

The Gantry History Walk

Bawley Point Headland historical precinct



February Update 2021

History is about to come to life as the Bawley Point Kioloa Community Association, in partnership with Shoalhaven City Council, plan & further develop 'The Gantry History Walk' on the Bawley Headland.

It is pretty hard to imagine what this idyllic setting looked like 100 years ago. However the headland, from 1892 to 1922, was the site of a bustling timber milling industry with a large sawmill, a blacksmith shop, a post office, several workers cottages and a jetty and derrick to load the timber on waiting ships. The very first guest house was sited here and the remains of its garden and foundations are well hidden in the tangle of a century of overgrowth.

The project will have a 150m track starting at the Bawley boat ramp and ending at a viewing space sited overlooking the Gantry and the panoramic northern vista. The track will be constructed of enviro – friendly, non-slip mesh, raised slightly to allow for rainwater to move freely across the rock beneath. At the 5 identified historic sites 'crusher dust' will form the base where rustic timber seats and a metal panel will be placed and display descriptions and images.

The track is designed for all access as it weaves its way at a gentle slope across the headland.

The project has been estimated to cost \$180k which includes all elements, the design and build. It has the support of Council.

Council staff has been exemplary in their advice and support and the design and scope stage to date has been funded by Council.

In 2020 the Environmental Review was completed & approved and the outcome of the application to Crown Land submitted for approval is expected in February 2021. The track & the sites have been slashed by Council who will manage ongoing maintenance of the area. The community has been informed and consulted through general meetings 2017-2020, the Ulladulla Times 2020, emails via our community organisations' membership, Noticeboards postings and flyers delivered to residents.

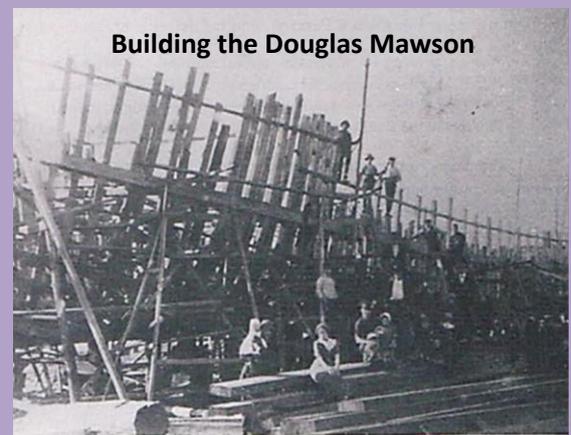
We look forward to our community's ongoing support and thank Council staff and the project team for their work.

The result of the grant submitted to the State Government for funding is anticipated Feb 2021 and the project to be delivered by Council in late 2021.

What a wonderful new asset for our community!



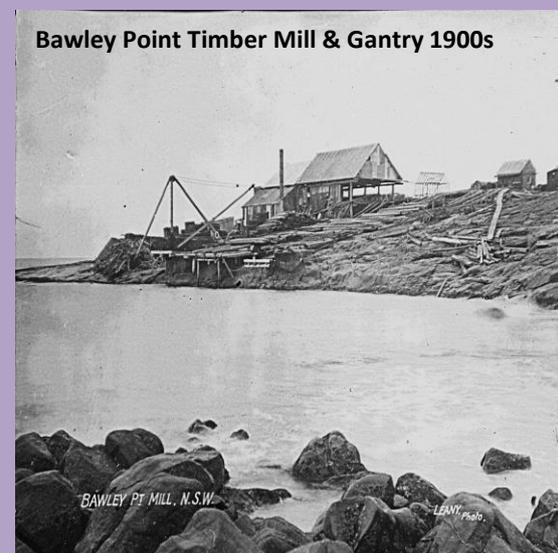
The Guest House



Building the Douglas Mawson



Bawley Point Headland 1950s



Bawley Point Timber Mill & Gantry 1900s