

DHP meeting Feb 20, 2023

Meeting held via ZOOM - Meeting began at 7:10 PM

Dov Frazer is the convenor - Robert Harvey is our secretary

Welcome to Hunter Ward Councillors Will Nemesh & Sally Betts. Regrets from CR Steven Lewis

Attendance - see separate list

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

1 - First item we are discussing is the Cliff Walks Project

CR Nemesh said - Cliff Walk DA coming before full council on Feb 21, 2023. No-one accepted the tender and council approached contractors and one responded but the cost had doubled. They were considered galvanized steel to cut cost but the materials used will be considered at the meeting on Feb 21, 2023

Dov mentioned that the best we can hope for is 316 stainless with the tea staining and corrosion as per photos below:

Note about amendments to original DA. All of our changes agreed at council were not included in the new DA regarding the suspension bridge which many residents found very troubling. We were assured by council officers that this was an oversight and that ALL changes to the original DA would be honored and included.

We encourage our Hunter Ward councillors to ask that council attempt to find a Stainless Steel solution for the cliff walks which will mitigate tea staining. Minimizing soldering joints and using round versus flat stainless would help.



Putting any flat steel at an angle would also help. Note round steel bars are less expensive than the current design.

MOTION - 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. DHP implores council officers to do these best to minimize tea staining and corrosion when choosing the composition of any stainless steel used in the project

Moved - Richard Morris

Second - Robert Harvey

Accepted

Dov mentioned that timber is inferior to composite materials and hopes that the final design will use composite wood. CR Nemesh said to contact Sharon Cassidy regarding this project and its materials.

2 - Sydney Water Pumping Station in Eastern Reserve:

Bala Subramanian wrote in an email:

With respect to Diamond Bay works, we are planning to progress the design modification works.

We are requesting a proposal from the engineering service provider which is expected in the first week of March.

It is expected to take four-six weeks to award the job. The work is expected to start in April.

Dover Heights demolition work is completed.

I will attend your next meeting.

Dov noted - hopefully by next meeting we will have a new design for the Eastern Reserve Pumping Station and Bala can explain it in person at the next meeting

3 - 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 HAVE YOUR SAY
- 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.

RESPONSE TO ALL OF OUR MOTIONS from Nov 28, 2022 regarding Tree Policy

Council will include all motions / feedback into the Coastal Reserve POM consultation report which is currently being finalised.

Please note there will be two more rounds of feedback for this project: • We will collect further feedback on key ideas that were raised in

- Round 2 consultation will include a presentation to the various Precincts. Date to be confirmed following approval from Council to commence Round 2 consultation.

So this means all of our motions from Nov 23 were will be heard and considered and we await the next phase of



Round 2 to see where we are at:

Photo Above Tuckers on Myuna Road blocking Pre Existing Harbour Views

4 - Tree Policy - new policy was adopted in Nov 2022

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

The Biggest omission from the policy was existing trees planted by council that block pre existing views

The old policy was reaffirmed by the new policy:

Page 47 of the agenda, clause 5.5.1, Pruning and Maintenance - Add the following paragraph at the end of the clause:

'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.'

Will Nemesh offered an amendment to delete the history clause which was defeated

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.

I believe that this history clause is absurd, ridiculous and unfair:

I have asked Steven Lewis by email to explain to why this is policy has been retained against the clear submissions from the residents. General discussion of topic by all attendees.

MOTION - DHP requests that theNew 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)

Moved - Robert Harvey
Second - Valerie Saffer
Unanimously Approved

Dov Noted - Motion will come before March full council meeting to attempt to alter Clause 5.5.1 Dov will ask residents to write to the CR Lewis, CR Masselos and CR Ludovico to lobby for the changes to be accepted.

5 - RADIO TELESCOPE VIEWING PLATFORM UPDATE

	<p>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</p>	<p>Council's Director of Assets and Operations has advised that the voluntary planning agreement (VPA) covering DA-452/2018/B (657 Old South Head Road, Vaucluse) has been approved by Council but is still awaiting execution and payment by the applicant, who may or may not choose to proceed with the VPA. Council cannot allocate VPA contributions to a capital works project, in accordance with the executed public purpose, until such funds are received.</p> <p>VPA's by their nature are voluntary and the Developer may choose to not proceed meaning Council will not receive any funding and therefore cannot set a timeframe to prioritise any work.</p> <p>Regardless of receipt of VPA funding, as per previous advice provided, we cannot progress a project of this nature on Crown Land until it is supported by a Plan of Management adopted by the Minister following broader consultation with the community.</p>		

See below response from Council

- A - Money promised from VPA (Voluntary Planning Agreement) at 657 OSH Road has not yet been received
- B - Project requires being part of the Coastal Reserves POM
- C - Make sure we include the Radio Telescope Viewing Platform in the future consultations about the POM

6 - Meeting with Waverley Director of Planning, Fletcher Raynard at Rodney Reserve Jan 17th, 2023

Dov meet with Fletcher to discuss continued issues in the reserves:



- A - removing wrongly planted acacia in Weonga & Raleigh Reserves on cliff side of the fence (same wrongly planted acacia that was removed from the RR safety slope)
- B - removing the Buddleja shrubs in southern slope Weonga Reserve
- C - removing the dead trees in Weonga Reserve and Raleigh Reserve on cliff side of fence
- D - removing the huge tall trees wrongly planted just south of Grants at 169 Dover Road

Hi Dov,

I have scheduled this week, a meeting with manager responsible for vegetation management at the Weonga, Rodney and Raleigh Reserves to discuss the request.

Unfortunately, I won't have an outcome to report tonight but will contact you by Friday with an update.

Regards

Fletcher

Painted Marking in Rodney Reserve showing proposed new fence alignment encroaching into reserve

7 - New Coastal Fences in Dover Heights:

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. -

Share Screen - Show picture. This is a worry as it seems that they mean to steel even more of the Reserve in a new alignment of the fence despite our many resolutions and motions to the contrary

MOTION - Yet again, DHP requests that council retain the original fence alignment in Rodney Reserve and stop encroaching into the reserve with the proposed new coastal fence

Moved - Robert Harvery
 Second - Richard Morris
 Approved

8 - Pedestrian Crossing For Dudley Page

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.

The agenda should be available on Council's web site the Friday prior.

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

Council endorsed this in December 2022 and will be trialling a Food Organics, Garden Organics (FOGO) collection service in 2024.

Council Officers are currently working through a number of key factors, including procurement and contractual matters, which need to be finalised prior to the commencement of a trial to ensure the collected materials can be processed. Procurement of bins, workforce planning and the development of community education programs on how to use the service also needs to be developed.

10 - Pedestrian Crossing at OSH from Strickland St to Bunnings - This item was requested by Linda Madeisky but she did not attend this meeting so we do not what the issue is. Also the crossing is in Rose Bay and not Dover Heights. We await Linda to elaborate.

General Business:

1 - NOTE land slip at Oceanview and Eastern Reserve:

Note - This is a traffic able area and the land slip on the slope seems caused by inadequate drainage in the corner where it collapsed. Huge amounts of sand and debris were washed into the reserve including old construction materials which were buried in the slope. Unclear how



this will be rectified.

2 - Peter Cappe said that 18 months ago a development rep was meant to be appointed by Waverley Council. No one has been appointed. CR Betts said it was unclear as to the exact role of the DA rep.

CR Betts said each council is giving targets for population by the state gov to meet accommodation requirements. CR Betts said that Waverley was meeting its targets of 1500 to 2000 units set by the Greater Sydney Commission. This target was being met by current development activity

Peter Cappe asked how FSR is continually being exceeded in Dover Heights developments. CR Betts said that section 4.5.5 is often used in smaller DA's to increase the FSR of the DA. With larger apartment DA's the developer can use VPA to go over the standard if the VPA is approved by council.

3 - Richard Morris advocated a pathway from Weonga Road to Raleigh Street along the fence line of the Dover Heights Coastal Reserves. Dov noted some residents do not agree with this and want to keep it natural. Richard said we should aim for something like Christison Park. Dov noted that in Christison Park there are few trees blocking the lovely views of the ocean and in Dover Heights much of the ocean views are blocked by wrongly planted council trees. Dov noted that residents and tourists come to the coastal reserves to see the ocean and view whales and dolphins. They do not come to coastal reserves to see trees blocking ocean views.

Meeting ended at 8:40 PM