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**MANLY WARRINGAH WAR MEMORIAL STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

Held in the Flannel Flower Room, Northern Beaches Council Civic Centre Dee Why  
on

**MONDAY 2 MARCH 2020**

**Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee  
Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 2 March 2020 in the Flannel Flower Room, Civic  
Centre Dee Why, commencing at 5:00pm.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Advisory Committee Members**

Cr Stuart Sprott	(Chair)
David Beharrell	Environment Representative (Community member)
Geraldine Hall	Recreational Representative (Community member)
Ann Collins	Community Representative (Community member)
Mell Hall	Senior Conservation Planning Officer, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Office of Environment and Heritage
Peter Bergman	Ranger Team Leader, Sydney North Area, Greater Sydney Branch,

**Council Officers**

Steven Lawler	Executive Manager, Parks & Recreation
Damian Ham	Manager Open Space & Recreation Planning
Chris Buckley	Coordinator Manly Dam
Jessica Currie	Coordinator, Recreation Planning

**Guest Speakers**

Ann Sharp	Save the Manly Dam Catchment Committee
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## 1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

## 2.0 APOLOGIES

- Mayor Cr Michael Regan
- Chris Wright - Senior Group Leader Property & Projects, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - Crown Lands
- Chris Munro - Manager Bushland and Biodiversity

## 3.0 AGENDA ITEM

### 3.1 Crown Land Reserve Categorisation for the State Park

- Jessica Currie made a presentation about land categorisation for the State Park and referenced a briefing note provided to the Advisory Committee (reference 2020/120558). Below is an excerpt from the briefing note including committee members' comments:

Feature	Proposed land category	Justification	Committee Member Comment(s)
Aquatic Centre	General Community Use	Most consistent with the category objectives and guidance category	Ann C opposed general community use category. Ann C's preferred category was Sportsground.  Peter, Mel, David, Geraldine - not opposed to general community use category.
Aquatic Reserve car park (southern half)	General Community Use	Consistent with the northern half of the car park (reserve 97181) which has a reserve purpose of 'Parking'. The guidance category for 'Parking' is General Community Use. The car park primarily facilitates use of the aquatic centre and sportsgrounds. It would not be recommended to have two halves of the car park with different categories. Consistent with the proposal for many other car parks across the local government area	Ann C proposed park category and did not support general community use category.  Concern raised about protecting the trees in the car park.  There was a discussion about potential for categorising the car park as sportsground as it facilitates use of the sportsfields.  Peter, Mel, David were not opposed to this.

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Baseball fields and associated facilities	Sportsground	Most consistent with the category objectives and guidance category. Consistent with other sportsfields	Members requested that the natural area category be expanded to include additional bushland and vegetation to the north, east and south of the sportsfields which are proposed to be categorised as sportsground. Also, that the maps be altered to reflect this.  All – not opposed to the sportsground category (though conditional on the above comment).
Golf Course	Sportsground	Most consistent with the category objectives and guidance category. Consistent with other golf courses.	Peter, Mel, David, Geraldine - not opposed to sportsground category.  Ann C proposed park and did not support sportsground category.  Ann S – raised concern about protection of trees on the golf course.
Bushland	Natural Area	Consistent with the category objectives and the guidance category	All – supported natural area category.
Water body	Natural Area	Consistent with the category objectives	All – supported natural area category.
Dam wall	Area of Cultural Significance	Consistent with the category objectives	All – supported Area of Cultural Significance category.
War memorial structures	Area of Cultural Significance	Consistent with the category objectives	All – supported Area of Cultural

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			Significance category.
Picnic areas and playground	Park	Consistent with the category objectives	A discussion resulted in agreement from all that the main Section 1 picnic area be categorised as park and the remaining smaller picnic areas, car parks, amenities blocks (land) and internal roadways could be natural area.
Manly Dam car parks	Park	Linked to picnic areas and playground	
Manly Dam office	General Community Use	Most consistent with the category objectives and the guidance categories	Peter, Mel, David, Geraldine - not opposed to general community use category.  Ann C – opposed the general community use category.

- Ann Sharp outlined her views, and the views of the Save the Manly Dam Catchment Committee, regarding land categorisation for the State Park. Ann stressed that it is essential that the State Park, particularly the bushland and vegetation is given the utmost protection and conservation for now and into the future and the land categorisation should reflect this. Ann made specific mention about the bushland and vegetation at the Wakehurst Golf Course and at the Aquatic Reserve part of the State Park.
- Jessica commented that it was generally not recommended to have small or isolated areas of trees or bushland categorised as natural area. That trees and bushland in any location are still covered by standard protections and legislation as appropriate, regardless of the land category.
- The Advisory Committee requested that the Area of Cultural Significance Category be overlaid across the entire State Park. Agreed.

#### **ACTION**

- That Council consider the views of the Advisory Committee regarding the proposed land categorisation for the State Park and the request that the Area of Cultural Significance Category be overlaid across the entire State Park.

- That a report on Council's determination of the land categorisation for the State Park be provided to the Advisory Committee.

#### **4.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Geraldine mentioned there was vandalism of the toilet block in section 1 on the weekend and broken bottles and rubbish everywhere. The water ski club tried to assist in the clean-up. Some people left the park due to the limited access to the toilets caused by the damage. Chris said that police were called and additional security has been arranged. Also that this vandalism occurs in waves. Steve said that he would have a conversation with the police about vandalism at the State Park.
- David asked about the Environmental controls in place for the operations of the Wakehurst Golf Course.
- Geraldine asked if 'don't feed the ducks' signs like the ones around Narrabeen Lagoon could be arranged for the State Park. Chris said that there are already sandwich boards with this message on them that are placed around the edge of the lake.

#### **ACTION**

- That the Advisory Committee are provided with a copy of the Environmental controls for Wakehurst Golf Course.

*The meeting concluded at 7.00pm*

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 6 pages numbered 1 to 6 of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 24 February 2020.