

TITLE: [EO-RT] Crown Land - Tyalgum

SUBMITTED BY: Recreation Services



Supporting Community Life

SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council has received a request from the Department of Primary Industries to consider a proposal from the Tyalgum Recreation and Flora Reserves Trust, a community based Crown Reserves Trust, to have the all of the Crown land in Tyalgum amalgamated under its management.

Tweed Shire Council is Trustee of two portions of Crown Land in Tyalgum being Reserve No 95559 reserved for Caravan and Camping, and Reserve No 88308 reserved for Public Recreation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Tweed Reserves Trust supports the Tyalgum Recreation and Flora Trust's proposal to have the Crown Land in Tyalgum incorporated under its management. This specifically includes the reserves for which Council is Trustee being Crown Reserve No 88308 and Crown Reserve No 95559.

REPORT:

Council has received a request from the Department of Primary Industries to consider a proposal from the Tyalgum Recreation and Flora Reserves Trust; a community based Crown Reserves Trust, to have the Crown Land in Tyalgum amalgamated under its management.

The email request from the Department of Primary Industries and the proposal from the Tyalgum Recreation and Flora Reserves Trust are included in this report.

Tweed Shire Council is Trustee of two portions of Crown Land in Tyalgum (refer attached map) being:

- Reserve No 95559 - Reserve purpose: Caravan and Camping.

This is essentially a cleared paddock with no improvements and for which Council has no plans

- Reserve No 88308 - Reserve purpose: Public Recreation.

This is a small parcel of land that appears to mainly consist of river bank and adjoins Norco Park (Community Land).

The Tyalgum Recreation and Flora Reserves Trust has actively managed the majority of Crown land in Tyalgum for many years. The proposal for the community trust to assume management of all of the Crown Land in the Tyalgum township has been discussed at a number of community meetings and is reported to have community support. A plan for the use of the land has been developed and also has community support.

As noted above, Council has not actively managed the Crown Lands in Tyalgum of which it is Trustee and has no current plans for these areas.

Facilitating the management of the land by the local community through the amalgamation of Crown Lands under the management of a Community Trust, including those for which Council is Trustee would appear to be a logical approach to public land management in the area.

OPTIONS:

As noted in the email from Karen Hembrow, Director North, Catchment and Lands, Department of Primary Industries, the Crown Lands Act now provides a number of Trust management options including more than one Trust Manager with responsibilities for distinct areas of the reserve or functions. Alternatively Council may wish to be appointed Trust Manager and appoint the community as a management committee. Should Council wish to increase its presence in Tyalgum one of these options may be considered appropriate. However it would seem likely that dual management roles for single reserves may serve to complicate the management of the reserves and potentially complicate the implementation of the community's plan.

Another option is to retain the status quo with Council as Trustee of the reserves, although this is not the preferred option of the community.

The recommended option is to support the community proposal to have the Crown Land in Tyalgum incorporated under its management. This specifically includes the reserves for which Council is Trustee being Crown Reserve No 88308 and Crown Reserve No 95559.

CONCLUSION:

As noted above, Council has not actively managed the Crown Lands in Tyalgum of which it is Trustee and has no current plans for these areas.

Facilitating the management of the land by the local community through the amalgamation of Crown Lands under the management of a community Trust, including those for which Council is Trustee would appear to be a logical approach to public land management in the area.

ATTACHMENTS:

Email from Karen Hembrow, Director North, Catchment and Lands, Department of Primary Industries:

"I refer to our telephone conversation a couple of weeks ago, sorry for the delay in sending you this information.

Thomas George is championing the local community to ensure that the Crown land in the town is managed appropriately. To this end the community have held a number of meetings and provided the attached information.

Before any actions are commenced to consider the views of the community I would seek Council's views and the level of involvement Council would like in relation to the proposal. As I mentioned on the phone the Crown Lands Act now provides a number of Trust management options including more than one Trust Manager with responsibilities for distinct areas of the reserve or functions. Alternatively Council may wish to be appointed Trust Manager and appoint the community as a management committee.

There may also be potential, as a component of this proposal to address and potentially improve the informal camping that takes place in Tyalgum. Council may also wish to increase its presence at Tyalgum by providing additional community infrastructure such as the walking track or children's playground identified.

Stewart if you would please discuss this proposal further within Council and advise if Council has any desire to be involved or if it supports the proposal or sees any issues that would need to be further considered."

18 April 2012

TYALGUM RESERVES PLAN

The Tyalgum community has for many years held the desire to have the unused crown land in the village come under the management of the long established Tyalgum Recreation and Flora Trust.

The purpose in having the land managed by the local trust is to insure that the USE of these unused crown lands does not become something that is disagreeable to the community. The community wants to legally utilise the land and to have facilities for their own enjoyment, to be able to address issues concerning the land locally and to attract visitors to the village.

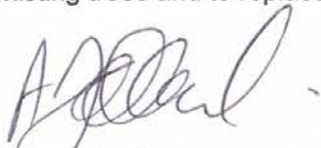
The land identified in Proposal 1 borders the existing Recreation and Flora Reserve and is also adjacent to the main street, Coolman Street, across from the local businesses. The community desires this land to be an expansion of the existing Recreation and Flora Reserve.

Tweed Shire Council has already prepared plans and specifications for a long (wheelchair friendly) walkway commencing at the area near the shops. Unfortunately, funding has not been obtained to construct the walkway.

It is desired to have the area opposite the shops as a 'Picnic and Play' area for community members, particularly for young families with children. An arboretum for the conservation of local flora is proposed for the land further north from Coolman Street towards Oxley River to cover the old cattle dip site, with facilities for local youth recreation (which currently occupies one of the tennis courts) to be established to the west of this section.

The community wishes to retain the panoramic view of Limpinwood Nature Reserve (a residual ridge from the caldera erosion process) to the north of the village. This view is from Coolman Street across Proposal 1 and across the existing Recreation and Flora Reserve.

The land identified in Proposal 2 is flood prone and is at the entrance to Tyalgum from Murwillumbah. A walkway around this reserve is proposed as an extension to the already planned walkway through Proposal 1 and a 'Picnic and Play' area as an extension of that in Proposal 1. An arboretum for the conservation of 'Tall Gums' (supposed origin of the name Tyalgum), is proposed here for flora conservation and beautification purposes, to supplement existing trees and to replace noxious camphor laurel trees.

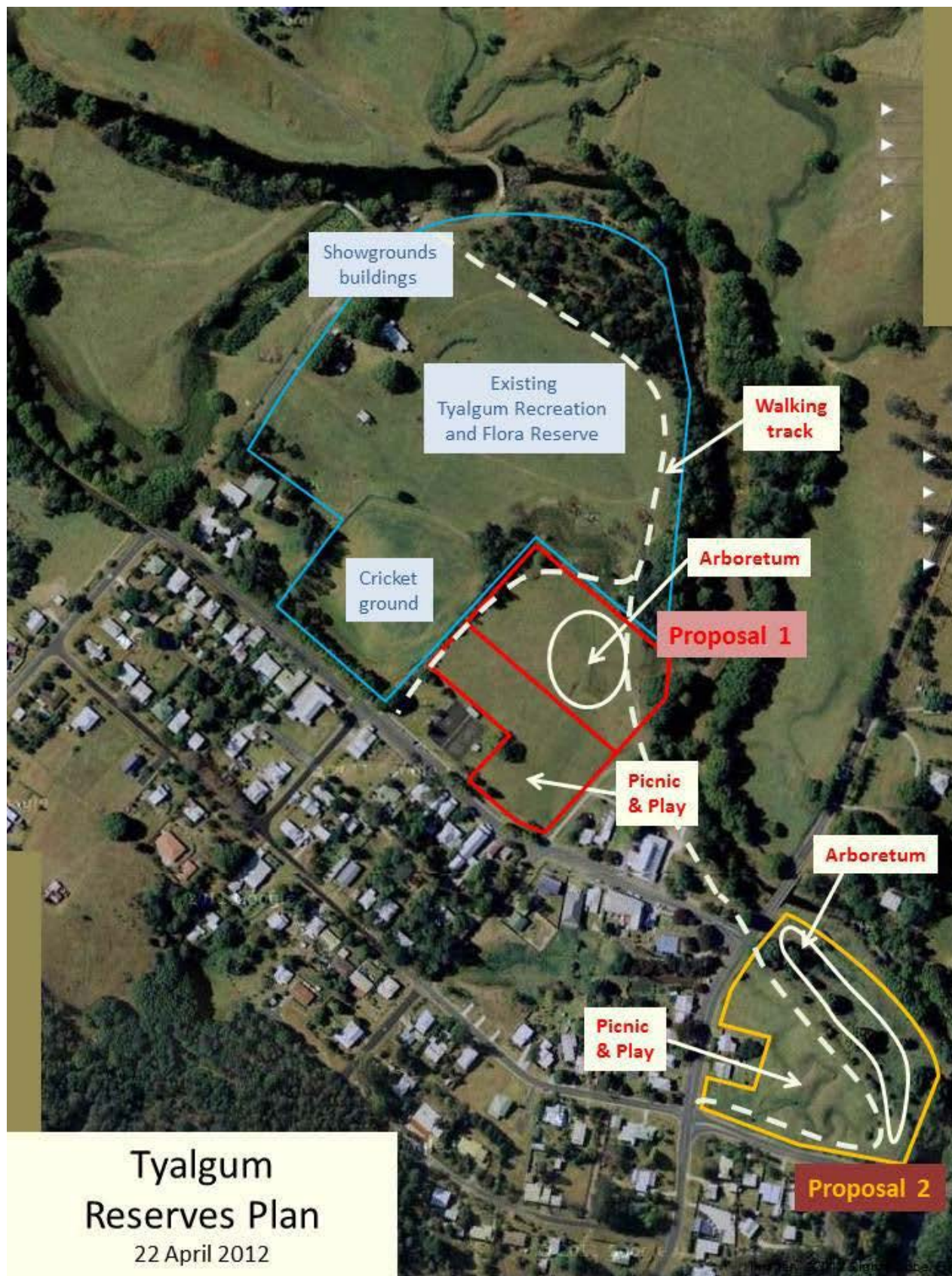


Allan Gallard,
President Tyalgum
Recreation and Flora Trust,



Bruce Bartrim,
President Tyalgum
Community Hall Association,

The sponsors of the proposals and the public meeting held on 15 November 2011





COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:

a. Policy:

Corporate Policy Not Applicable.

b. Budget/Long Term Financial Plan:

Not Applicable.

c. Legal:

Not Applicable.

d. Communication/Engagement:

Not Applicable.

LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK:

2 Supporting Community Life

2.3 Provide well serviced neighbourhoods

2.3.6 Provide conveniently placed and well equipped parks, sporting, recreational, cultural and community facilities

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UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:

Nil.

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TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL
TWEED RESERVE TRUST MEETING TASK SHEET

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Action Item - TWEED RESERVE TRUST MEETING Tuesday, 26 June 2012

Action is required for Item 4 as per the Trust Resolution outlined below.

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RESOLVED that the Tweed Reserves Trust supports the Tyalgum Recreation and Flora Trust's proposal to have the Crown Land in Tyalgum incorporated under its management. This specifically includes the reserves for which Council is Trustee being Crown Reserve No 88308 and Crown Reserve No 95559.

The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous