

Dover Heights Precinct Meeting 28 November 2022

Meeting held over Zoom Started at 7:05 PM

Attendance: See addendum attendance sheet

Dov Frazer is our Convenor, Robert Harvey is our Secretary

Welcome to Hunter Ward Councillors Will Nemesh & Steven Lewis Apologies from Councillors Betts

Tonight, we DO need you to sign an attendance roster. Our secretary Robert will note your presence for our attendance list and please include your mobile number if possible

We have a special Guest of Bala from Sydney Water so we are going to go straight to the Sydney Water Pumping Station in Eastern Reserve issues so Bala can leave after we discuss these updates:

Thank you, Bala, for taking the time to attend this evening and present to our residents:

Note everything proceeding at Parsley Bay pumping station and upgrades to amenity block

Comdain the contractor purchased by Service Stream, and they are no longer interested in being the contractor Sydney Water is looking for a new contractor for the entire project

Summary

A decision has now been made to review the design layout for Eastern Reserve to minimize its footprint and visual impact.

Sydney Water has appointed a third party geo-technical service provider to carry out additional investigations and to complete an independent verification of the proposed construction site. After that, an engineering consultant will be engaged to re-design the Eastern Reserve pumping station footprint and the above ground structures. A timeline for this process and any consultation has not yet been set by Sydney Water.

Note maintenance trucks tests was successful in doing 3 point turns so there would be no need for maintenance vehicles to enter the reserve.

Site in Dudley Page at Portland and Lancaster will be site office. Old depot was demolished and existing house to be demolish. Green colour bond fence to surround the site.

Bala said 6 to 9 months to get back to next consultation at 50% design. Sydney Water will take lead role in design and contract with new contractor will be construct only.

Bala promised to look into repairing cracked stairs at Lancaster and Military Rd.

Bala promised to look into refurbishing the Military Road Pump House.

Minutes from previous meeting

Do all agree the minutes are a fair and accurate representation of the meeting:

Moved - Richard Morris

Second - Robert Harvey ACCEPTED

#2 - Coastal Reserves Plan of Management

Phase 1 – Gathering information

- Timeline item 1 - active
- Consultation 1: gathering information
- 21 October - 20 November 2022
- Communicate with a broad range of stakeholders to develop interest and understanding of the project
- Capture visitation data so draft PoM is reflective of each reserve's usage
- Based on feedback from community, stakeholders and site analysis, generate some key ideas to protect and improve the parks and reserves.
- Present the Phase 1 findings and key ideas to Council for endorsement to commence Phase 2 Consultation

Phase 2 – Test ideas and opportunities

- Timeline item 2 - incomplete Consultation 2: Ideas consultation Early 2023
- Report back Phase 1 finding to the community via e-mail and through our HYS
- Present the community with the key ideas seeking further input
- Work with stakeholder groups identified in phase one to further develop ideas and solutions to any issues raised.
- Present Phase 2 finding to Council.
- Report back Phase 2 findings to the community via e-mail and through our HYS
- Draft PoM based on Phase 1 and 2 community and stakeholder feedback
- Present Draft PoM to Council for endorsement to go to the Minister for Lands and Water to approve for Public Exhibition.

Phase 3 – Public Exhibition - 42 days

- Timeline item 3 - incomplete
- Consultation 3: Public exhibition of Draft PoM Winter 2023
- Confirm Draft PoM with community

Present finding to Council and seek endorsement to go to the Minister for Lands and Water to adopt

The process for PoM's typically takes between 12 to 18 months to complete depending on the complexity of challenges to address, the requirements for reporting to Council and two review periods with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE timeframes outside Council's control).

This is the first of three rounds of community consultation. In this round, we need your help to better understand how and when you visit the reserves, which ones are most popular, and what you want to see happen with them in the future.

This is not about planning for capital works or buildings but maintaining a sustainable and community-led approach to the management of the parks and reserves.

Motion 1 - DHP submits to the Coastal Reserves POM that Eastern, Weonga and Raleigh Reserve should have the same 2205 stainless steel for the new coastal fence that has already been mandated by council motion for Rodney Reserve. The steel used in Clarke reserve and Hugh Bamford is a total aesthetic failure with tea staining and corrosion everywhere and council should learn from its mistakes rather than make the same mistake over and over again.

Mover - Richard Morris

Second - Malcolm Kofsky

Motion 2 - DHP submits to the Coastal Reserves POM that All dead trees along the fence line of the reserves on the cliff side of the fence should be removed.

Mover - Robert Harvey

Second - Philip Goldbuger

Motion 3 - DHP submits to the Coastal Reserves POM that All wrongly planted Acacia in Weonga, Rodney and Raleigh reserves on the cliff side of the fence should be removed to restore the ocean views.

Mover - Richard Morris

Second - Malcolm Kofsky

Motion 4 - DHP submits to the Coastal Reserves POM request that NO new trees or shrubs should be planted in the Dover Heights Coastal Reserves which will block ocean views in the future.

Mover - Philip Goldbuger

Second - Robert Harvey

Motion 5 - DHP submits to the Coastal Reserves POM requests that The dead zone next to 169 Dover Road in Raleigh Reserve should be rectified with a long term solution.

Mover - Richard Morris

Second - Robert Harvey

Motion 6 - DHP submits to the Coastal Reserves POM requests that All other dead zones in Raleigh Reserve should be re turfed and holes filled.

M - Richard Morris

S - Sandy Kaye

Motion 7 - DHP submits to the Coastal Reserves POM requests that Buddleja shrubs in Weonga Reserve should be removed as per both council motions and as per the 2014 BAP and replaced with native grasses.

M - Robert Harvey
S - Malcolm Kofsky

Motion 8 - DHP submits to the Coastal Reserves POM requests that Drainage issues in Rodney Reserve which caused the land slip should be rectified as this was caused by the contractor that installed the new playing field

M - Robert Harvey
S - Philip Goldguber

Motion 9 - DHP submits to the Coastal Reserves POM requests that Drainage issues in Raleigh Reserve at the southern end should be rectified so rains do not create permanent bogs

M - Robert Harvey
S - Philip Goldguber

Motion 10 - DHP submits to the Coastal Reserves POM requests that the alignment of the new coastal fence in Rodney reserves should go back to the original alignment of the wire fences to prevent encroachment into the reserve by new fences.

M - Robert Morris
S - Philip Goldguber

#3 - DOVER ROAD SAFETY SLOPE - OUR BIG WIN AFTER YEARS OF FIGHTING!!'

Dov and Grant and Robert met with mayor Paula on site.

Paula asked Emily Scott the General Manager to find a solution.

Finally, the wrongly planted acacia was removed fully as well as other large trees

Thanks to Grant Benson and Robert Harvey for their ongoing support.

#4 - RADIO TELESCOPE VIEWING PLATFORM UPDATE?

The heritage study for the CSIRO site is being undertaken as part of the Coastal Parks PoM currently being developed.

Ask Will to put up a motion to get status report at Council...Or write to Sharon Cassidy for a Plan of Action Schedule

Motion 11 - DHP requests that the VPA money allocated to the Radio Telescope Viewing Platform long ago be prioritized and that a time frame and schedule be provided so that the project can move forward

Move - Richard Morris
Second - Robert Harvey

#5 Draft Tree Policy

Policy going to a vote Dec 6, 2022.

Consultation report can be found at this link

http://waverley.infocouncil.biz/Open/2022/12/PD_20221206_AGN_677_AT.PDF

No changes based on the extensive consultation were proposed in the final tree policy document before Dec 6, 2022

#6 Cliff Walk DA

In the process of selecting a contractor as no one tendered on the project. Project now pushed to the next year.

Motion 12 - DHP requests that remedial works to reinforce the footings be done immediately to allow the boardwalk to be reopened between Lancaster St and Bulga Road

Moved - Dov Frazer

Second - Robert Harvey Approved

#7 New Coastal Fences in Dover Heights

The current project for coastal fencing is Williams Park. This is currently being scoped for procurement. Yes, this is a new fence to manage high risk edges along elevated cliff lines as identified in the PoM.

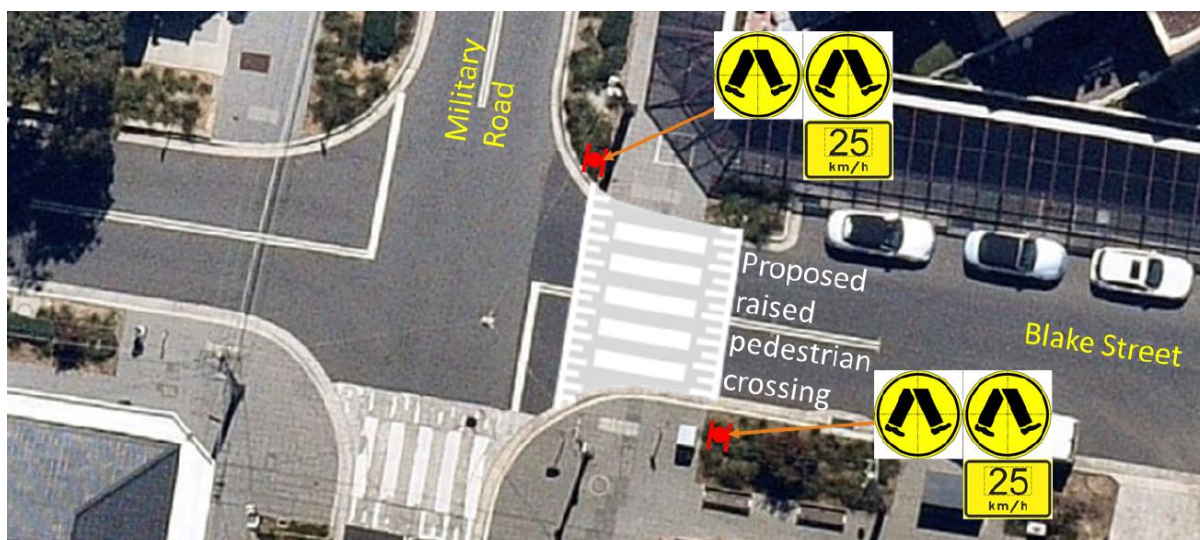
A timeline associated with Rodney Reserve fence will be determined, along with other works, through the PoM process. Unless conditions on the reserve or the existing asset condition changes requiring more immediate action by Council similar to any other park asset.

Rodney Reserve is Crown Land. Any substantial development needs to be supported by an adopted PoM or may be an existing land use such as the former playground (i.e. either the existing Coastal Reserve PoM or the new PoM under review) and therefore will be reliant on PoM process.

#8 Pedestrian Crossing

Pedestrian Crossings at Blake and Military as well as at Hunter and Military into Dudley Page Reserve.

Council approved the installation of a raised pedestrian crossing on Blake Street on the eastern side of Military Road at the August Council meeting (picture below). Timing will depend on funding.



Motion 13 - Noting the high use of the reserve by families especially during the weekends which require most people to park on the eastern side of Military Road and the risks that this raises, DHP requests that a pedestrian crossing be installed between Military Road into Dudley Page Reserve at the most used location so parents and children can cross safely.

M - Julie Barel

S - Robert Harvey

#9 General Business

Tree Audit

DHP wants to know what is the scope of the council tree audit and does it include trees inside the coastal reserves and trees between the coastal fence and the ocean? We would like a response before the end of 2022.

M - Julie Barel

S - Robert Harvey

Overdevelopment

Peter Cappe raised issues of over development. CR Lewis noted that the State Government has ultimate control over many developments that either have 10 or more objections or are over a certain dollar amount. We should be appealing to State Member to return planning controls to council.

Motion 14 - DHP request that council initiate a FOGO initiative, so food scraps do not go into general waste

M - Sandy Kaye

S - Dov Frazer Approved

Meeting ended at 9:00