

Proposed Actions regarding Highest Priority Tasks for the Bonny Hills Reserves

Flowing from a meeting between BHPA and Council staff - Liam Bulley (Manager Recreation & Buildings) and Brian Ross - on 15 August 2012 a complete list of proposed actions was drawn from the Reserves MasterPlan, and the most immediate priorities were discussed:

1. Address the safety issues identified in the report.

Potential harm and liability issues bring these to the top of the list. This includes pedestrian safety crossing Ocean Drive to and from the Reserves.

Actions:

- **Council will coordinate a meeting with BHPA regarding pedestrian safety**
- **Council will prioritise the other safety issues identified in the MP for action -** work has been undertaken already along the cliff tops in Bartlett's Reserve, planting mature Lomandra to form an effective, immediate barrier.

2. Upgrade parking access at Rainbow Beach Reserve on N side of the SLSC

The need is urgent in view of the state of the current access and includes dealing with diversion of drainage water, erosion and run-off issues from the SLSC and onto the beach

Actions:

- **Planning is already underway** [includes driveway to Fat Fish, drainage, and parking along Beach Street] Survey completed; design for access delivered; the balance of design work scheduled for completion by March 2013.
- **Execution will begin asap after that.** The driveway will be the first priority, with availability of funds determining when the remaining construction will be undertaken.
- **Signage will be placed at the eastern gateway**
- **Adjacent stakeholders advised re the above access arrangements**

3. Install bicycle racks at RBR

Grant money is available to purchase racks, which brings this item up the list.

Actions:

- **Decide on the type/brand of rack and possible locations for the racks**
- **Council has agreed to install the racks and cover costs**

4. Plan for funding of toilets adjacent to skate park in Hall Reserve

The need is urgent and there are health issues involved, but execution will require a combination of sources of funding including Grant funds

Actions:

- **BHPA and the Hall Committee to put in writing to Council that modern stand-alone toilets are the preference**
- **An allocation for half the money required will be included in the draft 2013/14 rolling works programme which will require Council endorsement.**
- **BHPA will apply for the Grant money required to cover the other half [approximately \$35k]**

5. Replacement plantings of native trees and shrubs

Remedial plantings and works on identified foreshore areas [erosion and weeds] are the highest priority, together with replacement of aging native trees

Actions:

- **Prioritise the order in which this will be tackled**
- **Coordinating this and engaging other parties eg LandCare will be done by Council staff**

6. Plan for reduced pressure on RBR

It should be low cost to explore options, and start the conversations - and the sooner the better.

Actions:

- **Council will take the lead role here** – particularly in relation to better spreading events over more locations and times
- **Greater use of Bartlett's Reserve needs to be considered**

7. Provide improved signage re dogs at RBR

This was identified as a priority previously given the current confusing situation and includes consideration of another doggy bag location plus routine replacement of bags.

Actions:

- **Council to action this**

8. Parking adjacent to the top shop in the Hall Reserve

Means of reducing the wear and tear on grassed areas need to be explored.

Actions:

- **BHPA to action this**

9. Discuss cliff-top coastal walk with BH Holiday park developers

This appears to require Grant monies to progress. Clarification is required.

Actions:

- **Council and BHPA to follow up in their submissions regarding the proposed plans for the Holiday Park – done.**

10. Bartlett's Reserve facilities and parking

Development here could relieve pressure on RBR - this overlaps with 6 above and with 13a and 13b below.

Actions:

- **Council to action the higher priority elements for BR – eg relocation of parking area is considered to be lower priority than upgrading toilets and providing other facilities [listed under 13 below]. Funding for necessary works to be included within forward rolling works program.**

11. Spooney's Beach access and parking

Seen as being a lower level of urgency

Actions:

- **No immediate action**

12. Further develop coastal walk/cycleway linkages

Seen as being a lower level of urgency

Actions:

- **No immediate action**

13. Other items listed in the Plan

Seen as being a lower level of urgency, except where they impinge on items above.

Actions:

- **Those identified under items above**
- **BHPA to coordinate identification of what additional interpretive signage if any is required**

a. Furniture infrastructure and interpretation signage :

- i. **Seating**
- ii. **Picnic tables**
- iii. **Parking bollards – links to 2 and 10 above**
- iv. **Rubbish bins**
- v. **Bike racks [partly covered in 3 above]**
- vi. **Signage [partly covered in 7 above]**

Insufficient i, ii and iii are considered to limit utilisation of all reserves

b. Replacement of existing toilets as they reach their use-by-dates

Seen as being a lower level of urgency at RBR.

Additional comment

- **Council's community involvement model** [eg as being negotiated with the North Shore PA for maintenance of Reserves]

This is still being developed – so it is too early for us to think about until all the wrinkles are ironed out. BUT the possibility of community involvement with some of the elements of the Reserves action plan eg plantings, should be considered to develop greater ownership.