

Roads and Drainage and Environment Subcommittee Update April 2023

Events

Subcommittee Meeting – March 2nd

Capital works Catherine Park loop April

Madeira presentation- April 23rd Thanks to Ben Dray and Brad Jones presentation, Nicole Thompson and Carol Floyd publicity

Meeting to Plan for future capital works with NBC May 4th

Update

1. Roads and Drainage Issues:

1.a Works in progress: Discussion on work in progress included: cement blocks at the top end of the work; landfill around tree bases; and the track at the bend leading to the park.

1b Future Road Works: It was noted that that future works would continue to follow the working document with next priorities covering Florence Terrace and further development on Robertson Road. It was also noted that priorities could change according to ongoing assessment of road conditions. But so far work is continuing to proceed according to the Working Document.

1.c Issues with unregistered vehicles: S.K. reported on a recent discussion with Phil Devon (NBC). Phil advised that Council is waiting for a report from TfNSW about safety requirements for registration of buggies. Once this is received Council will be given authority to undertake roadworthy checks prior to registration.

1.d A meeting with Council Officers is scheduled for May 4th to discuss future capital works. A focus of this meeting will be the drainage issues that impact Catherine Park including who is responsible and design solutions. Also an update on progress toward registration of unregistered vehicles

2. Environmental Issues:

2.a It was agreed that a sub-group be formed to respond to the revised Catherine park landscape plan when it becomes available. To include Jenny Cullen and Mandy Daher

2.b Ben Dray's efforts to remove Madeira Vine were noted. Nicole Thompson is setting up an information site to cover island weeds and eradication. A sub-group to support weed eradication has been formed. To include Harriet Witchell and Susan Waldin

2.c Andrew Jennings is working with the subcommittee to assist in the eradication of Madeira Vine with a target of Harold Reserve. There is limited funding to target weeds in Catherine Park, Elizabeth Park and Pathilda Reserve. Better outcomes from time and effort spent on assets protection is desirable.

3. Leahvera Reserve

3.1 There has been slow progress on the management of this reserve. Signage re no parking areas and no dumping are to be installed. Public consultation was undertaken in 2012 and the community comprising residents and contractors supported the proposed plan. It was agreed to establish a working group to seek input from contractors and seek progress toward formal acceptance of the 2012 plan of management. Gail McK agreed to support such a group but added she will need additional support if this is to proceed.