



# Tomaree Coastal Walk



## Project update 1 June 2022

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### What's been happening?

#### Upgrades at Kingsley Beach

Visitors can more easily access Kingsley Beach now upgrade works have been completed at the popular site.

The work included construction of new walking track, stairs, deck and seating create a better and safer experience for visitors, while also better protecting the coastal environment. Drainage was also improved, and revegetation with native species was also completed to help minimise erosion and stabilise the dunes.

Locally sourced sustainable materials were used where possible, ensuring the work was consistent with the natural environment and our carbon-footprint was kept low by minimising transportation.

A special thanks to the Friends of Tomaree National Park who helped with re-planting native species after rough seas smothered the area in foam.



### **Track design progress**

NPWS has been working with specialist track and trail design consultants to finalise the route alignment and track design for the 20 km walk. This involved inspecting existing trails to identify required upgrades, and selection of most appropriate route alignments for new sections of track to complete missing links.

### **Precinct design underway**

We have been progressing the design work for visitor precinct upgrades at the Southern Gateway near Birubi Point, Pacific Avenue carpark at Anna Bay, Big Rocky, Zenith Beach and the Northern Gateway at Tomaree Head. We will continue to update you on the design progress.

### **Key visitor infrastructure design underway**

The draft concept designs for pedestrian boardwalks, bridges and lookouts across the walk have been completed. We are now working with engineers and architects to deliver detailed design plan ready for construction. The draft concepts can be viewed on the Tomaree Coastal Walk webpage from mid-June 2022.

### **Heli-lifts deliver construction material**

As some of you will have noticed, over the past month NPWS has been using a local helicopter operator to assist in delivering materials to less accessible locations of the walk, in preparation for construction. This included gravel, sandstone blocks and timber. Use of a helicopter was the most effective and affordable option.

Additional heli-lifts are planned throughout June 2022, weather permitting.



### **Cultural heritage assessments**

Planning and field work to meet the required cultural heritage approvals for the walk's construction is nearing completion. This involves Aboriginal owners surveying sites and consulting with the Worimi community about how to manage any artefacts found.

### **Interpretation planning**

Work on designing wayfinding signs and interpretation for the walk is progressing, with a staged delivery to take place up until June 2023. The interpretation aims to provide inspiring visitor information and share the fascinating natural and cultural history of Tomaree National Park and the surrounding landscape.

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## **What is being constructed this year?**

The key focus is on delivering a 20 kilometre connected walk from Tomaree Head to Birubi Point by December 2022. The following sections of the walk are prioritised as follows:

- **Boat Harbour (Ocean Parade) to One Mile Beach link** - This will involve upgrades and construction of new sections track. Work will include the construction of natural surface track and installation of bridges, boardwalks and a lookout. Work on this section is expected to be completed by August 2022.
- **Fingal Ridge section, from Boulder Bay Road to Barry Park** - This will involve upgrading the existing track including remediation of erosion, improved water management and erosion control. Work will involve construction of natural surface track and a small viewing over fingal spit and fingal island. Work on this section of track is expected to be completed by July 2022.
- **Middle Rock section of track** - This will involve the construction of a new section of natural surface track, steps and stone, connecting One Mile Beach and Samuari Beach.
- **North Samuari section** - Work will include the remediation of existing erosion and installation of a low-level recycled FRP (fibre reinforced polymer) over the headland.
- **Kingsley Beach to Little Kingsley Beach** - Work will include the construction of a new natural surface track and steps, linking popular beaches.

- **Iris Moore to Fisherman's Bay** - Work will include the construction of new natural surface track and installation of steps and a low-level boardwalk. The track will follow the coastline's spectacular views.
  - **Zenith Beach Loop Road** - Work will include an upgrade to the road including widening to enable safer pedestrian access between upper and lower Zenith Beach carpark, cable and bollarding, improved storm water management, road and carpark resealing and line marking. Work will be commencing in June 2022, and the loop road will be temporarily closed until August 2022 to enable completion. Pedestrians will still be able to access Zenith Beach during these works.
  - **Pacific Avenue carpark to Iris Moore** - The existing track section will be formalised with a natural stabilised surface with a proposed low-level boardwalk. Design work for this section is still in progress.
  - **Big Rocky Precinct** - Work will include a minor upgrade to the existing carpark including improving drainage and accessibility. Work is expected to be completed by July 2022.
  - **Southern Gateway** - Design work and consultation on the southern entry point for the walk is underway.
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