

HERITAGE ESTATE SECURITY ENHANCEMENT WORKS

HEST 81

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TRAIL BIKE SECURITY WORKS ADVICE

HEST 80 advised that we formally approached Council with concerns that trail bike intrusion from the Old Erowal Bayside had increased and could threaten the erosion works. HEST has received a further (good news) response form Council staff involved with the Estate Steering Committee.

SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL Letter of Advice March 19 states:

A site inspection of the Council Reserve adjoining Worrowing Waterway has been conducted by staff to identify access points of trail bikes coming from Old Erowal Bay (Track Entry Points 1 & 2).

Actions being implemented by Council are:

Track entry 1:

- a) Collection of rubbish and dismantling of unauthorised structure on the track ,
- (b) Block off access to the track at the Birriga Avenue end using logs once rubbish has been removed;
- (c) Monitor effectiveness of barriers installed
- (d) Install 'no trail bikes' sign on the northern side of the creek crossing

Track Entry 2

- (a) Install 'no trail bikes' sign on the northern side of the creek crossing
- (b) Monitor effectiveness of barriers recently installed by Soil Conservation Service

Council is also preparing a mail out to residents of Old Erowal Bay informing them of the high conservation values of the Heritage Estates area, the Worrowing Waterway and adjacent reserves and the impacts that trail bike riding, fire wood collection, and dumping



Worrowing Waterway receives virtually all drainage from the Estate and carries it to Erowal Bay. Both are highest zoning W1 waterways. On that basis, the health and quality of the water is of critical importance but that can only be assured with the appropriate protection of the Estate itself. The Crown Land reserve on the southern side of the Worrowing Creek adjacent to Old Erowal Bay village, is not part of the Estate. Entry of trail bikes from that side across the creek can only occur within a restricted area and as the Council letter indicates, specific strategies are now planned and being implemented.

There are two main water easements associated with the Estate. One is Birriga Ave. which runs from The Wool Road to Naval College Road. As reported in HEST, that has recently been upgraded, which included clearing of rubbish. The other easement brings water to Erowal Bay from Old Erowal Bay across Worrowing Creek, very close to the outlet to Erowal Bay waterway.

That easement, along the St Georges Avenue Reserve, has benefited from less mowing and a recent mowing has had minimal impact on the condition of the road and the verge.

