



# **MINUTES**

## **Foreshore Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 15 July 2020**

**Date: Wednesday, 15 July 2020**

**Time: 04:00pm**

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

**Liz Ledger  
Chief Executive Officer**

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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, 15 JULY 2020 AT 04:00PM**

**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

In the absence of a Chair, being the first meeting after the Local Government elections in 2019, Nicholas King welcomed all in attendance and declared the meeting open at 3:58PM.

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**

**PRESENT:**

Cr Peter Telford, Chairperson

Cr Annette Suann

Ms Claire Brittain

Mr Bill Macleod

Ms Ainslie De Vos

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Nicholas King                      Manager of Engineering & Parks

Jared Bray                              Coordinator Parks & Environment

**APOLOGIES:**

Nil

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Nil

**3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Nil

*Agenda Item No.6 "Presentation" was brought forward to be presented to the Committee following Item No.3.*

**4 ELECTION OF PRESIDING MEMBER**

Nicholas King called for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Cr Suann nominated Cr Telford.

There being no further nominations, Nicholas King declared Cr Telford duly elected as Chairperson of the Foreshore Advisory Committee for the period expiring at the next ordinary Local Government Election in 2021.

Cr Telford took the Chair.

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 001/20**

**Moved: Claire Brittain**

**Seconded: Bill MacLeod**

**That the minutes of the Foreshore Advisory Committee Meeting held on 27 February 2019 be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**6 PRESENTATION**

Nicholas King presented the Code of Conduct and Terms of reference for the Foreshore Advisory Committee.

## 7 REPORTS OF THE CEO

### 7.1 UPDATES AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

**File Number:** PRK/00137, D-20-24549

**Author:** Nick King, Manager Engineering and Parks

**Authoriser:** Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

**Attachments:** Nil

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#### PURPOSE

To provide updates to the Committee on the pertinent items and matters that have been raised for discussion by committee members during the prior period.

#### BACKGROUND

Updates or information have been requested in respect to the following items by members of the Committee during the prior period:

1. Recreational fishers impacting on local birds, jetty and water safety, rubbish and cigarette refuge. What restrictions are warranted/ enforceable?
2. Dogs off-lead in the prohibited area impacting on the breeding seasons.  
Can clearer signage be put in place explaining why restraint of dogs is necessary on this section? What enforcement activity has taken place during critical periods? What are the critical breeding timeframes?
3. Christchurch/MLC boatshed environmental clean-up. What is the extent of the issue and what required actions need to be taken?
4. Rubbish lodging in water around yacht club.
5. Sand drift/erosion along the foreshore.
6. TOC information signage upgrade (some signs currently in disrepair/faded). Jetty seat and rubbish bin vandalised.
7. Grants availability.
8. Celebrate our foreshore event.
9. Update on progress on redefinition of the boundaries of the foreshore reserve.  
The foreshore reserve is defined as a 20 metre wide strip around Freshwater Bay. In parts the foreshore reserve encroaches into the river (that is, it includes areas which are under water at high tide) so there has been an intention to determine a new boundary between the river and the reserve. This is particularly relevant to the yacht club as they have for many years been seeking a lease to formalise their use of part of the foreshore reserve for members' carpark.
10. Plans by the Town of Claremont for management of water craft stored on the foreshore reserve. In the recent past ToC has worked with Claremont Yacht Club to remove apparently abandoned dinghies on the foreshore to the west of the yacht club, but progress on this appears to have stalled. Also, recently, DBCA placed notices on small craft on the foreshore to the east of

Claremont jetty, requiring owners to remove them, no notices were placed on the craft to the west of the yacht club although both groups of boats are on the foreshore reserve.

## **DISCUSSION**

### Recreational fishers impacting on local birds, jetty and water safety, rubbish and cigarette refuge.

Rangers are able (through delegated powers) to enforce rubbish & litter offences and on advice from the Manager of Community Safety, will endeavour to do more frequent inspections to improve this situation.

In respect to the behaviour of recreational fishers, Council officers will need to contact the Department of Fisheries if issues are occurring in relation to these users and water safety.

In respect to rubbish issues – please see below on item related to Rubbish Lodging in Water.

### Dogs off-lead in the prohibited area impacting on the breeding seasons.

Dog signs similar to those at Lake Claremont are proposed to be installed at the foreshore in the coming months. This will mean a more consistent signage plan throughout the Town. Most of the issues in respect to dogs are occurring after hours where the Town's Rangers do not undertake patrols.

The Town's Rangers already regularly patrol the area, however critical periods are noted as after-hours where patrols are not occurring.

Critical breeding timeframes are to be confirmed by Birdlife Australia.

### Christchurch/MLC boatshed environmental clean-up.

In December 2018 a letter was sent to both Methodist Ladies College (MLC) and Christchurch Grammar School (CCGS) seeking an expressions of interest in them registering for Clean-up Australia Day and ongoing foreshore clean-up of litter and plastics.

The Town has not been in contact with Christchurch and MLC recently in respect to this matter, however will endeavour to make contact within the next few weeks to determine whether this was approved and/or supported and if it has been occurring.

### Rubbish lodging in water around yacht club.

Rubbish lodging in the boat pens around the yacht club whilst technically the responsibility of the DBCA, should also be subject to assistance from boat pen lessees and the yacht club.

Movement of water arising from downstream obstructions possibly makes this situation worse with the flow of water disturbed.

Discussion with the yacht club and DBCA in respect to appropriate signage to encourage both litter control and collection might be worth considering.

### Sand drift/erosion along the foreshore.

The Town has only recently approved a contractor to undertake a report to determine the extent of the sand drift/erosion along the foreshore. This report is part funded by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, and will have action items including how to best deal with the sand drift/erosion.

The report is planned to be completed by October 2020, with a copy of the report presented to the next Foreshore Advisory Committee meeting.

TOC information signage upgrade (some signs currently in disrepair/faded). Jetty seat and rubbish bin vandalised.

A signage audit is currently being undertaken by Rangers. A rubbish bin is to be placed in a solid container as per those in use in parks or CBD, with the Town's Engineering Department liaising with Health Department to coordinate their regular collection.

Grants availability.

Grants are available from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions annually, where the Town's officers are in regular discussion with the department on what grants become available.

Celebrate our foreshore event.

Like Celebrate Lake Claremont, this event would need to be a budgeted item approved by the Council.

Update on progress on redefinition of the boundaries of the foreshore reserve.

The linear reserve that includes both the foreshore up to and beyond high water mark is under the control of the DBCA, unless subject to a third party lease agreement between the DBCA and a lessee (such as the yacht club).

The recent placing of notices on dinghies at the foreshore is as result of the DBCA's decision to manage this issue, which is both in their responsibility and within land under their jurisdiction.

The Town has no authority in this space currently, unless it enters into an arrangement with the DBCA for this purpose.

Plans by the Town of Claremont for management of water craft stored on the foreshore reserve.

A policy was previously presented to Council in 2015 following the publication of the Foreshore Management Plan by the then Swan River Trust, this however was not supported by Council.

The policy included a nominated area to store dinghy or vessels on the foreshore, with the Council to enforce management and permits.

## **PAST RESOLUTIONS**

Not applicable

## **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**

Letters to relevant stakeholders as required.

## **STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN**

### **Liveability**

*We are an accessible community with well-maintained and managed assets. Our heritage is preserved for the enjoyment of the community.*

- Provide clean, usable, attractive and accessible streetscapes and public spaces.

**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.
- 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 Council required.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 002/20**

**Moved: Bill MacLeod**

**Seconded: Cr Peter Telford**

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

**CARRIED**

**8 OTHER BUSINESS**

Matters as discussed and outcomes arising have been added to the Foreshore Advisory Committee action items list.

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

NIL

**10 FUTURE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE**

Foreshore Advisory Committee Meeting, Wednesday, 14 October 2020 at 4.00PM (to be confirmed)

**11 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 5.31PM.

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**CHAIRPERSON**