

Pre-Scoping Meeting:

Proposed small-boat harbour and associated developments on surrounding land



Application

- Small boat harbour and development:
 - residential and retail components, restaurants and a boutique hotel
- NEMA EIA Regulations (2010)
 - GNR 544 546: Scoping and EIA
 - Application submitted (16/3/1/2/D1/13/0004/12)
- NEM: Waste Act
 - Category B (treatment of effluent)
 - Application pending
- NEM: ICMA
 - Section 27(6) application: reclamation of land

Project history

- 1988: Deep Sea Ski Boat Association ceded a lease for a small piece of state land at the corner of Robberg to Stocks and Stocks
 - small boat harbour proposed for Robberg
 - Proposal approved by Council
 - However opposed by a number of individuals
 - Decided not to construct
- 1991: Council appointed coastal engineer to review using Central Beach
 - Recommended slipway to be located south of the Beacon Isle Hotel
 - Robberg proposed as an alternative
- 1995: Council proposed small-boat harbour to alleviate congestion at Central Beach a.r.o fishing boats
 - Consultants appointed to do a feasibility study
 - Public meeting (~400): for and against
 - To get consensus: held workshop (80)
 - 25 person steering committee formed to guide Council on decision
- 1998: Council called for proposals
 - Western Cape Marina Developments selected
- 2002: original EIA commenced
- 2012: second EIA (current)

Project Rationale

- Bitou Municipality tender
- Identified need to investigate the establishment of a Small Boat Harbour Facility to achieve, inter alia, the following priorities:
 - Clearance of all boating facilities on Central beach to return this beach to vacationers and tourists for safe and unpolluted swimming.
 - Regulation of the fishing industry activities in the bay that provides employment opportunities to the community.
 - Enhancement of the year round ecotourism potential of Plettenberg Bay as a premier leisure resort destination

Project Team

- Quantity Surveyors: QS Bureau
- Civil Engineers: BSM Baker
- Coastal Engineers: WSP Africa Coastal Engineers
- Town Planners: PJ Le Roux
- Architects: Bartsch Architects
- Environmental Consultants: CEN IEM Unit

Specialist Studies

- Terrestrial fauna and flora
- Coastal and estuarine ecology
- Avifauna
- Sediment dynamics (coastal engineers)
- Services (Peter Becker)
- Traffic Impact Assessment (Peter Becker and others)
- Heritage (built enviornment) and archaeological
- Palaeontological
- Visual impact assessment
- Social impact assessment
- Economic impact assessment

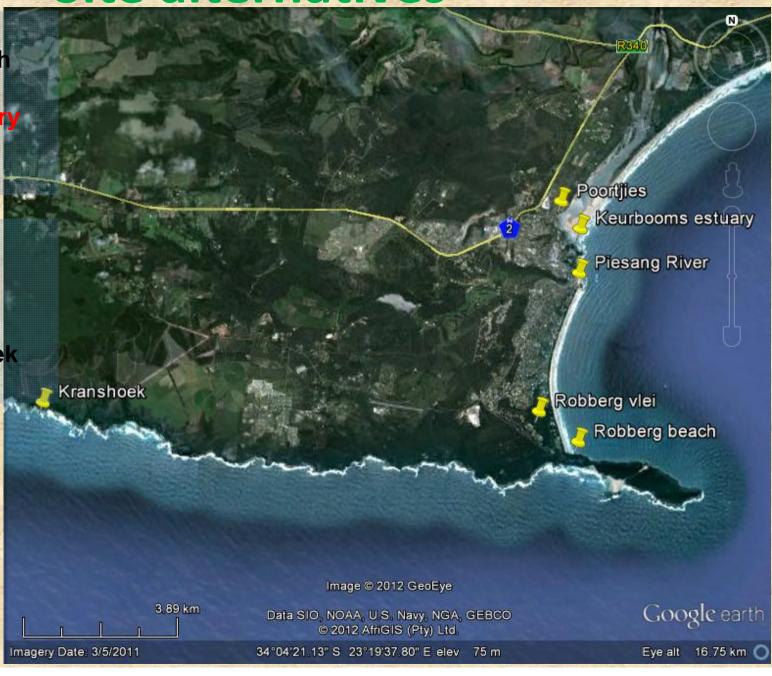
Site alternatives

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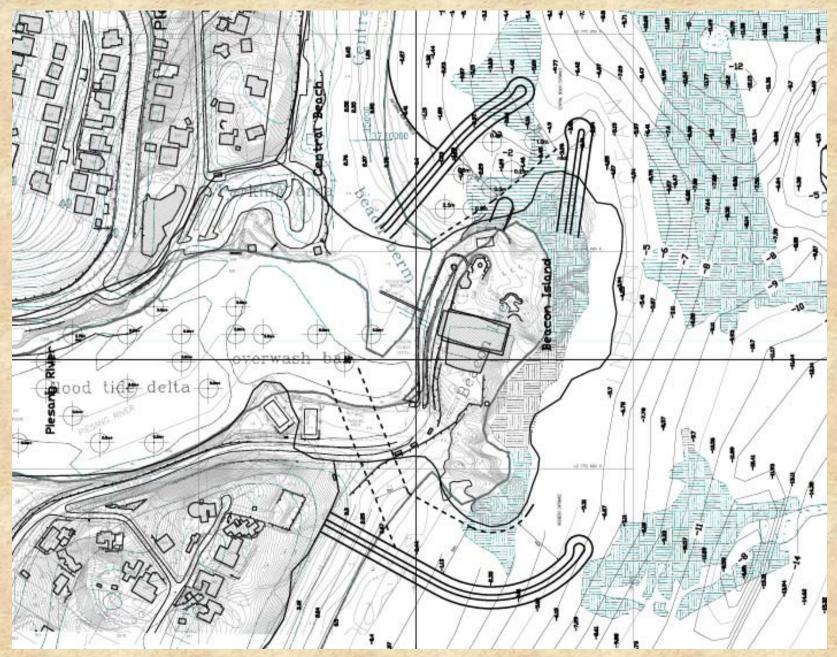
- Robberg beach
- •Robberg vlei
- Piesang estuary
- •Keurbooms estuary

2012:

Updated comparative assessment
Plus Kranshoek and Poortjies



Harbour entrance alternatives



1) Central beach entrance (N of Beacon Isle)

Pros

- 1. Breakwaters:
- Shallow water less volume needed
- Design wave height lower less armouring needed
- Part of rock at Beacon Isle used to reduce length of main breakwater
- 2. Dredging:
- Unlikely that rock will be dredged
- Maintenance dredging sig lower
- 3. Navigability
- Easier
- 4. Beaches:
- Small spending beach reduce wave penetration AND provide better facility for Beacon Isle

Cons

- 1. Breakwaters:
- Total length ~20 m longer than Robberg entrance
- 2. Beaches:
- Small section of Central beach will be effected
- Part forfeited for entrance channel
- BUT local accretion immediately N
 of secondary breakwater provide
 small extra beach

2) Robberg beach entrance (S of Beacon Isle)

Pros

- 1. Breakwaters:
- Rock off Beacon Isle: secondary breakwater
- 2. Beaches:
- Only affects small ptn of Robberg beach

Cons

- 1. Breakwaters:
- Sections in deeper water larger volumes
- Design wave height higher required armouring is larger
- 2. Dredging
- Rock have to be dredged from entrance
- Maintenance dredging significantly higher
- 3. Navigation:
- Difficult and dangerous
- 4. Layout:
- Impacts on parking and access to Beacon Isle
- May affect plots to SW of entrance channel

Development proposal

Small Boat Harbour:

- 357 moorings for yachts, catamarans and chokka boats
- structured to facilitate different categories for moorings

A Working Commercial Harbour:

- to launch boats, refuelling station and chokka boat moorings.
- Fish handling plant and fish market: attract tourist interest

A Boutique Hotel:

- focal point of the development
- complimentary to the Beacon Isle Hotel
- ground floor + 5 floors with penthouses on top

• The Commercial And Residential Hub

- just west of the harbour entrance
- retail space mainly on ground floor, a few office units and residential units on 1st and 2nd floors.

A Yacht Club:

- focal point of a public plaza
- will provide access to all facilities within the hub,
 to parking garages in a semi-basement and on 3
 floors behind the retail facilities.

Residential Units:

- strung out along the W-N boardwalk of the harbour
- Units to be constructed over ground to four and 6 floors.

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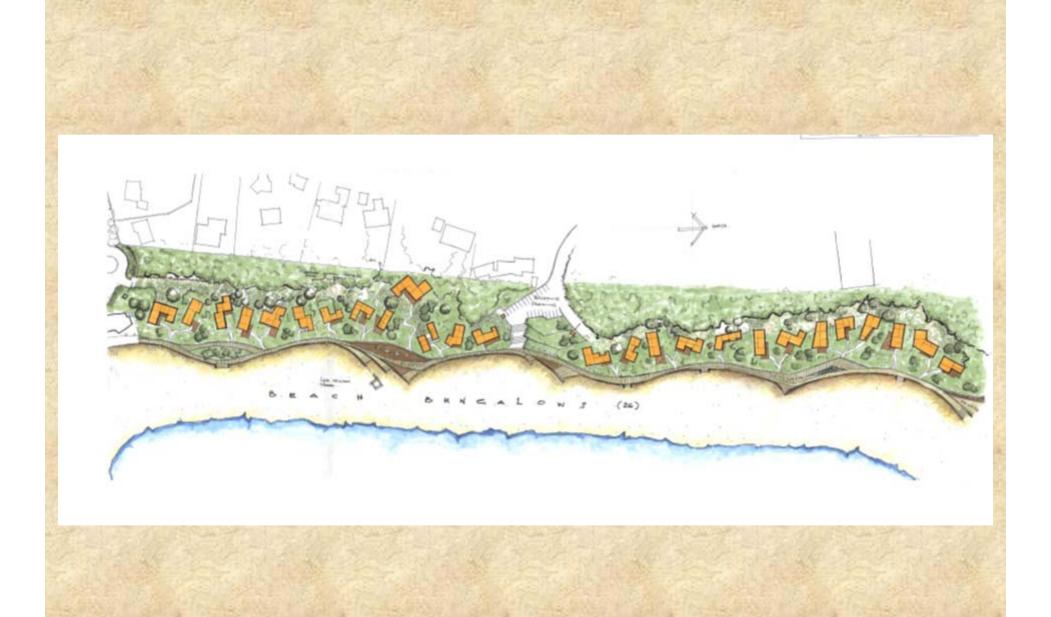
- south bank
- broken up in sizable building blocks, low rising incorporating "private" moorings along a boardwalk, ranging from ground plus 3 floors to ground plus 4 and penthouses atop.
- Parking: basement and surface

NE water front: bungalow style residences

Current NSRI building:

- Will be replaced in a suitable and accessible position closer to the chokka harbour complete with boat launching facility.
- A Bridge across the harbour throat will connect the hub with the existing hotel
- Summary:
 - Total development area: 87 000 m²
 - Total parking including beach parking: 1504 bays
 - Residential units: 507 units can be accommodated varying in sizes (ave: 140 m2).





Services

Sewerage:

- Discharge to existing WWTW
- Analysis and upgrading of existing link rising mains and pump stations, and gravity outfalls
- Supplementation of existing systems will be required
- Water source options:
 - current water supply capacity of the Bitou
 Municipality is under stress.
 - Approval of additional water licence rights from the DWA is in progress (Aurecon Engineers)
 - Expected end 2012

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- Further expansion of water rights through the purchase of existing agricultural rights and the transfer thereof to the Municipality is under investigation
- expansion of the desalination plant is not considered economically viable
 - Location: within development area
 - Considering options

Where are we in the process

- Application forms submitted reference number issues
- Initial round of public participation done
 - Site notices
 - Media adverts
 - BID distribution
- Focus-group meetings with key bodies
- Comparative assessment underway
- Draft Scoping: end of September

