

**Scotland Island Residents' Association Incorporated (SIRA)
Committee of Management (SIRAC)
Roads and Drainage Sub-Committee**



The Constitution of the Scotland Island Residents' Association Incorporated (SIRA) lists as an Object of the Association: "to encourage and promote any necessary development of Scotland Island and adjacent mainland areas".

Suggested alternative this will require an amendment to the Constitution

To facilitate improvements to Island living with consideration for the safety of the community and the long-term health of the environment. To promote the Scotland Island community as a model for ecologically sustainable development.

The Constitution of the Scotland Island Residents' Association vests in the Committee of Management (SIRAC) the "power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the association" (Article 12), and provides for delegation to a sub-committee "the exercise of such of the functions of the committee as are specific in the instrument [of delegation]" (Article 20).

The Committee (SIRAC) delegates to the Roads and Drainage Sub-Committee the following specific functions:

1. To consult with Island residents as appropriate on issues concerning roads and drainage.
2. To communicate significant issues, plans, or decisions to the Island community either through SIRAC or directly through the Communications Sub-Committee.
3. To prepare recommendations to SIRAC on issues and policies regarding Scotland Island roads and drainage.
4. To act as the liaison with Pittwater Council Northern Beaches Council in all matters concerning roads and drainage on Scotland Island, with reference to the *Scotland Island Road Reserve Management Strategy* and the *Scotland Island Road Reserve and Stormwater Management Implementation Plan* adopted by Pittwater Council in 2011.
5. To prepare draft correspondence of major significance or controversial nature to other authorities or organizations as deemed appropriate by the Sub-Committee. Such drafts shall be presented to SIRAC for appropriate action.
6. Subcommittee leader to coordinate and delegate tasks as necessary to meet commitments. Members shall maintain a record and report outcomes to the coordinator. Records and outcomes will be available to the committee and when significant reported to SIRAC.

The activities of the Roads and Drainage Sub-Committee relate directly to Northern Beaches Council *Shape 2028*:

Goal 5

Our built environment is developed in line with best practice sustainability principles

Strategies

- a. Ensure integrated land use planning balances the environmental, social and economic needs of present and future generations

- b. Create green and resilient urban environments by improving tree cover, native vegetation, landscaping, and water management systems
- c. Promote the benefits and savings of ecologically sustainable development
- d. Continually improve environmental standards and compliance in new and existing developments

Goal 16

Our integrated transport networks meet the needs of our community

Strategies

- a. Advocate for improved transport options and networks
- b. Ensure transport planning is integrated with land use planning and takes account of emerging technologies
- c. Facilitate and promote safe transport options that reduce car-based commuter travel
- d. Maintain and enhance roads and road-related infrastructure

Goal 17

Our community can safely and efficiently travel within and beyond the Northern Beaches

Strategies

- a. Improve public transport options and connectivity to better meet our community's travel needs
- b. Facilitate and promote safe cycling and walking networks as convenient transport options
- c. Improve parking options in centres, villages and places

ADDENDUM: ROADS AND DRAINAGE SUB-COMMITTEE

Previous consultations with the community through workshops and survey conducted in 2000 indicated the following:

1. Roads are primarily used as a pedestrian pathway environment with limited vehicle usage. All road works and road maintenance should be undertaken with these priorities in mind
2. The Community supports a pro-active roads management and control system
3. There was substantial support for Community contribution to road construction
4. Roads should be the minimum 3 metres width
5. Road speeds should be limited to 15Kph
6. Vehicle weights and types should be limited to those suitable to a minimal road environment, probably less than 4 tonnes
7. The (single lane) roadway should not be used for vehicle parking
8. Roads should be closed to vehicles during wet weather to avoid damage
9. The Community vehicle should be seen as an alternative to private vehicle ownership
10. Road reserves currently not used as roads should be turned into bush reserves
11. An Elizabeth Park track should be formalised as a road

Since that time the community has been involved in the development in partnership with Pittwater Council of a *Stormwater Management Plan* and *Roads and Drainage Master Plan*. The objectives outlined in these plans are:

1. Adoption of a drainage system incorporating major overland flow channels and culverts in combination with minor dish drain/pipes systems within the roadways
2. Providing access to private property;
3. Providing access to public reserves/wharfs/other public facilities;
4. Providing suitable access for emergency fire fighting purposes;
5. To act as a firebreak for emergency fire fighting purposes;
6. To contain public utility services;
7. To contain public drainage services;
8. To accommodate carriageways and other public infrastructure;
9. To assist in stabilisation of slopes;
10. To act as a major flood path for rare storm events;
11. To provide indigenous public landscaping;
12. To protect and conserve existing natural heritage elements;
13. To reduce the spread of noxious weeds;
14. To cater for recreational activities (i.e. walking, cycling, jogging, etc);
15. To facilitate public services (i.e. garbage collection/recycling)
16. To minimise generation of pollutants, particularly sediments, litter and nutrients.