

MINUTES

MANLY WARRINGAH WAR MEMORIAL STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Held at Northern Beaches Council in the Flannel Flower Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why on

Monday 2 May 2022

Beginning at 5:00pm

**Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee Meeting
held on Monday 2 May 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

Council Officers

Steven Lawler	Executive Manager, Parks & Recreation
Damian Ham	Manager, Open Space & Recreation Planning
Jeremy Smith	Manager, Park Assets - Planning Design & Delivery
Chris Buckley	Coordinator, Parks & Recreation
Jessica Currie	Coordinator, Recreation Planning
Phil Jemison	Manager, Strategic and Place Planning

Apologies

Peter Bergman	NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service - State Government Representative
Stan Rees	Department of Planning, Industry & Environment - Crown Lands Representative
Chris Munro	Manager, Bushland & Biodiversity - Council Officer

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
- Chris Munro - Manager, Bushland & Biodiversity - Council Officer

3. WELCOME

- Cr Kristyn Glanville – New Council Representative

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Updates requested were agreed.
- Minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2022 were adopted and posted on Council's website.

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

- The Meeting Actions List and Plan of Management Actions List were presented. Dave Beharrell requested that more detailed information about actions taken be provided in the Plan of Management Actions List

ACTIONS

- Council to provide more detail when updating the State Park's Plan of Management Actions List.

7. AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 Standing Items:

7.2 Capital Works

- Jeremy Smith provided an update. The trail project at Nyrang Road and Roosevelt Avenue is in progress though has been delayed due to the wet weather. Stairs are complete and the contractor is returning to resolve the water issue at the bottom of these stairs.
- The Boardwalk project was discussed and it was noted that 78% of respondents in the community engagement were in support of the proposed works. The community engagement report will be published online and the tender for construction will be released shortly. A path from area 3 to area 4 is not currently in the current program of works.
- Repairs and maintenance:
 - Fire trail repairs have been delayed due to wet weather. Council is also awaiting a response from the RFS regarding requests for funds for fire trail upgrades.
 - A timber bridge that has failed will be repaired within next 5 months (weather permitting) with Fibre-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) decking.

- Materials are being supplied to the mountain bike trail volunteers to carry out minor repairs.
- Planned mountain bike trail renewals and minor upgrades have also been delayed due to the wet weather.

ACTION

- Council to provide the Advisory Committee with a copy of the Community Engagement Report for the Boardwalk Project once it is publicly available.

7.3 Grants:

- Funds from three grant programs are currently being applied to projects for the State Park – Metropolitan Green Space Program and Public Space Program grant funding for the boardwalk project and Crown Reserves Improvement funding for the trail project at Nyrang Road and Roosevelt Avenue.
- Council is looking for grants to fund an upgrade of signage throughout the State Park.

7.4 Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026

- The Advisory Committee were told that the Council's Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan & Budget 2022/23 were on public exhibition and were encouraged to read and make comment via the on-line Your Say project page.
- The following were noted when discussing the Delivery Program:

- Manly Dam Boardwalk
- Manly Dam Mountain Bike Trail Upgrade Project 23/24

In response to a question from the Advisory Committee, the Plan of Management (2014) will inform and guide the trail upgrade project including about proposed realignments and the trail footprint. Priority outcomes are better management of environmental impacts and improving safety and then improving the rider experience. Representatives from Trail Care were included on the Council's working group for the Audit of Trails within the State Park that was undertaken in 2021.

- The proposed Recreational Trails budget also focuses on other locations including the Manly Scenic Walkway.

7.5 Policies and Strategies

- Jessica Currie informed that Advisory Committee that the Draft Open Space & Outdoor Recreation Strategy would be presented at the 28 June 2022 Council Meeting and a recommendation made to publicly exhibit the Draft.

7.6 Water-Skiing

- Damian Ham gave an update on the Advisory Committee's proposal for changes to water skiing at Manly Dam (the State Park))
 - 5 April 2022, presentation made to Councillors at a briefing.
 - 27 April 2022, community engagement commenced, Your Say online project page live, comments period opened.
 - 5 June 2022 community engagement submission period closes.
 - Stakeholders including the ski club have been contacted about the community engagement.

- The outcomes of this community engagement will be reported to the Advisory Committee and to Council.
- Issues raised by the Advisory Committee
 - Is the community engagement process robust enough? The community engagement will be conducted in accordance with Council's adopted community engagement framework.
 - Are the FAQs on the Your Say online project page adequate?
 - Why is a 12-month trial proposed?
 - Ensure contact is made with key stakeholders particularly the Surf Life Saving Clubs and sports groups such as triathlon about the engagement.
 - The map on the Your Say project page needs to be updated to show more clearly the skiing area on the lake.

ACTION

- Council to inform Surf Life Saving Clubs and other relevant sports groups such as triathlon groups about the community engagement about water skiing at the State Park.
- Council to update the map on the water ski Your Say project page.
- Council to present the outcomes of the water ski community engagement to the Advisory Committee.

7.7 Water Quality

- Chris Buckley presented a report about water quality monitoring at the State park and discussed the reasons why the lake is closed and the criteria for opening and closing. Chris indicated that the lake is currently closed though its condition is gradually improving. The opening of the lake is dependent on its water quality.
- Concerns were raised by the Advisory Committee about the blue green algae and the link between motor neuron disease. This matter to be reported on at a future meeting.
- The importance of an up-to-date water quality baseline was highlighted by the Advisory Committee.
- Chris Buckley was requested to discuss water quality matters further with David Beharrell and to provide an update at the next Advisory Committee meeting.
- There was a discussion about the Frenchs Forest 2041 Place Strategy and matters including the potential of future works being a significant ongoing contributor of water quality and other environmental impacts at the State Park as well as the need for proactive compliance on development projects related to the implementation of the Frenchs Forest 2041 Place Strategy with a planning enforcement team to be a consideration. Phil Jamieson provided a response and made mention of Council's submission to the NSW Government on this Place Strategy

ACTION

- Chris Buckley to discuss water quality matters with David Beharrell and provide an update at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Biodiversity Stewardship Site Update

- 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, (Item from previous meeting). Carried over to next meeting.

ACTION

- Council to provide an update on Biodiversity Stewardship matters for the State Park prior to next Advisory Committee meeting.

8.2 Planning matters

- Phil Jemison presented a detailed update on the Frenchs Forest Town Centre project including the project background, Frenchs Forest 2041 Place Strategy Planning Package, Town Centre Park Upgrades and the New Forest High School (see attached for details).
- It was confirmed that Phil Jemison will be attending future Advisory Committee meetings as a representative from Council's Strategic and Place Planning team and will provide updates on planning and related matters for the State Park.
- Questions were raised around water quality and Environmental matters and controls and the studies supporting proposed developments and road upgrades.
- Frenchs Forest Precinct or Beaches Link were suggested as an option to obtain the water quality baseline study required.

ACTION

- Council to provide the Advisory Committee with access to the Frenchs Forest Town Centre project's technical and strategic documents (particularly about Water Quality matters) that have relevance to the State Park prior to the next Advisory Committee meeting
- Council to provide the Advisory Committee with an update on the Frenchs Forest Town Centre project particularly Water Quality matters at the next Advisory Committee meeting

8.3 ANZAC Day Ceremony

- Council was thanked for the ANZAC Day Ceremony.

8.4 181 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights

- Ann Collins gave an overview of her understanding of the legal and other decisions made in regard 181 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights. The Advisory Committee commented that Council and not the Community Representative should have provided this information.
- Questions were raised about how the Advisory Committee could be better informed about relevant DAs.

ACTION

- Council to investigate the possibility of referring to the Advisory Committee all relevant Development Applications to the Advisory Committee.

8.5 Catchment Management Plan

- It was requested that Council consider developing a Catchment Management Plan to assist with the management of environmental matters for the State Park.

ACTION

- Council to investigate the request to develop a Catchment Management Plan.

The meeting concluded at 8.20pm.

**This is the final page of the Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park
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