

## Minutes

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### Careel Bay Masterplan Meeting

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Date: 16 April 2014, commencing 6:00 pm

At: Avalon Recreation Centre

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#### Attendance

##### Council staff

- Jane Mulroney – Community Engagement Officer (Chair)
- Les Munn - Manager, Reserves, Recreation and Building Services
- Joe Tramonte – Landscape Architect
- Jenny Cronan – Landscape Architect (Minutes)

##### Councillors

- Cr. Kay Miller
- Cr Bob Grace
- Cr. Alex McTaggart

##### Public

- 39 Residents
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#### 1. Welcome and Introductions – Jane Mulroney

The meeting commenced at 6:05 pm with introductions from Jane Mulroney.

#### 2. Project Background – Les Munn

##### Project

Careel Bay Masterplan - Stage 1

Stage 1 - upgrade the western section of George Street and adjacent foreshore at Careel Bay partially funded by a grant from Better Boating Program.

Stage 2 - pedestrian access points. Further works can be undertaken subject to the sale of a vacant road reserve in Elizabeth Street.

## Process

1. Masterplan
2. Grant application
3. Approval in principle by Council's Senior Management Team
4. Community feedback (**WE ARE HERE**)
5. Consideration of feedback by Council staff
6. Presentation to the Council for Councillor consideration
7. Public exhibition
8. Adoption

### 3. Main Features of the Masterplan – Joe Tramonte

- Widen road verges and formalise parking
- Improved pedestrian access in this section of George Street
- Protection of foreshore – seawalls and boulders (for habitat)
- Formalised dinghy storage and access path to the access ramp
- New stairs, pedestrian ramp and access ramp for dinghies
- Recreation area
- Improved aesthetics and amenity

### 4. Questions

Resident	Comment	Responses by Les Munn
President Careel Bay, Pittwater Protection Association Inc. Written submission also received.	Largely support proposal in principle. Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and safety</li> <li>• Amenity</li> <li>• Empathy with ecology and landscape.</li> </ul> Requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Object to boulders – prefer sandstone blocks similar to Currawong Road area.</li> <li>• Agree with separated footpath as high pedestrian area.</li> <li>• Request 20kph speed limit.</li> <li>• Agree with upgrades to this section of George Street to improve conditions for service vehicles e.g. Sydney Water need to access water pump-out facility.</li> <li>• Request turning circle to improve egress onto the wharf.</li> <li>• Request signs – access only for service vehicles.</li> <li>• Support boat ramp for small vessels not large vessels.</li> <li>• Request wharf upgrade.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following a meeting with Paul last week, Council staff met with Council's traffic engineers. They agreed with sign 'No vehicles beyond this point except service vehicles'.</li> <li>• There is insufficient funding for a turning circle.</li> <li>• Boulders are an environmentally sustainable solution to provide habitat.</li> <li>• Council has set aside funds to upgrade all wharves – priority ranking, but can Consider Careel Bay Wharf.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Object to boulders because children use this area and may cut themselves on rock oysters.</li> <li>• Alternative NPWS seawall at Apple Tree Bay, Bobbin Head.</li> </ul>	

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Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boat owner, support dinghy racks and request cost.</li> <li>• There was a plan for a boardwalk with dinghy racks underneath. This would cover the rocks.</li> <li>• Request concrete path rather than crushed sandstone to enable dinghies to be wheeled to the wharf with greater ease.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The boardwalk is too expensive.</li> <li>• Council try to avoid hard surfaces where deemed unnecessary. Decomposed granite is used as a successful alternative such as the Bayview Foreshore Walk. It is softer to walk on.</li> <li>• Dinghy fees are \$166 for Pittwater residents and \$255 for non-local residents.</li> </ul>
Resident	<p>The proposal does not cater for commercial uses including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two schools of paddle boarders – 40 people a week. They will fall over the rocks.</li> <li>• Ferries tie up on the pontoon blocking access.</li> <li>• The boatshed uses cranes to service the ferries</li> <li>• Huge trucks use the road.</li> <li>• There is no water in the street for the RFS,</li> <li>• Sewage pumps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposal aims to improve conditions for commercial operators and all users.</li> <li>• The small ramp will cater for small craft.</li> </ul>
Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oppose crushed sandstone path – it is unsuitable for people with special needs.</li> <li>• The boat ramp leads to an area where boats are moored. Suggest angling the ramp towards clearer waters.</li> <li>• More parking so people can unload goods – move trees elsewhere.</li> <li>• Boulders will collect rubbish (leeward shore).</li> <li>• Design of dinghy storage facility should lift vessels high enough to cater for the variety of craft used.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The facility will hold 50 boat racks – this provides for current usage.</li> <li>• Process – sticker all boats, after a reasonable time Council staff will collect all unclaimed boats, after statutory time, auction any boats that can be salvaged, the rest go to the tip. Funds are reinvested into local facilities.</li> <li>• The area to the east needs upgrading, but the grant is for this area for dinghy storage, foreshore access and recreation.</li> </ul>
Resident	<p>How many moorings in the bay – does every mooring need parking and dinghy storage?  What is the depth of mud around the existing seawall? This will determine the type of wall.  There are old / abandoned boats tied up here taking valuable room. Will they be removed?  The area between the marina and no. 141 is degraded – can this be upgraded?  Have you explored if this part of Careel Bay can be linked with John Street?  Once this area is upgraded it will attract additional use – kayaks, fishermen use this area to Sand Point, but need to cross sand flats to put boat in water.</p>	

<b>Resident</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Responses by Les Munn</b>
Resident	Half the moorings in the Bay belong to the boat shed, and they have a tender service.	
Resident	We have a dinghy tied to the wall. Will this be retained?	Council staff will place stickers on existing dinghies asking owners to contact us. The dinghies that will be removed are those where the owners have not contacted us.
Resident	Why priority to dinghy owners, not walkers. The footpath needs to be continuous along the foreshore.	Council has a grant to install a dinghy storage facility and upgrade access to the facility. The provision of footpaths is prioritised and determined by Council's Walks and Rides Masterplan.
Resident	I have been using these facilities for 50 years. Please upgrade in accordance with local needs as discussed here tonight.	
Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George Street Wharf is dangerous.</li> <li>• Suggest walking through mangroves.</li> <li>• Object to selling land in Elizabeth Street.</li> </ul>	
Resident	Suggest installing a footpath from the over 55s place to the Marina.	Council has increased funding for footpaths. See response above.
Resident	Suggest short term parking to enable people to unload their luggage.	The two parking spaces closest to the wharf will be considered for 15 minutes parking.
Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have the funds to do this, then get on with it. It is a step in the right direction.</li> <li>• The Masterplan mentions planting mangroves; if this happens the sand will become mud.</li> </ul>	
Resident	Garbage is a problem around wharves. If you take bins away resident's bins will need to be monitored.	Park users and boat owners fill bins. Council has taken bins away to encourage people to take rubbish home and recycle at certain locations. It seems to be working.
Resident	Has modelling been done on the possible effects of the boulder wall on the other side of the bay, it could cause more erosion.	
Avalon Preservation Association	We will provide a submission. Request masterplan for broader area, not this section in isolation. Our members request an informal relaxed feel for this area.	

Meeting concluded at 7:00pm