






## **Appendix A**

### **Built Assets, Current Condition and Use**

### Built Assets - Current Condition and Use

Location & Item	Materials	Current Condition	Photographs
<b>Park Office/Depot (Use: park management, maintenance and administration)</b>			
<b>Office Building</b>	Brick building flat roof	<b>Good.</b>	
<b>Picnic Table</b>	Timber table and benches; treated timber roof frame with shade cloth cladding.	<b>Poor</b> though serviceable; shade cloth coming away from timber frame.	
<b>Storage shed</b>	Timber framed corrugated metal clad shed	<b>Adequate to poor</b> no lock on doors.	
<b>Car park with shade cloth canopy to cover 3 spaces</b>	Asphaltic concrete; shade cloth	<b>Adequate</b> though some pot holing in surface.	
<b>Storage building with loading docks (x2)</b>	Brick building; flat roof	<b>Adequate</b> some erosion of bricks in wall on western end below floor level.	
<b>Aviary</b>	Timber framed; clad with chain wire, shade cloth, tarpaulin and chicken wire mesh	<b>Poor</b> though serviceable.	
<b>Storage enclosures</b>	Concrete walls and base	<b>Good</b>	
<b>Potting tables (x2)</b>	Metal frame; weld mesh top	<b>Adequate</b> rusted metal frame (x1).	
<b>Garage</b>	Metal framed building; sheet metal cladding; metal roller doors (x4)	<b>Adequate</b> some rust at ground level.	
<b>Carport</b>	Metal frame; sheet metal cladding to 1½ sides; sheet metal roof; concrete slab floor	<b>Adequate</b> some rust in frame.	
<b>Water tank</b>	Plastic	<b>Good</b>	
<b>Potting tables (x2) and laundry sink</b>	Metal	<b>Adequate</b> some rust in bench (x1).	
<b>Garage</b>	Metal framed building; sheet metal cladding; metal roller doors (x3)	<b>Adequate</b> some rust at ground level.	
<b>Potting tables</b>	Metal frame; weld mesh top	<b>Good</b>	
<b>Shade house</b>	Metal frame; sheet plastic clad; treated timber base; potting tables; sail cloth canopy with 3 timber posts	<b>Adequate</b>	
<b>Potting tables (x5)</b>	Metal frame; weld mesh top	<b>Good</b>	
<b>Picnic Area 1 (Use: public recreation, enjoyment and education)</b>			
<b>Boat ramp (power boats)</b>	Concrete ramp with asphaltic concrete approach road (x1)	<b>Adequate</b> minor damage to concrete; evidence of erosion adjacent to approach road; evidence of use of foreshore adjacent to concrete ramp to launch boats.	

Location & Item	Materials	Current Condition	Photographs
Boat ramp (power boats) (cont'd)	Metal hooped barriers adjacent to approach road	<b>Adequate</b> – paint chipped off and some pushed from vertical alignment	
<b>Life Buoy</b>	Metal slip rail and treated timber posts	<b>Good</b>	
	Composite timber housing, plastic buoy with rope (x2)	<b>Good</b>	
<b>Car park (at park entry)</b>	Asphaltic concrete with hard wood timber edge boards adjacent to grass and concrete wheel stops; Edged in sections with treated timber logs (large diam) laid on concrete cradles; Metal sliprail and treated timber posts	<b>Good</b>	
<b>Car park (at toilet block)</b>	Asphaltic concrete; With concrete wheel stops; Edged in sections with treated timber logs (large diam) laid on concrete cradles; Metal bollards to separate path from car space	<b>Good</b>	
<b>Car park (near power boat ramp)</b>	Asphaltic concrete	<b>Adequate</b> – some deterioration of road surface (potholing)	
	Edged in sections with treated timber logs (large diam) laid on concrete cradles; Large capacity metal bins; Portion used to store old building materials Edged in sections with old untreated logs	<b>New / good</b>  <b>Adequate to poor</b>	
<b>Bins</b>	Plastic wheelie bins x6 for litter and x1 for recycling (x2 at entry car park and near toilet block)	<b>Adequate</b>	

Location & Item	Materials	Current Condition	Photographs
<b>Toilet block</b>	Brick walls and concrete flat roof with metal gates and concrete floor (x1)	<b>Adequate</b>	
<b>Totem sign with picnic site reference number</b>	Recycled plastic with routed number (Replas) (x10)	<b>New / good</b> (Onsite numbers: 1 and 2; 4 to 8; 11 to 13)	
<b>Large picnic shelter with table and BBQ</b>	Stained timber frame to shelter with powdercoated corrugated metal gabled roof on concrete slab floor; Metal frame with timber slats table and benches (several) (x1)	<b>Good</b> (Onsite numbers: 1)	
<b>Picnic Shelter with table</b>	Stained timber frame to shelter with powdercoated corrugated metal gabled roof on concrete slab floor (Landmark LMK 1925); Metal frame with timber slats table and benches (Landmark LMK 1928); Corrugated metal water tank on timber and concrete block stand (x1)	<b>Good</b> (Onsite numbers: 10)	
<b>Picnic table and benches</b>	Painted timber frame, table top and seats on metal stirrups (no shelter over) (x5)	<b>Adequate / fit for purpose</b> Onsite numbers: 2 (hardwood edge boards below table require minor repair) 4, 7, 8 11	
<b>Picnic table and benches</b>	Painted timber frame, table top and seats on metal stirrups (no shelter over) (x3)	<b>Poor</b> Onsite numbers: 5 (some evidence of wood decay) 12 (wood decay in frame) 13 (some wood decay)	
<b>Picnic platform</b>	Painted timber platform (x1)	<b>Adequate</b>	See photo below







Location & Item	Materials	Current Condition	Photographs
<b>BBQs (wood)</b>	Metal hotplates x2 on concrete base with stone housing (x1)	<b>Adequate</b>	
<b>BBQs (electric)</b>	Metal plates x2 and housing, bagged brick walling on concrete slab (x3)	<b>Good</b> Located with picnic tables @ 1 (some damage to mortar and bricks have been dislodged slightly)	
<b>Steps</b>	Stone steps (x2) Concrete steps (x2)	<b>Adequate</b> <b>Adequate</b>	
<b>Life buoy</b>	Composite timber housing, plastic buoy with rope (x2)	<b>Good</b> though one has frayed rope	
<b>Retaining wall</b>	Large boulders filled behind to retain picnic area and lawn cover around foreshore edge of area 1 (x1)	<b>Good</b> – some erosion behind boulders near table / shelter 28	
	Stone wall (x1)	<b>Good</b> (Located with picnic tables @ 1)	

Location & Item	Materials	Current Condition	Photographs
<b>Signs</b>	<b>Swimming sign (x3)</b> recycled plastic (Replas)	<b>New / good</b>	
	<b>Large information sign showing bike and walking routes (x1)</b> timber frame with corrugated metal barrel roof on stone pad @ base. Timber framed display boards with Perspex covers	<b>Good</b>	
	<b>Information sign with roof (x2)</b> stained timber frame, corrugated metal gabled roof, timber board with Perspex filled wood frame doors on concrete pad	<b>Good</b>	
	<b>Specific information sign (boat ramp) (x1)</b> timber posts and backing boarding with metal signs x5 (4 covered with Perspex) and plastic signs x3	<b>Adequate</b>	
	<b>Specific information sign (lake open) (x1)</b> timber post and backing boarding with metal sign covered with Perspex	<b>Adequate</b>	
	<b>General park information sign (x1)</b> metal with in some cases a Perspex cover	<b>Adequate</b>	



Location & Item	Materials	Current Condition	Photographs
Signs (cont'd)	Traffic sign (x1) timber post with metal signs x2	Poor – evidence of decay or pest attack in post.	
Fencing	Treated timber posts with 1 strand wire rail	Adequate – requires tensioning (Located adjacent to picnic tables @12)	
	Low treated timber post and rail fence includes a temporary barrier of wooden stakes and hessian tie below playground (x1)	Adequate – though damaged in one segment and some graffiti.	
	Painted timber sliprail (x1)	Adequate (Located near picnic tables @ 5)	
	Recycled plastic posts with gal pipe rails x2 @edge of path at entry car park (x1)	New / good	
Playground	Powdercoated aluminium playground with rubber soft fall surface and powdercoated aluminium safety fence to perimeter plus shade cloth sail over metal frame shade canopy. Also includes a painted timber seat with brick edging to soft fall area. (x1)	Good – some paint worn off the equipment plus some graffiti.	
Artworks / feature / memorial	Garden stone wall with power box mounted behind and with sawn stone steps (x1)	Good	
	Carved stone totem poles x3, stone wall edge to crushed stone paved area and stone steps (x1)	Good	

Location & Item	Materials	Current Condition	Photographs
Artworks / feature / memorial (cont'd)	Stone ball on terrazzo paved area edged with sawn stone (x1)	<b>Good</b>	
	Metal flagpole on a stone base (Goldspar) with Australian flag (x1)	<b>Good</b>	
	Cut stone war memorial with polished stone plaques, painted timber edging behind with timber post mounted with power box (x1)	<b>Good</b> – though timber edging behind is in poor condition (aesthetically)	
<b>Picnic Area 2 (Use: public recreation, enjoyment and education)</b>			
Totem sign with picnic site reference number	Recycled plastic with routed number (Replas) (x3)	<b>New / good</b> (Onsite numbers: 16 to 18).	
Picnic table and benches	Recycled plastic frame, table top and seats set on a concrete slab (no shelter over) (x3)	<b>New / good</b>	
BBQs (wood)	Metal hotplate on concrete base with stone surrounds (either as simple edging on three sides as a windbreak or as retaining wall and seating) (x1)	<b>Adequate</b> located with picnic tables @ 17 (some rust on plate).	
Wood storage box	Horizontal treated pine round logs bolted in place (x1)	<b>Adequate</b>	
Steps	Stone steps with mortar joints (x1)	<b>Adequate</b>	







Location & Item	Materials	Current Condition	Photographs
Retaining wall	Low cut stone walling and seats to retain picnic area and lawn cover (x1)	Good	
Signs	Specific information sign (skiing area)(x1) treated pine posts and metal plate sign	Good	
	Totem information sign (x1) recycled plastic (Replas) with plastic disc inserts (x8)	Good	
Life buoy	Composite timber housing, plastic buoy with rope (x1)	Good	
<b>Picnic Area 3 (Use: public recreation, enjoyment and education)</b>			
Boat ramp (non power boats)	Timber slats on treated pine logs with asphaltic concrete approach road (x1)	Adequate	
	Approach road bordered by treated pine log car barriers	Adequate	
	Metal sliprail with timber posts to picnic area (x1)	Adequate	






Location & Item	Materials	Current Condition	Photographs
<b>Car park</b>	Asphaltic concrete	<b>Adequate</b> some deterioration of road surface (potholing).	
	Edged with hardwood sleeper wheel stops	<b>Adequate</b>	
	Bordered by low fencing of treated pine bollards strung with 2 rows of wire on the straight sections	<b>Adequate</b>	
<b>Bins</b>	Plastic wheelie bins x9 for litter (x1)	<b>Adequate</b>	
<b>Toilet block</b>	Brick walls and concrete flat roof on concrete floor (x1)	<b>Adequate</b>	
	Hardwood sleeper retaining walls to planters	<b>Poor</b> large sections have rotted	
<b>Totem sign with picnic site reference number</b>	Recycled plastic with routed number (Replas) (x15)	<b>New / good</b> (Onsite reference numbers: 21 to 33, 37 and 38)	

Location & Item	Materials	Current Condition	Photographs
<b>Picnic Shelter with table</b>	Stained timber frame to shelter with powdercoated corrugated metal gabled roof on concrete slab floor (Landmark LMK 1925); Metal frame with timber slats table and benches (Landmark LMK 1928); Corrugated metal water tank on timber and concrete block stand (x2)	<b>Good</b> Onsite reference numbers: 22 (no handle on tap to water tank) 33 (requires some maintenance to table / benches – some buckling of timber work; no handle on tap to water tank)	
<b>Picnic table and benches</b>	Recycled plastic frame, table top and seats set on a concrete slab (no shelter over) (x5) Painted timber frame, table top and seats on metal stirrups (no shelter over) (x5) Painted timber frame, table top and seats on metal stirrups (no shelter over) (x3)	<b>New / good</b>  <b>Adequate / fit for purpose</b> Onsite reference numbers: 23 (some wood rot), 25, 27, 32, 38 <b>Poor</b> Onsite reference numbers: 21 (wood decay in slates to table and seat) 24 (wood decay on underside of table) 26 (wood decay in one leg)	
<b>BBQs (wood)</b>	Metal hotplate on concrete base with stone surrounds (either as simple edging on three sides as a windbreak or as retaining wall and seating) (x9) Metal hotplate on concrete base with stone surrounds (either as simple edging on three sides as a windbreak or as retaining wall and seating) (x4)	<b>Adequate</b> 2 with some rust on plate.  <b>Poor</b> metal plate either bowed or rusted or uprights rusted in some cases completely through or rock work breaking away.	
<b>Wood storage box</b>	Horizontal treated pine round logs bolted in place (x1)	<b>Adequate</b>	
<b>Steps</b>	Treated pine risers and earth treads (x1)	<b>Adequate</b>	
<b>Life buoy</b>	Composite timber housing, plastic buoy with rope (x2)	<b>Good</b>	

Location & Item	Materials	Current Condition	Photographs
<b>Signs</b>	<b>Swimming signs (x3)</b> recycled plastic (Replas)	<b>New / good</b>	
	<b>Warning sign(x1)</b> – timber frame with timber back board, metal site plan with Perspex cover, Replas boards x2 with plastic disc inserts	<b>Adequate</b> – mix of old and new materials.	
	<b>Specific information sign (boat ramp)</b> (x1) timber post and backing boarding with metal sign and Perspex cover	<b>Adequate</b> though with some flaking of paint on metal sign.	
	<b>General park information signs</b> (x1) metal with in some cases a Perspex cover	<b>Adequate</b> some flaking paint on text board.	
	<b>Totem information sign (x1)</b> recycled plastic (Replas) with plastic disc inserts At tap (x1)	<b>Good</b>  <b>Adequate</b>	



Location & Item	Materials	Current Condition	Photographs
<b>Area 4 (Use: public recreation, enjoyment and education)</b>			
<b>Car park</b>	Asphaltic concrete Edged with hardwood sleeper wheel stops; Bordered by low fencing of treated pine bollards strung with 2 rows of wire; with two sliprails – one chain, the other painted timber	<b>Adequate</b> – some deterioration of road surface	
<b>Bins</b>	Plastic wheelie bins x8 for litter	<b>Adequate</b>	
<b>Toilet block</b>	Brick walls and powdercoated gabled corrugated metal roof on concrete floor (x1)	<b>Adequate</b>	
<b>Totem sign with picnic site reference number</b>	Recycled plastic with routed number (Replas) (x5)	<b>New / good</b>	
<b>Picnic Shelter with table</b>	Stained timber frame to shelter with powdercoated corrugated metal gabled roof on concrete slab floor (Landmark LMK 1925); Metal frame with timber slats table and benches (Landmark LMK 1928); Corrugated metal water tank on timber and concrete block stand (x1)	<b>Good</b> Onsite reference numbers: 39 (leaking tap at tank stand)	
<b>Picnic table and benches</b>	Painted timber frame, table top and seats on metal stirrups (no shelter over) (x5)	<b>Adequate / fit for purpose</b>	
<b>BBQs (wood)</b>	Metal hotplate on concrete base with stone surrounds (either as simple edging on three sides as a windbreak or as retaining wall and seating) (x5) Metal hotplate on concrete base with stone surrounds (either as simple edging on three sides as a windbreak or as retaining wall and seating) (x2)	<b>Adequate</b>  <b>Poor</b> – metal plate either bowed or rusted or uprights rusted in some cases completely through or rock work breaking away	

Location & Item	Materials	Current Condition	Photographs
<b>Wood storage box</b>	Horizontal treated pine round logs bolted in place (x1)	<b>Adequate</b>	
<b>Steps</b>	Stone and concrete (x1)	<b>Adequate</b>	
<b>Life buoy</b>	Composite timber housing, plastic buoy with rope (x1)	<b>Good</b>	
<b>Retaining wall</b>	Large boulders filled behind to retain picnic area and lawn cover (x1)	<b>Good</b>	
<b>Signs</b>	<b>Swimming signs</b> (x2) recycled plastic (Replas) <b>General park information signs</b> (x1) – metal with in some cases a Perspex cover	<b>New / good</b>  <b>Adequate</b> perspex cover damaged (blurs text beneath)	
	Waymarking signs – routed painted timber (x1)	<b>Adequate</b>	
<b>Bridge</b>	Hardwood sleepers	<b>Adequate to poor</b> – sleepers deteriorating.	

## **Appendix B**

### **Legislation, *Crown Lands Act 1989***

## Crown Lands Act, 1989

Plans of Management prepared under the *Crown Lands Act* are to implement the objectives of the *Act* in accordance with the Public Purpose and Principles of Crown Land Management. The requirements of the *Crown Lands Act 1989* in relation to the preparation of a Plan of Management for Crown Land are set out in this Appendix.

### *What is "Public Purpose"?*

The *Crown Lands Act 1989* provides for the reservation and dedication of Crown land for a range of Public Purposes. These can include: Public Recreation, Environmental Protection, Access, Heritage Purposes, Community Purposes, Water, among others. The schedule of Public Purposes continues to be revised and amended.

The Public Purpose for the Manly Warringah War Memorial Park is Public Recreation. Land use within the Park must therefore support or be ancillary to this Public Purpose.

### *Objects of the Act*

Section 10 of the *Crown Lands Act 1989* sets out the objects of the *Act* as follows:

The objects of this *Act* are to ensure that Crown land is managed for the benefit of the people of New South Wales and in particular to provide for:

- a proper assessment of Crown land,
- the management of Crown land having regard to the principles of Crown land management contained in this *Act*,
- the proper development and conservation of Crown land having regard to those principles,
- the regulation of the conditions under which Crown land is permitted to be occupied, used, sold, leased, licensed or otherwise dealt with,
- the reservation or dedication of Crown land for public purposes and the management and use of the reserved or dedicated land, and
- the collection, recording and dissemination of information in relation to Crown land.

### *Principles of Crown Land Management*

Section 11 of the *Crown Lands Act 1989* provides a set of principles for Crown Land management. These principles are:

- that environmental protection principles be observed in relation to the management and administration of Crown land,
- that the natural resources of Crown land (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality) be conserved wherever possible,
- that public use and enjoyment of appropriate Crown land be encouraged,
- that, where appropriate, multiple use of Crown land be encouraged,
- that, where appropriate, Crown land should be used and managed in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained in perpetuity, and
- that Crown land be occupied, used, sold, leased, licensed or otherwise dealt with in the best interests of the State consistent with the above principles.



### ***Reserve Trusts***

Section 92 of the *Act* identifies the process of appointing a Reserve Trust Manager. Warringah Council was appointed as Trust Manager for the Manly Warringah War Memorial Park (R68892) Reserve Trust on 22nd August 1997. The Trust has responsibility for the Park's care, control and management consistent with the dedicated public purpose of the reservation – in this case public recreation – as well as the principles of Crown land management as set out in the *Act*.

A Reserve Trust operates with a degree of autonomy in this care, control and management role and can enter into maintenance contracts, determining the development of an area (subject to Crown consent), set entry fees, employ staff, and perform other park management functions. The Land and Property Management authority provides Reserve Trusts with operational support, financial assistance and guidance.

Under section 122 of the *Crown Lands Act 1989* Reserve Trusts are required to provide an annual report to the Minister which includes (in accordance with Clause 33 of the *Crown Lands Regulation 2000*) details of income, expenditure, assets, liabilities, improvements, leases and licences granted or in force, uses made of the reserve and any matters of pecuniary interest.

### ***Leases and Licences***

The *Crown Lands Act 1989* enables Council (as the reserve trust manager), with Ministers consent, to enter into leases and licences with third parties to use the reserve. Temporary licences, ie short-term and low-impact uses, may be entered into without the Minister's consent. Temporary licences must fall within one of the permitted purposes under clause 31 of the *Crown Lands Regulation 2006*.

Sections 102 and 102A of the *Crown Lands Act 1989* establishes consent requirements for the leasing or licensing of Crown land. Land cannot be sold, leased or a licence issued without the approval of the Minister however Section 102A provides that the Trustee may lease or issue a licence for reserved land where the Minister has approved the Trustee to do so. Section 108 also enables licenses to be issued for temporary purposes.

Section 106 of the *Act* requires proceeds from the leasing or licensing of reserves to be used either as directed by the Minister, or for the management of the reserve by the Trustee. Warringah Council has supported and funded the Park's management far in excess of any revenue generated by the area, despite the area's use by visitors from a far wider catchment than the immediate LGA.

Chapter 14 of the *LPMA Trust Handbook: A handbook for trusts managing Crown land reserves and commons, and trustees of schools or arts*, 2007 provides detailed information in relation to leases and licences on Crown land.

### ***Proceeds from Crown land***

In accordance with Section 106 of the *Act*, proceeds from the sale, lease or licensing of Crown land must be used as directed by the Minister, or for the management of the reserve by the Trustee. Warringah Council has supported and funded the Park's management far in excess of any revenue generated by the area.

***Requirements for Plans of Management***

Section 112 of the *Crown Lands Act 1989* permits draft Plans of Management to be prepared for Crown reserves either by the Minister or by the reserve trust. The Section further outlines the requirements of a draft Plan of Management. Section 113 establishes requirements for referrals, public display and submissions. Section 114 provides for the adoption of a Plan of Management by Council. Once adopted, no operations may be undertaken on or in relation to the reserve unless they are in accordance with the plan.

Furthermore, when preparing a plan of management for Crown land, the trust manager must comply with the following requirements of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*:

- direction of the Minister or request by Trust for plan of management preparation;
- drafts circulated for comment;
- exhibition of draft Plan;
- draft Plan exhibition notices provided.

With the following outcomes:

- the Minister shall consider timely comment;
- Ministerial adoption of the Plan;
- Trust must follow the Plan; and
- all operations must be in accordance with it.

***Reporting***

Section 122 establishes requirements for reserve trusts to report to the Minister, as required by the Regulations.

## **Appendix C**

### **Excluded, Prohibited, Restricted and Consent Activities from the 1998 Plan**

Following is a summary of excluded, prohibited, restricted and consent activities as identified in the 1998 Plan of Management.

	<b>Activities</b>
<b>Excluded</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cause unacceptable damage to the environment;</li> <li>➤ Endanger safety of other users; or</li> <li>➤ Significantly detract from the enjoyment of other users.</li> </ul>
<b>Prohibited</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Trail bikes and formal military exercises.</li> <li>➤ Overnight camping by individuals.</li> <li>➤ Model power boats, other than electrically powered or sail boats.</li> </ul>
<b>Restricted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Private vehicles restricted to public roads and car parks.</li> <li>➤ Bicycles and mountain bikes restricted to public roads, car parks, fire trails and other designated areas.</li> <li>➤ Horse riding restricted to public roads, car parks and designated fire trails.</li> <li>➤ Water skiing and power boats restricted to the motorised use zone of the lake.</li> <li>➤ Swimming, fishing from boats and other non-motorised sailing or boating are restricted to the non-motorised zone during ski times.</li> <li>➤ Shore based fishing is prohibited in the vicinity of the motor boat ramp during ski times.</li> <li>➤ Dogs are prohibited in the picnic areas. They are permitted in the bushland and park boundary areas if on lead and under control, permitted off lead in the designated dog exercise area.</li> <li>➤ Fires (including BBQ's) only permitted in constructed fire places in the picnic areas unless authorised by the Park Manager for special events.</li> </ul>
<b>Consent</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Research (register with Park Manager).</li> <li>➤ Collecting of plant samples for educational purposes.</li> <li>➤ Overnight camping by local school and youth groups.</li> <li>➤ Group use (groups over 20 to make bookings for the picnic areas).</li> <li>➤ Filming.</li> <li>➤ Sport events and regular sports training.</li> <li>➤ Activities of a commercial nature.</li> </ul>



## **Appendix D**

### **“Community Consultation: Report on Values”**

1<sup>st</sup> August 2010

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### Community Consultation – Report on Values



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#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with Council's 'Procedures Manual' (How to prepare a Plan of Management, Aug 2008) Plans of management are to take a **values based** approach to land use planning and management. This approach allows the key values, role and purpose to be identified so that they may be protected and enhanced.

The importance of the information collected during this community consultation phase cannot be underestimated. This information will determine not only the direction of the Plan of Management but may also affect the adoption and implementation of the Plan.

#### COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PLAN 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2010

In accordance with the Community Consultation Plan for this project, the following steps have been undertaken in preparation for development of the 'Issues and Options Discussion Paper' (see **Appendix 1** for summary diagram).

Type of Consultation	Description	Completed
INFORMING	<b>Ongoing discussions</b> – with Land and Property Management Authority regarding preparation of a new Plan of Management	Ongoing
SEEKING INFORMATION	<b>Email survey / questionnaire</b> – seeking information from <b>identified stakeholder</b> groups about their values.	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2010
SEEKING INFORMATION	<b>Email survey / questionnaire</b> – seeking information from <b>general users</b> of the Park to identify values.	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2010
INFORMING	<b>Site display</b> – posters in key locations at Manly Warringah War Memorial Park informing and inviting the community to be involved in the consultation process.	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June to 31 <sup>st</sup> July
INFORMING	<b>General notice</b> in Mayoral Column advising of preparation of PoM, start of consultation and Focus Group dates	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2010
SEEKING INFORMATION	<b>Focus group meetings</b> – with individual organisations with a particular interest in the Park. Mountain Bikers..... Waterway users..... Bushland users.....	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jun Jun 2010 Jun 2010
SEEKING INFORMATION	<b>Email</b> – seeking information on values and issues from relevant Council staff.	June 2010

These consultation activities have:

- Provided a range of *opportunities* for the community to be involved in the consultation process
- Aimed to balance the input from specific stakeholders versus the broader community
- Provided *quality* involvement of people through personal meetings and focus groups and
- Provided *quantitative* consultation (obtaining some data through email surveys / questionnaires).

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## IDENTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDERS

A final list of stakeholders has now been identified. The original list has been refined following completion of the activities in this 'values gathering' phase of the consultation. This 'Stakeholder Master List' is available as a separate Excel spreadsheet.

This final list will be used to contact stakeholders during all remaining steps in the Management Plan process.

## METHODS FOR GATHERING VALUES

### SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES

Values were gathered from three different sectors of the community, using different consultation methods.

Community Sector	Consultation Method
Focus Group attendees	Mayoral Column Facilitated meeting and discussion
General stakeholders	Posters Mayoral Column Email survey / questionnaire
Targeted stakeholders	Telephone calls Verbal survey / questionnaire

**Appendix 2** includes samples of these consultation methods.

All of the consultation methods involved asking the community two questions, namely:

1. **"Why is Manly Warringah War Memorial Park (Manly Dam) important to you?"** and
2. **"What do you value about the area?"**



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## RESULTS FOR VALUES GATHERING CONSULTATION

Information on the 'values' of Manly Dam were received from the focus groups and from both the general and targeted stakeholders. This was compiled and a number of reports generated including:

- A compilation of the demographic information received from the general stakeholders;
- A summary of all "values" collected and
- A summary of all "issues / future wishes" collected.

### PARTICIPATION AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Focus Groups		
GROUP	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	GROUPS ATTENDING
<b>Mountain Bike Focus Group</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2010	14 attendees	<b>Groups</b> included: Manly Warringah Mountain Bike Club, Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee, NSW MTB, Northern Beaches MTB
<b>Waterway Focus Group</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2010	23 attendees	<b>Groups</b> included: North Harbour Scout Water Base, Freshwater SLSC, Manly Warringah Water Ski Club, Warringah Triathlon Club, North Steyne SLSC, StandUP School (Paddle Surfing), Model Boating Club <b>Groups who responded but could not attend</b> on the night of the Focus Group Meeting – Australian Defence Force, Warringah Amateur Swimming Association, Army Dive Wing, NSW Rod Fishers Society, Queenscliff SLSC and Police Divers.
<b>Bushland Focus Group</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2010	18 attendees	<b>Groups</b> Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee, North Harbour Scout Water Base, Manly Warringah & Pittwater Historical Society, Warringah Bushwalkers Club, Warringah Triathlon Club, Balgowlah RSL Fishing Club <b>Groups who responded but could not attend</b> on the night of the Focus Group Meeting – Birding Australia, Rotary Club of Manly.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55 Attendees</b>	

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General Stakeholders		
<b>Number of Submissions</b>	36 email submissions, plus 1 letter and 1 text	
<b>Gender</b>	Male = 20	Female = 18
<b>Age Group<sup>1</sup></b>	20 - 29 yrs = 1 30 - 39 yrs = 3 40 - 49 yrs = 8 50 - 59 yrs = 2 60 - 69 yrs = 1	20 - 29 yrs = 1 30 - 39 yrs = 5 40 - 49 yrs = 2 50 - 59 yrs = 3 60 - 69 yrs = 2
<b>How Often do you visit the Park?<sup>2</sup></b>	Daily = 0 Weekly = 4 Several times / week = 5 Every weekend = 1 Monthly = 3 Several times / yr = 1 Yearly = 2	Daily = 3 Weekly = 3 Several times / week = 7 Every weekend = 0 Monthly = 1 Several times / yr = 0 Yearly = 0
<b>What is Your Postcode?<sup>3</sup></b>	2093 = 6 2099 = 2 1 respondent each from 2100, 2790, 2101, 2095, 2230, 2103	2093 = 5 2100 = 5 1 respondent each from 2096, 2086, 2088 and 2782

Targeted Stakeholders	
<b>Groups targeted</b>	Submissions
<b>Disability groups</b>	<b>4</b> House with No Steps, NSW Dept Aging Disability and Homecare, Metro North, Spastic Centre, Community Access Service CAS Spastic Centre
<b>Education Groups</b>	<b>6</b> MacKellar Girls High School, Killarney Heights High School, UTS Environmental Sciences, North Balgowlah Primary School, Manly Vale Primary School, Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre
<b>Seniors Groups</b>	<b>2</b> National Seniors Association (Northern Beaches Branch), Scalabrini Village
<b>Community Groups</b>	<b>3</b> Seaforth Baptist Church, Manly Central Probus Club, Rotary Club of Manly Sunrise
<b>Veterans Groups</b>	<b>1</b> Manly Warringah Dam War Memorial Trust

<sup>1</sup> **PLEASE NOTE:** Five male and five female respondents did not provide information on their age.

<sup>2</sup> **PLEASE NOTE:** Four male and four female respondents did not provide information on the frequency of their visits.

<sup>3</sup> **PLEASE NOTE:** Six male and four female respondents did not provide postcode information.

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## SUMMARY OF VALUES

Please find below a summary of values from all discussions and submissions. The community value:

1. The **current system** of usage / the status quo of the area.
2. The areas as a **training venue** (bikes / all waterway sports / walking and running / swimming – being able to swim > 1 km). Value the dam “as a place to keep healthy”.
3. The **safety of the area** (waterway / bike tracks / bushland / school groups / kids)
4. The distinct **features of the waterbody** for all water-based activities (fresh water / warm water / protected water)
5. The **social features** of the area (informal club house / social network / good for families / also value being able to have *large* gatherings of family and friends)
6. The **natural values** of the area (habitat / fauna / flora / biodiversity / wildlife / birds / wildflowers / ‘rare’ ‘endangered’ and ‘common’ species of plants and animals / rock formations / views – all of which you can see. Being able to “observe seasonal changes” / diverse landscapes / microclimates / vegetation communities)
7. The **peace and quiet**, tranquility / quietness, being able to “recharge my batteries”
8. The **bushwalking** and variety of tracks.
9. The **educational** values (for the general public plus primary / secondary schools and tertiary institutes (“extremely important educational resource for UTS). Value using local areas for physical activity (High Schools). Value the bus turning bay. Value the many different educational uses of the Dam (physical / natural / waterbody etc.)
10. The **catchment** values and links to other areas – Garigal National Park.
11. The **history** of the area (Aboriginal / European, plus local history for generations of families / childhood memories, represents natural heritage of the area).
12. The **amenities** of the area (BBQs / signs/ toilets / picnic facilities / playground / shade / fire pits / seating and shelters, as well as the information boards / interpretive signs / maps. Value the “uncomplicated usage of the electric BBQs”)
13. The sections of **single track** (both walking and biking)
14. The **location** and **easy access** (can walk / run / bike from my house – no driving)
15. The **type / features of biking track** (“its not just another flat fire trail, it has obstacles and character”) and its **maintenance** / management of areas specifically for mountain bikers
16. The **lack of congestion / uncrowded** / “being able to have it to myself if you get there early”
17. The area for **dog walking** and dog swimming.
18. The **goodwill / respect / courtesy between all users** of the area. “Value the excellent record of shared use”.
19. The **feeling that you’re in the ‘middle of nowhere’** (lack of visual intrusion / lack of light pollution / attempts to minimise noise pollution / large size of the area) / escape from urban landscape / discovering new areas, “can get lost safely”)
20. The **availability** of the area in all weather and at all times. The **accessibility** of the bush tracks for walking / running / mountain biking.
21. The **opportunity to contribute** / sense of ownership / being able to volunteer / Trail building days
22. The area as a **resource for young children** – to experience nature first hand / to explore / to learn about the bush. “Gives my kids a fantastic place to get out into nature”.



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23. The **multiple uses** of area (running / biking / paddling / swimming etc. plus quiet enjoyment / bird watching / photography / picnics / walking)
24. The area as part of mountain bike track as **commuter track** / links to ferry
25. The **Anzac Dawn Service** and **Remembrance Day**
26. The **minimal structures and signs**, minimal level of development
27. The **special cases allowing camping** at Manly Dam (scouts / Duke of Edinburgh Scheme – through Killarney Heights High School / Australian Defence Forces) and
28. The whole place as a **'Memorial Park'**. Excellent place for memorial services (Anzac Day / Remembrance Day).

#### **SUMMARY OF ISSUES / SUGGESTIONS<sup>4</sup>**

Please find below a summary of issues raised in discussions and submissions.

##### **GENERAL**

- Include Manly Dam staff more in communication of Natural Environment Unit (staff comment).
- Need to monitor use and damage of tracks (walking / fire trails) by other Authorities (eg. Bush Fire Brigade, Electricity Commission)

##### **SIGNAGE**

- Need to keep fencing / signage in keeping with bushland setting.
- Missing / confusing signage at key intersections (eg. across the Dam wall to the north – needs indication of left and right destinations, eg. Confusing sign at Nyrang Rd – which destinations are left and which are to the right?)
- Need to consider a map at the entrance.

##### **MOUNTAIN BIKING**

- Avoid bringing the bike track up onto the bitumen road at Manning and Bangaroo Street (if trail could remain in the bush even for a few metres that would be more enjoyable)
- Removal of the 'over the pipe bridge' on the Curl Curl track up near the aquatic centre would be good – bridge is wobbly and dangerous.
- Concerned about the erosion caused by legal and illegal bike tracks.
- Currently need to cross and travel along public roads to complete the circuit – any chance these sections can be on bush track for safety reasons?
- Mountain bikers are happy to assist with design / maintenance of tracks (eg. Inclusion / placement of obstacles)

<sup>4</sup> PLEASE NOTE: Copies of the full report of all values collected plus all original submissions and focus group input is available on request.



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#### BUSHLAND

- Need to maximise the non-herbicide control of weeds and include non-herbicide control near creeks.
- Wish List – Allow environmental flows from Dam into Manly Creek.
- From a student education perspective – a continuation of the track from Section 2 to through to Section 4 – would be good as the kids wouldn't have to walk along the road.
- Plastic plant protection next to the path about 200m in from Cootamundra park entrance at Allambie Hts needs to be removed.

#### WATERWAY

- Have experienced more sub-surface weed than previous years (close to surface and close to edge)
- Need to check waterskiing timetable to ensure more equitable use of this area (staff comment).
- Need to regulate (not just through signage) to prevent powered model boat use at Dam.

#### DISABILITY GROUPS

- Most disability groups simply turn up to use the Dam without booking – as the booking fee is prohibitive for most groups.
- Toilets are accessible in Section 2 – but not true accessibility toilets and difficult to manoeuvre inside the toilet blocks with wheelchairs.
- Only two disabled parking spots (1 in Section 1 and 1 in Section 2) – can be filled easily.

#### SENIORS

- Older members find the number of disability parking spaces too limited in Sections 1 and 2.
- Most older people arrive by car and in a group setting the disability parking spots are quickly taken.
- Older people particularly value the seating and the shelters.

#### MEMORIAL

- Should be more recognition (through signage) and more respect for the whole area as a Memorial Park.
- Concerned about vandalism in the park (flagpole / memorial / other infrastructure). Have requested that Council install security cameras near the entrance gate and memorial area (Cr Helen Wilkins).
- Perhaps need to consider temporary / movable shade cloth for Remembrance Day.
- Need to complete the "garden sculptures" – ie. The fallen soldier / the world adjacent to the existing memorial.

#### DOG WALKING

- As a dog walker – could fox and rabbit baiting be done at the same time – rather than different times of the year?
- Would like to see an off-leash area from Nyrang Rd Car Park to water - could still have leashes required from the start of the boardwalks at each end.

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## CONCLUSIONS

While **all** values listed in the previous section are vital in moving forward in developing a Plan of Management, a couple of key points have been highlighted through discussions with focus group attendees, general and specific stakeholders.

1. Firstly, there are **many shared and common values** about Manly Warringah War Memorial Park. This commonality of view crosses boundaries of age, gender and reasons for usage. For instance, maintaining the status quo of the area, its natural features, the social values and peace and quiet of the place, are values passionately held by many different individuals and groups.
2. Secondly, there is a **particularly high value placed on facilities such as shelters, accessible toilets and disabled parking places by seniors and disability groups**. For a number of these groups the booking fee is prohibitive, so their usage may not be reflected in booking records. As our population ages, there needs to be careful consideration in the provision and location of these and other aged and disabled facilities into the future.
3. Thirdly, the **importance of the Dam as a respite from urban living** and the many physical and mental health benefits associated with this opportunity.

For example, according to Australian health professor, Dr Mardie Townsend, researchers are establishing credible grounds for *green prescriptions*, where doctors 'prescribe' contact with nature for various conditions and for parks to be considered a national health resource. The associate professor in the School of Health and Social Development at Deakin University in Melbourne, has recently reviewed the research literature on the benefits to human health from access to nature. Contact with nature does more than boost personal wellbeing, says Professor Townsend. It can even help cure social ills, reducing violence and crime rates.

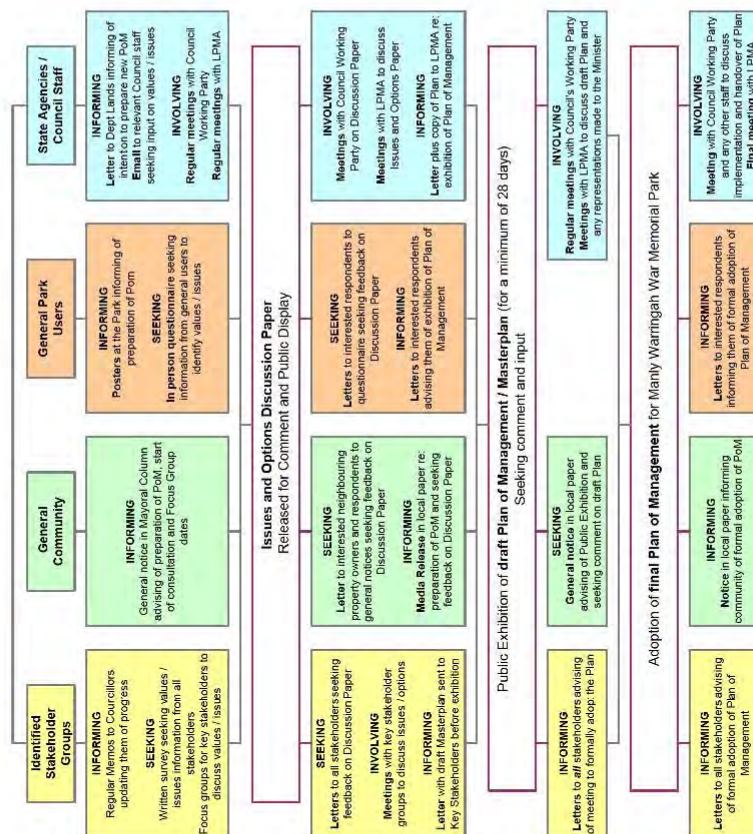
These values were aptly summed up by many of the respondents:

- "Benefit from the peace, quiet and tranquillity"
- "Being able to recharge my batteries"
- "Our worries disappear and we switch off from everyday life"
- The feeling "that you're in the middle of nowhere" and "like you're a long way from any built up areas" and
- You can be "immersed in nature".

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## APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PLAN DIAGRAM



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**APPENDIX 2: SAMPLES OF CONSULTATION METHODS**

**Focus Group Agenda**

 <b>Warringah Council</b>  <b>MANLY DAM PLAN OF MANAGEMENT</b>	
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Mountain Bike Focus Group AGENDA</h2>	
Time	Activity
7:30pm	Arrival and welcome Tea / coffee on arrival
7:40 to 7:50pm	<b>Background and Introduction</b> to Manly Dam Plan of Management
7:50 to 8pm	Information on <b>Council's Values-Basis</b> for Plans of Management
8 to 8:30pm	Questions for Participants <b>Why is Manly Dam important to you?</b> <b>What do you value about the area?</b>
8:30 to 9pm	Questions and Discussion
9pm	Finish



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## Do You Use and Enjoy Manly Dam?

If you answered yes - Warringah Council  
is seeking *your views* on what you value  
about the Park.

GATHERING COMMUNITY VALUES IS  
A VITAL FIRST STEP in developing a new  
Plan of Management for Manly Warringah  
War Memorial Park (Manly Dam). If you  
would like to contribute your views,  
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COMMUNITY SURVEY / QUESTIONNAIRE

WHAT IS YOUR POSTCODE?

**Why is Manly Warringah War Memorial Park (Manly Dam) important to you?**

**What do you value about the area?**

**Would you like to be contacted about other key steps in the development of the Plan of Management?** (eg. release of the *Issues and Options Discussion Paper* and public exhibition of the draft *Plan of Management*)

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**PRIVACY STATEMENT:** All information collected is to assist in the development of the *'Issues and Options Discussion Paper'* and the Manly Warringah War Memorial Park Plan of Management. A summary of all submissions will be published however individual respondents will not be identified.

## **Appendix E**

### **“Summary of Community Workshop – Held Monday 29th November 2010”**

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### Summary of Community Workshop – held Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010



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## Background

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Warringah Council requires a new Plan of Management for Manly Warringah War Memorial Park, to take a fresh look at the values that the community attributes to the land and to develop current management actions to maintain, protect and enhance these values. The previous Plan of Management was released in July 1998 and many of its initiatives and actions are now complete.

A major step in this process was developing an *Issues and Directions Discussion Paper* to encourage a rigorous and informed debate among the community on the issues and values of the Park. This Paper was released for public comment on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

The Paper confirmed the majority of the community were happy with the Park and also identified several issues that needed to be resolved. A key challenge emerging from the Paper is how Council can:

- ▶ manage and resolve these issues and potential conflicts between different uses and activities in the Park
- ▶ as well as protecting the Park's key environmental values and features and
- ▶ identify and develop community assets for everyone

## Community Workshop

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To help address this key challenge, a facilitated Community Workshop was held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

Council invited participation from a range of different stakeholder groups, including mountain bike riders, bushwalkers, water skiers, other water users, community or residents and environmental groups, in order to have a balance of views represented at the Workshop. Council then randomly selected representatives from each group to attend the Workshop.

The purpose of the Workshop was to provide a qualitative, consultative process designed to hear all the voices. Specifically, the Workshop aimed to provide the opportunity for all stakeholders to:

- ▶ Understand the issues and constraints involved
- ▶ Listen to different perspectives
- ▶ Discuss potential trade-offs that may need to be made and then
- ▶ Work together to discuss, deliberate and resolve the issues.

55 key stakeholders attended the workshop, divided into 10 cross-representative tables (with representation from all the major stakeholder groups where possible).

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Each table then worked with a Council facilitator to discuss and deliberate the following key issues:

1. Tracks and trails in the bushland
2. Use of the water body
3. The urban edge and
4. Day use.

The outcomes of the Workshop together with comments received on the Discussion Paper will provide input into the broader and ongoing consultation process and assist in confirming the key values and management directions for the Park.

Following the close of the current comment period, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January, the next step will be preparing a draft Plan of Management and a draft Masterplan, which will be placed on public exhibition in 2011.

### **Outline of Summary Paper**

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This Paper provides a brief summary of the deliberations and discussions from the 10 tables of stakeholders. For each of the four issues discussed at the Workshop, this Paper provides:

- a) The '*Management Intent*' for each management zone
- b) The management options presented in the 'Issues and Options Discussion Paper' for each zone
- c) A statement on the specific preferences expressed by participants for options in the Discussion Paper
- d) A summary of general preferences expressed by participants for that Management Zone, plus an indication on whether there was consensus / broad support / or diverse views from participants on these preferences and
- e) Any new issues or questions for that zone that may require further investigation.



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## Bushland Management Zone

The overall management intent for the bushland is to: *"maintain the majority of the Park as natural bushland and a scenic landscape, protecting communities and species of high conservation value, while providing for sustainable dispersed recreational and educational uses without significant impact on natural processes"* (Issues and Directions Paper, 2010)

### Options

#### Option 1 – Status Quo (post February 2010 situation) –

Maintaining the "status quo", with the entire currently designated mountain bike circuit and walkers restricted from the 1.7 kilometres of single track along the Trig Track on the western (Wakehurst Parkway) boundary and the 200 metre section of single track in the north-east (below Churchill Crescent), with both sections signposted on-site and advised in Council information as no walker access.

#### Option 2 – Shared-use and Risk Management

Retaining the entire currently designated mountain bike circuit and allowing for the shared-use, by both mountain bikers and walkers, of all single track sections – notably the 1.7 kilometres of single track along the Trig Track on the western (Wakehurst Parkway) boundary and the 200 metre section of single track in the north-east (below Churchill Crescent), both now closed to walkers.

This option will require employing a "risk management" approach, and "preferred-use" strategy in sections, involving the targeted upgrading of problem track sections (notably along the Trig Track on the western [Wakehurst Parkway] boundary) to improve sight lines and safety as well as appropriate user advice/warnings and required behaviours (with codes of conduct for both riders and walkers).

#### Option 3 – Mountain Bike Track Realignment (New Single-use Tracks)

Creating new sections of mountain bike only track, on new or realigned routes, to avoid or minimise issues or short-comings with parts of the existing designated circuit. Possible locations for new/realigned track sections are – the south-eastern boundary (from Southern Cross Drive in the north, past Nyrang Road, to Maroa Crescent in the south) and the southern boundary (north of Warringah Road and part of Manning Street).

Neighbour disturbance, user conflicts and safety issues could be addressed in these sections through the creation of an alternative bike-only route separate from the existing alignment, which would then become the walker-only route, in the cleared/grassed Park boundary strip or roadside nature strip (in

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the case of Manning Street). In effect these areas would become sections of duplicate track. The alignment of these new bike-only tracks would be offset a short distance into the adjacent bushland, and carefully routes, designed and constructed as single track as favoured by mountain bikers.

#### **Option 4 – Duplicate Track Sections (New Single-use Tracks, for Riders or Walkers)**

This option entails creating new sections of single-use track, for either mountain bikers or walkers, to duplicate critical sections of existing narrow or hazardous single track and provide for user separation.

Discussion Paper Preferences	
<b>Broad support for Option 2. – Shared Use and Risk Management</b>	<b>Five tables</b> reached a consensus on Option 2, with <b>four tables</b> having preferences for both Option 2 and Option 4. One table did not express a preference for any of the options in the Discussion Paper.
General Preferences:	
<b>Diverse views on separating bikers and walkers</b>	<p><b>Five tables</b> wanted to separate walkers from bikers for safety reasons, while the remaining five tables had mixed views on the need or advantages of separating users, and disputed the view that there is any conflict between walkers and riders.</p> <p>However, specific rider / walker conflicts were identified as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Cootamundra Reserve and playground (four tables called for this area to be resolved as part of any final option) and</li> <li>▶ "Bike assembly points" e.g. Manly Vale Public School (Sunshine St, Manly Vale) and at King St Manly Vale.</li> </ul>
<b>Broad support for minimising the impact on the environment</b>	<p><b>Eight tables</b> expressed concern that the final option should minimise the impact on the environment. <b>Four tables</b> expressed a view of "no new tracks".</p> <p>Specific concerns included minimising the amount of bush cleared (if any), concerns about the erosion from tracks and subsequent sedimentation of waterways and the possibility of fragmenting the existing bushland.</p>



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<p><b>Broad support for better track design and maintenance</b></p>	<p><b>Six tables</b> supported better track design and / or maintenance, with reasons including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ To reduce track erosion</li> <li>▶ To reduce speed by having more bike corners</li> <li>▶ To involve mountain bikers in track design and maintenance</li> <li>▶ To build tracks to the International Mountain Bike Association specifications and</li> <li>▶ To retain the track level at moderate to difficult (this helps stop better riders from seeking out more challenging rides on the walking tracks).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Broad support for better education and signage – for both walkers and mountain bikers</b></p>	<p><b>Six tables</b> supported better education and information for all users. Specific points on information / education / signage included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ That signage and communication is vital to usage</li> <li>▶ That it needs to include "biking behaviour and its impact on residents"</li> <li>▶ That it should address risk management signs such as 'slow down' and 'keep left' signs</li> <li>▶ That it needs to cater for infrequent users of the Park</li> <li>▶ That it needs to include other areas to ride e.g. Garigal National Park and</li> <li>▶ That it needs to inform walkers about available parking and linkage tracks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Support for viewing night bike riding as a new issue</b></p>	<p><b>Three tables</b> had concerns about the perceived impacts of night riding, such as being a problem to residents (through noise) and a problem to wildlife. A curfew on night riding was suggested in addition to a suggestion that more information was needed on the actual impacts of night riding.</p>
<p><b>Some support for planning for future use</b></p>	<p><b>Two tables</b> raised the issue of needing to plan for the future use of the Park by mountain bikers. Suggestions to help plan for the future included limiting the numbers of users, a user pays system or the registration of bike users.</p>

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<b>Support for reconsidering the options for the 'Trig Track'</b>	<b>Five tables</b> raised the existing 'Trig Track' in relation to both walkers and bikers. Observations and issues included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ "Not too many walkers on the Trig Track"</li> <li>▶ There are "safety issues with shared use due to new bike technology"</li> <li>▶ "Consider linking walkers to the west of the Parkway and retain the technical area for riders"</li> <li>▶ "Put new track through golf course to minimise the removal of bushland" and</li> <li>▶ "Run the walking trail along the edge of Wakehurst Golf Club", see both Long Reef GC and Cromer GC for existing examples of this.</li> </ul>
<b>Some support for more dog-friendly options</b>	<b>Two tables</b> both in this discussion and the discussion on Urban Edge / Day use supported more dog-friendly options. Suggestions included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ A circuit track for dog walking and</li> <li>▶ An increase in off-leash dog areas (with appropriate facilities)<sup>1</sup>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Please NOTE:</b> The issue of dog walking has not been a specific part of the consultation to date, for the new Plan of Management. Increasing the off-leash dog areas has some fauna protection and hygiene standard issues. Council has recently provided a number of additional off-leash dog areas and the ongoing cost of fencing is being debated at the moment. Off-leash dog areas usually have opposing community opinions and as such this issue should be the subject of a separate consultation to this workshop process.</p>	
<b>Possible Areas for further Investigation</b>	
Investigate the impacts of night riding on residents and on Park wildlife (three tables).	
Investigate using the existing duplicate track at Churchill / Yurunga? (one table)	
Investigate if there is any illegal riding at Manly Dam? (one table)	
Investigate the provision of off-leash dog areas in the Park (one table)	

<sup>1</sup> Please NOTE: A number of the preferences around dogs were also raised in the 'Day Use and Urban Edge' discussions.



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## Waterbody Management Zone

The management intent for the waterbody is to: *"manage the waterbody as both a recreational and flood management asset, ensuring that water quality is suitable for swimming and providing safe, equitable and sustainable recreational use"* (Issues and Directions Paper, 2010).

### Options

#### Option 1 – Status Quo, with Operational Simplifications

Maintain the current management arrangements for water skiing – but with adjustments to the approved times (simplified for clarity and ease of understanding by all waterbody users, but with approximately the same amount of time allotted to waterskiing as is at present), insurance requirements and equity of use for non-club members, and the "manager/gatekeeper" role of the Water Ski Club where required.

#### Option 2 – Reduced Water Skiing Times

Reduce the times, most practically in full-day or half-day blocks, when water skiing is permitted within the designated zone and so increase the availability of the entire dam for other high demand and high-participation (non-motorised) recreational uses.

#### Option 3 – Remove Water Skiing and Other Motorised Boat Usage

Remove water skiing and other motorised boat uses of the dam entirely, making the entire waterbody available for non-powered recreational uses during all Park opening hours.

### Discussion Paper Preferences

#### Diverse Views on options from the Discussion Paper

**Two tables** had general consensus for Option 1 Retain the Status Quo, while **one table** had general consensus for Option 2 Reduced Water Skiing Times. The remaining **seven tables** had diverse views with support for Option 1, Option 2 and Option 3. Comments on Option 2 included – "have ski free days, including 1 full weekend day" and "contracted skiing times during the week", while one comment on Option 3 was for "phasing out water skiing in the future as it is not sustainable in the long term and is not really in keeping the memorial / wildlife / peaceful nature of the Park".

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General Preferences:	
<p><b>Broad support for addressing the current inequitable use of the waterway</b></p>	<p><b>Eight tables</b> raised the issue of <i>inequitable</i> use of time in accessing the waterbody, although this was expressed in various ways including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ "Why 7 day access? 7 days not needed"</li> <li>▶ "Water skiing alienates the waterbody for a significant portion of the population"</li> <li>▶ "Mistakes in Discussion Paper on public access / inequitable use"</li> <li>▶ "Shared usage to be encouraged for a mix of activities. Its there for everyone and should be balanced / proportioned"</li> <li>▶ "Need to look at perceived conflict between water skiers and triathletes"</li> <li>▶ "Principle of private club being given disproportionately large part of the Park"</li> <li>▶ "Issue of swimmers / other users being excluded from the water ski area"</li> <li>▶ "Shared access is important" and</li> <li>▶ "Swimmers and kayakers have access to Narrabeen Lagoon".</li> </ul>
<p><b>Broad support for obtaining more information on a range of waterbody issues</b></p>	<p><b>Eight tables</b> had specific questions or required further information on a range of waterbody issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ What are the environmental impacts of water skiing?</li> <li>▶ Is there any evidence to support the idea that ski boats reduce weeds and siltation?</li> <li>▶ Need more information on current usage levels of skiing in the dam?</li> <li>▶ Is there a conflict between bird nesting and water skiing?</li> <li>▶ What are the rules of boating?</li> <li>▶ Is it possible to use the water ski area for other uses when it is not booked?</li> <li>▶ Non-skiers need more information about when they can use the ski area (suggestions included online access or a dedicated phone number to call)</li> <li>▶ What are the other options for water skiers?</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ What are the insurance requirements for skiing at Manly Dam?</li> <li>▶ Is there a conflict between water skiers and triathletes?</li> </ul>
<b>Support for re-examining the current use of the waterway</b>	<p><b>Four tables</b> made suggestions about re-examining the current use of the waterway, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Potential for reduction in skiing area which is not currently used (around edges such as Picnic Area 3)</li> <li>▶ Highest use period for skiing is Dec / Jan with less frequent use in winter</li> <li>▶ Could have a designated swim area on eastern side of Section 2 – but still keeping the status quo and non-motorised boats could use the northern end of the waterbody more and</li> <li>▶ Not that many people seem to use the water skiing, mainly on weekends.</li> </ul>
<b>Concerns over noise impacts of water skiing</b>	<p><b>Five tables</b> raised the issue of noise impacts due to water skiing, comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ "It is noise – if the noise could be managed I can cope"</li> <li>▶ "Loss of ambience due to noise"</li> <li>▶ "Noise can be annoying but not enough for other recreation user to want to ban skiers"</li> <li>▶ "Precious weekend time or after work – disturbed by the noise"</li> </ul>
<b>Possible Areas for further Investigation</b>	
Actual use of the dedicated water ski area, there are sections which are not used by skiers.	
current levels of usage, e.g. weekends and other peak periods, seasonal use of the waterway (December / January)	
Water agitation by ski boat motors – is this a good thing?	
Number of Club boats? Number of Club members? Current usage levels of skiing at the dam?	
How do swimmers, triathletes, canoeists etc. current manage with the ski boats? Are there any conflicts?	
Do boats cause any water pollution?	

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Is there a "Water Skiers Code of Conduct" – e.g. stop boats when skiers are in the water?

What impact does water skiing have on nesting water birds, e.g. swans

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## Day Use Management Zone

The management intent for **day use** is to: *"maintain the existing picnic areas as the Park's main vehicle-accessible day-use area, offering a range of attractive recreational settings and facilities varying from landscaped areas with high-level facilities to low-key bushland settings, and catering for a range of sustainable low-impact uses."* (Issues and Directions Paper, 2010).

### Options

Primary management objectives for the Day Use Zone are to:

- ▶ offer a high quality day-use experience for park visitors - providing for visitor vehicle access and accommodating a range of passive day-use recreational activities;
- ▶ provide safe access to the adjacent waterbody;
- ▶ offer a range of recreational settings and standards of facilities, while retaining the low-key and less-developed character of the area;
- ▶ maintain the War Memorial and Remembrance Point facilities as a key part of the Park's identity; and
- ▶ provide for visitor safety

## Urban Edge Management Zone

The management intent for the **urban edge** is to: *"manage those sections of the Park boundary adjacent to residential areas and other developments to effectively manage hazards and reduce inconveniences to Park neighbours, as well as minimising adverse impacts from adjoining land uses on the Park and its values."* (Issues and Directions Paper, 2010).

### Options

Primary management objectives for the Urban Edge Zone are to:

- ▶ minimise the risks to life and property posed by occasional wildfires on the Park;
- ▶ reduce direct and indirect impacts on the Park and its values from adjacent land uses, as well as to avoid undue inconvenience to Park neighbours from on-Park activities; and
- ▶ provide secondary visitor access points.



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<b>Discussion Paper Preferences for Day Use and Urban Edge Zones</b>	
<p><b>Please NOTE:</b> Discussion on these final two management zones differed to the previous discussions on 'Bushland Management' and 'Waterbody Management', in that <i>only</i> management directions are provided in the Discussion Paper and not specific management options.</p> <p>In response to this, participants provided a range of suggestions, comments and concerns with some common themes as follows. Please NOTE: These are listed in no particular order.</p>	
<b>Support for connecting picnic areas with a designated track</b>	<b>Three tables</b> expressed support for a walking track to connect the picnic areas, particularly connecting Areas 1, 2 and 3.
<b>Support for mix of bookable and free tables</b>	<b>Four tables</b> supporting a mix of bookable and some free tables. Comments included "make it cheaper for disabled access", "booking for tables should be half days" (particularly in Area 1), "increase charges for non-residents but keep booking system", plus a suggestion for online easier booking.
<b>Support for water quality to be addressed in the Plan of Management</b>	<b>Four tables</b> supported actions to manage the water quality of Manly Dam and its tributary creeks – for example, "material placed in fire trail ends up in creeks and the dam". One table suggested "environmental flows down Manly Creek" and two of these tables were concerned about the impacts of run-off from Wakehurst Golf Club.
<b>Support for catchment management</b>	<p><b>Three tables</b> raised concerns and ideas about managing the whole of Manly Dam catchment. Comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ "We need to address the entire catchment of Manly Dam"</li> <li>▶ "Outlying parcels of bushland and creeks (e.g. Aquatic Reserves and bushland near the retirement villages) need to be protected"</li> <li>▶ "Need to have a strategy to acquire additional parcels of land adjoining Dam, e.g. land identified for Aboriginal Land Claims" and</li> <li>▶ "The Golf Course should be included in the discussion".</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Diverse views on management of picnic areas as low key and less developed</b></p>	<p><b>Eight tables</b> expressed views on management of the picnic areas, comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ "Sections 3 and 4 could be developed to cater for user numbers (and reduce user impacts on Section 1)- but need to retain the bushland setting"</li> <li>▶ "Sections 3 and 4 are better for swimming, therefore better for development"</li> <li>▶ "Generally happy with picnic Area 1 – don't see much need for change"</li> <li>▶ "Don't spend too much on amenities, pretty well ok as they are"</li> <li>▶ "Like the idea of more maintained area at entrance, rustic areas further in"</li> <li>▶ "Maintain current picnic areas – no new areas"</li> <li>▶ "Promote Areas 3 and 4 more".</li> <li>▶ "More tables could go in picnic area 3."</li> <li>▶ "There is capacity near 3 or 4 to expand the number of picnic areas / facilities".</li> </ul>
<p><b>Concerns raised about fire management in the Park</b></p>	<p><b>Four tables</b> raised issues about fire management actions in the Park, comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Firebreak now replanted without consultation</li> <li>▶ Educate neighbours about planting species that are endemic and not invasive</li> <li>▶ Fire management and clearing on fire-trails should be done in a more environmentally responsible way</li> <li>▶ SES practice should remain at current reduced level</li> <li>▶ Mowing of grass growth in fire breaks is done by residents not Council and</li> <li>▶ Landscaping with endemic species in APZs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Comments raised about car parking</b></p>	<p><b>Four tables</b> commented on car parking at the Dam, comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ "No more clearing bush for parking and no need for more parking!"</li> <li>▶ "Parking on King St (for after hours parking) is</li> </ul>

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	<p>all 'No Standing'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ "Enough parking inside. More parking would create issues".</li> <li>▶ "Get revenue from parking meters from non Warringah and Manly residents only – is this viable?"</li> </ul>
<b>Some support for an increase in dog areas in the Dam</b>	<b>Two tables</b> expressed support for a dog walking circuit of the Dam (on-leash) with access to the Dam Wall and the picnic areas. One table supported an increase in off lease dog areas in the Nyrang Rd area (with appropriate doggy facilities), while one table pointed out that dogs in the bushland area were not addressed in the Discussion Paper.
<b>Support for addressing feral and domestic animals</b>	<b>Three tables</b> raised concerns around feral and / or domestic animals in the Park. Comments included: "valid reasons to reduce domestic animals presence in the Park" and "rabbits are an issue".
<b>Diverse Views on maintaining the War Memorial and Remembrance Point facilities as a key part of the Park's identity</b>	<p><b>Three tables</b> commented on this issue, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ "Enough war memorials – no more!"</li> <li>▶ "Section 1 War Memorial wasn't finished. New one in bad place – it is obtrusive"</li> <li>▶ "Part of War Memorial goes under water when water rises – safety issue"</li> <li>▶ "Large new War Memorial should be moved to a more discreet place" and</li> <li>▶ "Memorial put in without resident consultation".</li> </ul>
<b>Ideas about the entrance to Manly Dam</b>	<p><b>Four tables</b> raised comments about the entrance to Manly Dam including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ "Entrance is fine, no need to change it"</li> <li>▶ "At entrance – improvement in facilities, e.g. coffee van or kiosk would improve overall amenity"</li> <li>▶ "After hours parking in King St all 'No Standing' – will this be addressed with re-design of entrance?"</li> <li>▶ No further development needed, except perhaps a "window" in the Manly Dam office which serves as a visitor centre?</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Support for better weed management</b></p>	<p><b>Four tables</b> raised weed management issues and questions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ "Weed management – will this be addressed in Management Plan?"</li> <li>▶ "Is money spent on volunteers to control weed creep into the Park?"</li> <li>▶ Issue is – "funding to stop weed invasion"</li> </ul>
<p><b>Support for reducing impacts on the Park from Adjacent Land users</b></p>	<p><b>Four tables</b> raised issues and questions about the Golf Club, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ "What are the Golf Club's 'Environmental Guidelines', what are their obligations and how do we know they are complying?"</li> <li>▶ "Golf course run-off?"</li> <li>▶ "The Golf Club should be included in the discussion"</li> <li>▶ "The long term future of the Golf Course need to be considered – what are the environmental impacts on the dam?"</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other general suggestions</b></p>	<p>The following ideas / concerns / suggestions were all proposed by <b>single tables</b>:</p> <p>"Bird census should be done each year"</p> <p>"Imbalance between Manly Dam and other parks in BBQ use - promote other Parks in Warringah e.g. Deep Creek and Jamieson Park:</p> <p>"Is there permissible uses after hours?"</p> <p>"Over abundance of signage on the urban edge due to usage increase"</p> <p>"Pedestrian / traffic conflict in King St leading to Dam"</p> <p>"Work carried out should be under the Plan – one-offs should not occur that aren't in the Plan"</p> <p>"There will be increased usage and demand and strategic planning needs to address this"</p> <p>"Already at maximum capacity on a good day"</p> <p>"Encroachment is an issue!" and</p> <p>"Facilities that exist are adequate and suit the nature of the Park".</p>



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Possible Areas for further Investigation
Are there permissible uses in the Park after hours?
Revenue from parking meters – are they viable if only getting revenue from non-Warringah residents? Also investigate increased booking charges for non-residents
Do Wakehurst Golf Club have 'Environmental Guidelines'? What are their obligations? How do we know they are complying?
Investigate access across University of New South Wales Land?
Feasibility of picnic table bookings for half days? (particularly in Section 1.) What about possibility of booking on-line?
Does water quality monitoring occur in tributary creeks or just within the Dam itself?



## **Appendix F**

### **“Summary of Community Submissions on the Manly Dam Issues and Directions Discussion Paper”**

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## 1.0 Background

The current Plan of Management for Manly Warringah War Memorial Park was prepared in July 1998 and since then many of the Plan's strategic initiatives and recommended actions have been completed. Council requires a new Plan of Management to take a fresh look at the values that the community attributes to the land and to develop current management actions to maintain, protect and enhance these values.

A new Plan of Management is essential to set a new vision for the future of Manly Warringah War Memorial Park and to ensure it retains relevance for the community.

A major step in this process was developing an *Issues and Directions Discussion Paper* to encourage a rigorous and informed debate among the community on the issues and values of the Park. This Paper was released for public comment on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

In general, the Discussion Paper confirmed that the majority of the community was happy with the Park, but it also identified several issues that needed to be resolved. A key challenge emerging from the Paper was how Council could:

- ▶ protect the Park's key environmental values and features
- ▶ as well as manage and resolve the issues and potential conflicts between different uses and activities in the Park and
- ▶ identify and develop community assets for everyone now and into the future.

It should be noted that the aim of the Discussion Paper was to *discuss current values and management issues for the Park and present options for some of the **key** management issues*. It did not seek to address all aspects of Manly Dam which would need to be included in a draft Plan of Management. For example, the Crown Lands Act 1989 (s112) requires a draft Plan of Management to deal with the following matters:

- a) the condition of the reserve (including the condition of any buildings or other improvements on the reserve)
- b) the existing use of the reserve (including the existing use of any buildings or other improvements on the reserve)
- c) the nature and scale of the proposed additional purpose
- d) the nature, scale and term of any lease, licence or other arrangement that is intended to be granted or entered into in relation to the additional purpose and
- e) any submissions made in relation to the draft plan as a result of the consultation process and public exhibition requirements under section 113.

## 2.0 Overview of Community Submissions Report

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In brief, 37 submissions and comments were received through Council's online discussion forum [www.yoursaywarringah.com.au/manlydam](http://www.yoursaywarringah.com.au/manlydam), while 225 written submissions were emailed or posted to Council, providing a **total of 262 submissions**.

This Community Submissions Summary Report provides both qualitative and quantitative information from the numerous submissions received and an analysis of each of the key Management Zones.

Those issues and options which attracted numerous comments and feedback will be discussed in detail in this Paper. In addition, those submissions which provided a significant amount of new and detailed information on issues and Management Zones (including management suggestions) will also be forwarded to the consultants preparing the Draft Plan of Management for the Park.

Information in this Report is divided into the key Management Zones discussed in the Issues and Directions Discussion Paper. For example:

- ▶ **219 of the submissions focused on waterskiing and the Waterbody Management Zone**, while
- ▶ **17 submissions focused on the natural values, tracks and trails and the Bushland Management Zone** and
- ▶ A further **26 submissions provided general comments or feedback** on the whole of the Issues and Directions Discussion Paper, including the Day Use Management Zone and the Urban Edge Management Zone.



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### 3.0 Waterbody Management Zone

The Issues and Directions Discussion Paper proposed the following management intent for the waterbody: *"manage the waterbody as both a recreational and flood management asset, ensuring that water quality is suitable for swimming and providing safe, equitable and sustainable recreational use"*.

Three management options were proposed in the Discussion Paper, namely:

**Option 1 – Status Quo, with Operational Simplifications** (maintain the current management arrangements for water skiing – but with adjustments to the approved times, insurance requirements and equity of use for non-club members, and the "manager/gatekeeper" role of the Water Ski Club where required)

**Option 2 – Reduced Water Skiing Times** (Reduce the times, most practically in full-day or half-day blocks, when water skiing is permitted within the designated zone and so increase the availability of the entire dam for other high demand and high-participation (non-motorised) recreational uses) and

**Option 3 – Remove Water Skiing and Other Motorised Boat Usage** (Remove water skiing and other motorised boat uses of the dam entirely).

#### 3.1 Overview of Waterbody Management Zone Submissions

1. **105 submissions** were received dealing primarily with the use of the waterbody, the vast majority of these submissions being from water-skiers, who provided a number of views and ideas. These are summarised in the next section of this Paper.
2. **An additional 101 form-type submissions** were received from water skiers supporting **Option 1 – with no changes to times**, with all these submissions focusing on three main issues:
  - a) Firstly, that the Discussion Paper was inaccurate
  - b) Secondly, that the Discussion Paper did not acknowledge community and family participation in waterskiing at Manly Dam and
  - c) Thirdly, asking why Council was seeking to change the current Plan of Management when the majority of user groups have expressed general satisfaction with it.
3. **A final 13 submissions** were received on the waterbody from a range of groups and associations including the:
  - ▶ Manly and Warringah Waterski Club
  - ▶ Australian Waterski and Wakeboard Federation
  - ▶ Boating Industry Association of NSW
  - ▶ NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers
  - ▶ Army Dive Wing, RAN Diving School, HMAS Penguin



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- NSW Government Recreational Fisheries Division
- Boat Owners Association of NSW Inc and
- NSW Waterski Federation.

This provides a **total of 219 submissions** which focused primarily on the Waterbody Management Zone. A number of additional more general submissions also included views and preferences for the Waterbody Management Zone.

### 3.2 Waterbody Management Zone - Views and Ideas

#### Support

In general, the vast majority of submissions expressed strong support for maintaining waterskiing at Manly Dam. The reasons for support included:

- ✧ "the amazing history that Manly Dam has associated with water skiing since 1947"
- ✧ "the only training facility with a slalom course and jump for competitive waterskiing in the Sydney metropolitan area"
- ✧ "the dam is a very special place to get together with family and friends to engage in a healthy and exhilarating sport"
- ✧ "the role of water skiers (more specifically boats) in reducing the likelihood of algal blooms"
- ✧ "the enjoyment of kids and adults alike watching as well as participating"
- ✧ "the friends that I wakeboard with have also been going there their whole lives whilst growing up and are now teaching their own children"
- ✧ "the amount of waterski champions that have trained solely at Manly Dam" and
- ✧ "waterskiing is a family activity able to be enjoyed by ages 5 to 75 years"

#### Against

A smaller number (**30 submissions**) had various different and opposing views, for example:

- ✧ "whilst in operation the noise of the power boats affects the amenity of the rest of the park and its users"
- ✧ "waterskiing seems like a totally inappropriate activity in this peaceful environment"
- ✧ "the unsafe practices of some water skiers at Manly Dam"
- ✧ "We have a boat ourselves and I think pulling people around on an inflatable is as much fun as the next person. However, I'd never do it at Manly Dam because I believe it's such a peaceful oasis"
- ✧ "I have personally witnessed numerous incidents of harassment and intimidation by ski boats of swimmers and paddlers who have attempted to travel between Sections 1 and 4"
- ✧ "the need to restrict water skiing between the hours of 10am and 4 pm as this activity currently clashes with and ruins prime fishing times".

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Of the submissions dealing primarily with the use of the waterbody, **4 submissions** were from non-members or casual users who experienced no difficulty in booking a skiing time, while **15 submissions** expressed support for waterskiing but **with** timetable changes (**Option 1**) to allow more access by non-members. Examples of comments include:

- ✧ "Available time on the lake is very restricted as it is, and weekend slots must be booked weeks or even months in advance during the warmer months. Reducing the time will simply exacerbate this problem"
- ✧ "It is currently difficult to obtain a Water Skiing booking at the expense of members on weekends, and members only on Sundays"
- ✧ "The 18 members share 3 weekend time slots, whereas the 40+ non-members share 1 slot. This should be reversed giving more usage more evenly or greater rotation of Club members would be fairer" and
- ✧ "I think a good review of the management of the waterskiing is needed. It is not possible to become a member of the ski club (full), and it is not possible to book a Sunday skiing slot".

### 3.3 Submissions from Groups and Associations

The majority of submissions from groups and associations are divided into two areas, boating and fishing. Key comments from these groups have been summarised below:

#### **Boating**

1. "The Manly & Warringah Water Ski Club is an affiliated Club with an excellent record..." and "we support the Manly & Warringah Water Ski Club in maintaining their presence on Manly Dam" (**Australian Waterski and Wakeboard Federation (AWWF)**)
2. "None of the options presented for the water body management zone is acceptable. The best solution is to continue the existing arrangement. Of the options presented, Option 1 is preferable" (**NSW Waterski Federation (NSW Tournament Division – Technical Chairman)**)
3. "It is the Club's belief that this report, with regards to water skiing, leaves a great deal to be desired. We believe it puts forward false premises, opinion written as fact, limited choices, and by its comments sheet, a means of 'funneling' choices to a predetermined result" (**Manly & Warringah Water Ski Club**)
4. "The Discussion Paper appears to be biased against powerboat usage and water skiing without any historical significant reasons. In consideration of all options the most important factor is due and transparent consultation with all stakeholders. Option 1 with no changes" (**Boat Owners Association of NSW**)
5. "The NSW WSF fully supports the Manly Warringah Water Ski Club and hopes that the status quo for the waterbody use of Manly Dam will be maintained." (**NSW Water Ski Federation (NSW WSF)**)



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6. "Overall we are alarmed at the lack of consultation with the associated committee and the governing State body of waterskiing in NSW. We are also extremely concerned that option 1 has not been adequately scoped for consideration by the participating bodies" (**NSW Waterski Federation (NSW Tournament Division)**)

#### **Fishing**

1. "I&I NSW Recreational Fisheries Sub-Unit requests that the plan of management recognises this activity (fishing) within the park". Specifically the Fisheries Sub-Unit "requests that the plan of management includes a section identifying recreational fishing as an existing activity and that regular stocking of Australian bass occurs in Manly Dam to preserve this interest" (**NSW Govt Industry & Investment Recreational Fisheries Sub-Unit**)
2. "The Alliance seeks the assurances of Manly Council that the current documents will be greatly improved and include an in-depth coverage of the history that angling/fishing has with the Dam, how it is currently managed and how it maybe improved during the next stages developing the draft Plan of Management for Manly Dam" (**Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW**)
3. "it is disappointing that recreational angling amenity of the Dam hardly rates a mention in the paper. The NSWCFCA does not support any of the 3 options related to waterskiing (Page 39). Rather the NSWCFCA proposes that an amended option 2 reading: "Review the times, when water skiing is permitted taking into account the needs of other high demand and high participation recreational users." be considered." (**New South Wales Council of Freshwater Anglers**)

### **3.4 Current Operation of Waterskiing on the Dam**

A compilation of the submissions has provided the following information:

<b>Membership</b>	
No. Club Members	12
No. Club Member boats	18 registered boats
No. Associate Members <sup>1</sup>	>130
No. Associate Member boats	42 registered boats
Total No. boats registered to use the dam	150 or 250
No. of registered users <sup>2</sup>	250

<sup>1</sup> Please NOTE: In addition to the term "Associate Member" submissions used the term 'social member'



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Average No. of boats using the Dam each season	60
<b>Skiing Times</b>	
7 days per week 8am to 5pm	Standard time period
Peak ski season	Oct – March
Weekend slots <sup>3</sup> available to Club Members	Sat afternoon Sun morning/afternoon
Weekend slots available to Associate Members and Casual users	Sat morning
Waiting times for Associate or casual users to secure a weekend skiing slot	8 weeks, to 12 weeks to "nothing in the season"
<b>Insurance</b>	
Boat insurance covering damage to boat and personal liability <sup>4</sup>	All registered boats are required to hold this
The Ski Club carries additional Public Liability Insurance	Cover slalom course, jump and buoys
<b>All submissions agreed there was no issue</b> with obtaining the required boat insurance. As one person summed up - <i>"insurance is easy to get, it is with NRMA and costs no extra than normal"</i>	

In general, the submissions lacked a common understanding of the following aspects of water skiing on the Dam.

<b>Issues with no common agreement</b>	
Fees paid by water-skiers are \$35 per session, but what is the total financial contribution of waterskiing to Council?	Amount?
Is noise really an issue? Have noise complaints been received by Council about boats on Manly Dam?	Yes / No?
Are there documented studies on the <i>positive</i> or <i>negative</i> impacts of ski boats on aquatic habitats?	What are these?

<sup>2</sup> Please NOTE: In addition to the term "Registered User" submissions used the terms 'affiliate user', 'casual registration' and 'non-members'

<sup>3</sup> Please NOTE: Each slot allows for 2 ski boats to operate

<sup>4</sup> Please NOTE: Although NRMA insurance was mentioned a few times – it appears this is because it offers a competitive price for boat insurance rather than being the ONLY insurer to cover skiing at the Dam

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Is there a waterskiing 'Code of Conduct'? (e.g. no re-fuelling at the Dam, respect for other users etc.)	Is this the Hirers Rules?
Is the skiing timetable signposted at the Dam?	Yes / No?
Is the supply and maintenance of marker buoys the responsibility (and expense) of Council or the Ski Club?	Council or Club?

### **Analysis of Waterbody Management Zone**

The majority of waterskiing and waterbody focused submissions nominated **Option 1- Status Quo** (but with **no** changes to times) as their preferred option.

While this provides a clear preference for no change – there are a significant number of points and issues raised in these submissions which warrant further discussion. For example:

- ▶ Waterskiing genuinely appears to be an activity with **hundreds** of active participants (similar in fact to the numbers of people who currently mountain bike at the dam)
- ▶ The strong preference for '*no change to times*' could be an indication of the high demand that the >130 Associate Members plus the casual users put on the only time slot available on a weekend (i.e. Saturday mornings). These users may see any change in times as a possible further reduction on this already high demand slot.
- ▶ While the actual times **available** for skiing appear to be fairly straightforward, i.e. Monday to Sunday, 8:00am to 5:00pm for the standard time period, (the Daylight Saving Period times are not as obvious), there is no publicly available information on when the Dam is **actually** booked<sup>5</sup>.
- ▶ Council's own website clearly indicates that "*The section of the dam between picnic areas 2 and 3 is a dedicated waterskiing area. Swimming and other non-motorised water activities are not allowed here.*" In addition, the Manly & Warringah Water Ski Club's 'Hirers' Skiing Rules at the Dam' clearly indicate "*The driver and observer should check for swimmers and paddlers before leaving the shore. You should ask them to return to the swimming area.*" What is less clear however, is how other waterbody users can better accommodated in this area of the Dam when there are no boats and water-skiers using the dam.
- ▶ Other equally significant waterbody management issues such as fishing requirements, flood management and maintenance of water quality need to be addressed in detail in the draft Plan of Management.

<sup>5</sup> Dargle Waterski Park on the Hawkesbury River near Lower Portland has a simple website timetable showing which skiing beaches are booked and number of bookings, [www.dargle.com.au](http://www.dargle.com.au) look under the ski beaches tab.



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## 4.0 Bushland Management Zone

The Issues and Directions Discussion Paper proposed the following management intent for the bushland *"maintain the majority of the Park as natural bushland and a scenic landscape, protecting communities and species of high conservation value, while providing for sustainable dispersed recreational and educational uses without significant impact on natural processes"*.

Four management options were proposed in the Discussion Paper, namely:

**Option 1 – Status Quo (post February 2010 situation)** - Maintaining the "status quo", with the entire currently designated mountain bike circuit and walkers restricted from the 1.7 kilometres of single track along the Trig Track on the western (Wakehurst Parkway) boundary and the 200 metre section of single track in the north-east (below Churchill Crescent).

**Option 2 – Shared-use and Risk Management** - Retaining the entire currently designated mountain bike circuit and allowing for the shared-use, by both mountain bikers and walkers, of all single track sections – notably the 1.7 kilometres of single track along the Trig Track on the western (Wakehurst Parkway) boundary and the 200 metre section of single track in the north-east (below Churchill Crescent), both now closed to walkers.

**Option 3 – Mountain Bike Track Realignment (New Single-use Tracks)** - Creating new sections of mountain bike only track, on new or realigned routes, to avoid or minimise issues or short-comings with parts of the existing designated circuit. Possible locations for new/realigned track sections are – the south-eastern boundary (from Southern Cross Drive in the north, past Nyrang Road, to Maroa Crescent in the south) and the southern boundary (north of Warringah Road and part of Manning Street).

**Option 4 – Duplicate Track Sections (New Single-use Tracks, for Riders or Walkers)** - This option entails creating new sections of single-use track, for either mountain bikers or walkers, to duplicate critical sections of existing narrow or hazardous single track and provide for user separation.

### 4.1 Overview of Bushland Management Zone Submissions

**17 submissions** focused mainly on management of the bushland at Manly Dam. **8** of these submissions dealt primarily with mountain biking issues, while the remainder covered issues from bushwalking tracks, preserving remnant bushland, dog walking, signage, control of feral rabbits, to operation of the Wakehurst Golf Club and fire management.

In addition, the 26 general submissions, which commented on the *whole* Issues and Directions Discussion Paper, provided some clear preferences and views on bushland management. These submissions included feedback and comments from the Warringah Triathlon Club and numerous members of the Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee Inc.



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The lower number of submissions on this Zone may in part be due to the strong agreement and consensus that was demonstrated at the Community Workshop on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010. For example, of the ten tables involved:

- ▶ **Five tables** reached a consensus on Option 2, with four tables having preferences for both Option 2 and Option 4
- ▶ **Eight tables** expressed concern that the final option should minimise the impact on the environment (Specific concerns included minimising the amount of bush cleared (if any), concerns about the erosion from tracks and subsequent sedimentation of waterways and the possibility of fragmenting the existing bushland)
- ▶ **Six tables** supported better track design and / or maintenance
- ▶ **Six tables** supported better education and information for all users
- ▶ However, specific rider / walker conflicts included Cootamundra Reserve and playground, with **four tables** calling for this area to be resolved as part of any final option.

All the bushland submissions on the Discussion Paper are discussed in the next section.

#### 4.2 Bushland Management Zone – Views and Ideas

Of all the submissions which put forward a preference for the mountain biking / walking track options, the majority (**18 submissions**) supported **Option 2 – Shared Use and Risk Management**. The reasons for supporting this option included:

- ✧ *"I believe that both walkers and Mountain bikers should be allowed to share the track. I have never had any issues"*
- ✧ *"There does not seem to be too great a problem or conflict with shared use from my experience"*
- ✧ *"I walk these shared tracks regularly and do not believe there is a serious likelihood of collisions between bikers and walkers. If cyclists were made to observe the Mountain Bike Code of Conduct (on the back of the Manly Dam Map), then any risk would be avoided"*
- ✧ *"Option 1 is no good as residents can't use the Cootamundra Reserve or walk that part of the track. It's a nice bushwalk with small children – not too long, easy and interesting" and*
- ✧ *"unless a convenient and practical separation of cyclists and pedestrians can be achieved, then we should revert to the practice which worked perfectly well previously, i.e. considerate shared usage should be formalised".*

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### **Mountain Biking Concerns**

Some submissions gave an analysis of each option, with a number of these (**4 submissions**) expressing concern about the costs involved. For example:

- ✧ "Option 2 or 4 in the mountain biking / walking tracks are good. Option 4 is preferable, but if there's not enough money to provide new tracks then stick with the pre-Feb (option 2)" and
- ✧ "Option 3 is considered too costly and causing major impact on the Flora & Fauna".

Other concerns raised in submissions included night riding, track erosion and disturbance to park neighbours. Some examples include:

- ✧ "I do feel that the night riding needs to be managed. It is absurd that people want to ride this at night. It certainly is unacceptable that the Park neighbours would have to put up with this noise and the lights late at night and in the early hours of the morning. "
- ✧ "you'll see people cycling at Manly Dam through the bush at night without lights, stacking" bikes and riding in the wet when the tracks are "closed"
- ✧ "Options 1 or 2 would obviously be preferable but there are real community concerns that the numbers of mountain bikers are causing significant erosion and night time mountain biking should not be allowed" and
- ✧ good if there was a "hotline" number of camera monitoring to report/detect cyclists using paths when they have been declared closed".

**Night bike riding** also had a number of supporters some of whom provided detailed information on the management of this activity. Some supportive comments included:

- ✧ "night riding is a great escape from being surrounded by a noisy, busy urban office environment"
- ✧ "Banning night riding is a bad idea as this is the only circuit in Sydney where riders can practice skills for 24 hour and other events that involve riding after dark. Such events are an increasingly popular part of recreational mountain bike riding and a circuit location where riding at night can be practiced is essential" and
- ✧ "The nature of night riding is that bikes are typically in an area for a short amount of time with a narrow light beam focused on the ground. The aim is not to search for, spotlight and observe animals, rather to avoid them."

Some management suggestions included:

- ✧ "A possible compromise solution may be to restrict track usage to before 10pm during hours of darkness to minimise impact on neighbours and wildlife."



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- ✧ "The park should be closed to bike riders after a certain time, say 9 or 10pm (therefore they can still get a night ride in but it is still within respectable times)" and
- ✧ "Parks Tasmania's current recommendations are to allow night riding until policy can be formed based on clear evidence and an objective assessment of risks and impacts"

### **Bushland Values**

**Seven submissions** expressed strong views and preferences for preserving and enhancing the natural values and flora and fauna of the Dam.

Comments included:

- ✧ "The preservation of bushland of Manly Dam should be given top priority over the needs of this commercial recreational activity which has turned the once peaceful bushland fire tracks into a velodrome"
- ✧ "what I value the most is the bushland environment it provides for myself, my family and the surrounding area"
- ✧ "a high priority be given to protection of the high conservation value bushland in the Reserve. It contains endangered species of flora and fauna and endangered ecological communities that should be fully protected and encouraged"
- ✧ "Manly Dam should be recognised first and foremost as a place of outstanding natural attributes and preservation of this asset for its own sake should be given the highest priority"
- ✧ "I value most... that the natural setting at manly Dam is left as low key and not developed. We love the bush setting. We saw a Lace Monitor at our last picnic" and
- ✧ "We regularly use Manly Dam for our daily walk and love the natural flora and fauna".

### **4.3 Other Issues and Management Suggestions**

In discussing and commenting on the Bushland Management Zone, many submissions raised issues and many more provided management suggestions. Some examples of these comments are provided below.

### **Bushland Issues**

- ✧ "I would also like to suggest that linkages with other Council, National Parks and bushland areas are considered from a recreation perspective as well as flora and fauna"
- ✧ "I would like to see more emphasis in the Plan of Management on proactive ways of conserving the Park. Such as funding for bush regeneration, imprphabitat, educating the community, preserving water quality"



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### **Track Issues and Suggestions**

- ✧ "the entrance to the park from Water Reserve Road North Balgowlah is quite dangerous... the steep hill on the unsealed section of road (covered with loose rocks) that leads to the path into the park. Some steps next to the road would add to the safety of walkers and help to separate them from speeding bike riders, who also use that dangerous section of road"
- ✧ "the lack of good directions on your bushwalks"
- ✧ "The track is need of some maintenance badly and is becoming quite dangerous. There have been some maintenance days in the past though these seem to be arranged on an ad-hoc basis. I would suggest a "bush care" type arrangement where there is a specified date every 4 – 8 weeks where volunteers and council staff work together on identified/ known problem areas."
- ✧ "Public access through the golf course should be facilitated"
- ✧ "Signage is generally good in the reserve, but at some key points, crucial directions have been damaged or removed and in some cases has not been replaced. Someone needs to walk all the foot tracks and report on missing signs, so they can be promptly installed"

### **Mountain Bike Suggestions**

- ✧ "I believe there should be a strong link with the Manly Warringah Mountain Bike Club who could help in rallying support/ educate and get the message out to riders about critical information."
- ✧ "Appropriate signage on the challenging sections to warn learner riders of the grade of skill expected. (e.g. as is done in ski fields). Better signage around when the park is closed due to wet weather" and
- ✧ "Safety is generally improved by reducing and controlling speed. Please consult the riding community and experienced mountain bike trail designers before making any changes".

### **Dog Issues**

- ✧ "Walking the dogs is an excellent pastime in the dam area. I own and walk 2 dogs in this area. Unfortunately a few irresponsible owners do not always adhere to the "on lead" policy, so perhaps more prominent warning signs might help as would a bag dispenser"
- ✧ "other problem I have using the tracks has been dogs that are not on leads, it is not uncommon to be bailed up by large dogs, sometimes the owners of the large dogs have trouble controlling them"

### **Various Issues and Suggestions**

- ✧ "As a Club (i.e. Wakehurst Golf Club) we are cognisant of the privileged position we occupy within the Catchment area of Manly Dam and we are mindful of our responsibilities in respect of that position"
- ✧ "The most important issue for the management plan to address is the quality of the water and the resultant algae blooms and sub surface weed growth"

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- ✧ *"The PoM should also acknowledge the vital and long standing Wakehurst Base Line, which is located in Manly Dam Reserve, parallel to Wakehurst Parkway. The previously shared perimeter track follows the base line for nearly 400m and this is why that section of track is called the "Trig Trail". The Wakehurst Base Line consists of three precision Trig Stations and is used by significant numbers of surveyors to regularly check and calibrate new and used surveying equipment"*
- ✧ *"The rabbit infestation is NOW and needs something to be done before they get completely out of control."*
- ✧ *"I agree that the entry fee was unpopular and impractical and should not be reintroduced. However, paid parking should be without delay. The facilities provided are superior to many at say beaches, where paid parking has been standard for years"*
- ✧ *"Similar nomenclature confusion exists re the park itself, sometimes called Manly Dam Reserve or the clumsy Manly Warringah War Memorial Park. Continuing the Manly Lake theme... why not call it just the Manly Lake Memorial Park?"*
- ✧ *"Any financial losses in providing Manly Dam in its present state might be seen as a contribution to the wellbeing of parents and children in the area."*
- ✧ *"I don't see any discussion in your papers about how the area should be made family friendly, particularly for young children and parents and economically accessible to them. Do not place more stress on young families and grandparents through entrance fees. Pressures created here will only show up in other areas" and*
- ✧ *"It should also be noted that fire track clearances by fire authorities' impacts greatly on the bushland along the edge of tracks. Often this sort of clearing is carried out entirely without regard to the integrity of the bushland. Guidelines should be agreed with these authorities that maintain access & minimise impact"*

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**Analysis of Bushland Management Zone**

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The majority of bushland focused submissions nominated **Option 2- Shared Use and Risk Management** as their preferred option.

While this provides a clear preference for an option proposed in the Discussion Paper, the submissions also reinforce a number of important points and issues presented in the Discussion Paper, some of which will require further attention and detail in the Draft Plan of Management.

A number of issues were raised by individuals as they felt these did not receive enough attention or detail in the Discussion Paper. It is worth re-stating here that the Discussion Paper did not aim to deal with *all* aspects of Manly Dam that are required to be addressed under a draft Plan of Management, rather it sought to *discuss current values and management issues for the Park and present options* for these.

Key points from these submissions include:

- ▶ The need to focus the draft Management Plan on the stated management intent for the Bushland Management Zone - to *maintain the majority of the Park as natural bushland and a scenic landscape, protecting communities and species of high conservation value*, with any recreational uses and changes needing to be addressed and managed within this context.
- ▶ That all new work such as the "minor new track construction and track re-design" included in the 'risk management' portion of Option 2 must only be considered within the context of a natural bushland setting, but also a within the context of a setting where the low key nature and lack of development is highly valued.
- ▶ Night riding is a current activity that needs to be addressed in the draft Plan of Management.
- ▶ Finally, that the range of issues included in the Issues and Directions Discussion Paper such as paid parking, feral animal control and fire track clearances be addressed more fully in the draft Plan of Management.



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## 5.0 Day Use Management Zone

The Issues and Directions Discussion Paper proposed the following management intent for the Day Use Management Zone: *"maintain the existing picnic areas as the Park's main vehicle-accessible day-use area, offering a range of attractive recreational settings and facilities varying from landscaped areas with high-level facilities to low-key bushland settings, and catering for a range of sustainable low-impact uses."*

The primary management objectives for the Day Use Zone (as stated in the Discussion Paper) are to:

- ▶ offer a high quality day-use experience for park visitors - providing for visitor vehicle access and accommodating a range of passive day-use recreational activities;
- ▶ provide safe access to the adjacent waterbody;
- ▶ offer a range of recreational settings and standards of facilities, while retaining the low-key and less-developed character of the area;
- ▶ maintain the War Memorial and Remembrance Point facilities as a key part of the Park's identity; and
- ▶ provide for visitor safety.

Only **10 submissions** specifically addressed issues and options for the Day Use Management Zone. Some of the comments and suggestions are provided below:

- ✧ *"I feel that incorporating a food and beverage outlet will detract from the natural setting of Manly dam. We visit manly Dam for a peaceful relaxing and fun time, therefore increasing commercialisation will destroy that. Having said that I do remember the days when canoe hire was available and this would be a fun option if it could be done on a small scale so as not to impact on the other recreational activities on the water. Introducing environment education and school curriculum services may be a low impact method of revenue raising"*
- ✧ *On page 46 the paper mentioned that extra infill of picnic tables and seating may be introduced. I am concerned that this may limit the amount of area that my family can play in when we visit. We are quite happy to use camp chairs and picnic rugs if no table are available. That is part of the fun of visiting Manly Dam. It feels like camping.*
- ✧ *"I think it is really important to link the picnic areas with walking tracks. Having people walking on the road and cars driving at speeds much faster than 20km/h is much too dangerous" and "I support a low-key improvement to the walking access between Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 in order to separate walkers and vehicles on the road."*
- ✧ *"It's also very important to keep the majority of the picnic areas as low-maintenance bush sites, that is, after all, the beauty of the place – the bush!"*

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- ✧ "A big NO to the construction of an 'indoor classroom/exhibition centre/meeting facility. (page 57). What next a cafe, motel, holiday resort!!!!"
- ✧ "What about the Indigenous history of the area, especially before Curl Curl Creek became a dam? Human impact on the area and sustainability issues need to be addressed more thoroughly and better education on these matters needs to be expanded for the general public."
- ✧ "Water Quality- We use the water for swimming regularly and this is very important to my family. It is a break from the beach that always seems busy"
- ✧ "Need to improve the Toilet facilities for disabled access"
- ✧ "Need additional covering on some of the open tables in area 1"
- ✧ "Permitted uses signage to include use of Portable gas BBQ's to reduce load on Electric BBQ's provided. The signs currently do not indicate that they can be used but Rangers have informed that it is permitted"
- ✧ "Allow for Afternoon or evening bookings to allow facilities to be used from say 10 - 3 or 4pm with another booking for the evening"
- ✧ "Provision of pedestrian access along King St entrance and a walking track between picnic areas 2 - 4" and
- ✧ Retention of current booking system.

### **War Memorial**

- ✧ "This is a request to relocate the new (second) War Memorial to another site and to relocate the flag pole to the original memorial (sculpture) that is set back from the water's edge. The reasons for relocation include:
  - a) The memorial is located in a popular section of the reserve that is actively used for recreation and picnics
  - b) The black rectangular shaped memorial is centrally located within the field of vision and therefore spoils an iconic view looking west across Manly Reservoir.
  - c) The memorial is near to the water and obstructs the view of the water's edge where children play" and
- ✧ "I am concerned at the intrusive nature of the recently built war memorial. It has blocked one of the most photographed views of the catchment. In my view there should be proper community consultation before such a dominant structure is built in such a critical location"

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**Analysis of Day Use Management Zone**

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While no specific options were proposed by the Discussion Paper or nominated in the submissions, a common vision emerged for this Zone being:

- ▶ To continue the current day usage of the area (with some minor improvements) with a continuing emphasis on maintaining the Park as a low key, un-spoilt and undeveloped bush setting.

Similarly to submissions on the Bushland Management Zone the submissions on the Day Use Management Zone reinforced a number of important points and issues presented in the Discussion Paper, such as linking the sections via a new walking trail, the need to improve the toilet facilities for disabled access and increasing the educational materials available to the public.

Some of the points raised in submission may also require additional discussion in the Draft Plan of Management such as:

- ▶ Finalisation of the current war memorials
- ▶ Revisiting the number and type of picnic tables available (covered / uncovered) and
- ▶ Possibly re-examining the current booking system.



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## 6.0 Urban Edge Management Zone

The Issues and Directions Discussion Paper proposed the following management intent for the Urban Edge Management Zone: *"manage those sections of the Park boundary adjacent to residential areas and other developments to effectively manage hazards and reduce inconveniences to Park neighbours, as well as minimising adverse impacts from adjoining land uses on the Park and its values."*

Primary management objectives given for the Urban Edge Zone were to:

- ▶ minimise the risks to life and property posed by occasional wildfires on the Park;
- ▶ reduce direct and indirect impacts on the Park and its values from adjacent land uses, as well as to avoid undue inconvenience to Park neighbours from on-Park activities; and
- ▶ provide secondary visitor access points.

Only **2 submissions** specifically addressed issues and options for the Day Use Management Zone.

The low number of comments on this Zone could be due to the good response received on Council's letterbox drop to neighboring properties around the perimeter of Manly Dam in October 2010. The letter informed residents that preparation of a new Plan of Management for Manly Warringah War Memorial Park has commenced and requested them to comment on *'why the Park is important to them'* and *'any issues they may have as a neighbor to Manly Dam'*.

In total **19 written submissions and 3 phone calls** were received. Key issues from neighbours included:

- ✧ The current unsafe pedestrian access into the park along Arana and King St (including children on bikes and strollers)
- ✧ The bushfire threat and bushfire prevention actions – on the access road into Dam
- ✧ The increase in feral rabbit numbers
- ✧ The dangerous rock on the mountain bike track, plus excessive speed of mountain bikes in this area -where people walk
- ✧ Noise from day and night time bike riders
- ✧ Concerns for the impact of the bike track on the bush, especially with increased numbers of bike riders and
- ✧ The bushfire threat, including the proximity of fire prone species close to houses, lack of an appropriate firebreak and a need for regular burn-offs.

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Comments from submissions on the Discussion Paper included:

- ✧ *"Pg 50 mentions 'Formalise and promote selected park access points from surrounding residential streets in the East and South'. I am concerned that this will increase traffic, parking and noise on those otherwise quiet streets."* and
- ✧ *"Plans to build a roundabout at the entrance to the park are also surely unnecessary. This would seriously degrade the beautiful rocky outcrops that are a magnificent feature of Manly Dam".*

#### **Analysis of Day Use Management Zone and Remaining Sections in the Discussion Paper**

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The Urban Edge Management Zone and remaining sections in the Discussion Paper (i.e. Park Management Zone, Golf Course / Tennis Courts Management Zone and Park Administration) did not attract the same level of submissions as the first three Management Zones discussed in this Report.

This is most likely due to the lack of contentious issues in these Zones and the fact that individuals had already expressed their vision and intent for the future through comments on the Waterbody Management Zone, the Bushland Management Zone or the Day use Management Zone.









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