



FORSTER BEACH HOLIDAY PARK TO BE OPENED UP FOR MORE TO ENJOY

The NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust will be opening up its Forster Beach park for more families to enjoy in time for the summer holidays.

NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust (NSW CHPT) CEO, Steve Edmonds said the Trust was making the park more accessible for tourists and holidaying families by ending the leases of 49 long-term casuals who have holiday vans onsite at the park all year round.

Mr Edmonds said holiday van owners were able to keep their vans at the park for an annual fee and stay a maximum of 180 days in any 12 month period.

“In real terms, this means that prime tourist sites that could be enjoyed are left empty for at least half a year and in many cases a lot longer,” Mr Edmonds said.

“We have notified the park's long-term casual occupants about our plans to make the park more accessible for all and have given everyone plenty of notice to relocate their vans.

“Under the terms of agreement with the long-term casual occupants, we are required to give a minimum of three months notice. However, we are giving the occupants four months to make their arrangements.

“Some of these holiday van owners have been holidaying at Forster Beach for many years and in recognition of the contribution they have made to the park over decades, the Trust will prioritise their site bookings for future periods on the same conditions as other guests.”

The NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust will be undertaking significant development of the Forster Beach Holiday Park over coming years. This development will improve the standard of the park in general and increase the facilities available to guests.

Mr Edmonds said park improvements, together with opening the sites up for all-year-round use, would significantly attract visitors to the park which in turn would benefit the local community.

“If we can increase the number of people visiting the region, that's a good thing for the entire region,” Mr Edmonds said.

**Holiday vans are those owned by individuals and families which, under agreement, may be located in the Holiday Park for the payment of an annual fee. The owner of a Holiday Van is entitled to a maximum of 180 days use in any 12 month period, with the Park Managers able to issue three (3) months notice at any time for the Van to be removed. The tenure arrangements for holiday vans are subject to the provisions of the Holiday Parks (Long Term Casual Occupation) Act 2002.*

**Holiday Van Owners at Forster Beach Holiday Park have until 1 November 2015 to deliver vacant possession of their site to the park owner.*

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