

Fingal Head beach back to its best

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FINGAL Head's beach is back to its best and local surf life saving club president couldn't be happier.

Fingal Rovers Surf Life Saving Club president Rex Budd said the beachfront at Fingal had been holding up well in the wake of devastating erosion more than six months ago.

The Fingal shoreline crept to within 15m of the Surf Life Saving Club in June last year after weeks of wild weather.

Council crews were forced to dump truckloads of sand to stop the club from being washed away.

Mr Budd said the beach was back to its best.

"We haven't had any problems with it, it hasn't caused any dramas and this past week was a pretty good test for it," he said.

Last month Fingal Head won the overall Clean Beach Award for NSW, after months of hard work removing loose vegetation and debris caused by the erosion.

Fingal Head Coastcare president Kay Bolton took pride in the award despite a spate of minor vandalism over the holiday period.

"Winning the award last month was fantastic and this is about the community working to provide sustainable use and protection of the very fragile coastal environment not only keeping it clean," she said.

"What we have experienced over the holiday amounts to vandalism not sustainable use – leaving piles of rubbish, digging bricks out of the foundations of the old lighthouse, dragging trees out of the dunes to burn in illegal bonfires, pulling down fences to gain access to areas considered dangerous, breaking down trees to make new tracks through the bush – none of it sustainable and none of it acceptable.

"Hundreds, possibly thousands of people have visited Fingal Head over the holiday season and by far the majority respect the area – it is just those few who do not appear to care about anything but themselves."