Quarantine Station Community Consultative Committee

Minutes

Meeting	Meeting #9
Location	Q Station
Date	Wednesday, 14 May 2025
Time	9:00 am – 10:20 am
Chairperson	Abigail Goldberg, Independent Chair (minutes)
Attendees – community representatives	• Kandy Tagg • Doug Sewell • Julie Rigoni
Attendees – NPWS and NHS	• Chad Weston, Manager, Sydney North Area, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS) • Andrew Thornton, Principal Project Officer, NPWS • Doug Hazell, Environmental Liaison Officer, NPWS • Steve Carrodus, General Manager, Q Station, NHS • Helen Drew, Interpretation Officer, NHS • Alan Brawn, Compliance Officer, NHS
Invitees	• Nil

Apologies	• CCC Members
	  ○ Helen Thomson
	  ○ Virginia Macleod
	  ○ Adele Heasman
	  ○ Clr Candy Bingham, Northern Beaches Council
	• Glenn Piper, CEO, North Head Pty Ltd (NHS)
	• Rose Porter, Environmental Manager, NPWS
	• Jess Dargan, Environmental Manager, NPWS

Agenda items

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1.	**Welcome and meeting opening** 1.1. Chad Weston provided an Acknowledgement of Country. 1.2. Attendees were confirmed. 1.3. Apologies were noted. 1.4. Minutes and action items from the preceding meeting were confirmed and adopted.	

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	1.5. Community outreach activities in the form of North Head Sanctuary newsletters were noted.	
2.	**NPWS activities update** 2.1 Chad Weston advised that management of threatened species is ongoing with the scheduled review of the long-nosed bandicoot population postponed to early June due to weather conditions. 2.2 NPWS management of weeds at QS is currently underway and undertaken by a 3rd- party operator. 2.3 Management of fire-related Asset Protection Zones (APZs) is ongoing. An APZ Manual has been provided to NHS for comment and then implementation. 2.4 North Head Access project is ongoing with stakeholder consultation anticipated May/June at which stage early conceptual work will be available for comment.	
3.	**Wharf assessment** 3.1. Wharf and sea wall assessment has progressed and comments on the Stage 1 report are awaited from NHS. A Stage 2 supplement to the stage 1 report, which is being prepared by Morley Consulting, when available will outline management options and actions required, as well as information on design capacity. NPWS advised the report is being prepared on the basis of retaining the same wharf footprint and is not considering new designs. 3.2. The supplementary report into design capacity is intended to inform realistic options for potential future use of the wharf, also taking into account safety considerations as well as existing conditions such as the sea floor, marine flora and fauna. 3.3. The requirements of Transport for NSW will also need to be factored in to future use considerations. 3.4. Members discussed the report implications and requested a summary of the report findings.	NPWS to provide a summary of report findings
4.	**Planning approvals** 4.1. NHS advised that inputs from Heritage NSW had now been received. It was confirmed that there are no current Development Applications. 4.2. Activity Statements have been prepared and NHS has been provided with comments from both NPWS and Heritage NSW. 4.3. NHS noted that three current priority projects are being investigated, viz: • Paid carparking • Lowering of the beach fence to improve views • The moveable sauna. 4.4. NPWS noted that they had consulted with Heritage NSW as requested by members however the group declined an invitation to attend a QSCCC	

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	meeting, noting however their commitment to the site and willingness to respond to any specific questions. 4.5. Members queried whether the inconsistencies between the NPWS and Heritage NSW approvals had been resolved. NHS and NPWS advised that this was an ongoing exercise. 4.6. NHS voiced their extreme frustration with the cost implications of approval requirements, delays and bureaucratic negotiations. NPWS acknowledged this frustration and noted that quality submissions were required in order to progress planning for the site. 4.7. Members expressed their ongoing support for the energy and commitment that NHS have brought to the site. *4.8. At an in-camera discussion subsequent to the main meeting, members sought the following advice:* • *From NHS: the roadmap for realisation of the vision for the site, including step-by-step projects, approvals required, and a timeline of achievable goals.* • *From NPWS: the approvals process and whether there are ways of enabling a quicker response.* • *From both: Suggestions of how the CCC could most effectively support endeavours as well as collaboration.*	NHS: clarification of the roadmap for realisation of the vision for the site, including step-by-step projects and a timeline of achievable goals. NPWS: confirmation of the approvals process and whether there are ways of enabling a quicker response. From both: suggestions of how the CCC could most effectively support endeavours as well as collaboration.
5.	**Community outreach initiatives** 5.1 NHS advised that the next community days are this weekend, 17 and 18 May. A Number of activities have been planned. 5.2 NHS advised these two days meet their requirement to provide a minimum of two open days each year. 5.3 Bookings to date have been moderate-low.	
7.	**Moveable heritage collection** 7.1 QSCCC members noted ongoing progress, constrained by limited resources, with recording of the moveable heritage collection. 7.2 NPWS are progressing internal discussions regarding their curatorial assistance commitment.	NPWS to update re curatorial assistance for recording of the moveable heritage collection.
8.	**Schedule of meetings for 2025** The proposed schedule of meetings for 2025 is: • 13 August • 12 November	
9.	**Other business** Nil.	

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	Next meeting The next meeting is scheduled for **9am** on **Wednesday, 13 August 2025**.	
10.	**Thanks and close** The Chair thanked members for their participation. Thanks were also passed on to NHS, for hosting the meeting. The meeting closed at 10:20 am.	

Action list

Meeting date	Action	Responsibility	Status
Members are encouraged to report operational matters (such a signage / gates / pampas grass) at any time c/o the **local NPWS Area Mailbox - Sydney North**: npws.sydneynorth@environment.nsw.gov.au.			
27 February 2023	Annual monitoring reports to be distributed on completion: • Long-nosed bandicoot.	NPWS	Open, ongoing per annual reporting requirements
13 November 2024	Community assistance sought to avoid and report dead birds to help prevent the spread of potential avian flu.	All	Open, ongoing
13 November 2024 / 12 February 2025	NPWS to report back regarding curatorial assistance for recording of the moveable heritage collection.	NPWS	Open
14 May 2025	Provide a summary of wharf assessment report findings	NPWS	Open
14 May 2025	Clarify the roadmap for realisation of the vision for the site, including step-by-step projects, approvals required, and a timeline of achievable goals. Confirm the approvals process and whether there are ways of enabling a quicker response. Suggestions of how the CCC could most effectively support endeavours as well as collaboration.	NHS NPWS NPWS/NHS	Open Open Open