



WARRINGAH
COUNCIL

MINUTES

NARRABEEN LAGOON STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2015

**TODD DICKINSON
GROUP MANAGER NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**



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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1. Present:

Mayor Michael Regan (Chair), Mr Todd Dickinson, Ms Julie Whitfield, Mr Christopher Wright (Proxy for Mr Paul Layt), Mr Adrian Turnbull, Ms Sue Jacobs

1.2. In attendance:

Ms Denise Regan (Minutes)

1.3. Apologies:

Mr Marcel Green, Mr Alan Jones

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 2.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 19 August, 2015 were confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting by Ms Whitfield and Cr Regan.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 Funding and Sustainable Use

▪ **Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Decision Support Matrix**

Mr Turnbull opened the document attached to agenda as Attachment 1 and explained the matrix in detail. Two examples were run through the Decision Support Matrix at the meeting as an exercise in how it might be used.

The first example was regarding using the boatshed as a commercial concern for Council.

A number of issues were raised including:

- the need better definition of the use of the boatshed for a detailed discussion;
- whether the boatshed would be accessible to anyone, i.e. able to be hired for private use;
- whether the proposed use was in line with the community's use of the area;
- whether a licenced premises would be considered, noting that this location would have no vehicle access;
- whether alcohol free zones would/should be in place;
- what amenities were available in the boatshed area, notably the lack of connected sewerage system. Mr Wright advised he had information on batched compost toilets should the committee/Council be interested.

It was suggested that the matrix needs to better define "public benefit". The intended meaning is that if a site is booked out for private use this precludes public benefit.

The second example was a portable water fun park with temporary structures on land.

A number of issues were raised including:

- where the land based portion would be located, noting that the northern foreshore is outside Warringah Council land;
- potential damage to seagrass beds;
- water quality considerations;

It was agreed that the location of any activity would need to be carefully considered to avoid damage and still give value.

ACTION:

RECOMMENDATION: That the Advisory Committee support the Recreation Decision Support Matrix and its application when considering proposed activities with the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park. **AGREED**

3.2 State Park Boundaries

Mr Dickinson explained the reasons behind setting up the State Park.

Maps attached to agenda were reviewed, and the committee agreed that an increased number of land parcels would be beneficial to the State Park. The committee discussed the benefit of including NSW Government land as first priority, with other land parcels for future consideration.

Mr Wright agreed to follow up on requests regarding the addition of Crown Lands as part of the State Park. The need to review land claim parcels was recognised.

ACTION:

RECOMMENDATION: That the Advisory Committee support the inclusion of high priority NSW Government land parcels into the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park, and that Crown Lands undertake appropriate actions in consultation with Warringah Council to facilitate inclusions. **AGREED**

3.3 Navigation markers in Narrabeen Lagoon

Navigation markers have been installed within the lagoon to indicate where the deep channel is and where shallow sea grass areas are located. A range of mediums showing the location of the navigation markers have been provided to users of the Lagoon including maps, brochures, flyers and signs. The committee recognised the significant benefit of these initiatives.

ACTION:

Water levels of lagoon to be included on the next agenda. **Warringah Council**

RECOMMENDATION: That the information be noted. **AGREED**

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 4.1 **Narrabeen Lagoon Trail** – Ms Whitfield raised the question as to whether the Advisory Committee would support upgrading the remaining section of the trail so that it is a multiuse trail all the way around the lagoon. As this section of land is within Pittwater Council the matter was deferred.

5. NEXT MEETING

To be determined

There being no further business the meeting ended at 5:20pm