

MINUTES

MANLY WARRINGAH WAR MEMORIAL STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held online via Microsoft Teams on

Monday 8 August 2022

Beginning at 5:00pm

**Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee Meeting
held on Monday 8 August 2022 commencing at 5:00pm.**

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members

Cr Kristyn Glanville	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
Chad Weston	NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service - State Government Representative (on behalf of peter Bergman)

Council Officers

Damian Ham	Acting Executive Manager, Parks and Recreation
Jeremy Smith	Manager, Park Assets - Planning Design & Delivery
Chris Munro	Manager, Bushland & Biodiversity - Council Officer
Phil Jemison	Manager, Strategic and Place Planning
Chris Buckley	Coordinator, Parks & Recreation
Jessica Currie	Coordinator, Recreation Planning
Jodie Crawford	Manager, Coast & Catchments

Guests

Jason Ruszczyk	Senior Environment Officer - Catchments
James Brisebois	Team Leader – Catchments
Oscar Jones	Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee Project

Apologies

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

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2. APOLOGIES

- 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

ACTION

- Staff to follow up Crown Lands Representative attendance for future meetings.

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2022 were adopted.

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

- The actions were not reviewed at the meeting and noted that the updated document will be issued within the month following this meeting.
- It was suggested and agreed that a file sharing system be set up for the Advisory Committee to better view the actions register and other key documentation.
- The new system to book tables at Manly Dam was introduced:
<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/parks-and-trails/parks/manly-dam/picnic-areas> Feedback was received on the suggestion for the 'Book Now' button to be updated to 'Picnic Table Bookings' and will be provided to the team managing this page.
- It was noted that water skiing bookings are still made directly with the Manly & Warringah Water Ski Club.

ACTIONS

- Council to provide updated Actions List From Previous Meetings & Plan Of Management (PoM) to the Advisory Committee within one month.
- Council to investigate a file sharing system to be set up for the Advisory Committee to better view the actions register and other key documentation including the Plan of Management Actions List.
- Council to provide the suggestion for the Manly Dam Bookings page for 'Book Now' button to be updated to 'Picnic Table Bookings' on Council's website.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Standing Items:

6.1.1 Grants and Capital Works

- Jeremy Smith provided an update on the Walking Trails and Mountain Bike Trail projects and an overview of Development Applications in the 'catchment' from the last quarter, Attachment 1.
- David Beharrell complimented the recent walking trail work completed and asked staff to extend his thanks to Council's trail construction contractor.

- It was noted that there have been delays with the Community Engagement Report for the Boardwalk Project and that it will be completed as soon as possible and the Advisory Committee will be provided a copy once it is publicly available.
- Next priorities for pedestrian trail works were discussed briefly. Council will consult the Advisory Committee about priorities for future trail works.
- The Development Application overview was said to be helpful.

ACTION

- Council to arrange a site walk at the State Park to discuss priorities for future walking trail works including for 23/24.
- Council to provide the Advisory Committee with a copy of the Community Engagement Report for the Boardwalk Project, which includes verbatim comments and data as standard for our reports, once it is publicly available.

6.1.2 Policies and Strategies

6.1.2.1 Public Exhibition of The Draft Northern Beaches Stormwater Management Study

Presentation was delivered by Jason Ruszczyk, Attachment 2.

- The Draft Watercourse, Wetlands and Riparian Lands Study for the LGA will be going out for public exhibition in September and an update will be provided and the next Advisory Committee meeting and the Advisory Committee will be advised before it goes live. This project will inform the conservation zone. It was suggested that the study could be reviewed from the Council meeting agenda however submissions/ comments to be provided through the formal exhibition period and process.

ACTIONS

- The Draft Watercourse, Wetlands and Riparian Lands Study for the LGA to be added as an agenda item for the next Advisory Committee meeting.
- Council to advise the Advisory Committee before the Community Engagement goes live for Draft Watercourse, Wetlands and Riparian Lands Study for the LGA.

6.1.2.2 Public Exhibition of the Draft Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Strategy and Action Plan

- Presentation was delivered by Jessica Currie, Attachment 3.
- An update on this Strategy was provided including consultation undertaken.
- There was discussion around several items including the amenities upgrade, inclusive access generally, is the key part of the strategy being to initiate projects for council to consider in future?, what is a trail head, bike repair stations, potential for a type of pay to ride system.
- It was agreed that mountain bike trail names need to be clearer on the map in the draft for the community to interpret. Staff will provide an updated map to the Advisory Committee and consider for the final strategy.
- An extension of 1 week has been provided to the Advisory Committee members and Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee members for the submission of comments on the Draft Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Strategy and Action Plan being Sunday 21 August.

ACTIONS

- Council to provide an updated map to the Advisory Committee with clearer mountain bike trail names for the Draft Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Strategy and Action Plan.

6.1.3 Water Quality

- In 2021 discussions were held with UTS regarding potential water quality projects for the State Park. 4 discrete / related projects were proposed with an estimated cost in the order of \$108,000. In 2022/23 Council will undertake 1 of the 4 projects – Nutrient Inputs to Manly Dam. Regular updates and a final report will be presented to the Advisory Committee.

6.2 Water-Skiing

- Damian Ham gave an update on water skiing matters. The outcomes of the public exhibition of a proposed trial of reduced hours for water skiing at Manly Dam is scheduled to be presented by Steve Lawler at the Councillor Briefing to be held on 16 August and a report to be considered at the Council meeting to be held 23 August 2022.
- Damian said that access to the Council Report and Community Engagement Report will be provided to the Advisory Committee once the Council Meeting Agenda has been approved.
- The question was raised if members of public are allowed to speak on matters at the Council Meeting. Damian said yes a request can be made to speak [Request to speak at Council Meeting](#) and the link to the request form would be shared with the Advisory Committee.
- Geraldine indicated that this proposal was not supported unanimously by the Advisory Committee.

ACTION

- Council to provide the Advisory Committee with access to the Council Report and Community Engagement Report regarding water skiing at Manly Dam once the Council Meeting Agenda has been approved and prior to the Council meeting.
- Council to provide the link to the Advisory Committee for members of the public to Request to speak at a Council Meeting.

6.3 Biodiversity Stewardship Site Update

- Chris Munro confirmed that Crown Lands have not yet resolved whether a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA) can be entered into for Manly Dam as a Crown Reserve. Council is unable to further the potential application for a BSA without formal support from DPE Crown Lands. The existing Crown Land policy in this regards is noted;
https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/290750/IND-O-261-Biodiversity-conservation-agreements-on-Crown-land.pdf Council staff will continue to seek resolution on the matter from relevant officers at DPE Crown Lands.
- It was further confirmed that Council would like to continue to peruse Manly Dam as a Biodiversity Stewardship Site and that staff are actively looking at Biodiversity opportunities.

ACTION

- Council to provide an update on Biodiversity Stewardship matters for the State Park once new information becomes available.

6.4 Planning matters

- Phil Jemison provided updates on the Frenchs Forest Place Plan and the new Forest High School State Significant Development (SSD) proposal, following his attendance at a pre-lodgement meeting with Department of Education last week.
- There was conversation/clarification around several aspects of this project including that the Department of Education are the applicants and that the proposed

development is classified as SSD, so the Department of Planning will be the determination authority; the Frenchs Forest Place Plan has now been published and the current Forest High School is required to be relocated to the new site at Allambie Heights to make way for the new Town Centre at Frenchs Forest; the new school site is approx. 4.1 ha in land area; the new school will ultimately have a student population of 1,500 and 120 staff; the development will increase tree canopy on the site from approximately 6,000sqm to 10,000sqm (1ha) with new plantings proposed; the proposed heights are much less than what was initially proposed, and will now be largely 2 or 3 storeys maximum; detailed analysis has been undertaken on water quality and stormwater management and a MUSIC Model developed to demonstrate compliance with Council's requirements; 120 car parking spaces proposed on site with additional student parking to be provided at the WAC; Department of Education are working towards lodgement of the SSD application with the Department of Planning in September 2022; in accordance with the statutory requirements, the SSD will be publicly exhibited for a minimum of 28 days; subject to the outcomes of the approval process, Department of Education are aiming to have the new school operational in 2025.

- It was confirmed that there was a positive response to Council's comments on the SEARS regarding the new Forest High School and Council's technical experts were pleased that a lot of the issues raised previously had been well-considered and addressed.
- Once submitted, the SSD application and associated technical reports for the new Forest High School will be publicly exhibited. It was suggested by Advisory Committee Members that a briefing from the Department of Education during the exhibition period would be beneficial to assist in further understanding the proposal and any impacts.
- Council Officers will further review the final documentation and associated technical reports when the SSD application is publicly exhibited later this year.
- It was noted that six sites owned by the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) in the Northern Beaches have been included in the State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021. Aquatic Drive, Frenchs Forest is identified as Site 2. Link to the information of Department of Planning's website was provided by Phil: <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Priority-Growth-Areas-and-Precincts/Northern-Beaches-Aboriginal-land>

ACTION

- Council to contact the Department of Education to see if they would be able to provide a presentation on the new Forest High School proposal at the next Advisory Committee Meeting in November 2022 to assist with understanding the proposal and any potential impacts.

6.5 Update on Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee's Biodiversity Project

- Ann Collins and Oscar Jones provided a detailed update on this important project for the State Park, Attachment 4 and provided an update and demonstration of the website <https://manlydambiodiversityproject.org/> that is now live.
- Northern Beaches Council and the Federal Government were thanked for their support of this initiative.
- Questions were raised around ongoing maintenance of the website, the possibility of a launch with the community and Council at Manly Dam or nearby and to Council's website.
- Damian Ham to discuss with the Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee the next steps regarding recommendations from the project and budget bids.

ACTION

- Council to discuss with the Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee the next steps regarding website maintenance, linking to Council's website and project recommendations and budget bids.

6.6 Update on Precautionary Landfill Testing at Aquatic Reserve

- An update was provided by Jeremy Smith advising that high quality, preliminary investigations have been completed at Aquatic Reserve and there are no urgent actions, Attachment 1.
- The final report is anticipated by end of year 2022.
- It was confirmed that a Councillor Briefing on the results of the report for the Landfill Testing at Aquatic Reserve will be provided once the report is finalised.
- A presentation on the results of the report for the Landfill Testing at Aquatic Reserve will be provided to the Advisory Committee after the Councillor Briefing.

ACTION

- A presentation on the results of the report for the Landfill Testing at Aquatic Reserve will be provided to the Advisory Committee once available.

6.7 Appointment of Members

- This Advisory Committee is coming to the end of its 4th year.
- Terms of Reference 4.8 – *Community member appointments will be for a four-year period. Community members will be eligible for reappointment with a maximum of 2 terms / 8 years.*
- There was brief discussion about the potential to have more community members included and also to re-visit the Terms of Reference.
- It is intended that the next elected Advisory Committee will commence in the new year 2023.
- Damian Ham will provide an email to the Advisory Committee within the next month regarding the process and timing for the appointment of members to the next Advisory Committee.

ACTION

- Council to provide an email to the Advisory Committee within the next month regarding the process and timing for the appointment of members to the next Advisory Committee.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Ann Collins thanked Council for the water fountains recently installed in section 1 and the amenities area.
- Next Meeting to be held on Monday 7 November 2022 commencing at 5:00pm

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm.

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