

Revegetation of Dreamtime Beach by Fingal Head Coastcare



Dreamtime Beach Before Sand Mining - 1952

The first picture was taken before the sand mining, looking south from Fingal Headland to Dreamtime Beach. It shows large sand dunes that flanked the beach and headland, freshwater lagoons in the dunes, and saltwater lagoons south of the village.



Dreamtime Beach After Sand Mining - 1962

This picture shows how sand mining flattened the dunes and filled in the central lagoon.

Revegetation by the sand mining company included many inappropriate species, and the aggressive South African weed Bitou Bush soon dominated.

Fortunately, small remnants of rainforest survived.



Fingal Head Dreamtime Beach - Recent

This picture shows how Fingal Head Coastcare, since 1986, has revegetated 32 hectares with local native species to restore 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.