

DHP meeting May 8 2023 Minutes

Meeting held via ZOOM - Started 7:05 PM

Dov Frazer - Convenor

Robert Harvey - Secretary

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Dov emailed everyone the minutes from the previous minutes from Feb 20, 2023

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

Moved - Peter Cappe

Second - John Ingster

Accepted

1 - Will Nemesh spoke about the Radio Telescope Viewing Platform in Rodney Reserve. VPA funds from 657 OSH Road previously promised have not yet been paid to Council. Will was not sure if it will be paid at the CC phase or earlier. Funds WILL be paid eventually but not sure when. Will will check on the timing. Dov wishes they would do some more work on the design of the Viewing Platform sooner rather than later

2 - Bala Subramanian, Senior Project Manager from Sydney Water addressed the meeting.

a - Vaucluse part of the project is going ahead, and they are analyzing a tender from a construction partner

b - A design consultant for the Eastern Reserve part of the project has been hired and Sydney Water is expected a new design (not the full report) in 4 months or by August 2023. Objective of the new design is to move the infrastructure away from the reserve and into Eastern Avenue at the end of the asphalt. They have not further geotechnical studies and they already did a successful maintenance truck test which does not require any turning circle in the reserve. Bala said the curb and gutter might need to be widen at the end of Eastern Ave and that a couple parking spots might be lost.

c - Dov mentioned the works happening at Diamond Bay for the Cliff Walk Upgrade and Bala was aware what was happening and said there was no conflict with his project

d - Dov mentioned using only the highest quality 2205 stainless steel in the project and unlike other authorities they want to get it right the first time to cut down on future maintenance.

e - Bala said Sydney Water has stringent specification system for all materials used in their projects

f - Dov said Bala will be invited to the next meeting for an update even though the new design may not be complete

3 - Peter Cappe noted council sent him an email promoting the YES case for The Voice with a meeting at the Bondi Pavilion on May 10, 2023. Peter said council should not be wasting ratepayer money on a Federal matter.

Dov noted that under the Mayoralty of John Wakefield, council spent over 100K in an attempt to fight the state issue of the new stadium at Moore Park to no avail. The stadium is not even in the Waverley LGA. The stadium is now completed and the ratepayer money was squandered.

Sally Betts said there was a mayoral minute to support the Uluru Statement from The Heart but it was not unanimous though it was portrayed as such.

MOTION 1 - DHP Requests that Council not be involved in the federal issue of “THE VOICE” and not use residents money to support or discuss this issue that has nothing to do with council or the LGA.

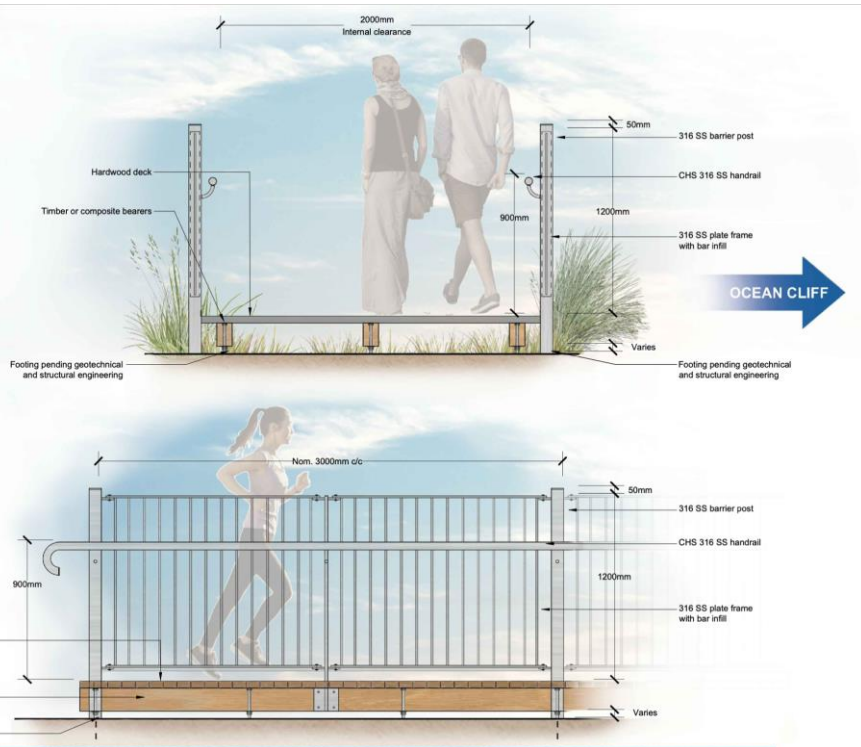
Moved - Peter Cappe

Second - Natalie Pager

Accepted

4 - Cliff Walks Project

a Works have already begun. Council has engaged Land & Marine Group to do the project. Note that 1/2 of Diamond Bay Reserve is already fenced off and covered in machinery and temporary offices and units. Works are meant to take 7 months and only AFTER the Diamond Bay sections are completed will the works be started in



Eastern Reserve

Here again is the image of what is meant to be used for the Cliff Walks. While it is too late to do anything about Diamond Bay, I think we may still have time on our section which may not start for at least 7 months

MOTION from last meeting:

- DHP requests that council officers consult with the DHP executive about design details of the Cliff Walks projects so that materials used will not degrade in the salty environment.

Response

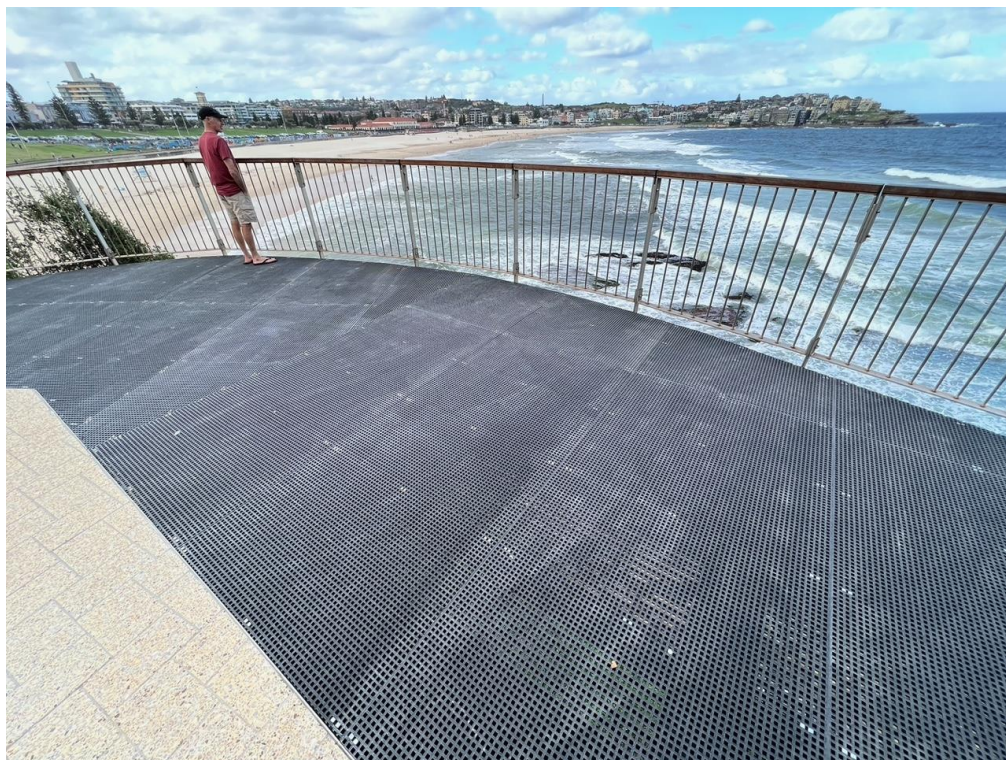
Council have consulted on the material selection and finishes with the Australian Stainless Steel Development Association to avoid the tea- staining that has occurred at Hugh Bamford Reserve which has only a 320 grit finish. Based on this consultation, the stainless steel specification has been specified to be marine grade 316 Stainless steel with a 600 grit polished finish to all members which will then be electropolished.

Dov said this is a win for us as the best we could hope for is 600 grit 316 Stainless Steel as the 320 grit was clearly a total failure as seen at Hugh Bamford and Clarke Reserve. However there is still the issue of the decking. Council stated:

Majority of decking material to be used on the board walks will be sustainably sourced kiln dried Australian hardwood with smaller areas of fibre reinforced plastic decking (FRP) at lookouts.

We all know that ANY wood is the WRONG material this location. The entire reason the current cliff walk is being replaced is due to the fact that it is made of wood and wood quickly degrades and deteriorates in this severe marine environment.

See image below of fibre reinforced plastic decking (FRP) at lookouts from Notts Ave




Dov said I think we can all agree that using wood on the board walk is simply making the same mistake over again as the entire reason the current board walk has failed is due to the fact that it is made of wood.

Fibre reinforced plastic decking (FRP) products are virtually maintenance free and do not need to be coated or painted to remain in a serviceable condition.

DHP implores council officers to use fibre reinforced plastic decking (FRP) for the board walk and stairs and not just the lookouts between Lancaster & Bulga in the Cliff Walks Project. The existing wood stairs and boardwalk have degraded and deteriorated completely. Please do NOT make the same mistake yet again by using the wood in this high impact marine environment. Please use virtually maintenance free FRP for all stairs and walkways. This is the Australian Standard everywhere else.

Second - Dov Frazer

Accepted



Coastal Reserves Plan of Management

We need your help to create a new Coastal Reserves Plan of Management to ensure the sustainable use of 13 reserves and parks along the Waverley seashore.

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The first round of consultation has closed and feedback is being reviewed.

Thank you to everyone who shared their feedback and ideas.

The goal of the Coastal Reserves Plan of Management (PRM) is to look after, maintain and improve our unique and iconic parks and reserves. Your feedback will help us develop the PRM to manage their sustainable use. Waverley Council is land manager for all 13 coastal reserves. As part of our legislative requirement, we must have a long term plan for each. The 13 reserves and parks covered in the PRM are:

1. Clarks Reserve (Crown land)
2. Jersan Ave. Reserve (Community land)
3. Tower St Reserve (Community land)
4. Diamond Bay Reserve (Community land)
5. Eastern Reserve (Crown land)
6. George Reserve (Crown land)
7. Rodney Reserve (Crown land)
8. Raleigh Reserve (Crown land)
9. Ben Burten Park & Ray O'Heads Reserve (Crown Land)
10. Calga Reserve (Community land)
11. Hunter Park (Crown land)
12. Marks Park (Crown land)
13. Gaerloch Reserve (Crown land)

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.

Coastal reserves ideas

Let us know your ideas for any of the 13 reserves and parks (make sure you label which park or reserve you are talking about).

CLOSED: The voting activity has now concluded. Click to see all the submitted ideas.

Who's Listening

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Really there is no new news. The website now shows some like comments from residents but we are still waiting for phase 2 of the 3 part consultation.

Overall this was an improvement from the old policy in terms of new trees to be planted not blocking pre existing views:

The old policy was reaffirmed by the new policy:

'Council will consider tree pruning to retain a previously established view and there is a history of the identified tree(s) being pruned to restore pre-existing views.'

This means that when council has already planted the wrong species of tree such as the Tuckeroos on Myuna Street which block pre existing views of the ocean, the residents have NO recourse to trim these trees as there was never a history of trimming these trees. This is a complete Catch 22. Council will not rectify its errors unless there is already a history of having recited their error.

This history clause is absurd, ridiculous and unfair:

Our MOTION from the last meeting was: - DHP requests that the New Tree Policy clause 5.5.1 Pruning and Maintenance be amended as follows:

OLD MOTION - DHP requests that the New Tree Policy clause 5.5.1 Pruning and Maintenance be amended as follows:

Council will consider tree pruning to retain a previously established view if it can be clearly established that the pre existing view existed before the council tree(s) were planted and that the view was blocked or impeded by the growth of the council planted tree(s).

6 - Meeting with Emily Scott with Dov Frazer on March 28, 2023 at Weonga, Rodney & Raleigh Reserves

Discussed the wrongly planted acacia in Weonga as well as Raleigh that has grown to block views. We looked at the current and future realignment of the fence in Rodney Reserve, the overgrown Buddleja in Weonga Reserve and the dead trees in Raleigh Reserve near the new bubbler.

Update from Emily dated May 5, 2023:

“By way of update, Council Officers are getting quotes for the Buddleja removal at Rodney Reserve. This will be received within the next 2 weeks. As there is an instability issue in one section, it may be staged as a significant cut back with height reduction with further removal to follow. As it is in a high risk zone, there will need to be a site safety plan by the contractors. The quote will include the removal of the 3 dead trees in Raleigh. I will keep you updated on progress. “

Dov said this is a huge win - Will Nemesh made a council motion in 2020 about the removal of the Buddleja with no progress. This is the first time I think it will really happen as mandated in the Biodiversity Action Plan of 2014. And finally removing the dead trees near the Bubbler in Raleigh Reserve is also a huge win. HURRAY and thank you Emily Scott.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1 – MOTION 4 - DHP requests that council do a trial of 2205 Stainless steel in the section of the coastal fence at Kimberley and Ray Streets as part of phase one of the Cliff Walks Project

Moved - Valerie Safer

Second - Robert Harvey

Accepted

2 – MOTION 5 - DHP requests that council repair the cracked and damaged traffic calming speed bump between Archies Cafe and 159 Military Road at Blake Street and Military Road

Moved - Robert Harvey

Second - David Rosenwax

Accepted

NOTE - Council promised to repair the pavers damaged by utility at 220 Military Road which is the corner opposite Archies

3 - MOTION 6 - DHP requests that council replace all missing and damaged pavers at the Blake and Military Road Commercial corner

Moved - Robert H
Second - Valeri Safer
Accepted

4 - Dov Noted that 24 signs were updated at Clarke Reserve, Diamond Bay, Raleigh Reserve, Rodney Reserve and Weonga showing the correct pathway through Weonga Road and many other updates. DHP thanks council for rectifying these 24 signs

5 - Pedestrian Crossing for Dudley Page

From 28 November 2022 Precinct Meeting - 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 and Dudley Page Reserve at the most used local so parents and children can cross safely.

Response - A report on this issue is scheduled to go to the March 2023 traffic committee. NOTE - nothing happened at the March 23 Traffic committee and we all wonder if this will even be considered. The precinct requests that this be on the agenda of the next Traffic Committee meeting.

6 - Steven Shein reflected on the poor condition of Military Road and wanted to know why it cannot be widened or upgraded. Steven said this should be a state road like Bondi Road and OSH Road. Sally said this is very difficult to make this a state road but the state government could contribute whether or not it is a state road

Sally noted that the reason Military Road was not already widened is due speed considerations and pedestrian safety. The worst part of the Military Road is the concrete sections from North Bondi to the top of the hill.

MOTION 7 - DHP requests that council look into widening and improving the condition of Military Road.

Moved - Steven Shein
Second - Marcus Philips
Accepted

7 - Sally spoke about the flood study and that from 1000 to now 4500 properties have been categorized as flood prone and this would caused huge increases in insurance. Mostly due to inadequate storm water drainage in 100 year events. The study is being peer reviewed. Sally said she would send a copy of the flood study to the convenor and secretary.

8 - Land Slip at the end of Oceanview Ave. What is the solution? Will all of the old building materials will ever be removed from the hole?

9 - Valerie said Chaleyer Road is impossible to drive through. Cannot be made one way because another road would need to be made one way in the opposite direction.

MOTION 8 - DHP requests that Chaleyer Street be widened so traffic can flow in both directions:

Moved - Valerie Safer
Seconded - Dov
Accepted
Meeting ended at 8:38 PM

Commented [1]:

Can we put the date on this (from From 28 November 2022 Precinct Meeting) ?

Commented [2R1]:

Yes of Course