
**MM23/13 RESTORATION OF BEACH ACCESS FOR NON
MOTORIZED CRAFT AT KISSING POINT PARK - The
Mayor, Councillor Roy Maggio**

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In 1987, following extensive negotiations between the NSW Dept of Roads, City of Ryde and Maritime Services, the original Concord and Ryde Sailing Club at Uhrs Point Rhodes was demolished to make way for the current Rhodes to Ryde road bridge.

A new sailing club was constructed on piers over the river and beyond the line of mangroves at its current location, bounded by Waterview Street and Yaralla Road, immediately adjacent to Bennelong Park Putney.

At the time of the relocation, Council granted approval for club members to:

- Access public parkland for rigging of small sailing craft and
- Gain access to/from the Parramatta River via a 21 metre wide soft sandy section of public beach front.

These arrangements were satisfactory until the introduction of the public Rivercat service between the City and Parramatta in 1992.

Over time, since the introduction of the Rivercat service and due to increased frequency of the service, the short, sharp wake from passing Rivercats has progressively eroded the former 21 metre wide safe beach access to approximately 2 metres width. In its place is an expanding rock shelf. This is highly dangerous for unwary members of the boating public who can slip on the often unseen rock shelf resulting in injuries to themselves and their craft.

The wake from the Rivercats has also undercut nearby shallow rooted mangroves which are now collapsing and dying in large numbers.

Council has been making efforts to beautify this area of the riverfront including the installation of a cycle/bike path, the fish sculptures at Yarralla Road and new signage. The poor condition of the beach front is in stark contrast with the work Council has carried out in this area.

An action plan is need for this area and I believe a meeting of key stakeholders should be arranged as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council facilitate an on site meeting among key stake holders to decide the next steps for development of an action plan to contain foreshore erosion and to restore

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and preserve the natural soft water (beach front) access to the upper reaches of Sydney Harbour from Bennelong Park.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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