

MINUTES

MANLY WARRINGAH WAR MEMORIAL STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on-line via Microsoft Teams on

Monday 8 November 2021

Beginning at 5:00pm

**Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee Meeting
held on-line via Microsoft Teams on Monday 8 November 2021 commencing at 5:00pm.**

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Stuart Sprott	Northern Beaches Council - Council Representative
David Beharrell	Community Member - Environmental Representative
Geraldine Hall	Community Member - Recreational Representative
Ann Collins	Community Member - Community Representative
Mel Hall	NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service - State Government Representative
Stan Rees	Department of Planning, Industry & Environment - Crown Lands Representative
Steven Lawler	Executive Manager, Parks & Recreation - Council Officer
Damian Ham	Manager, Open Space & Recreation Planning - Council Officer
Chris Buckley	Coordinator, Parks & Recreation - Council Officer
Chris Munro	Manager, Bushland & Biodiversity - Council Officer
Jessica Currie	Coordinator, Recreation Planning - Council Officer

Guest Speakers

Jeremy Smith	Manager, Park Assets - Planning Design & Delivery
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Apologies:

Mayor Michael Regan	Northern Beaches Council - Council Representative
Peter Bergman	NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service - State Government Representative

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2. APOLOGIES

- Mayor Michael Regan - Northern Beaches Council - Council Representative
- Peter Bergman - NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service - State Government Representative
- Mell Hall noted that a replacement for Peter Bergman on the Advisory Committee may be required and it was confirmed that NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service could arrange this and would update Council and the Advisory Committee.

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

- Geraldine Hall advised that she is a Committee Member (non-member) of the Manly & Warringah Water Ski Club.
- Ann Collins advised that she is a member of the Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee (SMDCC).

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Minutes of the meeting held on 9 August 2021 were adopted.

5. UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- The current list of Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee Meeting Actions was provided to the Advisory Committee prior to this meeting.
- It was confirmed that Council will distribute a summary of Plan of Management (PoM) Actions (including current status) along with the Advisory Committee Meeting Actions, prior to each meeting from 14 February 2022 (the date of the next meeting).
- Item 5 will be amended to read 'Update on Actions from Previous Meetings and the Plan of Management'.
- The Committee agreed to have a regular update on the PoM to maintain a focus of completing actions and projects.

ACTION

- It was confirmed that Council will distribute a summary of Plan of Management (PoM) Actions along with the Advisory Committee Meeting Actions, prior to each meeting from 14 February 2022.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Standing Items:

6.1.1 Grants and Capital Works Update

- Jeremy Smith provided an update on this item outlining that:
 - Since the last meeting no new grant applications have been lodged

- The first stage of minor bike trail upgrades will be completed in November 2021, some positive feedback has been received from riders.
- Council is currently exercising one of its grants which is a 50% grant contribution to the Nyrang Road to Roosevelt Avenue section of the Circuit Trail, total project cost is \$260,000.
- The Nyrang Road to Roosevelt Avenue walking trail upgrade project has begun. The construction depot and staging area is located at the Condover Reserve car park from where materials will be transported to isolated areas of the work site by helicopter. There is a focus on minimising track closures but some will be inevitable.
- The Boardwalk project is currently on hold. Once the funding agreement with Department of Planning Industry & Environment is finalised, community engagement will commence. Ann Collins raised concerns about the project including about the width of the boardwalk.

6.2 Policies & Strategies

- Jessica advised that the public exhibition for the LEP Discussion Paper closed in September 2021 and submissions are being analysed. Public exhibition of the environmental provisions and the Local Character Study is anticipated to be held in April 2022. The draft LEP and DCP is anticipated to be exhibited mid to late 2022.

6.3 Water-Skiing Update

- A Councillor Briefing on Water-Skiing has not yet been presented due to timing constraints and will most likely be presented in February 2022. Therefore, this matter remains confidential.
- David Beharrell raised concerns over an incident he witnessed with a boat and a swan recently. Geraldine said that such matters should be reported to her and Chris Buckley for investigation.

ACTION

- Staff to arrange a Councillor Briefing as soon as possible.

6.4 181 Allambie Road Development Application Update

- It was noted that a hearing on this matter was held September 2021 and there is no judgement yet.
- There was discussion about the efforts spent on the submission for this matter prepared by Ann Collins and David Beharrell on behalf of the Advisory Committee and a request for clarification on the process on what the Committee's role is.

ACTION

- Stan Rees to present information about the lease for 181 Allambie Road at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

6.5 Role of the Advisory Committee (Terms of Reference provided)

- The Terms of Reference were discussed and it was clarified that the Advisory Committee is not an advocacy group rather an advisory group to Council (see for

example 1.1, 3.2 from the Terms of Reference)

6.6 Water Quality Management

- An update, written by Chris Buckley, was provided to the Advisory Committee via email prior to the meeting.
- There was discussion around the possible options and costs for water quality research and benchmarking. The estimate of proposed research was in the order of \$100,000. David Beharrell said that this data was vital to avoiding a water quality tipping point’.
- Steve Lawler indicated there was no budget funds currently for water quality research for the State Park and suggested writing to the NSW Government’s team managing the Beaches Link project to request support.
- Council’s Coast and Catchments team was requested to provide regular detailed updates to the Advisory Committee about water quality matters and projects and policies and strategies that impact the State Park.

ACTION

- A meeting to be held with Chris Buckley, a representative from the Environment and Climate Change team and David Beharrell to discuss what baseline data is required to gain an understanding of the water quality health of the State Park and how to collect this data now and into the future and report back to the Advisory Committee.
- Council to discuss opportunities to fund water quality projects for the State Park with the NSW Government and report back to the Advisory Committee.

6.7 Hazard Reduction Burns

- Chris Munro detailed the planning process for Hazard Reduction Burns (HRB) including the quarterly meetings held with stakeholders such as the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Police, SES, NSW Fire & Rescue to develop an annual plan where in the order of 100 sites are proposed for annual HRB. These are prioritised based on previous burning history, risks, last HRB, the assets being protected, when the 2-week weather window opens and site preparation by landowners.
- Chris Buckley detailed the process of carrying out a HRB at the State Park including that there is often only a small window of opportunity where it can be carried out, many factors must work together and lots of specific details must line up. Protection of threatened species is a priority.
- The Community Representatives noted there has been difficulty getting the Bushfire Environmental Assessment Code. Chris Buckley confirmed that he has access to the Code and will provide to Ann Collins.
- Concerns were raised over the timing, notifications on significant control lines, and non-threatened species. It was clarified that if burns are not carried out in a controlled way there is the potential for a wildfire which would be far more significant and notifications are not always possible in the timeframes, and only high profile HRB are promoted on the RFS page <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/hazard-reductions>. Council also has a list of Prescribed burns <https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/environment/natural-hazards/bush-fires/prescribed-burns>

ACTION

- Chris Buckley to email Ann Collins the Bushfire Environmental Assessment Code.
- Council to provide regular updates on Hazard Reduction Burns for the State Park.

6.8 2022 Proposed Meeting Schedule

- The proposed Meeting Schedule was accepted.

Monday 14 February 2022 5pm - 7pm

Monday 2 May 2022 5pm - 7pm

Monday 8 August 2022 5pm - 7pm

Monday 7 November 2022 5pm - 7pm

ACTION

- Council to issue meeting invites for 2022.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Signage

- Jeremy presented the draft signage plan for Manly Dam of approximately 200 signs (attached). The plan is yet to be finalised and will undergo a formal review. Comments are welcome and will be considered by the design team. The intention is to have this rolled out within the two next calendar years (should the funds be available).
- Positive feedback was received about the draft signage and the new signage on the ground at the State Park.

ACTION

- Council to provide the Advisory Committee with the draft signage plan for the State Park for comment.

7.2 Mermaid Pools

- To be discussed offline with Steve Lawler and Ann Collins.
- This item relates to Land Tenure on the edge of Manly Dam that Ann Collins suggested should be considered for the State Park including the area known as Mermaid Pools. For discussion at future meeting.

ACTION

- That Council discuss land tenure relating to the Mermaid Pools with Ann Collins and report back to the Advisory Committee matters relevant to the State Park.

7.3 Stewardship Site

- Council is currently waiting on information from Crown Lands including about native title.
- Public exhibition will be required to apply for a stewardship site at the State Park. Funds raised would be used to manage the State Park's agreed sites.

- Stan Rees to make enquiries on the stewardship site process and update the Advisory Committee.

ACTION

- Stan Rees to provide information about stewardship processes to the next Advisory Committee meeting.

7.4 Crown Land Categorisation Update

- The Crown Land Categorisation project is on hold due to matters under review by Council and the NSW Government. Once further information is available the Advisory Committee will be provided an update.

7.5 State Heritage Listing Update

- No information is available at this time about the application submitted.

ACTION

- Staff to receive update from Strategic Planning on status of application.

7.6 Frenchs Forest Place Strategy

- Ann Collins raised her disappointment to find this matter on the recent Council Meeting Agenda and that the Advisory Committee was unaware that Council was putting in a submission to NSW Government regarding the Frenchs Forest Place Strategy.
- Council to follow up with the planning team on this matter and ensure the Advisory Committee are notified in a timely manner of all engagement, projects, and strategies relating to or impacting the State Park.

ACTION

- Council to notify the Advisory Committee in a timely manner of community engagement and strategic and operational projects that relate to and or impact on the State Park.
- Staff to discuss with relevant Executive Managers Strategic & Place Planning, Planning & Assessment, Environment and Climate Change and Transport and Civil Infrastructure.

7.7 Manly Dam Biodiversity Project

- Ann Collins provided an update on this project including the SMDCC's plan to launch a website and that 170 species of birds have been identified.

ACTION

- A Manly Dam Biodiversity Project Update to be an Agenda Item for the next meeting.

7.8 Next Meeting

- Next Meeting to be held on Monday 14 February 2022 commencing at 5:00pm.

The meeting concluded at 7:16pm
This is the final page of the Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park
Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday 8 November 2021 comprising 8 pages.