

## **Strong Support for Brunswick Parks**

**Following the announcement of more than \$1m funding to improve the Brunswick Foreshore Reserve, Reflections Holiday Parks is demonstrating strong commitment to the protection and enhancement of the Crown Reserves located in Brunswick Heads.**

Reflections Holiday Parks manages 37 holiday parks on Crown land across NSW, including Terrace Reserve, Massy-Greene and Ferry Reserve. All monies Reflections generates, from park activities, go back into supporting the operations and capital improvements of Crown land reserves across NSW.

Mr Edmonds said he wanted to clarify some misconceptions in the community about the Reflections' Group and its plans for the parks and public reserves in Brunswick Heads.

"One of the biggest fears I would like to allay is that these parks will not be privatised," Mr Edmonds said.

"We are a Government-owned, Crown land Manager entrusted to look after these community assets and operate as a not-for-profit organisation with surplus funds reinvested across all of our holiday and Crown land community parks.

"We are not private developers."

Across the parks in Brunswick Heads Reflections has a very clear vision to improve open public spaces and natural vegetation, which includes:

1. Securing a \$1,227,000 grant through the Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund to further improve and enhance the Crown Reserves in Brunswick Heads
2. Payment to Byron Shire Council of \$245,000 (increased by CPI) each and every year to maintain Council's Crown Reserves which includes Terrace Reserve, Torakina Reserve, Simpsons Creek and Banner Park.
3. Provision of an annual \$2.5m contribution to the Crown Reserve Investment Fund (CRIF) for the benefit of public reserves and other Crown land parcels across the State.
4. Ensuring completely unfettered public access along the Brunswick River Foreshore, including a public access corridor along the edge of Simpson's Creek
5. Installing a buffer zone along the top of the estuary and the parks to increase the regeneration area, improve public access and amenity

Mr Edmonds said the care and protection of the tree community within the group's Terrace Reserve park has always been a prime consideration with strong measures proposed to Byron Shire Council to ensure tree health in the Southern Precinct.

Proposed plans for the Terrace Reserve park include:

1. Significantly reducing the number of camping sites from 54 sites down to 30 to further protect the trees
2. The introduction of revegetation and replanting including: Vegetation Management Plans prepared in partnership with external experts, *ArborSafe* and *Ecological Consultants Australia*, which also address improving the quality of the tree community within the group's Terrace Reserve park
3. The protection of Cyprus pine root zones with a proprietary root protection system (load cells) where camping activities encroach into root zone areas
4. A reduced vehicle size in the Southern Precinct which will allow the continuation of camping which has been enjoyed in this part of the park for the last 40+ years
5. Ongoing arboriculture inspections
6. The installation of a Terrace buffer zone along the top of the estuary to increase the regeneration area, improve public access and amenity
7. The relocation of permanent residents encroaching on the foreshore to create the community buffer zone, which to date has cost Reflections \$417,000

Reflections remain totally committed to enhancing and improving Crown lands for the benefit of the people of NSW.

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### **About *Reflections Holiday Parks***

Reflections manages the operations of 37 holiday parks and community reserves on Crown land throughout NSW. Formed in 2013 to consolidate the operations of 28 coastal and nine inland holiday parks and reserves located on Crown land throughout NSW, the Group incorporated three holiday park brands, (*North Coast Holiday Parks, South Coast Holiday Parks and Inland Waters Holiday Parks*), under its corporate banner, *Crown Holiday Parks*.

Rebranded to *Reflections Holiday Parks* in February 2018, the Group brings its 37 holiday and community parks on Crown land under the one unified banner. The group is a not-for-profit organisation and reinvests its surplus funds across all its holiday and community parks, so visitors and regional communities can keep enjoying these pristine locations. The vision of *Reflections Holiday Parks* is to inspire all who visit.