

- Start of a long term process holistically examining the precinct and environs.
- Research was encouraged by the Hunter Surf Industry cluster.
- Not about any individual or groups of individuals –“we are one and we are many”
- A paper was accepted at an international workshop in Malta
- Malta has most of coastline constantly collapsing into sea because of its geology.
- Now a paper has been accepted at the inaugural global geotourism conference next year – how changing geology (geomorphism) and people interact =geotourism
- The cliffs define “Coalcliff” the identity Newcastle was known by initially.
- A complete protected coherent coordinated public space above (incl. James Fletcher eventually when abandoned by Hunter health) with King Edward Park , James Fletcher park and the Bowling club eventually combined as a “super park”
- Underneath this and facing the sea below the “super park” a development including a “public exhibition space” that has the coal seams, geology and hopefully access to the old workings /ww2 tunnels investigated and integrated if possible
- Restoring of the coastal drive with a long term connection to memorial drive
- Other examples of underground development include the recent “Palais” proposal accepted in Melbourne, Australian Parliament House, Woollahra council building and the Lightning Ridge Mining Museum being designed by Glenn Murchott.
- Seeking co-authors for Global Geotourism conference from Uni’s Economics and tourism and Architecture faculties.
- ‘The attraction of “self funded sustainable SPECIAL SEASIDE “. Unique attractions recently returned a “golden age” to the top of town and the eastern precinct.
- Bournemouth in Southern England is undergoing a \$20M renaissance by a similar process involving public amenity, additional car parking, open space ,natural attractions and a museum –all paid by “above ground” sale of a council car park (a real estate development in the front of the cliffs) . Here “inside the cliffs “and below a huge park above we can perhaps do the same. The Eden Project is another role model to look at.
- Just as nothing of the above can be taken for granted without a longer term research program in all its facets – it cannot be dismissed as “too forward thinking” without a good examination of all the issues involved.
- It remains a waste of a beautiful beach of the SOUTH PACIFIC until a way is found to pay and maintain it in the best possible way.
- Long term overwhelming public support should drive the process as local government and state government are already overwhelmed with providing for past and present and evolving urgent needs. This research should not distract them from their duties but supplement and assist in solving a long term problem -self funded.
- A website is intended where other post grad/undergrad persons can see where they may contribute in this long term objective of developing the entire precinct in such a way as to make it as significant a feature globally as “the PASHA BULKA”
- Engaging with the community to drive the research by the community is paramount
- Documents are now available on WWW.barbusters.com.au