

## Natural Environment, Parks, Reserves & Marine Sub-Committee Report - August 2015-08-13

Recent action:

Caring for the natural environment of Scotland Island

- Floating Landcare
  - Visit in April with 20 volunteers from off island - 5 from Island in Elizabeth Park – working in transect monitoring area created by Pittwater Council with funds from Biodiversity Grant.
  - September 10 visit in planning
- Bushcare
  - Elizabeth Park - Rebooted with plans to revise area/ have roaming group sweep from top of Island down thru Leavera and Thompson St Track. Last met 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2- 4.30 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat - Finish with wine and cheese.
  - Pathilda Reserve to meet Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 10 - 12.30
  - Catherine Park – Bushcare Group met July 26
- Grant for Catherine Park and Island environment Grant - Greater Sydney Local Land Services (old Catchment Management Authority) have approved our EOI and allocated officer to collaborate on our Rehabilitation & Restoration Grant proposal with a focus on community education/ catchment partnerships.

Issues - On-going and arising

- Catherine Park
  - Sharon, Cass and Emmie met with Steve Lawler and offsider Dave on 23<sup>rd</sup> July to discuss Catherine Park – ad hoc road works/ drainage issues/ buggy impacts-solutions - management cross over. Future Grant funds to assist with much needed park users meeting - clarify vision / wants / needs for whole community use and collaborative care of park.
  - Need for communication between Council units to improve environmental environmental outcomes for all works
  - Follow-up with Ranger re: abandoned vehicles, trailers and placement of fill on road reserve and park edges
  - Preparation of the Park for SIRA 60<sup>th</sup> in November
  - Potential Childrens Centre grant for childrens/community garden
  - Flagged use of Catherine Park for a long term works depot. – Issue to be discussed in collaboration with R&D subcommittee
- Upper Elsie – Possible walking track to be investigated, Bill Gye to meet with SK & EC
- Biodiversity survey – SK to meet with HV
- Development of Management Plans for reserves (Cargo, Carols Catherine Park in process)