

MINUTES

MANLY WARRINGAH WAR MEMORIAL STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2019

**Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park
Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 11 February 2019
in the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre Dee Why,
commencing at 5:00pm.**

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Mayor Regan (Chair)

Cr Stuart Sprott

David Beharrell	Environment Representative (Community member)
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Geraldine Hall	Recreational Representative (Community member)
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Ann Collins	Community Representative (Community member)
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Chris Wright	Property & Projects Regional Services, NSW Department of Industry - Lands & Water
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Mel Hall	NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Office of Environment & Heritage
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Peter Bergman	NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Office of Environment & Heritage
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Council Officers

Steven Lawler	Executive Manager Parks & Recreation
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Damian Ham	Manager Open Space & Recreation Planning
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Chris Buckley	Coordinator Manly Dam
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1.0 WELCOME

2.0 APOLOGIES

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

3.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 MINUTES OF THE MANLY WARRINGAH WAR MEMORIAL STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 12 DECEMBER 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

DISCUSSION

Meeting Schedule - agreed

- Monday 6 May 2019
- Monday 12 August 2019
- Monday 11 November 2019

Remembrance shelter for picnic area 1 - The committee reiterated the importance of the materials used being sympathetic to the surrounding environment. Chris Buckley has had input throughout this process and has emphasised the importance of the use of sandstone as it is prominent in other areas of the Park.

Indigenous representation on the committee - agreed with Chris Wright's recommendation that we request a member of the Local Aboriginal Land Council as the indigenous representation on this committee.

Land Negotiation Program and land claims - overview by Chris wright

<https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/what-we-do/our-work/land-negotiation>

Crown Reserves Improvement Fund - overview by Chris wright

<https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/lands/reserves/funding/improvement-fund>

Any matters related to the Park to be brought to this committee for discussion and if required a report to Council.

Discussion about Council contributing to grant funded projects.

For details on the actions from the last meeting see the Presentation Document.

Action: Write to the NSW Aboriginal Land Council about indigenous representation on this committee.

Action: Council to consider matching funding for grants as opportunities arise.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

DISCUSSION

- Playground in Picnic Area 1 – At the meeting held 18/12/19 Council resolved that

Council upgrade the Manly Dam playground and allocate \$300,000 of the Connecting All Through Play – Inclusive Play program for that purpose.

Council consult with all stakeholders involved in the project to date on the draft design before implementation.

Council allocate \$1,200,000 to develop an inclusive playground, upgraded public toilets and other facilities at Clontarf Beach per the masterplan currently being developed.

Council exhibit a detailed concept design of the proposed play facilities as part of the draft Clontarf Beach Masterplan expected to be exhibited in March 2018

Council undertake the appropriate measures to seek approval to reallocate funding connected to the Stronger Communities Program Round 1.

- Toilets in Picnic Area 1 - planned completion by the end of March 2019, prior to Anzac Day.

Action: Confirm at the next meeting whether gates are being installed on the toilets in picnic area 1.

- Proposed upgrades to walkways including signage in the 2019/2020

Council are proposing to seek budget for a boardwalk to connect the picnic areas. Benefits include improved safety for pedestrians who currently are required to walk on the road.

The committee suggested that consideration be given to upgrading the toilets in sections 3 and 4.

There was discussion about future walking trail upgrades including signage. Chris Buckley talked about the walking trail audit for the Park completed a few years ago.

Action: Consider the upgrade of the toilets in sections 3 and 4, walking trails in future Council budgets.

6.2 OPERATIONAL PROGRAM UPDATE INCLUDING BUSH REGENERATION

DISCUSSION

Chris Buckley gave an overview of the Bush Regeneration Program for the Park. The program includes annual maintenance of 107 hectares of active bushland, 32.8km of tracks/trails, 15.5km of foreshore and creek drainage lines, and 8 hectares of Asset Protection Zones (see Presentation Document this meeting). The key issues include encroachment by adjoining development and associated runoff incidents, a faltering Sydney Water sewer system running through the Allambie side of the Park and the creation and use of illegal bike tracks in numerous locations throughout the Park.

A meeting is being held by Ku-ring-gai Council Tuesday 12 February to discuss the growing mountain bike issues. Steve Smith from the mountain biking community has approached Chris Buckley and would like to address this committee about new mountain bike tracks for the Park and other related matters.

Further issues identified were unwanted plants in the waterway such as the Mexican Water Lily. Council is currently searching for a new contractor to address the issue. Mel Hall will ask the Hawkesbury City Council for details of their contractor.

Action: Council to discuss with Northern Beaches Police Local Area Command the management of mountain bike issues.

Action: Provide the committee with an update on the outcome of the mountain bike meeting at Ku-ring-gai Council at the next meeting.

Action: Mel Hall (NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service) to request information from Hawkesbury City Council about management of Mexican Water Lily.

6.3 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT UPDATE

DISCUSSION

The timeline for Manly Dam's Plan of Management will be known by the May 2019 meeting and the committee will be updated at this time. The committee to be included at every step in the development of this plan of management. Separate workshops outside the usual meeting schedule may need to be held.

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN

DISCUSSION

Ann Collins asked whether the Local Environment Plan has been updated. Cr Sprott advised it is in the process of being updated and gave an overview. It was agreed to seek advice on this matter for the committee from David Kerr in Council.

Action: Council to seek advice from Strategic Place Planning and provide an update at the next meeting on the Local Environment Plan and zoning matters for the Park.

7.2 AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

DISCUSSION

A question was raised about the budget for the Park and also about how agenda items raised by committee members would be dealt with.

It was suggested that at future meetings there is a focus on a theme which is discussed in detail as opposed to just a large variety of topics with little time to discuss.

Action: Provide information in a table format for the May 2019 meeting details of all suggested agenda items from committee members, actions arising and a timeline.

Action: Provide an overview of the draft budget for the Park.

Action: Provide a timeline for discussion of key themes at the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 7:00pm

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 6 pages
numbered 1 to 6 of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park
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