



MINUTES OF MEETING

HARBOUR FORESHORES & COASTLINE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 12th November 2013

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Clr Adele Heasman	Manly Council (Co-Chair)
Clr Cathy Griffin	Manly Council (Co-Chair)
Clr Candy Bingham	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Carlo Bongarzone	Community Member
Ian Littlemore	Community Member
Rodney Childs	Community Member
Richard Hewitt	Community Member
Marcus Cahill	NSW Roads & Maritime Services

Council Staff

Ed McPeake	Manager Environmental Programs
Jacqui McLeod	Senior Coastal Management Officer

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Harbour Foreshores & Coastline Management Advisory Committee** met on 12th November 2013, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 4.05pm

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Clr Jean Hay AM, Mayor
Mark Moratti, Office of Environment and Heritage

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ACTION

ITEM 3**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Previous minutes of 12th September 2013 already ratified by Council.

MATTERS ARISING

The Committee referred to ITEM 4 Report: Maritime Infrastructure & Boat Storage in Manly LGA enquiring as to whether boats had been stickered in the Dinghy & Kayak Storage Facility at Little Manly. The Manager Environmental Programs informed the Committee that the stickering was due to take place on Wednesday 13 November. The Committee resolved that letters to dinghy & kayak owners and user groups be sent out prior to stickering, to inform them of the process of notification and impoundment.

Committee members raised the following issues as examples of what should determine priorities for dinghy & kayak storage:

- Boats moored in the bay.
- Active use.

The committee resolved that a Dinghy & Kayak Storage Policy be developed, with reference to the Business Case discussed at Council Meeting of 11/11/13. Draft policy is to be presented to the Committee for the first meeting in the New Year (date TBA). Rod Childs offered to assist with drafting the policy.

ACTION

Prepare Draft Dinghy & Kayak Storage Policy and forward to Committee for comment prior to next meeting.

ITEM 4**Report: Sea horse friendly netting at Little Manly saltwater pool**

Council's Senior Coastal Management Officer presented a report on the recent installation of sea horse friendly netting, in order to address safety and maintenance issues. In summary, the Report outlined the process of environmental assessment, including heritage and fisheries habitat issues for which it was determined there were no unfavourable impacts. With regard to heritage, a comprehensive heritage report was tabled, noting that no original elements of the swimming enclosure remained. Council's Heritage Adviser had determined that the upgrade works did not present any heritage impacts nor require consent. The report concluded that sea horse friendly netting provides a more favourable triple bottom line outcome, including lower maintenance costs, habitat benefits and shark protection.

Committee Member comments included that:

- No consultation was made over the sea horse netting installation at Little Manly.
- Preference was given for the appearance of shark bars rather than netting.
- Eroded pylons should have been replaced.
- The addition of extra pylons and landing should be considered.
- Safety aspects of people climbing up and along the enclosure infrastructure and via ladders were noted.
- Walkway standards were highlighted for safe access to the fishing platform.
- The 'Diving prohibited' sign needs to be repainted and relocated to the side arm of the enclosure.

Council's Manager Environmental Programs advised that Council would undertake a lifecycle analysis of the most cost effective upgrade option for Little Manly saltwater pool infrastructure and

intended to apply for \$250K grant funding through the Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Program. The upgrade would include replacement of all pylons which would re-instate some of the heritage elements but was not intended to replace the steel bars, due to their costly maintenance. The Committee agreed that safety aspects were a key consideration. It was also noted that regular engineer's reports were provided to Council in relation to critical maintenance issues which guide Council's priorities.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Council should continue to look at grants for the re-instatement of the steel bars.

ACTION

Continue to look at grants for the re-instatement of steel bars at Little Manly swimming enclosure.

ITEM 5 Updates and status on Projects & Reports

The Manager Environmental Programs advised on a Council motion to progress the Designated Swimming Area for Shelley Beach. It was noted that the swimming area could be similar to Balmoral and Chinaman's Beach, being designated by floating buoys which limit boat entry. A submission from community member, Warwick Dawson tabled a list of issues against the designation, including the potential for visual pollution in a constrained area (see attachment to Minutes). The Committee was generally supportive of the Designated Swimming Area.

The Senior Coastal Management Officer tabled a Rolling Actions list with comments on progress and issues.

The Committee made the following comments:

- Letters should be sent out to user groups of North Harbour prior to stickering dinghies & kayaks, followed by stickering a week later.
- An update should be provided on the background to the proposal for the Floating Pontoon & Jetty at Clontarf.
- The proposal did not come to the Committee for comment. Carlo Bongarzoni tabled a list of issues in relation to the proposal. (see attachment to Minutes).
- Consideration should be given to alternative proposals for a floating pontoon and jetty as a public pick-up and drop off point eg. floating pontoon site at Pickering Point?
- Advantages of fixed facilities in all weather with different landings corresponding to tide levels were noted eg. Manly SEA LIFE site was seen to have potential, given existing infrastructure.

The Committee expressed appreciation of the Rolling Actions list which is intended to be updated and tabled at future HFCMAC meetings.

ACTION

Send letters to North Harbour user groups regarding illegal storage; follow-up with stickering of dinghies and kayaks, where needed.

ACTION

Provide Committee with background to the proposed Floating Pontoon and Jetty at Clontarf and investigate opportunities for alternatives.

Recommendations

ACTION

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

1. letters be sent out to North Harbour dinghy & kayak user groups, followed by stickering one week later where needed.
2. the Committee be provided with the background to the grants application for the Floating Pontoon & Jetty at Clontarf.
3. alternatives to the Floating Pontoon & Jetty at Clontarf be investigated, together with the potential for reallocation of funds.

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 6 Other priorities discussed included:

1. Marcus Cahill advised that RMS are awaiting the outcome of consultation with Sydney Harbour User Group regarding Manly Council's request to implement a Designated Swimming Area at Shelly Beach, Cabbage Tree Bay. Representatives from the meeting will notify members of the request to restrict vessel access in the area and advise RMS at next meeting.
2. Manager Environmental Programs advised the Committee that following issues of algal growth requiring anti-fouling in the Fairy Bower tidal pool, Council was investigating non-toxic cleaning products and/or coating and would keep the Committee informed.
3. Clr. Adele Heasman conveyed thanks to Committee members for their input during the year and for support from staff.

ITEM 7 **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Date: Dates to be advised for 2014

Time: 4-6pm

Venue: Councillors Room – Town Hall – Manly Council

Meeting closed at 6.00pm