

COFFS HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

Jetty4Shores – Feedback on Stakeholder Workshop on 19 February 2013

SOCIAL & PHYSICAL CONTEXT The Coffs Harbour Yacht Club (the Club) building is centrally located in *Study Area B. Kiosk/Urban Design Investigation Area* of the Draft Concept. This proximity to the marina and harbour is essential to the Club which, apart from providing a social hub, is the natural home to a broad range of water related sporting clubs representing 460 adult and approx 100 junior members, including:

Coffs Harbour Yacht Club (80 financial sailing members, 1500 financial social members)

- Junior sailing program in development stage
- Offshore sailing (13 yachts)
- Hosts June Regatta
- Co-host of the annual Pittwater to Coffs Harbour Ocean Race Regatta

Coffs Harbour Triathlon Club (200 financial members)

- One of the largest, most active in NSW
- Strong junior membership (16 yrs+)
- Multiple holder of the NSW Club Championship

Solitary Islands Game Fishing Club (90 financial adult members, 50 junior members)

- Very active, held a recent junior development weekend

Coffs Harbour Outrigger Club (90 financial members)

- Active growing sport with national and international representation
- Hosts 2 National Championships in Coffs Harbour each year

The responses below address the components of the Draft Concept which directly impact the Club, and are offered in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the Club's place as a social sporting and economic driver and a significant contributor to the vibrancy of the Jetty Foreshores.

URBAN DESIGN INVESTIGATION AREA There is widespread community concern regarding potential tourist/visitor accommodation, and any investigations related thereto will clearly be a protracted and divisive process. It is essential to the Club's viability that renewal of its lease is not mired in that process. Nevertheless the Club is willing to engage constructively with commercial interests relevant to the commercial opportunities available to it in the slipway upgrade and the like.

MARINA DRIVE The indicated widening requires more detailed design to be completed before the extent of any potential impact on the restaurant entry can be properly assessed. In principle the Club endorses the indicated separation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The width of the existing carriageway (if properly maintained) provides a desirable level of traffic calming.

KIOSK PLAZA The Club has reservations regarding the indicated extent of hard paving, but generally endorses the idea of a flexible plaza space that would be an asset for all user groups. To this end the footprint of the kiosk should be reduced and relocated to the perimeter to free up usable space for occasional special events, displays etc. Ancillary detail items would ideally include a wash-down shower pole, drinking fountain and possibly floor sockets and hold-downs for a temporary marquee. Additional proper shower/change facilities would be a desirable inclusion in any refurbishment of the nearby toilet block.

OPEN LAWN AREA This will be an asset for all user groups and is endorsed by the Club.

PARKING AREA Further design development/expansion of the footprint is required to incorporate adequate room for trailer manoeuvring, set down, unloading and emergency vehicles. Readily accessible and disabled friendly beach access needs to be available to all user groups.

JETTY PIER PRECINCT The Club is unable to endorse the indicated craft storage to the extent that it impacts the Club. The associated sporting groups are integral to the Club's operation and it would be a serious detriment to have these moved to a remote storage location which has the added burden of hazardous surf conditions for launching and retrieving small craft. An opportunity may exist to create a nexus with the Club for the displaced Vendetta Naval Cadet Unit.