

## **MINUTES**

### **MANLY WARRINGAH WAR MEMORIAL STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held in the Flannel Flower Room, Northern Beaches Council - Civic Centre, Dee Why.

**Monday 17 May 2021**

Beginning at 5:00pm

**Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee Meeting  
held in the Flannel Flower Room, Northern Beaches Council - Civic Centre, Dee Why on  
Monday 17 May 2021 commencing at 5:00pm.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members**

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Mayor Michael Regan	Northern Beaches Council - Council Representative  (left the meeting at 6.00pm)
David Beharrell	Community Member - Environmental Representative
Geraldine Hall	Community Member - Recreational Representative
Ann Collins	Community Member - Community Representative
Mel Hall Representative	NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service - State Government
Stan Rees Representative	Department of Planning, Industry & Environment - Crown Lands
Steven Lawler	Executive Manager, Parks & Recreation - Council Officer
Damian Ham	Manager, Open Space & Recreation Planning - Council Officer
Chris Munro	Manager, Bushland & Biodiversity - Council Officer
Jessica Currie	Coordinator, Recreation Planning - Council Officer

**Guest Speakers**

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Brendan Smith	Team Leader Biodiversity and Planning - Council Officer
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**APOLOGIES:**

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Cr Stuart Sprott	Northern Beaches Council - Council Representative
Peter Bergman	NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service - State Government Representative
Chris Buckley	Coordinator, MWWM State Park, Stony Range - Council Officer

## **1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

## **2. APOLOGIES**

- Cr Stuart Sprott                      Northern Beaches Council
- Peter Bergman                      NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service
- Chris Buckley                      Coordinator, MWWM State Park, Stony Range

## **3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

- Geraldine Hall is a Committee member of the Manly & Warringah Water Ski Club.

## **4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1 February 2021 were adopted. Moved by Ann Collins and seconded by David Beharrell.

## **5. UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- The Actions were not reviewed.

## **6. AGENDA ITEMS**

### **6.3 Water-skiing**

- A range of options put forward by the Advisory Committee were discussed. The following Options A and B were put to a vote.
- To provide greater access to the entire waterbody for the broader community
- Some Advisory Committee members expressed their concerns regarding noise associated with motor boats and equitable use for the current water-skiing arrangements, e.g. times of use (7 days/weeks, 365 days/year)
- The PoM identifies that the Park is the third most popular facility in the LGA, with 40% residents visiting per annum.
- Acknowledging the need to provide opportunities for a diversity of recreational pursuits the current proposed changes look to reduce water skiing hours, not completely remove.

### Option A: Current approved ski timetable, daylight saving (Oct to April)

Day (67 hours, 14 sessions a week)	Morning Session Park opens 7:00am	Afternoon Session Park closes 8:30pm
Monday (9)	10:00am – 2:30pm (4.5)	2:30pm – 7:00pm (4.5)
Tuesday (9.5)	7:30am – 12:30pm (5)	12:30pm – 5:00pm (4.5)
Wednesday (11.5)	7:30am – 1:30pm (6)	1:30pm – 7:00pm (5.5)
Thursday (9)	10:00am – 2:30pm (4.5)	2:30pm – 7:00pm (4.5)
Friday (9.5)	7:30am – 12:30pm (5)	12:30pm – 5:00pm (4.5)
Saturday (10)	9:00am – 1:30pm (4.5)	1:30pm – 7:00pm (5.5)
Sunday (8.5)	7:30am – 12:00pm (4.5)	12:00pm – 4:00pm (4)

### Option A: Current approved ski timetable, non-daylight saving (April to Oct)

Day (63 hours, 14 sessions a week)	Morning Session Park opens 7:00am	Afternoon Session Park closes 5:30pm
Monday (9)	8:00am – 12:30pm (4.5)	12:30pm – 5:00pm (4.5)
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Sunday (9)	8:00am – 12:30pm (4.5)	12:30pm – 5:00pm (4.5)

## Option B – All Year

Day 50.5 hours summer (S), 44.5 hours winter (W), 11 sessions a week	Morning Session Park opens 7:00am	Afternoon Session Park closes 8:30pm summer, 5:30pm winter
<b>Monday</b> Current s 9, w 9 New s 9, w 7	10:00am – 2:30pm (4.5) summer 10:00am – 1:30pm (3.5) winter	2:30pm – 7:00pm (4.5) summer 1:30pm – 5:00pm (3.5) winter
<b>Tuesday</b> Current s 9.5, w 9 New s 5, w 4.5	7:30am – 12:30pm (5) summer 8:00am – 12:30pm (4.5) winter	No skiing (also a committee idea at workshop 19 April 2021)
<b>Wednesday</b> Current s 11.5, w 9 New s 10, w 8	9:00am – 1:00pm (4) summer 9:00am – 1:00pm (4)	1:00pm – 7:00pm (6) summer 1:00pm – 5:00pm (4) winter
<b>Thursday</b> Current s 9, w 9 New s 9, w 7	10:00am – 2:30pm (4.5) summer 10:00am – 1:30pm (3.5) winter	2:30pm – 7:00pm (4.5) summer 1:30pm – 5:00pm (3.5) winter
<b>Friday</b> Current s 9.5, w 9 New s 5, w 4.5	7:30am – 12:30pm (5) summer 8:00am – 12:30pm (4.5) winter	No skiing (also a committee idea at workshop 19 April 2021)
<b>Saturday</b> Current s 10, w 9 New s 8, w 9	9:00am – 1:00pm (4) summer 8:00am – 12:30pm (4.5) winter	1:00pm – 5:00pm (4) summer 12:30pm – 5:00pm (4.5) winter
<b>Sunday</b> Current s 8.5, w 9 New s 4.5, w 4.5	8:00am – 12:30pm (4.5) summer 8:00am – 12:30pm (4.5) winter	No skiing (also a committee idea at workshop 19 April 2021)

- 4 Advisory Committee members voted for Option B and 2 members voted against changing the current timetable. Option B was supported by the majority of the Advisory Committee.
- There was then discussion around water-skiing usage on days of significance (ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day) and public holidays.
- 4 Advisory Committee members voted for the proposal that Sunday hours (from Option B) would apply on all Public Holiday days and there would be no water-skiing permitted on both Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, 2 members voted against changing the current timetable. This proposal was supported by the majority of the Advisory Committee.

### ACTION

- That staff prepare a Councillor briefing / report regarding water-skiing at the State Park.

## 6.4 Biodiversity Stewardship Proposal (Beaches Link Offsets)

- Chris Munro and Brendan Smith provided an overview on the Biodiversity Stewardship Proposal
  - Two suitable locations have been identified within the Northern Beaches LGA Manly Dam and one other Crown Reserve location.
  - Council are still in the initial phase of establishing eligibility.
  - A goal is establish a higher level of protection for the environment.
  - A biodiversity conservation agreement on Crown land document was referred to:

[https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/290750/IND-O-261-Biodiversity-conservation-agreements-on-Crown-land.pdf](https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/290750/IND-O-261-Biodiversity-conservation-agreements-on-Crown-land.pdf)

## **ACTION**

- Chris Munro to keep the Advisory Committee informed of any updates on the Biodiversity Stewardship Proposal (Beaches Link Offsets) for the State Park.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Mountain Biking**

- Geraldine raised a range of matters on behalf of the mountain biking community over the current condition of the mountain bike trail at the State Park and the need for a range of ongoing upgrades, more and improved ongoing maintenance and more / prioritised funding for the trail.
- Steve advised there is \$90,000 for maintenance of the Manly Dam mountain bike trail in the 2021/22 draft operational budget, this is an increase of \$50,000.
- The draft delivery program for the next four years includes \$1 million in 2023/24 for recreational trails of which the majority of funds are planned for Manly Dam trails.
- The final draft mountain bike trail audit has been received and is under review by staff. A meeting is planned with Trailcare 21 May 2021 to discuss the draft and priorities. A report on the audit will be presented to the Advisory Committee once the review of the audit is completed.

## **ACTION**

- That a report on the mountain bike trail audit is presented at an Advisory Committee meeting once finalised.
- That Council note the matters raised on behalf of the mountain biking community.

### **7.2 Funding**

- Council has received approval of funding through the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program for the boardwalk project at the State Park.

### **7.3 Inquiry into the impact of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link**

- Ann tabled the 'Inquiry into the impact of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link - Terms of Reference' and requested that both the Advisory Committee and Council lodge a submission and the due date is 18 June 2021.

[Inquiry into the impact of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link](#)

## **ACTION**

- Chris Munro to coordinate a response on behalf of the Advisory Committee prior to the due date 18 June 2021. *\* Subsequently it was agreed that the Advisory Committee Community representatives make this submission.*

### **7.4 Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee**

- Ann showed some Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee marketing that is part of their Flora and Fauna Surveying and Monitoring Project for the State

Park.

- Steve requested a project update as this project is due for completion 30 June 2021.
- Damian said that the committee could request an extension in writing.

#### **ACTION**

- That the Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee provide
  - An update to Council on their Flora and Fauna Surveying and Monitoring Project for the State Park prior to 30 June 2021.
  - An update to the Advisory Committee at the next meeting.

### **7.5 Water Quality**

- David followed up and requested a report on the status, scope and timeframes of a water and sediment quality monitoring program.

#### **ACTION**

- That a report on the status, scope and timeframes of water and sediment quality monitoring program of the lake is presented to the Advisory Committee at the next meeting.

### **7.6 Agenda Items**

- Due to time constraints some agenda items were not discussed and will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Ann requested on behalf of the Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee that matters relating to boundary land tenure and consolidation for the State Park (including related matters in the Plan of Management 2014) be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

#### **ACTION**

- That the agenda items not discussed at this meeting are included in the agenda for the next Advisory Committee meeting.
- That matters relating to boundary land tenure and consolidation for the State Park (including related matters in the Plan of Management 2014) be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

### **7.7 Next Meeting**

- Next Meeting to be held in the Flannel Flower Room, Northern Beaches Council - Civic Centre, Dee Why on Monday 9 August 2021 commencing at 5:00pm.

**The meeting concluded at 8.20pm**

**This is the final page of the Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 May 2021 comprising 7 pages.**