



MINUTES

Claremont Museum Advisory Committee Tuesday, 6 September 2022

Date: Tuesday, 6 September 2022

Time: 5.00pm

**Location: Town of Claremont
Claremont Council Chambers
308 Stirling Highway, Claremont**

**Liz Ledger
Chief Executive Officer**

DISCLAIMER

Persons present at this meeting are cautioned against taking any action as a result of any Committee recommendations until such time as those recommendations have been considered by Council and the minutes of that Council meeting confirmed.

Unconfirmed

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**MINUTES OF TOWN OF CLAREMONT
CLAREMONT MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE TOWN OF CLAREMONT, CLAREMONT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 308 STIRLING
HIGHWAY, CLAREMONT
ON TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 5.00PM**

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairperson welcomed the meeting attendees and declared the meeting open at 5:03pm.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Cr Jill Goetze
Ms Ricki Hewitt
Ms Karen Kaard
Ms Karen Wood
Mr Greg Simpson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Fiona Crossan (Museum Curator)
Abbie Lawrence (Manager Tourism and Events)
0 members of the Public, 0 members of the Press

APOLOGIES:

Cr Annette Suann
Ms Carolyn Winterbottom

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION 006/22

**Moved: Ms Karen Kaard
Seconded: Ms Ricki Hewitt**

That the Minutes of the Claremont Museum Advisory Committee held on 7 June 2022 be confirmed.

For: Cr Jill Goetze, Ms Ricki Hewitt, Ms Karen Kaard, Ms Karen Wood, Mr Greg Simpson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 5/0

5 PRESENTATION

Nil

Unconfirmed

6 REPORTS OF THE CEO

6.1 CLAREMONT MUSEUM OPERATIONS REPORT FROM JUNE TO AUGUST 2022

File Number: GOV/00050-003, D-22-22935

Author: Fiona Crossan, Museum Curator

Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Media Article

PURPOSE

To advise the Committee of the Claremont Museum's activities for the period of June to August 2022.

BACKGROUND

An updated report is provided to the Committee for each quarter of the year, which includes data on the Education Program, Collection management, events and visitation statistics for the quarter.

In summary, it is pleasing to report that in this June to August quarter, the attendance numbers for July and August are slightly higher than the last recorded figures (2016) as outlined below.

Attendance Figures

	2016	2022
July	254	280
August	178	214

DISCUSSION

1. Events and Activities

From June to August the Museum implemented a number of programmed events and activities in line with the core business of the Museum. Please refer to Table 1. Below.

Table 1. Events and Activities

Date	Topic	Detail	Attendance
History in a Coffee Cup			
2 June	From Pillar to Post	Cancelled. Plan to reschedule this talk for another HIACC later in the year.	NA
7 July	That was My Home	Dr Denise Cook discussed her PHD research on the Noongar camps in Swanbourne and Shenton Park and Lynette Coomer shared her personal memories of the camps. This was a NAIDOC week event.	65
4 August	Talking Telegraphs	Richard Rennie told the story of how former Claremont Councillor George Stevens was the first person to establish wireless communication with Rottnest Island from the mainland.	33
Noongar Language Class			
4 August	Noongar Language Class	Sharon Gregory, a Whadhuk Noongar woman and Noongar Language Teacher, gave beginner lessons to children and adults. This was a highly successful event	37

		with participants eager for more lessons in the future.	
Lost Skills Program			
19 June	Lost Skills - Make a Flag	Children 5 to 12 years created flags by whittling wood and using and natural dyes	4
17 July	Lost Skills – Bush Tucker	Marissa Verma of Bindi Bindi Dreaming introduced participants to the world of bush tucker while museum staff baked scones in a wood fired oven.	10
21 August	Lost Skills – Make a Tent	Children 5-12 learnt to explore basic tents that the early pioneers once used and have a go at making their own strong structures.	17
Repair Lab			
17 July	Repair Lab	Free Repair Lab for community members to come and get items fixed	NA

2. Education Program

The education program has recommenced, with Monday and Tuesday mornings reserved for this program.

Bookings with only a few days left that are not booked. So far, groups from Iona Presentation, Dalkeith Primary, Swanbourne Primary, Moerlina School, St Hilda's Anglican School and Rehoboth Cristian College have all attended.

A Year 2 class from Swanbourne Primary came to the museum on Tuesday, August 2nd to take part in a special ceremony marking Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Mayor Jock Barker spoke with the children on the importance of this milestone event and then everyone went outside to help plant three trees for the occasion. Cr Suann and Cr Telford also attended.

On Thursday, September 8th at 9:30am, the Museum will launch its first guided tour based on the *Claremont Meanders* walking trails. Three volunteers have signed up to lead the four tours that will be held on designated days throughout the year and possibly by request for group bookings. For five dollars, participants will have a tour that ranges from one to two hours and includes a rewarding cup of coffee at a local café to finish the morning. Bookings can be made through Trybooking.

3. Collection Management

Over two full days, the Museum's collection was moved into 282 Stirling Highway. This location allows staff to access artefacts quickly (no travel time) and has reduced expenditure for the lease.

Officers are continuing to work on two major projects.

- 1) The first project is scanning early donor receipt forms that were done on old carbon copy receipt pads. These forms are fading quickly and the information is in danger of being lost.
- 2) The second project is the indexing of the Museum's oral history collection making them far more usable for research purposes.

4. Research Requests

The Town received 24 research requests for the quarter – which took approximately 7.5 hours.

June Mrs Herbert
 Lake Claremont images
 9 Langsford Street
 10 Goldsworthy

Aboriginal groups near Victoria Avenue
 10 Walter Street - Photographs from Street History book
 31 Freshwater Parade
 1 Otway
 17 Hammond Road
 14 Chester Road
 Bush Tucker plants

July Ernest Kennedy - Woodyard and Market
 Alexander Doepel
 Noongar Camps
 Claremont Poster
 Constable Ward

August *Te Hainga* 11 Devon Road
Akarana 35 Victoria Avenue
 The Porter Family
 The Bishop Family
 Annie Hill @ *Treylon*
 Councillor Stevens
 Claremont in 1900
 Queen Elizabeth in Claremont
 Killkerran

PAST RESOLUTIONS

Claremont Museum Advisory Committee 004/22, 7 June 2022

That the Claremont Museum's Operation Report from March to May 2022 be received by the Museum Advisory Committee.

FINANCIAL AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS

The Education Program relies heavily on volunteers to help manage the number of children and the different activities. At this stage, the volunteer numbers are not reflective of the hours required to run 2 days per week. Further recruitment of volunteers is required, and this will be a focus for staff in the next quarter.

Regarding income some of the programs have a minimal charge associated to partially cover facilitator / workshop fees are included as follows:

Lost Skills workshops	\$25 per head (held on a Sunday)
Education Program	\$12 per student (held Mondays and Tuesdays)

Please note that History in a Coffee Cup talks are free events.

All expenditure is within the budgeted allocation.

POLICY AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1995

COMMUNICATION / CONSULTATION

Marketing

All events and activities for the quarter were:

- Listed on the Town's website on the 'What's on' page
- Promoted via the Museum Musings e-newsletter.
- Lost skills were promoted via socials and in the Post newspaper (Please refer to Attachment 1).
- Included in the Winter Edition of Flourish: School holidays sorted, Get up! Stand up! Show up! Celebrating NAIDOC Week, and Lost Skills workshops.

These avenues of marketing are essentially no cost however require the skills of the staff for artwork and written content.

Consultation

Museum staff had a meeting with representatives of the Claremont Group of the WA Embroidery Guild to collaborate on an upcoming project. A requirement of the Guild is for each local group to create a piece to be exhibited as part of a 2024 exhibition. The Claremont Group has decided to create a piece that somehow encapsulates some of Claremont's rich history. The piece will then be gifted to the Museum for its 50th birthday in 2025. It will replace one that was gifted to the Town in 2001 and was destroyed in the 2010 fire.

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

People

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- We live in an accessible and safe community that welcomes diversity, enjoys being active and has a strong sense of belonging.
- Facilitate opportunities for social participation, health, learning and inclusion through programmed activities and events.
- Develop and implement a strategy that supports services for seniors and youths.
- Recognise and celebrate the Town's history and culture through arts and events.

URGENCY

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority decision of Committee (*More than half the Committee Members present are required to vote in favour*).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION 007/22

Moved: Ms Karen Kaard

Seconded: Ms Karen Wood

That the Claremont Museum's Operations Report from June to August 2022 be received by the Claremont Museum Advisory Committee.

For: Cr Jill Goetze, Ms Ricki Hewitt, Ms Karen Kaard, Ms Karen Wood, Mr Greg Simpson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 5/0

Unconfirmed



Claremont mayor Jock Barker says Julianne Wade's new mural at the Claremont Museum is fabulous. Photo: Paul McGovern

Tales from the recent dreamtimes

Julianne Wade's mural across the renovated Claremont Museum has sparked dozens of stories about the area, and it isn't finished yet.

"People park up, see the fish and then tell you their stories," Whadjuk artist Julianne said.

"I think fishing and water, and the flow of the water, resonates with a lot of people."

Julianne drew inspiration from stories told by local Aboriginal man Koori Bodney.

"He was talking about the fish and the prawns and the old campgrounds and using the fish nets," she said.

"I've taken that and referenced the river with bream and prawns, and on the other side I've referenced the land, painting the bain or 'pig-face' and their flowers.

"I will have men holding a spear between the flowers so it's like looking

between the river and the shoreline."

When the work is finished, fish nets will be fashioned in metal and welded to the wall to create a 3D element.

The Claremont Museum website says Koori Bodney was born in 1932 in bush off Alfred Road, land that is now occupied by Swanbourne Primary School.

"It's been a camping ground for Aboriginal people for thousands of years, you know," the website says, writing from Koori's perspective.

"Down by the river here was one of our main camps for fishing and crabbing.

"Our people were fish eaters – mullet, cobbler, bream, crabs and prawns.

"It was beautiful here in the summertime.

"We'd sleep in the long grass, didn't worry about blankets.

"We got water in an old kerosene

bucket from a tap at the back of the police station."

Julianne said she noticed while working at the river what a beautiful place it would be to camp.

"This would be a perfect area for camping because it's hot during the morning and in the afternoon it's quite cool and the wind seems quite still here," she said.

"The birds have been amazing to watch, too – the crows have been trying to invade the magpies' areas and a couple of kookaburras have been chased by magpies."

Claremont mayor Jock Barker said he thought the mural was "fabulous".

"It pays respect to the fact that the Aboriginal community lived around here and does it in such a way that it's instantly understandable by people who might not know a lot about Aboriginal culture," he said.

7 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

8 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY THE PRESIDING PERSON OR BY DECISION OF MEETING

Nil

9 FUTURE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE

Claremont Museum Advisory Committee Meeting, Tuesday 22 November 2022 at 5.00pm.

10 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the presiding member declared the meeting closed at 5:43pm.

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CHAIRPERSON

Unconfirmed