



WARRINGAH  
COUNCIL

# **MINUTES**

## **NARRABEEN LAGOON STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST 2015**

**TODD DICKINSON  
GROUP MANAGER NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**



**Voting Members**

Warringah Council – Chair  
Warringah Council GM representative  
Recreational Representative  
Community Representative  
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council  
Office of Environment and Heritage – National Parks  
NSW Trade & Investment (Crown Lands)  
NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries)

Mayor Michael Regan  
Mr Todd Dickinson  
Ms Julie Whitfield  
Mr Alan Jones  
Mr Allen Madden  
Mr Peter Hay  
Mr David Clarke  
Mr Marcel Green

**Officers**

Coast & Waterways Manager  
Senior Environment Officer – Lagoons  
Senior Environment Officer – Lagoons  
Administration Coordinator

Mr Adrian Turnbull  
Ms Jodie Crawford  
Ms Sue Jacobs  
Ms Denise Regan

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, 19 August, 2015 in the Banksia Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why, commencing at 4:00 pm.

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

### **1. ATTENDANCE**

- 1.1. Present: Michael Regan (Chair), Todd Dickinson, Julie Whitfield, Alan Jones, David Clarke, Marcel Green, Peter Hay, Adrian Turnbull, Denise Regan, Jodie Crawford, Sue Jacobs.
- 1.2. In attendance: Colin Windleborn, Warringah Council Property Manager.
- 1.3. Apologies: Nil.

### **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- 2.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 10 June, 2015 were confirmed as correct by Alan Jones and Julie Whitfield.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **3.2 Funding and Sustainable Use**

- **Warringah Council** to provide details on income and expenditure.

The Chair gave a summary of expectations of the Committee moving forward and invited Mr Dickinson to discuss the expenditure, income and usage associated with the State Park. Mr Dickinson explained Tables 1 to 4 in Attachment 1 and the Committee discussed the usage, expenditure and incomes figures. Ms Crawford advised that the usage estimates had been gathered during the Narrabeen Lagoon Dredging community engagement.

In regard to income, businesses in the Berry Reserve area were discussed. It was advised these were outside the State Park but are associated with it. The group agreed there was an opportunity to look at the business catchment which derives direct and/or indirect income from the State Park. It was advised that most user groups in Table 3 are Council leases at commercial rates however community group fees are nominal.

With regard to usage, questions were raised as to whether there were possible future activities that, in principle, the Committee believe should be considered. Council staff advised they were seeking guidance from the Committee on what is reasonable use of the State Park. Ms Whitfield suggested a decision support matrix be developed that incorporated and considered key guiding principles. It was noted that lack of parking is a major issue for the area and therefore usage needs to consider this as a constraint.

The Committee discussed and agreed the following key principles for consideration of development and/or activities within the State Park:

- must be sympathetic with the lagoon environment
- seeks to maximise times of low usage
- seeks a balance between commercial return and community events
- seeks a balance between organised (private) events and public walk-up users

Mr Hay gave an overview of what OEH – National Parks do in relation to both community and commercial events. The Committee suggested an annual or 2 yearly call out for expressions of interest in events/activities as a mechanism for consistent consideration of applications.

The question was raised regarding revenue raising and being financially sustainable. The gap between expenditure and income was discussed and the wisdom of adding further parcels at this time was questioned. It was agreed Narrabeen Lagoon State Park needs to consider maximising funding opportunities however the main purpose should not be raising money.

Mr Clarke advised that while it is not an objective of Crown Land for State Parks to be financially sustainable, of the 20 state parks in the State, only two were financially sustainable primarily due to the presence of caravan parks within them.

The Committee agreed that inclusion of additional land parcels within the State Park must be accompanied by additional funding and agreed management arrangements.

**ACTION:**

Staff to develop a decision making tool using the key principles to assess appropriate usage and distribute before next meeting.

Staff and committee members to look at new uses and projects.

Committee members accept the current funding arrangements and acknowledge Council will continue to maximise income and minimise expenditure ..... **ALL/WC**

- **Warringah Council to investigate existing and future use.**

Discussed in above item.

- **Crown Lands** to provide information on licence and lease holders.

Mr Clarke provided information on these parcels. He advised there are a number of parcels in the State Park near the eastern channel that are being encroached upon, which could provide State Park income through disposal or licencing. In principle, Crown Lands prefer to dispose of parcels rather than prepare ongoing leases agreements, and may consider transfer to Council ownership. Council as Reserve Trust Manager may consider leasing them to neighbouring residents.

Licencing of jetties in this area is still being investigated by Crown Lands.

It was brought to the Committee's attention the car park outside Woolworths is within the State Park and is not currently metered.

**ACTION:** Crown continue to investigate jetties in these areas ..... **CROWN**

### 3.5 State Park Boundaries

- **Crown Lands** to provide updated map of the State Park

Council staff are reviewing GIS anomalies and working with Crown to provide an updated map. One such anomaly is Wimbleton (Sanctuary) Island which is gazetted to be in the State Park but is not included in the map.

The map included in the agenda (see Figure 1 below) remains the currently accepted map. The Committee noted that Jamieson Park was included in the State Park.

**ACTION:** Council and Crown to take necessary action to ensure State Park lands are as indicated in the map ..... **WC/CROWN**

- **Warringah Council** to review weightings on ownership and provide update.

Warringah Council has developed a multi-criteria matrix for evaluating land parcels that could potentially be included in the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park, which was distributed with the agenda. The Committee supported the matrix weightings for assessment of land parcels.

The Committee requested a summary map be prepared in order to visually represent where these parcels were within the State Park, and their respective values. It was noted that the majority of parcels are owned by Crown Lands.

**ACTION:**

Staff to present the information in a summary map showing priority areas and ownership.

Representatives from Warringah Council and Crown Lands to discuss inclusion of Crown parcels. .... **WC/CROWN**

### **3.6 Alleged Unauthorised Developments**

This matter was discussed in 3.2.

## **4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 4.1. **Gai-mariagal National Park proposal** - Mr Hay advised a meeting had not yet been held between Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) and National Parks however discussions were underway regarding various ideas for co-management of area.
- 4.2. **Mountain Bikes** – Mr Hay advised that MLALC were stopping mountain bikes and hikers through their property. National Parks is looking at endorsing and maintaining certain trails in their parks and are using mountain bike maps to show where tracks are.
- 4.3. **Navigation markers in Narrabeen Lagoon** – Mr Turnbull advised there were delays in productions at the manufacturing stage of the marker buoys as they were being made to order, however this is now complete and we are awaiting installation. He also advised a grant of \$34,000 from Crown Lands had been received which will cover the majority of project costs. In the meantime, staff had been liaising with user groups who are generally supportive of the outcome.
- 4.4. Add as an agenda item next meeting – Discuss Coffs Coast State Park as an example of a financially sustainable State Park with a caravan park.

## **5. NEXT MEETING**

To be determined

*There being no further business the meeting ended at 5:08 pm*

Figure 1

