



Margaret River National Surfing Reserve



National Surfing Reserves (NSR's) recognise sites of cultural and historical significance in Australian Surfing. They acknowledge the way of life and link past, present and future generations with our oceans, waves and coastline. Currently eight NSR's exist within Australia, including Bells Beach, Lennox Head and Angourie. To date 24 sites have been identified along the 36000 km of Australian coastline, including Margaret River, Yallingup and Kalbarri, who are also going ahead with dedicating NSR's this March.

While the reserve status in WA does not carry any legal protection, this symbolic recognition will help to raise awareness about the importance of surfing in the community and protecting our precious coastal environment.

The Margaret River branch of the Surfrider Foundation realises the iconic status of Margaret River in world surfing and have taken on this project to establish a Margaret River National Surfing Reserve. Surfrider Foundation is an international non profit organisation dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of Australia's oceans, waves and beaches for all people through conservation, advocacy, research and education. We are currently active in on ground rehabilitation of coastal areas in Ellensbrook and Margaret Rivermouth.

The Margaret River NSR involves:

Highlighting an area of where the reserve is situated: This area covers four surfbreaks in Prevelly, including Southsides, Mainbreak, Rivermouth and the Box, including a section of the Rivermouth and adjoining coastline (please see attached map).

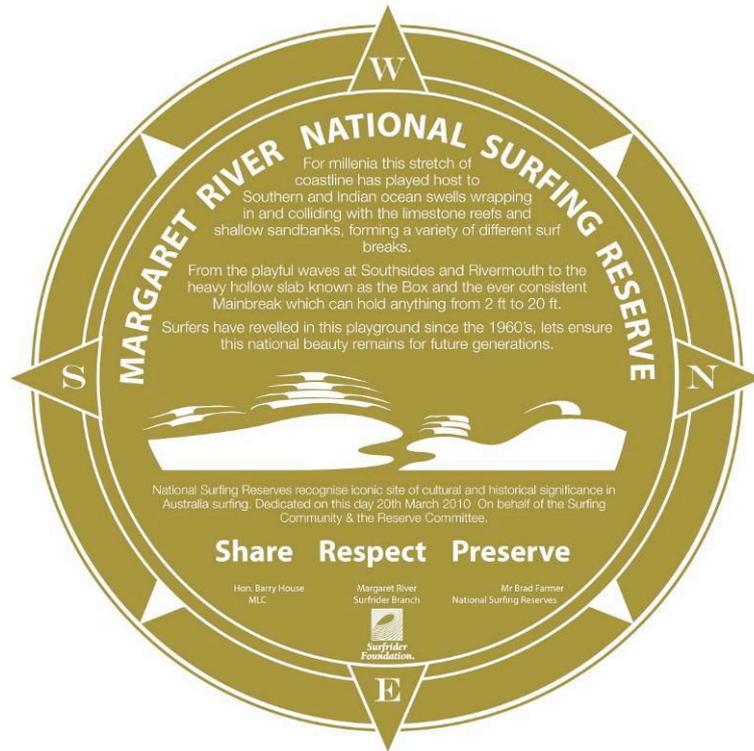
Placing a plaque in the area of the reserve.: We propose the plaque be placed on the right hand side of the tiled walkway to the stairs leading to Mainbreak. A granite/ limestone sculpted rock feature similar to the size of existing plaques at the point will hold the plaque (please see attached plaque).

An unveiling ceremony: This will take place during the Margaret River Pro on the 20 March 2010, held at Mainbreak and Southsides. The Hon Barry House MLC, President of the Legislative assembly and Brad Farmer, chairman of the National Surfing Reserves will be opening this reserve.

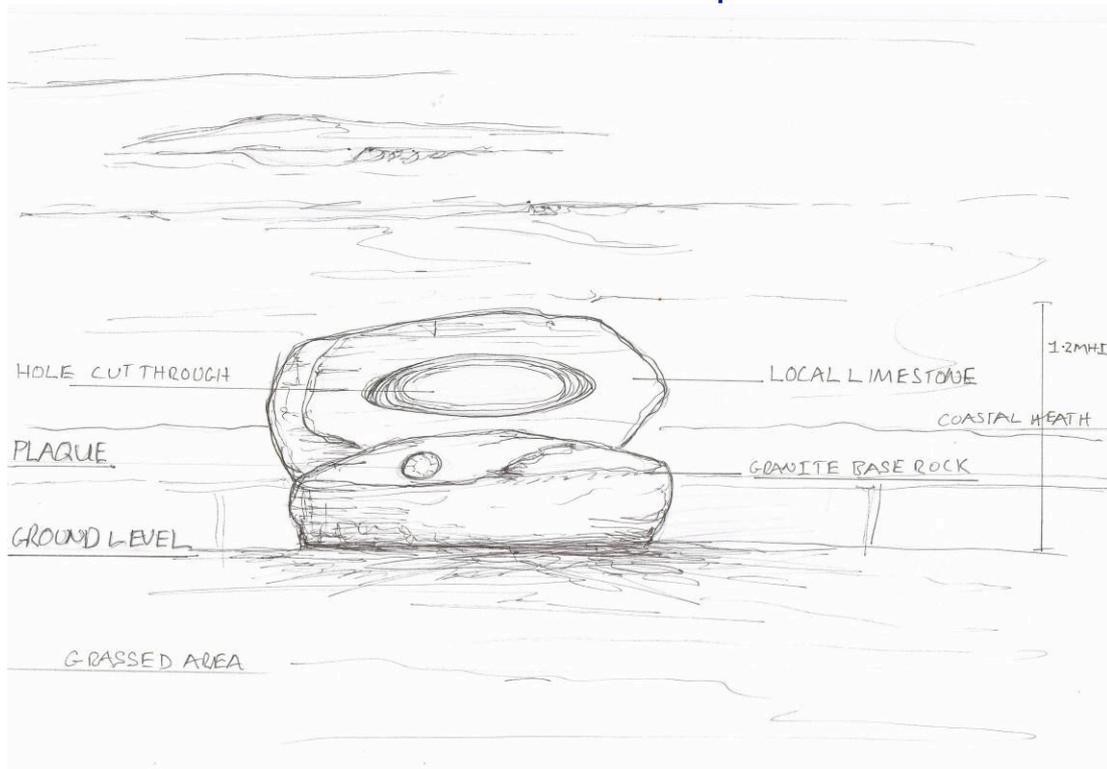


Plaque

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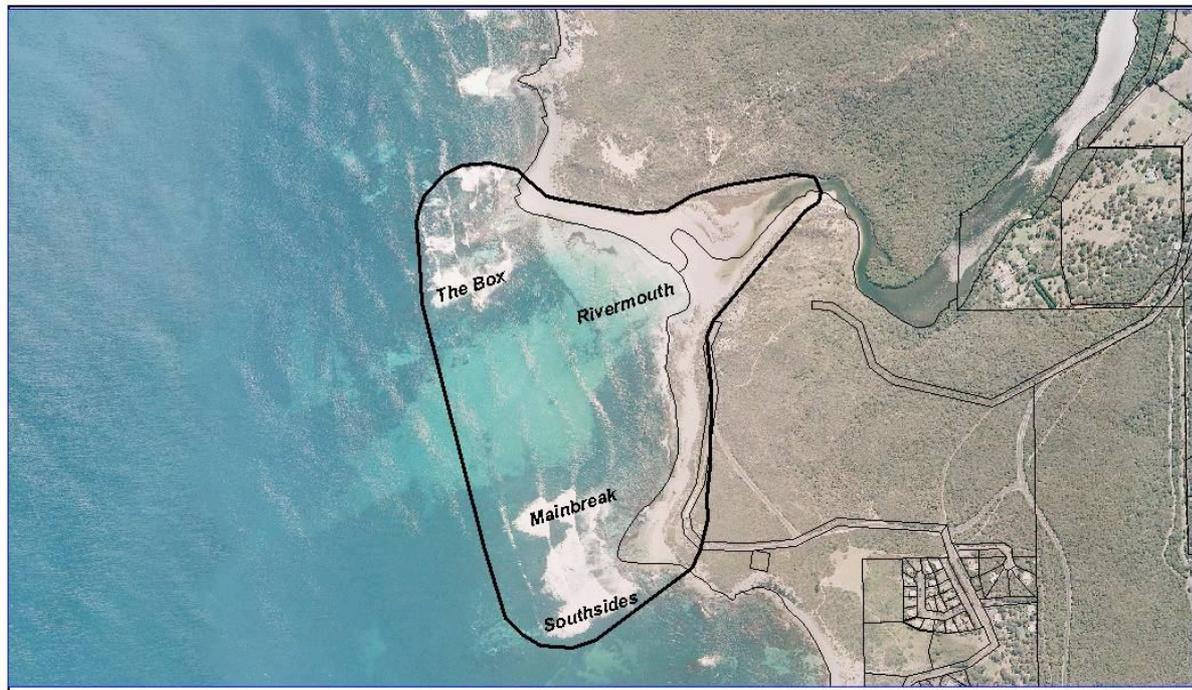
Sketch of Stone Sculpture



Location of Stone and Plaque



Map of Reserve Area



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Scale 1:1,061

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing to give my support to the Margaret River Branch of the Surfriders Association in their endeavours to establish Margaret River as a National Surfing Reserve (NSR).

The local branch of the Surfriders Association continue to make a valuable contribution to the community as a not-for-profit organisation, dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of surfing within the Margaret River community. A role which extends to undertaking community projects, such as actively rehabilitating coastal areas in both Ellensbrook and Margaret River.

National Surfing Reserves (NSR's) recognise sites of cultural and historical significance in Australian Surfing. Given the regions international reputation as surfing destination and the strong values that are placed on this recreation across the local community, it makes perfect sense that Margaret River is recognised with this 'reserve' status.

In light of this, I urge anyone approached to give this project the positive consideration it deserves.

Kind regards

HON BARRY HOUSE MLC
President of the Legislative Council
Member for the South West Region