

Coastal Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday 8 March 2023



COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

Notice is hereby given that a Coastal Advisory Committee meeting of Randwick City Council will be held in the Cawood Room, Prince Henry Centre, 2 Coast Hospital Rd, Little Bay on Wednesday, 8 March 2023 at 6:00pm

Councillors		
Mayor, Cr D Parker (Chairperson)	Mayor	RCC
Cr B Burst	Councillor	RCC
Cr K Chapple	Councillor	RCC
Cr A Luxford	Councillor	RCC
Cr J McCafferty	Councillor	RCC
Cr K Neilson	Councillor	RCC
Cr D Rosenfeld	Councillor	RCC
Cr D Said	Councillor	RCC
Cr P Veitch	Councillor	RCC
Coastal Stakeholders		
Mark Windon	Exective	Surfing NSW
Scott Muir	Director of Lifesaving & Education	SLS Sydney Branch
Bryce Wilde	President	Clovelly SLSC
Pat Garcia	President	Coogee SLSC
Phil Carter	President	Maroubra SLSC
Paul Fownes	President	South Maroubra SLSC
Kerry Kyiacou	A/General Manager (RCC)	Wylie's Baths Trust
Shirley Teenan	President	Mclver's Ladies Baths
Brian Williamson	President	Maroubra Seals Winter Swimming Club Inc- for Mahon Pool
Robert Cooley	Senior Ranger	Gamay Rangers
Ben Kahn	Manager Sydney South Area	NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service
RCC Officers		
Therese Manns	General Manager	RCC
Todd Clarke	Director City Services	RCC
Joe Ingegneri	Manager Technical Services	RCC
Ryan Zammit	Manager Infrastructure Services	RCC
Peter Halcro	Supervisor Beach Lifeguards	RCC
Paul Moffatt	Supervisor Beach Lifeguard	RCC

Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Bidjigal and the Gadigal peoples who occupied the Sydney Coast, being the traditional owners. On behalf of Randwick City Council, I acknowledge and pay my respects to the Elders past and present, and to Aboriginal people in attendance today.

Apologies/Granting of Leave of Absences

Confirmation of the Minutes

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General Business

Todd Clarke
DIRECTOR CITY SERVICES

Coastal Advisory Report No. CAC1/23

Subject: Capital Works Update - March 2023

Executive Summary

- Council's Manager Infrastructure Services provides the attached Capital Works update in relation to Coastal areas for the Randwick Coastal Advisory Committee (RCAC).
- Consideration is given to projects recently completed:
 - Dunningham Reserve Amenities, Coogee
 - Barwon Park Outdoor Gym
 - Snape Park Outdoor Gym
 - Paine Reserve Amenities
- Consideration is given to projects under construction:
 - Arthur Byrne Amenities, South Maroubra
 - DRLC Splash Park
 - Coral Sea Park Synthetic Field and Stormwater relining
 - Meeks Street Plaza Streetscapes Upgrade
 - Heffron Centre of Excellence
- Consideration is given to projects in planning:
 - Little Bay Staircase
 - Malabar Pool Pump Upgrade
 - La Perouse Amenities modernization

Recommendation

That the Randwick Coastal Advisory Committee receive and note this report.

Attachment/s:

1.  Randwick Coastal Advisory Committee March 2023 V0.1

Responsible officer: Ryan Zammit, Manager Infrastructure Services

File Reference: F2020/00714

Coastal Advisory Report No. CAC2/23

Subject: Coastal Operation Update - March 2023

Executive Summary

1. The Summer season so far has been challenging across the Randwick beaches and coastline with high visitation levels and difficult surf conditions leading to increases in all major statistical categories.
2. Summer visitation levels are already up 17% from the spring baseline. While rescue statistics (343) are up an incredible 560%. This dramatic increase has been attributed to the difficult surf conditions and large numbers of beach users at Maroubra through January where 240 rescues were performed.
3. The large numbers of beach users through this period have also resulted in significant increases in numbers of first aids (up ~32%), preventions (up ~41%) and 'Regulations' (up ~15%) from spring levels.
4. Although most categories have seen dramatic increases from the spring baseline levels, these statistics broadly correlate to the corresponding period during the 2021/22 Season.
5. Tragically, there have been 3 fatalities occur along the Randwick coastline during the summer months. Only one of these has been water based.
 - Monday January 9 – 47-year-old female suffered a suspected medical episode while swimming at Gordon's Bay.
 - Tuesday January 24 – 17-year-old male fell from rocks at Dunningham Reserve, Coogee.
 - Wednesday February 22 – Body of a 54-year-old man was recovered from Coogee Beach after going missing on 18/2/2023.
6. The Randwick City Council Public Safety organisational restructure officially took place on December 5, 2022, with the Beach Lifeguards and Rangers Services forming the new Public Safety unit reporting to Mark Bush, Manager Waste, Cleansing and Public Safety.
7. The Float to Survive has continued with advertising materials prominently displayed across Randwick and Waverley LGA's.
 - The pilot advertising campaign for Float to Survive was launched by Randwick and Waverley Council's on Wednesday 30 November.
 - The campaign is designed to promote life skills on how to behave/react if you are caught in a rip, to improve your chances of not drowning.
 - Dr Rob Brander (Dr Rip) and UNSW will be researching the effectiveness of the campaign.
8. December and January have seen the end of the La Nina weather events which have dominated East Coast weather patterns for the past 3 years. This has led to a resumption of more traditional summer weather including drier and hotter conditions. Anecdotally this has led to an increase in beach visitation rates.

9. Two Emergency Response Beacons (ERB's) that were successfully installed at Malabar and Little Bay beaches on Thursday 8 December.
 - The ERB's have already shown their value with the successful activation of the Malabar unit on the 27th of December following on from a near drowning incident. The ERB activation was quickly attended to by SLSA and Council Lifeguard resources with Paramedics and Lifeguards arriving on location within 6 minutes.
 - The ERB's are solar powered and have both a camera and communications link, connected directly to the NSW SLS State Operations Centre (which is manned 24/7).
 - The ERB's will provide an additional resource to assist with contacting emergency services and reducing the response times to incidents.
 - Funding support was also received by the NSW Smart Beaches project.

10. Both Maroubra and Coogee Beaches have successfully held significant Carnival events through the peak summer period. These events have run smoothly with no significant issues identified.
 - Maroubra beach was host to the Nutri Grain Ironman series event from 13-16 January. This event was broadcast to a significant television audience and was a great promotional opportunity for both Maroubra Beach and Randwick.
 - Maroubra also played host to the Surf Lifesaving Sydney branch carnival on 4-5 February. This event attracted large numbers of surf sports competitors from clubs all over Sydney.
 - Coogee Beach hosted the Surf Lifesaving Sydney branch master's carnival on Saturday 11 February.

11. The Annual Murray Rose Malabar magic ocean swim was held in excellent conditions on Sunday the 19th of February. The event, celebrating its 15th anniversary attracted over 800 competitors and has raised over \$100,000 dollars towards the Rainbow club, a network of social swimming clubs running learn to swim lessons for children with a disability.

Recommendation

That the Randwick Coastal Advisory Committee receive and note this report.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Responsible officer: Mark Bush, Manager Waste, Cleansing and Public Safety

File Reference: F2020/00714

Coastal Advisory Report No. CAC3/23

Subject: Coastal Open Space Bookings and Activity - March 2023

Executive Summary

- The attached Coastal Area Open Space Bookings and Nipper Season summary has been prepared for the Randwick Coastal Advisory Committee (RCAC).
- The activity schedule lists planned activities in our coastal reserves between 1 March 2023 and the end of May 2023.
- The activity schedule is provided for information and is subject to change with additional activities likely to be booked in the period.

Recommendation

That the Randwick Coastal Advisory Committee receive and note this report.

Attachment/s:

1.   Coastal Open Space Bookings - March 2023 to May 2023 (Inclusive)

Responsible officer: Joe Ingegneri, Manager Technical Services

File Reference: F2020/00714

