



Worimi Conservation Lands Beach Report

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO WORIMI CONSERVATION LANDS

WORIMI CONSERVATION LANDS OPEN

UPDATED 10 July 2015

CURRENT: All public access areas of Worimi Conservation Lands are open to the public including the recreational vehicle area (RVA) and Stockton beachfront. **WARNING:** The Gan Gan Road (Anna Bay) access remains affected by flooding. Caution is urged when using this entrance to avoid deep water and vegetation disturbance. Visitors are advised to use the Lavis Lane (Williamtown) entrance where possible.

CURRENT BEACH DRIVING CONDITIONS

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WARNING: Some sections of Stockton beach remain impassible at high tide or when there is a large swell. There are currently three significant 'pinch points' on the beach between Lavis Lane and Gan Gan Road entrances with washouts across the beach and steep banks up to 1.5 metres high which at certain times cannot be negotiated safely in a vehicle. Visitors are advised to **avoid travelling along the beachfront one hour either side of high tide** (see over for current tide times).

FRONTAL DUNE: Driving on the frontal dune is not permitted under any circumstances. If the beach becomes too narrow (pinch point) to pass safely, retrace your route. **Do not attempt to bypass the pinch point by crossing the frontal dune.** *Penalties apply.* Degradation of the frontal dune ultimately destroys the stability of the beach and dune system. Driving behind the frontal dune is dangerous due to areas of quicksand.

HIGH DUNE DRIVING: The recreational vehicle area (RVA) is currently the only area where 4WD driving on the dunes is permitted. Driving on the high dunes south of the Anna Bay entrance and north of Lavis Lane is not permitted. There are significant Aboriginal sites in this area which would be damaged by vehicles. *Penalties apply.*

CULTURAL SITES: Significant cultural artefacts and sites are scattered throughout WCL-many are protected with fencing and some have been covered. It is an offence to disturb, drive over or damage these sites in any way. *Penalties apply.*

GENERAL INFORMATION

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FIRES: Gas bbqs and cookers can be used - fires are not permitted. *Penalties apply*

DOGS: Dogs are currently permitted on the beachfront only and must be on a lead at all times. *Penalties apply*

HORSES: Horses are permitted in the public access areas on WCL. Please note that the Lavis Lane entrance is the main entrance for quad bike riders where noise levels and traffic volume can be significant.

BEACH SWIMMING: WCL beaches are unpatrolled, and have strong ocean currents. Birubi Beach is the closest patrolled beach. Swimming in the ocean off WCL is not recommended and is undertaken at your own risk.

PARKING: Car & trailer parking at Lavis Lane and Gan Gan Road entrances.

TOILETS: There are currently no public toilets on WCL. New facilities are planned for the Lavis Lane entrance.

RUBBISH: There are currently no rubbish disposal facilities on WCL - please take your rubbish with you when you leave.

CAMPING: WCL is currently closed to all camping – this includes the use of camping structures, tents or swags.

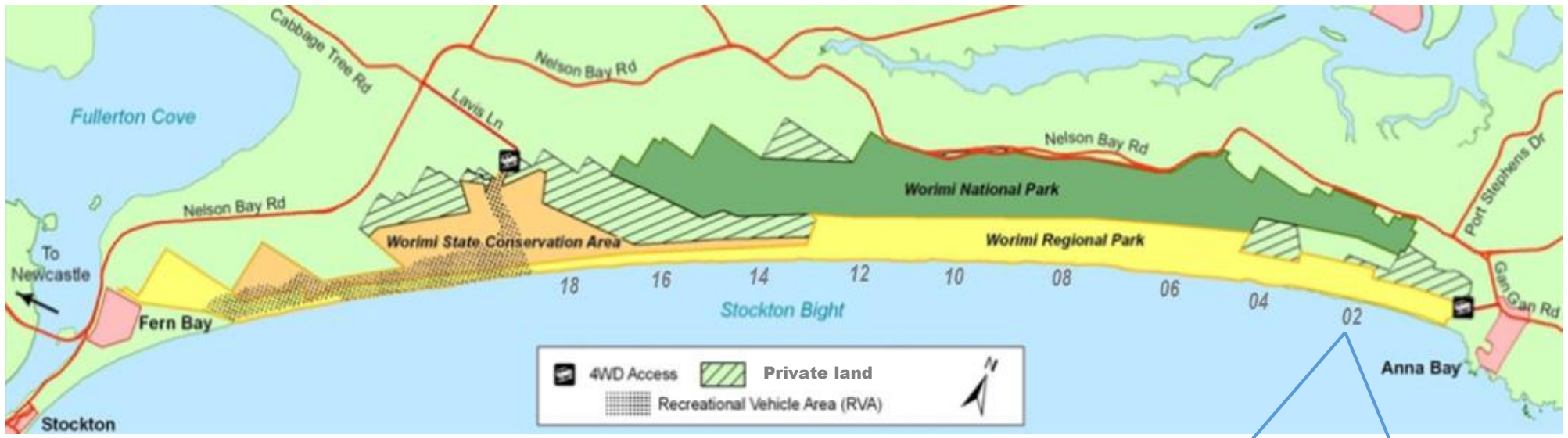
Look out for...

Humpback whales making their way north on their annual migration – visible from the beach and RVA

Pied Oyster Catchers in numbers never seen before on WCL



The **wreck of the steamship Uralla** which ran aground on Stockton Beach in June 1928 – on the beachfront approx 5km south of the Gan Gan Rd entry



Port Stephens, NSW – July 2015 PRINT TABLE

	FRI 10 JUL	SAT 11 JUL	SUN 12 JUL	MON 13 JUL	TUE 14 JUL	WED 15 JUL	THU 16 JUL
HIGH	2:49 am 1.42 m	HIGH 4:00 am 1.34 m	HIGH 5:08 am 1.31 m	LOW 12:20 am 0.42 m	LOW 1:12 am 0.35 m	LOW 1:57 am 0.31 m	LOW 2:38 am 0.28 m
LOW	9:03 am 0.40 m	LOW 10:00 am 0.43 m	LOW 10:56 am 0.44 m	HIGH 6:10 am 1.31 m	HIGH 7:05 am 1.33 m	HIGH 7:54 am 1.34 m	HIGH 8:38 am 1.36 m
HIGH	3:43 pm 1.62 m	HIGH 4:43 pm 1.69 m	HIGH 5:38 pm 1.75 m	LOW 11:49 am 0.45 m	LOW 12:39 pm 0.45 m	LOW 1:26 pm 0.45 m	LOW 2:09 pm 0.46 m
LOW	10:06 pm 0.56 m	LOW 11:19 pm 0.50 m		HIGH 6:30 pm 1.80 m	HIGH 7:17 pm 1.84 m	HIGH 8:01 pm 1.85 m	HIGH 8:41 pm 1.83 m

CAUTION: Sections of Stockton beachfront are impassible at high tide. Visitors are advised to **avoid travelling along the beachfront one hour either side of high tide**. If the beach becomes too narrow to pass safely, retrace your route. Do not attempt to bypass the beach by crossing the frontal dune - **penalties apply**.



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Distance markers are located on the beach at 2km intervals between the Gan Gan Rd and Lavis Lane park entry points. In an emergency dial 000 or, if no mobile reception, try 112. If calling from the beachfront, advise operator of closest distance marker (markers are not to scale).

While this information was prepared with care, it is based on the best available information at the time and is indicative only. Visitors are reminded that conditions change constantly due to climatic fluctuations and other factors. No liability is accepted by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service or the Worimi Conservation Lands Board of Management for any decisions or actions taken on the basis of this information.