



# **MINUTES**

## **Freshwater Bay Museum Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 18 December 2019**

**Date: Wednesday, 18 December 2019**

**Time: 05:00pm**

**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.

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**MINUTES OF TOWN OF CLAREMONT  
FRESHWATER BAY MUSEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE TOWN OF CLAREMONT, CLAREMONT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 308 STIRLING  
HIGHWAY, CLAREMONT  
ON WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2019 AT 05:00PM**

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

In the absence of a Chairperson, Andrew Smith, Director of Infrastructure welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 5.02pm.

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**

**PRESENT:**

Cr Jill Goetze

Cr Annette Suann

Deborah Bray (Community Representative)

Ricki Hewitt (Community Representative)

Rosemary Hunter (Community Representative) from 5.06pm

Karen Kaard (Community Representative)

Karen Wood (Community Representative)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Andrew Smith (Director Infrastructure and Assets)

Lisa Williams (Manager Museum and Heritage Services)

**APOLOGIES:**

Nil

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Nil

**3 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

The Director of Infrastructure and Assets called for nominations for the position of Chairperson. Cr Suann nominated Cr Goetze, this nomination was seconded by Karen Wood.

There being no further nominations, the Director of Infrastructure and Assets declared Cr Goetze duly elected as Chairperson of the Museum Advisory Committee for the period expiring at the next ordinary Local Government Election in 2021.

Cr Goetze took the Chair.

**4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Nil

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** Ricki Hewitt

**Seconded:** Karen Kaard

**That the minutes of the Freshwater Bay Museum Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 September 2019 be confirmed.**

**CARRIED NO DISSENT [013/19]**

**6 PRESENTATION**

Nil

## 7 REPORTS OF THE CEO

### 7.1 MUSEUM OPERATIONS REPORT SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2019

**File Number:** GOV/00050, D-19-42847

**Author:** Lisa Williams, Manager Museum and Heritage Services

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

**Attachments:** 1. Donations Register

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#### PURPOSE

To advise the Committee of the Freshwater Bay Museum's activities from September to November, 2019.

#### BACKGROUND

An updated report is provided to the Committee for each quarter.

#### DISCUSSION

##### Museums Programs and Projects Report

- **HIACC – Fabulous Lives:** the September *History in a Coffee Cup* saw author Bindy Pritchard, former student of Claremont author Elizabeth Jolley, and literary reviewer Virginia Seymour who has over 40,000 followers, discuss their literary influences. The change in format from lecture to an interview styled conversation, led to a more informal, detailed discussion.

Museum staff shared information and objects related to local Claremont authors, including May Gibbs, Elizabeth Jolley and Fay Zwicky. The speakers were very well received and audience numbers were at available capacity (70).

- **HIACC – History of Christmas Fashion:** the November *History in a Coffee Cup* was presented by Lydia Edwards, historian, lecturer and author, to an audience of 50. This was Lydia's second presentation with the HIACC group, and again the audience was thoroughly engaged.

Staff discussed information relating to the Museum's Collections and local history records, including WW1 embroidered silk postcards and the Council Christmas tree.

- **Seniors Week:** the Museum offered a free heritage walk along the Freshwater Bay foreshore concluding at the Claremont Yacht Club, with morning tea. The tour included reflections on the much loved Claremont Baths, the Boat Shed, the Mansions and the Claremont Jetty.

Despite a temperature of 39 degrees, 60 history enthusiasts attended the walk event. Very positive feedback was received about the volunteers Ethel Lucas, Susan Pestana and Chris Mews informative talks and memories.

- **School Incursions:** Museum education staff visited 48 students at Mosman Park Primary School since the last report, conducting old-style school lessons and washing and scrubbing activities with a group of very enthusiastic Year Twos.

- **Whadjuk Program:** Request for quotations were distributed for the production of a short local Noongar history film for use as an introduction to Whadjuk education programs and for general public viewing.
- **Education Collection:** Ongoing review of education collection items in line with new program development has continued.
- **Future Program Planning:** In conjunction with the Museum Manager, a draft program for events and activities for the museum reopening is being developed. These include traditional skills such as woodwork and sewing, Noongar history, craft events and history talks.
- **Future Display/Interpretation Planning:** Museum staff have been working on the display wash house and kitchen areas of the Freshwater Bay Museum. Selection of artefacts based on educative relevance, research for interpretive panels and room layouts have all been considered.
- **Promotion:** A photograph of Pennywise man, an object from the Museum Collection, has been featured in the AMAGAWA Newsletter Advent Calendar which goes out to the state museums and the galleries sector.
- **Donations – see attachment**

An additional item from the Claremont Bowling Club, a 1920's Chocolate Wheel, has been donated and is awaiting accessioning. The item will compliment a number of existing artefacts from the Club previously donated to the Museum.
- **Conservation**

40 Maritime Signal flags have been restored by the Museum's volunteer conservator. The items were donated by former Councillor, Chris Mews, and have been repacked ready for future display and public and education programs.
- **Collection Storage Update:**

The former Education/Display shed has been assessed for suitability for storing a range of items from the Collection. Depending on the location of the new Community Building, this building may hold the bulk of items which will be used by Museum staff for displays and exhibitions.
- **Ongoing projects**

Oral History project – continuing to update existing old recordings, and recording new histories  
Database updating – continuing to update records after the major audit and deaccession project  
Whadjuk Noongar audio-visual – quotations have been sought and being assessed for selection

- **Research Requests**

	Sunflower Chinese Restaurant	FF	
	Matheson's Bottleshop	FF	
October	Thomas Oglesby King		
	Scotch College		
November	Instone Ovens		
	Blinco Family		
	PRAC photos		
	Dot Bennett		FF
	Cricket	FF	
	Dunny's	FF	
	Hazel Stubbs	FF	
	Boat Shed nomenclature		
	Cr Thomson image		

A number of internal research requests were for the Town's website *Flashback Friday*.

### **PAST RESOLUTIONS**

Freshwater Bay Museum Advisory Committee 05 September 2019, Resolution 010/19:

*That the Freshwater Bay Museum's Operations Report from June to August 2019, as presented, be received by the Committee.*

### **FINANCIAL AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS**

Resource requirements are in accordance with existing budgetary allocation.

### **POLICY AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

Local Government Act 1995.

### **COMMUNICATION / CONSULTATION**

Extent of communication limited to that as described within the content of this report.

### **STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN**

#### **People**

*We live in an accessible and safe community that welcomes diversity, enjoys being active and has a strong sense of belonging.*

- Effectively manage and enhance the Town's community facilities in response to a growing community.
- 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 Council required.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: Karen Wood**

**Seconded: Deborah Bray**

**That the Freshwater Bay Museum's Operation Report September to November 2019 be received by Committee.**

**CARRIED NO DISSENT**

**[014/19]**

Receipt Number	Date	Name of Doner/Source	Item Type	Description of Items	Significance	Action
R1919:1	14.8.19	Schwann, Maggie	Object	:1 Bodice - Black	Example of 19th century costume	Educaiton
R1920:1-11	19.8.19	Robson, Melanie	Objects Photo	:1-6 wedding clothes of Berryl Middleton :7-10 Images of Berryl and Husband	Daughter of a Claremont a Claremont Fmaily who married in 1932.	Main
R1920:1	13.8.19	Buckingham, David	Document Photo	:1 Certificate - Employee of the year :2 Museum, 1989	Objects belonged to Peggy Buckingham longtime voluunteer at the Musuem.	Main Main
R1921:1	11.9.19	Briggs, Anielka	Photo	:1 Image triplets infront of TOC Composite	Triplets are the great-great granchildren of TJ Briggs former TOC Mayor	Main
R1922:1-7	11.9.19	MacKenzie, Dorothy	Photos	Images of the Robinson Family - 11 Goldsmith Road	Claremont Family	Main
R1923:1 -18	23.10.19	Lucas, W & E	Objects	:1-14 - Books belonging to Win and Harry Lucas :15-18 Artefacts belonging to Lucas Family of Claremont	Example of young adult literature during the 1930s and 40s Claremont Family	Main Main

Receipt Number	Date	Name of Doner/Source	Item Type	Description of Items	Significance	Action
R1924:1-	23.10.19	Cavill, Valerie	Objects	:1-9 Clothing worn by the Cavill children	Claremont Family	Main
			Photos	:10-20 Images of Cavill children wearing donated clothing		Main`

## **8 OTHER BUSINESS**

The Director of Infrastructure and Assets presented an overview and update on the Freshwater Bay Museum Redevelopment Project Steering Group meetings.

Draft plans for 5 potential options for the new Community Building location were distributed and discussed as well as the most recent resolution of Council seeking to vary the boundaries of Reserve 885 and 53289 at Mrs Herbert's Park.

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

Nil

## **10 FUTURE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE**

The following meetings proposed to be held for the Freshwater Bay Museum Advisory Committee Meeting for 2020:

- Thursday, 19 March 2020, at 5.00pm
- Thursday, 18 June 2020, at 5.00pm
- Thursday, 17 September 2020, at 5.00pm
- Thursday, 17 December 2020, at 5.00pm

## **11 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6:22pm.

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**CHAIRPERSON**