



MINUTES OF MEETING

MANLY SCENIC WALKWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 7th July 2015

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay

Manly Council

Other Representatives

John Bergman

Community Member

Ross Thirmyn

Community Member

Peter Bergman

NPWS

Council Staff

Chris Kraus

Bushland Management Coordinator

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Manly Scenic Walkway Advisory Committee** met on 7th July 2015, 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 Cathy Griffin Derek MacIntosh	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES N/A, no quorum present at previous meeting.	

ITEM 4	Report : Trip Adviser Awards Manly Scenic Walkway The Certificate of Excellence The Committee were informed of the online travel advisory site website Trip Advisor awarding the Manly Scenic Walkway the 2015 Winner of the Certificate of Excellence. This award is based on the Manly Scenic Walkway receiving substantial positive reviews of the walkway by the track users. Trip Adviser indicates that the Manly Scenic Walkway has received 815 reviews of which 772 reviews rate the walking track as either excellent or very good. The walkway was also ranked 20th out of 548 things to do in Sydney. RECOMMENDATION That: 1. The Committee received and noted the report	ACTION
ITEM 5	Manly Scenic Walkway App Development Bushland Management Coordinator provided an update to the Committee on the progress of this project. The committee were advised that NPWS staff have commenced work on the app. The committee was also advised that the NPWS are no longer producing apps as an audio tour and are now producing apps that are image and text based. RECOMMENDATION That: 1. The Committee received and noted the report.	GM
ITEM 6	Report: National Parks & Wildlife Service Update to the Committee on Recent Activities National Parks & Wildlife provided the Committee with an update on recent NPWS activities. Items discussed signage development, and an update on penguin deaths due to foxes. RECOMMENDATION: The committee received and noted the report.	
ITEM 7	Shelly Beach Access Improvement Project The committee were advised that a Contractor has been employed to replace the existing stairs from the Shelly Beach car park to the beach with new sandstone steps. Works are scheduled to commence on Monday 20th July and expected to take 3 weeks to complete. The stairs will be closed to the public during works. Signage will be installed on site to direct the public to alternate access points to Shelly Beach. RECOMMENDATION The committee received and noted the report.	

ITEM 8 Manly Scenic Walkway Committee Track Inspection Manly Wharf to North Head

The track inspection from Manly Wharf to North Head will take place on Tuesday 11th August 2015.

Committee members are to meet in front of Manly Wharf at 9am. A notice will be sent to Committee members to remind them of this inspection.

RECOMMENDATION

The committee received and noted the report.

ITEM 9 GENERAL BUSINESS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CHAIR PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND APPROVED FOR CONSIDERATION

The Chair advised the Committee that she had received a letter from a community member requesting that play equipment be installed on the Manly Scenic Walkway in the Fairlight area.

The committee commented on this indicating that a similar request had previously been considered by the committee, and it is the general consensus that there are sufficient play grounds in Manly and the addition of any in this location is unwarranted.

Recommendation:

N/A

ITEM 10 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: **Tuesday 8th September 2015**
Time: 5:30pm
Venue: Manly Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 6:45pm

Attachment: Nil