



DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

Manly Lagoon Catchment Coordinating Committee

HELD THURSDAY 4th February 2016

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

PRESENT:

Citizen Members:

Clr Hugh Burns
Clr Candy Bingham
Dr Judy Lambert
Mr Terrence Murphy
Clr Sue Heins
Mr Mark Roberts
Mr Frank Gleason
Mr Tom Hazell
Mr Malcolm Fisher
Dr Conny Harris
Ms Anne Sharp

Manly Council (Chairperson)
Manly Council
Manly Community Representative
Manly Community Representative
Warringah Council
Warringah Community Representative
Warringah Community Representative
Proxy for the State Member for Manly
1st Proxy for Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee
2nd Proxy for Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee
3rd Proxy for Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee

State Government Representatives:

Mr Gus Pelosi NSW Office of Environment and Heritage

Manly Staff Representatives:

Mrs Christina Femia Water Cycle Management Team Leader
Mr Patrick Stuart Catchments Project Officer
Mr Eduard McPeake Manager Environmental Programs
Mrs Helen Lever Manager Administration

Warringah Staff Representatives:

Mr Adrian Turnbull Coast and Waterways Manager
Mr Jason Ruszczyk Environment Officer – Lagoons
Mr Todd Dickinson Group Manager Natural Environment

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCILS

The **Manly Lagoon Catchment Coordination Committee (MLCCC)** met on 4th February, 2016, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Manly and Warringah Councils.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 17:00hrs.

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ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the following members:

- Clr, Mayor Jean Hay AM (Manly Council)
- Dr Helen Wilkins (Warringah Community Representative)
- Mr Norm Nikolich (Sydney Water)
- Mr Stan Rees (NSW Crown Lands)
- Mr Michael Bradbury (Manly, Balgowlah, Wakehurst and Warringah Golf Club)

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received from Committee members or attendees.

ITEM 3 Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held 29th October, 2015 are confirmed.

Moved: Dr Frank Gleason

Seconded: Dr Judy Lambert

ITEM 4 Manly Lagoon Management Update – ICMS, Ecosystem Research, Entrance Management

Submitted by Warringah Council and Manly Council

Mr Jason Ruszczyk gave a presentation on scientific research conducted on Manly Lagoon, including a history of changes to the lagoon, its catchment and management, water quality and recreational use. Mrs Christina Femia gave a presentation on the Manly Lagoon Entrance Ongoing Management conducted by Manly and Warringah Councils. Management of the opening was outlined, including the mechanism of opening the lagoon by channelling the sand based on gauge readings and clearing the low flow pipes of kelp. An update was given on the NSW coastal management reforms, including reference to Coastal Management Programs.

The removal of excess carbon as an additional objective of lagoon management was discussed. Sydney Water overflows into the lagoon and swim-ability of the lagoon, including a lagoon management goal of making it safe and swimmable immediately after wet weather, was briefly discussed. The likely presence of phosphorous and iron in groundwater seeping into the lagoon was noted. The potential of using kelp as a means of carbon sequestration and the monitoring of algae, due to the production of neurotoxins by some species, was mentioned by a Community representative. It was noted that the new coastal management legislation may impact the new ICMS.

The Committee recognised and commended Mr Ruszczyk for the high quality research being undertaken in Manly Lagoon.

Mr Malcolm Fisher arrived at 17:46, replacing Dr Conny Harris as the voting representative for the Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee.

See Attachment 2 for the presentation slides. See Attachment 3 for the Wiecek, D. and Floyd, J. (2007) titled 'Does Dredging in ICOLL Entrances Improve Tidal Flushing?' presented at the 2007 Coastal Conference.

Recommendation

	That Manly and Warringah Staff continue to collaborate on environmental management of Manly Lagoon, and to progress the setting of values based and evidence driven objectives for the new strategy.	Manly and Warringah Councils
ITEM 5	General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration 5.1 Update on Possible Threats to Bushland Surrounding Manly Warringah Memorial Park (Manly Dam) <i>Submitted by Mr Malcolm Fisher</i> a) Environmental impacts of the RMS Stage 2 -Warringah Road, Frenches Forest Road-Widening were discussed (Northern Beaches Hospital Road Connectivity and Network Enhancement Project) including water run-off changes and effects on wildlife corridors. It was reported there is a loss of 1.2 hectares of bushland for Stage 1 and 6.1 hectares for Stage 2. Most of Stage 2 is endangered Duffys Forest ecological habitat. Key concerns raised by the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI), NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and the NSW Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which were discussed by the MLCCC, include: • Hydrological issues – groundwater, stormwater, water quality, riparian impacts; • Flora and biodiversity impacts; • Environmental corridor issues, including connectivity for animal crossing and species migration; and • Provision of adequate offsets. The view was expressed that the extent of tree clearing for the hospital project and associated works was excessive. b) The proposed Manly Vale School Development was discussed, in relation to its footprint into environmentally sensitive bushland. The existence of endangered species observed inhabiting the site was noted. Some conclusions of the impact report were outlined including removal of five hectares of bushland. It was considered that other options should be considered, by building new school buildings on the existing site and the playground moved to the protection zone. This would save approximately 67% of the bushland loss. It was noted the only input is via the Minister's office. Recommendation a) In relation to the Northern Beaches Hospital Development, it was recommended that the General Manager of Manly Council on behalf of the MLCCC, writes to the Minister for Planning, the Premier and the local member requesting that concerns raised by DPI, EPA, OEH and other organisations be fully resolved before approval for Stage 2 is granted. b) In relation to the proposed Manly Vale Public School development currently before the JRPP, it was recommended that the General Manager of Manly Council write on behalf of the MLCCC to the Minister of Lands (Crown Lands), Minister for the Environment, Minister for Planning and NSW Premier (Mike Baird) with a suggestion to relocate the building and move the playground to	Manly Council Manly Council

accommodate land with the asset protection zone, as the current proposal is likely to have severe adverse impacts on the catchment of Manly Lagoon.

Recommendation (b) moved by Malcolm Fisher and seconded by Candy Bingham (and Warringah Council abstained due to maintaining the independence of its assessment role and there was one vote against - vote was 7-2).

5.2 Flood Affected Properties Upstream and Downstream of Pittwater Rd Bridge

Submitted by Clr Hugh Burns

Dr Conny Harris left the meeting at 18:34. Mrs Helen Lever and Dr Frank Gleason left at 18:51.

Dredging under Pittwater Rd Bridge as a flood mitigation option was discussed.

Recommendation

It was recommended that the flood mitigation option of dredging under Pittwater Rd Bridge is investigated as part of the Manly Lagoon Flood Risk Management Study and Plan. That the Committee/Flood Study Working Group and community are consulted, and the assessment of options explained, when the Draft Report is prepared.

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5.3 Recording of MLCCC Meetings

Submitted by Clr Hugh Burns

The recording of MLCCC meetings was discussed to aid in minute-taking. It was noted that Warringah and Manly Councils have a practice of not recording Committee Meetings.

Recommendation

It was recommended that MLCCC Meetings are recorded.

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5.4 Future of MLCCC in regards to Proposed Local Government Boundary Changes

Submitted by Clr Hugh Burns

It was discussed whether the Committee could continue to meet if a new Council is proclaimed as a result of the NSW Government amalgamations proposal.

Recommendation

Given that the committee has been operating since 1978, it is important that the work of the committee continues through any reorganisation of councils and that the MLCCC committee continue to meet if the Councillors are dismissed as part of the current boundary review proposal.

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5.5 Addiscombe Rd, Manly Vale, Former Tip Site

Submitted by Mr Tom Hazell

Mr Ed McPeake provided an update on proposed Groundwater Monitoring of the Addiscombe Rd, Manly Vale, contaminated Site. The monitoring program, if approved, is planned to commence in the

2015/16 financial year with funding allocated from the Manly Council Environment Levy. The cost of the monitoring was confirmed to be within budget by Manly Council for the installation of 5 new sampling wells in the current financial year. They will be new wells and around 5 metres deep. Addiscombe Road reserve was a former incinerator site.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

5.6 Sydney Water Update

Submitted by Mr Norm Nikolich

Sydney Water's MLCCC update for January 2016 was noted as being attached to the agenda. See Attachment 4 of the Minutes.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

5.7 Aquatic Reserve - Possible Threat to Bushland Surrounding Manly Warringah Memorial Park (Manly Dam)

Submitted by Mr Malcolm Fisher

A brief update was provided by Warringah Council on the proposed lease of Warringah Council land at Aquatic Reserve, Frenches Forest. The land was noted to be regenerated Duffy Forrest habitat and is a key area, being at the top of the catchment, The view was expressed that any tree loss would affect the vista of the park. Warringah staff noted the site was "constrained" in the documentation. The asset protection zone (APZ) was considered a major issue.

Committee members were reminded that they can contact the Councils directly about operational issues.

Recommendation

The report was noted but the community members remain concerned about any clearing that may be required for fire protection and more information would be provided by Warringah staff at the following meeting of the MLCCC.

5.8 Proposed Amalgamated LGA Boundary - Possible Threat to Bushland Surrounding Manly Warringah Memorial Park (Manly Dam)

Submitted by Mr Malcolm Fisher

Mr Mark Roberts left at 19:05.

The proposed boundary between "Greater Manly" and "Greater Pittwater" which will traverse Manly Warringah War Memorial Park, was briefly discussed. It was noted that there are anomalies in the exact boundary location in the area, given by the NSW Government.

Committee members were encouraged to submit their own comments to the NSW Government regarding the boundary change proposal.

Recommendation

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That the information be received and noted

5.9 Crown Land Owned Lots Adjacent to Mermaid Pool

Raised by Clr Hugh Burns

The discussion regarding sending a planning submission prepared by both councils with the letters sent for the rezoning of the Mermaid pool land (as per the previous minutes) was raised by the chair as a matter of new business. Manly Council staff advised it was not considered appropriate for Manly Council to be involved in preparing this as it was outside their LGA. Warringah Council staff advised that they did not wish to resource this action.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Thursday 28th April 2016

Time: 5pm

Venue: Manly Council Chambers

Following the 28th April 2016 MLCCC Meeting, the role of the Chairperson of the Committee and associated administrative support will return to Warringah Council.

Meeting closed at 19:15hrs