

MINUTES

MANLY WARRINGAH WAR MEMORIAL STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

held in the Garigal Room, Northern Beaches Council Civic
Centre Dee Why on

WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2018

**Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park
Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12 December
2018 in the Garigal Room, Civic Centre Dee Why, commencing
at 3:00pm.**

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Mayor Regan (Chair)

Cr Stuart Sprott

David Beharrell Environment Representative (Community member)

Geraldine Hall Recreational Representative (Community member)

Ann Collins Community Representative (Community member)

Chris Wright Property & Projects Regional Services, NSW Department
of Industry - Lands & Water

Mel Hall NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Office of
Environment & Heritage

Peter Bergman NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Office of
Environment & Heritage

Council Officers

Steven Lawler Executive Manager Parks & Recreation

Damian Ham Manager Open Space & Recreation Planning

Chris Buckley Coordinator Manly Dam

1.0 WELCOME

Steven Lawler welcomed the group. Each committee member and council officer gave an introduction about their relationship with the State Park.

2.0 APOLOGIES

Nil

3.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.

4.0 AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Damian Ham gave an overview of the Terms of Reference (see attachment 1) and the committee's purpose, advisory role in strategic matters and meeting requirements. Following a discussion, it was agreed the committee would meet four times a year in February, May, August and November 2019. A request was made that meetings are held from 5pm and not on a Tuesday due to commitments of some committee members. It was also noted that ad hoc meetings may occur throughout the year should the need arise.

A question was raised about why there were two representatives from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and none from the NSW Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries. Damian Ham advised that the Terms of Reference specify the State agency membership and there is not a requirement for a representative from the NSW Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries. The committee agreed the Terms of Reference had been met by having two representatives from the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee meet four times a year in February, May, August and November 2019.

Action: That a meeting schedule for 2019 is developed and distributed to members.

4.2 MANLY WARRINGAH WAR MEMORIAL STATE PARK (MANLY DAM) STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW

DISCUSSION

Damian Ham and Chris Buckley gave an overview of the current strategic direction for Manly Dam and day to day operations (see attachment 1 for the power point presentation).

The strategic direction of the Manly Dam is informed by Council's Community Strategic Plan and the Manly Dam Plan of Management (2014).

Manly Dam is very well patronised, there are annually up to 77,000 vehicle visits counted, up 45,000 laps of the mountain bike track counted and over 580 picnic table and area bookings each year. Weekends and public holidays are the busiest times.

Geraldine Hall gave an overview of the operations of the Manly Warringah Water Ski Club and their management of water-skiing on the lake at Manly Dam and current membership.

Chris Buckley gave an overview of the water quality testing program and results. Ann Collins asked if signage should be installed to educate users of the lake and the community about water quality. The committee thought that signage alone may not be the best solution. The impact of the Wakehurst Golf Course run off on Manly Dam was also discussed.

Ann Collins asked about the land covered by the Plan of Management and the State Park. It was clarified that Aquatic Reserve is not included in the Plan of Management however this land is included as part of the State Park.

The committee discussed the importance of providing access to the State Park to educational organisations such as schools and universities.

Steven Lawler gave an update on capital projects at Manly Dam

- Amenity building upgrade in picnic area 1 - work has commenced and is planned to be completed in March 2019. The committee asked for information about the scope of works including if there is a services upgrade.

Action: Provide an update on the upgrade of the amenity building in picnic area 1 at the February 2019 meeting.

- Proposed new remembrance shelter for picnic area 1 - Council is planning to seek grant funding for this shelter, the committee's endorsement was requested. Concept plans were tabled and discussed (see attachment 2). The concept was requested by and developed with the Manly Warringah War Memorial Remembrance Trust. The committee requested that materials used should be sympathetic to the environment. The committee supported Council seeking grant funding for this shelter and requested that the final draft designs be made available for their comment.

Action: When available present the final draft designs for the proposed new remembrance shelter for picnic area 1 for the committee's comments.

4.3 NSW DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, LANDS & WATER - INTRODUCTION

DISCUSSION

Chris Wright provided an introduction from the NSW Department of Industry, Lands & Water on their role and interest in the State Park.

Chris gave an overview of the Crown Land Management Act 2016, which commenced 1 July 2018, that aims to improve management of Crown reserves. More information can be found at <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/what-we-do/legislation-policies>. Councils are to update their plans of management. The Department have provided Northern Beaches Council with \$97,000 to assist in updating its Plans of Management including for the State Park.

The entity Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Trust is to be replaced by Northern Beaches Council as the Crown Land Manager. This amendment does not need to occur until 1 July 2019.

Councillor Sprott raised the question about indigenous representation on the committee. Chris will discuss State agency indigenous representation with Council and report back at the next meeting.

Action: Investigate indigenous representation on the committee and provide an update at the February 2019 meeting.

4.4 NSW NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE - INTRODUCTION

DISCUSSION

Peter Bergman provided an introduction from the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service on their role and interest in the State Park.

Their management of bushland adjacent to the State Park is complementary to Council's management of Manly Dam. The Service currently focuses on a range of issues particularly mountain bike use and fire management.

Mel Hall provided an overview on the Saving our Species program and involvement at Manly Dam and the threatened species Seaforth Meat Bush (*Prostanthera marifolia*). More information can be found at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/savingourspeciesapp/default.aspx>

Mayor Regan asked who Council should contact to discussing aboriginal Crown land claims. Ann Collins requested, in a document tabled at the meeting (see attachment 3), information about land claims on any parcels of land that make up the State Park.

Action: Provide the committee with the State government contacts for land claims and information about any current land claims related to the State Park at the February 2019 meeting.

4.5 AGENDA ITEMS FOR MEETINGS IN 2019 - WORKSHOP

DISCUSSION

Ann Collins tabled her ideas for future agenda items (see attachment 3). Committee members were encouraged to submit their ideas via email to Council before the next meeting in February 2019. A Council email contact to be sent to members with the minutes

Action: Provide the committee with a Council email contact for submitting agenda ideas.

5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 MANLY DAM PLAYPLACE

DISCUSSION

Geraldine Hall asked for an update on the Manly Dam Playplace project. Steven Lawler advised that a report on this project was to be considered at the 18 December 2018 Council meeting.

Action: Provide an update on the Manly Dam Playplace project at the February 2019 meeting.

5.2 GRANT FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND OPPORTUNITIES

DISCUSSION

The committee requested that grant funding opportunities be identified for State Park projects and that regular updates on grants is provided to the committee.

Action: Provide the committee with information about grants available for State Park projects as grant opportunities arise.

5.3 COUNCIL BUDGET 2019/2020

DISCUSSION

The draft 2019/2020 Council budget, including the operational and capital works budget for Manly Dam, is planned to be presented to the April 2019 Council meeting.

David Beharrel requested information about funding for State Park programs such as bush regeneration.

Action: Provide information on the bush regeneration program at the State Park at the February 2019 committee meeting.

5.4 COMMITTEES

David Beharrell asked for an overview on other Council committees / groups that have crossover or connection to this committee.

Action: Provide information about other Council committees / groups that have crossover or connection to this committee at the February 2019 meeting.

The meeting concluded at 4:55pm

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