



MINUTES OF MEETING

MANLY SCENIC WALKWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2013

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Cathy Griffin

Manly Council (Chaired)

Other Representatives

John Bergman

Community Member

Ross Thirmyn

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 5th November 2013, 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

Cllr Jean Hay
Michael Treanor
Dough Price
Derek Macintosh

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting 3rd September 2013 are confirmed.

ITEM 4 Report - Review of Scenic Viewing Areas around Manly

ACTION

The Manly Scenic Walkway Committee reviewed scenic viewing areas along the Manly Scenic Walkway. An audit report of scenic viewing areas was presented to the committee for consideration.

This report focused on 12 sections of the Manly Scenic Walkway, including National Park Lookouts at Tania Park and Cutler Road. The audit considered both official lookouts and informal scenic vista's along stretches of walkway.

Recommendations were made regarding each section of the Manly Scenic Walkway to manage current or future issues where vegetation may impact on scenic viewing areas.

Recommendation

The Manly Scenic Walkway Committee recommends to the General Manager and Council that the review of scenic viewing areas around Manly is endorsed

That the National Parks and Wildlife Service audit official lookouts at Dobroyd Head and manage vegetation to preserve scenic views.

ITEM 5 Report - Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Program Grant Funding Success

In March 2013 Council applied for grant funding to the Department of Planning's Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Program to continue upgrading the Manly Scenic Walkway. This application was intended to assist Council to complete the Stage 3 section of the Sandy Bay to Fisher Bay works.

The Department of Planning has awarded \$53,000 dollars to be matched by Council to implement stage 3 track upgrade works. Stage 3 track upgrade works will comprise the section of track between Fisher Bay Point and Fisher Bay Bridge, which is approximately 330m in length.

Council will endeavour to construct this section of walkway using the same sandstone materials used in other sections of the walkway, however this will depend on access constraints. Where access constraints prevent rock being delivered to site, Council will use a combination of timber stairs and board walks over eroded sections of track

The works will be undertaken between April and June 2014 to minimize disruption to track users during the peak tourist season. A

detailed update on work planning and programming will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

Recommendation:

The committee received and noted the report.

ITEM 7 Report - National Parks & Wildlife Service update to the Committee on 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.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service will update the MSW Committee on the progress of the track work at Tania Park, and other matters relevant to the Committee.

Recommendation

The Committee received and noted the report.

ITEM 8 REPORT: NAMING OF THE UN NAMED RESERVE STUART STREET

ACTION

At the Manly Scenic Walkway Committee meeting held on March 5 2013, the Committee discussed the proposed naming of the unnamed reserve at the eastern end of Stuart Street to Stuart Reserve. The Committee recommended that the Little Manly Precinct Community Forum should be consulted about the naming of the reserve.

The Little Manly Precinct discussed this matter at their June 2013 meeting. Research was presented into the history of the area that was undertaken by a Committee member. It was identified that Benjamin Skinner and the Skinner Family lived in Stuart Street around 1860 and were very prominent in the area. They owned the Gas Works site (now Little Manly Point) and built several cottages on Stuart Street.

The Precinct recommendation to Council is that the reserve is named Skinners Reserve to reflect the history of this area.

The Committee felt that there is the need to clarify the parcels of land that make up the un named areas of the reserve, and that any relevant Aboriginal naming or location information is included on the signage.

Recommendation:

1. The report was received and noted by the Committee.
2. The Committee recommend to the General Manager that the reserve be named Skinners Reserve as per the Little Manly Precincts recommendation.

ITEM 12 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.

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 4 March 2013

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Manly Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 6:40pm

Attachment: