



MINUTES OF MEETING

MANLY SCENIC WALKWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD TUESDAY 5th MAY 2015

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay	Manly Council
Cllr Cathy Griffin	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council

Other Representatives

John Bergman	Community Member
Ross Thirmyn	Community Member
Derek MacIntosh	Community Member
Doug Price	Community Member
Peter Bergman	NPWS

Council Staff

Chris Kraus	Bushland Management Coordinator
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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Manly Scenic Walkway Advisory Committee** met on 5th May 2015, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN		ACTION
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE No apologies	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil	

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

N/A, no quorum present at previous meeting.

**ITEM 4 Report : Manly Scenic Walkway Committee Track Inspection
- Spit Bridge to Manly**

ACTION

The Manly Scenic Walkway Committee undertook the annual inspections of the Manly Scenic Walkway on Tuesday 28th April 2015. 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.

A presentation was given to the Committee showing photos of issues and the general condition of the track at the time of the inspection. The inspection occurred days after severe storms that hit Sydney, and much of the issues identified were related to storm damage.

Also discussed was hand rail issues at Sandy Bay, NPWS signage and track counters, proposed Dobroyd Head fuel reduction burn, and future proposed track works.

Cllr Griffin suggested the committee are to commend Council staff for their great efforts at managing the clean-up following the storm. This was supported by all committee members.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Committee received and noted the report

ITEM 5 Manly Scenic Walkway App Development

Chris Kraus provided an update to the Committee on the progress of this project. The draft text for the app was distributed to the Committee members for their comment.

The Committee were advised that a meeting was planned for Friday 15th May with NPWS information technology staff to discuss the implementation of the app.

The voice to be used in the audio was discussed, with preference given to multiple voices including male, female, and Aboriginal.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Committee received and noted the report.

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

Peter Bergman provided the Committee with an update on recent NPWS activities. Items discussed included storm clean up works, completion of Spring Cove boardwalk, and partial collapse of sandstone wall at Spring Cove.

Also discussed was the development of new signage following new smoking regulations being introduced. Peter also advised of this year's burns program.

RECOMMENDATION:

The committee received and noted the report.

ITEM 7 Shelly Beach Access Improvement Project

The committee were informed of the plans to replace the existing stairs from the Shelly Beach car park to the beach with new sandstone steps. The committee requested that Council use timber post and rail for any handrails on the steps to keep consistent with other hand rails in Manly.

RECOMMENDATION

The committee received and noted the report.

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

No business brought to the attention of the chair

Recommendation:

N/A

ITEM 10 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: **Tuesday 7th July 2015**
Time: 5:30pm
Venue: Manly Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 6:45pm

Attachment: Nil