



## **IMPROVEMENTS GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT FOR EVANS HEAD HOLIDAY PARK & COMMUNITY RESERVE**

**Communities in Evans Head are the big winners with a \$12 million upgrade approved for North Coast Holiday Parks (NCHP) Evans Head and more than \$650,000 to be invested in the public community reserve.**

NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Lands and Water, Niall Blair has adopted a new Plan of Management for NCHP Evans Head which gives the green light to commence a major program of improvement to ensure the future long-term sustainability of the park.

NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust (CHPT) proudly manages Evans Head Reserve and NCHP Evans Head as well as a further 35 parks and reserves across the state. The plan will be implemented following consultation with various stakeholders both within the park and community.

NSW CHPT CEO Steve Edmonds said the big windfall for the community set out in the now adopted Plan of Management is the surrender of 38 holiday park sites to establish and create a 1.75ha public reserve precinct offering a connection for the town directly to the Evans River.

“More than \$650,000 will be invested in the upgrade of the Evans Head community reserve which will be a drawcard for the local community and visitors to the area,” Mr Edmonds said.

“A large focus is also on alleviating traffic congestion and pressure on parking availability in and around the park. Accessibility is emphasised in our plan of improvements as well; the improvements will target increased mobility through formed walking paths for the benefit of those in wheelchairs, using walkers and families with children in prams. The path networks will also allow more safe space for children to learn to ride a bike.”

Some key initiatives in the approved Plan of Management include:

- Additional wheelchair-accessible accommodation, facilities and amenities that facilitate equity of access.
- An upgraded public recreation precinct in the centre of the public reserve with new community facilities including pathways, playground and BBQs and a direct connection made between the town centre and the Evans River.
- Relocation of the main park entry and reception to the central public recreation precinct to alleviate traffic congestion that occurs at the current location.
- A separate entry to the riverside precinct of the park removing vehicles from the central public recreation precinct.
- Development of the riverside precinct to provide fully serviced sites and waterfront cabins.
- Larger sites to accommodate motorhomes and large vans.
- Improved road networks with better access to sites and more space for guest vehicles within the park to ease pressure on the limited local parking available.
- High quality and functional amenities and communal facilities.
- A mix of accommodation types with scope for additional accommodation in the future.

Mr Edmonds said the development of the holiday park and community reserve would make Evans Head a more attractive destination for visitors providing stimulus to the local economy.

“We are committed to supporting local business and employment and sensitively growing tourism activities in the regions our parks and reserves operate,” Mr Edmonds said.

Evans Head is surrounded by National Parks and is central to many scenic attractions in the Northern Rivers region. Park visitors can enjoy a brilliantly situated, beachside and riverfront location. A comprehensive list of activities, accommodation and rates are available at [www.northcoastparks.com.au/evanshead](http://www.northcoastparks.com.au/evanshead)

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