



MINUTES OF MEETING

HARBOUR FORESHORES & COASTLINE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2016

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Clr Adele Heasman

Clr Cathy Griffin

Manly Council (Chair)

Manly Council

Other Representatives

Rodney Childs

Ian Littlemore

Ross Thirmyn

Carlo Bongarzoni

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Community Member

Mark Moratti

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Council Staff

Ed McPeake

Lachlan Barnes

Natasha Schultz (left approx. 1630)

Manager Environmental Programs

Senior Coastal Management Officer

Manager Environmental Operations

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Harbour Foreshores & Coastline Management Advisory Committee** met on 8 March 2016, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

ITEM 1

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Clr Jean Hay, Mayor Manly Council

Clr Candy Bingham, Manly Council

Marcel Green, DPI

Dan Duemmer, RMS Maritime

Ray Mathieson, Community Member

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: Minutes of 17 November 2015 be accepted

Moved by: Cllr Cathy Griffin
Seconded by: Mark Moratti

Motion Passed

Actions Arising from 17 November 2015 Minutes

3.1 – Additional fuel provisions at Clontarf Marina

No update provided by RMS (not in attendance) in relation to raising the issue with Middle Harbour User Group.

3.2 - Extension of Cabbage Tree Bay Designated Swimming Zone

No further action has been taken to extend the designated swimming zone within Cabbage Tree Bay. Council representatives have met with RMS representatives and discussed the possibility of marking the existing designated swimming zone in any updated marine charts of the area.

3.3 – North Harbour dinghy storage and public access and pontoon project

Update provided in **Item 4**.

3.4 – Cleansing at East Esplanade

Natasha Schultz, Manager Environmental Operations attended meeting to provide a verbal update on cleansing operations. See **Item 5** for details.

Item 4 – Draft Report: Estuary Hazards Risk and Management Options Assessment for Clontarf/Bantry Bay

Update provided on the status of Ellery's Punt Reserve seawall. There are complex land tenure arrangements in the vicinity of Ellery's Punt Reserve with multiple stakeholders. RMS have been contacted to arrange an onsite meeting with engineers to discuss the options available to remediate the existing seawall. Heritage has completed some preliminary investigations as to the status of the area.

Recommendation

Action

Council representatives to continue to attempt to arrange a meeting with RMS engineers to discuss remediation options.

Obtain statistics in relation to the number of people that use the Spit to Manly scenic walk.

Item 5 – Little Manly Dinghy Storage Facility Update

Update provided in **Item 4**.

Item 6 – Coastal Zone Reforms Submission

Update on progress of Manly Ocean Beach technical studies provided. Reports are currently being finalised after Council reviews.

Manly Council Coastal Reforms submission provided to state government.

Item 6.2 – Update on Manly Wharf Master Plan

Short, medium and long term strategic plan agreed to proceed. Day to day operations are being streamlined by management company. Public consultation to be incorporated into the creation of the master plan.

Item 6.3 – Surveying Scenic Walkway Track

No data survey data has been requested from Navy surveying team.

ITEM 4

Dinghy and Kayak Storage Facility Updates

ACTION

Verbal update provided by Lachlan Barnes as to the proposed construction timetable for the Little Manly Boat Storage Facility, Public Notices and modifications to the final facility design based on feedback provided at the 11 November 2016 committee meeting.

Wellings Reserve – North Harbour dinghy storage draft concept drawings provided to members attending the committee meeting. The proposed citing and size of the facility was not considered appropriate and maintaining the pristine native vegetation in the area should be a high priority. Committee acknowledged that the concept design was an innovative solution given the constraints of the site.

Recommendation

Plans for dinghy storage facility consisting of dinghy racks and launching pontoon be prepared for the area between the North Harbour Sailing Club and Sea Scouts hall.

That a renewed boat compliance campaign be completed to remove the illegally stored vessels in the area west of Davis Marina. The compliance campaign to include the potential provision of engaging a contractor to remove and store vessels and or the *in situ* impounding of vessels for the required time period.

Council representative to speak with RMS representatives in relation to the size of the pontoon to be considered to be installed at the proposed location between the North Harbour Sailing Club and Sea Scouts hall.

ITEM 5

Manly Council Waste and Litter Program Update

ACTION

A verbal report on the cleansing services and cleaning regime conducted on Manly Ocean Beach and Harbour Beaches was provided by the Manager Environmental Operations. The cleansing services include mechanical raking and hand picking operations. The extent of the cleansing services completed on individual beaches is highly dependent on access points, tidal state and activities occurring on the beaches. Cleansing teams are deployed as soon as possible after large storms events to collect debris. Currently the scope of activities of staff and resources is being investigated to determine if there are any ways to optimise and enhance beach cleansing operations.

RMS cleansing vessels occasionally and irregularly collect debris from around Harbour beaches within the Manly area.

There are disparate volunteer organisations picking up rubbish from Manly beaches. The schedule of these events are not easily found and there is no central location to obtain contact information for these groups for people wishing to volunteer.

Recommendation

Council representatives to liaise with RMS to arrange regular rubbish removal activities to occur at Harbour beaches.

Waste Committee to be informed of the problem and provide feedback/suggestions.

Council representatives to investigate the possibility of providing contact details of volunteer organisations that have regular rubbish removal activities placed on Council's website or other centralised location.

ITEM 6

Seawalls within the Manly LGA

ACTION

Bower Lane

A verbal update on the works proposed to be completed at the Fairy Bower Seawall section of Marine Parade was provided by Lachlan Barnes. Following a general call for tenders and assessment of a very competitive and expert field of proponents currently awaiting executive approval to engage an external consultant to investigate the current status of the seawall, site specific oceanographic modelling, remediation options assessment, environmental report and detailed drawings of preferred remedial options.

40 Baskets Beach

Works to install a row of sandstone blocks on top of existing seawall at 40 Baskets Beach was completed to reduce the potential safety issues at the site and reduce overtopping which causes damage to the reserve and erosion behind the existing seawall. It is acknowledged that there was a lack of suitable notification of these works and consultation with the community and other stakeholders. Based on previous reports it is considered that the seawall at 40 Baskets Beach is in poor condition. Despite this condition not having significantly changed since 2003, the addition of the additional sandstone blocks may influence the characteristics of the existing seawall.

Recommendation

Additional information related to the works including where the material was sourced, why the works were initiated, the cost of the project and the source of project funding requested to be provided to the committee.

ITEM 7

General Business and Other Discussions

Action

7.1 Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve

Cabbage Tree Bay may be being loved to death and suffering from over-intensification of use. Organised sporting, corporate and training groups are bringing large numbers of users into the area. Over 100 people were counted by a member of the community participating in surf training activities at one time at Shelly Beach. In another case, recent large charity events have resulted in hundreds of people in the water at one time. Coupled with this use, many people are regularly pushing trolleys from Manly full of alcohol and food to Shelly Beach which leave a mess for the cleansing team to remediate.

Recommendation

Council representatives to write to Surf Educators Australia to ascertain number of participants currently being enrolled and compare this with the number of people currently permitted by their license and determine if they can use other locations such as East or West Esplanade if they are unable to use Manly Beach for their activities.

Council's environment team to investigate the carrying capacity of Cabbage Tree Bay for events that does not result in damage to the aquatic reserve. Use this information to develop guidelines about the uses and mitigation measures that may be required to ensure the long term protection of the aquatic reserve.

Safety committee to be informed of the issue relating to large volumes of alcohol and food in trolleys being brought to Shelly Beach and to ask Rangers and Police to stop and educate people about the impact of these activities and discourage the activities.

7.2 Storm Water at Wellings Reserve

The committee was shown a video of storm water discharges near the North Harbour Sailing club. This video highlighted the velocity of water that can discharge through the existing infrastructure and the potential damage that it is doing to the retaining wall at the site and the beach.

Recommendation

Refer the video to the water cycle management team so that they could investigate if there may be a solution to the current concern.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

TBA

Meeting Closed 6.10pm