

# **SIRAC sub-committee: Parks, Reserves, and Wharves, Marine**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 6.00 pm

## Meeting Notes

**Present:** Sharon Kinnison, Tim Turpin, Tim Jacobs; Emmie Collins,

**Apologies:** Cass Gye, Shona Forsyth; Adrian Matthews

### **1. Carols User Group**

Sharon reported on three initial meetings held by a newly formed Carols user group. Next steps are that the group will continue to meet with the view to eventually prepare an overall plan for the Reserve and wharf to road access.

### **2. Cargo Plan of Management**

Still waiting for news on the outcome of the funding submission to 'Keep NSW Beautiful'. Applications are now open for a further round and the Carols group may wish to prepare a submission. **ACTION:** Shona to contact Adrian if the Carols group are interested.

Survey of the road reserve is apparently complete. **ACTION:** Cass to ask for a copy of the document. When this is available P&R and W&M sub-committee will meet to reconcile the management plan with the survey document. Next step will be for the user group and P&R and W&M sub-committee meet to define a set of priorities for future Council action.

### **3. Thompson St Rock Issue**

Recent advice from Cass is that the owners are meeting with neighbours to seek an alternative approach. **ACTION:** Cass to keep the P&R and W&M sub-committee up to date on developments.

### **4. 10/50 Legislation**

Current status of the legislation is not clear. It was agreed that we should seek further clarification and for the time-being not circulate information or advice. **ACTION:** Tim T. to contact Council, (Mark Beharrell is the key person on this issue) for a further update.

### **5. Island Fauna survey**

Sharon provided an update on progress. The plan is to have the survey on our web-site by early next year. **ACTION:** Sharon to follow-up.

### **6. Management of Island Natural Environment**

The sub-committee discussed ways to engage the community in managing the diversity of the islands reserves in a way that incorporates natural environment perspectives into the approach to parks and reserves planning and management– across all reserves.

Discussion focused on the preparation of a 'tool-kit' with a check list to encourage an approach that recognises the whole range of relevant criteria that shape a plan for a park or a reserve. This approach would draw attention to issues such as weed control; soil erosion management; maintaining fauna habitat etc. as a variable natural environment component in a comprehensive management plan for each reserve.

It was agreed that P&R and W&M sub-committee would draft a series of information items that could be placed in PON periodically and seek to arrange community workshops on selected issues.

**ACTION:** Sharon to prepare a note on 'storm-water management'; Emmie and Sharon to draft a note on weeds; Tim T. to draft a note on Aboriginal middens; Tim J. Domestic Animals