



## NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that of a meeting of the **Manly Scenic Walkway** will be held:

**DATE:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**TIME:** From 5.30pm

**PLACE:** Councillors' Room, Manly Town Hall, 1 Belgrave Street, Manly

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

#### Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay AM, Mayor  
Cllr Cathy Griffin

Manly Council (Chair)

#### Other Representatives

John Bergman  
Ross Thirmyn  
Eric Darley  
Doug Price  
Derek Macintosh

Community Member  
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#### Council Staff

Fenton Beatty  
Chris Kraus

Parks & Reserves Manager  
Bushland Management Coordinator

#### National Parks and Wildlife Service Staff

Michael Treanor

Area Manager, Harbour North

All other Councillors are free to attend as observers and are invited to do so and to engage in discussions, but not in voting, on any matter before the Committee.

  
Gordon Malesevic  
Chief Operating Officer  
Civic & Urban Services

Date: 25.2.14, \_\_\_\_\_





## MINUTES OF MEETING

### MANLY SCENIC WALKWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**HELD TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

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

#### **PRESENT:**

##### **Councillors**

Cllr Cathy Griffin

Manly Council (Chaired)

##### **Other Representatives**

John Bergman

Community Member

Ross Thirmyn

Community Member

Peter Bergman

NPWS

##### **Council Staff**

Fenton Beatty

Manager, Parks & Reserves

Chris Kraus

Bushland Management Coordinator

#### **TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL**

The **Manly Scenic Walkway Advisory Committee** met on 5<sup>th</sup> November 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**

Cllr Jean Hay  
Michael Treanor  
Dough Price  
Derek Macintosh

#### **ITEM 2      DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Nil

**ITEM 3      CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 are confirmed.

**ITEM 4      Report - Review of Scenic Viewing Areas around Manly**

**ACTION**

The Manly Scenic Walkway Committee reviewed scenic viewing areas along the Manly Scenic Walkway. An audit report of scenic viewing areas was presented to the committee for consideration.

This report focused on 12 sections of the Manly Scenic Walkway, including National Park Lookouts at Tania Park and Cutler Road. The audit considered both official lookouts and informal scenic vista's along stretches of walkway.

Recommendations were made regarding each section of the Manly Scenic Walkway to manage current or future issues where vegetation may impact on scenic viewing areas.

**Recommendation**

The Manly Scenic Walkway Committee recommends to the General Manager and Council that the review of scenic viewing areas around Manly is endorsed

That the National Parks and Wildlife Service audit official lookouts at Dobroyd Head and manage vegetation to preserve scenic views.

**ITEM 5      Report - Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Program Grant Funding Success**

In March 2013 Council applied for grant funding to the Department of Planning's Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Program to continue upgrading the Manly Scenic Walkway. This application was intended to assist Council to complete the Stage 3 section of the Sandy Bay to Fisher Bay works.

The Department of Planning has awarded \$53,000 dollars to be matched by Council to implement stage 3 track upgrade works. Stage 3 track upgrade works will comprise the section of track between Fisher Bay Point and Fisher Bay Bridge, which is approximately 330m in length.

Council will endeavour to construct this section of walkway using the same sandstone materials used in other sections of the walkway, however this will depend on access constraints. Where access constraints prevent rock being delivered to site, Council will use a combination of timber stairs and board walks over eroded sections of track

The works will be undertaken between April and June 2014 to minimize disruption to track users during the peak tourist season. A

detailed update on work planning and programming will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

**Recommendation:**

The committee received and noted the report.

**ITEM 7      Report - National Parks & Wildlife Service update to the Committee on recent activities**

The NPWS will give a verbal update to the Committee on recent works completed and any issues that have arisen. It is recommended that the Committee note the update provided by the NPWS.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service will update the MSW Committee on the progress of the track work at Tania Park, and other matters relevant to the Committee.

**Recommendation**

The Committee received and noted the report.

**ITEM 8      REPORT: NAMING OF THE UN NAMED RESERVE STUART STREET**

**ACTION**

At the Manly Scenic Walkway Committee meeting held on March 5 2013, the Committee discussed the proposed naming of the unnamed reserve at the eastern end of Stuart Street to Stuart Reserve. The Committee recommended that the Little Manly Precinct Community Forum should be consulted about the naming of the reserve.

The Little Manly Precinct discussed this matter at their June 2013 meeting. Research was presented into the history of the area that was undertaken by a Committee member. It was identified that Benjamin Skinner and the Skinner Family lived in Stuart Street around 1860 and were very prominent in the area. They owned the Gas Works site (now Little Manly Point) and built several cottages on Stuart Street.

The Precinct recommendation to Council is that the reserve is named Skinners Reserve to reflect the history of this area.

The Committee felt that there is the need to clarify the parcels of land that make up the un named areas of the reserve, and that any relevant Aboriginal naming or location information is included on the signage.

**Recommendation:**

1. The report was received and noted by the Committee.
2. The Committee recommend to the General Manager that the reserve be named Skinners Reserve as per the Little Manly Precincts recommendation.

**ITEM 12 GENERAL BUSINESS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CHAIR PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND APPROVED FOR CONSIDERATION**

A late item brought to the attention of the chair prior to the meeting commencement, proposed installation of request for memorial seat Fairlight pool area.

Application has been received for the installation of a memorial seat at Fairlight pool in the grassed area above the path to the pool. There is currently no seat in this location.

Further discussion was carried out about the development of a smart phone APP for the Manly Scenic Walkway. The committee wishes to pursue this technology as a positive improvement for the future.

**Recommendation:**

The Committee recommend to the General Manager and Council that:

1. The report was received and noted by the committee.
2. The committee have no objection to the seat installation in this location.
3. An APP for the Manly Scenic Walkway is developed to promote the MSW.

**ITEM 13 NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**Date:** Tuesday 4 March 2013

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Venue:** Manly Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 6:40pm

**Attachment:**



**TO:** Manly Scenic Walkway Committee

**MEETING DATE:** 4th March 2014

**AUTHOR:** Fenton Beatty, Manager Parks and Reserves

**SUBJECT:** **Manly Scenic Walkway Track Upgrade Sandy Bay to Ellery Punt Reserve (Stage 3)**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Stage 3 of the Manly Scenic Walkway track upgrade works between Sandy Bay and Ellery Punt Reserve is due to commence in May 2014. The track will be restored using the same contractor and methodology as used on the Ellery Punt Reserve to Fisher Bay track. This will include using sandstone rock for constructing stairs, track edging, and drainage. Crushed sandstone will be used to resurface the track.

## **2. INFORMATION**

The Clontarf Precinct Committee has requested Council through the Budget Bid process to upgrade the section of Manly Scenic Walkway from Sandy Bay to Ellery Punt Reserve. Due to this works costing more than the annual budget provision for Manly Scenic Walkway track works, the project is being staged over 3 years.

The works are now entering the final stage. Stage 1 works (Ellery Punt Reserve to Fisher Bay) was completed in 2011-12 financial year, and stage 2 completed in the 2012-13 financial year.

Refer to figure 1 for illustration of track work staging.

### **Stage 3 Works – (Fisher Bay Point to Fisher Bay)**

To complete Stage 3 works the track will be restored using the same contractor and methodology as used on the first two stages. This will include using sandstone rock for constructing stairs, track edging, and drainage. Crushed sandstone will be used to resurface the track.

The original plan of constructing timber board walks over degraded sections of this track has been revised due to a method for getting rock to the track now being available. Council will be using a barge and crane to transport material to the track. This will now enable the track to utilize the same materials and construction technique for the entire length of track.

**Timing of Works:** The works will be undertaken during May to June 2014. It is anticipated it will take approximately 8 -10 weeks to complete.

Track closure: As per the stage 2 works, the track will be closed to the public from Monday to Friday. It will be reopened for weekends, provided the track is at a safe stage of works to permit opening. No detour will be available for use during works, and pedestrians will be directed to the nearest bus stops either side of the track closure.

Material Staging and Stock pile location: Clontarf Reserve car park near the boat launching area will be used as a material staging location. Material will be placed into bags ready for lifting onto a barge. Bags of materials will be transported onto the beach near high water mark where they will remain over night to enable the barge and crane to collect early morning. Materials will be lifted onto the track from Fisher Bay, and will be stockpiled beside the walking track until utilized.

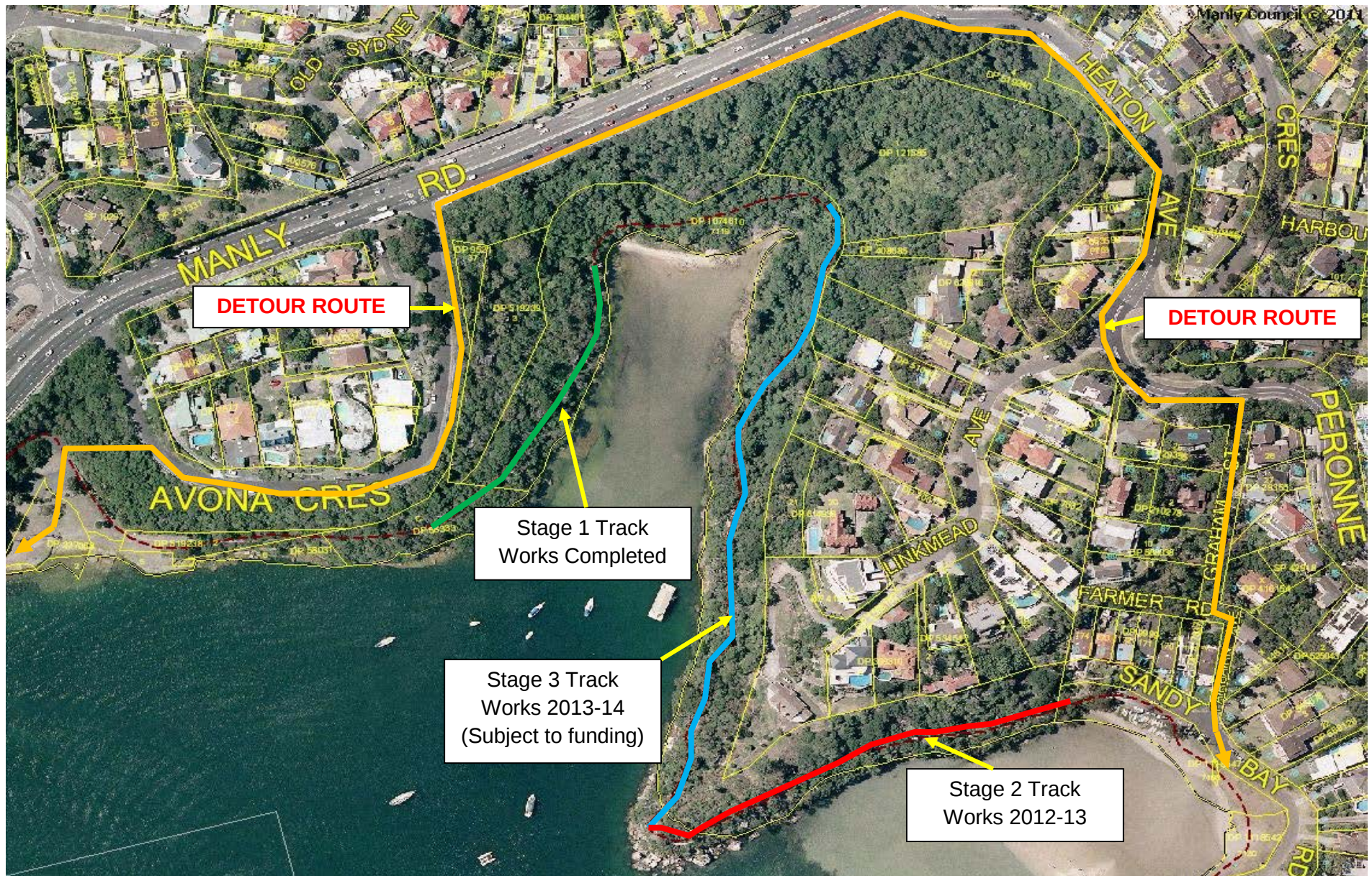
It is anticipated that 3 deliveries will need to be made during the course of the project.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee notes this report and supports proposed works program

**Fenton Beatty**  
**Manager Parks and Reserves**  
**Manly Scenic Walkway Committee**  
**18<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

Figure 1: Staging of Track Work Between Sandy Bay and Ellery Punt Reserve, and Detour Route





**TO:** Manly Scenic Walkway Committee

**MEETING DATE:** 4th March 2014

**AUTHOR:** Fenton Beatty, Manager Parks and Reserves

**SUBJECT:** **Shelly Beach Headland Walking Track Upgrade (Stage 1)**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Manly Council is scheduled to commence Shelly Beach Headland Walking Track Upgrade. This track has deteriorated as a result of extensive usage and weather exposure. The aim of the project is to improve safety and enhance the aesthetics of the track. The project will be implemented in stages as funding is made available.

## **2. INFORMATION**

Manly Council is scheduled to commence the upgrade and repair of a section of the walking track at Shelly Beach Headland. This circular walking track is a section of the Manly Scenic Walkway (Manly to North Head route) and is popular with local residents and tourists.

This section of track has deteriorated as a result of extensive usage and weather exposure. It is therefore necessary to commence the improvement of this track to improve public safety and enhance the aesthetics as appropriate for this high profile location.

Manly Council has recently undertaken similar track works on a section of the Manly Scenic Walkway near Sandy Bay, resulting in a high quality and durable walking track. It is therefore proposed that the Shelly Beach track be upgraded to a similar standard.

The works to be undertaken will be similar to works completed near Sandy Bay and will include Installation of sandstone stairs, widening the track to approximately 1.2m, resurfacing the path with crushed sandstone, and installation of drainage swales.

Due to the cost of works exceeding this financial year's budget allocation, it is proposed that the works will be staged over successive financial years. The amount of work undertaken will be dependent on budget allocations provided to this project annually.

The attached diagram shows the works planned for this financial year, and indicative of works planned for following financial years.

Timing of Works: Works will commence on Monday March 31, 2014 and take approximately 4 weeks to complete (subject to suitable weather).

Track closure: To undertake the work it will be necessary to close the section of track that is under construction for the duration of works. This track closure will be in place on week days while work is being undertaken, and the track will be open on weekends unless at unsafe stage of works to allow public access. No detour will be implemented, as deemed unnecessary due to the circular track being a relatively short and track users can return the way they entered the track.

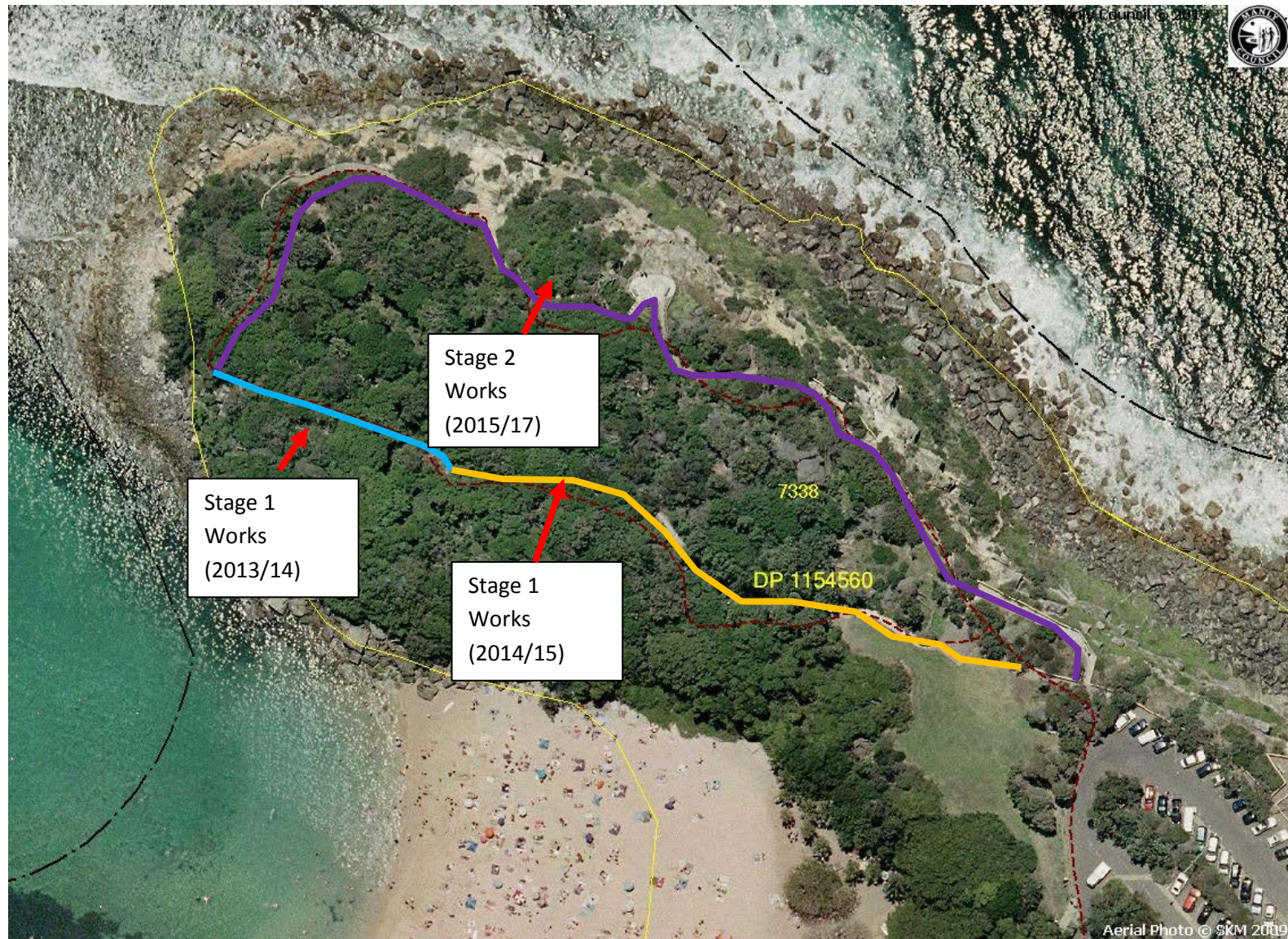
Material Staging and Stock pile location: Material will be stockpiled on the grass beside the car park. This allows for easy access for delivery and safe transport onto the walking track.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee notes this report and supports proposed works program

**Fenton Beatty**  
**Manager Parks and Reserves**  
**Manly Scenic Walkway Committee**  
**18<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

### Shelly Beach Headland Track Upgrade Works Scheduling



**Current Condition of Track Requiring Upgrade for Stage 1 Works**





**TO:** Manly Scenic Walkway Committee  
**MEETING DATE:** 4 March 2014  
**AUTHOR:** Fenton Beatty  
**SUBJECT:** **Manly Scenic Walkway Committee 2013 - 14 Works Program Update**

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In 2014 the Manly Scenic Walkway Committee will continue to progress the improvement of the Manly Scenic Walkway. This will be achieved by working towards the completion of uncompleted projects, identifying new projects, providing advice and recommendations towards the development of planning documents, and continuing to provide advice to Council on matters relating to the walkway.

This report provides an update on the progress of projects to be implemented during 2013- 14 subject to available funding and staff resources.

## 2. INFORMATION

The table below provides an outline of projects endorsed by the Committee at the March 2013 meeting for implementation during 2013-14 subject to funding. The table includes both outstanding projects and new projects. This table was produced by both past recommendations from the Committee and from Council staff. A status report is provided below.

| Project                                                        | Description                                                                                                   | Status                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Clontarf Precinct Committee Project                            | Replace elevated walkway over Aboriginal midden with alternate structure.                                     | Completed                               |
| Sandy Bay to Ellery Punt Reserve Track Upgrade (stage 2 and 3) | Upgrade walking track from Sandy Bay to Fisher Bay.                                                           | Stage 2 Completed<br>Stage 3 Programmed |
| Shelly Beach Headland Walking Track Upgrade (Stage 2)          | Upgrade the circular walking track at Shelly Beach Headland.                                                  | Stage 1 Programmed                      |
| Bushland track upgrade (Avona Crescent entrance)               | Upgrade the Avona Crescent section of track in a style similar to the work completed on the Fisher Bay track. | Not funded                              |
| 40 Baskets Beach high tide access                              | Construct stairs to create high tide access improvements at 40 Baskets Beach.                                 | Completed                               |
| Bushland Restoration                                           | Implement an annual works program to restore the bushland sections of                                         | Implemented                             |

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|                                                               | the Manly Scenic Walkway.                                                                                                      |                   |
| Esplanade Park revegetation (stage 1 and 2)                   | Revegetate lawn areas near 75 and 95 Lauderdale Avenue.                                                                        | Stag1 Implemented |
| Signage Review                                                | Review track directional signage to rectify signage issues.                                                                    | Implemented       |
| Access and Landscape improvements to Beatrice Street section. | Repair stairs from Beatrice St to track, and continue the landscape improvements.                                              | Not funded        |
| Coastline Management Plan / Landscape Master Plan development | Continue to provide advice and recommendations to develop and implement Coastline Management Plans and Landscape Master Plans. | Ongoing           |
| Rabbit Control                                                | Continue to control rabbit population at Shelly Beach and Little Manly Point                                                   | Programmed        |
| Walking Track Audit                                           | Undertake annual walking track audit to identify future projects and resolve issues.                                           | Programmed        |
| Manly Scenic Walkway App                                      | Committee recommendation to develop an App to help promote the Walkway                                                         | Pending funding   |

### 3. RECOMMENDATION:

- That the Committee receives and notes the report, and notes all works is subject to available Council funding.

**Fenton Beatty**  
**Manager Parks and Reserves**  
**14 June 2013**



**TO:** Manly Scenic Walkway Committee

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**AUTHOR:** Fenton Beatty

**SUBJECT:** **National Parks & Wildlife Service Update to the Committee on Recent Activities**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The NPWS will give a verbal update to the Committee on recent works completed and any issues that have arisen. It is recommended that the Committee note the update provided by the NPWS.

#### **INFORMATION**

The National Parks and Wildlife Service will update the MSW Committee on the progress of the track work at Tania Park, and other matters relevant to the Committee.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee receives and notes the report.

**Fenton Beatty**  
**Manager Parks and Reserves**  
**Manly Scenic Walkway Committee**  
**17 February 2014**



**TO:** Manly Scenic Walkway Committee

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday 4 March 2014

**AUTHOR:** Fenton Beatty

**SUBJECT:** **Manly Scenic Walkway Committee Track Inspection**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Each year the Manly Scenic Walkway Committee undertakes an inspection of the walking track. The Committee will determine a suitable date for undertaking the walk.

### **2. INFORMATION**

The Manly Scenic Walkway Committee undertakes annual inspections of the Manly Scenic Walkway. The inspection involves a walk from Manly Art Gallery to the Spit Bridge with the purpose of inspecting the condition of the track, identifying potential projects for the Committee to undertake, and identifying issues that require resolution.

The Committee is to decide the preferred date to schedule the inspection. Some potential dates that the inspection can be held include;

- Tuesday 1 April
- Tuesday 8 April

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Committee confirms a date for attending the Manly Scenic Walkway inspection.

**Fenton Beatty**  
**Manager Parks and Reserves**  
**Manly Scenic Walkway Committee**  
**10<sup>th</sup> February 2014**