

**MINUTES OF THE WAVERTON PENINSULA WORKING GROUP MEETING
HELD IN THE ROS CRICHTON PAVILION AT 5.00PM TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2023**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Councillor Baker in the Chair
Councillor Welch

Staff:

Therese Manns, General Manager
Peter Massey, Acting Director Open Space and Environmental Services
Miranda Shoppee, Meeting Administration Co-ordinator

Citizen Members:

Bernard Smith, Lavender Precinct (remotely)
Bruce Donald, Waverton Precinct
Ian Grey, Chair, Waverton Precinct
Iain Bartholomew, Waverton Precinct
John Bohane, Waverton Precinct
Ken Robinson, Co-Chair, Union Precinct
Genia McCaffery, Chair, Edward Precinct

Apologies:

Councillor Beregi
David Banbury, Landscape Architect / Project Coordinator
Kevin Alker, Waverton Precinct
Mary Curran, Co-Chair Union Precinct

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 March 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved by Ian Grey and seconded by Genia McCaffery.
Voting was unanimous.

2. Matters Arising

Nil

3. Berrys Bay

Master Plan

The Acting Director Open Space and Environmental Services provided the following updates:

- Transport for NSW (TfNSW) intend to present on the Berrys Bay detailed design plan to Waverton Precinct at their July 2023 meeting, and the Waverton Peninsula Working Group at their September 2023 meeting.
- Transport for NSW (TfNSW) will be meeting with Council re the detailed design plan in two to three weeks.
- Archaeological and topographical site work associated with the detailed design plan commenced 5 June 2023.

Mr Grey advised that the precinct has been attempting to engage (without success) with NSW Maritime so that water-based issues (e.g., water toxicity, derelict wharves, and other such structures) are dealt with in alignment with the Master Plan.

Land Transfer

Mr Donald requested that the Acting Director Open Space and Environmental Services and the Landscape Architect / Project Coordinator discuss with TfNSW:

- traffic management and parking; and
- provision to Council of the Bill Ryall information (presented to Waverton Precinct) and the Maritime NSW report on harbour bed sediment contamination.

A Motion was moved by Ian Grey and seconded by Iain Bartholomew:

- 1. THAT** Council actively engage with Transport for NSW to address water-based issues as a parallel activity to the Master Plan, with this to include the harbour bed sediment contamination issue.
- 2. THAT** Council to continue to lobby the NSW Government for the transfer of the Berrys Bays public lands and related marine leases to Council.

Carried

Resolved to recommend:

- 1. THAT** Council actively engage with Transport for NSW to address water-based issues as a parallel activity to the Master Plan, with this to include the harbour bed sediment contamination issue.
- 2. THAT** Council to continue to lobby the NSW Government for the transfer of the Berrys Bays public lands and related marine leases to Council.

4. Coal Loader Wharf Adaptive Reuse

The Acting Director Open Space and Environmental Services advised that no additional information has been received from TfNSW since the community consultation took place.

A Motion was moved by Bruce Donald and seconded by Genia McCaffery:

- 1. THAT** Maritime NSW:
 - i) provide Council with the enhanced Landscape Architect / Project Coordinator's design; and

ii) advise what action will be taken to stop the further deterioration of the wharf.

Carried.

Resolved to recommend:

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- i) provide Council with the enhanced Landscape Architect / Project Coordinator's design; and
- ii) advise what action will be taken to stop the further deterioration of the wharf.

5. Quarantine Depot

The Acting Director Open Space and Environmental Services provided the following updates:

- make-safe work is being carried out at the site;
- fencing is being upgraded;
- drainage design is in process;
- the wharf has been upgraded by TfNSW; and
- the cottage directly to the east has been re-leased by TfNSW to another tenant.

The Mayor advised that Council has resolved to investigate pop-up activities at the Quarantine Depot cottages. The General Manager provided the following updates regarding the resolution:

- a risk assessment needs to be done re safe access to the cottages;
- it is intended that a report go to Council in July 2023 about the proposed pop-ups; and
- the pop-ups are planned to start in September 2023.

6. Waverton Bowling Club

The Mayor advised that Council is still trying to arrange a meeting with The Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council, owners of the club.

7. Waverton Peninsula Parklands Signage

The Mayor advised that nothing has been done as yet.

8. General Business

Indigenous Trail

Mr Grey suggested that a trail could be created to protect and promote local indigenous rock art.

The General Manager advised that a report regarding indigenous rock engravings will be presented to Council in July 2023. The Acting Director Open Space and Environmental Services added that Council is working with the Aboriginal Heritage Office.

Waverton Oval

Mr Donald noted that the grass is in very poor condition, and asked the following questions:

- is the oval overused?
- how much do schools pay to use the oval?

The Acting Director Open Space and Environmental Services advised that:

- usage is monitored, and restricted to 24 hours/week; and
- the fees charged don't reflect the maintenance costs, it is a community benefit.

The Mayor noted that there is an increasing demand for open space. Councillor Welch advised that Council's Parks and Reserves Manager continues to liaise with Schools Infrastructure NSW on the shared use of school facilities.

Vote of Thanks

A Motion was moved by Bruce Donald and seconded by Ian Grey:

1. THAT a Vote of Thanks be passed on to Council, and in particular the Site Manager Damian Conway – St Leonards Park, Landscape Planning and Design and the Landscape Architect / Project Coordinator David Banbury for the very successful production of a plaque honouring Sid French.

Resolved to recommend:

1. THAT a Vote of Thanks be passed on to Council, and in particular the Site Manager Damian Conway – St Leonards Park, Landscape Planning and Design and the Landscape Architect / Project Coordinator David Banbury for the very successful production of a plaque honouring Sid French.

Carried.

Coal Loader Café

Mr Bartholomew enquired about the possibility of the café re-opening.

The Acting Director Open Space and Environmental Services advised that there have been a few prospects, and Council is working hard to find a new tenant.

11. Next Meeting: 12 September 2023

The meeting concluded at 6.11pm.
