

Parks and Reserves, Wharves and Marine Issues

Report to SIRAC for meeting November 1st. 2014

P&R, W&M sub-committee met October 13th.

Present: Sharon Kinnison, Adrian Matthews, Cass Gye, Tim Turpin, Shona Forsyth, Miriam Bookey, Ray de Smeth

Apologies: Emmie Collins, Margaret Stanley

Four issues were dealt with:

- Cargo Wharf
Kayak Racks
- Carols / Harold Reserve User Group:
Floating landcare
Kurrajong tree at Cargo
Land clearing legislation and 10/50 code of practice
- Wildlife survey

Present projects

1. **Cargo Wharf:** AM provided a brief update on the history of the Cargo User Group and progress toward establishing a permanent, community built kayak rack
2. **Carols / Harold Reserve User Group:** Miriam, Ray and Shona to communicate with other Carols users to move forward in forming a Carols User Group. The User Group will meet (possibly around a picnic) and prepare some options for a Reserve and Wharf access policy. Priority issues raised included: wharf access and reserve water course/drainage issues; kayak racks; picnic/barbecue area. A preliminary step would be a meeting with PWC to discuss the issue of storm water erosion in the reserve. **ACTION:** Miriam, Shona and Ray to follow up.
3. **Bushcare initiatives:** SK provided update on bushcare initiatives. It is proposed that Leahvera Reserve and upper Thompson/Fitzpatrick steps area operate as sub-groups but come under the funding umbrella of the Elizabeth Park Bushcare group.
Floating landcare, October 17: Event was enormous success. Participants (about 30) included Floating Landcare and a Corporate Group. SI Bushcare participants included TT, PK, RHaskell SK and ECollins (assisted as supervisors),. Work included Catherine Park and Pathilda Reserve
Kurrajong tree at Cargo: still no action for some preservation system around the base. TBC
10/50 legislation: Current legislation allows for removal of trees within 10 metres, and bushes within 50 metres, of buildings – without permit. If land is steeper than 18 degrees a geotech report is required, but still no permit required. Mark Beharrell advises that the Rural Fire Service will be collecting submissions on the present 10/50 code of practice. Until November 14.
Proposed that SIRAC liaise with the SI Fire Brigade re a submission.
4. **Wildlife survey:** SK and HV have followed up with 'Australian Wildlife' Atlas, PWC and other interested groups. All support the concept and are assisting. Wildlife Australia is providing some website content. Negotiations underway re options for web-site recording of wild-life including species, numbers and distribution