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NOTES OF A MEETING

NARRABEEN LAGOON STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2022

Committee Members

Voting Members

Northern Beaches Council (NBC) – Chair	Michael Regan
Northern Beaches Council CEO representative	Mr Todd Dickinson/Mr Yianni Mentis
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Mr Allen Madden / Mr Nathan Moran
Office of Environment and Heritage – National Parks	Mr Peter Bergman
Department of Industry - Lands	Mr Stan Rees
NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries)	Ms Sarah Conacher
Community Representative – Environment	Dr Conny Harris
Community Representative – Business	vacant
Community Representative – Recreation	Ms Julie Whitfield
Community Representative – Rate Payer / Community	Ms Pamela Johnston

Officers

Manager Coast and Catchments, NBC	Ms Jodie Crawford
Team Leader, Catchment Management, NBC	Mr James Brisebois

Quorum

At least half the total number of members, including a Crown Land Manager representative and the Chair (or delegate).

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Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Advisory Committee

held on Wednesday 28 September 2022

via Teams

Commencing at 4:00pm

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2. PRESENT

Mayor Michael Reagan (Chair), Mr Yianni Mentis, Dr Conny Harris, Ms Julie Whitfield, Ms Pamela Johnston, Mr James Brisebois.

VISITORS: Mr Patrick Stewart, Mr Jeremy Smith, Ms Valerie Tulk, Ms Joné Wright (minutes)

Meeting opened at 4:07pm

2.1 Apologies

Mr Todd Dickinson (Director Environment and Sustainability, NBC), Mr Peter Bergman/Mr Chad Weston (NPWS), Mr Allen Madden/Mr Nathan Moran (MLALC), Mr Stan Rees (Crown Lands), Ms Sarah Conacher (Dept Fisheries), Ms Jodie Crawford (NBC)

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION of minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Advisory Committee from the previous meeting on 8 July 2021 were read and noted by those present as a quorum was not reached.

The previous Minutes will be confirmed as correct at the next meeting on 7 December 2022, if there is a quorum.

5. UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

5.1 Potential expansion of the State Park

Mr Stan Rees was an apology for this meeting so was unable to provide an update.

Resolution: Mr Stan Rees to provide an out-of-session update to the Committee as per the General Business resolution from meeting on 6 July 2021 (“...DPI – Lands provide a summary of Crown Land in the catchment”).

6. AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Waterbody Management

Entrance Management

Mr Yianni Mentis and Mr Patrick Stewart provided an update on the Narrabeen Lagoon Entrance Management Strategy and the community consultation outcomes. Council adopted

the Strategy during the Council meeting on Tuesday 27 September 2022. The Strategy will involve a combination of short to medium-term emergency responses and medium to long-term entrance clearance strategies.

Resolution: That the Advisory Committee note this update.

6.2 Foreshore Management Issues

Pedestrian Bridge/ Jamieson Park Amenities

Mr Jeremy Smith provided an update on the construction and opening of the pedestrian bridge crossing Narrabeen Lakes adjacent to Pittwater Road. It was noted that the pedestrian bridge has not been opened as sections of balustrade and deck have been defected as they don't meet requirements set out by Council. Replaced decking from the bridge may be reused for other boardwalk projects such as at the Deep Creek Reserve.

Mr Jeremy Smith provided an update on the status of the Jamieson Park amenities upgrade. Stage 1 of the community consultation has been completed with over 100 responses to the exhibition. Council staff are collating feedback and will develop an interim community engagement report.

Resolution: That the Advisory Committee note this update. Mr Jeremy Smith to provide copy of the community engagement report to Committee members when completed.

6.3 Catchment Management Issues

Conservation Zone Review

James Brisebois provided an update on the Conservation Zone Review. The Conservation Zone Review is trying to standardise zones across the three LEPs and identify environmental hazards and environmental hazard zones. The Conservation Zone Review was informed by detailed studies and technical reports.

Resolution: That the Advisory Committee note this information.

Watercourse, Wetlands and Riparian Lands Study

James Brisebois provided an update on the Watercourse, Wetlands and Riparian Lands Study.

Resolution: That the Advisory Committee note this information.

Stormwater Management Study

James Brisebois provided an update on the draft Stormwater Management study. The Stormwater Management Study has been developed to provide a consistent methodology for developing stormwater targets to protect waterways from impacts of development.

Resolution: That the Advisory Committee note this information.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Reappointment of community representatives

The Committee discussed the need for additional community representatives to become members. It was noted that a new business representative needs to be appointed.

Resolution: Council to redistribute the Terms of Reference for the Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Advisory Committee for discussion regarding reappointing community representatives at the next meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Dr Conny Harris asked if it is possible to enshrine that the area that regularly floods around Wakehurst Parkway maintains its function as a natural wetland.

Dr Conny Harris has noticed that the fire trails in Cromer and Wheeler Heights have large quantities of pampas grass and Dr Harris has been regularly weeding the area to keep pampas grass under control. Dr Harris suggested the infestation of pampas grass has occurred after fire trail maintenance that was undertaken by Soil Conservation Service three or four years ago.

Mr Mayor requested further information on the use of the old boatshed adjacent to the Sports Academy and suggested that the boatshed is still being used by the Sports Academy. It was understood that the boatshed was supposed to be removed and turned into public space.

Resolution: Council Officer to inform Wakehurst Parkway Project Group that the natural wetlands in the area near the Wakehurst Parkway "Bends" should maintain its function as a wetland.

Council Officer to contact Crown Lands regarding pampas grass on fire trails in Cromer.

Council Officer to discuss the issue of the old boatshed with other relevant Council Officers and provide an update to the Committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5:18pm.

NOTE

The next meeting will be held via Teams on Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 4pm.