

# Minutes

## Cook Park Reference Group

9 December 2006

9:30am – 11.00 am

Novotel, Brighton Beach.

The meeting commenced with Tom Togher (Co –Chairman) in the chair and A Tsounis as secretary.

Apologies received from the Hon Frank Sartor MP, Cr Bill Saravinovski, Mrs Delores Vey-Cox, and Mr Chris Watson. Apologies moved Mr Batley, seconded Mr Loveridge accepted.

A representative of Rockdale City Council was not present.

Chair welcomes group and especially Miss Bianca Draffin who was absent from the meeting of November 11.

Chair advises that future meetings will commence at 9:30 am. Previous minutes were sent to all participants and are to be taken as being read by all present.

Previous minutes moved for acceptance by Mr Batley, and seconded by Mr Leudais. Errors or emissions noted: Batley spelt incorrectly, Michael Brogan Resident of Sans Souci, and Reagan Murphy Resident of Hurstville, with business interests in Monterey. Minutes accepted.

Matters arising out of last meeting: Website modified linking Cook Park to NSW Department of Lands. This link has history of the park, minutes of Cook Park Reference Group, a summary of issues of the park and will be updated regularly. The website is at [www.lands.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lands.nsw.gov.au).

Concerns for privacy raised by Mr Powell and advised that no personal details will be posted on website.

Mr Leudais congratulated the minute takers on doing a comprehensive job.

Mr Harding was asked to discuss the Plan of Management of the park.

Chair called on Mr Houghton to present the summary of the issues of Cook Park. Mr Houghton welcomed comment from the group as the issues were presented.

### Tree Management

A plan of management is needed for the park for the existing pine trees. He stated comments from CPRG could be fed into system to generate a Plan of Management. CPRG is welcomed to obtain the views of the community on this and other matters pertaining to the park in order to help create the future planning processes of the park. This process would require the Commissioning of a Report by RCC, and CPRG may comment on this report.

Mr Leaudais suggested that extra trees be planted in the Kyeemagh area and has provided written submission. Document tabled.

Mr Harding affirmed to panel that a pine tree replacement plan will be established and given to RCC.

Co-Chair advises that the panel wait for the plan to be put forward and then comment. He further suggests the panel remains within the 'Terms of Reference' and comment on issues at the appropriate time.

#### Toilet Facilities and rubbish and amenities

The Administrators assessment of the toilet facilities noted they were aged but in good condition. An issue of the needle disposal box does exist. Mr Houghton advises that capital funding limits the upgrade of the facilities. The toilets near Barton St are in the most need of attention. A hazards assessment was undertaken in 2006 (attachment 1).

A water efficient fitting program is in place that will see all taps being replaced with auto off versions. The process has begun however no time table is in place.

Mr Houghton advises there will always be a rubbish problem. Monday morning is of greater concern. Currently bins are placed close to car parks to facilitate easy pick up by contractors. Obvious solution is more bins.

An issue of waste coal disposed under taps was raised and deemed to be a hazard.

RCC is in action upgrading park amenities, replacing the picnic facilities at Kyeemagh and replacing the wooden tops of the tables at Peter Depina Park.

Mr Reagan moved a motion that the administrator raise the concerns of the panel in regards to the rubbish issue and the need to educate the users of the park. Seconded M Loveridge. Motion carried.

#### Disabled access toilets

Complete survey of disabled access undertaken in 2006 (attachment 2). Two areas of concern identified, Sans Souci Pine Park and Monterey area.

Cook Park Plan of Management will be looking at these issues.

Panel suggests some steps at Brighton limit accessibility to the toilets there.

#### Bicycle Pathway

Mr Houghton advises the pathway is generally in good condition. The current plan has the pathway be developed into a dual carriageway with smooth curves. Some issues of overhanging branches and obstacles exist.

#### Environment

The proposed Plan of Management recognises the need for dune vegetation. It must be remembered that Cooks Park is a beach environment and sand movement is a natural feature. Attachment 3 outlines the proposed maintenance program.

Vehicle Parking

Refer attachment 4

Mr Reagan suggested the possibility of a 'History Walk', a series of plaques identifying individual and moments of historical significance to the area.

Mr Reagan is to liase with historical groups to see what is appropriate. Estimates of costs will be provided to the panel at next meeting.

Mr Batley has provided a document. Mr Powell moved to table the document. Seconded by Mr Hughes. Motion carried.

Mr Harding summarised the Cook Park Plan of Management Review. No questions were raised.

The Chairman requested the attendance register.

The Chairman thanked all in attendance and suggested that next meeting to be held on February 10,2007 at 9:30 am.

Meeting closed at 11:00am.