



AGENDA

NARRABEEN LAGOON STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Advisory Committee will be held in the Guringai Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why on

WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 2015

Commencing at 4pm for the purpose of considering and determining matters included in this agenda.

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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)

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Mr Marcel Green

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Ms Jodie Crawford
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Visitors

Agenda for a Meeting of the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Advisory Committee

to be held on Wednesday, 10 June 2015

in the Guringai Room, Civic Centre, Dee Why at 4pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

1.0 APOLOGIES

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Minutes of meeting held 28 January 2015

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Advisory Committee held 28 January 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Terms of Reference

At the previous meeting a number of committee members requested a minor change to the Terms of Reference. The updated document will be tabled at the meeting for final endorsement.

Recommendation

That the amended Terms of Reference of the Advisory Committee, copies of which were previously circulated to all members with the Minutes of 28 January, be confirmed.

3.2 Funding

Warringah Council will provide a description of the current range of asset management activities undertaken by Council within the State Park including capital works and maintenance, which will continue to be delivered by Council (please see Attachment 1, first page).

The second page of Attachment 1 outlines a range of opportunities for additional activities within the State Park. These will require consideration of increased resourcing. There are a number of potential funding sources available to the State Park, including commercial opportunities (such as leases and licences) and grant funding.

Input from the Committee is sought as to what additional activities (or increases to existing levels of service) should be prioritised, as well as what sustainable funding mechanisms might be appropriate to implement them.

Recommendation

That the Advisory Committee consider and provide feedback to staff on suitable activities and potential sustainable funding mechanisms.

3.3 Narrabeen Lagoon Plan of Management (PoM)

The Narrabeen Lagoon PoM is the guiding document for the management of the parcels of land within the current State Park boundaries.

At the previous committee meeting the members requested further information as to the status of the delivery program, which has been provided in Attachment 2. A one page traffic light system has not been developed at this stage, given the level of detail involved in each particular action.

Warringah Council will provide an overview of the status of the actions in the PoM for consideration and discussion by the Committee, and will invite the Committee to discuss future means of monitoring the implementation.

Recommendation

That the Advisory Committee consider and provide feedback to staff on the PoM action audit.

3.4 Waterway Use

An update will be provided by Warringah Council regarding the installation of marker buoys in Narrabeen Lagoon.

Consultation has been undertaken with Roads and Maritime Authority, Industry and Investment (Fisheries) and Crown Lands together with key user groups such as Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment, Narrabeen Lakes Sailing Club, Anglers Action Group, kayak clubs, tour groups and rental businesses.

All key users are supportive (or have no objection) to the installation of the markers. Some groups, such as those based at Jamieson Park will benefit more than others.

Most of the key user groups suggested that the current depth was navigable for their purposes, but that occasional users would likely benefit from installation of navigation markers.

Staff will provide education material to these businesses together with clubs and the community. Signs, brochures and posters will be installed and provided to stakeholders.

Three options for improving navigation were considered:

1. Navigation Route – designate a route to guide users through deeper channels in the lagoon
2. Comprehensive Navigation Markers – mark all existing channels and all shallow areas
3. Shallow Seagrass Areas and Channel Markers – strategically placed marker buoys around the edge of the shallow seagrass areas in the central basin, and indicating the deeper channel from Jamieson Reserve.

Staff have adopted Option 3 as it represents the most balanced environmental, economic, recreational and aesthetic solution.

A limited number of navigation buoys are recommended to mark the large shallow area in the central basin, and indicating the deeper channel from Jamieson Reserve. This shallow area is colonised by legislatively protected seagrass beds, and the channel is recognised as the key to successful navigation from Jamieson Reserve.

The buoys will be marked with the words “Shallow Seagrass Area”, please see Attachment 5 for a map of the proposed distribution. It is hoped these will be installed before the end of the 2014/15 financial year and the Committee is requested to provide feedback on the proposed installation sites.

Recommendation

That the Advisory Committee provide feedback to staff on the navigation marker buoy project.

3.5 State Park Boundaries

Warringah Council has developed a multi-criteria matrix for evaluating land parcels that could potentially be prioritised for inclusion in a larger State Park (please see Attachment 3). A number of land parcels have been assessed

using the matrix, and the results are provided in Attachment 4 for consideration by the Committee.

Subject to Committee agreement, the matrix will be run for the full group of prospective parcels, and Crown Lands support will be sought to seek inclusion of high priority parcels into the State Park.

There are various ownership and management arrangements for land parcels adjacent to the State Park (please see Attachment 6). One of the key considerations in including additional parcels in the State Park is determining how any new management responsibilities will be resourced (as per Item 3.2). The Committee is requested to provide advice on how to manage this resourcing issue.

Recommendation

That the Advisory Committee consider and provide feedback to staff on the multi-criteria matrix, as well as expectations for future management roles and responsibilities.

3.6 Alleged Unauthorised Developments

A brief report will be provided on alleged unauthorised developments on Crown Land parcels that are part of the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park.

Recommendation

That the Advisory Committee consider and provide feedback to staff on potential actions relating to alleged encroachments.

3.7 Leases and Licences

As part of the ongoing management of recreational and commercial activities within the State Park, Council is seeking clarification from Crown Land on statutory responsibilities for approval and administration of leases and licences.

Recommendation

That Crown Lands consider and provide feedback to the Advisory Committee on statutory responsibilities for approval and administration of leases and licences.

4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.0 NEXT MEETING