



MINUTES OF MEETING

MANLY SCENIC WALKWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 4th March 2014

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay AM Mayor	Manly Council
Cllr Cathy Griffin	Manly Council

Other Representatives

John Bergman	Community Member
Ross Thirmyn	Community Member
Dough Price	Community Member
Peter Bergman	NPWS

Council Staff

Fenton Beatty	Manager, Parks & Reserves
Chris Kraus	Bushland Management Coordinator

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Manly Scenic Walkway Advisory Committee** met on 4th March 2014, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN		ACTION
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE	
	Michael Treanor	
	Eric Darley	
	Derek Macintosh	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	
	Nil	

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting 5th November 2013 are confirmed.

ITEM 4 Report: Manly Scenic Walkway Track Upgrade Sandy Bay to Ellery Punt Reserve (Stage 3)

ACTION

Stage 3 of the Manly Scenic Walkway track upgrade works between Sandy Bay and Ellery Punt Reserve is due to commence in May 2014. The track will be restored using the same contractor and methodology as used on the Ellery Punt Reserve to Fisher Bay track. This will include using sandstone rock for constructing stairs, track edging, and drainage. Crushed sandstone will be used to resurface the track.

The Clontarf Precinct Committee has requested Council through the Budget Bid process to upgrade the section of Manly Scenic Walkway from Sandy Bay to Ellery Punt Reserve. Due to this works costing more than the annual budget provision for Manly Scenic Walkway track works, the project is being staged over 3 years.

The works are now entering the final stage. Stage 1 works (Ellery Punt Reserve to Fisher Bay) was completed in 2011-12 financial year, and stage 2 completed in the 2012-13 financial year.

Refer to figure 1 for illustration of track work staging.

Stage 3 Works – (Fisher Bay Point to Fisher Bay)

To complete Stage 3 works the track will be restored using the same contractor and methodology as used on the first two stages. This will include using sandstone rock for constructing stairs, track edging, and drainage. Crushed sandstone will be used to resurface the track. The original plan of constructing timber board walks over degraded sections of this track has been revised due to a method for getting rock to the track now being available. Council will be using a barge and crane to transport material to the track. This will now enable the track to utilize the same materials and construction technique for the entire length of track.

Timing of Works: The works will be undertaken during May to June 2014. It is anticipated it will take approximately 8 -10 weeks to complete.

Track closure: As per the stage 2 works, the track will be closed to the public from Monday to Friday. It will be reopened for weekends, provided the track is at a safe stage of works to permit opening. No detour will be available for use during works, and pedestrians will be directed to the nearest bus stops either side of the track closure.

Material Staging and Stock pile location: Clontarf Reserve car park near the boat launching area will be used as a material staging location. Material will be placed into bags ready for lifting onto a barge. Bags of materials will be transported onto the beach near high water mark where they will remain over night to enable the barge and crane to collect early morning. Materials will be lifted onto the track from Fisher Bay, and will be stockpiled beside the walking track until utilized.

It is anticipated that 3 deliveries will need to be made during the course of the project.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee received and noted the report and supports proposed works program

ITEM 5 **Report :Shelly Beach Headland Walking Track Upgrade (Stage 1)**

Manly Council is scheduled to commence Shelly Beach Headland Walking Track Upgrade. This track has deteriorated as a result of extensive usage and weather exposure. The aim of the project is to improve safety and enhance the aesthetics of the track. The project will be implemented in stages as funding is made available.

Manly Council is scheduled to commence the upgrade and repair of a section of the walking track at Shelly Beach Headland. This circular walking track is a section of the Manly Scenic Walkway (Manly to North Head route) and is popular with local residents and tourists. This section of track has deteriorated as a result of extensive usage and weather exposure. It is therefore necessary to commence the improvement of this track to improve public safety and enhance the aesthetics as appropriate for this high profile location.

Manly Council has recently undertaken similar track works on a section of the Manly Scenic Walkway near Sandy Bay, resulting in a high quality and durable walking track. It is therefore proposed that the Shelly Beach track be upgraded to a similar standard.

The works to be undertaken will be similar to works completed near Sandy Bay and will include Installation of sandstone stairs, widening the track to approximately 1.2m, resurfacing the path with crushed sandstone, and installation of drainage swales.

Due to the cost of works exceeding this financial year's budget allocation, it is proposed that the works will be staged over successive financial years. The amount of work undertaken will be dependent on budget allocations provided to this project annually. The attached diagram shows the works planned for this financial year, and indicative of works planned for following financial years.

Timing of Works: Works will commence on Monday March 31, 2014 and take approximately 4 weeks to complete (subject to suitable weather).

Track closure: To undertake the work it will be necessary to close the section of track that is under construction for the duration of works. This track closure will be in place on week days while work is being undertaken, and the track will be open on weekends unless at unsafe stage of works to allow public access. No detour will be implemented, as deemed unnecessary due to the circular track being a relatively short and track users can return the way they entered the track.

Material Staging and Stock pile location: Material will be stockpiled on the grass beside the car park. This allows for easy access for delivery and safe transport onto the walking track.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee received and noted the report and supports proposed works program

ITEM 7 Report: Manly Scenic Walkway Committee 2013 - 14 Works Program Update

In 2014 the Manly Scenic Walkway Committee will continue to progress the improvement of the Manly Scenic Walkway. This will be achieved by working towards the completion of uncompleted projects, identifying new projects, providing advice and recommendations towards the development of planning documents, and continuing to provide advice to Council on matters relating to the walkway.

This report provides an update on the progress of projects to be implemented during 2013- 14 subject to available funding and staff resources.

The table below provides an outline of projects endorsed by the Committee at the March 2013 meeting for implementation during 2013-14 subject to funding. The table includes both outstanding projects and new projects. This table was produced by both past recommendations from the Committee and from Council staff. A status report is provided below.

Project	Description	Status
Clontarf Precinct Committee Project	Replace elevated walkway over Aboriginal midden with alternate structure.	Completed
Sandy Bay to Ellery Punt Reserve Track Upgrade (stage 2 and 3)	Upgrade walking track from Sandy Bay to Fisher Bay.	Stage 2 Completed Stage 3 Programmed
Shelly Beach Headland Walking Track Upgrade (Stage 1)	Upgrade the circular walking track at Shelly Beach Headland.	Stage 1 Programmed
Bushland track upgrade (Avona Crescent entrance)	Upgrade the Avona Crescent section of track in a style similar to the work completed on the Fisher Bay track.	Not funded
40 Baskets Beach	Construct stairs to create high tide	Completed

high tide access	access improvements at 40 Baskets Beach.	
Bushland Restoration	Implement an annual works program to restore the bushland sections of the Manly Scenic Walkway.	Implemented
Esplanade Park revegetation (stage 1 and 2)	Revegetate lawn areas near 75 and 95 Lauderdale Avenue.	Stage1 Implemented
Signage Review	Review track directional signage to rectify signage issues.	Implemented
Access and Landscape improvements to Beatrice Street section.	Repair stairs from Beatrice St to track, and continue the landscape improvements.	Not funded
Coastline Management Plan / Landscape Master Plan development	Continue to provide advice and recommendations to develop and implement Coastline Management Plans and Landscape Master Plans.	Ongoing
Rabbit Control	Continue to control rabbit population at Shelly Beach and Little Manly Point	Programmed
Walking Track Audit	Undertake annual walking track audit to identify future projects and resolve issues.	Programmed
Manly Scenic Walkway App	Committee recommendation to develop an App to help promote the Walkway	Pending funding

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee received and notes the report, and notes all

works is subject to available Council funding.

ITEM 8 Report: National Parks & Wildlife Service Update to the Committee on

ACTION

Recent Activities

The NPWS will give a verbal update to the Committee on recent works completed and any issues that have arisen. It is recommended that the Committee note the update provided by the NPWS.

- NP&WS have had commitments of bushfire management this season utilising a lot of the services resources.
- Aboriginal site protection Dobroyd head
- Rehabilitation works Dobroyd area
- Crater Cove improvement works hazard reduction burn
- Viewing platform areas trimming of vegetation
- Reef Beach dead wooding

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee received and noted the report.

ITEM 9 Report: Manly Scenic Walkway Committee Track Inspection

Each year the Manly Scenic Walkway Committee undertakes an inspection of the walking track. The Committee will determine a suitable date for undertaking the walk.

The Manly Scenic Walkway Committee undertakes annual inspections of the Manly Scenic Walkway. The inspection involves a walk from Manly Art Gallery to the Spit Bridge with the purpose of inspecting the condition of the track, identifying potential projects for the Committee to undertake, and identifying issues that require resolution.

The Committee is to decide the preferred date to schedule the inspection. Some potential dates that the inspection can be held include;

RECOMMENDATION

The committee recommend to the general Manager that the date for attending the Manly Scenic Walkway inspection is Tuesday 1 April 2014

ITEM 10 GENERAL BUSINESS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CHAIR PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND APPROVED FOR CONSIDERATION

A late item brought to the attention of the chair prior to the meeting commencement, proposed installation of request for memorial seat

Fairlight pool area.

Application has been received for the installation of a memorial seat at Fairlight pool in the grassed area above the path to the pool. There is currently no seat in this location.

Further discussion was carried out about the development of a smart phone APP for the Manly Scenic Walkway. The committee wishes to pursue this technology as a positive improvement for the future.

One of the committee members raised 13 North Harbour Street and a fence that has been constructed on Council land. The Parks Manager outlined that this would be taken on notice and investigated.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommend to the General Manager and Council that:

1. The report was received and noted by the committee.
2. The committee have no objection to the seat installation in this location.
3. An APP for the Manly Scenic Walkway is developed to promote the MSW.

ITEM 13 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Tuesday 6th May 2014

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Manly Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 6:40pm

Attachment: Nil