

Parks and Reserves, Wharves and Marine Issues

Sub-committee

Report to SIRAC June 29th

Sub-committee members met twice: May 19th and June 17th:

Committee members: Sharon Kinnison and, Tim Turpin (co-chairs) Adrian, Cass, Shona, Colin, Tim Jacobs. Apologies from Emmie.

Key issues discussed:

1. Kayak waterfront storage
2. Reserve user groups
3. Bushcare groups for Fitzpatrick Ave and following up on last year's Leahvera forum.
4. Barges in Pittwater
5. Hairpin bend on road to Elizabeth Park
6. Community Building Partnership (CBP) potential application for funding
7. Community fauna sighting and awareness activity
8. Reserve plans of management
9. SI waterfront walking access

1. Kayak waterfront storage

Adrian has prepared a design developed and improved from the PWC model. Informal follow-up is underway with council to gauge their response. The suggestion is that users fund the cost of preparing the rack/s with volunteer labour to set them in place.

2. Reserve user groups

Leahvera user group established. Currently seeking to establish a similar group for Harold Reserve.

3. Bushcare group for Fitzpatrick Ave.

Following discussion at the May Forum and last year's Leahvera community meeting a meeting was set up to consider bush regeneration for upper Fitzpatrick and Leahvera. Helena (PWC) convened a meeting Friday June 20 to inspect the sites and she is seeking to organise an initial volunteer day.

4. Barges in Pittwater

Concern was expressed about the increasing number of barges in Pittwater and commercial work undertaken while the barges were on their moorings. Follow-up with waterways indicates they are all on allocated 'deep-water' moorings. However, they are not permitted to undertake work while on the moorings.

5. Hairpin bend on road to Elizabeth Park

Discussed issues raised about access and impact for Elizabeth Park. Continue to liaise with Roads and Drainage re seeking Council position.

6. Community Building Partnership (CBP) potential application for funding

Discussed options for submitting a CBP proposal. Given time constraints and the need to maintain existing works already undertaken the sub-committee recommends recycling the Middle Elsie proposal. Note sent to SIRAC members re this.

7. Community fauna sighting and awareness activity

The sub-committee is proposing a future activity to record resident fauna sightings. The objective is to (a) gain further insight into location of fauna around the island and (b) raise interest and awareness about fauna and habitat. The sub-committee would like SIRAC views on the proposed activity before progressing it further.

8. Reserve plans of management

The sub-committee is reviewing the current status of PWC plans of management for S.I. reserves.

9. SI waterfront walking access

The sub-committee is seeking clarification regarding responsibility of waterfront property owners and tenants to provide waterfront walking access past their properties. Current advice is that domestic waterfront tenures in Pittwater are held under license (not lease) and that licensee's are required to provide safe public access.