

SIRAC sub-committee: Parks, Reserves, and Wharves, Marine

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Key Issues and Activities:

1. Cargo and Leahvera reserves.

The sub-committee in collaboration with the Cargo User Group progressed the plan of management developed from community consultation and plans to establish kayak racks in collaboration with Council. A community meeting was held last year as follow-up on the Forum in 2013.

Agreement was secured from Council to proceed with the Kayak rack proposal. A funding application was submitted to 'Keep NSW Beautiful'. It is now to be submitted for the 2015 funding program.

Council survey of Cargo and Leahvera reserves has been completed. Currently waiting for Council survey plans before embarking on next steps.

2. Harold Park

Harold Park User Group established and Chaired by Shona Forsyth. Four meetings were held through the year covering issues including: wharf access; kayak storage and reserve management.

3. Reserve and road access to top of Island.

The sub-committee continued to liaise with roads and drainage in order to resolve the dangerous hair-pin turn. Council have undertaken some survey work and preparing a proposal for possible future action.

4. Bushcare

The sub-committee liaised with Bushcare for on-going work in Catherine Park and Pathilda areas. Future work has been proposed with sub-groups in the future for Fitzpatrick Ave. and Leahvera subject to availability of volunteers.

Existing Bushcare groups have been assisted by corporate volunteer groups and Floating Landcare volunteers organised by Council and the State government.

Plans are underway for a regular updates in the PON regarding native plants, weeds and coming events.

5. Island Fauna Survey

A Scotland Island Fauna survey is planned. Website survey information and identification portal is underway and plans are to go live early 2015.

6. Liaison with off-shore agencies

On-going liaison was undertaken with external agencies for information and clarification across a range of issues. This included liaison with the following.

Pittwater Council: re management of reserves and survey work; facilitation of Corporate Groups and Floating Landcare; 10/50 Code of Practice.

Aboriginal Heritage Office: re conservation of Aboriginal middens on reserve;

CFA: re 10/50 land clearing code of practice.

Waterways: re the status of barge moorings around the Island.

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