

MINUTES

MANLY WARRINGAH WAR MEMORIAL STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Civic Centre, 725 Pittwater Road, Dee Why in the Banksia room on

Monday 19 February 2024

Beginning at 5:00pm

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Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday 19 February 2024 commencing at 5:00pm

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members

Cr Kristyn Glanville Northern Beaches Council - Council Representative

Community Members

David Beharrell Environment Representative

Paul Lidgard Recreational Representative

Robert Baker Community Representative

State Government Representatives

Mel Hall NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service (Apology)

Council Officers

Jeremy Smith Acting Executive Manager Parks & Recreation (Chair)

Damian Ham Manager, Open Space & Recreation Planning

Chris Buckley Coordinator, Manly Dam & Stony Range

Scott van Trienen Asset Management Officer (Microsoft Teams)

Phil Devon Manager, Transport Network

Phil Jemison Manager, Strategic & Place Planning (Microsoft Teams)

Brendan Smith Acting Manager, Bushland & Biodiversity

Ben Fallowfield Manager, Coast & Catchments

Patrick Stuart Team Leader, Floodplain Planning & Response

Tash Mitrevska Manager, Environmental Health (Microsoft Teams)

Max Payne Team Leader Environmental Health (Microsoft Teams)

Quorum

At least half the total of members is present including the Chair.

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2.0 WELCOME

3.0 APOLOGIES

- Mel Hall - NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service
- NSW Department of Planning & Environment Representative – Crown Lands

ACTION

- Staff have written to the Department of Planning & Environment requesting a representative for the Advisory Committee.

4.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

- N/A

5.0 AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Question on Notice: Provide the Advisory Committee with an update on managing water levels in the dam including during flooding.

- Patrick Stuart provided an overview of how the structure and water levels are managed by Council and Sydney Water. The normal operating water level for the dam is 1.7m below the dam height level (spillway level). During a flood/rain event, Council and Sydney Water valves are manually opened as pre-set dam water levels.
- Cr Glanville raised questions around the environmental impacts and Ben Fallowfield confirmed that Sydney Water undertakes an assessment for upstream and downstream approximately every 5 years and a report is issued on the findings. Staff to review the most recent Sydney Water Report and to provide available details to the Advisory Committee.

ACTION

- Staff to review the most recent Sydney Water Report related to Manly Dam and to provide available details to the Advisory Committee.

5.2 Water Quality Matters

Pollution incident at the Madison Way, Allambie Heights

- Tash Mitrevska & Max Payne from Environmental Health attended to provide an update on this matter. Tash confirmed that the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) was contacted by Council regarding this matter as soon as it was brought to Council's attention.
- The EPA is the agency responsible for investigating this matter and if appropriate to take regulatory action. Their investigation is ongoing and are working closely with the site contractor to improve their controls. The contractor has acknowledged the incident and that the site requires better management and will look for solutions working with Council and the EPA.
- Council will continue to monitor the situation and remain in contact with the EPA and contractor.
- Ben Fallowfield also advised that staff have been going to site after each rain event since this incident and have observed that the water that is heavily laden

with fine sediments and it is flowing into the adjacent stormwater lines. Water Quality is measured and the results are not as positive as Council would like and due to the nature of it this is likely an ongoing event.


- Cr Glanville raised further questions and concerns around what controls are in place and if they cater for a 1 in 1000 year storm event; if the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) have a compliance role here, is the contractor in breach of the DA.
- Cr Glanville thanked the team for the work they have done around the testing and collecting of data.
- Further questions were raised around what else can be done to escalate this matter and to have work on site stopped.
- It was agreed that Council would write to DPI to make them aware of the situation and consider if work should be stopped especially with the rain forecast.
- Council will continue to escalate this matter to Local MPs and Councillors on behalf of the Advisory Committee.
- The Advisory Committee is also to be kept informed of updates and indicated an interest in attending a site visit with the Coast & Catchments.
- It was also reiterated that Council is doing everything possible within the right channels however Council needs to wait until the EPA have finished their investigation and reported back before considering any action. The EPA remains the main point of contact for this incident info@epa.nsw.gov.au.

ACTION

- Council to write to NSW Department of Primary Industries, on behalf of the Advisory Committee, to make them aware of this pollution incident at Allambie Heights and to give consideration to more appropriate controls including stopping works during rain.
- Council to escalate this matter to local Members of the NSW Parliament and Councillors on behalf of the Advisory Committee.
- The Advisory Committee to be kept informed of updates on this pollution incident.
- Council's Coast and Catchments team to liaise with the Advisory Committee members about opportunities to attend a site visit related to this pollution incident.





5.3 Planning and Compliance Matters Update including Frenchs Forest High

- Phil Jemison provided an update on the Forest High School (a State Significant Development) and an update on recent Development Applications for the Frenchs Forest Precinct.



Forest High School (SSD)

Fast facts

 Commencement Late 2023	 Forecast completion Mid 2025
 Architect Architectus	 Design Consultant ADCO Constructions Ptd Ltd

CURRENT WORKS:
INITIAL WORKS ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE HAVE INCLUDED SITE CLEARING, INSTALLATION OF TIMBER AND ACOUSTIC HOARDINGS, BULK EXCAVATION WORKS, INSTALLATION OF IN GROUND SERVICES, SUCH AS WATER AND ELECTRICITY AND PILING WORKS.



Frenchs Forest PS – DA Update

1, 3 & 5 BLUEGUM CRS, 142 FRENCHS FOREST ROAD WEST
44 APARTMENTS (APPROVED 27 MARCH 2023)

VARIOUS KARINGAL CRS PROPERTIES
10 SEMI DETACHED DWELLINGS (APPROVED LATE 2023)

2 – 4 GLADYS AVE
28 APARTMENTS (LODGED DECEMBER 2023 – UNDER ASSESSMENT)

106 FRENCHS FOREST ROAD WEST
40 APARTMENTS (AWAITING APPLICATION FEE)

- Council are planning to lodge a detailed submission to the State Government regarding NSW Government's Changes to Create Low and Mid-Rise Housing and are planning to seek Council endorsement of this submission at the next Council meeting on 27 February 2024 and if approved to make the submission in March 2024. Phil said he would attend the next meeting to provide an update on this.
- Cr Glanville raised the question if a DA for carpark was previously approved and is it encroaching on the APZ catchment. Brendan indicated that this matter for 181 Allambie Road was dealt with in the Courts in 2020 – there were some historical arrangements in place related to APZs within the adjoining Manly Dam boundary.

ACTION

- Phil Jemison to provide an update to the Advisory Committee at the next meeting regarding the submission to the State Government regarding Changes to Create Low and Mid-Rise Housing

5.4 Catchment Management Plan Update

- Ben Fallowfield provided an update on the Catchment Management Plan project via the following snapshot and outlined the steps and methodology noting that further updates will be available in 6 months. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

Project Background

Aim

- Prepare a 10-year plan for catchment and creek rehabilitation works to support project-specific goals and objectives to guide design, implementation and monitoring of each project

Objectives

- Assess environmental condition of creeks/ catchments / riparian areas
- Identify areas of concern and Council owned assets
- Give clear direction to prioritise works
- Develop future works program over 10-year period for future resource and funding planning

Aim & Objectives

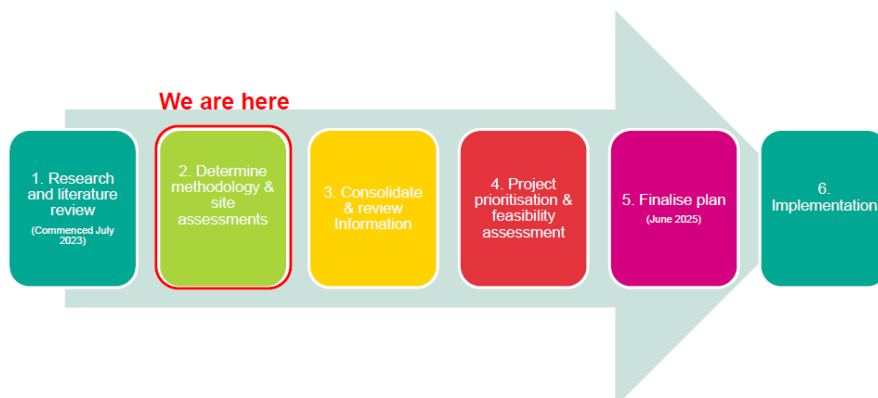
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Project Phases



- The plan is broad covering the whole LGA and it will then be broken down into priority areas. Flora and fauna is included in this research.
- Cr Glanville raised questions about the climbing galaxia and how are we consulting with the community including Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee. Their involvement would be very beneficial and also around community groups being involved, a bush regeneration project would be perfect opportunity for the school.
- David Beharrell to speak with Ben Fallowfield regarding this project further, as Manly Dam is a priority catchment. David indicated concern that the broad scope of the project may mean that the timelines are very long and the Advisory Committee has for some years been advocating for Manly Dam as the priority catchment. David asked that this Advisory Committee feedback on the catchment plan be provided to Director, Environment & Sustainability and a request that Manly Dam be the priority catchment.

ACTION

- Council to provide the Advisory Committee with regular updates on the Catchment Management Plan project including at the next meeting.
- David Beharrell to speak with Ben Fallowfield regarding this project, as Manly Dam is a priority catchment.

5.5 Pipeline Active Transport Corridor Project Update

- Phil Devon provided an update of this project and including that a contamination report has been received and the findings are being evaluated.
- There was some discussion about lead and asbestos. Phil indicated that lead from paint is a contaminant found and asbestos has been located in only trace amounts in some locations.

ACTION

- Council to provide the Advisory Committee with regular updates on the Pipeline Active Transport Corridor Project when information is available.

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- The minutes from the meeting held on 4 December 2024 were adopted
- A couple of points were raised, some for further follow up/action;
 - Inform the advisory Committee when the new lake signs are installed.
 - Signs to be installed when using baits about keeping dog on lead / away. Chris said these signs are installed only when baits are used.
 - A suggestion was made about holding a dog education event similar to the recent successful one at Great Mackerel Beach.
 - Aquatic Reserve contamination report – Jeremy Smith provided an overview of the findings.
 - Jeremy Smith gave an overview of the recently adopted the [Tree Canopy Plan](#)

ACTIONS:

- Council to confirm the representative for Crown Lands.
- Send the UTS draft Water Quality Report to the Advisory Committee

- Investigate options to encourage better dog etiquette and compliance with the regulations related to dogs at Manly Dam

7.0 STANDING ITEMS

7.1 Grants and Capital Works

Mountain Bike Trail Upgrade Project

- Scott van Trienen provided an update on the project including:
 - 19th Hole the new alignment has been established however weather has impacted some of the progression.
 - Manning Street is on hold as it is under review by the NSW State Heritage Office. Cr Glanville noted that the SMDCC are unhappy with the alignment regarding the potential undesirable impacts especially on the wildlife and the flora.
 - The Wakehurst Entry Staff are working on the pre-design phase focussing on the shared zone (bikes and vehicles) with consideration of speed bumps, crossing etc.
 - The Fire Trail decent is going through an REF checklist guide on how we proceed.
- Robert Baker asked if the Advisory Committee can be provided will an overall program of works for this project and information about how it aligns with the current and previous trail audits and the PoM. Should the REFs continue to be done on individual sections? Jeremy Smith said that a presentation on this matter would be provided to the Advisory Committee.
- Condover Reserve – the unauthorised bike jumps at Condover Reserve will be removed within the next few weeks. The Advisory Committee asked if checks could be done periodically to minimise future unauthorised jumps / trials as this took some time to build.
- Other unauthorised jumps near Curl Curl walking track have been removed twice. Chris Buckley said Total Earth Care have been engaged to regenerate this area.

ACTION

- Council to present to the Advisory Committee a review of the mountain bike trail project when relevant information is available.

Boardwalk Project

- Jeremy Smith confirmed that preliminary works have commenced.

Memorial Shelter Project

- Jeremy Smith provided an update – works are due to commence this month and may be completed by ANZAC Day.

7.2 Community Use Matters

- David Beharrell asked for an update on the following items:
 - Safe passage corridor on the lake. Chris Buckley confirmed he is still waiting for Maritime NSW to respond and it was agreed Chris would follow this up as a priority.
 - Community use when no water skiing. Chris Buckley confirmed a tally is currently being kept on boats using the lake. Jeremy Smith indicated that this matter has recently gone to Council and is not considered a priority however

Chris will provide a presentation on the data when available to the Advisory Committee.

- Chris Buckley said the lake mixer will be installed in the coming weeks and that turning the mixer on may create an initial algal bloom due to the mixing of water temperatures and oxygen and PH levels however starting the mixing off in a cooler month would limit this.
- Kayak lake entry point – staff looking at options for locating an accessible entry into the lake.

ACTION

- Chris Buckley to escalate the matter of a Safe Passage Corridor on the lake with Maritime NSW.
- Council to provide a presentation on the data collected about boats on the lake for water skiing when the information is available.

7.3 Policies, Strategies and Community Engagement Matters

- Damian Ham updated briefly on the Plans of Management (PoM) and that a generic PoM parks and sportsgrounds project will commence in 24/25.
- Jeremy indicated that the Manly Dam PoM is proposed to remain a site-specific PoM given the State heritage listing and the range of site-specific matters relevant to the planning and management of Manly Dam. In response to questions raised by the Advisory Committee the review of the Manly Dam PoM is not a current priority. Current priorities include the generic PoM project as well as these PoMs underway for Mona Vale beach (southern end), Governor Phillip Park, Seaforth Oval, Hudson Parade, Deep Creek Reserve.

7.4 Update on the Electricity Easement works by Ausgrid

- David Beharrell raised this item and that these works are not visually appealing and a better outcome is required if possible.

8.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Next Meetings

Monday, 20 May 2024	5pm - 7pm
Monday, 5 August 2024	5pm - 7pm
Monday, 25 November 2024	5pm - 7pm

8.2 Notice of Motion – Sydney Water Land next to Manly Dam

FOR ACTION	
ORDINARY COUNCIL	19/12/2023

Subject:	Notice of Motion No 35/2023 - Sydney Water Land next to Manly Dam
Target Date:	13/02/2024
Notes:	This resolution includes a direction that a letter be sent to Ministers. See part (2) of the resolution for more information. Please provide the draft letter to the (Mayor/CEO) for signing, within 3 days of the Council meeting on Friday 22 December.
TRIM Reference	C004529 2023/804860

373/23 RESOLVED

Cr Glanville / Cr Menano-Pires

That Council:

1. Note that the community has waited since 2016 for the inclusion of Sydney Water Lot 1 DP 710023 into Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park (commonly known as Manly Dam).
2. Write to the Hon Rose Jackson MLC, Minister for Water, requesting her intervention to have the allotment incorporated into Manly Dam.
3. Write to Roch Cheroux, Managing Director Sydney Water, requesting that the allotment be incorporated into Manly Dam.
4. Request the Minister for Water and Managing Director Sydney Water meet the Mayor and Council's officers to facilitate incorporating the allotment into Manly Dam at the earliest opportunity.

VOTING

FOR: Cr Glanville, Cr Grattan, Cr Bingham, Cr Korzy, Cr Gencher, Cr Page, Cr Heins, Cr Ryburn, Cr Robins, Cr Menano-Pires, Cr Regan and Cr Walton

AGAINST: Cr De Luca, Cr Sprott and Cr Crvelin

CARRIED

- Damian Ham addressed this matter briefly. The Advisory Committee will be kept up to date on this matter.

8.3 Scope of Committee / Request for Standing Item: Operational Matters

- This item was raised by David Beharrell prior to the meeting and was not discussed.

The meeting concluded at 6.58pm.

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