Manly Cove Coastline Management Plan

Manly Council is preparing a Coastline Management Plan (CMP) for the Manly Cove area in response to legislative requirements and community issues following a process outlined in NSW Coastline Management Manual (1990).

Manly Cove study area (map) lies immediately to the north-west of the entrance to Sydney Harbour, bounded to the west by Federation Point and to the southeast by Manly Point. It extends both seaward and landward from the shoreline and includes rocky intertidal platforms, sandy beaches, grassed recreational areas, a netted swimming enclosure, bushland as well as commercial, retail and residential areas.



Following the planning process, a Coastline Hazard Definition Study for the area was completed in April 2004.

Council actively engaged representatives of the Manly community, in the preparation and review of the Coastline Management Plan and encouraged residents to become involved in the management of their local area.

Structured survey forms were prepared and distributed to obtain community responses on importance, key issues and specific suggestions for inclusion in the Coastline Management Plan. A total of 89 survey forms were returned.

From surveys, popular activities for users of the Manly Cove area include walking/jogging (84%), swimming (68%), passive recreation (63%), picnicking (53%) and commuting (43%).

Highlights

- Coastline Hazard Definition Study was completed in April 2004.
- Structured community consultations were held during September – October 2005
- Coastline Management Study was completed in December 2009
- Coastline Management Plan is now being formulated

KEY MANAGEMENT ISSUES

A long list of management issues was identified mainly from filled in survey forms. Further, specific local issues were derived during two community consultation field days. The issues are summarised under the following key broad based management issues:

- Aquatic/Inter-tidal Habitat Conservation & Management
- Boating, Maritime Operations & Facilities
- Upgrading & enhancement of public facilities, Infrastructures & signage
- Water Quality
- Terrestrial Ecology
- Coastal Hazards & Climate Change
- Waste Management



- Access & Traffic Management
- Recreational Activities & User Groups
- Geodiversity
- Heritage Conservation & Management

Manly Cove Coastline Management Study

Manly Cove Coastline Management Study, endorsed by Council at its Planning & Strategy Committee meeting dated 7 December 2009, is a baseline document describing institutional and policy environment; land use tenure & management; significance of the area; coastal processes; coastline hazards: climate change & adaptations; ecological environment: socioeconomic environment; community consultations; framing vision and goals; strategic management options and preliminary assessment of management options.



The Study is, at present, being used to prepare the Manly Cove Coastline Management Plan, which will be publicly exhibited later in the year for comments.

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