

SS DICKY CALOUNDRA QUEENSLAND

WRECK INTERPRETATION PLAN



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1 INTRODUCTION

Project Brief

In September 2014 Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) commissioned Cosmos Archaeology and 3D Projects to develop a Wreck Interpretation Plan (WIP) as part of the *SS Dicky* relocation project. SCRC's brief for the WIP comprised the following requirements:

Development of Wreck Interpretation Plan (engaging and educational interpretative works) to be located in public open space adjacent to the current resting place of the wreck (Dicky Beach).

- *Can the components already held by council be re-incorporated into a display (propeller/previous structural parts).*
- *Development of the design of interpretive signage and other key display elements.*
- *Consideration of public art elements being incorporated into the interpretive works.*
- *Incorporation of existing relics into interpretive display.*

Scope of Report

Further to SCRC's brief, this Wreck Interpretation Plan (WIP) incorporates on-site assessment, liaison with Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) and research undertaken to date. It has been prepared in light of the client's preference for the 'Cut and No Cover' option in dealing with the wreck removal. The WIP presents proposed themes, content, design concepts and provisional cost estimates (not a requirement of the brief) for three alternative interpretive installations located within the Dicky Beach Park which has been nominated by SCRC as the preferred site for future interpretive works.

The intention of the WIP is to provide the necessary level of information on the proposed interpretive works to enable the SCRC and Queensland Department of Environment & Heritage Protection to review and approve a preferred option prior to commissioning full design and content development of the nominated works during future stages.

The challenge ahead is to design an installation that is an effective piece of interpretation that is powerful in its own right whilst sitting comfortably within the landscape. The ambition is to create a poignant public artwork that ensures the *SS Dicky* retains its place as a Sunshine Coast icon.

Recommendations

3D Projects submitted the Draft Wreck Interpretation Plan on 10 March 2015 and presented the WIP to Sunshine Coast Regional Council and project stakeholders on 12 March 2015. SCRC have subsequently provided written feedback on the Draft WIP, the key points of which are summarised as follows:

- Option 1 installation supported as preferred approach.
- Option 1 installation to be modified in mass and layout.
- Pedestrian path may pass through Option 1 installation.
- Consider alternative landscaping treatments within Option 1 installation.
- Consider incorporating QR code and telescopes in Option 1 installation.
- Consider modifying or deleting Dicky Beach Installation.
- Dicky Beach Park and facilities to be redesigned and upgraded - *Dicky* Interpretation to be integrated into revamped park design.

Further to SCRC's feedback, 3DP have prepared a revised version of the preferred Option 1 'Ghost in the Sea' installation (Option 1A) which is presented in Design Concept Drawings 10-12 below. Option 1A incorporates revised elements confirmed by SCRC on 23 April namely:

- Reduction in mass/quantity of blocks, but occupying the entire footprint to ensure *Dicky* size/shape is defined (3DP to determine)
- Retain *Dicky* footprint position as per Option 1.
- Re-route existing path so pedestrians may pass through installation.

SCRC's other above-listed items for consideration and further design revisions to Option 1A are beyond the scope of this WIP and will need to be addressed in future project development stages. As such it is recommended that SCRC prepare a project brief and engage a design team to undertake the next stage of design development, followed by design documentation, and coordination of fabrication and installation of their preferred interpretation scheme and inclusions. This WIP should be included as part of the briefing documentation.

It is also recommended that wherever possible SCRC determine their design, landscaping and facilities requirements for Dicky Beach Park in order that design development of the preferred interpretation scheme can be integrated into the park upgrade works.