



MINUTES

MANLY WARRINGAH WAR MEMORIAL STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2020

Minutes of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 24 February 2020 in the Banksia Room, Civic Centre Dee Why, commencing at 5:06pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Advisory Committee Members

Mayor Cr Michael Regan (Chair)

Cr Stuart Sprott

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

Chris Munro Manager Bushland and Biodiversity

Guest Speakers

Jessica Currie Coordinator, Recreation Planning

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2.0 WELCOME

- Chris Munro - Manager Bushland and Biodiversity

3.0 APOLOGIES

- Chris Wright - Senior Group Leader Property & Projects, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - Crown Lands

4.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

- There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.
- Post the meeting held 24 February 2020, Ann Collins declared a conflict of interest in item 7.1.1 Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee Inc. Communities Environment Program Grant for a Local Flora and Fauna Surveying and Monitoring Project, as she is a member of the Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee Inc. Ann provided information for this item and did not participate in the decision on the Action arising from this matter.

5.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Prior to adoption, the following updates were requested for the minutes of the previous meeting:
 - Ann Collins said that a figure of \$60,000 was mentioned in regard to item 5.1 (dot point 3).
 - Ann said she did not agree on the proposed categorisation as stated in item 5.3 (dot point 2). Other members of the Advisory Committee recalled that they did support this proposition. The Advisory Committee requested that an Extraordinary Meeting be arranged to discuss the Crown Land Reserve Categorisation for the State Park to be held Monday 2 March 2020. Ann requested that Ann Sharp be invited, this was supported.
 - Ann said a general discussion was not held in regard to item 7.3. Also, Chris Buckley was not given time to make his presentation (which had important information) on this item.
- Comments on actions arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:
 - The Advisory Committee expressed their disappointment that they were not provided an update on Council's National Heritage List nomination for the State Park as requested in the Advisory Committee meeting held 11

November 2019, before the nomination was submitted 13 February 2020. The Advisory Committee requested a copy of the nomination if permitted. Steve Lawler said he would inform the Council's Strategic and Place Planning Unit of the Advisory Committee's disappointment and request permission to distribute copies of the nomination to members.

- Ann requested that the Advisory Committee be informed when actions from meetings are completed and sent copies of letters sent on the Advisory Committee's behalf. Ann said the letter that was sent to the Manly Warringah War Memorial Remembrance Trust in December 2019 should have been also sent to the members.
- Ann asked why the Advisory Committee were not informed or included in the community engagement underway for the Open Space and Recreation Strategy project. Jessica Currie indicated that different methods of consultation are being undertaken. For specific community groups such as the Advisory Committee, Council staff are attending meetings such as this meeting, having detailed discussions and seeking written submissions.
- It was noted that dates for the meetings in 2020 were changed to suit members' schedules to 24 February, 18 May, 24 August, and 9 November 2020.
- Other matters:
 - Given the length of time taken to discuss the minutes of the previous meeting members were encouraged to review draft minutes and provide feedback prior to each Advisory Committee meeting.

ACTIONS

- That the draft Minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting held 11 November 2019 are amended as noted in these minutes.
- That an Extraordinary Meeting of the Advisory Committee is arranged to discuss the Crown Land Reserve Categorisation for the State Park on Monday 2 March 2020.
- That Council's Strategic and Place Planning Unit are advised of the Advisory Committees disappointment in not receiving a copy of the National Heritage List Application prior to submission to the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment.
- That the Advisory Committee are provided a copy of Council's National Heritage List nomination for the State Park if permitted.

- That the Advisory Committee are notified in a timely manner when actions arising from Advisory Committee meetings are completed.

6.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- The Advisory Committee meeting action log was distributed to members 19 February 2020 for their information. No discussion was held on this matter.

7.0 AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 Grants

7.1.1 Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee Inc. Communities Environment Program Grant for a Local Flora and Fauna Surveying and Monitoring Project

- Damian Ham gave an overview of a request Council has received from the Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee Inc. for Council to support their Local Flora and Fauna Surveying and Monitoring Project for the State Park. The Committee have received a \$15,000 grant from the Federal Department of Industry, Innovation & Science for this project and have requested that Council support the project including at least matching funding. Copies of their grant application and approval were tabled and the Advisory Committee were informed that these were not public documents and so not for public distribution.
- Ann gave additional information on the project including that the project will be run by the Committee independently whilst collaborating with Council and the project has a deadline to meet in 2020.
- Steve said a report regarding this request is planned to be presented at the Council meeting to be held 24 March 2020.
- Chris Munro provided commentary on the project, including that this type of project is needed for the State Park (particularly given the piecemeal and dated information currently available). Also, that the Committee's project could be part of / inform a broader Council led flora and fauna project for the State Park conducted over several years. Given the size of the State Park such a project would take many years and could cost many thousands of dollars – so establishing clear project goals is vital to ensure the outcome is a valuable resource for managing the State Park.
- The Advisory Committee supported the Committee's project and their request to Council for matching funding of \$15,000. Ann did not participate in this decision.

ACTION

- The Advisory Committee supports the request from the Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee Inc. for Council to provide \$15,000 for their Local Flora and Fauna Surveying and Monitoring Project for the State Park.

7.1.2 NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) Funding

- Chris Buckley provided an update on the RFS funding for 19/20 for the State Park and advised that these funds were to be spent on fire trails including the trail adjacent to Water Reserve Road. Further funds are required to complete the works required on this fire trail.
- Chris Munro said that his team manage these funding arrangements between Council and the RFS.

7.2 Capital Works

7.2.1 Playground

- Steve advised that this project is underway and is planned to be completed by May 2020 weather permitting. For noting.

7.2.2 Mountain Bike Trails Future Priorities

- Damian tabled a proposal from Trail Care Inc. requesting improvements (including new trails) to the State park mountain bike trail. A discussion was held about the process for assessing this proposal. Damian advised that this proposal will be included as a submission for the Open Space and Recreation Strategy and will be reviewed along other submissions made for the Strategy. At this time this submission is for noting.

7.2.3 Council Budget 2020/21 and the State Park

- Damian advised that \$170,000 is proposed for upgrades to the State Park's walking and mountain bike tracks and trails in the draft 2020/21 capital works budget program and that Council's Property Unit is planning for the upgrade of the toilets in sections 3 and 4 and the funding for these projects is to be considered for the 2021/22 capital works budget program.

7.3 Overview of Council's Environment and Climate Change Business Unit and Current Challenges - Chris Munro

- Chris Munro provided an overview of the Environment and Climate Change Unit and his team Bushland and Biodiversity and his team's responsibilities including; bushland regeneration, biodiversity planning, invasive species management, bushfire management and hazard reduction; His team collaborates with other Council teams such as Parks and Recreation and

Strategic and Place Planning and external agencies such as the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.

- Chris said that one of the challenges is managing the impacts of mountain bike riding in bushland. His team and Damian's team are working with the mountain bike community to get some better data, develop better relationships and understanding (for both parties) and to explore ideas for managing impacts. A Mountain Bike action plan will be developed as part of the Open Space and Recreation Strategy.

7.4 Council Policies, Strategies, Planning Proposals, Community Engagement

7.4.1 Open Space and Recreation Strategy - Jessica Currie

- Jessica provided an overview of the Open Space and Recreation Strategy project (see presentation tabled). Jessica left the meeting at 6.15pm and Damian completed her presentation which included an overview of the comments and submissions received for the State Park. Damian advised that a review of all the submissions received for the Strategy related to the State Park would be presented to the Advisory Committee for their comment, when the review is available.
- The Advisory Committee requested a workshop be held on the submissions received for the State Park.
- A question was raised about the timing for the Strategy. Damian said that the Draft Strategy is planned to be available in May / June 2020 and will be provided to the Advisory Committee for their comment.
- Peter Bergman raised the question of how spaces would be used or assigned if there are conflicting usage requests or requirements. Damian said that the Strategy will guide policy on use.
- Damian said the Manly Warringah War Memorial Remembrance Trust would also be informed of comments and submissions received for the State Park.

ACTIONS

- That Advisory Committee workshops are held to discuss the review of all the submissions received for the Open Space and Recreation Strategy related to the State Park and the Draft Strategy when available.

7.4.2 Proposal for Allambie Heights

- Steve advised that Council had received a request from the Allambie Heights Village to use a section of the State Park to fulfil their RFS APZ (Asset

Protection Zone) requirements for a DA application. This request was denied.
For noting.

7.5 Comparison of the Operations of the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park and the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park

- Damian presented a table comparing the operations of the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park and the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park (see presentation tabled).
- Peter indicated that the characteristics of these State Parks differ.
- David Beharrel requested further comparison of the capital works spend over last 10 years on tracks and trails at both State Parks.

ACTIONS

- That the Advisory Committee are provided with a comparison of the capital works spend over last 10 years on tracks and trails for the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park and the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park.

8.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Geraldine Hall advised that the Disabled Water-ski Come and Try Day will be held at the State Park Saturday 29 February from 9am. The Sargood Foundation is involved. Ann asked if this event could be promoted by Council. Damian advised that community groups can request that events be promoted on Council's website. Damian will provide Geraldine with the on-line Submit Your Event form link for future events.
- Geraldine advised that the Lake at the State Park was recently closed due to water quality issues and that it is now open. Geraldine asked if Chris Buckley could advise the water-ski club and other Lake users in a more timely manner of future Lake closures.
- Steve advised that Council's project to convert the natural turf fields at Miller Reserve to synthetic is about to commence. A question was raised about stormwater harvesting. Steve said that Council will investigate the possibility of collecting storm water to irrigate the nearby David Thomas sports fields.
- Ann expressed her thanks for the Manly Dam exhibition at the Manly Art Gallery.
- David asked about how the mountain bike community might be involved with the Advisory Committee. Geraldine indicated that as the Recreational Representative she could act as a link between the mountain bike community and the Advisory Committee.

- Next Meeting Monday 18 May 2020.

ACTION

- That Chris Buckley's team advise key user groups when the State Park Lake is closed in a timely manner.

The meeting concluded at 7.40pm

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 9 pages numbered 1 to 9 of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 24 February 2020.