



MINUTES OF MEETING

HARBOUR FORESHORES & COASTLINE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 13th MAY 2014

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
Clr Candy Bingham

Manly Council (Co-Chair)
Manly Council (Co-Chair)
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Ray Mathieson
Carlo Bongarzone
Ian Littlemore
Rodney Childs
Richard Hewitt
Ross Thirmyn
Daniel Duemmer
Marcel Green

Community Member
Community Member
Community Member
Community Member
Community Member
Community Member
NSW Roads & Maritime Services
Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries)

Council Staff

Ed McPeake
Jacqui McLeod

Manager Environmental Programs
Senior Coastal Management Officer

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Harbour Foreshores & Coastline Management Advisory Committee** met on 11th March 2014, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 4.06 pm

ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE	ACTION
	Clr Steve Pickering Manly Council Vic Levett Community Member Mark Moratti Office of Environment and Heritage Marcus Cahill NSW Roads & Maritime Services Lee Cooper North Steyne Lifesaving Club Craig Susans Queenscliff SLSC Marc Marion Manly Life Saving Club Paul Schuetrump Department of Primary Industries	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	
	Nil	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES	
	Previous minutes of 11 th March 2014 were accepted.	
	MATTERS ARISING	
	The Committee discussed in detail General Business Item 7.2, being the RMS grant for the floating pontoon and jetty, under the Sydney Harbour Access Program, for which the Committee had previously agreed that the originally proposed location at Clontarf was no longer suitable. In particular, the Committee discussed the potential location at Little Manly, noting that Little Manly Precinct had voted unanimously for a boat pick-up and drop-off to be constructed along the western boundary of the Little Manly tidal pool. The issue of potential contamination of pool waters with boat fuel was raised. RMS advised that there would be minimal impacts. The Committee noted and acknowledged that Little Manly tidal pool area would not be suitable in some weather for boat pick-up and drop-off and that a floating pontoon would be unsuitable. The Committee discussed the alternative at Forty Baskets, being an all-weather location but not as accessible to Manly and that the pool walkway needed substantial upgrading for the purpose of boat pick-up and drop-off.	
ITEM 4	Report: Proposed consultation and action plan for alternative location of public jetty/pontoon under Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Program	
	Following the discussion in the Matters Arising, the Committee further discussed alternative locations to Clontarf, including the Manly SEA LIFE sanctuary wharf; Silver Beach, down from Wellings Reserve, in between Davis Marina and Forty Baskets Beach; and south of Jump Rock, towards the old coal loading area. The Committee noted concerns over higher costs of some options, together with limited time remaining to complete the project, in line with requirements of the grant funding. Therefore, Little Manly was seen to be a good location, especially given the support from the precinct. The Committee resolved to adopt the proposed action plan, with amendments relating to consultation with Little Manly Precinct over the design and consultation to include Precincts.	

	Recommendation:	ACTION
	The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the action plan and basis for consultation, as amended be progressed as follows:	
	1. Prepare a draft design for the public walkway with boating access, to be completed by Council's Urban Services and consult with Little Manly Precinct (amended). 2. Prepare a press release about the project, noting that the initial Clontarf location is no longer favoured and that the Little Manly tidal pool is supported as an alternative location by the Little Manly Precinct. 3. Provide information on Council's website and invite comment and suggestions for other locations. 4. Consult with Precincts over the proposed Little Manly location and design (amended). 5. Hold a public meeting at Little Manly, inviting the broader community and conduct an information stand at Little Manly. 6. Determine the alternative location for the public jetty/pontoon. 7. Consult with Manly Scenic Walkway Committee. 8. Consult throughout the process with Roads and Maritime (specifically the local Boating Safety Officer and the Better Boating Program team) over the proposed alternative location of the pontoon, concept/detailed design of the pontoon and any funding issues that may arise.	GM
ITEM 5	Report: Review of Coastal Management Action Plans The Committee noted its appreciation in receiving the reports and in hard copy. The Committee also noted the substantial amount of work required in order to review the achievements and priorities and that it would need to be progressed over several months. Comments on the action plans for North Harbour and Clontarf, included that there were many high level actions and routine maintenance actions, resulting in there being too many actions and making it difficult to measure progress. Also, there was confusion between land and water based actions. For North Harbour, it was seen that stormwater drainage should be a separate heading, these being key issues contributing to beach erosion and siltation. For Little Manly, it was noted that the plan needs complete review due to structural changes in access and use. It was agreed that the number of actions needs to be reduced to reflect key priorities for maintenance and infrastructure. In line with this, the Committee requested that the action plans be revised according to a template, with a reduced number of high level and routine actions and revised themes which will allow a more efficient review of key priorities. The Committee reviewed the plans' context for development and implementation, essentially under the Environment component of the Community Strategic Plan which sets 10 year, 4 year and 1 year planning cycles that identify project initiatives for funding through Council budget, including the Environment Levy. Fisheries noted that the scope and priorities are also governed by State Government legislative requirements.	

Committee members agreed to assist with the review of the action plans, as follows:

ACTION

1. Manly Ocean Beach Coastline Management Plan 2008 - CG
2. CabbageTree Bay Coastline Management Plan 2000 - CG
3. Little Manly Coastline Management Plan 2004 – RM/IL
4. Manly Cove Coastal Zone Management Plan 2011 – RM/IL
5. North Harbour Coastline Management Plan 2010 - RC
6. Forty Baskets Coastline Management Plan 2004 - RC
7. Clontarf/Bantry Bay Estuary Management Plan 2008 - CB

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

1. Jacqui McLeod to prepare a template and revise the action plans.
2. Committee Members to review the revised action plans, noting achievements, outstanding actions and top ten priorities for infrastructure and maintenance.
3. Precincts to be consulted over the revised actions.
Updates on progress to be provided at subsequent meetings.

ITEM 6 Updates and status on projects & reports Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

Items discussed included:

1. Boat Trailer Working Group Discussion report and options paper March 2013 – copies of the report were made available to Committee members who queried whether a subsequent report was available.
2. NSW Regional Boating Plans - it was noted that the initiative was addressing the issue of boat trailers and that the consultant could be invited to the next meeting to provide an update.
3. Jump Rock – the committee discussed whether a cost effective solution was available to reduce the safety risks.
4. Illegal boat storage at North Harbour – the committee asked for an update on progress of the issue. The progress to date was reported as follows:
 - Council rangers stickered the illegally stored dinghies & kayaks in mid November 2013 and again in mid December 2013, conducting audits of the number of dinghies & kayaks.
 - A press release was made around this time, in order to advise owners of the craft of the initiative and to encourage them to notify Council of the details of their boats and contact details to be recorded on a database; and to direct owners to Council's web site for further information which included a full brief on the initiative, reasons why the craft needed to be removed and answers to FAQs regarding Council's powers and the process for removal of the craft.
 - Letters were sent to the user groups, seeking their support for notifying any owners.
 - Since the first audit of 164 craft, 93 craft were remaining at the last audit conducted in late January 2014, following removal by owners.

- Council has not yet removed any craft and will be progressively removing the unseaworthy craft initially, then impounding the remaining craft.
- The database has about 20 owners on it who will be notified as time approaches for impounding craft so they have a final opportunity to remove them.
- Another press release will be made at the time that Council will commence removing the unseaworthy craft which is hoped will result in more owners removing their boats, thus minimising the burden on Council's resources for the disposal and impoundment of craft.

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5. Courtesy moorings – RMS advised that 7 potential locations for additional courtesy moorings in the Manly LGA had been identified and that consultation with the community would be commencing soon. RMS sought the Committee's support to commence consultation. The Committee indicated their support.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

GM

1. Determine if there is a subsequent report to the Boat Trailer Working Group Discussion report and options paper March 2013 and provide copies to Committee members.
2. Invite GHD consultant for the NSW Regional Boating Plans to next meeting.
3. Staff to put a proposal to the risk manager, regarding a cost effective solution to reducing the safety risks at Jump Rock.

ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Tuesday 8th July 2014

Time: 4-6pm

Venue: Councillors Room – Town Hall – Manly Council

Meeting closed at 6.07pm