

**Myall Lakes  
National Park,  
Little Broughton  
Island and  
Stormpetrel  
Nature Reserves**

Amendments to the Plan of  
Management

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## INTRODUCTION

The *Myall Lakes National Park, Little Broughton Island and Stormpetrel Island Nature Reserves Plan of Management* was adopted by the Minister for the Environment on 2 October 2002. Since this date, a number of additions have occurred to Myall Lakes National Park. This amendment addresses management issues and actions for the land additions around Seal Rocks and for three smaller property additions.

The land additions at Seal Rocks and three smaller property additions are located on the coastal and lake systems of the Myall Lakes National Park, approximately 200km north of Newcastle. Myall Lakes National Park was first gazetted in 1972 and with subsequent additions the reserve now covers an area of 47,493 hectares.

The Seal Rocks additions referred to in this amendment are to mean low water mark and cover an area of 308 hectares in the north east portion of Myall Lakes National Park. This area was gazetted in March 2003.

Elsewhere around the park the three small adjoining properties of “Shadwell Park”, “Eurobin Park” and “Mayers Point” were acquired as additions to Myall Lakes National Park. Prior to their addition to the park, the three properties were used as residential properties by people living and working in the local area.

New management issues have emerged with the acquisitions, particularly in relation to the management of the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse and the future commercial use of the lighthouse cottages and other dwellings within the planning area. Further issues that require management policies and actions are beach access, recreation management and conservation of natural and cultural heritage values. The additions at Seal Rocks also include examples of littoral rainforest, which is listed as an endangered ecological community under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*. The appropriate management of these issues requires additional policies and actions.

This amendment is to be read in conjunction with the Myall Lakes National Park, Little Broughton Island and Stormpetrel Island Nature Reserves Plan of Management (MLNP POM 2002). Where additional guidelines and actions are required, the numbering from the MLNP POM 2002 continues in this amendment. This amendment also requires alterations to existing text and policies in the MLNP POM 2002.

There are three maps included in this amendment. These maps are to be read in conjunction with the maps contained in the MLNP POM 2002.

- **Map 1A** shows the **Recreational Management Zones** for the additions at Seal Rocks only. This map is an extension of Map 1 in the MLNP POM 2002.
- **Map 5** shows the **Recreational Facilities and Road Network** for the additions at Seal Rocks. This map is a combination, for brevity, of two maps in the MLNP POM 2002: Map 2 for recreational facilities and Map 3 for the road network.
- **Map 6** shows the location of the additions and buildings outlined in this amendment and proposed for leasing and licencing within the park.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

1. In Part A Management Context, 1. The Plan Of Management, Community Involvement , page 4 insert the following sentences after the first paragraph:

“An amendment to the Myall Lakes National Park Plan of Management for the additions at Seal Rocks and three properties around the lake system commenced in September 2004, with a public meeting held at Bungwahl Community Hall. Pre exhibition submissions were invited via the NPWS web page and written pre exhibition submission forms were sent to known stakeholders and neighbours. The pre exhibition consultation for this amendment included 50 persons at the public meeting, with 21 written and 2 Internet submissions received.

Consultation also occurred with the Forster Local Aboriginal Lands Council (Forster LALC) community reference group for Seal Rocks to discuss values, proposed management issues and actions. Discussions were also held with Great Lakes Council to ensure there is an integration of Council and NPWS planning in and around the Seal Rocks village.

NPWS representatives also met with members of the local community, including the Seal Rocks Protection Society, to explain the planning process and discuss issues relevant to the Seal Rocks additions to Myall Lakes National Park.”

2. In Part A Management Context, 2. The Planning Area, Park and Nature Reserve Dedication, page 7 insert the following sentences after the last paragraph:

“The process that lead to land additions around Seal Rocks to MLNP commenced when the Forster LALC placed a land claim over vacant crown land at Seal Rocks under the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1983). The (then) Minister for Land and Water Conservation refused the land claim, and the Forster LALC subsequently lodged an appeal against the refusal of the land claim in the Land and Environment Court in 1996. The Forster LALC indicated a preparedness to negotiate a settlement of the appeal on the basis that the Minister for the Environment and Director-General of the (then) NPWS and the (then) Department of Land and Water Conservation would commit to an agreement on the future management of the lands. These negotiations resulted in an agreement in March 2001. The agreement is the settlement of the appeal and is registered in the Land and Environment Court. The agreement required that some of the lands at Seal Rocks are to be managed by NPWS and these areas were gazetted on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2003 as part of Myall Lakes National Park.

Three separate parcels of lands, known as “Shadwell Park”, “Eurobin Park” and “Mayers Point” were acquired by NPWS during 2002. These properties were previously zoned 8b under the Great Lakes Local Environmental Plan, identifying them for inclusion into the park. The properties include:

- “Shadwell Park” which is located near Bungwahl via Horse Point Road on the southern shores of Smiths Lake. The property includes one house. It is located adjacent to the University of NSW Field Research Station. This property was gazetted as an addition to the park on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2002 and is 28ha in size.

- “Eurobin Park” is accessed via the Korsmans Landing Camping Area located on the western side of Two Mile Lake, via Bulahdelah. The 66ha property was acquired by NPWS on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2002. The property includes one house and various out buildings.
- “Mayers Point” is located via Mayers Point Rd from The Lakes Way, on the north west shore of Mill Bay on Myall Lake. The 0.18ha property was acquired by NPWS on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2002. The property has two houses.

The Seal Rocks additions included a property at Seal Rocks occupied under a licence. The property is located at the eastern end of Boat Beach. The licence was entered into by the Department of Lands prior to NPWS ownership of the lands. NPWS will continue the existing licence arrangement.”

3. In Part A Management Context, 2. The Planning Area, What is Special About Myall Lakes National Park, Natural heritage, page 8, second paragraph, replace the 4<sup>th</sup> sentence with:

“Of these, 41 flora and fauna species and 2 ecological communities are listed as endangered or threatened under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995.*”

4. In Part A Management Context, 2. The Planning Area, What is Special About Myall Lakes National Park, Social values and historic heritage, page 9, first paragraph, replace the last part of the last sentence with the following:

“.....the fishing village at Tamboy, houses and ruins around the lake system, the remains of punts and shipwrecks, and the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse precinct.”

5. In Part A Management Context, 2. The Planning Area, What is Special About Myall Lakes National Park, Commercial values, page 9, first paragraph, replace the last part of the first sentence with the following:

“.....in the region such as Tea Gardens, Hawks Nest, Bungwahl, Seal Rocks and Bulahdelah has grown.”

6. In Part A Management Context, 3. Legal and Policy Context, page 12, insert the following after the first paragraph:

#### **“NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WITH FORSTER LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL**

As part of a negotiated agreement to Aboriginal land claims made by the Forster Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) under the NSW Aboriginal Lands Rights Act (1983). The Minister administering the *Crown Lands Act 1989*, the Minister for the Environment and the Director General of the NSW NPWS have entered into an agreement with the Forster LALC, through the Land and Environment Court, for the future management of the national park lands around Seal Rocks. The agreement

contains commitments on the key issues of fire management, Aboriginal employment opportunities and continued consultation with the Aboriginal community. To enable this consultation to be best achieved, NPWS and the Forster LALC have established a reference group that meets regularly to discuss ongoing issues and planning works for the area. The reference group provides feedback and advice on the future direction of park management within the Seal Rocks additions to Myall Lakes National Park.

NPWS will continue to work together with Forster LALC to uphold the terms of agreement set out under the Court Agreement between the Minister administering the *Crown Lands Act 1989*, the Minister for the Environment, Director General of NPWS and the Forster LALC.”

7. In Part B Management Strategies, Natural Heritage, 1.1 Landforms, Soils, and Scenic Values, Issues, page 18, replace last part of the second dot point with the following:

- “.....particularly on lake foreshores and headlands.”

8. In Part B Management Strategies, Natural Heritage, 1.2 Terrestrial Plants and Animals, Background, page 21, third paragraph, replace the first part of the second sentence with the following:

“One of the major rainforest communities occurs at.....”

9. In Part B Management Strategies, Natural Heritage, 1.2 Terrestrial Plants and Animals, Background, page 21, insert the following after the third paragraph:

“Another major rainforest community exists at Seal Rocks and has important affiliations with other rainforest remnants within Myall Lakes National Park. These littoral rainforest areas include those mapped under SEPP 26, which are now listed under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* as an endangered ecological community. Within the Seal Rocks rainforests there are a number of tree species that are at the southern limits of their known distribution. These include Beach Birds-eye (*Alectryon coriaceus*), Native Pomegranate (*Capparis arborea*), Rose Maple (*Cryptocarya rigida*), Brush Box (*Lophostemon confertus*), and Giant Water Gum (*Syzygium francisii*). (Rolls 2004)”

10. In Part B Management Strategies, 1.2 Terrestrial Plants and Animals, Issues, page 22, insert the following dot point:

- “Conservation of the littoral rainforest that is listed as an endangered ecological community under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*. The current extent and condition of the littoral rainforest in the Lighthouse Beach and Treachery Headland area has not been fully investigated. “

**11.** In Part B Management Strategies, 1.2 Terrestrial Plants and Animals, Guidelines and Actions, page 23, insert the following Action:

1.2.10 “Undertake an assessment of the littoral rainforest community and determine its extent and any threatening processes. Implement recommendations for protection.”

**12.** In Part B Management Strategies, Cultural Heritage, 2.2 Historic Heritage, Background, page 38, replace the last sentence of the last paragraph with the following:

“The park is now over 47,000 ha in size.”

**13.** In Part B Management Strategies, Cultural Heritage, 2.2 Historic Heritage, Background, page 38, after the last paragraph insert the following:

“Other recent additions include areas around Seal Rocks and three small property additions around the Myall Lakes system that possess a range of historic heritage values.

Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse at Seal Rocks is an outstanding and intact example of a lighthouse complex located in an unspoilt and spectacular setting. The colonial architect James Barnet designed the original buildings in 1875. The Lighthouse tower is unusual in NSW for its external stair and the cottages display the typical robustness of the Victorian Georgian style used extensively by the NSW Colonial Architect’s office throughout the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. (Brooks, 2004).

The Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse precinct includes the head and assistant keepers’ cottages, lighthouse tower, signal house, generator shed, garage and a paint store. Further heritage values include fences, archaeological evidence and moveable heritage.

The houses at “Eurobin Park” and “Mayers Point” are typical examples of timber houses found on the north coast in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century and have local conservation significance only. The house on “Shadwell Park” is a painted asbestos cement clad house and was constructed in the 1950’s. The properties were associated with subsistence farming and timber getting in the early times, and more recently with the fishing industry on the lakes. (NPWS 2003).

Included in the additions at Seal Rocks is a licence allowing occupancy of a house located on the headland to the eastern end of Boat Beach. The property has a long history associated with the fishing industry around the Seal Rocks area.”

**14.** In Part B Management Strategies, Cultural Heritage, 2.2 Historic Heritage, Issues, page 38, insert the following dot points:

- The Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse precinct should be managed as part of the NPWS collective lighthouse resource within NPWS and as a key destination within Myall Lakes National Park.
- Due to its location and high accessibility, there is a need to ensure there is a continuous site presence at the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse to provide site security and maintenance.
- All proposed works for the Lighthouse Precinct need to be in accordance with the approved Conservation Management Plan (CMP).
- Consideration needs to be given to management and adaptive reuse options for the existing houses within the Myall Lakes National Park.

**15.** In Part B Management Strategies, Cultural Heritage, 2.2 Historic Heritage, Issues, page 39, add following dot point to action 2.2.4:

- “The role of the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse in coastal shipping and the development of Seal Rocks village, including the lifestyle of lighthouse keepers at Sugarloaf Point.”

**16.** In Part B Management Strategies, Cultural heritage, 2.2 Historic Heritage, Guidelines and Actions, page 39, insert the following new actions:

“2.2.10. Implement the approved Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse Precinct.

2.2.11 Under the guidance of the CMP, complete conservation and adaptive reuse works to the assistant lighthouse keepers’ cottages so that they can be used for short term commercial holiday accommodation.

2.2.12 Prepare and implement a landscape management plan for the precinct in accordance with the CMP that includes weed management, trimming of vegetation to enable a clear throw of light from the lighthouse, and containment of domestic and exotic plantings within gardens.

2.2.13 Investigate the management options for existing houses in MLNP. Consideration will be given to reuse of the dwellings as holiday accommodation, caretaker or as an onsite residence. Implement preferred option considering conservation and economic values. (NPWS 2003)

2.2.14 Incorporate the buildings at “Shadwell Park” into the lease or licence that covers operations of the Smith Lake Field Studies Centre. Ensure that use of the buildings is for research and educational purposes.

**17.** Throughout the plan delete the words “fire management plan” and replace with “fire management strategy” and replace “plan” with “strategy” where it refers to fire management plans.

**18.** In Part B Management Strategies, Park Protection, 3.1 Fire Management, Background, page 41, third paragraph, after the fifth sentence insert the following:

“The last major fire to impact on the Seal Rocks additions was in September 2000 which seriously threatened the village of Seal Rocks. There have been no wildfires close to the village since this time”

**19.** In Part B Management Strategies, Park Protection, 3.1 Fire Management, Background, page 41-42, seventh paragraph, replace the first four sentences with the following:

“The NPWS prepared a Fire Management Strategy for Myall Lakes National Park and the Myall Coast Reserves in 2003. An amendment to the Strategy is required to include prescriptions for the additions around Seal Rocks. The Strategy identifies bushfire threats and requirements for the conservation of native plants and animals and cultural values, and provide the basis for wildfire management strategies and fuel management including hazard reduction burns. The Strategy also includes operational guidelines, such as maps with vehicle water points, fire trails and heli-pads. The Strategy also establishes community protection measures in areas of identified bush fire threat to life or property.”

**20.** Throughout the plan delete the words “Great Lakes Bush Fire Management Committee” and replace with “Lower Hunter Zone Bush Fire Management Committee”.

**21.** In Part B Management Strategies, Park Protection, 3.1 Fire Management, Issues, page 42, replace the last dot point with the following:

- The Fire Management Strategy for Myall Lakes National Park requires review to include lands added to the park around the Seal Rocks village.

**22.** In Part B Management Strategies, Park Protection, 3.1 Fire Management, Guidelines and Actions, page 43, replace action 3.1.3 with the following:

“3.1.3 Prepare an amendment to the Myall Lakes National Park and Island Nature Reserves Fire Management Strategy to include the Seal Rocks area in cooperation with neighbours and stakeholders. Following public exhibition and adoption, implement the amended Strategy. ”

**23.** In Part B Management Strategies, Park Protection, 3.2 Introduced Plants, Background, page 46, after the last paragraph insert the following:

“The additions at Seal Rocks have a highly visible infestation of weed species including bitou bush, lantana, cassia and to a lesser extent yucca, madeira vine and asparagus fern. The weeds are commonly found on the edges and fringes of healthy

vegetation communities including the littoral rainforest areas. Bitou bush and lantana have infested the dunes and vegetation behind Lighthouse Beach. These weed species impact on the margins of vegetation and disturbed areas such as dune blowouts, and are a threat to known threatened species.

Bitou bush has been identified as a threatening process under the TSC Act. The Threat Abatement Plan for Invasion of Native Plant Communities by Bitou bush/Boneseed (2004) has identified the littoral rainforest at Seal Rocks as a high priority for bitou bush control.”

**24.** In Part B Management Strategies, Park Protection, 3.2 Introduced Plants, Issues, page 46, insert the following dot points:

- Bitou bush is recognised as a key threatening process under the TSC Act 1995. Bitou bush is found throughout the parks beaches, dunes and headlands.
- Weed species are impacting on heritage values within the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse precinct.
- The protection of threatened species and control programs for invasive weed species need to be of highest priority for weed management programs.

**25.** In Part B Management Strategies, Park Protection, 3.2 Introduced Plants, Guidelines and Actions, page 46, replace actions 3.2.4 and 3.2.10 with the following:

“3.2.4 Provide information to the community on introduced plant species and programs and encourage neighbour and community involvement in pest species projects. In particular, encourage community involvement in: gradually replacing the Coral trees at Mungo Brush and Neranie with local indigenous plants; monitoring conditions within catchment watercourses to deter aquatic weeds entering the lakes system of the park; and rehabilitation programs for rainforest and dune vegetation within the park.”

3.2.10 Implement rainforest rehabilitation programs at Mungo Brush, Seal Rocks and Treachery Headland to protect threatened plant species and endangered ecological communities.”

**26.** In Part B Management Strategies, Park Protection, 3.2 Introduced Plants, Guidelines and Actions, page 47, add the following actions:

“3.2.11 Complete and implement a vegetation management plan for the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse precinct.

3.2.12 Identify areas of high conservation significance around the Seal Rocks village where weed control and rehabilitation works can be targeted as resources become available.”

**27.** Throughout the plan delete the words “map 1” and replace with “map 1 and map 1A”

**28.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.1 Recreation Management, Background, page 52, replace the last part of the third sentence of the fifth paragraph with the following:

“.....and zone 5 (Myall Shores and the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse precinct).

**29.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.1 Recreation Management, Background, page 52, add the following sentence before the last sentence of the fifth paragraph:

“The Lighthouse precinct is an area where visitors experience a high level of built and developed facilities (including the heritage buildings/fences/tracks/signs) that assist in appropriate use of the location, Map 1A illustrates the location of the recreation zoning of the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse. ”

**30.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.1 Recreation Management, Issues, page 53, add the following dot points:

- There should be a complementary approach to recreational planning between NPWS and Great Lakes Council to effectively manage a range of recreational uses around the Seal Rocks village.

**31.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.1 Recreation Management, Guidelines and Actions, page 54, add the following actions:

“4.1.10 Ensure sustainable visitor use of the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse precinct through monitoring and provisions of appropriate facilities.”

**32.** Throughout the plan delete the words “map 2” and replace with “map 2 and map 5”

**33.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.2 Camping, Issues, page 56, add the following dot points:

- Illegal camping has occurred in the past behind Lighthouse Beach, mostly within the littoral rainforest areas. Camping has contributed to the degradation of this endangered ecological community.
- The existing cleared land at “Eurobin Park” provides an opportunity to develop a camping area with minimal environmental impact. This extra capacity would be in place of sites at previously approved camping areas that are difficult to achieve due to environmental and financial constraints. Consideration needs to be given to tree risk and provision of facilities at “Eurobin Park”.

**34.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.2 Camping, Guidelines and Actions, page 57, add the following actions:

“4.2.19 Close and rehabilitate unauthorised camping sites behind Lighthouse Beach.

4.2.20 Investigate the feasibility of providing up to 40 camping sites at “Eurobin Park” and the linking of these sites by a walking track to the day use area at Korsmans Landing. The provision of camping sites at “Eurobin Park” would be subject to a corresponding reduction in the number sites at other camping areas that are unable to be achieved due to environmental and financial constraints.”

**35.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.3 Day Use, Background, page 59, add the following paragraph after the end of the third paragraph:

“The Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse is a key destination point for day visitors in the northern section of the planning area. The continued use of the Lighthouse precinct as a day use location will require a low key approach to the provision and management of facilities for day visitors consistent with the heritage values of the area.”

**36.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.3 Day Use, Issues, page 59, add the following dot points:

- The level of visitor infrastructure, such as toilets, car parking and information signage, in and around the Seal Rocks township is currently inadequate to support existing levels of day visitation.
- Great Lakes Council and NPWS need to liaise as to the complimentary management of car parking and open spaces in and around the Seal Rocks township.

**37.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.3 Day Use, Guidelines and Actions, page 60, add the following actions:

“4.3.9 Upgrade and expand the existing car park at the entrance to the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse to cater for day visitors to the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse and Lighthouse Beach. Provide car parking for a maximum of 30 cars.

4.3.10 Investigate the feasibility and subject to satisfactory environmental and historic heritage approvals, provide toilet facilities for day visitors at the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse.

4.3.11 Liaise with Great Lakes Council to ensure coordinated and effective management of day use destinations in and around the Seal Rocks township.”

**38.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.3 Day Use, Guidelines and Actions, page 60, add the following column and legend key to Table 2 Proposed picnic areas:

*Insert columns at end of Table 2 – Proposed picnic areas*

Location	Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse Precinct
Toilets	Y
Access to Area	W
Gas / electric BBQ's	N

*Legend:*

W = walk in access for day visitors

**39.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.4 Bushwalking, Background, page 61, in the second paragraph second sentence change to read:

“ There are, however, eleven designated walking tracks of short duration.....”

**40.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.4 Bushwalking, Background, page 61, add the following dot points to the end of the third paragraph:

- Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse Walking Track
- North Lighthouse Beach Walking Track
- Treachery Headland Walking Track
- Rainforest Walking Track

**41.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.4 Bushwalking, Guidelines and Actions, page 62, add the following dot point to action 4.4.9:

- Link Track to provide walking access between Number One and Lighthouse Beaches.

**42.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.4 Bushwalking, Guidelines and Actions, page 62, add the following actions:

4.4.10 Close and rehabilitate all walking tracks that are not shown on map 5 and map 2.

4.4.11 Upgrade the North Lighthouse Beach Walking Track. Only when this upgrade is completed, close and rehabilitate the walking track located closer to the car park.

4.4.12 Rationalise and upgrade the Rainforest and Treachery Headland Walking Tracks. Provide interpretive signage and a car park at the entrance to each track.

**43.** Throughout the plan delete the words “map 3” and replace with “map 3 and map 5”

**44.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.5 Road Network, Issues, page 64, add the following dot points:

- Cooperative management arrangements with Forster LALC will need to continue to ensure fire management programs off park at Seal Rocks are maintained.

**45.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.5 Road Network, Guidelines and Actions, page 65, add the following action:

“4.5.9 Continue to work with Forster LALC to maintain a trail network on neighbouring lands adjacent to the Seal Rocks village for fire management purposes.”

**46.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.6 Beach Access, Guidelines and Actions, page 68, replace 4.6.1 with the following if 4WD are to be permitted on Lighthouse Beach:

“4.6.1 Permit 4WD beach driving on those beaches indicated on map 3 and map 5 only. This allows access from between Lemon Tree and the southern side of Dark Point (not including Dark Point itself), between Dees Corner and the Big Gibber Headland and along Lighthouse Beach.”

**47.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.6 Beach Access, Guidelines and Actions, page 69, add the following as action 4.6.12 “Upgrade the southern 4WD beach access trail to Lighthouse Beach. Provide an upgraded two wheel drive car park and improved pedestrian access to Lighthouse Beach (as shown on Map 5).”

**48.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.10 Commercial Tourism, Issues, page 77, add the following dot points:

- There is limited space available for commercial group activities at Seal Rocks due to the restricted road network and lack of public facilities. It is presently unknown if recreational use and visitor numbers to the area are sustainable given the low level of infrastructure and location of cultural heritage values. It is likely that increasing day use visitation will further limit the sites capacity to take commercial tours over time.

**49.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.10 Commercial Tourism, Guidelines and Actions, page 78, add the following dot point to action 4.10.4:

- Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse precinct

50. In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.10 Commercial Tourism, Guidelines and Actions, page 78, Action 4.10.4, change reference to “Table 4” to “Table 3”.

51. In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.10 Commercial Tourism, Guidelines and Actions, page 79, add the following guidelines for Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse Precinct to Table 3:

Objectives	Proposed Strategies
<p><b>Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse Precinct</b> To facilitate opportunities for visitors to participate in high-quality commercially operated activities within the heritage precinct of the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse ensuring these activities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecologically sustainable and have minimal impacts on the natural and cultural values of the Lighthouse precinct,</li> <li>• Provide a quality learning experience, enabling the visitor to leave with a greater understanding of the historic values of the Lighthouse precinct,</li> </ul> <p>To ensure that operators of commercial activities within the Lighthouse precinct are appropriately trained and knowledgeable about the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse precinct so as to provide high quality visitor experiences.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of an upgrade to the building within the Lighthouse precinct to allow for commercial holiday accommodation,</li> <li>• Completion of a Business Plan for the precinct.</li> <li>• Completion of a site specific Interpretations Plan for the Precinct.</li> <li>• Setting of specifications for the maximum number of people that may be at the precinct at any one time on a commercial tour or activity.</li> <li>• Setting of specific times of the year when commercial tours to the precinct are to be permitted.</li> <li>• Set other specific conditions for commercial operator licences for the precinct so that the objectives listed opposite are met.</li> <li>• Monitoring of impacts to work toward a basis for setting visitor limits.</li> </ul>

52. In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.11 Leasing, Background, page 81, add the following sentence after the last dot point under University of New South Wales: Field study centre:

“A recent addition to the planning area, “Shadwell Park” is adjacent to the field study centre and is proposed for use as education and research purposes. The adaptive reuse of Shadwell Park as a training facility complements the lease currently held by the University of New South Wales.”

53. In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.11 Leasing, Background, page 81, add the following after the last paragraph:

**“The use of land, buildings, structures and modified natural areas under section 151B of the National Parks and Wildlife Act.**

Adaptive reuse of buildings and structures will be permitted provided any proposed modification and use is carried out in a sustainable manner and is consistent with the

conservation of the natural and cultural values of the land. Any reuse proposal is to be compatible with the retention of the cultural significance of the buildings and structures. A range of uses for historic buildings and structures is considered appropriate in providing greater diversity and flexibility of use, improved public access and to ensure conservation outcomes for the buildings and structures.

The request for short term exclusive uses of areas within the Myall Lakes National Park are often received for uses such as community events, group picnics, weddings and cultural events. Licences may be granted to use land, buildings and structures in the park for exclusive use for any purpose provided the land is a modified natural area and is granted for a period of not more than three consecutive days.

The following places in Myall Lakes National Park may be considered for leasing under the Section 151B(2) and considered for short-term licences under section 151B(3) of the National Parks and Wildlife Act with the consideration of purposes for each specific location:

1. Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse – all buildings, structures and modified landscapes within the heritage precinct, the allowable purposes being:
  - Educational facilities for natural heritage and cultural heritage;
  - Visitor and tourist accommodation;
  - The provision of facilities and amenities for tourists and visitors;
  - Residential occupation for the maintenance and security of the reserve, and buildings and facilities.
2. Shadwell Park – all buildings, structures and modified landscapes within the area, the allowable purposes being:
  - Educational facilities for natural heritage, cultural heritage, park and fire management;
  - Research facilities for natural and cultural heritage;
  - The provision of facilities for conferences and functions;
3. Eurobin Park – all buildings, structures and modified landscapes within the area, the allowable purposes being:
  - Visitor and tourist accommodation;
  - The provision of facilities and amenities for tourists and visitors, including information centres and booking outlets;
  - Residential occupation for the maintenance and security of the reserve, and buildings and facilities.
4. Mayers Point - all buildings, structures and modified landscapes within the area, the allowable purposes being:
  - Visitor and tourist accommodation;
  - Educational facilities for natural heritage, cultural heritage, park and fire management;
  - Residential occupation for the maintenance and security of the reserve, and buildings and facilities.
5. Seal Rocks occupancy licence - all buildings, structures and modified landscapes within the area, the allowable purposes being:

- Residential occupation for the maintenance and security of the reserve, and buildings and facilities.

The purposes for which short-term licences maybe granted under Section 151B(3) of the National Parks and Wildlife Act are:

- Community events
- Sporting events
- Group picnics
- Cultural events
- Military activities and commercial activities.”

**54.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.11 Leasing, Issues, page 81, add the following dot points:

- That the use of the houses in the planning area within Myall Lakes National Park is consistent with any Conservation Management Plans or heritage assessments prepared for the locations.
- There is a need to negotiate with the University of New South Wales for leasing arrangements for the management of Shadwell Park as a training facility.

**55.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.11 Leasing, Guidelines and Actions, page 82, add the following sentence after the first sentence in action 4.11.3:

“Negotiate the management and use of the neighbouring Shadwell Park training centre (building and curtilage only) into the future lease or licence of the field study centre.”

**56.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.11 Leasing, Guidelines and Actions, page 82, add the following actions:

“4.11.4 Ensure that the adaptive reuse of the buildings within the Lighthouse precinct is consistent with the approved Conservation Management Plan for the site.

4.11.5 Investigate the appropriate management arrangement for the operation of holiday accommodation businesses for buildings within the planning area. Implement the preferred management option.

4.11.6 If financially viable and feasible, upgrade the houses on the properties of “Eurobin Park” and “Mayers Point” in accordance with heritage assessment recommendations.

4.11.7 Subject to relevant assessments and approvals, grant one or more leases or licences for the permissible purposes listed in this plan to enable the adaptive reuse of the buildings and structures located at Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse, Eurobin Park, Mayers Point and Shadwell Park.

4.11.8 NPWS will honour the existing occupancy licence at Seal Rocks that was added to the planning area in 2002.”

**57.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.12 Information, Interpretation and Education, Issues, page 83, add the following dot point:

- “There is potential for the development of joint regulatory and educational information signage with other agencies such as Great Lakes Council and Forster LALC within or adjacent to the park around the Seal Rocks village.”

**58.** In Part B Management Strategies, Visitor Use, 4.12 Information, Interpretation and Education, Guidelines and Actions, page 85, add the following dot point to action 4.12.1:

- The construction and operation of the history associated with the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse and its relationship to the development of the village of Seal Rocks.

**59.** In Part B Management Strategies, Management Operations, 5.1 Management Operations and Alien Uses, Background, page 89, in Non-NPWS infrastructure add the following sentence before the last sentence of the second paragraph:

“The Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse tower is leased by AMSA as an operational navigation aid under the Heads of Agreement between AMSA and the State of NSW. Radio communication equipment is located in the signal house, adjacent to the lighthouse tower. NSW Police, NSW Surf Lifesaving and the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol currently have radio communications equipment located in the signal house.”

**60.** In Part B Management Strategies, Management Operations, 5.1 Management Operations and Alien Uses, Guidelines and Actions, page 91, add the following actions:

“5.1.12 Negotiate a licence for the radio communications installed at the signal house at the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse. Ensure any licence is in accordance with the Conservation Management Plan and that any new navigational or communications equipment does not negatively impact on the heritage characteristics of the Lighthouse precinct. “

**61.** In Part C Implementation, Plan Implementation, Implementation, Table 4, replace the following actions:

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3.1.3 Prepare an amendment to the Myall Lakes National Park and Island Nature Reserves Fire Management Strategy to include the Seal Rocks area in cooperation with neighbours and stakeholders. Following public exhibition and adoption, implement the amended Strategy. ”

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3.2.4 Provide information to the community on introduced plant species and

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programs and encourage neighbour and community involvement in pest species projects. In particular, encourage community involvement in monitoring conditions within catchment watercourses to deter aquatic weeds entering the lakes system of the park, and rehabilitation programs for rainforest and dune vegetation within the park.

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3.2.10 Implement rainforest rehabilitation programs at Mungo Brush and around the Seal Rocks village and Treachery Headland to protect threatened plant species and endangered ecological communities.”

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4.6.1 Permit 4WD beach driving on those beaches indicated on map 3 and map 5 only. This allows access from between Lemon Tree and the southern side of Dark Point (not including Dark Point itself), between Dees Corner and the Big Gibber Headland and along Lighthouse Beach.”

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**62.** In Part C Implementation, Plan Implementation, Implementation, Table 4, High priority, page 105, add the following dot point to action 4.10.4:

- Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse precinct

**63.** In Part C Implementation, Plan Implementation, Implementation, Table 4, High priority, beginning on page 101, add the following actions:

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1.2.10 Undertake an assessment of the endangered littoral rainforest community and determine extent and environmental impacts threatening its biodiversity. Implement recommendations for protection.

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2.2.10. Implement the approved Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse Precinct

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2.2.11 Under the guidance of the CMP, complete conservation and adaptive reuse works to the assistant lighthouse keepers’ cottages so that they can be used for short term commercial holiday accommodation.

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3.2.12 Identify areas of high conservation significance around the Seal Rocks village where weed control and rehabilitation works can be targeted as resources become available.”

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4.2.19 Close and rehabilitate unauthorised camping sites behind Lighthouse Beach

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4.2.20 Investigate the feasibility of providing up to 40 camping sites at “Eurobin Park” and the linking of these sites by a walking track to the day use area at Korsmans Landing. The provision of camping sites at “Eurobin Park” would be subject to a corresponding reduction in the number sites at other camping areas that are unable to be achieved due to environmental and financial constraints.

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4.3.11 Liaise with Great Lakes Council to ensure coordinated and effective management of day use destinations in and around the Seal Rocks township.

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4.4.10 Close and rehabilitate all walking tracks that are not shown on map 5 and map 2.

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4.5.9 Continue to work with Forster LALC to maintain a trail network on neighbouring lands adjacent to the Seal Rocks village for fire management purposes.

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4.6.12 Upgrade the southern 4WD beach access track to Lighthouse Beach. Provide an upgraded two wheel drive car park and improved pedestrian access to

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Lighthouse Beach (as shown on Map 5).”

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4.11.4 Ensure that the adaptive reuse of the buildings within the Lighthouse precinct is consistent with the approved Conservation Management Plan for the site.

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4.11.7 Subject to relevant assessments and approvals, grant one or more leases or licences for the permissible purposes listed in this plan to enable the adaptive reuse of the buildings and structures located at Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse, Eurobin Park, Mayers Point and Shadwell Park.

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**64.** In Part C Implementation, Plan Implementation, Implementation, table 4, Medium priority, page 110, add the following dot point to action 2.2.4:

- “The role of the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse in coastal shipping and the development of Seal Rocks village, including the lifestyle of lighthouse keepers at Sugarloaf Point.”

**65.** In Part C Implementation, Plan Implementation, Implementation, table 4, Medium priority, beginning on page 107, add the following actions:

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2.2.12 Prepare and implement a landscape management plan for the precinct in accordance with the CMP that includes weed management, trimming of vegetation to enable a clear throw of light from the lighthouse, and containment of domestic and exotic plantings within gardens.

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2.2.13 Investigate the management options for existing houses in MLNP. Consideration will be given to reuse of the dwellings as holiday accommodation, caretaker or as an onsite residence. Implement preferred option considering conservation and economic values. (NPWS 2003)

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2.2.14 Incorporate the buildings at “Shadwell Park” into the lease or licence that covers operations of the Smith Lake Field Studies Centre. Ensure that use of the buildings is for research and educational purposes.

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3.2.11 Complete and implement a Vegetation Management Plan for the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse precinct.

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4.1.10 Ensure sustainable visitor use of the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse precinct through monitoring and provisions of appropriate facilities.

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4.3.9 Upgrade and expand the existing car park at the entrance to the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse to cater for day visitors to the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse and Lighthouse Beach. Provide car parking for a maximum of 30 cars.

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4.3.10 Investigate the feasibility and subject to satisfactory environmental and historic heritage approvals, provide toilet facilities for day visitors at the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse.

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4.4.12 Rationalise and upgrade the Rainforest and Treachery Headland Walking Tracks. Provide interpretive signage and a car park at the entrance to each track.

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4.11.5 Investigate the appropriate management arrangement for the operation of holiday accommodation businesses for buildings within the planning area. Implement the preferred management option.

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4.11.8 NPWS will honour the existing permissive occupancy licence at Seal Rocks that was added to the planning area in 2002.

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**66.** In Part C Implementation, Plan Implementation, Implementation, table 4, Low priority, page 111, add the following dot point to action 4.4.9:

- Link Track to provide walking access between Number One and Lighthouse Beaches.

**67.** In Part C Implementation, Plan Implementation, Implementation, table 4, Low priority, beginning on page 111, add the following actions:

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4.4.11 Upgrade the North Lighthouse Beach Walking Track. Only when this upgrade is completed, close and rehabilitate the walking track located closer to the car park.

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4.11.6 If financially viable and feasible, upgrade the houses on the properties of “Eurobin Park” and “Mayers Point” in accordance with heritage assessment recommendations.

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5.1.12 Negotiate a licence for the radio communications installed at the signal house at the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse. Ensure any licence is in accordance with the Conservation Management Plan and that any new navigational or communications equipment does not negatively impact on the heritage characteristics of the Lighthouse precinct. “

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**68.** In Part C Implementation, Plan Implementation, Implementation, table 5, Summary of guidelines, page 117, guideline 4.11.3, add the following sentence after the first sentence:

“Negotiate the management and use of the neighbouring Shadwell Park training centre (building and curtilage only) into the future lease or licence of the field study centre.”

**69.** In Part C Implementation, Plan Implementation, Implementation, table 5, Summary of guidelines, page 118, guideline 4.12.1, add the following dot point:

- “The construction and operation of the history associated with the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse and its relationship to the development of the village of Seal Rocks.”

**70.** Insert Map 1A (attached) following Map 1.

**71.** Insert Map 5 (attached) following Map 4.

**72.** Insert Map 6 (attached) following Map 5.

**73.** Add following references to pages 129 – 130:

Brooks, G and Associates (2000) NSW Lighthouses Conservation and Cultural Tourism Management Plan, 2000. A report for the NPWS.

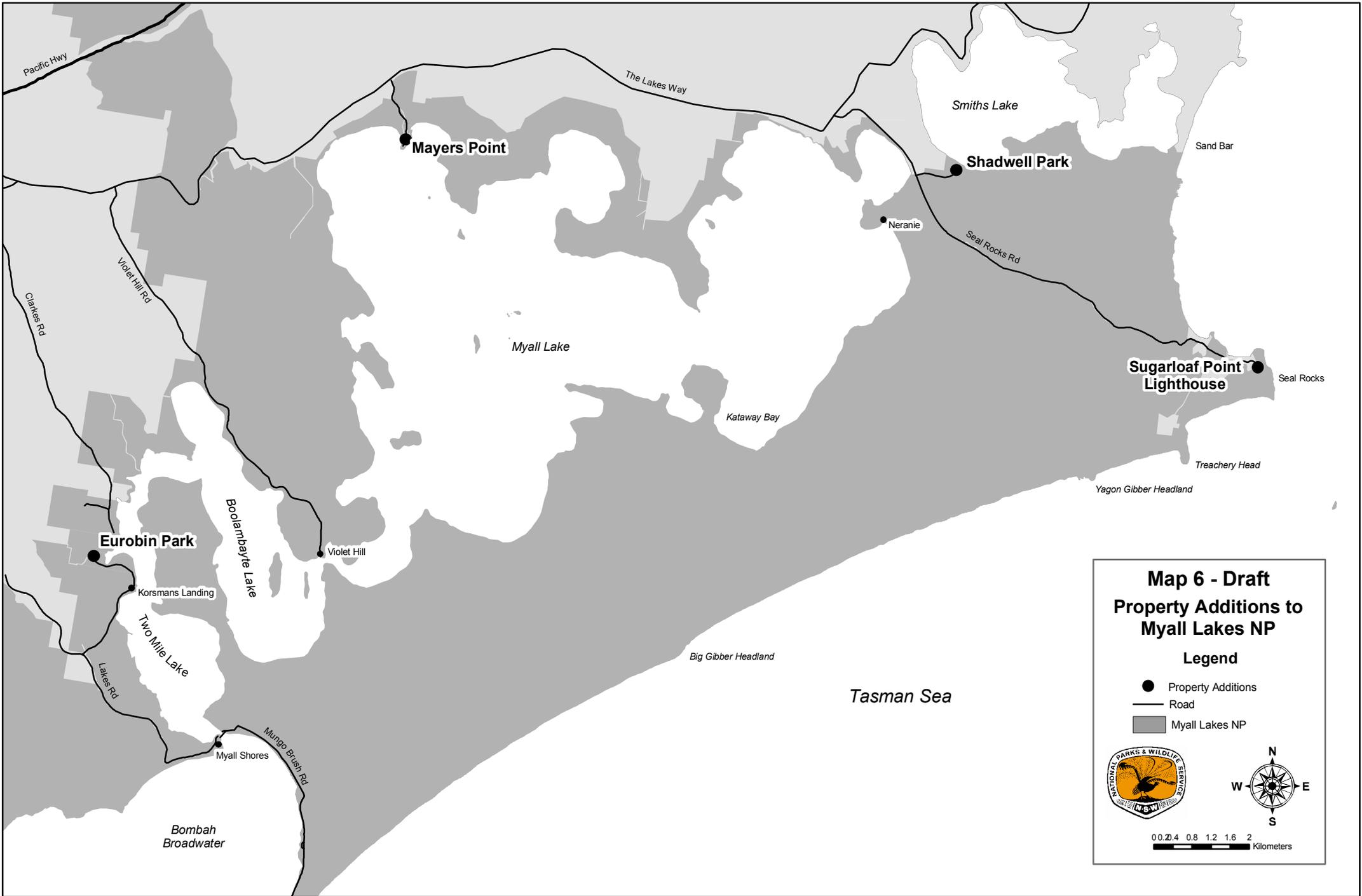
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NPWS (2003) Carters, Horse Point, Mayers Point & Shadwell Park Cottages Heritage Assessment. A report for the NPWS.

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Rolls, T (2004) Bush Regeneration Management Plan, Seal Rocks. A report for the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.



Pacific Hwy

The Lakes Way

Smiths Lake

Sand Bar

**Mayers Point**

**Shadwell Park**

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Seal Rocks Rd

Clarks Rd

Violet Hill Rd

Myall Lake

**Sugarloaf Point  
Lighthouse**

Seal Rocks

Kataway Bay

Treachery Head

Yagon Gibber Headland

**Eurobin Park**

Boolarbye Lake

Violet Hill

Korsmans Landing

Big Gibber Headland

Tasman Sea

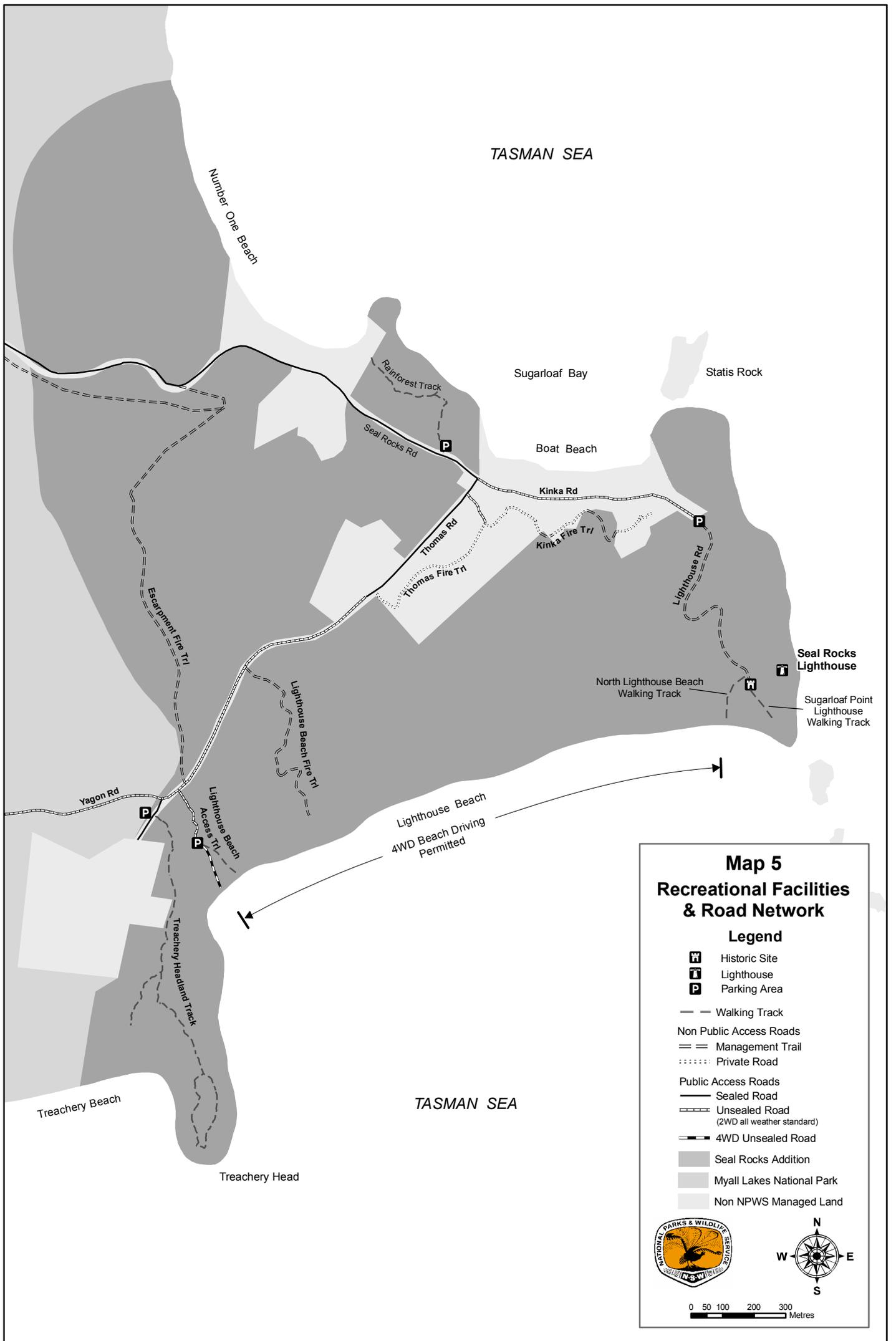
Two Mile Lake

Lakes Rd

Myall Shores

Mungo Bluff Rd

Bombah  
Broadwater



TASMAN SEA

Number One Beach

Sugarloaf Bay

Statis Rock

Reinforest Track

Boat Beach

Seal Rocks Rd

Kinka Rd

Thomas Rd

Kinka Fire Trl

Thomas Fire Trl

Lighthouse Rd

Seal Rocks Lighthouse

North Lighthouse Beach Walking Track

Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse Walking Track

Escarpment Fire Trl

Lighthouse Beach Fire Trl

Yagon Rd

Lighthouse Beach Access Trl

Lighthouse Beach 4WD Beach Driving Permitted

Treachery Beach

TASMAN SEA

Treachery Head

### Map 5 Recreational Facilities & Road Network

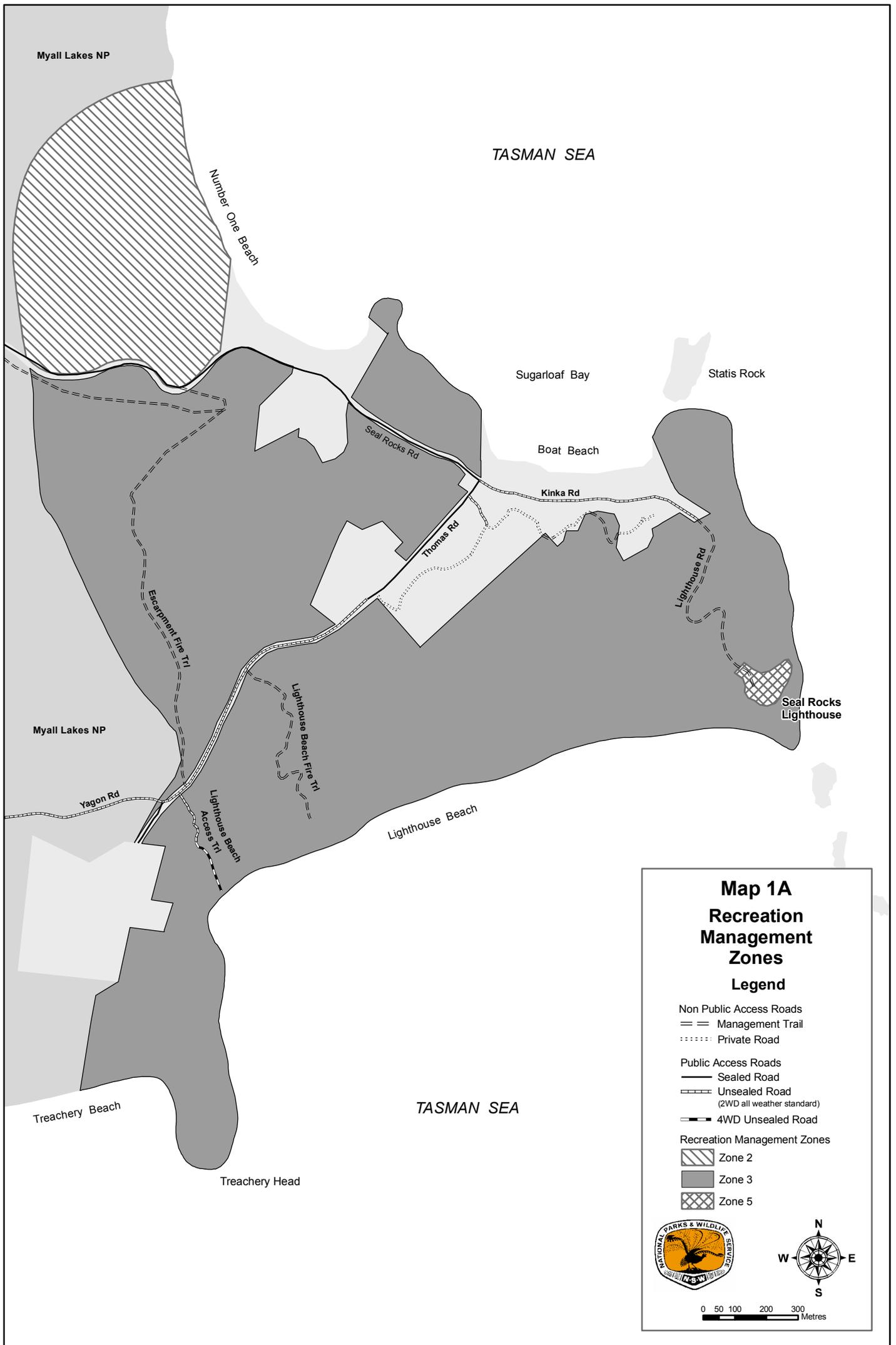
**Legend**

- Historic Site
- Lighthouse
- Parking Area
- Walking Track
- Non Public Access Roads**
  - Management Trail
  - Private Road
- Public Access Roads**
  - Sealed Road
  - Unsealed Road (2WD all weather standard)
  - 4WD Unsealed Road
- Seal Rocks Addition
- Myall Lakes National Park
- Non NPWS Managed Land

NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICE  
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0 50 100 200 300 Metres



Myall Lakes NP

TASMAN SEA

Number One Beach

Sugarloaf Bay

Statis Rock

Boat Beach

Seal Rocks Rd

Kinka Rd

Thomas Rd

Lighthouse Rd

Escarpment Fire Trl

Lighthouse Beach Fire Trl

Seal Rocks Lighthouse

Myall Lakes NP

Yagon Rd

Lighthouse Beach Access Trl

Lighthouse Beach

Treachery Beach

TASMAN SEA

Treachery Head

### Map 1A Recreation Management Zones

#### Legend

Non Public Access Roads

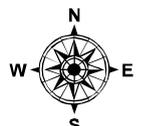
- == Management Trail
- ..... Private Road

Public Access Roads

- Sealed Road
- Unsealed Road (2WD all weather standard)
- 4WD Unsealed Road

Recreation Management Zones

- Zone 2
- Zone 3
- Zone 5



0 50 100 200 300 Metres