Catherine Park Foreshore Project

This project is a significant opportunity to restore the waterfront at Catherine Park. It has been years in development and occurs at the most used and prominent access to Scotland Island. The outcome should be representative of the Island communities stated vision and values, restore the waterfront environment, be functional and aesthetically pleasing.

In moving forward there is a need to provide for a diversity of needs within a small and confined space.

Underpinning design must be the issue of safety for recreational user of the waterfront and foreshore as well as pedestrians accessing the ferry, commuter boats, dingies, community halls and other recreational facilities.

Over Arching objectives are to provide:

1. Safety for all interests groups to:
   1. Reduced congestion
   2. Where possible delineate or isolate areas for specific purposes to avoid conflict
   3. Incorporate designate pedestrian pathway or use isolated from vehicle traffic by boundaries or borders
2. Loading Zones for
   1. The community vehicle and
   2. A general drop off and pick up
3. Recreational space using the foreshore verge
   1. Raised to ensure access with rising tides
   2. Delineated with sandstone rock to ensure safety and provide potential seating
4. Limited disabled access and parking on the foreshore
5. Storage for small recreational craft or dingies

SIRA would ask that:

Council take our objectives into account and develop a plan that fulfils our aims and needs as closely as possible.

Council ensure that there is ongoing parking available for commuters below the fire shed prior to and in preparation for any closure of the foreshore for restoration. This will require removal of abandoned vehicles and signage for designated commuter parking possibly with a time limit

Council advice the community of the foreshore restoration and the objectives, post the planned design to all residents and accept comments.

Council provide a date for foreshore closure and project commencement, onsite signage as well as a notice that can be shared electronically in advance

June 9, 2021

Craig Sawyer

Executive Manager of Transport and Civil Infrastructure

Northern Beaches Council

Dear Craig

Scotland Island Resident Association (SIRA) would like to share the positive community response to the latest capital improvements to road infrastructure on Scotland Island (Richard Road, Cecil Street)

We note that the latest project was designed appropriately for the site with attention given to upstream and downstream stormwater flows, incorporates a solid base and sealed surface to ensure longevity, makes use of sandstone and wood edging for edge protection and demonstrates quality of finish.

We would like to acknowledge the commitment of council staff to design, the project and onsite management by Engineer Kate Gibbs and the continued excellent efforts of Pino Nero as site supervisor and his work crew.

The apparent quality of design and function contributes to a since of pride of place for the street side residents and the island at large and should be a matter of pride for all involved in the delivery.

Our subcommittee looks forward to continuing to work in partnership with Council to plan and implement ongoing infrastructure projects on Scotland Island

Kind regards, Sharon Kinnison

Coordinator Roads, Drainage and Environment Subcommittee

SIRA Vice President

Roads, Drainage and Environment Update

1. Letter to NBC acknowledging the new work for quality and function, also the on island team including Pino and Kate Gibbs
2. Confirmed that the capital works (Robertson Road, Catherine Park loop and Florence Terrace to Pitt View) for 2021-2022 is on track. Design complete and stormwater modelling in process
3. Requesting meeting to confirm on going capital works and maintenance
   1. Capital works – Target is the completion of ring road with a high priority being eastward from Harold Ave to recent works and then to Cargo Hill.
   2. Maintenance items highlight the continued deterioration of steeper section of road especially with heavy truck movements by Ausgrid, NBN and Council.
4. Buggy registration
   1. Colin Haskell contact Rob Stokes and he has asked for clarification

Report is that the matter is in process and will take time

* 1. SIRA is requesting a meeting with Council and TfNSW
  2. Subcommittee met with Buggy lobby. It was agreed that TfNSW needed to dedicate staff to sort the registration requirements and process asap. It was also acknowledged that an annual inspection and safety standards were essential

1. Catherine Park
   1. Work on sea wall scheduled for July
   2. Budget 2021-2022 – Park blitz / remediation with NBC Wishlist connection between the two halls, field surface, playground, and landscape plan
   3. Bushcare grant to assist with control of invasive vines including Madera Vine and Acetosa will extend from July to Oct in Catherine Park and Fitzpatrick Ave. July field day for habitat restoration to target weed ID and management as well as a plant give away.
   4. In progress - Contact Ausgrid to confirm the impact on the park of the Reliabilty Project for extension of a cable from Catherine Park to West Pittwater

**June 4 2021 R, D and E - Draft Agenda**

Letter of appreciation to: Acknowledge excellence in design and function, ongoing commitment of site supervisor Pino and his team and the engineer Kate Gibbs – ability to integrate new with old

Tod Dickenson

On going budget -

* Recent spend
* For 2021-2022 likely 300,000
* Note budget set in Nov. start lobbying now - maintain pressure to ensure roads are up to scratch esp. in regard to safety, access for person with reduced mobility
* 4 year plan is ongoing, suggestion going forward work from Harold Ave East around to Cargo and Harold Ave North up Thompson to Cargo

Upcoming capital works - Project Robertson Road, Catherine Park loop and Florence Terrace to Pitt View Street

* Design complete and modeling of stormwater flows in process completion in 3 weeks
* Contact - Thambia Sivarasa, Senior Engineer Road Assets

Future Capital Works - Meeting and discussion with Council staff

* Priorities - Additional and future works - Top priority - Richard Road to Harold Ave - Step 1 Design
* Contact Phil Devon, Manager Transport Network and Thambia Sivarasa, Craig Sawyer
* **Organise meeting Re: roads –Trish Cheney – Ring Road, Work from end point back, we acknowledge the impact of heavy vehicle movements on existing infrastructure and would like t reduce this going forward to link all sections of road and drainage works**

Buggies registration -  Meeting with protest representatives was beneficial

* Summary / agreed outcome
* Certificate of suitability, not self certification
* Rego ultra light need an ABN, Mathew Worth, NSW.gov.au conditional rego see golf buggy vehicle standards, RMS and TfNSW same body, Road Safety and Standards, work with ABN possible exemption, send Traffic Management Plan
* Need a meeting with Council and TfNSW
* Trish expedite a meeting with Transport NSW
* State of roads and speed limit issues of concern Restricted to designated areas
* No action taken by NSW police following accident

1) Need for dedicated staff to work with all stakeholders

2) TfNSW need to post requirements for buggy registration and inspection

* Request for assistance from Robert Stokes -
* Request for a meeting with TfNSW – Meeting with Council, RMS, TfNSW
* Phil working on water
* Ben second reply

Maintenance - List of sites submitted to Kate Gibbs to be entered digitally by Council

List needs some updates including bottom of emergency access road to Catherine Park, Robertson Road #28 to 20, Harold Avenue, South side drainage on Richard Road especially #22 to 26, Brian down past Jane Rich

Damage by contractors including Council - Write Phil Devon regard concern that there will rehabilitate the roads damage by contractors including Ausgrid and NBN

Council will have received a compensation package that might be lost in general revenue

Ausgrid works to come in Catherine Park - waiting for a response

Rangers and Compliance

* Removal of stickers items
* Prep for control burn top of the island – Jill, John Travers, Boyd, ref Greg Fardell for survey

Catherine Park

* Ausgrid - Extent of park required, possible relocation of substation
* Foreshore reconstruction in July  includes East and Western seawall and timber retaining wall at Tennis
* Contact Ausgrid 1800604765 – Samantha or Matthew 049121924 majorprojects@ausgrid

Contact - Jeremy Smith, Manager, Park Assets - Planning Design & Delivery - Meeting June 10 at 10am to review design

* Bushland restoration -

Possible contract work to follow grant,

Field day on weed management with plant give away for a habitat garden (July/ Winter and Spring walk) - Contact Michael Kneipp, Coordinator Environmental Volunteers

Weed of the month Juliet Wills or Christine Simpson

* Park Blitz delayed by other NBC projects -

High Priority connection between Halls as seating and easy access

Facilities for children and youth - playing surface, playground upgrade, hill slide, bike track, perimeter seating

FIRST DRAFT. Proposed agenda for meeting with SIRA.

1. Agree that Golf carts and light utility vehicles are needed by some residents on Scotland

Island to service properties/homes. This Class is encouraged and preferred over full size

vehicles. SIRA promotes a positive position and assist residents by providing accurate

verified information on registration and the application process at Service NSW Centre

SIRA supports has and will continue to support the registration of buggies on Scotland Island

2. Agree that SIRA needs to call a meeting with TfNSW (RMS?) open to all questions by

residents.

SIRA has and will continue to work in partnership with all stakeholders for a positive outcome. SIRA can advocate for resident and communicate with all stakeholders, but it can’t make or change policy

SIRA should, and has asked for a meeting with TfNSW and NBC.

3. Agree that the community does not accept unsafe and/or unregistered vehicles on the

Island. This is a NSW Police matter.

SIRA recognizes that Council is responsible for the management of roads and the RMS is responsible for vehicle registration

4. Agree that a permit system is not acceptable and that SIRA will not seek to revive the

concept with Northern Beaches Council or transport NSW or other Government

Organisations.

Council as the manager of the road system is facilitating the inspection of vehicles. The need for a permit was

to our knowledge was an part of the TMP approved by the RMS. Council as being responsible for the network would need to keep and maintain a record of vehicle inspections

SIRA can and has asked Council to clarify the need and benefit of the permit Clarification

5. Agree SIRA will update information on the SIRA website regarding Light vehicle

registration and remove negative and false statements about legality for Golf carts etc.

SIRA will always attempt to provide accurate and up to date information on the website. Accuracy is facilitated by links from Council and other organisations

6. Agree that the council failed to communicate directly with rate payers on the TMP

Council and RMS are working together with the State Government to facilitate a new system of registration for buggies on Scotland Island. The agencies are using Lord Howe Island as a model. The process has extended over years and has experienced changes in governance as well as personnel. It remains in everyones best interest to achieve a positive outcome, but there have been and will continue to be hurdles to overcome. SIRA will continue to work with all agencies and to share or post links to information to residents as it becomes available.

NBC did communicate with residents via public meetings, but yes, this could have been done better

7. Request a letter from Transport for NSW Safety detailing why they rejected the council

TMP and request a detailed report on the Scotland Island roads conditions (which

sections were unsafe etc)? Apparently this is the sole justification given verbally thus far

expressing a Transport NSW plan or process to reject Golf Cart registration applications

at Service NSW Centres.

SIRA has requested additional information as to what aspects of the TMP were found recently unacceptable to Transport for NSW despite previously endorsing the document with Council. We are waiting for a response.

Our subcommittee has identified a number of possible problems that may have emerged following an additional inspection from Transport for NSW. Those being:

Speed limit, steep gradient or poor condition on a number of road sections.

8. Ascertain what data we have regarding the number and type of vehicles on the Island

and how many are currently registered. (Roads must be able to accommodate them)

Cass to check numbers Temporary permit for ~30 buggies, 11x buggies for removal, 12 x still to be inspected, 17 ultralights 20 with new purchase

Road construction is dependent not only on money, but also time due to the need for process which includes stormwater infrastructure, design and tender as well as logistics

From Mar 24 email

~25 registered vehicles,10 x registered motor vehicles to apply for permits, 6 x service vehicles (1 unregistered), 6 x motor bike

5 x unregistered motor vehicles – 3 x on private property (2 x to be removed)/1 x at Cargo/1 x to be removed in the next couple of weeks by owner

2 x quads and 2 x motorcycles abandoned on Richard Road behind No. 35

9. Seek clarification from Transport for NSW explaining why they put a red flag at

Warriewood Services Centre stopping people from registering their buggies/UTV’s on

Scotland Island.

It is clearly stated in the guidelines on RMS website where and how these vehicles are eligible are to be used (see attached).As Warriewood is the centre that mainly deals with SI registration, they have been particularly involved. Likely all centres should have been involved  If you look at the rego papers there should be a condition as to use for any buggy.  Ask someone, other than Pollard and Stenner, to show a copy of their rego paper or to look up their vehicle registration conditions of use

We would suggest that the RMS as result of complaints and a review have stopped all registration until problems are resolved

10. Agree that the information the community has had from SIRA (Directly) on the SIRA

news page must be adequately transparent, regular and explanatory.

See question 5 Question addressed to SIRA will be answered

11. Agree that SIRA continue to make a clear distinction between Council information and

SIRA editorial information on its news page.

SIRA does not edit information supplied by other organisation in its newsletter or on the website. It will always attempt to supply links to assist its residents to assist the most accurate information. We would also suggest that residents have an obligation to fact check the information they publish and to be respectful in comments