



MINUTES OF MEETING

HARBOUR FORESHORES & COASTLINE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 8th July 2014

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Clr Adele Heasman	Manly Council (Co-Chair)
Clr Cathy Griffin	Manly Council (Co-Chair)
Clr Candy Bingham	Manly Council
Clr Steve Pickering	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Carlo Bongarzone	Community Member
Rodney Childs	Community Member
Ross Thirmyn	Community Member
Daniel Duemmer	NSW Roads & Maritime Services
Mark Moratti	Office of Environment and Heritage

Council Staff

Jacqui McLeod	Senior Coastal Management Officer
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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Harbour Foreshores & Coastline Management Advisory Committee** met on 8th July 2014, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 4.05pm

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Ian Littlemore, Community Member
Marcel Green, Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries)
Ed McPeake, Manager Environmental Programs

Late apologies were received from Lee Cooper, North Steyne SLSC
and Richard Hewitt, Community Member.

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Previous minutes of 13th May 2014 had not been adopted by Council at the time of meeting. The committee accepted the minutes of the previous meeting:

Moved: Ray Mathieson

Seconded: Cr Candy Bingham

ACTION

MATTERS ARISING

ITEM 4 Proposed public jetty at Little Manly tidal pool.

RM advised that no further concerns had been raised by Little Manly precinct over the proposal for the alternative location of the public jetty at Little Manly tidal pool. JM advised that a meeting had been held with Council's Urban Services and RMS and that indicative approval had been given for the location of the public jetty alongside the pool. RMS advised that the concept design would first need to be agreed to by the RMS Local Boating Safety Officer, before being provided for discussion with Little Manly precinct. RM noted that Little Manly precinct's preference was for an L-shaped landing that would provide for boat landing from both the southerly and westerly aspects.

ITEM 5 Review of coastal management action plans.

JM advised that templates had been completed for Manly Ocean Beach and Cabbage Tree Bay plans. The committee agreed that working groups would be held with HFCMAC representatives as nominated for each plan and that the precincts would need to be consulted over the revised action plans. Cr.Griffin noted the presentation made to Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay on 5 July 2014, informing them of the review of the plan.

General business

3. Jump Rock – The committee asked what progress had been made regarding cost effective solutions to reduce safety risks.

4. Illegal boat storage at North Harbour – JM advised that a request to progressively remove derelict dinghies and kayaks had been forwarded to the relevant Council area. It was also noted that the removal of boats is at considerable cost to Council, involving collection, disposal and impoundment (storage). There are also statutory time frames Council must adhere to regarding notice to dinghy and kayak owners of pending impoundment. The committee was advised that there appears to be a number of empty racks at the Forty Baskets dinghy and kayak storage area and that these should be investigated.

5. Courtesy moorings – RMS advised that the feasibility of providing additional courtesy moorings in Manly LGA is still in the proposal stage and there are no set deadlines.

Recommendation:

1. An update on the progress of removing illegally stored boats at North Harbour is to be provided at next meeting.
2. JM to advise on the apparently vacant dinghy storage racks at Forty Baskets.

ITEM 4	Report: Update on Estuary Management Program projects The committee noted the reports and asked that further updates be provided at upcoming meetings. Recommendation: Nil	ACTION
ITEM 5	Report: Review of SCUBA Diving Licensing The committee discussed the report, noting issues relating to safety and agreed there was an opportunity for a review of the licensing arrangements. Further information is sought on the following: 1. Background on the ceiling for the number of licences, noting for example that having a shop front in Manly or vicinity of the LGA would be relevant; other factors that should be considered in order to determine limits. 2. Limit on the licence, if any on the number of students and how this relates to the number of licences. 3. Appropriateness of Little Manly as a dive location, particularly in proximity to the boat ramp. RMS representative advised that a diver's flag is not required for off the beach/shoreline diving so the diving operation may not be visible from boat launching and navigating out of Little Manly, especially along the western shoreline. 4. RMS supported the suggestion for the SCUBA diving licence to require a flag for off the beach diving and indicated that Council could include this as a licence condition. 5. The review should include full consideration of safety issues. 6. Consultation with relevant precincts, being Fairy Bower, Fairlight and Little Manly, as well as SCUBA diving operators was requested as part of the review. Recommendation: Undertake a review of the SCUBA Diving Licensing arrangements, in order to address safety issues and the basis for determining the appropriate number of licences.	
ITEM 6	Updates and status on projects & reports JM noted there were no further updates on status of projects, further to the Report under Item 4. Recommendation: Nil	
ITEM 7	GENERAL BUSINESS Items discussed included: 1. Moorings Review, Sydney Coastal Councils Group draft submission – Copies of the draft submission were tabled for committee members, due to the draft submission not having been received until after the agenda was issued. The draft submission was accepted, in general by the Committee with specific comments to be forwarded to JM and sent around by email to Committee members. Comments are due back to SCCG by 24 July.	

2. **Coastal Reforms update** – MM from OEH advised the Committee that the Stage 2 Coastal Reforms are being progressed. This will initially involve meetings with groups of Councils such as northern beaches or estuaries, as still to be determined and followed by workshops with other interest groups. MM further advised that a new coastal zone management manual was proposed, as well as regulation and funding arrangements for Councils. The proposed changes are based on advice of the NSW Coastal Panel to the Minister for the Environment.
3. **Collins Beach** – clean-up is needed of waste from beach users on NPWS land. DD of RMS will follow this up with NPWS.
4. **Clontarf Marina** – regarding restrictions on the number of swing moorings, DD of RMS advised that a number of moorings has been relinquished and that the marina cannot increase the number of swing moorings into the future.
5. **Little Manly dinghy & kayak storage** – the building on 36 Stuart Street has been demolished and the property grassed. It is proposed to relocate and increase the dinghy & kayak storage area, with the configuration being decided by the Public Domains Committee. It was noted that this is supported by the Little Manly precinct. Support from the Harbour Foreshores committee for the increase and relocation of the dinghy & kayak storage area along the fence line was also noted.
6. **Forty Baskets jetty** – the Committee was advised of the poor condition of the jetty at the tidal pool, including deterioration of the decking, bars and pylons as evident below the low tide mark.
7. **Public access to Manly fun pier** – RM referred to the issue raised by Little Manly precinct regarding the lack of public access to jetties in Manly, noting the potential opportunity for public access at Manly fun pier. DD of RMS will further advise on any plans for public access.
8. **Abandoned dinghies** – JM tabled copies of an email from the Boat Owners Association of NSW and Council's response, for information of the Committee.
9. **Trampoline style habitat net installation** – JM tabled copies of the grant application to the Hawkesbury Nepean CMA for Manly Cove West tidal pool for which Council has received \$50,000 grant funding, noting that the netting will attract marine growth and will be attached to the existing netting which inhibits marine growth.

Recommendation:**ACTION****The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:**

1. Council send an email to Committee members, requesting comments by 21 July on the Sydney Coastal Councils Group draft submission to the Moorings Review.
2. RMS to speak to NPWS Manager Environmental Services Council arding clean-up of Collins Beach and suggest a working party.
3. Council to request Council staff to undertake an urgent assessment of the condition and repair works needed for Forty Baskets tidal pool.
4. RMS to advise on any plans for public access at Manly fun pier.

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ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING DATE:**Date: Tuesday 9th September 2014****Time: 4-6pm****Venue: Councillors Room – Town Hall – Manly Council**

Meeting closed at 6.00 pm