

Sydney Local Health District Yaralla Estate Community Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, 16 December 2014 Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Venue: City of Canada Bay Museum
1 Bent Street, Concord
Chair: Dr Teresa Anderson, Chief Executive, SLHD

1. Present & Apologies

Present

Dr Teresa Anderson	Chief Executive
Dr Tim Sinclair	General Manager, Concord Repatriation General Hospital
Mr Stephen Saldatos	Head Gardener, Concord Repatriation General Hospital
Mr Norm Buckley	Local Resident / Neighbour
Ms Lois Michel	City of Canada Bay Heritage Society
Mr Robert Hussey	Local Resident / Neighbour
Mr Jeremy Roper-Tyler	Local Resident / Neighbour
Mr Alan Marsh	CEO, Sydney Olympic Park Authority
Ms Sue Riley	Local Resident / Neighbour
Mr Stuart Read	Heritage Division, NSW Office of Environment & Heritage
Professor Robert Lusby	Senior Clinician, Concord Repatriation General Hospital
Ms Madeleine Kitchener	Graduate Health Management Trainee
Mr Guy Pinkerton	Local Resident / Neighbour
Professor Roger Garsia	Senior Clinician, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, SLHD
Mr Marcus Stalker	Yaralla Estate Ranger, SLHD
Ms Deborah Flood	Director, Capital Assets and Contract Services, SLHD

Apologies

Nil

Minutes

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

The minutes from 18 November 2014 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting with minor amendments.

3. Actions arising from previous minutes

Some members of the committee had a brief walk around Ermington prior to the meeting to get some ideas of the paths that had been discussed at the previous meeting.

Pathways

The Landscape Architects provided concept designs for the walking tracks around Yaralla Estate and these were tabled at the meeting. The architects had suggested for some areas that the existing materials be enhanced, for example, shortly mown grass tracks which will respect the environment. Plans to be reviewed.

Parking Options:

This item has been deferred until 2015.

Community Gardens

A discussion occurred with Inner West Neighbour Aid (IWNA) and SLHD capital works to understand the scope of works required for the garden beds. Raised beds would be the most ideal as it is easy to plant (requires less bending for gardeners) and can be removed easily if required. Temporary amenities will be installed to determine size and usage for a possible amenities building. This will be costed and brought to the committee in 2015 for endorsement.

It was noted that the temporary amenities will have disabled access and aren't required to be connected to sewer lines. They act like a compost therefore there is no smell. They can also be easily moved.

Greenhouse:

A review for an appropriate building for a greenhouse will occur, but it was again noted that a greenhouse would only be effective after the installation of the community gardens.

Pathways:

Dr Anderson reiterated the support from various groups, to name the paths after recent wars for younger veterans and there has been positive feedback in regards to this. Concern was raised that the low impact pathways suggested by the landscape architects may not match with the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway. It was noted that Canberra has a variety of surfaces around their walking tracks and the concepts being celebrated is what is important.

The information on pathways provided by Hurstville council was reviewed. The committee needs to advise what should go in the submission before it goes to the Heritage office to seek approval.

NSW TAFE:

The SWSi TAFE is engaged and will shortly submit a proposal for the committee to review and endorse.

A community member indicated that the Local Lands Services provide funding opportunities which the committee could look into.

Canada Bay Heritage Society proposed works

Minutes

Marcus has had discussions with the Head of Engineering and will be meeting with Lois in the new year to work on proposed works. As the government requirements around asbestos have changed, the ability for volunteers to work on the site have been affected. The District will work with the City of Canada Bay Heritage Society to submit forms to the appropriate offices so the volunteers can continue to assist with the maintenance and restoration of Yaralla Estate.

4. Information for noting and discussion

1.1 Introduction Yaralla Estate Ranger

Mr Marcus Stalker was introduced to the committee and his contact details will be provided to the committee.

4.1 Yaralla Estate Plan of Management

The committee reviewed the feedback from the Plan of Management consultation, in particular the response from the City of Canada Bay Council.

Action: Madeleine to summarise responses.

The council was indicating Yaralla should have small sports fields; this was contradicted in the report by Geoffrey Britton as some of the heritage value of the Estate would be ruined.

The council also suggested that more engagement should occur. This has been taken on board and strategies are described below. The committee suggested seeking support from the City of Canada Bay Council in regards to distribution lists.

The committee indicated that the active recreation in the submission by the Council was contradictory to the vision the committee has for the Estate of a peaceful open vista.

Action: Write to Council to seek clarification of funding mechanisms for work required and possibly working with them on an engagement strategy.

The connection between the carpark at the RSL should be improved so people can access the Estate easily. Consider tables and chairs around the Estate for people to take picnics to.

Organised sport could be considered / permitted with prior permission (Tennis courts could be reviewed). Cross country and Orienteering were activities that could likely occur. Terms such as restrict versus prohibit need to be reviewed.

The suggestion of extended the management plan to a 10 year rather than 3 year was taken into consideration and will be finalised with the management plan feedback. There will be an annual review with the necessary reprioritisation.

4.2 Geoffrey Britton – Heritage Consultant

The report Geoffrey Britton completed for the City of Canada Bay Council was provided to SLHD. This document highlighted the heritage significance of the Estate and Mr Britton

may be contacted for consultation on the Estate in the future.

Some aerial photos of the Estate were found from 1943 and tabled at the meeting.

It was also noted that a Microwave has been donated for the Hyacinth cottage when patients move in.

4.3 Document from Hurstville Council

The information was noted and was found to be unconnected for the purposes of the pathways being discussed at Yaralla.

4.4 Document from Sue Riley

The bush regeneration reports and plans are very valuable to the Yaralla Estate environment and it was suggested that Robert Stevenson, Bushcare Coordinator, City of Canada Bay should be invited to a future meeting. The priorities of the Council and the District can then be discussed to ensure they align.

4.5 Riding for the Disabled

Dr Anderson spoke with Mrs Margaret Norman from NSW Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA), Mrs Norman indicated the requirements for hosting RDA included; a flat enclosed arena, with mounting ramp, holding paddocks, overnight supervision and access to fresh running water. Unfortunately some of these requirements are not sympathetic to the heritage value of the Estate and are costly and it was determined that Yaralla Estate would not be a suitable site for RDA.

It was noted that Mr Sidoti had released an article about the possibility of RDA at Yaralla Estate in the Burwood Scene.

5. Proposed uses for Yaralla Estate

Refer management plan feedback.

6. Other Business

6.1 Consumer Community Advisory Council (CCAC) - Communication

The SLHD CCAC indicated that SLHD needs to improve its communication strategies with their stakeholders in particular the community and indicated a mechanism for this would be to purchase a monthly section in the local paper (similar to council) to inform the community of news in the District. The Inner West Courier was chosen as it covers two thirds of the SLHD population catchment. Information is also shared on the SLHD Website and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SydneyLHD?ref=hl>.

An 'ask the expert' blog is also under development for community members to ask questions from an expert on specific topics each month. Communication was also noted in some of the feedback from the management plan.

6.2 Pathways

The landscape architects are to come to the committee and present in early 2015. The paths are to have an appropriate visual impact on the heritage significance and ensure the materials are durable. Alternate routes for bike riders as the pathways will be various materials eg. Grass, crushed granite, boardwalks.

7. Next Meeting

Tuesday 20 January 2015 at 6pm, City of Canada Bay Heritage Museum.

Action List

Action items arising from Yaralla Estate Community Advisory Committee meetings

No.	ISSUE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMEFRAME	OUTCOME
1.	Parking	Deferred June 2015: An options paper for parking areas is to be developed GM Concord to work on a parking and access paper to maximise access for the community.	Deb Flood Deb Flood	June 2015 June 2015	Ongoing Ongoing
2.	Community Garden	Prepare plan for the Community Garden Lodge application to seek NSW Heritage Council approval. The MoU with the contractor for the community garden to be reviewed	Teresa Anderson	September	Progressing
3.	Greenhouse	Engineering/Ranger to investigate logistics and requirements of having a greenhouse on the Estate, in an appropriate building.	Marcus Stalker	2015	Heritage
4.	Pathways	Deferred: Bob and Teresa to meet with Alice regarding ANZAC and the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway. Bob to meet with President of the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway. Dr Sinclair will consult with Dr Anderson around the process the consultants are using to design the walkway and enquire whether the consultants can attend this meeting to both inform the group and allow the group the opportunity to provide input into the designs. Lodge application to seek NSW Heritage Council approval.	Bob Lusby Teresa Anderson Tim Sinclair	September	Deferred until design quotes are obtained
5.	Signage	Signage for parking Lodge application to seek NSW Heritage Council approval. Ms Corryn McKay will provide a mock-up of the temporary welcome signs to be placed on the front gates and distribute to the committee for endorsement It was noted that Lois should be interviewed with regards to the	Madeleine Kitchener Corryn McKay	September	

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		signage of historical sites around the Estate, and her feedback as to the commentary which should go with the pictures and identify appropriate locations for the signs			
6.	NSW TAFE	Guy, Lois and Stuart to lead design studio initiative.	Guy, Lois and Stuart	November	Proposal provided
7.	Community Gardens	Jeremy, Bob, Stephen and Guy to lead the community garden initiative.	Jeremy, Bob Stephen and Guy	November	Ongoing
8.	National Landcare Program	Dr Anderson Advised that we should begin work on a submission for the second round now, so that we are prepared for the next round of funding. Madeleine Kitchener to coordinate	Madeleine Kitchener	November	Ongoing
9.	Presentation regarding Hyacinth Cottage	It was noted that a presentation from Clinicians around the use of Hyacinth Cottage for Burns Step-Down would be much appreciated by the committee. Madeleine Kitchener to arrange for this to occur in early 2015	Madeleine Kitchener	February	
10.	Environment and Heritage Office	Dr Anderson to write to the NSW Heritage Council to ask what level of approval and/or advertising to local residents is required before proceeding with the proposed crushed granite sections of the walkway. It was requested that Mr Stuart Read identify where the bollards for the driveway are up to in the approval process with the NSW Heritage Council.	Teresa Anderson Stuart Read		
11.	Yaralla Estate Management Plan	Extend exhibition period to 9/12/2014.	Teresa Anderson	November	Complete
12.	Revenue opportunity	Deferred: For review in June 2015. Explore opportunities for permanent or temporary coffee shops/small business. Deferred: For review in June 2015 Alan to provide an example of the EOI a Coffee Van would require	Madeleine Kitchener Alan Marsh	June	Deferred EOI provided
13.	Pathways	Guy to review path widths Callum Blanchard to contact Hurstville Council to see what information they could provide around their project to construct a raised walkway around Riverwood Mangroves.	Guy Pinkerton Callum Blanchard	November	Complete
14.	Conservation	Teresa to organise landscape architect and soil expert to attend	Teresa Anderson	2014	Complete

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	Management Plan	a future meeting regarding options.	Deb Flood		
15.	Biodiversity	Ask City of Canada Bay Council if the Fauna report can be placed on the Yaralla Website. The presentation by Andrew is to be placed on the Yaralla Website. Inquire to the City of Canada Bay Council and ask if a copy of the plan can be put on to the Yaralla Estate website, or at least a link be placed on the website to the plan.	Madeleine Kitchener	November	Complete
16.	Canada Bay Heritage Society Proposed Works	Callum Blanchard, Deborah Jenkins and the Yaralla Estate Ranger to assist Lois in completing the required documentation. Engineering to review all the buildings which are being considered for work to identify any asbestos which may be present Mr Callum Blanchard to arrange for SLHD Capital Works and Engineering to assist Ms Lois Michel in developing a project plan for the proposed works.	Callum Blanchard	December	Complete
17.	Mr Geoffrey Britton's contribution to feedback on the Plan of Management	Callum Blanchard to assist in incorporating the email from Mr Geoffrey Britton to Ms Lois Michel as part of the consultation on the Draft Management Plan. In particular, the Estate is showing signs of historical cultivation techniques which should be preserved where possible. Additionally, Mr Britton raised some questions around the wording in the document e.g. the use of 'Restricted' where prohibited might be more appropriate, however the rest of the clause would then also need to be reviewed.	Callum Blanchard	December	