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## **MINUTES**

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

**Held at Civic Centre, 725 Pittwater Road, Dee Why in the Flannel Flower room on**

Monday 24 April 2023

Beginning at 5:00pm

**Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday 24 April 2023 commencing at 5:00pm.**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Committee Members**

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| Cr Kristyn Glanville | Northern Beaches Council - Council Representative                       |
| David Beharrell      | Community Member - Environment Representative                           |
| Paul Lidgard         | Community Member - Recreational Representative                          |
| Robert Baker         | Community Member – Rate Payer / Community Representative                |
| Mel Hall             | NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service - State Government Representative |

**Council Officers**

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| Steven Lawler   | Executive Manager, Parks & Recreation      |
| Damian Ham      | Manager, Open Space & Recreation Planning  |
| Chris Buckley   | Coordinator, Manly Dam & Stony Range       |
| Jessica Currie  | Coordinator, Recreation Planning           |
| Kelly Lynch     | Acting Manager, Strategic & Place Planning |
| Ben Fallowfield | Manager, Coast & Catchments                |
| Phil Devon      | Manager, Transport Network                 |
| Vicki Hart      | Transport Project Officer                  |

**Apologies**

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| Chad Weston  | NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service - State Government Representative                       |
| Stan Rees    | Department of Planning, Industry & Environment, Crown Lands – State Government Representative |
| Jeremy Smith | Manager, Park Assets - Planning Design & Delivery   |
| Chris Munro  | Manager, Bushland & Biodiversity  |

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**2. APOLOGIES**

**3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

- Mr. Lidgard is a member of Trail Care and Manly Warringah District Baseball Association.

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

- Mr. Lawler proposed some formatting changes to the draft minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting held 7 November 2022 to the members present who attended this meeting (Cr Glanville, Mel Hall and David Beharrell). No objections were received to the proposed changes and the minutes were adopted.
- Mr. Lawler put forward the proposed meeting dates and times for 2023. A discussion was had about the meeting time - 5pm to 7pm with an extension till 7.30pm when required. Mr. Baker requested that information about matters for discussion be distributed prior to meetings.

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

- The actions log from previous Advisory Committee meetings and actions log for the Plan of Management (2014) will be made available to members via an online platform.
- Mr. Beharrell requested the action logs to be provided prior to meetings.

**ACTION**

- That Council distribute to the Advisory Committee the online version of the actions log from previous Advisory Committee meetings and the actions log for the Manly Warringah War Memorial Park Plan of Management (2014).

**6. AGENDA ITEMS**

**6.1 Planning Matters**

- Ms. Lynch provided an update on the Conservation Zones Review project. Link to project page <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/planning-ezones>
- Staff are reviewing the potential impacts on Manly Dam with a view to ensuring that the community and recreational activities held at the Manly Dam such as water skiing remain permissible. Mr. Ham said that there were the entire range of community and recreation activities held at Manly Dam that need to remain permissible.
- Members raised some questions about the project including about consultation.

**ACTION**

- That Council provide the Advisory Committee with updates on the Conservation Zones Review Project.

**6.2 Pipeline Active Transport Corridor Concept**

- Mr. Devon and Ms. Hart provided an overview of the Pipeline Active Transport Corridor Project along with a PowerPoint presentation.
- A new shared path is planned to be developed over several years from Beacon Hill to St Ives. The route is divided into 8 sections.
- The Advisory Committee were provided with details of the Manly Dam section (section 7). This section starts at Allambie Road and follows the Sydney Water pipeline (north of Manly Dam) to the Wakehurst Parkway bridge and is 1450m in length. The path is proposed to be a 3m wide concrete path with a 1m sandstone edging. A draft Review of Environmental Factors (REF) is currently being prepared.
- Matters raised by the Advisory Committee; permeability of the new surface, vegetation loss, vegetation planting, green and blue infrastructure, concept looks 'brutalist', bio-swales, water

sensitive urban design, sympathetic design, loss of and impacts on Duffys Forest Ecological Community, access for people over and under the pipe (Mr. Buckley), mitigation measures for impacts, bike jumps may be problematic on this path, loss of a well-used and popular bike trail. The Project Group will consider these matters.

- The draft REF will be made available to the committee (and the broader community) during the consultation period planned for June / July 2023
- Discussed managing water flows and the limits this poses for the path design
- Sydney Water does not support infrastructure over or under their pipeline infrastructure
- Some bike 'jumps' are being considered

## **ACTION**

- That Council provides the Advisory Committee with copies of the draft Review of Environmental Factors and draft plans for the Manly Dam section 7 and updates at key on this project.
- The proposal to take into consideration water sensitive urban design (WSUD) and be concurrent with Council's policies and guidelines.
- The team preparing the REF to investigate the impact that water running over concrete has on water quality including PH levels.

### **6.3 Grants and Capital Works**

- Mr. Lawler provided an update on the following projects
- Boardwalk Project – the procurement of a contractor for the works is continuing. For more information about this project see <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/manly-dam-link-trail>
- Memorial Shelter Project - a grant has been secured for this project. The Manly Warringah War Memorial Remembrance Trust are being consulted on the design. The draft designs will be provided to the Advisory Committee for comment when available.
- Mountain Bike Trail Major Upgrade – Advisory Committee members will be invited to participate on a working group for this project that also includes representatives from rider groups and the Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee.
- Council's Draft Delivery Program 2023-2027 is currently on public exhibition for community feedback from 21/4/23 to 21/5/23 <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/delivery-program-2023-2027>

### **6.4 Policies, Strategies and Community Engagement**

- Ms. Currie provided an update on [Council's Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Strategy and Action Plan 2022](#)
- The Strategy was adopted by Council in December 2022 and includes a range of actions for Manly Dam. These actions will be included in the online Action log for the Advisory Committee's information.

### **6.5 Water Quality Matters**

- Mr. Buckley provided an update on water quality matters for Manly Dam.
- Members raised some questions about water quality matters including algal blooms freshwater invertebrates and the UTS project.
- Water quality test results for the lake from the last quarter were within 'normal' limits and the lake remained open.
- Council has engaged UTS to undertake a water quality study into nutrient inputs to Manly Dam to better understand risks (such as algal blooms) from development in the catchment and changes overtime. It is planned that the draft final report is presented by UTS to the Advisory Committee in

July / August 2023.

- A question was raised about a water catchment plan – Mr Fallowfield said a catchment plan is underway and will provide the Advisory Committee with updates

## **ACTION**

- That the draft UTS water quality project report 2023 is presented to the Advisory Committee when available.
- That Council provides the Advisory Committee with an update on water catchment planning at the next meeting.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Guest Speaker Requests**

- The Advisory Committee discussed guest speakers attending meetings. There was no objection from the members.

### **7.2 Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule**

- Ordinary Meetings
  - Monday, 24 April 2023
  - Monday, 17 July 2023
  - Monday, 18 September 2023
  - Monday, 20 November 2023

### **7.3 Manly Dam Site Visit**

- It is planned to meet on-site to discuss current capital projects such as the boardwalk and the memorial shelter projects. A June / July 2023 date (prior to the next meeting) was preferred by members.

### **7.4 Water-Skiing**

- Mr Beharrell raised several matters and considered them unresolved about water-skiing at Manly Dam including regarding the August 2023 resolution of Council such as the annual review of use, stakeholder involvement in decisions / actions and that the signs recently installed along the lake's edge may not be accurate, other stakeholders need to be consulted, justification for the staff recommendations to retain existing hours, actions in response to the Council resolution, e.g. fees, use by others when no/low use for skiing, creation of channel for others to use. Cr. Glanville also commented on water skiing matters. Mr. Lawler and Mr. Ham provided verbal responses.

## **ACTION**

- That Council review the accuracy of the new signs recently installed along the Manly Dam lake edge and update these signs as required.

### **7.5 Terms of Reference**

- Mr. Beharrell raised the matter of the Advisory Committee making submissions to Council and support for writing these submissions. Mr. Ham gave an overview of the Terms of Reference and highlighted that the committee has an advisory role and no decision making authority. Nonetheless, Council would consider submissions, feedback and input from the Advisory Committee on a case-by-case manner. Also, the Parks & Recreation team provide support for this committee – though this may not include drafting detailed submissions.

### **7.6 Hazard Reduction Burns**

- Members raised questions about the outcome of the recent burns and about the suitability of the materials used for boardwalks at Manly Dam. Mr Buckley advised that the recent burns were conducted successfully by the RFS though one burn did have some control issues that were managed. The impact of fires is considered when selecting materials for infrastructure such as

boardwalks.

#### **7.7 Dogs**

- Mr. Baker said he observed on a recent weekend staff informing four people of the rules about dogs at Manly Dam.
- Mr. Beharrell has observed an increasing number of dogs off-leash at Manly Dam. Cr Glanville indicated that compliance matters are dealt with by the Environmental Compliance team – additional patrols are needed. Ms Hall indicated there has been an increase in dogs and dog activities in parks since COVID-19 – also there are concerns about dog safety when there is fox baiting. Mr Buckley advised that warning signs about fox baiting are installed and closures put in place for dogs during this time.

#### **ACTION**

- That Council's Environmental Compliance team are requested to consider additional patrols at Manly Dam to assist with the enforcement of rules related to dogs.

#### **7.8 ANZAC Day**

- Members have been sent invitations to attend the 2023 ANZAC Day ceremony at Manly Dam

#### **7.9 Next meeting to be held on Monday 17 July 2023**

**The meeting concluded at 7.30pm.**

**This is the final page of the Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday 24 April 2023.**