Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Meeting Minutes

Quarantine Station Community Consultative Committee

Held on: 13/08/2025 – 9:00am to 10:29am

At: Q Station

Chaired by: Abigail Goldberg (Independent Chair)

Attended – community representatives

- Adele Heasman
- Clr Candy Bingham, Northern Beaches Council
- Julie Rigoni
- Doug Sewell
- Kandy Tagg

Attended – 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
- Jess Dargan, Environmental Manager, NPWS
- Glenn Piper, CEO, North Head Pty Ltd (NHS) (*departed 10:19am*)
- Steve Carrodus, General Manager, Q Station, NHS
- Alan Brawn, Compliance Officer, Q Station, NHS
- Helen Drew, Interpretation Officer, Q Station, NHS

Invitees

- Chris Oliver, Project Officer, Major Infrastructure Group, NPWS
- Greg Abbott, Principal Project officer, Major Infrastructure Group, NPWS

Apologies

- Helen Thompson, community representative
- Virginia Macleod, community representative
- Rose Porter, Environmental Manager, NPWS

Agenda item discussion and actions

No.	Description	Action
1.	**Welcome and meeting opening** 1.1. Chad Weston provided an Acknowledgement of Country. 1.2. Attendees were confirmed. 1.3. Apologies were noted.	

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	1.4. Minutes and action items from the preceding meeting were confirmed and adopted. 1.5. Community outreach activities in the form of North Head Sanctuary newsletters were noted.	
2.	**NPWS activities update** 2.1 Chris Oliver presented on the North Head safety and access project. Members expressed congratulations on the proposal and the improvements it will provide in relation to pedestrian, cycle and vehicular safety as well as amenity. Members raised questions regarding: 2.1.1 Timing. Noted that it is intended to start the works this financial year 2.1.2 Funding. Noted that the project is fully funded by NPWS. 2.1.3 Condition of the road from Manly. Noted that this is outside the park boundary however NPWS is participating in discussions with stakeholders regarding potential upgrades 2.1.4 Community dissatisfaction due to the quantum of infrastructure works going on in wider the area and number of truck movements. Noted. 2.1.5 Shelter for bus stops. Noted that this is under consideration. 2.1.6 Wayfinding signage. Noted that the opportunity is being explored of coordinating this with Sydney Harbour Trust for a whole-of-headland approach. 2.1.7 Traffic calming devices. Noted that current speed bumps will be razed and replaced by a new combination of calming devices including raised pedestrian crossing. Consideration of cyclists needs is underway. 2.1.8 Lighting. Crossing points only to be lit at this stage. 2.1.9 Water management. Downstream impacts for Q Station are being taken into account. 2.1.10 Further stakeholder consultation will take place once the first phase is complete and plans have been refined. 2.2 Chad Weston advised that management of threatened species is ongoing with the review of the long-nosed bandicoot population completed in June. The draft 2024/25 monitoring reportof the little penguins is presently being reviewed. 2.3 Management of fire-related Asset Protection Zones (APZs) is ongoing by both NPWS and NHS. NPWS have provided NHS with the new APZ Manual. 2.4 General questions were raised as follows: 2.4.1 Management of brush turkeys. NPWS confirmed that the species is a protected animal. Management strategies for landowners and managers are available from NPWS and will be shared with the committee. 2.4.2 Bird flu. NPWS confirmed that management and risk mitigation strategies remain in place however these have not yet been needed to be activated. Current information on bird flu is available from DCCEEW website H5 avian influenza (bird flu) - DCCEEW	NPWS to provide presentation material. NPWS to provide information on brush turkey management

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3.	**Vision 'roadmap' to realisation** 3.1. NHS recapped their strategy to progress 3 small projects in the first instance as a way of 'testing the waters' and learning the ropes of the new approval pathways. These projects are: • Amendments to the beach fence • Sauna • Paid parking 3.2. Robust discussion followed regarding the merits of these projects, and NHS' and NPWS' experience of the approval pathway. 3.3. Noted that the next steps for NHS, should the test projects prove successful, are proposed to be room upgrades and upgrades to the visitor experience. 3.4. While noting that collaboration with NPWS has improved, NHS expressed their frustration in this regard as well as in relation to the commercial terms of the lease. 3.5. NHS noted that they have an end of year horizon for commercial viability.	
4.	**Community outreach** 4.1. NHS advised that they were progressing an application for a 5 year approval for Sculptures at Q-Station commencing 2026.	
5.	**Moveable heritage collection** 5.1 NPWS advised that they are continuing to progress internal discussions regarding their curatorial assistance commitment.	NPWS to update re curatorial assistance for recording of the moveable heritage collection.
6.	**Schedule of meetings for 2025** The final meeting for 2025 is: • 12 November The Chair will transmit dates for 2026.	
9.	**Other business** Members raised concerns regarding deterioration of the Cannae Point flagstaff. NPWS undertook to investigate the significance of the item, its ownership, costs to restore and possible assistance. *At an in-camera discussion subsequent to the main meeting, members again expressed their ongoing commitment to the site and willingness to support activities by both parties.*	NPWS to investigate the flagstaff condition and requirements.

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	Improved collaboration between NHS and NPWS was also noted and supported. **Next meeting** The next meeting is scheduled for **9am** on **Wednesday, 12 November 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 10:29 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: • Long-nosed bandicoot • Little penguins.	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 August 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	Closed
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	Closed Closed Open
13 August 2025	NPWS to transmit c/o the Chair presentation on North Head safety and access project.	NPWS	Open
13 August 2025	NPWS to provide information on brush turkey management.	NPWS	Open
13 August 2025	NPWS to investigate the Cannae Point flagstaff condition and requirements.	NPWS	Open