



MINUTES OF MEETING

MANLY SCENIC WALKWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 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 (Chair)

Cllr Cathy Griffin

Manly Council

Other Representatives

John Bergman

Community Member

Eric Darley

Community Member

Peter Bergman

Community Member

Derek Macintosh

Community Member

Peter Bergman

NPWS

Council Staff

Chris Kraus

Bushland Management Coordinator

Fenton Beatty

Manager Parks & Reserves

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Manly Scenic Walkway Advisory Committee** met on 2nd September 2014, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 5:30pm

ACTION

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Ross Thirmyn, Michael Treanor,

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting 1st July 2014 are confirmed.

ITEM 4 Report : Proposed public jetty at Little Manly tidal pool

ACTION

Council received a grant under the Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Program in 2013-2014 for a public jetty/pontoon at Clontarf which was identified in the Clontarf/Bantry Bay Estuary Management Plan 2008 and the Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Plan 2003. The proposed location was on the northern side of the tidal pool (as per photos/plans tabled).

Recent concerns were raised through the Harbour Foreshores and Coastline Management Advisory Committee (HFCMAC) and Clontarf Precinct over the proposed location. In correspondence with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), it was agreed that the community concerns implied doubts as to the appropriateness of the proposed location at Clontarf and that the consultation undertaken previously was outdated and needed to be revised, in order to find an alternative location. An extension of the project was given for the 2014/2015 year.

At a recent meeting of the Little Manly Precinct, a proposal to create a public walkway and boat landing area along the western boundary of Little Manly tidal pool was supported. RMS has given indicative support for a concept design which is in preparation (as per photos tabled).

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1.The Committee received and noted the report and the committee recommend to the General Manager and Council that it supports proposed Public Jetty proposal at Little Manly tidal pool.

ITEM 5 Report: Fairlight Beach Public Amenities Upgrade (PDF)

Manly Scenic Walkway attracts hundreds of thousands of local residents and tourists annually. Manly Scenic Walkway provides healthy lifestyle and wellbeing opportunities as well as appreciation of the Harbour and its natural environs.

There has been a strong demand expressed by the community, and the need recognised by Council, that the public amenities currently present at Fairlight Pool are in need of renewal. A project has been initiated to address this issue through the Public Domains Advisory Committee. This Committee is seeking support from the Manly Scenic Walkway Committee to assist progressing works.

Council's Architectural Designer has prepared a design to the requirements for the crucial upgrade of the infrastructure at this popular location on the Manly Scenic Walkway.

The Committee requested the General Manager prepare a grant application for this infrastructure upgrade to meet the needs of local people and the thousands of tourists who annually visit this foreshore area.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Manly Scenic Walkway Committee supports this infrastructure renewal and the Council's initiative to improve the facilities for residents and tourists along the Manly Scenic Walkway at Fairlight Beach and will prepare grant funding applications to relevant funding bodies.

ITEM 6 Report: Manly Scenic Walkway Sandy Bay to Ellery Punt Reserve (Stage 3) Track Work Update

Manly Council has employed the services of a Contractor to undertake track work at Fisher Bay to complete stage 3 upgrade works on this section of Manly Scenic Walkway. The focus of this stage of works is between Fisher Bay Point and Fisher Bay Bridge.

Works commenced on Monday 28 April and anticipated to take approximately 10 weeks to complete. An update on the status of this project will be provided to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

The committee received and noted the report.

ITEM 7 Report National Parks & Wildlife Service Update to the Committee on Recent Activities

The NPWS gave a verbal update to the committee, on recent works completed and any issues that have arisen
Track works continuing at Cutler Road Track works progressing successfully.

Track cams have been installed along NPWS track areas to count numbers of people using the track.

Impressive numbers being recorded in the last 3 months such as :

- Forty Baskets 19,000
- Blue fish track 18,000
- Middlehead 28,000
- Castle rock 19,000

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Committee receives and notes the report and
2. Recommend to the General Manager and Council that the this type of track pedestrian counter be used on Manly's MSW track to record number of users along the MSW.

ITEM 8 Report: Manly Scenic Walkway Committee Track Inspection – Manly to North Head

The Manly Scenic Walkway Committee carried out its annual inspections of the Manly Scenic Walkway. This year the inspection of the Manly to North Head track was held on Tuesday 5th August 2014. The committee members commenced the walk starting and finishing Manly Wharf and walking via Shelly Beach and Little Manly Point. The purpose of the walk was to inspect the condition of the track, and identifying potential issues that require resolution.

Recommendation:

The committee received and noted the report.

ITEM 9 Report: Grant Funding Update

Manly Council has been successful in applying for 3 grants over the past 12 months that has enable Council to continue to improve sections of the Manly Scenic Walkway. Grants applied for and their status includes;

Manly Scenic Walkway Track Upgrade at Fisher Bay: \$53,000 dollars awarded under the Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Program. Works funded by this grant have been completed, and Council is awaiting the payment from the Department of Planning and Environment.

Shelly Beach Noxious Weed Control: \$4,100 awarded under the Public Reserves Management Fund. Council is awaiting funding to be received from the Department of Lands, and this work will commence imminently.

Nolans Bush/ Tania Park Weed Control: \$19,900 awarded under the Public Reserves Management Fund. Initial letter advising of successful grant has been received. Council must confirm to the Department that our intention is to accept the grant. Support from the Manly Scenic Walkway Committee will assist Council to receive the funding.

Recommendation

1. That the Committee receives and notes the report.
2. The Manly Scenic Walkway Committee recommends that Council accepts the grant funding offered for the Nolans Bush/ Tania Park weed control project.

**ITEM 10 General Business
NIL**

ITEM 11 NEXT MEETING DATE:

**GM
IBM**

Date: Tuesday 11th November 2014

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Manly Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 6:45pm

Attachment: Nil