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MINUTES

NARRABEEN LAGOON STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD ON MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2019

Todd Dickinson
Director, Environment and Sustainability

Committee Members

Voting Members

Northern Beaches Council – Chair	Michael Regan
Northern Beaches Council CEO representative	Mr Todd Dickinson
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Mr Allen Madden / Mr Nathan Moran
Office of Environment and Heritage – National Parks	Mr Peter Bergman
Department of Industry - Lands	Mr Chris Wright
NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries)	Ms Sarah Conacher
Community Representative – Environment	Dr Conny Harris
Community Representative – Business	vacant
Community Representative – Recreation	Ms Julie Whitfield
Community Representative – Rate Payer / Community	Ms Pamela Johnston

Officers

Manager Coast and Catchments	Mr Adrian Turnbull
Senior Environment Officer – Lagoons	Ms Sue Jacobs

Quorum

At least half the total number of members, including a Crown Land Manager representative and the Chair (or delegate).

**Minutes of the
Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Advisory Committee
held on Monday 9 September 2019
in the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why
Commencing at 4:00pm**

1. PRESENT:

Mr Todd Dickinson (Chair), Ms Jacqui Grove (Crown Land Manager representative), Mr Peter Bergman, Mr Stan Rees, Dr Conny Harris, Ms Julie Whitfield, Ms Pamela Johnston, Mr Adrian Turnbull, Ms Sue Jacobs.

VISITORS: Mr Jeremy Smith, Ms Jessica Currie

Meeting opened at 4:16pm

1.1 Apologies

Sarah Conacher

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION of minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Advisory Committee meeting held 31 October 2018 were confirmed as correct by Conny Harris and seconded by Peter Bergman.

4. UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

4.1 Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference have been updated. Council is now referred to as the 'Crown Land Manager' rather than 'Reserve Trust Manager' to reflect the Crown Lands Management Act 2016.

4.2 Feedback on Condition of State Park

Works to address the erosion at the beach at Jamieson Reserve have been designed and are likely to place before the summer season.

4.3 Open Space Strategy

A workshop on the Northern Beaches Open Space Strategy took place at this meeting, see Item 5.1.

4.4 Narrabeen Multi-Use Trail

An update on the multi-use trail was given at Item 5.1.

4.5 Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Plan of Management

Chris Wright has provided a contact within Crown Lands who will be able to advise on the preparation of the Plan of Management. Further discussion on the Plan of Management took place at Item 5.3.

Resolution: That the Advisory Committee note these updates.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Recreational Use of the State Park

Narrabeen Multi-Use Trail

Jeremy Smith gave an update on the aquatic boardwalk. Suggestions were sought as to whether the boardwalk should be named. The general consensus was that a name was not necessary and not appropriate.

An update was also given on proposed construction of a pedestrian bridge adjacent to the Pittwater Road bridge at North Narrabeen.

Resolution: That the Advisory Committee note these updates.

Open Space Strategy

The Northern Beaches Open Space Strategy is to guide the long term development and management of our open spaces and facilities including playgrounds and foreshores for the next 15 years.

Jessica Currie conducted a workshop with the Committee. Members were asked for issues of concern associated with the planning and management of the State Park, specifically at each of the reserves within the State Park and also more generally. Discussion centred around use and overuse at Jamieson Reserve; issues of equity and storage of private property on public land; desirability of maintaining some areas as low key natural areas; suitability of different uses in different areas; carrying capacity of the lagoon and of specific high use areas; and maintaining the balance between conservation and recreation.

Resolution: That Council notes the input from the Committee and arranges a site visit for committee members to focus on specific areas of concern.

5.2 Floodplain Risk Management and Planning

Narrabeen Lagoon Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan

An overview of the Narrabeen Lagoon Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan was presented by Todd Dickinson. It was noted that there are a range of potential floodplain management options, ranging from structural (such as construction of levees or improving drainage) to non-structural (such as development controls, improving evacuation procedures and developing a new Entrance Management Strategy).

Resolution: That the Advisory Committee note this information.

5.3 Catchment Issues

Ingleside Precinct

This issue was on the agenda as any development within the catchment of the lagoon has the potential to affect the values of the State Park. A summary of the issues associated with the Ingleside Precinct was presented by Todd Dickinson. It was noted that the Draft Ingleside Precinct Structure Plan was withdrawn last year due to unacceptable bushfire risk to new residents, and that any future development in this area will need to address this bushfire risk.

Resolution: That the Advisory Committee note this information.

Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Plan of Management

The preparation of the NLSP Plan of Management (PoM) was discussed. Preparation is on hold for a number of reasons. Crown Lands are reviewing the execution of the Crown Land Management Act in relation to how land is categorised. In addition, Council is currently involved in negotiations with the NSW Government (represented by the Department of Industry), the NSW Aboriginal Land Council and the Local Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council to consider which party may be best placed to own the Crown land in the area. There may be additional parcels of land that come into the State Park as a result of this Land Negotiation Program. It would be better to postpone the preparation of the PoM until both of these issues have been resolved.

Resolution: That the Advisory Committee note this information.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Mountain Bikes

Conny Harris raised the issue of mountain bikes and the impact they might be having in the catchment. A number of questions were raised and it was decided to add this issue to the agenda for the next meeting.

Resolution: That Council list this issue in the agenda for the next meeting.

Fire and Fire Planning

Peter Bergman raised the issue of fire and fire planning within the Narrabeen Lagoon catchment. He noted that there were some large fires planned for the catchment when conditions are suitable. A number of questions were raised and it was decided to add this issue to the agenda for the next meeting.

Resolution: That Council list this issue in the agenda for the next meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING

The preferred date for the next meeting is Monday 10 February 2020.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6:04pm



Narrabeen Lagoon Trail

Update on projects



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NLT Overwater Boardwalk

- Works commenced in May
- Piling complete
- Deck 90% complete
- Closure of NLT Boardwalk for three weeks
16 September to 7 October to build
abutments
- On schedule for completion late October

NLT Overwater Boardwalk

- Naming
 - Does it need name
 - What should we name it?
- Aboriginal interpretative signage
 - Looking to do this in collaboration with stakeholders
 - Don't want to rush it so will be retrofitted

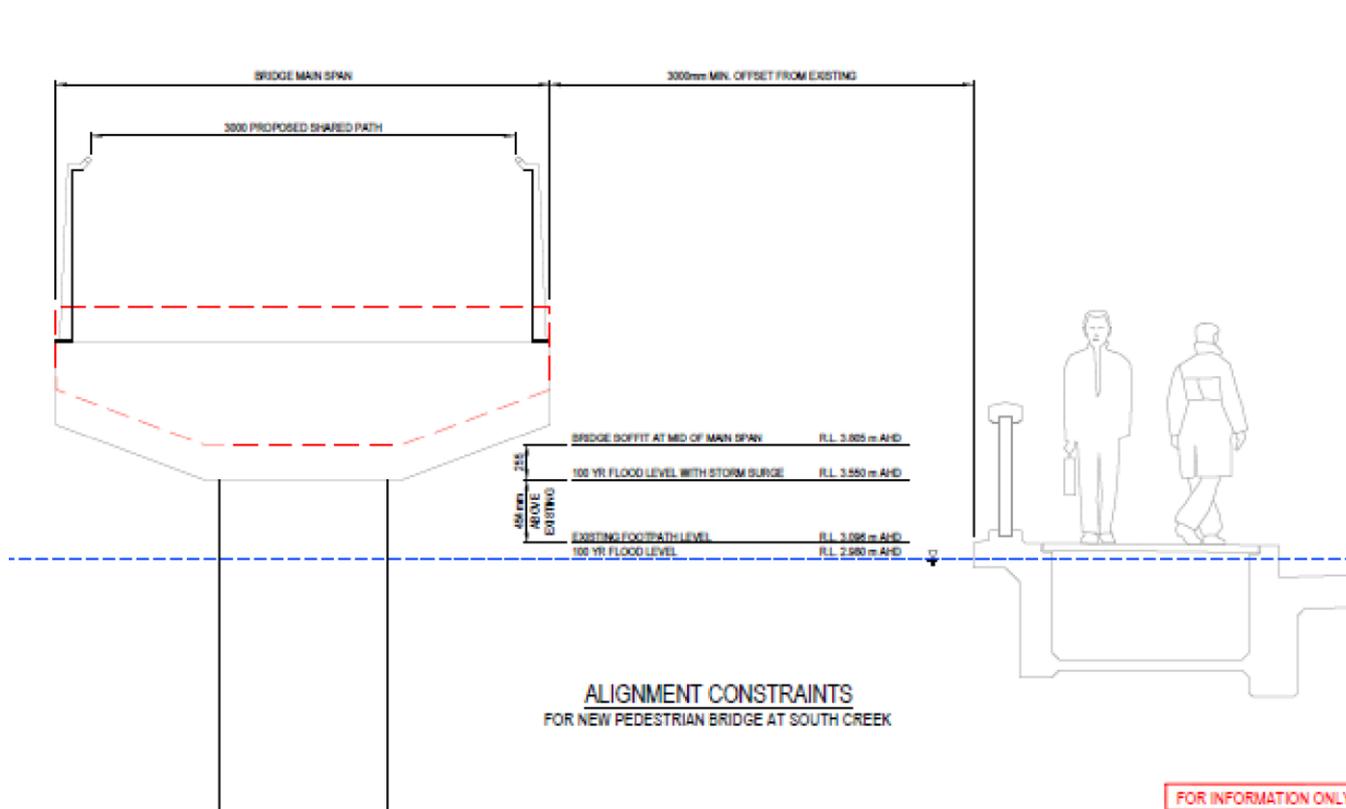
NLT over water boardwalk



NLT Pedestrian Bridge

- REF complete
- Geotechnical investigations complete
- Detailed design 90% complete
- Tender to be released in 2019

NLT Pedestrian Bridge



Workshop with the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Advisory Committee

Open Space Strategy and Narrabeen Lagoon
Presented by the Parks & Recreation Team,
March 2019

Our Narrabeen Lagoon Parks & the Trail

Prior to the formation of the Northern Beaches Council the parks, open spaces & trail around the lagoon were managed by two councils with different priorities. Their priorities & actions for improvements were set out in documents including:

- Open Space Strategy & Plans of Management for Jamieson Park, Middle Creek Reserve, Berry Reserve
- Plans of Management for Bilarong Reserve, Lake Park Oval Reserve, North Narrabeen Rock Pool,

Council's new Open Space Strategy will consider all of this in developing an integrated strategic direction for these parks & the trail.

Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017 - 2021

Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan also includes actions for parks and facilities around the lagoon i.e.

- Improve public amenities (around the lagoon), including improvements to accessibility
- A Narrabeen Lagoon Trail aquatic boardwalk. Works are planned to commence May 2019

Jamieson Park - current actions

Open Space Strategy actions not yet completed:

- Remediate paths, line marking & signage to improve safety
- Improve landscaping
- Install drink station(s)
- Install seats along the path between Jamieson Park & South Creek Reserve

Are these actions still a priority?

Jamieson Park – current actions

Open Space Strategy actions underway:

- More dinghy storage - consultation about 16 new kayak & 15 new dinghy spaces & to relocate the outrigger canoes & dragon boats ends 3 March 2019.

Is even more boat storage needed in this park?

Disability Inclusion Action Plan action:

- Improve accessibility of the amenity building in the park

Comments or suggestions about accessibility?

Jamieson Park - user groups

Groups that use the park include

- Narrabeen Lakes Sailing Club
- Jamieson Park Paddle
- Narrabeen Lakes Remote Control Yacht Racing
- Outrigger canoe group, Dragon boat group
- Boat storage users

Requests from groups/users, **your thoughts?**

- Sailing club, extend the amenity building to create more storage
- Boat storage users, more storage

Jamieson Park – ideas?

Any other ideas about improvements to the park?

Middle Creek Reserve – current actions

Open Space Strategy actions not yet completed:

- Install fitness equipment for all ages

Is this action still a priority?

Open Space Strategy actions underway:

- More dinghy storage - consultation about relocating the outrigger canoes & dragon boats from Jamieson Park to Middle Creek ends 3 March 2019.

Is even more boat storage needed in this park?

Middle Creek Reserve – current actions

Disability Inclusion Action Plan action:

- Improve accessibility of the amenity building in the reserve

Comments or suggestions about accessibility?

Any other ideas about improvements to this reserve?

Bilarong Reserve - current actions

Plan of Management 2008

- New interpretative & other signage
- Landscape improvements i.e. native planting
- New picnic furniture, seating
- Scout Hall - investigate refurbishment
- Car park improvements & new spaces
- Lighting to key locations
- Food & beverage outlet
- Exercise stations / circuit

Bilarong Reserve – current actions

Plan of Management 2008

- Widen the footpath
- Additional tree planting i.e. *Ficus macrophylla*
- Enhance creek / drainage lines
- Investigate water quality treatment of stormwater runoff i.e. detention ponds

Are these actions still a priority?

Disability Inclusion Action Plan action:

- Improve accessibility of the amenity building in the reserve

Comments or suggestions about accessibility?

Bilarong Reserve – boat storage

- New dinghy storage is planned - consultation about 28 new kayak spaces, ends 3 March 2019.

Is even more boat storage needed in this reserve?

Any other ideas about improvements to the reserve?

Berry Reserve – current actions, events, user groups

Open Space Strategy actions not yet completed:

- Upgrade of power for events in the reserve.

Current events in the reserve include:

- Monthly Sunday markets
- Annual Christmas market with carols
- Folk Festival, May 2019

Groups that use the reserve include:

- Manly Warringah Kayak Club
- Boat storage users
- Narrabeen Lakes Remote Control Yacht Racing

Berry Reserve – user requests

Requests from users, **your thoughts?**

- More dinghy storage - consultation about 8 new dinghy spaces, ends 3 March 2019.
- Access for launching model boats

Any other ideas about improvements to the reserve?

Wheeler Park – ideas?

- Current issue - future of the scout hall is to be determined

Any other ideas about improvements to this park?

Lake Park Oval Reserve – current actions, user groups

Plan of Management 2010:

- Landscaping
- More exercise equipment
- More park furniture & seating
- Lighting along the pathway

Groups that use the park include:

- Narrabeen Junior Rugby League
- Northern Beaches Touch
- Northern Beaches Cricket Council

Lake Park Oval Reserve – events, current action

Current events held annually in this reserve:

- Christmas Carols
- Easter Event
- Council's Australia Day event

Disability Inclusion Action Plan action:

- Improve accessibility of the amenity building in the reserve

Comments or suggestions about accessibility?

Any other ideas about improvements to the reserve?

North Narrabeen Rock Pool & surrounding area – current actions, user groups

Plan of Management 2005

- Landscaping upgrades
- Building/amenities upgrade
- Car park upgrades
- New signage

Groups that use the rock pool include:

- Narrabeen Amateur Swimming Club
- Narrabeen Shivering Sharks

North Narrabeen Rock Pool & surrounding area - current actions & project, other ideas?

Current project:

- Renewal of the boardwalk in the rock pool in 2019

Disability Inclusion Action Plan action:

- Improve accessibility of the amenity building near the rock pool

Comments or suggestions about accessibility?

Any other ideas about improvements to this area?

Narrabeen Lagoon – current actions

Open Space Strategy actions not completed:

- Formalise trail access between Beacon Hill & Narrabeen Lagoon via South Creek.
- More bike racks including at the end of Narrabeen Street.
- Signage and pathway hatching in the vicinity of Limani, to encourage riders to slow down in this area.
- Investigate feasibility of a learn to ride path for children to the south of Limani restaurant.

Are these actions still a priority?

Any other ideas about improvements or management?

Thank you!

An update on the Open Space Strategy will be presented at future meetings of this group.

If there is interest an on-site meeting can be arranged at the parks & other areas discussed in this presentation.

Plan of Management Links

- https://files.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/test-gab/Bilarong_Reserve_Plan_of_Management_-_adopted_June_2008.pdf
- <https://files.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/test-gab/jamiesonpark.pdf>
- <https://files.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/test-gab/lake-park-oval-reserve-pom.pdf>
- https://files.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/test-gab/Ocean_Beaches_POM_Chapter_02_North_Narrabeen.pdf
- <https://files.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/test-gab/narrabeen-lagoon-pom.pdf>

Note that these Plans of Management are due for review. Council will be updating its Plans of Management over the next few years. Priorities & an integrated approach will be set in the next few months.

Document Links

- <https://files.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/policies-register/recreation-strategies/recreation-strategies/open-space-strategy.pdf>
- https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/DIAP_2017_2021_June.pdf

Your Say Community Engagement Links

- <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/narrabeenboats>
- <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/narrabeenaquatic>
- https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/bike_plan

Note that

- Information from these documents, Plans Of Management and your say links has been summarised for the purpose of this presentation & and is not an exhaustive list of all relevant documents. As part of the Open Space Strategy a comprehensive literature review will be completed.
- The actions listed in this presentation will require funding from future Council budgets. Grants will also be sought to supplement Council's funding for any actions.
- The Council's proposed bike plan provides opportunities to make suggestions about how to improve the management of the use of the trail for bike riding & also about improvement to existing facilities & new facilities such as end of trip facilities.