



MINUTES

MANLY WARRINGAH WAR MEMORIAL STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on-line via Microsoft Teams on

Monday 14 February 2022

Beginning at 5:00pm

**Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee Meeting
held on-line via Microsoft Teams on Monday 14 February 2022 commencing at 5:00pm.**

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members

Mayor Michael Regan	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
Jeremy Smith	Acting 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

Apologies

Cr Stuart Sprott	Northern Beaches Council - Council Representative
Peter Bergman	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

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2. APOLOGIES

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3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- It was moved by David and seconded by Ann that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2022 be approved.

5. UPDATED ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS & PLAN OF MANAGEMENT (POM) ACTIONS

- The Manly Warringah War Memorial Park Plan of Management (2014) (PoM) Actions List and Meeting Actions List were provided to the Advisory Committee prior to the meeting.
- A brief overview of the PoM Actions List structure was provided at the meeting and it was confirmed that the excel version would be provided to the Advisory Committee.
- The Advisory Committee was invited to independently review both the Meeting Actions List and Park Plan of Management (2014) Actions List and provide any questions via email.
- It was confirmed that Capital Works and Operational programs are updated monthly by Council and can be found on the following link:
<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/current-works-and-projects/capital-works-program>

ACTIONS

- Council to provide the excel version of the Plan of Management Actions List to the Advisory Committee.
- Advisory Committee to email any questions regarding either the Meeting or Plan of Management Actions Lists.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Biodiversity Stewardship Site Process

- An update was provided on the Stewardship Site Process by Chris Munro including that Crown Lands is undertaking a review of Native Title matters within Manly Dam.
- Council has requested confirmation in writing from the Crown that they would support a Biodiversity Stewardship application for Manly Dam from Council, however there is no update at this time. Council is awaiting confirmation from the Crown Lands representative for this program.
- The link to the Crown Land Biodiversity Conservation Agreements Policy was provided: https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/290750/IND-O-261-Biodiversity-conservation-agreements-on-Crown-land.pdf
- Transport for NSW timeline on the Beaches Link project to be confirmed by Council. And an update to be provided to the to the Advisory Committee when information becomes available.

ACTIONS

- Council to provide the Advisory Committee with a copy of Council's response to Transport for NSW's response regarding the Beaches Link Project.

6.2 Standing Items:

6.2.1 Grants and Capital Works Update

- Jeremy confirmed that work is progressing well on the Nyrang Road to Roosevelt Avenue walking trail project and is slightly ahead of schedule.
- Some track closures will be required to accommodate these works, but this will be communicated clearly with every attempt to minimise the closure time and impacts.
- It was acknowledged that the area at the bottom of the stairs requires better drainage and the best solution will be investigated.
- Minor bike trail upgrades have recently been completed and the next stage for major mountain bike upgrades is scheduled for 2023/2024.
- The Advisory Committee was provided the link to the Manly Dam Link Trail on Council's Community Engagement Your Say page via the following link: <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/manly-dam-link-trail>
- There was discussion around the design of the new Link Trail including the path widths; the disability access in particular at Picnic area 3; what are Council's future plans are for area 3; the intent of the design being the creation of safe and inclusive access; the challenges of this site being in bushland and natural environment; and balancing all factors.
- It was noted that whilst the plans cannot be updated at this point a summary of significant concerns will be published after the engagement period is over. Council to update FAQs on trail link with information on what the next stage of implementation of the PoM action to create a safe and sealed path from Picnic Area 1 to Picnic Area 4.
- The Trail Link is entirely funded by two separate Grants provided by the NSW Government.

ACTIONS

- Council to add a new FAQ to the Your Say Northern Beaches explaining the process for finalising the action to construct a safe and sealed pathway from Picnic Area 1 to 4.

6.3 Policies & Strategies

- Jessica confirmed that the Open Space & Recreation Strategy was waiting on the Social Infrastructure Study to be completed before it is exhibited to ensure alignment. The Social Infrastructure Study has now been delayed. So, the Open Space & Recreation Strategy will be progressed in the meantime and will go through the last round of internal consultation before it goes out on exhibition in coming months. The Advisory Committee will be kept up to date.

6.4 Water-Skiing Update

- Jeremy confirmed that a Councillor Briefing on Water-Skiing is planned to be presented in early March 2022 and will be reported back to the Advisory Committee by the May 2022 meeting and before community engagement commences. All key stakeholders will be notified and have ample time to comment. This matter remains confidential.
- Due to the timing of the Water-Skiing review, the Anzac Day 2022 water-skiing timing will remain as is.

ACTION

- Council to report back on next steps regarding water-skiing at the State Park.

6.5 Water Quality Management

- A verbal and written update was provided by Chris Buckley.
- It was supported that the water quality monitoring program must be improved to be more in-depth, for example focusing on algae counts, water transparency, bacterial count and tracked more frequently with more funding allocated. This will become a standing item for each meeting.
- Catalyst on 13 February was sampling Manly Dam algae for “The Big Brew Challenge” <https://www.abc.net.au/catalyst/the-big-brew-challenge/13746070>
- It was further noted from the meeting of 8 November 2021 that the proposal for an independent UTS consultant to conduct studies on the water quality at Manly Dam, estimated a value of \$107,575 was made up of four separate studies:
 - “Nutrient inputs to Manly Dam” i.e. sources of Phosphorus (P), Nitrogen (N) etc. Results can be compared with earlier work to identify changes in concentrations and inflows. Cost est. \$29,575
 - “Seasonal limiting nutrients to Manly Dam phytoplankton growth” i.e. is P still the nutrient that initiates a “bloom” or is N now involved...and how and at what time of the year. Cost est. \$21,500
 - “Effect of nutrient pulses vs slower nutrient inflows on phytoplankton growth in Manly Dam Reservoir” i.e. risks to the dam if nutrient levels increase quickly after storms from disturbed or other sites helps determine if lake is near a “tipping point” and which nutrients are involved. Cost est. \$29,800
 - “Sediment nutrient release potential from Manly Dam Reservoir” i.e. provides an understanding of how bottom sediment gives out stored nutrients into the lake waters above. Cost est. \$26,700

ACTION

- Water Quality Management to be a standing item for future meetings.
- Staff to bring to next meeting proposed format of water quality reporting.
- Council to investigate additional funding opportunities to improve water quality testing as a priority.

6.6 181 Allambie Road Development Application Update

- This matter will be held over until next meeting and Stan to provide any updates.
- Ann received an update from Peter Robinson from Council on this matter and she was informed that this matter has not yet been signed off by Land Environment Court. Ann said she would forward this correspondence to the Advisory Committee.

ACTION

- Council to seek updates from the NSW Government and Stan Rees about the lease for 181 Allambie Road at the next Advisory Committee meeting.
- Ann Collins to forward the correspondence received on this matter to the Advisory Committee.

6.7 Mermaid Pools

- To be held over until next meeting.
- This item relates to Land Tenure on the edge of Manly Dam that Ann suggested should be considered for the State Park including the area known as Mermaid Pools. For discussion at a 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.

6.8 Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee's Manly Dam Biodiversity Project

- Ann will provide another update at a future meeting possibly including guest speakers
- The information previously supplied by Ann was briefly discussed, along with the acknowledgement of the many amazing local experts contributing to this project and the plans for a new website to go live.

ACTION

- Ann Collins to invite guest speakers to a future meeting on the Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee's Biodiversity Project

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1.1 The draft Northern Beaches Aboriginal Land Development Delivery Plan (DDP)

- Jeremy provided a brief update on the implications of this for Manly Dam and Aquatic Reserve.
- It was agreed that the Advisory Committee (David, Ann and Mel) will write a submission that is endorsed as per previous submissions, focusing on the cumulative environmental impacts.

- Staff to discuss with other Council teams including Strategic Planning about improving the communication channels to ensure that all information that impacts Manly Dam is provided in a timely manner to key stakeholders particularly the Advisory Committee.

ACTION

- Advisory Committee to write a submission regarding the draft Northern Beaches Aboriginal Land Development Delivery Plan
- Staff to discuss with other Council teams including Strategic Planning about improved communication to ensure that all information impacting the State Park is provided to the Advisory Committee in a timely manner.

7.2 Biobanking

- In response to the question, 'is council supportive of Biobanking for Manly Dam?' JS confirmed that Council cannot proceed without a NSW Government agreement but Council is very supportive of this at all appropriate locations citing Ingleside Chase as a recent example that has gone to the Minister for approval.

7.3 Come 'n' Try day for disabled water skiers

- Geraldine advised that next weekend the Manly & Warringah Water Ski Club are hosting a Come 'n' Try day for disabled skiers through the Disabled Division of the NSW Water Ski Federation.

7.4 Replacement Tap at Section 1

- There was a request to replace the tap at the entrance of Section 1 be replaced with a water fountain. It was agreed that Council would consider installing a water station here and other locations.

ACTION

- Council to replace the bubbler in Picnic Area 1 with a standard water refill station with bubbler. Council to install similar fountains at other locations in the picnic areas as funding allows.

7.5 Finalisation of Frenchs Forest 2041 Place Strategy

- In the plan for "Eastern Harbour City" (the eastern part of Sydney), Manly Dam Reserve is not marked as green space and the Advisory Committee requested that Council seek to have Manly Dam referred to correctly.

ACTION

- Council to write to the DEP to request that Manly Dam (the State Park) is correctly referred to in its Frenchs Forest 2014 Place Strategy. A copy of the request and response will be provided to the Advisory Committee.

7.6 Next Meeting

- Next Meeting to be held on Monday 2 May 2022 commencing at 5:00pm.

The meeting concluded at 6.45pm

This is the final page of the Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 February 2022 comprising 8 pages.