



MINUTES

Foreshore Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 24 August 2022

Date: Wednesday, 24 August 2022

Time: 4.00pm

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

**Liz Ledger
Chief Executive Officer**

DISCLAIMER

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**MINUTES OF TOWN OF CLAREMONT
FORESHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF CLAREMONT, CLAREMONT COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
308 STIRLING HIGHWAY, CLAREMONT
ON WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST 2022 AT 4.00PM**

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

THE CHAIRPERSON WELCOMED THE MEETING ATTENDEES AND DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 4.00PM.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Cr Peter Telford

Cr Annette Suann

Claire Brittain Community Representative

Bill MacLeod Community Representative

IN ATTENDANCE:

Marty Symmons Director Infrastructure

Cloe Dolan Supervisor Parks and Environment

Amelia Jones Administration Officer Infrastructure

APOLOGIES:

Ainslie de Vos Community Representative

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION 005/22

Moved: Ms Claire Brittain

Seconded: Mr Bill MacLeod

That the minutes of the Foreshore Advisory Committee Meeting held on 25 May 2022 be confirmed.

For: Cr Peter Telford, Cr Annette Suann, Ms Claire Brittain, Mr Bill MacLeod

Against: Nil

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5 PRESENTATION

Nil

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6 REPORTS OF THE CEO

6.1 UPDATES AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

File Number: GOV/00049-02, D-22-22539
Author: Cloe Dolan, Supervisor Parks and Environment
Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

To provide updates to advisory committee members on items and matters that relate to the Claremont Foreshore.

BACKGROUND

Updates are provided for the following items:

1. Bethesda Hospital and Claremont Yacht Club works
2. Sand Management Plan Status
3. Jetty Infrastructure
4. Signage
5. Rubbish along Foreshore
6. Community Safety Patrols
7. Cat Management
8. Promotion of the Foreshore
9. Foreshore Vehicle Access

DISCUSSION

1. Bethesda Hospital and Claremont Yacht Club drainage and car park requirements

Fuel tank replacement project works have been completed. Tree planting is still outstanding. The Town has discussed this with the club and understand that the tree planting will be undertaken when the water levels in the area drop.

2. Sand Management Plan Status

Regulation 10 Approval was awarded to the Town of Claremont (TOC) by Department of Planning Lands and Heritage (DPLH) to complete these works in 2022. Works were completed in March 2022, including the planting of 1500 tube stock of 4 different local native species and sand relocation from CYC to east of Chester Road. Field officers inspect the plantings regularly and reinstate the bunting to prevent trampling, especially near Jetty Road as required.

The next set of sand management works have been included in the 2022/23 financial year budget. Further planting of gaps along the foreshore and sand relocation from the CYC is planned to commence in February/March 2023. The Town will be applying for Regulation 10 Approval this year to proceed as was done this year. Applications from next year will be subject to the new ACH Regulations.

3. Jetty Infrastructure

Minor graffiti damage was reported on the bench seat at the end of the jetty and booked in with Town's graffiti removal contractor.

4. Signage

As part of the sand management and revegetation of the foreshore, educational signs advising of the nature of the locality, the wildlife, and the reason for sand management works being required, are to be installed. Information will also be added to explain why it is important to keep dogs on leads in restricted areas. A QR code will be included to scan for further information. Two signs will be installed initially, located at entrances to the foreshore such as the Jetty Rd entrance or east of the Claremont Yacht Club. The Town's Communications team have sent these to a supplier for manufacture. Once the new Regulation 10 approval from DPLH has been granted the signs will be installed.

The DBCA, DPIRD and DOH requested the Town remove the Harmful *Alexandrium* Algae Caution Signs from Chester Road, Jetty Road and The CYC in June as this does not apply during Winter weather conditions.

5. Rubbish along the foreshore

Contractors and Town Staff continue to conduct regular foreshore inspections to clean up rubbish from the foreshore.

In relation to the wash up of seaweed along the foreshore, this is a naturally occurring event and advice from DBCA is that it is to be left in place and not removed. Seaweed provides habitat, food sources and stabilisation of beach sand.

6. Community Safety patrols

The Community Safety team undertake daily inspections of the foreshore reserve. This is to ensure proper dog behaviour, compliance with parking regulations, and to discourage antisocial behaviour. Throughout the year during periods of high activity, inspections can occur several times a day. The infringement penalty for dogs off lead is \$200 dollars or \$400 dollars for a dangerous dog.

Recent patrols resulted in the below infringements and cautions being provided to dog owners throughout the last quarter (between April and June the Community Safety team were short-staffed due to COVID 19):

148 Patrols

10 Cautions,

4 infringements for people that have been cautioned previously.

7. Cat management

The Town is undertaking a review of the Dogs Local Law 2012. As part of this process, consideration is being given to broadening it to include cats and their management within the Town. The Town will be advertising its intention to review and amend the Dogs Local Law in the next few weeks. At that point, members of the public are entitled to provide submissions about changes they would like to see to the Dogs Local Law. The Administration will then prepare a report to Council attaching the proposed new Dogs Local Law (and Cats).

Once it has been presented to Council, subject to their support the local law then goes through a process of advertising and seeking the necessary approvals from the Joint Standing Committee on delegated legislation.

8. Promotion of the Foreshore.

Town staff continue to capture images of the foreshore for social media. Social media posts will highlight the natural area and explain why people need to pick up rubbish and responsibly manage their pets.

Several project proposals that focus on enhancing and activating the foreshore have been discussed previously. These include:

- Installing pelican platforms near the jetty
- Further planting of the beach area currently without vegetation
- Replanting areas which have been washed out
- Formalising dinghy storage
- Installation of a small pontoon in the water near Mrs Herbert's Park
- Extra seating and signage
- Provision of Universal Access via Mrs Herbert's Park

The Town has met with Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) to discuss the process for applications for approvals for the various infrastructure to be installed. This is proving very complex due to the recent adoption of the *Aboriginal Heritage Cultural Act 2021*. The associated Regulations for the new Act are still being drafted and therefore we are operating in period of transition.

We have also requested the DBCA provide preferred supplier details for the installation of Pelican Platforms to enable us to provide the technical specifications to the DPLH, as well as gaining preliminary support for the installation from the Department of Transport.

The Town has applied for Riverbank Grants Funding for the 2022/23 financial year to fund a Master Plan for the foreshore inclusive of a Heritage Management Plan, and to commence consultation with the traditional owners to facilitate future provision of the necessary approvals from the DPLH. Successful grant applicants will be notified in late August 2022.

9. Foreshore Vehicle Access.

56 Victoria Avenue has been granted paid access as per Council policy until December for a sizable renovation. Access will be monitored by Town staff.

The foreshore turf will be top-dressed and relevelled as required if any damage is caused. Tyre rut damage can be more severe over the Winter months due to the extra moisture in the soil.

PAST RESOLUTIONS

Foreshore Advisory Committee Meeting 25 May 2022, Committee Recommendation

1. *Notes the progress of the various program activities relating to the foreshore.*
2. *Endorses the Sand Management Plan to be presented to Council.*

CARRIED 5/0

FINANCIAL AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS

Resource requirements are in accordance with existing budgetary allocation.

POLICY AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Water and Rivers Commission Act 1995

Local Government Act 1995

And the other relevant document is WESROC Foreshore Management Plan

COMMUNICATION / CONSULTATION

As per project requirements

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN**Environmental Sustainability**

We are a leader in responsibly managing the built and natural environment for the enjoyment of the community and continue to demonstrate diligent environmental practices.

- Take a leadership in the community in environmental sustainability.
- Aim for best practice in water usage and waste minimalization in line with community expectations.
- Protect and conserve the natural flora and fauna of Lake Claremont and the Foreshore.

URGENCY

Progress update requiring no action.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION 006/22

Moved: Mr Bill MacLeod
Seconded: Ms Claire Brittain

That the Committee notes the progress of the various program activities relating to the foreshore.

For: Cr Peter Telford, Cr Annette Suann, Ms Claire Brittain, Mr Bill MacLeod
Against: Nil

CARRIED 4/0

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

Foreshore Advisory Committee Meeting, Wednesday 23 November 2022 at 4.00pm.

10 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the presiding member declared the meeting closed at 4.56pm.

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CHAIRPERSON

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