

## **Presentation to Eurobodalla Shire Public Access Zoom Meeting 2 August 2022**

### **A Community Future for the Crown Road Reserve off Turnbolls Lane**

The crown road reserve is located adjacent to the eastern boundary of Lot 6, that received DA approval in March 2022. The road reserve runs southwards from Turnbolls Lane to meet Spencer Street.

Crown Land went through negotiations with Swan Ridge place neighbours (SR neighbours) in 2019 resulting in a decision in August 2020 for the land to remain as a reserve. Another request from Crown Land was received by residents in May 2022 followed by instructions in July 2022, with selected outcome options, that are now being considered

The Current status of the area is as — a crown road reserve. It has been managed by the west Swan Ridge Place residents (SR neighbours) for several years covering mowing, weeding, grass cutting, removal of rubbish and allowing for occasional access.

The SR neighbours are aware that Council would prefer the land is sold as Council is unwilling to gain additional management responsibilities (phone conversation with Divisional Manager – development, July 2022).

The SR neighbours recognise the importance of the Lot 6 housing estate to Moruya and believe the road reserve offers a considerable environment, recreation and social resource for the locality. The road reserve space can provide a walking/cycling circuit that connects through the road reserve linking through the central drainage/park to roads in Lot 6. It provides an alternative to Turnbolls Lane, now a popular walking route, but soon to become a major traffic road (refer sketch, page 2)

In addition, the road reserve provides a visual open space between existing built-up areas and the proposed urban density of Lot 6. Patches of open space is a valued characteristic of Moruya with urban areas interwoven with green spaces of water courses and small public reserves.

#### **Proposal**

The road reserve whether retained as such by Crown Land or acquired by Council could continue as an open space with continuing management by the community of neighbours. If it is acquired by Council the SR neighbourhood would like to propose the formation of s.355 community management committee to manage the land, as they have done for years, with planning for future landscape improvements. The SR neighbours would not like the green space absorbed into the housing estate when it is an open space resource that will be a valuable as a public recreation route alternative to Turnbolls Lane.

The SR neighbours request that Council supports this proposal for the road reserve to stay as open recreation space that can enhance the existing neighbourhood and in particular the new neighbourhood that will inhabit Lot 6. We would like to further discuss this matter with Council.

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