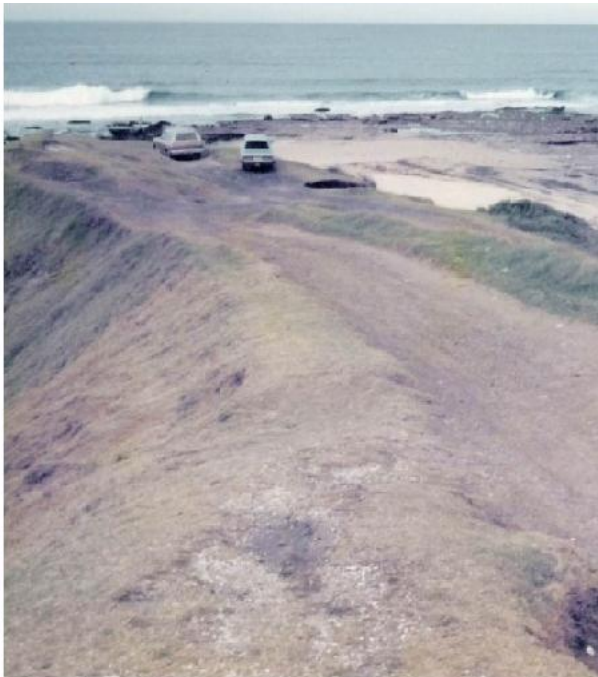


**APPENDIX I: INFORMATION THE PAUL MASON JONES RESERVE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ABOUT PAUL MASON JONES**

**Pictures of Headland before and after the community restoration in honour of Paul Mason Jones**





### **The Sandon Point Headland Restoration in Memory of Paul Mason Jones**

Paul Mason Jones “Jinxy” 1952 – 1979

Husband and Father

Coal Mining’s Youngest Electrical Engineer

Past President of Southern Pacific Boardriders

Founding President of Sandon Point Boardriders

Charged the Point when the surf was big

Often spoke of rehabilitating the Point

Community love and respect for Jinxy

restored the Headland in his memory

**DEARLY MISSED and NEVER FORGOTTEN**

Paul Jones inadvertently created this Reserve through the love and friendship he gave to all segments of our community. After his accidental death in 1979 this friendship and respect inspired many people, industry leaders and local surfers alike, to rehabilitate the Point and create the Reserve in his memory. Whenever a working group was organized the response was often more than 100 people. Most materials and all earth moving and other equipment were freely supplied by local industry leaders. The initial restoration was solely a community designed and executed project but with complete Council blessing.

Over 4000 tons of topsoil were used to create the contours of the Reserve and cover the old gravel road and car-park down by the trig post. Hundreds of tons were to repair a headland badly eroded by heavy traffic: large erosion holes were filled, the southern and front slopes of the headland rebuilt and the whole headland capped. Thousands of feet of turf were rolled and transported by volunteers to quickly stabilize the extensive repair east of the trig-post. All earthworks and landscaping in the upper Reserve area were carried out by local residents and

the present day car-park was designed and built by them and later paved by Council. No amount of work seemed too much for anyone who had come to know Paul.

Home improvers and Surf Club stabilization had depleted the beach rocks protecting the SE side of the headland. With colliery support a convoy of trucks and many cars drove to the Shoalhaven River dam site. A long chain of willing arms loaded and unloaded over 100 tons of river rocks piled high from the dam excavation and used them to protect the southern base of the headland. These are often buried under growing sand dunes which will be washed away by that rare but inevitable south mega-swell. The rocks will help diffuse wave energy preventing future headland erosion and yet look natural when uncovered.

Years of tree and shrub planting by locals and Council have managed to stay ahead of the growing traffic and vandalism which tend to accompany greater numbers of people. Planting and maintenance are an on-going concern and volunteers are always welcome to help in any way. Please enjoy the Paul Mason Jones Reserve and take care of it. We hope anyone using the Reserve will respect and uphold all aspects of culture, environment and public health in this area. Please leave only sand and rocks on the beach and footprints on the grass. Though it was short, a special life lived well inspired this Reserve and with your respect for the area the value of that life will endure.

Our deeds live on in the minds of others.

