tyalgum Creek

DISTRICT

Tyalgum

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- North West of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Rural landscape undulating grassed fields with scattered large trees eg. figs
- Dirt road following Creek Valley • Steep and enclosing mountains to the west

Edges & Entrances

- Ridge along Tyalgum Creek Road

Landscape Features - Natural

- Tyalgum Creek • Oxley River • View to Mt Warning
- Patches of remnant vegetation on forested hills

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Tyalgum township • Dip • Homestead • Dams

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- The areas distinctive 'bald hills' are cleared of natural vegetation
- Road cuttings • Power lines

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Points along Tyalgum Creek Road

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Scenic undulating rural creek valley with historic cultural plantings contrasting with the steep enclosing forested mountains to the west

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Tweed Range Road to become a scenic tourist drive
- Recreation spaces along Oxley River

Parameters of Development

- Development to retain rural character where visible from viewpoints and Tyalgum Creek road
- Retain forested ridgelines and areas of remnant forest
- Retain edge to Tyalgum township and prevent its sprawl
- Retain character of scenic rural creek valley

SCENIC UNIT

38 Oxley River

DISTRICT

Tyalgum

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- West of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Short view to surrounding hillside, small river valley enclosed by forested hillsides.

Edges & Entrances

- Mt Warning, Tyalgum & opening after heacukt vegetated spur on tyalgum Road.

Landscape Features - Natural

- Mt Warning National Park, Wollumbin Stateforest, Oxley river.

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Cemetary, State forest, views to Oxley River, vegetated river corridor.

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Road cutings / crossing, Camphor laurels.

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Points along Tyalgum Road

Scenic Assessment

- Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Small grazing valley, minding creek corridor surrounded by forested hill.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Eco tourism and recreation facilities
- Scenic drive and recreation and / or craft industry or commercial stopping points

Parameters of Development

- River corridor and views to river to remain free of development
- Developments to be focused at a few places along river valley and not spread along route through unit
- Hillsides to remain as natural frame and backdrop of views
- Developments to be away from road and scenic viewshed

SCENIC UNIT

39 South Pumpenbil Creek

DISTRICT

Tyalgum

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- West of shire on Queensland border

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Large rural grassland valley surrounded by high mountain ranges.

Edges & Entrances

- Caldera range
- Edge of Tyalgum

Landscape Features - Natural

- McPherson Range, and National Park
- Pumpenbil Creek, tall grass by roadside, long views across valley.

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Extensive grassland wooden farm houses & sheds, landmark pines, avenue & dips.
- Bridge, scenic Brays Creek Road

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Cleared hills, designated areas

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- St Pumpenbil Road,
- Pininde Road

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Extensive views across valley to surrounding natural hillsides
- Scenic road - Brays Creek Road.
- Contrast in rural land to highly natural ridgelines.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Residential
- Rural and nature based tourism - small scale - eco tourism
- Scenic drives

Parameters of Development

- Scenic outlooks from road protected
- Hillsides prominent in views maintained free of development

SCENIC UNIT

40 Palmer Creek

DISTRICT

Tyalgum

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- West of Shire at Base of Mt Warning

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Small valley with short views enclosed by forest and natural ridges

Edges & Entrances

- Tyalgum Ridge, Mt Warning.
- Edge of Brays Creek Community.

Landscape Features - Natural

- Wollumbin State Forest,
- Brays Creek, Tyalgum Ridge.

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Farmland in Wallaby Vale, Brays Creek, Palmer.

Alterations and Degraded Areas

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Points along Brays creek Road and Byrrill Creek Road

Scenic Assessment

- Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Small rural and natural valley

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Nature based recreation - walking trail to State forest
- Scenic outlook

Parameters of Development

- Developments located out of foreground of viewshed of Brays Creek road
- Small scale, developments in character with natural, rugged setting of unit and locality

SCENIC UNIT

41 Back Creek

DISTRICT

Mebbin

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- West of Shire on Shire border.

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Long valley below ridge - undulating grassed ridges.
- Long views across valley

Edges & Entrances

- Tweed ridge and spurs
- At Brays Creek community tennis centre

Landscape Features - Natural

- Mebbin State Forest, Wollumbin State forest
- Tweed Range, views to Mt Warning, long valley - below ridge, pinnacle Mountain.

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Farm landscape, undulating grassland,
- Remnant single trees, groups & lines - diverse patterns,
- Farm buildings, fence & dips.

Alterations and Degraded Areas

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Blackbutt picnic area & Lookout, points on Brays Creek Road
- Lookout at intersection Byrill Creek Road

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Scenic Road - Brays Creek Road
- Rural, undulating grasslands contrasting to naturalness of range landscape.

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Rural and nature based recreation and tourism
- Residential
- Rural based, small scale crafts / industries

Parameters of Development

- Maintain scenic rural character as dominant landscape character in viewshed of roads
- Small scale developments, clustered to form "village" focus rather than dispersed or linear developments through the landscape

SCENIC UNIT

42 Kunghurloo Creek Valley

DISTRICT

Mebbin

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- South West of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Wet Sclerophyll forest within Wollumbin State Forest

Edges & Entrances

- Ridge - Byrill Creek Road

Landscape Features - Natural

- Mt Warning peak • Tall Eucalypt forest • Kunghurloo Creek
- Mebbin State Forest • Burrell Creek • Wollumbin State Forest

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Old buildings / fire places • Mebbin Forest Recreation Area • Banana farms

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Winding dirt road • Clearings • Proposed site for future dam

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Points along Byrill Creek Road

Scenic Assessment

- Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Predominantly forested creek valley adjoining Border Ranges

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Recreational facilities in Mebbin State Forest area
- Enhancing forestry drives by providing lookouts and tourist stops at changes in landscape and at significant viewpoints

Parameters of Development

- Development should not impact negatively on views from Brummies Lookout, Mt Warning and Tweed Range Road
- Prevent clearing of significant vegetation adjoining State forest areas

SCENIC UNIT

43 Cedar Creek

DISTRICT

Mount Warning

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Central Shire south of Mt Warning

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- River Valley in the foot hills of Mt Warning National Park,
- Creek corridor • open grassland.

Edges & Entrances

- Mt Warning, Mt Warning National Park.

Landscape Features - Natural

- Mt Warning, Mt Warning National Park, Tweed River, Byrill Creek, forest grove south of McDonalds Road.

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Farm landscape, landcare plantings, large tigs tourist accommodation & small communities.

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Road materials dump?, road cuttings.

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Points along Byrill, Creek Road & McDonald Road

Scenic Assessment

- Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Residential
- Nature based recreation and tourism

Parameters of Development

- Byrill Creek corridor to remain natural
- Developments restricted between road and creek corridor when in proximity
- Hillsides along Byrill Creek valley to maintain dominant character of rural or natural landscape

SCENIC UNIT

44 Korrumbyn Creek Valley

DISTRICT

Mt. Warning



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Central to Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Enclosed west facing creek valley which becomes increasing steep and vegetated as Mt Warning is approached
- Tourist facilities at the entry to the valley

Edges & Entrances

- Edges: surrounding hills and Mt Warning
- Entrance: creek crossing at bottom of valley

Landscape Features - Natural

- Mt Warning • Mt Wollumbin • Mt Uki • Dense rainforest and forested hills
- Creek crossings with view to falls and rocks escarpments • Palms along creek
- State Forests and National Parks

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Farms : old buildings, fences, gates and letterboxes
- Picnic area beside creek on grassy area.
- Camping ground
- Wildlife refuge

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Buildings and signage at entrance to valley
- Lantana beside road
- Carpark at entrance to National Park
- Camp site at base of mountain

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Mt. Warning peak

Scenic Assessment

- Very High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Changing landscape from base of mountain to walking track, important as scenic approach to Mt. Warning

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Remove weed species from scenic drive to Mt. Warning
- Enhance scenic drive

Parameters of Development

- Retain existing vegetation along roadway approaching Mt. Warning
- New development is to be restricted to the base of the valley and is to complement the scale and density of the surrounding rural landscape
- New development should be unobtrusive and is to contribute positively to the visitor experience

SCENIC UNIT

45 The Sisters

DISTRICT

Nullum



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Central in Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Road along valley floor beside vegetated Tweed River • Medium hills to east
- Mt Warning and surrounding mountains to the west

Edges & Entrances

- Entrance: enclosing vegetation along roadways • Edges: Mountain Ranges

Landscape Features - Natural

- Close views to Mt Warning • Views to the Sisters • Mt Uki • Mt Misery
- Casuarina vegetation along Doon Doon Creek • Tweed River

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Uki township • Feature trees • Landmarks - bridge and dip
- Parkland at Clarrie Hall Dam and along Tweed River

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Extensive areas of new housing subdivision on the Uki - Murwillumbah Road
- Scar along upper dam wall • Degraded farmland along Clarrie Hall Dam Road

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Kyogle Road • Uki Township

Scenic Assessment

- Medium - Low

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Forested Mountains with steep terrain contrast with grassed rural valleys

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Rehabilitate degraded areas and create a scenic environment which complements the naturalness of the surrounding forested mountains
- Recreational opportunities along the Tweed River and National Park areas

Parameters of Development

- Development should not be obtrusive from Mt Warning Lookout
- New residential areas to be in pockets and should not detract from the existing rural landscape
- Preserve scenic landscape setting of Uki village

SCENIC UNIT

46 Smiths Creek

DISTRICT

Nullum

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- South East in Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

A large, open grassed, east-west valley enclosed by small wooded hills and naturally vegetated mountains

Edges & Entrances

EDGES: mountains

ENTRANCES: near Uki township

Landscape Features - Natural

- Continual views to Mt Warning along valley floor
- Nullum State Forest
- Smiths Creek
- Undulating hills
- Backdrop of wooded mountains

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Sawmill
- Landmark pines
- Historic houses
- Nodes of residential areas

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Some eroded hills, soil creep
- New housing estates
- New bus stops
- Power lines

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Smiths Creek Road

Scenic Assessment

HIGH

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Extensive views across valley to surrounding ridges, Mount Warning and other landscape features

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Retain rural landscape character

Parameters of Development

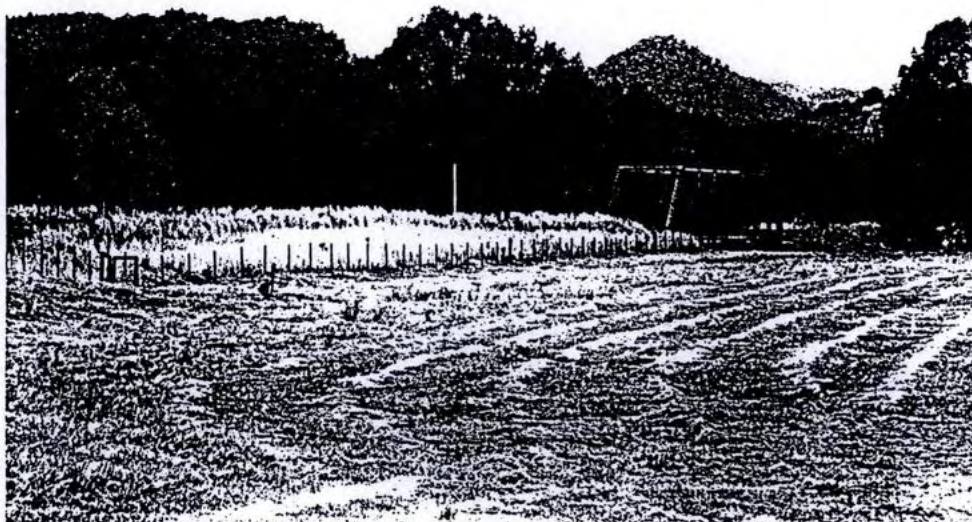
- New development should be in nodes and not allowed to sprawl across the landscape
- Development to be restricted on prominent ridgelines
- Development should enhance the scenic town setting of Uki
- Development to be in context with the existing rural landscape

SCENIC UNIT

47 Stokers Siding

DISTRICT

Nullum



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- Central in Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Open pastures in valleys with forested hills surrounding

Edges & Entrances

- Entrances : Bob's Lookout at Burringbar Gap and the ridge on Smiths Creek Road

Landscape Features - Natural

- Few views to Mt Warning • Adjoins Burringbar State Forest • Burringbar Creek
- Dunbible Creek is the dominant feature in the northern part of the unit

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- View along Dunbible Creek and of railway bridge • Fences • Old farmhouses
- Timber bridges • Rail line level crossing • Stokers Siding township

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Small acreage housing near Stokers Siding • Camphor laurel along creek banks
- Railway line • Power lines • Bananas • Road cuttings

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Pacific Highway
- Entry at Smith Creek Rd

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Dunbible Creek is a dominant feature in the northern part of the unit
- Attractive rural valley within semi-forested hills and mountains

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Recreational/Tourist facilities in Nullum State Forest
- Nodal residential development

Parameters of Development

- Preserve scenic town setting of Stokers Siding
- Retain vegetation on surrounding hillsides
- Retain cultural heritage planting and structures ie. railway bridge
- Nodal residential & tourist development should relate to the rural context of the unit

SCENIC UNIT

48 Upper Dunbible Creek

DISTRICT

Nullum

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- South East of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Agricultural valley areas dissected by the Pacific Highway
- Forested edge of surrounding wooded hills

Edges & Entrances

Edges: hills and mountains of the Condong Range
Transitional Edge near Bob's lookout

Landscape Features - Natural

- View to Mt Warning • Burringbar State Forest • Condong Range
- Burringbar Gap • Dunbible Creek • Rainforest species on Christies Creek Rd

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Pacific Highway • Landmark yards and dips

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Road cuttings along Pacific Highway

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Top of Burringbar Range • Points along the Pacific Highway • Cooradilla Road

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

The route of the Pacific Highway through the unit allows significant visual access to this area. The natural and rural character of the area contributes to its scenic amenity

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Retain rural amenity of the area as a scenic backdrop for the Pacific Highway
- Establish a Lookout and recreation area which has an unscreened view of the scenic rural valley

Parameters of Development

- Limit residential development in the viewshed of the Pacific Highway
- New development should be in nodes and not allowed to sprawl across the landscape
- Development to be restricted on prominent ridgelines
- Development to be in context with the existing rural landscape

SCENIC UNIT

49 Chowan Creek

DISTRICT

Nullum

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- South East of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Medium - large valley which is cleared to the midground and enclosed by hills
- Residential development evident on hillsides

Edges & Entrances

EDGES : Edge of Shire, Mt Chowan

ENTRANCE : following enclosing vegetation near Uki

Landscape Features - Natural

- Mt Chowan • Rolands Creek • Nullum State Forest.

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Cleared grazing hills • scattered pines • landmark houses,

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Eroded hills and soil creep • Bus stops

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Poiunts on Chowan Creek Road

Scenic Assessment

- Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Residential and agricultural valley floor contrasting to wooded hillside

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Recreational/Tourist facilities in Nullum State Forest
- Limite nodal residential development

Parameters of Development

- Preserve scenic town setting of Uki
- Retain vegetation on surrounding hillsides
- Retain cultural heritage planting and structures
- Nodal residential & tourist development should relate to the rural context of the unit
- Limit reedidential development in the viewshed of major thoroughfares
- Development to be restricted from prominent ridgelines

SCENIC UNIT

50 Rolands Creek

DISTRICT

Nullum



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- South of the Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Flat agricultural plain surrounded by heavily wooded hills

Edges & Entrances

EDGES : Mountain range & spur

ENTRANCE: Creek crossing

Landscape Features - Natural

- Nullum State Forest • Rolands Creek

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Farming area - old houses.

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Pine plantation

SCENIC UNIT

51 Doon Doon Creek Valley

DISTRICT

Nightcap Range



LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- South West of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Large valleys in the foothills of the Nightcap Range
- Cleared valley floor in south
- The valley is heavily vegetated to the north (near dam) and to the east

Edges & Entrances

- Edges: forested mountains to the south west, southeast and north
- Entry: over treed ridge

Landscape Features - Natural

- Nightcap Range
- Nullum State Forest
- Doughboy Mountain
- Doon Doon Creek

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Clarrie Hall Dam and Recreational Area
- Cattle dips, yards, grid etc.
- Landmark planting - Pine / Jacaranda
- Small farm land holdings

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Road cuttings along Doon Doon Creek Road
- Antennae on Nightcap Range
- Hydroponic sheds near Pine Log Road
- Weed infestation in Dam

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Clarrie Hall Dam recreational area
- Points along Doon Doon Road

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Rural creek valley contrasting against steep forested mountain ranges
- Wide water views across Clarrie Hall Dam
- Rock formations along Nightcap Range and Doughboy Mountain

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Develop Clarrie Hall Dam as a regional recreation facility
- Limit large lot subdivision of rural land
- Retain vegetation along Nightcap Range as a shire edge

Parameters of Development

- Development is to enhance the existing rural landscape
- Retain existing forest canopy along hills, ridges and creek corridors

SCENIC UNIT

52 Midginbil Hill

DISTRICT

Nightcap Range

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- South west of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Open creek valley which becomes increasing enclosed to the south by the Nightcap Range • East-west river valley with close mountains to the north of unit.

Edges & Entrances

- Entrances: -Midginbil Road near turn off and ridge along Doon Doon Creek Road
- Edges: hill to the east and west and mountains to the north and south

Landscape Features - Natural

- Mount Terragon • Landmark planting - Fig, Eucalyptus and Bunya Pines
- Creek crossing • Views to Tweed River

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Midginbil Hill Homestead • Timber bridge and house • Kunghur Township

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Tourist attractions - Bushranger and Midginbil Hill • Roadside cuttings
- Camphor laurels along road.

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

Scenic Assessment

- High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Small river and creek winding through natural, rural and forested valley with enclosure of rugged forested hills

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Residential
- Nature and rural based recreation and tourism
- Small industries based on rural and forest assets

Parameters of Development

- Maintain natural creek corridor experience through limits on development extent and visibility

SCENIC UNIT

53 Kunghur Creek Valley

DISTRICT

Nightcap Range

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- South West of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Creek Valley at the foothills of Nightcap Range - adjoining Nightcap National Park
- Windy dirt road in enclosed narrow valley • Moderately cleared hills
- Distant views to Mt Warning

Edges & Entrances

Entrance: transition along Kunghur Creek Road

Edges - surrounding hills and mountains

Landscape Features - Natural

- Kunghur Creek • Nullum Range / Sphinx Rock

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Older housing • Alternative communities

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Cleared grazing land within valley floor

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

- Kunghur Creek Road at top and at dip

Scenic Assessment

- Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

- Scenic creek valley contrasting the rugged forested mountain ranges
- Some creek views

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Retain as a rural valley with minimum development

Parameters of Development

- Retain existing forested canopy along hills and ridges
- Development to be in context with existing rural landscape

SCENIC UNIT

54 Upper Tweed River

DISTRICT

Nightcap Range

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- South West of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- North east - south west river valley surrounded by close forested hills
- contrast between forested hills and gullies and cleared valley floor

Edges & Entrances

- Edges: close hills • Entrance: Kunghur village

Landscape Features - Natural

- Views to Mt Warning • Tweed River • Burrell Mountain

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Timber bridge • Fences • Landmark large trees near road • Kunghur Dip

Alterations and Degraded Areas

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

Scenic Assessment

High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Residential
- Nature and rural based recreation and tourism
- Small industries based on rural and forest assets

Parameters of Development

- Maintain natural creek corridor experience through limits on development extent and visibility

SCENIC UNIT

55 Mount Burrell

DISTRICT

Nightcap Range

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- South West of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- River Valley with close forested hill

Edges & Entrances

- Bridges along Murwillumbah Road

Landscape Features - Natural

- View to Mt Warning • view to Mt Burrell / Sphinx Rock • view to Nightcap Range

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Alternative communities • landmark - bridges
- Landmark - Caravan Park

Alterations and Degraded Areas

- Caravan park and Caltex Service Station

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

Scenic Assessment

High

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Residential
- Nature and rural based recreation and tourism
- Small industries based on rural and forest assets

Parameters of Development

- Maintain natural creek corridor experience through limits on development extent and visibility

SCENIC UNIT

56 South Tweed Range

DISTRICT

Nightcap Range

LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

Location

- South West of Shire

Description (Incl. Scenic - Cultural Zones)

- Forested hills to North West • Cleared agricultural land along Murwillumbah Road

Edges & Entrances

- Forested edges along Murwillumbah Road

Landscape Features - Natural

- Views of Tweed River along road (dense vegetation along River)
- Forested hills to south

Scenic - Cultural Features + Associations

- Lookout to Mt Warning • cleared agricultural land • yards

Alterations and Degraded Areas

SCENIC ANALYSIS

Observer Points

Scenic Assessment

Medium

Scenic appreciation / Significant values

SCENIC MANAGEMENT

Opportunities

- Residential
- Nature and rural based recreation and tourism
- Small industries based on rural and forest assets

Parameters of Development

- Maintain natural creek corridor experience through limits on development extent and visibility