Tambo Bluff Landcare Group walking track suggestions

ROW easement
Dolphin Lagoon Tracks

1. Starting point with car parking on north or south side Outlook Dve. (preferably north side). Toilet facilities.

2. Mid-slope track allowing views facing south to Dolphin Lagoon.

   If ROW easement between properties on Matthew Ave. were provided, walking track could stay on high level ground without the need to traverse difficult slopes.
3. Bird Hide with boardwalk approach looking s/w at edge of Dolphin Lagoon cove
4. Walking (Steps) Track leads down to Lake King foreshore, walk continues along foreshore.

5. Track leads back up to major node cnr. Swan Dve. & James St.. Separate track leads s/e up slope to James St.

   James St. to be closed to vehicular traffic?

   Seating and signage to face nnw down below brow of hilltop (to keep eye-line clear at top of hill).

   Shelter and car parking close to roadside.
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- Seating
- Car park, Info Shelter
6. Track along south side of Dolphin Lagoon to follow outer vegetation line, mid-slope, except at two points where track leads to Lagoon water's edge and small viewing platform.
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7. Track diverts;

- joins Swan Dve. west of Cygnet Crescent.
  Walkers have choice of either;
  completing Dolphin Lagoon Circuit by walking down Cygnet Crescent or,
  Starting Middle Gully walk via Swan Dve. to Middle Gully tracks south side of Swan Dve.

AND EITHER:

- Does NOT DIVERT (simplest solution mostly avoids issues mentioned below).

- continues to POS allotment NO. 18 and joins Cygnet Crescent.

- continues to ROW between properties on Cygnet Crescent and joins Cygnet Crescent (privacy issues).

- Enters paperbark scrub below Cygnet Crescent (go directly to point 9.).

ISSUES:

1. Privacy problems of tracks inappropriately running alongside residences,

2. Tracks too close to the lagoon edge; creates disturbance to animals in fringing burrows and nesting birds, especially people with dogs.
8. Dolphin Lagoon track heads north at western end of Kookaburra Ave.

9. Track becomes boardwalk and curves through tall paperbark marsh.
10. Boardwalk emerges from paperbark forest, becomes track and meanders through open red gum plain/grassland
11. Track crosses pond via small bridge and joins mid-slope track described at 2.
Middle Gully, Bluff & Bluff lagoon track

1. Track crosses Gully (bridge?)

2. Track uses closed roads, farm gates with pedestrian access opening alongside to prevent unauthorised vehicle traffic

TBLG are keen to see some intention by EGSC that a public walking track between Tambo Bluff and Metung township be enshrined in any planning approval for Kings Cove Marina and boat harbour (see accompanying letter of support from Friends of Metung).

4. Meandering walk visits Bluff edge occasionally to take views south to Boole Poole.
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5. Another elevated platform view offering views to Raymond Island

6. Walk along foreshore around Bluff to stepped walk up to Stephanie St.
Design Notes etc.

- Pathways to use small-grade, soft, quiet gravel, allowing opportunities for birdwatchers to approach birds without startling them.
- Keep the tracks curving, even where unnecessary, to heighten the walker’s visual interest and sense of expectation.
- Boardwalks on slopes to minimize cut into slopes and erosion.
- Alternatives to treated timber to be considered, e.g. recycled-plastic building materials.

Priorities:

1. The track around Bluff Lagoon, Tambo Bluff point foreshore and southern Bluff to Main Node at southern end of Broadlands Rd..
2. The Dolphin Lagoon Track.
3. Middle Gully tracks.