

Revegetation of the Fingal Peninsula by Fingal Head Coastcare

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Fingal Head Before Sand Mining - 1952

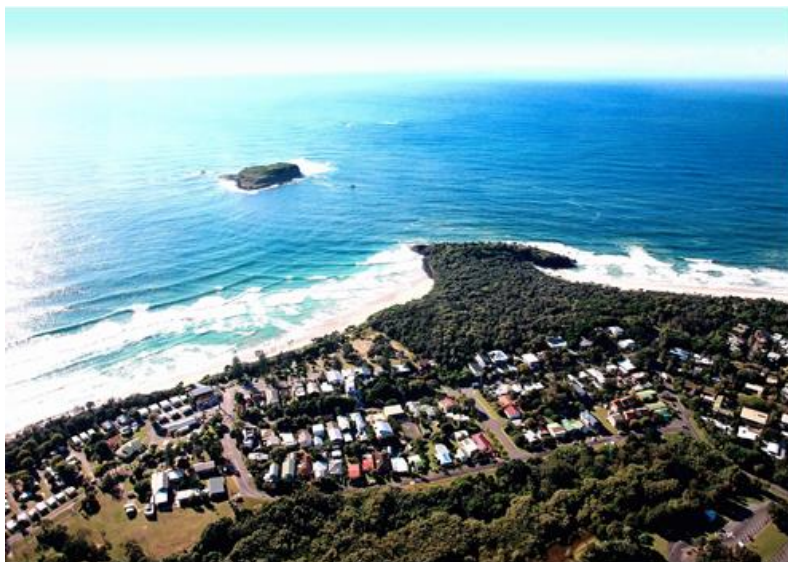
Originally, huge mobile sand dunes flanked the beaches on the Fingal Peninsula.

These dunes were sand-mined during the 1950s and 1960s destroying both the sand dunes and original Littoral Rainforest.



Fingal Head After Sand Mining - 1972

After sand mining, revegetation by the sand mining company included planting of Casuarinas, Banksias and Spinifex but also many inappropriate species including the South African Bitou Bush which soon dominated and became a serious weed problem.



Fingal Head - Recent

Since 1986 Fingal Head Coastcare has been controlling weeds and revegetating 34 hectares of the Fingal Peninsula with local native species propagated in the Coastcare Nursery.

18 hectares of this is Littoral Rainforest, a nationally endangered ecological community

Also the endangered ecological community of Themeda Grassland on Sea Cliffs and Coastal Headland is being restored on Fingal Headland.

Revegetation of Dreamtime Beach by Fingal Head Coastcare



Dreamtime Beach Before Sand Mining - 1952

Looking south from the headland to Dreamtime Beach before sand mining.

Large sand dunes flanked the beach and headland.

Freshwater lagoons can be seen in the dunes in the foreground.

There were three large lagoons south of the village.



Dreamtime Beach After Sand Mining - 1962

Sand mining in the 1950's and 60's flattened the dunes and filled in the central lagoon.

Revegetation by the sand mining company after the sand mining finished included many inappropriate species and the aggressive weed South African Bitou Bush soon dominated and became a problem.



Fingal Head Dreamtime Beach - Recent

The area has been revegetated by Fingal Head Coastcare with local native species since 1986.

Fingal Head Coastcare looks after 34 hectares of regenerated land, which includes ecosystems such as littoral rainforest, coastal woodland, heathland, dunal and headland vegetation.

These provide habitat for local flora and fauna species, many of which are endangered or threatened.