

mangawhai heads recreation reserve

policy area six

description

The Mangawhai Heads Recreational Reserve is the principal public access point to the Mangawhai Beach. It is characterised by a variety of contrasting and complementary landscape elements that contribute to a unique landscape experience. This is formed by the underlying natural geomorphology of the estuary headland. These elements include:

Natural water bodies

- Open ocean beach
- Enclosed estuary waters inshore estuary waters
- Views of off shore islands

Beach and dune elements

- Degraded coastal dunes
- Inshore estuary beaches
- Shoreline rocky outcrops
- Extensive open ocean beach
- Sandspit and extensive views of sandspit

Built structures

- Surrounding residential dwellings
- Toilet block
- Surf club building and associated structures and access ways
- Lighting and service structures
- Car parking facilities
- Sealed, kerb and channelled road

Vegetation elements

- Coastal bush and scrub
- Coastal dune vegetation
- Coastal shoreline vegetation

Natural features of topography

- Steep headland hill features
- Surrounding vegetated hills and ridgelines
- Inter-headland dune terrace

The Mangawhai Heads Recreation Reserve Policy Area is an outstanding landscape and is considered to be a "Flagship Area" of local and district significance. The opportunity exists to develop a design solution for the area that enhances the landscape and recreational experience for both the local and visitors to Mangawhai.



Mangawhai Heads recreation reserve with ongoing subdivision evident on the slopes behind