



MINUTES OF MEETING

MANLY SCENIC WALKWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 7 MAY 2013

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay
Cllr Cathy Griffin

Manly Council (Chaired)

Other Representatives

John Bergman
Dough Price

Community Member
Community Member

Council Staff

Fenton Beatty
Chris Kraus

Manger Parks & Reserves
Bushland Management Coordinator

Michael Treaner

Area Manager, Harbour North

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Manly Scenic Walkway Advisory Committee** met on 7 May 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

Eric Darley
Fenton Beatty

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 3	Report – Manly Scenic Walkway Signage Plan – Manly Wharf to Stuart Street	ACTION
	The signage plan that has been developed to address the lack of directional signage on the circuit linear pathway linkages between Manly Wharf and Little Manly point was presented to the Committee. The signage plan provided recommendations for signs to be installed at 9 key locations along the walking route. These would be street style finger signs on existing posts. The Stuart Street sign has already been installed. The Committee was also advised that Council would also expand the signage plan further to include the route between Manly Wharf and Shelly Beach. A suggestion was made that Council consider using a fluorescent style paint to make them more visible in low light conditions. Council's Sign Writers will be consulted for their recommendations. Recommendation: 1. The Committee recommend to the Parks Manager that the signage improvements be implemented. 2. That the signage strategy be expanding to include the Manly Wharf to Shelly Beach section circuit linear path.	CK
ITEM 4	Report – Manly Scenic Walkway Committee inspection Spit Bridge to Manly Wharf	
	The Manly Scenic Walkway Committee undertook an inspection of the Spit Bridge to Manly Wharf track on Tuesday 29th March 2013. The committee members commenced the walk starting at the Spit Bridge and finished at Manly Art Gallery. The purpose of the walk was to inspect the condition of the track, and identifying potential issues that require resolution. At the meeting a presentation of photos taken of the discussion points along the walk was presented to the Committee. Photos included track works completed and proposed on the Sandy Bay to Spit Bridge track, works underway on the Sandy Bay dingy pods and completed beach access ramp. Photos of recent works and maintenance issues in the National Park section of the walk. Photos were also shown of the Esplanade Park planting sites. Recommendation: The report was received and noted by the Committee.	
ITEM 5	Report – Manly Scenic Walkway Committee inspection Manly Wharf to North Head.	
	The Manly Scenic Walkway Committee undertook an inspection of the Manly to North Head track was held on Tuesday 29th March 2013. The committee members commenced the walk starting and finishing Manly Wharf and walking via Little Manly Point and Shelly Beach. The purpose of the walk was to inspect the condition of the track, and identifying potential issues that require resolution.	

At the meeting a presentation of photos taken of the discussion points along the walk was presented to the Committee. Photos included the heritage listed Oleanders on Stuart Street and Councillor Griffin provided a history on them. Photos of the Craig Avenue area to Little Manly Point area facilitated a discussion on signage issues, and track route options.

ACTION

The two options for walking route around the Stuart Street / Jump Rock area was discussed. General Consensus of the Committee was in the short term utilise the existing foot paths with signage to provide directional information. Councillor Griffin requested that the Committee consider the option of reinstating the bush track option in the future. The naming of the un-named reserve to Stuart Reserve was unanimously disagreed with, and the Committee felt that the Little Manly Precinct Committee should be consulted about the naming of it.

Councillor Griffin suggested that Council consider installing bike racks near the Stuart St cul-de-sac. The Committee was supportive of this, but believes it is more appropriate for the Sustainable Transport Committee to make a recommendation about this.

Chris Jones from the National Parks and Wildlife Service discussed the photos showing the National Park section including planned future works. Photos of the Shelly Beach Headland area included proposed future track and look out upgrade works. The Committee also discussed and agreed that the track head signage present is a good template for using at the Stuart Street section which to be consistent with the rest of the walkway.

Recommendation:

1. The report was received and noted by the Committee.
2. That the Little Manly Precinct be consulted about the naming of the un-named reserve at Stuart Street to Stuart Reserve
3. That the existing footpath between the National Park and Little Manly Reserve be used as the primary link with interpretive signage as a short term solution to walking issues
4. That track head signage as used at Shelly Beach be developed for Little Manly area.

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

Chris Jones Ranger Harbour North gave a briefing of proposed track works around the North Head section of the track. This included providing maps to Committee members illustrating each section of works. The Stuart Street entrance section was their priority section due to funding being contributed by the Oakstand development. This work to include approximately 35m of boardwalk and crushed sandstone resurfacing.

Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Program funding is being sought to upgrade the Bluefish Track. Chris also indicated plans to widen the

shoulder of North Head Scenic Drive to 3m to improve the safety of walkers.

Recommendation:

The Committee received and noted the verbal report.

ACTION

ITEM 7 Report – Manly Scenic Walkway Track Works Update

Manly Council has employed the services of a Contractor to undertake stage 2 upgrade works on the section of Manly Scenic Walkway between Sandy Bay and the Spit Bridge. The focus of this stage of works is between Sandy Bay and Fisher Bay Point.

Works commenced on Monday 8 April and anticipated to take approximately 8 weeks to complete. The Committee were given a presentation of progress on the works including photos of track works, stock pile area, and track closure signage.

Recommendation:

The Committee received and noted the report.

ITEM 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

No general business was made at the meeting

Recommendation:

No recommendation required.

ITEM 10 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Recommendation

The meeting dates nominated were confirmed as follows: 2nd July, 3rd September, 5th November 2013

Next Meeting:

Date: 2nd July 2013

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Town Hall Chambers

Meeting closed at 6:45pm