



Animal Advisory Committee



Minutes

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- Present: Councillors:** The Mayor, Susan Wynne (ex-officio)
Mary-Lou Jarvis (Chair)
Nick Maxwell (until 5.33pm)
Matthew Robertson
- Animal Professionals:** Michael Linton
- Residents:** Paul Mitchell
Rebekah Lam
Brigitte Regener
- Staff:** Colin De Costa (Coordinator Regulatory Services)
Elizabeth Irwin (Secretary)
Sophie Katrakis-Mol (Ranger – Animal Control)
Tim Tuxford (Manager Compliance)
- Others:** Nil
- Meeting opened:** 5.00pm held using teleconferencing technology

Opening**Acknowledgement of Country****Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Lea Dazley and Adam Courtenay.

Staff apologies: Paul Saffery, Suzy Rich & Paul Fraser.

1. Welcome from Chair

Nil

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Item No: 2.1

Subject: **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANIMAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER
2020**

Recommendation:

THAT the Minutes of the Animal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 30 September 2020 be confirmed.

3. Business arising from previous Minutes

Item No: 3

Subject: **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
(UPDATE ON VAUCLUSE BEACH, RESPONSIBLE DOG
OWNERSHIP MATERIAL, LEASHING STATUS OF AREA
NEAR PILOT STATION BEACH AND FEEDBACK FROM
COMMUNICATIONS OF POTENTIAL DOG INCIDENT
REPORT)**

Recommendation:

THAT the business arising from the previous minutes be received and noted, as follows:

- 3.1 Update on Vaucluse Beach Paddock – Sydney Living Museum (SLM)
SLM will do a mock-up sign with controls & acknowledging them as owners.
- 3.2 Responsible dog ownership material
Suggested changes to be referred to Communications Department for consideration.
Brochure to include “*penalties will apply*” in lieu of “*penalties may apply*”.
- 3.3 Leasing status of area near Pilot Station Beach
Deferred to next meeting when Nicola Grieve is in attendance.
- 3.4 Feedback from Communications of potential dog incident report

Cr Jarvis will speak to her co-councillors and liaise with the Communications Department within the Councillors. Woollahra need to send positive messages regarding dog ownership.

4. New Business

Item No: 4.1

Subject: ROSE BAY BEACH INVOLING AN ATTACK

Recommendation:

THAT the discussion be received and noted as follows:

- the dog attack incident on Rose Bay Beach reported to Council
 - Police Investigating and staff unable to comment.
 - deferred to next meeting.
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Item No: 4.2

Subject: ROSE BAY BEACH WATER QUALITY

Recommendation:

- A. THAT the information be received and noted, specifically suggestions to prevent pollution as a consequence of dog owners not picking up after dogs:
- Not enough dog poo bags
 - Larger fines
 - Advertise on social media
 - Consider what other councils are doing.
 - Signage around drains to explain what it does to our water.
- B. THAT staff prepare a list together of ideas for discussion as an agenda item at next meeting.
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Item No: 4.3

Subject: DOG REGISTRATION UPDATE

Recommendation:

THAT the information be received and noted that the NSW Pet Registry is up and running and all registrations are up to date. Statistics on number of animals registered during the COVID-19 period to be presented to the next meeting.

5. General Business

Nil.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 5.00pm Wednesday 31 March 2021.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5.52pm.