

Minutes

Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee Meeting

Held on Monday 20 May 2024 at Civic Centre, 725 Pittwater Road, Dee Why in the Flannel Flower Room 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

Council Officers

Jeremy Smith A/Executive Manager Parks & Recreation (Chair)

Damian Ham Manager, Open Space & Recreation Planning

Chris Buckley Coordinator Parks, Manly Dam & Stony Range

Jessica Currie Coordinator Recreation Planning

Jodie Crawford Manager, Coast & Catchments

Tash Mitrevska Manager, Environmental Health

Max Payne Team Leader, Environmental Health

Guests

Dr Mitrovic Professor of Freshwater Ecology, School of Life Sciences
University of Technology Sydney

Apologies

Paul Harper Crown Lands - Department of Planning & Environment

Brendan Smith Acting Manager, Bushland & Biodiversity

Phil Jemison Manager, Strategic & Place Planning

Phil Devon Manager, Transport Network

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2.0 WELCOME

- Welcome to Paul Harper our new member from Crown Lands

3.0 APOLOGIES

- Paul Harper - Crown Lands - Department of Planning & Environment
- Brendan Smith - Acting Manager, Bushland & Biodiversity
- Phil Jemison - Manager, Strategic & Place Planning
- Phil Devon - Manager, Transport Network

4.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

- None

4.1 Water Quality Matters

4.1.1 Pollution Incident

- Tash Mitrevska provided an update on the recent Allambie Heights pollution incident (the pollution incident) on the Department of Education French Forest High School Development Site (the site), outlining the following:

Council staff and Michael Regan MP met with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) on 24 April 2024 where they further discussed this matter including timeframes and the ongoing investigations. EPA requested an onsite meeting which occurred on Friday 3 May 2024.

Council's Environmental Health and Coast and Catchment teams met at the site with the EPA, the NSW Department of Planning's Compliance team, Schools Infrastructure NSW and ADCO the Department's contractor (the contractor).

The challenges facing the management of sediment and erosion control at the site was discussed, with the contractor sharing updates on measures they have undertaken, such as installing piping to carry stormwater through the western area of the site without picking up sediment.

The contractor also shared the difficulties they have faced with managing controls during recent rain events, leading to basins exceeding their capacity and overflow occurring. The contractor said they would like to discuss with Council and the EPA potential ways of managing sediment that has escaped the site and entered the Madison Way Basin.

Today, 20 May 2024 an update was received from the EPA regarding the actions that the contractor has undertaken since February 2024 at the site including:

- Increased the capacity of the existing sediment basins onsite to increase holding capacity.
- Installed an additional third sediment basin on the site to capture and hold stormwater.
- Installed diversion works to reduce the amount of stormwater entering the site from upstream (from Aquatic Drive).
- Bunded the site building platforms to increase water retention capacity across site.
- Added resources to maintain erosion controls post significant rain events.
- Placed tertiary sediment controls to all drain inlets.

Additionally the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, who enforce the conditions of the school's development consent, is presently undertaking a review of the sediment controls at the site to determine their suitability and effectiveness.

In terms of the EPA's response, they are continuing to investigate this matter, and they anticipate that the report will be finalised in coming weeks.

It was confirmed that Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries are not going to consider further investigation of the impacts to the Climbing Galaxia species.

- Cr Glanville followed up on the escalation of the remediation of the site and the contamination that occurred. Tash confirmed they are looking at options including remediating this area and the Madison Way Basin but they do not have any further information to provide at this time.
- David Beharrell asked if they have actually fixed the cause of pollution to ensure that it does not continue and how this will be monitored on an ongoing basis, it was confirmed that staff will provide an update.
- The Advisory Committee would like to visit the site. Jodie Crawford confirmed that she would arrange this on Council land. Council can't provide access to the high school site as it is not Council land.
- Council continues to liaise with the EPA.

ACTION

- Council to update the Advisory Committee on the pollution incident including; causes, actions, monitoring and remediation and information about how to ensure this does not continue.
- Council to arrange a site visit for the Advisory Committee on Council land that has been impacted.

4.1.2 Manly Dam Final Report, Quantifying nutrient inputs from the catchment, University of Technology Sydney

- Dr Mitrovic presented an overview of the findings and recommendations of the catchment study undertaken by the University of Technology Sydney for Council.
- The presentation will be distributed to the Advisory Committee.
- Council is yet to determine how to implement the actions from the study. It was agreed that staff including the Coast and Catchments team would meet to establish the next steps.
- Mel Hall asked how we liaise with Sydney Water. It was confirmed Council has a strong relationship with Sydney Water e.g. for the management of the water levels in the lake.
- Cr Glanville asked if we have provided this report to the EPA to assist in their investigation into the pollution from the high school construction site. It was agreed that staff would make the EPA and Department of Planning aware of report and investigate opportunities for funding assistance for actions from the study.
- Cr Glanville thanked everyone for their work on this project.

ACTION:

- Dr Mitrovic's presentation to be distributed to the Advisory Committee.

- Staff including the Coast and Catchments team to establish the next steps for implementing actions from the study and report back to the Advisory Committee.
- Staff to make the EPA and Department of Planning aware of the study and investigate opportunities for their assistance for actions.

4.1.3 Water Quality General Matters

- Council's Catchment Plan project was discussed briefly noting again that this is a Northern Beaches wide project.
- The Catchment Plan's actions will be prioritised in alignment with grant and Council funding. Public consultation of the draft plan is anticipated before June 2025. The Committee requested that a stand-alone Catchment Plan for Manly Dam as a first priority to be submitted as feedback on behalf of the Advisory Committee once requests for comments is open.
- It was agreed that the Advisory Committee will receive regular updates via a Standing Item. Staff to provide a project brief update at the next meeting.

ACTION:

- The Advisory Committee to receive regular updates about the Catchment Plan project via a Standing Item.
- Council to provide a project brief update on the Catchment Plan at the next meeting.
- Council to consider the Advisory Committee request that there is a stand-alone Catchment Plan for Manly Dam.

5.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting held 19 February 2024 were adopted.

6.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS & PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

- The list of open actions was discussed.
- Damian Ham presented an overview on waterskiing at Manly Dam and there was some discussion around the details. A copy of the presentation will be provided to the committee and usage statistics added to the shared spreadsheet. 2024/365421
- Advisory Committee to look at a way to work with the Waterski Club about more equitable use of the lake.
- The proposal for a corridor for non-powered watercraft and swimmers through the waterski / power boat zone (during the approved waterski times) was discussed. A risk assessment has been undertaken by Council – the safety risk (of collisions) with no controls is deemed to be severe and the residual safety risk (of collisions) with controls in place is deemed to be high. Council has a cautious risk appetite for safety risks and this high level of risk is not acceptable and the proposal for a corridor is not supported.

ACTION:

- The waterskiing presentation to be distributed to the Advisory Committee
- Waterskiing statistics to be added to the shared spreadsheet

6.1 Standing Items:

6.1.1 Planning Matters

6.1.2 It was agreed to add relevant DA information onto shared spreadsheet

6.1.3 Pipeline Active Transport Corridor Project update (No update available)

6.1.4 Grants and Capital Works

▪ Mountain Bike Trail Upgrade Project

- A contract has been awarded for the pedestrian / rider works at the Wakehurst golf course entry to improve safety.
 - Manning Street bike trail section upgrade, Heritage Council NSW requested that Council provide details of the proposed works for their review. Council have submitted a response that these works are in keeping with the PoM, the State Heritage listing and exemptions and will improve safety. Council is awaiting a response before commencing works.
 - 9th hole works have been delayed by the rain
 - It was noted that the remaining (unspent) budget for this project has been rolled over to the next financial year 24/25.
- Walking trails budget for Manly Dam 24/25 is limited to maintenance. Jeremy noted the Recreational Trail Renewal Program

Maintenance Schedule

- A review has been undertaken about the management / maintenance of all of Council's parks including Manly Dam. This includes the review of reactive and planned maintenance, inspections, opening / closing of trails due to weather. The Advisory Committee will be informed of the outcome for Manly Dam.

▪ Boardwalk Project

- This project is in progress with work on site to commence in May.

▪ Memorial Shelter Project

- The Memorial Shelter is complete, the Advisory Committee will be consulted on the artwork.

▪ Projects in areas adjoining the State Park

- Brick Pit Reserve upgrade (this reserve is not within the State Park) upgrade. This project has been planned for some time as part of the French Forest Place Strategy. The project is supported by a NSW government grant. The project includes upgrades to existing stormwater infrastructure. More details are available on Council's website.

▪ Dirt Art Audit, Manly Dam Mountain Bike Trail 2021

- Jessica Currie presented an overview of the proposed improvements to the mountain bike trail at Manly Dam arising from Council's assessment of the Dirt Art Audit 2021, other research and rider / staff feedback.
- It was reconfirmed that this audit provides recommendations and options for improvements to the mountain bike trail some of which are aspirational and not in keeping with the Manly Dam Plan of Management 2014 (PoM). Council has considered those recommendations and options in keeping with the PoM in light of available resources.

- It was agreed that a map for the current mountain bike trail project be prepared that shows works completed and works planned.
- A copy of the Dirt Art Audit to be reissued to the Advisory Committee.
- It was agreed that a further meeting / discussion to be held to about the mountain bike trail project and future works.
- It was agreed that Staff would update Council's website for the current mountain bike trail project to include a table with completed, current and planned works and status.

ACTION:

- Staff to send a copy of the Dirt Art Audit 2021 to the Advisory Committee.
- Staff to update Council's webpage for the current mountain bike trail project with a table that shows completed, current and planned works and status.
- Staff to prepare a map for the current mountain bike trail project that shows works completed and works planned.
- An Advisory Committee meeting or discussion to be held about the mountain bike trail at Manly Dam including the current project, audits and future actions.

6.1.5 Crown Reserve Land Categories Project update

- Jessica Currie gave a presentation about the Crown Reserve Land Categories Project and the land categories for Manly Dam that were endorsed by Council 14 May 2024. Jessica provided an overview of how the Advisory Committee were consulted and how their input was considered. The endorsed land categories for Manly Dam will now go to the NSW government for approval. The document presented by Jessica to be provided to the Advisory Committee.

ACTION:

- The Crown Reserve Land Categories Project presentation to be provided to the Advisory Committee

6.1.6 Policies, Strategies and Community Engagement Matters

- Draft Northern Beaches Local Environment Plan (LEP) going to Council on 17 June 2024

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Future correspondence to be sent to Damian Ham
- Next Meetings

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

Meeting concluded at 7.25pm

This is the final page of the Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 May 2024.