**SIRA, Roads and Drainage and Reserves Sub-Committees**

**Meeting notes, 8/06/2018, and forward planning**

**Participants:**

Northern Beaches Council (NBC) – David Munday, Senior Project Engineer; Chris Kraus, Coordinator Bushland Management; Chris Munro, Manager Bushland Biodiversity; Ben Fallowfield, Senior Environmental Officer- Creeks

Scotland Island – Sharon Kinnison and Cass Gye, Coordinators Roads Drainage and Environment Subcommittee; Annette Ritchie, Tim Turpin

**Meeting objective:**

To review and understand the roles and responsibilities of NBC Officers concerned with areas of interest to SIRA and Island residents, particularly parks and reserves, road and traffic management and bushfire management. The emphasis was on sharing ideas about issues of concern and seeking agreement on options for coordinated action and priority setting

**Items raised in discussion**

**Council Officer’s concerns**

* Bush regeneration issues and Bushfire resilience – Chris Munro
* Infrastructure projects – Drainage and road works in progress and future panning, intra Council coordination and communication – David Munday

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| **Catherine Park**  It was agreed that a high priority should be placed on developing management plans for Catherine Park and all reserves, setting out minimal requirements as well as future strategies.  **Areas of concern include:**   1. **Bushland** – Issue/Need    1. **Roles and responsibilities** – NBC agreed to help clarify and manage overlap between Bushland Care and Parks within NBC and seek to offer ways to reconcile these roles on Scotland Island.    2. **Bushland care** - Option for contract teams to assist bushcare volunteers in control of invasive weeds and restoration of habitat    3. **Park maintenance** – NBC contact Sirius: Carl and Blake/Mowing: Dave Dwyer  * Green waste from grounds, consider set piles for burns * Whipper snipping * Playground swing * Stormwater outflows including swales, sediment basin & pipe discharge  1. **Safe pedestrian access to the community hall and waterfront** – Issue/Need    1. **Pedestrian and child safety and asset protection** – completion of a Vehicle Management Plan to be implemented prior to summer holidays to restrict vehicle access to Catherine Park:       1. Bollards to be installed on the waterfront with minimal signage       2. A lock on the gate to access road to Catherine Park to be installed    2. **Handrail –** to assist with safe and emergency access to community hall    3. **Draft Traffic Management Plan** – Council to finalise and forward to RMS for review, followed by a community meeting with Council and Water Police    4. **Council to complete detailed design** for restoration of pedestrian waterfront access and mobility parking 2. **Safe and attractive park reserve for passive and active recreation** – Issue/Need    1. **Eroded, worn. stony and compacted park surface** is not conducive to safe play. NBC pointed out that it was possible to prepare and lay turf over the degraded area.    2. **Management plans for stormwater flows** through the park and into the estuary restoring the grass swale and pipe discharge under pedestrian foreshore access to hall    3. **Restoration of sea wall** along waterfront 3. **Continued access to boat commuter parking** – Issue/Need    1. **Management of stormwater flows** and erosion from park ring road, upper catchment and Florence Terrace to reduce infill of the Bay by sediment    2. **Planned maintenance** required on drainage and reinstatement of water bars to reduce erosion of road surface    3. **Consideration for dredging** at the commuter wharf to maintain boat parking   **Roads and Drainage**   1. **Success of present drainage and road improvements** – A lack of rain makes it hard to judge success, but the sub-committee notes the following: 2. **Richard Road** – The success of sealing of road surface adjacent to new drainage works in reducing erosion and increasing longevity 3. **Kevin Avenue** – The benefits of log edging, habitat planting and water bars was confirmed as being both functional and aesthetically pleasing 4. **Encourage cooperative catchment management opportunity** by making plants available to resident’s keen to take responsibility for maintain and planting their road verge. 5. **Future initiatives delayed by planning or detailed design** 6. **Buggy and vehicle management; pedestrian entrance restoration – Catherine Park** 7. The waterfront is a busy pedestrian access. We support Council’s intention to restrict vehicle access. 8. We note that by not dealing with the issue Council is condoning the use of unregistered vehicles in a public park with a narrow pedestrian access used by commuters to the wharf and children at the playground or on the beach. 9. We are concerned by the ongoing degradation of the waterfront and park as well as the rising cost of repairs. 10. We have been advised the police will not take responsibility or deal with unregistered vehicles in the park. 11. **Cecil Street stormwater flows to beach and along Richard Road** – Design and survey 12. **Council Depot** – Design, survey and consultation with residents 13. **Funding Note –** Infrastructure improvements and management initiatives are dependent on funding but also planning and detailed design. The latter items as well as intra and cross agency communication seems to be a significant obstacle. 14. **Capital works 2018 – 2019**   Meet with David Munday as soon as convenient to discuss and set priorities, schedule drainage works and progress initiatives that have been delayed by design or discussion   1. Depot 2. Catherine Park Waterfront 3. Bottom of Cecil Street and along Richard Road 4. **Items of maintenance that require attention** 5. **Items related to recent capital improvements**    1. Additional waterbars Kevin Avenue (2), Richard Road    2. Above Kevin Avenue – Thompson Street reinstate drainage line and water bars    3. Richard Road – Reinstate drainage line and water bar above sealed road (Lot 26)    4. Kevin Avenue - Complete and secure edging    5. Plants available to local resident to restore verge down to fire shed 6. **Firetrail/road to the top of the island**    1. Reinstate water bars and drainage an immediate need for emergency access    2. Rationalize vehicle access through the reserve 7. **Catherine Park ring road** – Clean road drainage line and restore waterbars 8. **Thompson Street** – above Kevin Avenue 9. **Catherine Park** – Stormwater flow through park swale and discharge pipe to bay 10. **Additional items for discussion** 11. Use of Elizabeth Park access and parking of commercial digging equipment 12. Forward planning for gazettal of road reserve through Elizabeth Park 13. Payment contribution from commercial operators using roads on Scotland Island 14. Management Plan for Catherine Park including stormwater through the catchment, bushland management and provision for social and cultural initiatives | **Actions**  Sharon to contact NBC via email  NBC Chris Munro  Jane Rich  (Cass)  NBC - David Munday  Sharon to contact David re: meeting  Jane Rich  Cass contact  Council/Water Police  ?????  ?????  Sharon to contact D Munday for meeting for planning  **Actions**  Plants  NBC Bushcare Volunteer Coordinator??  NBC Parks and Reserves |

**Other Items for discussion in moving forward**

**Action**

* Review minutes confirm actions and by whom
* Schedule and meet with David Munday to plan works for 2018 – 2019
* Encourage resident help by adopt a drain or verge, reporting of problems and maintain a photographic record
* Ensure plants available for restoring verge
* Discuss Place Plan with Emmie