



WARRINGAH
COUNCIL

MINUTES

NARRABEEN LAGOON STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY 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
Administration Coordinator

Mr Adrian Turnbull
Ms Jodie Crawford
Ms Denise Regan

Minutes of the Meeting of the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, 28 January, 2015 in the Guringai Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why, commencing at 4:15 pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

1. ATTENDANCE

- 1.1. Present: Michael Regan (Chair), Todd Dickinson, Julie Whitfield, Alan Jones, Peter Hay, David Clarke, Marcel Green, Colin Davidson (proxy for Allen Madden) Adrian Turnbull, Denise Regan
- 1.2. Apologies: Allen Madden

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 2.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2014 with modification accepted were confirmed as correct with by Mr Green and Mayor Regan.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 Terms of Reference

The modifications, as requested at previous meeting, were agreed on however it was requested the word "recreation" be inserted into 2.4.3, which would now read:

2.4.3 Promote and enhance the unique environmental, cultural heritage and recreational values of the State Park

ACTION: Changes to be made as suggested and be circulated with minutes and ratified at the next meeting..... **Warringah Council**

RECOMMENDATION: That the information be received and noted.

Moved: Ms Whitfield / Seconded: Mr Hay

3.2 Funding

Presentation by Warringah Council

The preliminary information on funds spent on Narrabeen Lagoon Reserve given by Mr Dickinson was noted. Warringah Council staff were requested to bring back further details on expenditure that includes relevant State Park parcels.

Moving forward the Committee requested more detailed expenditure of the State Park and Mr Dickinson was asked to meet with Council's Finance staff to ascertain how the funding can be reported in a more meaningful way.

ACTION: Staff to provide further financial details on the State Park including peripheral land parcels..... **Warringah Council**

Warringah Council's CFO to be invited to the next meeting to discuss financial reporting options. **Warringah Council**

RECOMMENDATION: That the information be received and noted.

Moved: Mayor Regan / Seconded: Mr Clarke

3.3 Plan of Management (PoM)

Presentation by Warringah Council

Mr Turnbull provided a presentation on the key points and actions in the Narrabeen Lagoon Plan of Management including current status (Attachment 2). The Committee requested that a one page traffic light report be produced to report on status. A discussion took place regarding water quality and public safety. Warringah Council's Estuary Health Report Card for 2013/14 was tabled and explained. Beachwatch was noted as the appropriate source of information on recreational water quality, see www.environment.nsw.gov.au/beachapp/oceanbulletin.aspx.

ACTION: Staff to produce traffic light reporting for PoM actions. **Warringah Council**

RECOMMENDATION: That the information be received and noted.

3.4 Waterway Use

Presentation by Warringah Council

An presentation was provided by Mr Turnbull describing the preferred options and costings that were reported to Council in April 2014, and Council's Resolution (430/14) of that report including implementation of the non-dredging option of installing navigation markers (see Attachment 3).

Further action from those Resolutions were that Council investigate amended entrance management actions for maintaining higher water levels as part of the Narrabeen Lagoon Floodplain Risk Management Study, and that consultation be undertaken with Pittwater Council and NSW State Government to determine their preferred options and potential funding contribution toward dredging of Narrabeen Lagoon.

Discussion was held regarding timelines for navigation marker installation and for information to be received from the Narrabeen Lagoon Floodplain Risk Management Study, as well as community engagement regarding both projects. Each question was responded to by Council staff including actions taken.

ACTION:

RECOMMENDATION: That the information be received and noted.

3.5 State Park Boundaries

Presentation by Warringah Council

A presentation was provided describing current State Park boundaries, depicting ownership of nearby parcels, as well as biodiversity and habitat value of the

catchment. Sustainability of the State Park was discussed including its connectivity to areas outside its boundaries. Questions were raised regarding existing condition of land parcels and Mr Turnbull described the draft Warringah Biodiversity Conservation Study (2011) and its effectiveness in determining biological and ecological value of lands.

When considering the potential inclusion of additional lands to the State Park, it was suggested that Crown land should be the first considered, followed by other State lands, then other owners. It was suggested that Middle Creek Reserve and similar "logical" parcels be included, however parcels need to be prioritised for inclusion.

It was suggested that a matrix was needed to easily determine the relevant lands for potential inclusion into the State Park, and that introduced species should be a consideration. It was agreed that the matrix should include multi criteria analysis on the considered plots of land. Mr Jones advised there was software available to make this process easy and Council should investigate.

It was agreed that community consultation on potential lands for inclusion would be required, and that consideration be given to preparing MoU's with both Cromer Golf Club and Academy of Sport to facilitate consistent land management.

- ACTION:** That a draft matrix for review of potential lands for inclusion should be brought back to a future meeting **Warringah Council**
- Copy of draft Warringah Biodiversity Conservation Study to be sent to Peter Hay, OEH **Warringah Council**
- Seek volunteers from Committee members to take photos of likely land parcels for inclusions..... **Warringah Council**

RECOMMENDATION: That the information be received and noted.

3.6 MLALC Land Management

Presentation by Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council

Mr Colin Davidson (proxy for Mr Alan Madden) provided an update on Gai-mariagal Aboriginal National Park advised MLALC were awaiting a response from National Parks in relation to their land parcels. He advised that they were aware to the significance of this land and wanted to look after it.

Mr Hay advised that he was not aware of any formal proposal from MLALC and Mr Davidson agreed to follow this up.

National Parks and MLALC have a meeting planned for next week to seek an agreed direction for this area.

ACTION: Report back on status of formal proposal for the relevant lands.....**MLALC**

RECOMMENDATION: That the information be received and noted.

3.7 Draft Oxford Falls Regional Crown Reserve PoM

Presentation by Crown Lands

Mr Clarke advised that due to the changing status of land management in the area, including creation of the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park, and the proposed Gai-mariagal Aboriginal National Park, the draft Draft Oxford Falls Regional Crown Reserve Plan of Management has not been progressed.

ACTION: Provide updated map of the State Park.....**Crown Lands**

RECOMMENDATION: That the information be received and noted.

3.8 Narrabeen Lagoon Trail Update

Presentation by Warringah Council

An update on the Narrabeen Lagoon Trail was given by Mr Dickinson. Both bridges have been successfully installed, and construction of the trail is nearing completion. Final preparations are underway, and official opening is expected to occur before the end of February.

Discussion was held regarding future interpretive signage, including Aboriginal Heritage and acknowledgement of the Aboriginal people believed to have lived in the area of Middle Creek.

ACTION: Collaborate on research into Aboriginal settlement in the area of Middle Creek, and in preparation of Aboriginal Heritage interpretive signs..... **Warringah Council & MLALC**

RECOMMENDATION: That the information be received and noted.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

5. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 27 May, 2015 at 4pm

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6:15 pm