

**Central Coast Recreational Use Study
Stage 2: The Tuggerah Lakes**

Map 3: Budgewoi Lake



Budgewoi Lake stretches from Spring Creek in the west, Budgewoi Creek in the east to Main Road Bridge in the south. It contains a single continuous shared path along its northern shore: cyclists can turn off Pacific Highway and ride uninterrupted to Budgewoi Point. In contrast, aside a short shared path south of Toukley Golf Club, the southern banks of the Lake are primarily Residential Connectors, with limited public access to the foreshore. The foreshore from Gorokan to Charmhaven is particularly underdeveloped: with four potential recreational nodes lacking the infrastructure to be classified above Beach Access.



Figure 56: Looking east along Main Road Foreshore.

Map 3A: Wallarah and Spring Creeks



Figure 57: The entrance to Bamayi Reserve, with the playground, BBQ and shelters visible in the background.

Wallahah Creek branches off Budgewoi Lake at Oroaloo Point, running under Pacific Highway before branching south. Spring Creek continues north, running adjacent to the suburb of Blue Haven. The majority of the foreshore is Residential Connectors, with a small undeveloped reserve providing public river access at Mckellar Boulevard. The main recreational node is Bamayi Reserve (Figure 57), located at the north, with an additional smaller playground provided along Birdwood Drive (Figure 58). The only boat launching ramp lies to the East of Pacific Highway at Brudenell Avenue (Figure 59).



Figure 59: The small jetty and boat ramp at Brudenell Avenue.



Figure 58: Drone view of Birdwood Drive Reserve.



Figure 60: Looking west over the bridge across Wallarah Creek, with the start of the foreshore shared path visible through the trees, as is Brudenell Avenue Boat Ramp behind it.

Map 3B: San Remo



Figure 61: San Remo Boat Ramp.

The San Remo foreshore and its continuous shared path runs from Pacific Highway in the West to the entrance to Hammond Canal (Figure 63), adjacent to the primary boat ramp node (Figure 61). An additional boat ramp is found adjacent to North Lakes Oval (Figure 62), which also contains a clubrooms and skate park. Breaking up Liamena Avenue Foreshore and opposite San Remo Convenience Centre is John Peter Howard Reserve, a large recreational node with a playground, BBQ and sheltered picnic tables (Figure 64). Bike racks are found along the extent of the foreshore, including in some locations along the connectors adjacent to seating.



Figure 63: A high quality shared path runs from Pacific Highway east along the San Remo foreshore, linking to Buff Point via a bridge across Hammond Canal.



Figure 62: A poorer quality boat ramp is also found opposite North Lakes Oval.



Figure 64: Bike racks and playground at John Peter Howard Reserve, with the shopping centre visible in the background.

Map 3C: Buff Point



The shared path from San Remo continues along Buff Point Foreshore (Figure 68), which despite being more developed than a typical Local Connector does still show some evidence of local ownership from residents (Figure 65). The main recreational node is Edgewater Park, which provides boat access to the lake (Figure 66) as well as a playground and toilets. A smaller node is found at Mutumba Road, whose main feature is a poor quality jetty (Figure 67).

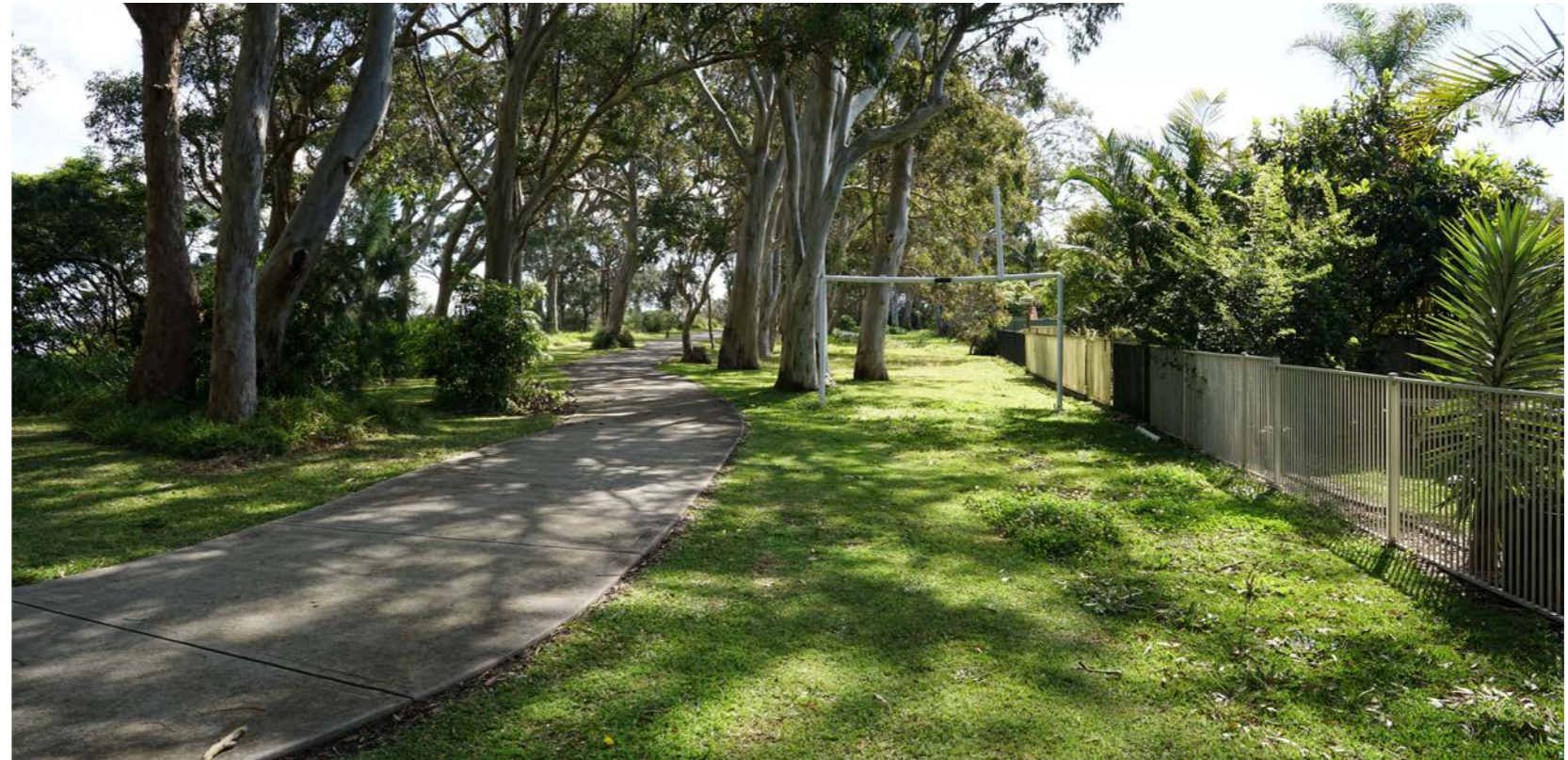


Figure 65: Makeshift goals adjacent to the shared path running along Buff Point Avenue.



Figure 67: The jetty at Mutumba Road Reserve has seen better days.



Figure 66: Boat ramp at Edgewater Park.



Figure 68: Looking west along Buff Point Avenue towards Buff Point.

Map 3D: Green Point Foreshore



Figure 69: Picnic area and bike racks at Woodland Parkway Reserve.

Green Point Foreshore is similar to the neighbouring Buff Point, being a Shared Path Connector interspersed with small recreational nodes. Playgrounds are found at both Green Point Reserve (Figures 71 and 72) and Woodland Parkway Reserve, with the latter also picnic facilities (Figure 69). An additional beach access node is found at the end of Brandon Close (Figure 70), which appeared to be used for small boat and board launching. No other formal boat ramps are provided along Green Point Foreshore, with the nearest to the West at Edgewater Park, or to the East at Budgewoi Point.



Figure 71: Dog walker at Green Point Reserve, with the small playground in the background.



Figure 70: The small node at the end of Brandon Close.



Figure 72: Drone view of the carpark and playground at Green Point Reserve, with the shared path running through from west to east.

Map 3E: Budgewoi South



Figure 73: The fishing station adjacent to Slade Park boat ramp and jetty.

Budgewoi South encapsulates the mouth of Budgewoi Creek, linking Budgewoi Lake to Lake Munmorah. Boat ramps lie on both side of the mouth to the creek, at Budgewoi Point (Figure 74) and the Northern carpark at Slade Park - adjacent to which is a jetty and fish cleaning station (Figure 73). Budgewoi Point is linked to the west of the lake by a continuous shared path, which runs along Diamond Head Drive (Figure 76) through Green Point Reserve, Buff Point and San Remo to Pacific Highway. South of the Slade Park boat ramp is a larger recreational area, including a picnic area, playing field, clubrooms and public toilets. A Conservation Connector runs further South along Budgewoi Road to Toukley Golf Club.



Figure 75: The view of Budgewoi Lake from Slade Park.



Figure 74: Budgewoi Point Boat Ramp and Jetty.



Figure 76: Looking north east along Diamond Head Drive Foreshore, with Lake Munmorah and the coast visible in the background..

Map 3F: Toukley



Figure 77: Looking east over Osbourne Park.

Toukley foreshore runs from the golf course foreshore in the east to Main Road Bridge in the west. It is the only residential area along the South of Budgewoi Lake with a Shared Path Connector: commencing to the south of a short Residential Connector, running down to Osbourne Park playground (Figure 78) and recommencing briefly along Peel Street Foreshore. A small node at a public jetty at Cross Street (Figure 80) breaks up an otherwise continuous Residential Connector along Main Street. A Minor node at Toukley Gardens lies adjacent to the foreshore reserve however is fenced off from the foreshore which remains under private ownership (Figure 79).



Figure 79: While Toukley Gardens lies within the foreshore reserve, it is fenced off and does not permit access to the lake.



Figure 78: Bike racks and playground at Osbourne Park, with the Marine Rescue building in the background.



Figure 80: Looking east over the private jetties along Main Road Foreshore: the longer public jetty at Cross Street is visible just before the resort building.

Map 3G: Gorokan



The Gorokan foreshore stretches along the extent of The Corso (Figure 82), which begins at Wallarah Point Peace Park and concludes at a small Beach Access Node to the north. The foreshore is primarily Residential with restricted public access, aside from a short Local Connector (Figure 81). Wallarah Point Peace Park is one of the most diverse nodes in the study area: including play and picnic facilities, a small fitness circuit, boat ramp and jetty, as well as an art gallery and associated cafe. Evidence of kayak launching was also observed (Figure 83). A footpath under Main Road Bridge connects to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park (Figure 84).



Figure 82: Looking south along The Corso towards Main Road Bridge.



Figure 83: Kayaks parked along Wallarah Peace Park foreshore.



Figure 81: Privately constructed jetty along The Corso Foreshore Local Connector.



Figure 84: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park lies adjacent to Wallarah Point Peace Park south of Main Road Bridge.

Map 3H: Charmhaven and Lake Haven



Similar to Gorokan to the south, Charmhaven and Lake Haven Foreshore is comprised mainly of Residential and Local Connectors along Panorama Avenue (Figures 87 and 88), providing a clear contrast to the Shared Path Connectors dominating the northern foreshore of Budgewoi Lake. Only one formal carpark was identified at Bark Park (Figure 86); other potential nodes at Goobarabah Point and Chelmsford Road (Figure 85) lacked any formal recreational infrastructure: discussion and recommendations for upgrading these and similar underdeveloped lake access points is found in Section 8.



Figure 87: Backyards along Panorama Avenue Foreshore.



Figure 85: This lakeside picnic table is one of the few pieces of infrastructure provided within Chelmsford Road Reserve.

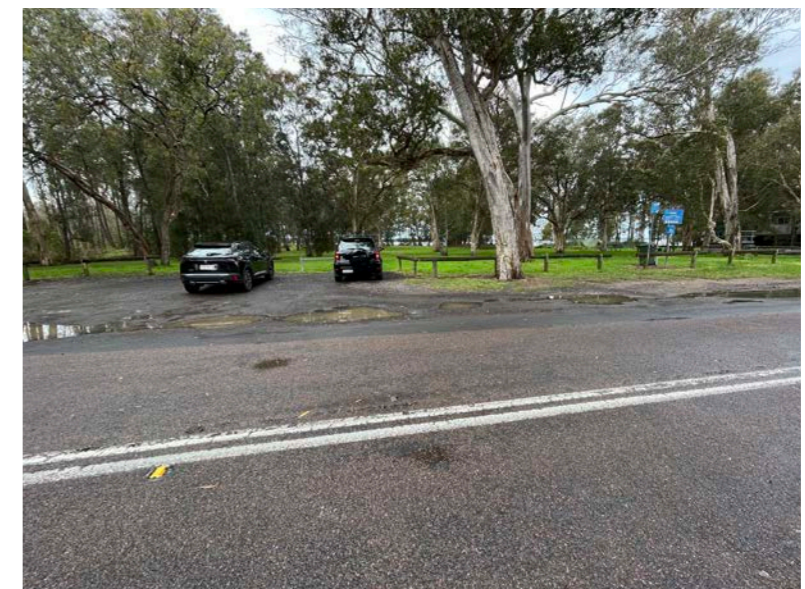


Figure 86: The small carpark at Bark Park node.



Figure 88: Local residents making themselves at home in the undeveloped Panorama Avenue foreshore.