



MINUTES OF MEETING

MANLY SCENIC WALKWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 1ST JULY 2014

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Cathy Griffin

Manly Council

Other Representatives

John Bergman

Community Member

Ross Thirmyn

Community Member

Eric Darley

Community Member

Dough Price

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 6th May 2014, 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

Michael Treanor, Jean Hay AM Mayor, Derek Macintosh, Fenton Beatty

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting 6th May 2014 are confirmed.

ITEM 4 Report : Manly Scenic Walkway Track Upgrade Sandy Bay to Ellery Punt Reserve (Stage 3) ACTION

An update on the Manly Scenic Walkway Track Upgrade was given to the Committee. The Committee were advised that the works were approximately 95% complete and on track for completion. A presentation of completed track works will be made to the committee at the next meeting.

The committee noted the great work that has been done both on the Manly Scenic Walkway and at Shelly Beach. The committee expressed their desire to see track works continue at Shelly Beach Headland.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee received and noted the report and supports proposed works program

The Committee supports the continuation of track works at Shelly Beach

ITEM 5 Audit of Bubblers on Manly Scenic Walkway

The committee discussed the number and locations of bubblers along the Manly Scenic Walkway, and what improvements would be necessary. It was agreed that in general the locations of bubblers on the Manly Scenic Walkway was acceptable.

Suggested improvements included the installation of a bubbler at North harbour Reserve and a sign in the National Park near Tania Park directing track users to the closest facilities.

The Committee recommended that Council write to the NPWS requesting this signage be installed.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee received and noted the report and supports proposed works program

That Council writes to the NPWS requesting signage be installed

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ITEM 6 Report: National Parks & Wildlife Service Update to the Committee on Recent Activities

Peter Bergman advised the Committee that the NPWS have resumed track works at the Cutler Road section of track. The works have been receiving great appreciation from track users.

Google mapping has been undertaken in the NPWS sections of walking track. This project is scheduled for public release in September.

The Committee were advised that military placements are being vandalised. NPWS are looking into options to prevent this from occurring.

Pedestrian counters have been installed on the Manly Scenic Walkway at Castle Rock and Beatty Street track. The committee noted the value of this in providing an accurate indication of the usage the walkway receives, and acknowledged this information could be used to secure future grant funding.

Peter advised the Committee that the REF for Spring Cove track work has been completed, and it is planned to undertake the work in this financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

The committee received and noted the report.

ITEM 7 Manly Scenic Walkway Committee Track Inspection – Manly Wharf to North Head Section

The Committee agreed that this track inspection will be held on Tuesday 5th August. Council will send notification of this walk closer to the date.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommends to the General Manager that the next Inspection be carried out on Tuesday 5th August 2014.

**ITEM 8 GENERAL BUSINESS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CHAIR PRIOR
TO THE MEETING AND APPROVED FOR CONSIDERATION**

The Committee were advised that funding has been allocated to the development of the Manly Scenic Walkway app. Cllr Griffin suggested that to move this project forward Council and NPWS should liaise to develop the App in-line with other NPWS track apps such as the Bradley Head to Chowder Bay app. It was also suggested that Council should investigate the Google mapping project to see whether this could be used in our app.

The Committee also noted that they would like Council to proceed with reprinting the Manly Scenic Walkway Brochure.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommend to the General Manager and Council that: The Manly Scenic Walkway App be developed and the Manly Scenic Walkway brochure be reprinted.

GM

ITEM 10 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: **Tuesday 2nd September 2014**

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Manly Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 6:30pm

Attachment: Nil