

# Minutes

## **Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Advisory Committee**

Minutes of the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Advisory Committee meeting held on

**10 November 2014**

In Guringai Room, Warringah Council, Civic Centre, Dee Why commencing at **4 p.m.**

Todd Dickinson  
Group Manager Natural Environment

# Narrabeen Lagoon State Park

## Advisory Committee

KEY CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS	
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>1.1. To act in an advisory role to the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Trust (NLSPT) and provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Advice on sustainable funding options to support the ongoing management, maintenance and appropriate development within the State Park.</li> <li>– Recommendations for additional land parcels for inclusion into the State Park.</li> <li>– Advice on appropriate current and potential future uses of the State Park by various stakeholder groups.</li> <li>– Monitoring of the implementation of the Narrabeen Lagoon Plan of Management.</li> </ul> <p>1.2. To facilitate and enable communication between the NLSPT, the community and stakeholders with an interest in Narrabeen Lagoon State Park.</p> <p>1.3. To provide a forum in which to allow the expression of views and opinions from a variety of stakeholders including the community, land owners and policy makers.</p>
<b>Quorum</b>	A quorum is constituted if at least half the total number of members is present, including a Trust Manager representative and the Chair (or delegate)
<b>Meetings</b>	<p>1.1. The Committee will meet at regular intervals, at least two times a year.</p> <p>1.2. The Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Trust will determine the agenda and matters for consideration by the Committee (incorporating relevant suggested items from Committee members as appropriate).</p> <p>1.3. The Chair and Secretary of the Committee will prepare an agenda for each meeting.</p> <p>1.4. Meetings will be minuted and will contain all recommendations of the Committee.</p> <p>1.5. Committee recommendations will be reached by consensus wherever possible.</p> <p>1.6. In the event that a matter needs to be voted upon, each member, including the chair of the Committee, will have an equal vote.</p> <p>1.7. In the event of a tied vote, the motion will be deemed to be lost.</p> <p>1.8. All Committee recommendations are to the Trust Manager who will consider the recommendations in accordance with its own governance arrangements. The Committee has no decision making authority.</p> <p>1.9. A copy of the minutes will be provided to the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Trust within 14 days from the meeting.</p> <p>1.10. The Chair of the Committee will be invited to attend in person when the Trust Manager is considering Committee reports should they wish to provide further information.</p>

## Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Advisory Committee

### Members of the Committee, namely:

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Cr Michael Regan	Warringah Council - Chair
Mr Todd Dickinson	Warringah Council GM representative
Ms Julie Whitfield	Recreation Representative
Dr Alan Jones	Community Representative
Mr Allen Madden	Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council
Mr Peter Hay	Office of Environment and Heritage - National Parks
Mr David Clark	Crown Lands
Mr Marcel Green	NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries NSW)

### Warringah Council Staff:

Mr Adrian Turnbull	Environmental Strategy Manager
Ms Jodie Crawford	Senior Environment Officer – Catchment
Dr Alicia Loveless	Senior Environment Officer – Catchment
Ms Denise Regan	Administration

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## Minutes

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

1.1. Present: Michael Regan (Chair), Todd Dickinson, Julie Whitfield, Alan Jones, Peter Hay, David Clark, Marcel Green, Adrian Turnbull, Denise Regan

1.2. Apologies: Allen Madden

*Prior to the formal meeting commencing the Chair invited each committee member to introduce themselves and give a brief outline of who they were and why they were a representative on this advisory committee.*

#### 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

This is the first meeting of this committee therefore there are no minutes to confirm.

#### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

##### 4.1. Terms of Reference

The Committee discussed the Terms of Reference and members were asked to provide feedback prior to ratification:

- A change was requested to Section 4 to reflect how the Committee had been formed.
- Questions were asked as to why Pittwater Council is not represented on this Committee. Staff advised that no land under Pittwater Council's care and control is included in the State Park at this time.
- Dr Jones suggested a brief statement of the overall goals of the Advisory Committee should be included to give better focus. Set Committee on track for achieving long terms goals for Narrabeen Lagoon's total catchment management.
- Staff advised that the concept of the Advisory Committee was to address four main strategic issues around funding, potential expansion, appropriate uses, and oversight of the Plan of Management implementation. The aim is to focus on these issues and look to include others at a later stage.
- A suggestion was made to tie Committee objectives to the Narrabeen Lagoon Plan of Management, however it was noted that the Plan of Management only covers to high water mark of lagoon and doesn't deal with land based issues.

ACTION:	Who
1. Changes will be made as suggested and will be circulated with minutes and ratified at the next meeting.	WC

#### 4.2. Purpose

In order for the Committee to begin to address the four main strategic issues, members discussed the status of Narrabeen Lagoon's management, key projects and the Narrabeen Lagoon Plan of Management (PoM).

- A link to the PoM had been circulated to the Group with the agenda and the following items were raised:
  - Funding of future works: Mr Dickinson advised we spend substantial funds on Narrabeen Lagoon and its surrounds such as the new Narrabeen Lagoon trail and its signage.
  - An ongoing funding program exists for the renewal of capital works and the maintenance and operation of surrounding reserves.
  - The question was raised of who would monitor funds for this and the meeting was advised that Warringah Council has responsibility for this as the land manager.
  - Mr Clark advised that Crown Lands had a number of grants and funding opportunities throughout the year and were open to such areas. He also advised that it was possible to receive low interest loans from Crown Lands if the need arose. Grant funding opened twice a year with approximately \$25 million available per annum.
  - Mr Turnbull advised that Warringah Council received correspondence from the Honourable Andrew Stoner dated 9 October 2013 stating his approval for adoption of the PoM.
  - Ms Whitfield suggested that use of the lagoon should be a valued add and appropriate. It would also be a great benefit to have a list of appropriate recreational activities for the lagoon for all to access. It was suggested that a Recreational Plan should be written for the Lagoon. Staff advised that this action is included in the PoM and is important.
  - The matter of dredging was raised and discussed. It was advised that following a resolution of Council, alternatives to dredging were currently being progressed such as installing buoys to mark channels etc. A request had been sent to various areas of NSW Government and Pittwater Council, responses have been received from Fisheries, RMS and Crown Lands, and that further decisions would be made once all feedback had been received.
  - Mr Green advised DPI and Fisheries NSW have offered in-principle support to potential dredging options since at least 2008, and that support remains should Council decide to pursue such an option. He also explained the costs involved with dredging that being approximately \$103 per square metre for compensation for the removal of sea grass beds. The question was raised if there was an opportunity for the costs to be waived, Mr Green advised that it had occurred on rare occasions, but it was for the Minister to make that decision. Mr Turnbull advised that funding for entrance clearance works (which physically resemble dredging) was only available from OEH because it was undertaken for flood mitigation, rather than for navigation or environmental reasons.
  - The future management of the Oxford Falls Valley area was discussed in relation to Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council proposals. It was suggested that we should look at the parcels of land that could be included in the State Park and then look into potential interactions with remaining lands.

The Committee raised questions in relation to strategic management of land in the catchment, and staff were given the Committees' support to investigate inclusion of

future land as part of the Committee's charter. Things to consider were the State Park boundaries, what land makes strategic sense to be included and if reorganising shapes would allow for offset areas.

The Crown Lands [Oxford Falls Regional Crown Reserve Draft Plan of Management](#) was raised as having particular relevance to this Committee, and a status update was requested from Lands.

- Future use of the reserve currently occupied by the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation was discussed. The Committee agreed that it was appropriate that the Academy should continue to provide the business from the southern boatshed but that public access to the rest of the reserve should be maximised.

<b>ACTION:</b>	<b>By Whom:</b>
1. Committee requested a report on how funds are currently being spent on Narrabeen Lagoon Reserve and what funds are proposed for the future.	Warringah Council
2. Provide a report of the priority actions in the PoM and their status	Warringah Council
3. Give a brief summary of the dredging options proposed and where we were currently at.	Warringah Council
4. Investigate funding for recreational dredging	Crown Lands
5. Investigate potential parcels for inclusion into a broader State Park as well as important lands in the Oxford Falls Valley	Warringah Council
6. Provide an update from the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) on proposed future management intentions for their parcels of land in Oxford Falls Valley.	MLALC
7. Provide an update on the Oxford Falls Regional Crown Reserve Draft Plan of Management	Crown Lands

#### 4.3. Priority actions

- Inclusion of future lands.
- Provide a status report on the priority actions in the PoM.

## 5. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 5.1. Meeting Frequency

- Discussed the need to get a meeting framework in place.
- It was suggested that a meeting be held towards the end of January 2015 and that the information requested be compiled and distributed prior to then so Committee members can come prepared.

## 6. NEXT MEETING

- Wednesday, 28 January, 2015 at 4pm.

*There being no further business the meeting ended at 5:50 pm*