

Parks and Reserves, Wharves and Marine Issues
Report to SIRAC for meeting September 21st. 2014

P&R, W&M sub-committee met September 2nd.

Present: Adrian Matthews, Tim Jacobs, Cass Gye, Tim Turpin

Four issues were dealt with:

- Kayak Racks at Cargo Beach
- Land clearing legislation and 10/50 code of practice
- Reserves and bush-care
- Applications for grants
- Harold Reserve access issue

1. Kayak racks at Cargo Beach

Following discussion with Council there is general agreement to support a community built kayak rack facility. A.M has prepared a grant application to Keep NSW Beautiful for funding to purchase materials for the racks and subsequent clean –up of the beach area. The application is currently with Council and we are seeking their endorsement. A community meeting to discuss progress and potential location of the racks is scheduled for 10.00 am Saturday Sept 27th.

An information note has been prepared to up-date residents on the state of progress toward establishing kayak racks at Cargo Beach – Leahvera Reserve area.

2. Land clearing legislation and 10/50 code of practice

The 10/50 Code of practice prepared by NSW Rural Fire Service is now enshrined in legislation. Further to subsequent media discussion there have been questions raised as to the implications for Scotland Island. It appears that:

- Scotland Island is covered by the 10/50 legislation.
- However, 10/50 clearing is not permitted on land designated ‘vulnerable’ and is steeper than 18 degrees.
- Scotland Island appears to be designated ‘vulnerable’ land.
- It therefore appears that some allotments on the Island are subject to the 10/50 clearing rule, but others (with land slope more than 18 degree) are not.

3. Reserves and bush-care

There is growing interest in forming Island ‘Friends of Reserves’ groups to undertake bush-care activities in various localities. There is a need to coordinate planning for these activities. A meeting is planned for the Parks and Reserves group to meet with Helena D. from Pittwater Council and Emmie Collins to plan an overall Island Reserves bush-care strategy.

4. Applications for grants

A grant application has been prepared for Keep NSW Beautiful to be submitted next week.

5. Harold Reserve access issue

A community information/background note has been prepared to advise people of the issues associated with access to Carols Wharf and a way forward for a potential resolution.