



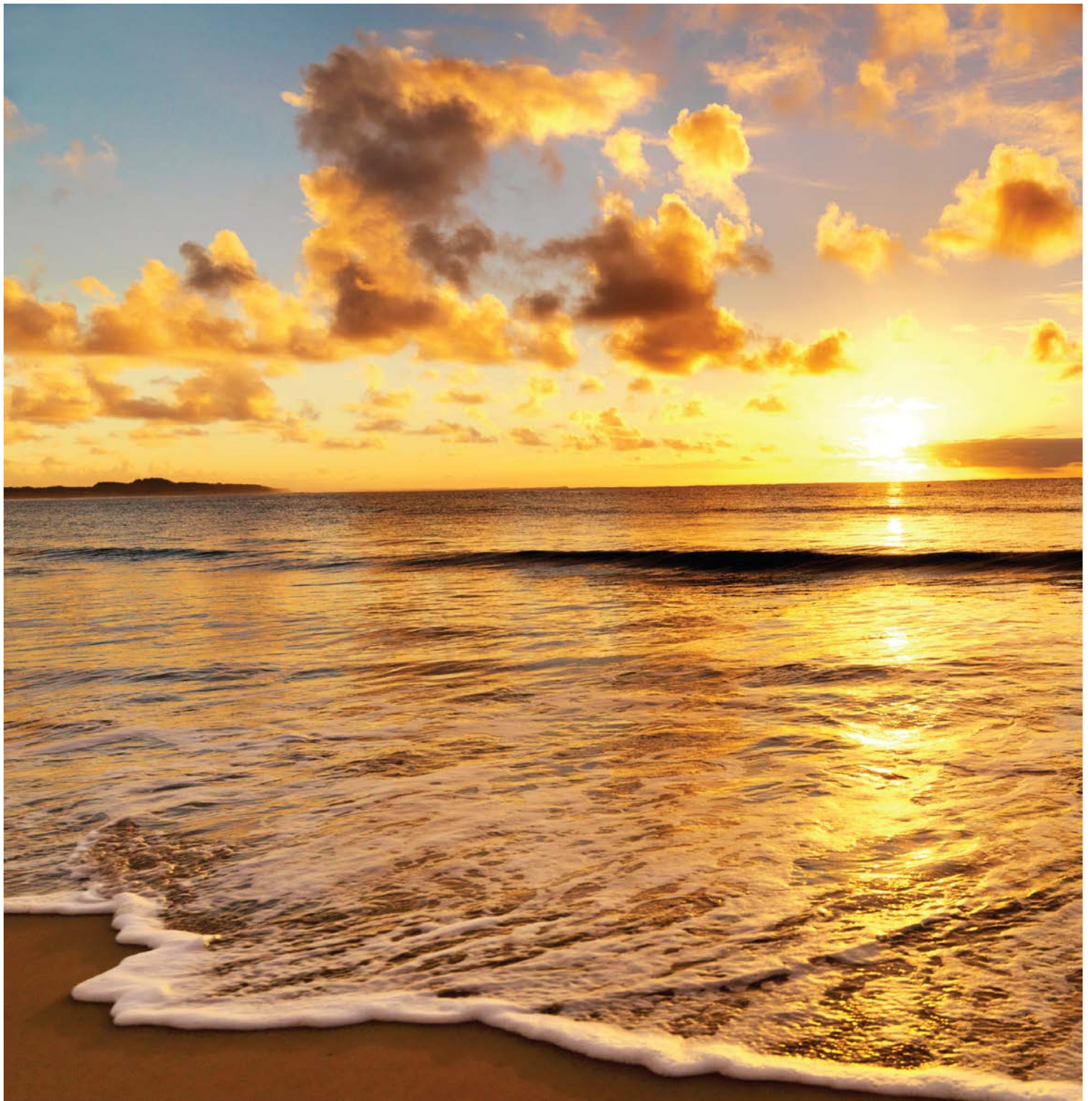
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Fingal Head

Our vision and community values



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Our Vision

Fingal Head is a sleepy seaside hamlet nestled on an ancient peninsula framed by the Tweed River and the Pacific Ocean.

We balance protection of our natural environment and relaxed lifestyle with welcoming and educating the many people who love to come here to visit, or even stay to live, on why our home is so special and how to keep it that way.

We celebrate our past, present and future cultural connections with pride, and strive for a united community where people feel safe and respected.

Community Values



We value our indigenous heritage and cultural connections

A place where respect for country and the stories of the land and sea are entwined in everyday life; where families have lived for generations; where ancient traditions are alive and celebrated.

What this could look like:

Collaborative festivals and celebrations of indigenous culture; welcome pack for of new residents with educational material about the cultural significance of Fingal Head; carefully designed interpretive and educational signage in public spaces.



We value our natural environment

A place where the river, the ocean, the beach, the bush, rainforest and mangroves are protected, respected and enjoyed by all. They create a physical boundary around the existing village footprint meaning there is no room for growth or expansion.

What this could look like:

Riverbank restoration or stabilisation programs, encouraging landscaping with native low water demand species on private property; increased compliance for non-approved vegetation removal.



We value our relaxed lifestyle and village character

A place that feels like you're stepping back in time to a world of peace, tranquillity and uncrowded surf; where new buildings are low scale, sustainably designed and blend in with the leafy surroundings.

What this could look like:

Minimising additional commercial uses within the village; adherence to the 2 storey character height limit; modification to floor space ratio or boundary setback controls.



We value our community

A place where we are all different but we celebrate the common threads that bring us together; a place where you see familiar faces all the time, people look out for each other, kids can play safely and dog owners respect the rules.

What this could look like:

Community engagement and community led social events, improved accessibility and facilities in public open spaces; encouraging increased membership of the residents association.



We value respect from visitors

A place where visitors respect our home by doing the right thing – driving safely, parking where they are should, putting rubbish in the bin, not camping on the beach or in the bush.

What this could look like:

Education campaigns and signage targeting visitors to Fingal Head; increased ranger patrols; better designed car parking and visitor facilities.