



MINUTES OF MEETING

HARBOUR FORESHORES & COASTLINE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2014

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

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

Other Representatives

Ian Littlemore	Community Member
Rodney Childs	Community Member
Ross Thirmyn	Community Member

Daniel Duemmer	NSW Roads & Maritime Services
Marcel Green	NSW Fisheries

Council Staff

Ed McPeake	Manager Environmental Programs
Jacqui McLeod	Senior Coastal Management Officer

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Harbour Foreshores & Coastline Management Advisory Committee** met on 25th November 2014, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 4pm

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Clr Jean Hay (Mayor)
Clr Adele Heasman
Ray Mathieson, Community Member
Mark Moratti, Office of Environment & Heritage

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Nil

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Notes of the previous meeting of 9th September 2014 were provided for information of the Committee, in the absence of a quorum for that meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

Non-attendance of Committee Members

The Chair noted consecutive non-attendance of a number of Committee members and that they should be notified and asked if they wish to continue on the Committee. Places on the Committee should be offered to other representatives where existing members no longer wish to be on the Committee.

Scuba licensing

The Committee noted the review of the scuba licensing and recommendations proposed and sought an update on the progress of the review.

North harbour dinghies

Senior Coastal Management Officer (SCMO) advised on that the vacant dinghy racks at Forty Baskets beach had been decommissioned where there was bank erosion. On the issue of reducing the number of dinghies and kayaks on the foreshore, the SCMO advised that the number of dinghies and kayaks stored on the foreshore has been further reduced, as noted in a recent audit; one round of collection and impoundment of dinghies has been carried out; and that the rate of collection is limited by Council's storage capacity for impoundment, with new storage being looked into and available resources for collection. A further round of notices will be issued by stickers applied to the remaining abandoned boats on the foreshore. The Committee asked that a press release be made in relation to the further round of stickers and include reference to the foreshore being one of Manly's most valuable assets. The Committee also asked that Council write to people on the waiting lists for dinghy and kayak storage and do a letter box drop, advising of the initiative to clean up North Harbour foreshore.

Recommendation:

1. That Council write to those Committee Members who have not attended meetings consecutively and ask if they wish to continue on the Committee.
2. That Council invite representation on the Committee in place of those members who no longer wish to be on the Committee.
3. That the Committee be advised of progress of the review of the Scuba licensing and the status of licenses.
4. That Council issue a press release about the further notices to be served on the abandoned dinghies and kayaks in relation to upcoming impoundment.
5. That Council write to those people on the waiting list for dinghy and kayak storage and do a letter box drop about the initiative to clean up North Harbour foreshore.

ACTION

ITEM 4	Report: Review of actions of Coastal Zone Management Plans. The SCMO explained the review, noting that a template had been prepared for presenting the actions, based on the three themes of CZMPs, being coastal hazards, ecosystem health and community uses; and that the review included removal of high level and/or routine actions and those for which other authorities are responsible. The Committee asked that completed actions be removed, clearly showing what has been achieved and what is outstanding, with top five priorities assigned. Copies of the actions plans should be forwarded to Precincts for their review. The Committee queried what area was covered by North Harbour, noting whether it just covered Forty Baskets or the broader area encompassing Manly Cove. It was suggested that the current North Harbour CZMP could more correctly be named the 'Manly Harbour CZMP.' It was confirmed that Manly Lagoon was under the auspice of the Manly Lagoon Catchment Committee. The Committee congratulated the SCMO for efforts in completing the review of the CZMPs. Recommendation: 1. That the CZMP Actions report be revised to more clearly distinguish completed and outstanding actions, showing top five priorities for Committee to consider at next meeting. 2. That the CZMP Actions reports be forwarded to Precincts for their review. 3. That the definition of North Harbour, including the specific area it covers be clarified.	ACTION
ITEM 5	Report: Manly Ocean Beach Coastal Zone Management Plan Discussion Paper and Consultation Plan. The Committee accepted the Discussion Paper and Consultation Plan. NSW Fisheries representative, Marcel Green requested the opportunity to review the Discussion Paper, prior to its release in relation to implications for the following: • Marine estate management • Marine Estate Bill • Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve • Three nautical mile context for the CZMP • Hawkesbury Shelf Bioregion assessment. Daniel Duemmer, RMS representative also requested the opportunity for comments from RMS. The Committee noted that the Designated Swimming Zone for Cabbage Tree Bay and the proposal to exclude 'non-passive craft' was an issue to be considered by RMS. The Committee asked RMS to advise any suggestions on how to manage compatibility among users.	ACTION . ACTION

Recommendation:

1. That a copy of the Discussion Paper be forwarded to Fisheries, for comments in relation to marine estate management and including the Marine Estate Bill, Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve and Hawkesbury Shelf Bioregion, prior to public release.
2. That a copy of the Discussion Paper be forwarded to RMS for comments, prior to public release including any suggestions on how to manage compatibility among users in Cabbage Tree Bay.

ITEM 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Items discussed included:

1. Boat storage

The Committee noted the limited space for racking at Little Manly kayak storage and considered the merits of a commercial storage area. The Committee also questioned the issue of whether licensed storage had been issued to Little Manly Sailing School. It was noted that \$5m was available for boat storage projects and that Council had considered and advised RMS of project priorities. It was questioned as to whether the skiffs stored on East Esplanade could be stored at home, with there being two commercial operators already at Manly Cove.

Clr Griffin noted the call for expressions of interest for boating infrastructure projects under the funding program.

2. Marine Protected Areas

Clr Griffin advised the Committee of the Draft Bill on Marine Protected Areas, asking that it be reviewed for the advice of the Committee.

3. Fairy Bower seawall remediation

It was noted that Council had been successful in obtaining a grant under the State Government's Coastal Management Program for remediation design to address wave overtopping and undermining, including wave modelling.

4. Other

The Committee noted the following additional items of General Business:

- Forty Baskets Pool Repairs, change from shark bars to netting.
- Moreton Bay Fig planted on North Harbour, close to foreshore has been removed, as requested.
- Concerns over seawall reconstruction at 7 North Harbour Street.
- Monitor the opportunity to review public access to Manly Fun Pier, following Manly Fast Ferry tender award; look at potential for public boating access in between fast ferries.
- Information is needed on the status of plans for courtesy moorings, issues for allowance and restrictions.
- Concern over the dramatic increase in resource use conflict in Manly Cove, from Crater Cove to Cannae Point, including increased number of boats on the beach, commercial activity requests and swimming conflicts vs. capacity of the area to support this range of activities and levels of use. The inclusion of the issue for the Committee's proposed 'Manly Harbour' CZMP was noted, as well as the need to consider in

development applications.

- RMS review of NSW Boat Licensing; comments due by 19/12/2014.
- The Chair thanked the Committee members for their support and input during 2014, conveyed appreciation to RMS and DPI reps for giving their time and noted that the SCMO and staff have achieved a lot in the last 12 months.

Recommendations:

1. That Council investigate the feasibility of dinghy and kayak storage at Fairlight, east of Manly Boat Shed, on the rock shelf.
2. That the issue of licensed storage at Little Manly Sailing School be referred to the Regulatory Services team.
3. That progress of any boating infrastructure applications made by Council be reported to the Committee.
4. That the Draft Bill on Marine Protected Areas be reviewed for advice to the Committee.
5. RMS to advise on the status of plans for courtesy moorings, issues for allowance and restrictions.
6. Council to write letter to Marine Estate Management Authority and RMS, regarding concern over the dramatic increase in resource use conflict in Manly Cove, from Crater Cove to Cannae Point, and request consideration of capacity of the area to support this range of activities and levels of use, noting the relevance of the issue for the proposed Manly Harbour CZMP.

ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: To be advised for 2015

Time: 4-6pm

Venue: Councillors Room – Town Hall – Manly Council

Meeting closed at 6pm.