



MINUTES

Lake Claremont Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 13 August 2020

Date: Thursday, 13 August 2020

Time: 8:00am

**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
LAKE CLAREMONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF CLAREMONT, CLAREMONT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 308 STIRLING
HIGHWAY, CLAREMONT
ON THURSDAY, 13 AUGUST 2020 AT 8:00AM**

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

THE CHAIR WELCOMED EVERYONE AND DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 8.03AM. THE CHAIR ALSO WELCOMED PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEMBER DAVID FREE, WHOM HE HAD INVITED TO PRESENT HIS PHOTO BOOK ABOUT BIRDS AROUND LAKE CLAREMONT.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Cr Bruce Haynes

Cr Sara Franklyn

Cr Kerry Smyth City of Nedlands Councillor – Delegate

Cr Fergus Bennett City of Nedlands Councillor – Deputy Delegate (8:06AM)

Karen Wood Community Representative (until 9:10AM)

Leeuwin Beeck Community Representative

Nick Cook Friends of Lake Claremont Delegate

VISITOR:

David Free Bird Census Taker (until 8:15)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Andrew Smith Director Infrastructure & Financial Management

Nick King Manger of Engineering & Parks

Jared Bray Coordinator Parks & Environment

Isabelle Cadman Administration Officer Infrastructure

APOLOGIES:

David Kyle Scotch College Representative

Johanna Riddell Bush Care Officer

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 012/20

Moved: Nick Cook

Seconded: Karen Wood

That the minutes of the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 May 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 REPORTS OF THE CEO





5.1 LAKE CLAREMONT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019-20 PROGRESS REPORT

File Number: GOV/00051-03, D-20-28571

Author: Jared Bray, Coordinator Parks and Environment

Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. LAKE CLAREMONT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019-20 
2. UPDATE OF INDIGENOUS EDUCATION FEASIBILITY STUDY - JULY 2020 
3. QUESTIONNAIRE - INDIGENOUS EDUCATION FEASIBILITY STUDY 
4. PROPOSED LAKE CLAREMONT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020-21 

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee (LCAC) on tasks and activities that have been completed in relation to the management of Lake Claremont and the surrounding parklands.

BACKGROUND

Activities which are identified in the Lake Claremont Operational Plan 2019-20 (Attachment 1) relating to the Lake Claremont Management Plan have been completed at the Lake Claremont precinct. These activities relate to the following:

- Turf Management
- Weed Management
- Litter Management
- Park Infrastructure
- Tree Management
- Water and Soil Management
- Fauna Management
- Flora Management

- Projects
 - Fencing
 - Update of Indigenous Education Feasibility Study – July 2020
 - Budget Summary 2020-21
 - Review of Lake Claremont Management Plan (LCMP)
 - Review of Lake Claremont Operational Plan 2020-21
 - Cat Act - Changes to Local Law
 - Cresswell Oval light upgrade

DISCUSSION

See below a short brief on each activity:

Turf Management

Mowing of the parkland area has been completed as per the mowing schedule. Broadleaf weeds have been scheduled for control in identified locations throughout the parkland.

Weed Management

The Town of Claremont (TOC) and Friends of Lake Claremont (FOLC) undertook an extensive walk around the Lake to establish hand weeding sites that FOLC will fund during the middle of August. They also addressed ongoing contractor management/ off target damage issues and weed load approaches.

Litter Management

FOLC bin – A reminder that the FOLC bin is for nonorganic rubbish.

Park Infrastructure

New natural area – fallen tree near Lakeway Street entrance – well used and loved.

Tree Management

Ficus removal X 2 located in the 2020 planting site.
Tamarix removal and replanting completed.

Water and Soil Management

SERCUL undertook water sampling – receipt of the final report has required an extension due to late rains and the COVID-19 situation. The recent resignation of the Water Monitoring Officer will further impact the timing of the final report.

Fauna Management

Quenda: Ongoing conversations with ecologists and advice from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) in respect to possible Quenda release. Education session to be set up by FOLC as part of Night Chats sessions to better inform the community about the many benefits to the area with the reintroduction of Quendas.

Nest Boxes: Eleven nest boxes being installed into remnant Bushland.

Camera Monitoring: We are currently setting up a camera monitoring program – as discussed at the last LCAC meeting the purchase of two new cameras, with the assistance from the FOLC group these will be set in particular locations. There have been a number of dead birds around the Lake and officers/ FOLC suspect foxes and cats to be the cause.

Cat Act: The State Government is looking to combine the Dog Act with a new Cat Act into what is to be a Companion Animal Act. The timeline for this is over the next 6 – 12 months. This will guide all local governments on registering and controlling all companion animals to ensure the effective control of all dogs and cats as per the individual local government's local laws.

The problem with the current Cat Act and the development of a stand-alone local law, is that there is clear intent from the State to develop a Companion Animal Act, which will comprise the Dog and Cat Act, and will require a new Local Law to be developed.

The cost of a new local law from its commencement to gazettal is around \$10,000 so having to possibly complete 2 Local Laws in quick succession would not be an ideal outcome.

The Manager Community Safety and Rangers is currently seeking clarification as to how this proposed Companion Act is progressing as this might give the Committee a clearer sense of the options available.

The Town has received advice of minimal issues or complaints about cats, only 9 have been logged in the last 12 months with one cat being caught and taken to the local vet. The most recent WESROC feral animal control event captured two cats at Lake Claremont which were also taken to the local vet.

If there are any specific concerns relating to cat control, the Town's Manager of Community Safety and Rangers is more than happy to investigate and assist with any queries.

Flora Management

Planting has been completed – 8000 plants have been planted.

YAM planting proposed for August 2020 – at FOLC shed and around the island. Working group includes Bush Care Officer, Nick Cook, Iva Hayward-Jackson and Anthropologists Barbara Dobson and Ken Macintyre.

Projects

Fencing: The fencing of the 2020 planting site has been scheduled and is due for completion late August.

Update of Indigenous Education Feasibility Study – July 2020 (see attachments 2 & 3)

Budget Summary 2020-21:

○ Weed control	approx.	\$90,000
○ Tree removal/pruning	approx.	\$6,000
○ Feral animal control	approx.	\$3,500
○ Path pruning	approx.	\$8,000
○ Water quality	approx.	\$10,000
○ Feasibility study for Environmental and Indigenous Education Centre		\$10,000
○ Fencing – revegetation site, Lake Claremont		\$25,000
○ Limestone path repairs		\$40,000
○ Claremont Parkland Dog Agility Area		\$30,000

In addition, a further \$45,000 have been provisionally allocated towards a reduction in Glyphosate usage across the Town. For Lake Claremont this will result in the use of Pelargonic Acid in non-natural areas, and the use of hand weeding and mulch in public interface and natural areas.

The use of hand weeding contracts through contractors and FOLC (and others) will be central to the success of this project.

Review of Lake Claremont Management Plan (LCMP)

The current plan expires in September 2021 and any review should commence no later than early 2021, dependent upon the extent of the review required. Items to consider:

- What is the extent of the review and which parties should be involved?
- Which projects are still outstanding/ incomplete and need to be included in the new plan?
- Budget moving forward?

Review of Lake Claremont Operational Plan 2020-21

Council officers would like to update the Lake Claremont Operational Plan to better reflect what is scheduled and assist in guiding the Bush Care Officer to prioritise and plan upcoming tasks and projects. See Attachment 4 for the proposed Lake Claremont Operational Plan 2020-21.

Cresswell Oval light upgrade

Recent repairs to the lights at Cresswell Oval required inspections to be completed by an electrical contractor.

These inspections revealed that the control gear that manages the lights at the oval was severely damaged and had been subject to water intrusion and rust.

Acknowledging that the repairs to the lights might also require repairs to the control gear, the contractor was asked to seek advice on the possible upgrade to LED lights, so as to avoid repetitive costs into the future and see if there were cost benefits in this being considered.

The advice from the LED specialist engaged to review the current lighting design was as follows;

Basically what the consultants are saying is that the current lighting arrangement does not conform to relevant industry standards AS2560 and possibly AS4282, even though is only for practice training.

They cannot be upgraded unless the whole system is brought up to standard.

Training standards are quite high for hockey, AS2560 requires either a 4 pole solution or an 8 pole solution. FIH allows for a 6 pole solution.

None of these allow for lighting down one side so nothing done with 3 poles on one side will be compliant to standards. It's also worth noting that we are talking about 250 average lux unless this is for physical training only (running around without equipment).

In this circumstance we wouldn't be designing for hockey but at best showing what to expect from using three poles in a set area. There's the usual issues with using existing poles, will new luminaires exceed their load capacity (weight and windage) and fall over or will they be ok to use.

Whilst the McKenzie Pavilion project does not provide for any such lighting upgrades, it is considered that the lights at the oval neither meet any reasonable current minimum specification, and neither are they of such a standard or quality that their retention appears to be a viable option.

It is therefore intended that a design for the replacement of the lighting at Cresswell Reserve is undertaken and costed, with these costings being considered by Council post redevelopment of the McKenzie Pavilion project and as part of the 2021/22 budget.

PAST RESOLUTIONS

Lake Claremont Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 May 2020, Resolution 007/20:

That the Committee notes the progress of the Lake Claremont Operational Plan 2019-20.

FINANCIAL AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS

Resource requirements are in accordance with existing budgetary allocation.

POLICY AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy and statutory implications.

The following documents are relevant to the Lake Claremont area.

- Lake Claremont Management Plan 2016-21
- Lake Claremont Operational Plan 2019-20

COMMUNICATION / CONSULTATION

Consultation to members of the community in respect to Lake Claremont has been undertaken via the Town of Claremont website www.claremont.wa.gov.au, the distribution and availability of Friends of Lake Claremont newsletters and Town Notice Boards located at Lake Claremont.

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.
- Maintain and upgrade the Town's assets for seamless day to day usage.
- Develop the public realm as gathering spaces for participation, prosperity and enjoyment.

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

None

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority decision of Council required.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 013/20

Moved: Cr Sara Franklyn

Seconded: Leeuwin Beeck

That the Committee notes the progress of the Lake Claremont Operational Plan 2019-20.

CARRIED

Karen Wood left the meeting at 9:10AM.

6 OTHER REPORTS

6.1 FRIENDS OF LAKE CLAREMONT

File Number: GOV/00051-03, D-20-29040

Author: Isabelle Cadman, Administration Officer Infrastructure

Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Friends of Lake Claremont Update - July 2020 

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 014/20

Moved: Nick Cook

Seconded: Cr Sara Franklyn

That the Committee receives the Friends of Lake Claremont Update for July.

CARRIED

6.2 LAKE CLAREMONT BIRD CENSUS FOR WINTER 2020

File Number: GOV/00051-03, D-20-29500

Author: Isabelle Cadman, Administration Officer Infrastructure

Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Lake Claremont Bird Census for Winter 2020 

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 015/20

Moved: Nick Cook

Seconded: Cr Sara Franklyn

That the Committee receives the Lake Claremont Bird Census for Winter 2020.

CARRIED

6.3 CITY OF NEDLANDS PROJECTS - UPDATE

File Number: GOV/00051-03, D-20-29655
Author: Isabelle Cadman, Administration Officer Infrastructure
Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

For the City of Nedlands Councillor Delegate to give an update on the City of Nedlands projects which are of interest to the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 016/20

Moved: Cr Kerry Smyth
Seconded: Cr Sara Franklyn

That the Committee notes the updates on the City of Nedlands projects.

CARRIED

Attachments

- 1 City of Nedlands Report from August 2020
- 2 City of Nedlands Report from May 2020

The City of Nedlands report for August 2020 was tabled at the meeting and is attached to the end of these minutes. Also attached is the City of Nedlands report for May 2020, which had not been tabled at the last Lake Claremont Advisory Committee meeting in May, however emailed to all members after the meeting.

7 OTHER BUSINESS

- Legal Aid's New Work and Development Permit Service – July 2020 Newsletter

Andrew Smith advised that the Town had registered for the Work and Development Permits System, which may provide future resources that could be allocated towards the Lake Reserve.

- Shah Satnam Ji Green S Welfare Force

Shah Satnam Ji Green S Welfare Force is volunteering its time with the FOLC group. Cr Smyth was interested in the group possibly volunteering its time for projects within the City of Nedlands and had asked for the group's contact details.

- Lake Claremont Action Items list

The Lake Claremont Action Items list was tabled. The list contains action items from past Committee meetings, which had officially not been captured in Committee resolutions.

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

Nil

9 FUTURE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE

Lake Claremont Advisory Committee Meeting, Thursday 5 November 2020 at 8:00AM.

10 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10:31AM.

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CHAIRPERSON

OTHER REPORTS

6.3 - City of Nedlands Projects – Update

Attachment 1

City of Nedlands Report from August 2020

LAKE CLAREMONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CITY OF NEDLANDS REPORT

August 2020 – Cr Kerry Smyth & Cr Fergus Bennett

Sources: CEO Weekly Reports (May – Aug 2020); Council Agendas; Local knowledge of Issues

1. Covid-19 Responses

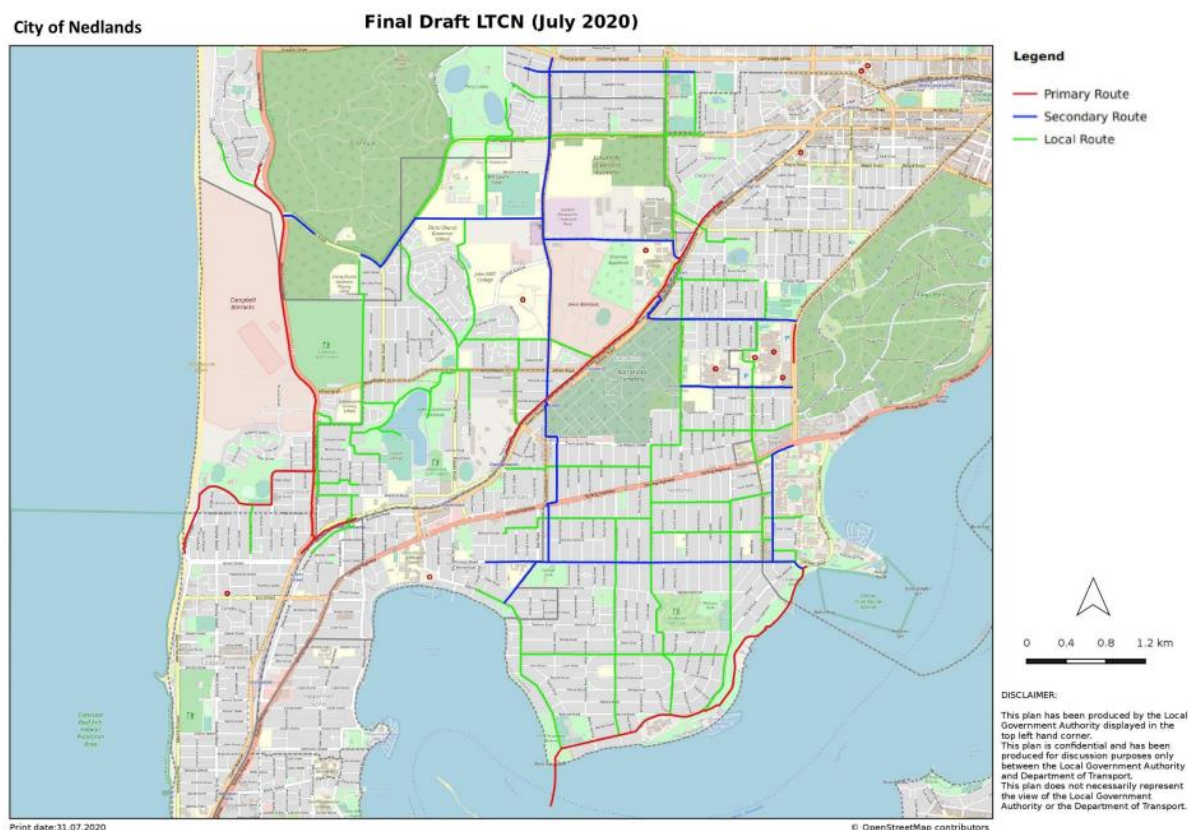
City of Nedlands has fully responded to the Covid-19 emergency management requirements in Parks and Bushland. Many staff are working from Home or following social distancing guidelines.

2. Christchurch Grammar School – Brockway Tip Site Redevelopment

The City met with Christchurch Grammar School (CCGS) in May 2020 regarding their redevelopment of the Brockway tip site for playing fields. In April 2019, Council endorsed the school's acquisition of the site for sport and recreational purposes, with conditions including that the site is available for public use. Last week's meeting was to discuss the conditions identified by DLGSCI in liaison with the City, that will form part of a private deed between the City and the school. The community will have access to the site for organised sport, when the fields are not in use by the school. The site will also be available to the community for informal recreation.

At the July 2020 Council meeting formal negotiations for a pathway easement and public access hours were endorsed.

3. Long Term Cycle Network - Considerations



4. Grant Applications

Riverbank Grant Application Submitted

The City submitted a Riverbank grant to the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions for the project “Foreshore Reserve 28307 Greenway Corridor Development Stage 1”. This project aims to develop a concept design plan and undertake initial weed control to rehabilitate a degraded section of fringing foreshore vegetation between Point Resolution and Bishop Road Reserve. If the project is approved the City will undertake community consultation with adjacent residents and the wider community for the concept design. This project will:

- *Reinstate and connect native fringing foreshore vegetation;*
- *Reduce invasive weeds;*
- *Formalise access for adjacent residents and provide a concept design that the local residents will benefit from;*
- *Reduce foreshore erosion and protect infrastructure;*
- *Enhance the river greenway corridor between Bishop Road Reserve and Point Resolution; and*
- *Ensure the foreshore is managed to provide a stable waterfront that best serves the community and environment.*
- *Ensure the foreshore is managed to provide a stable waterfront that best serves the community and environment.*



Photo: Degraded foreshore between Bishop Road Reserve and Point Resolution

Coastwest Grant Application Submitted

The City recently submitted a Coastwest grant to the Western Australian Planning Commission for the project “Swanbourne Oval Greenway Development - Stage 2”. This project aims to complete the greenway at Swanbourne Oval with stage 1 due for completion in 2020. This project will:

- *Increase the bushland areas and enhance ecological linkages within Allen Park and the wider coastal greenway;*
- *Stabilise the dunes and ensure they are more resilient to storm events and erosion;*
- *Enhance biodiversity and improve habitats and connectivity for local fauna; and*
- *Reduce ground water consumption and increase the City’s capacity to absorb greenhouse gas emissions.*



Photo: Greenway development area adjacent to Swanbourne Oval

Coastwest Project – Swanbourne Oval Greenway Development Stage 1

The City in conjunction with the Swanbourne Coastal Alliance and the Friends of Allen Park received over \$18,000 (ex GST) from the WAPC through the 2019/20 Coastwest grants program. This funding is being used to transform the northern section of the old Swanbourne oval to coastal bushland. Works have commenced on the project site including the removal of grass weeds and the installation of conservation fencing, with mulching and revegetation works scheduled for May and June. This project will strengthen Allen Park's contribution to the regional coastal greenway, increase the ecological value of the coastal dunes and improve the aesthetics of the area.

A grant for stage 2 has been applied for through the WAPC 2020/21 Coastwest grants program, if approved this project will complete the greenway and finish the works associated with the Allen Park Masterplan for the Swanbourne Oval refurbishment.

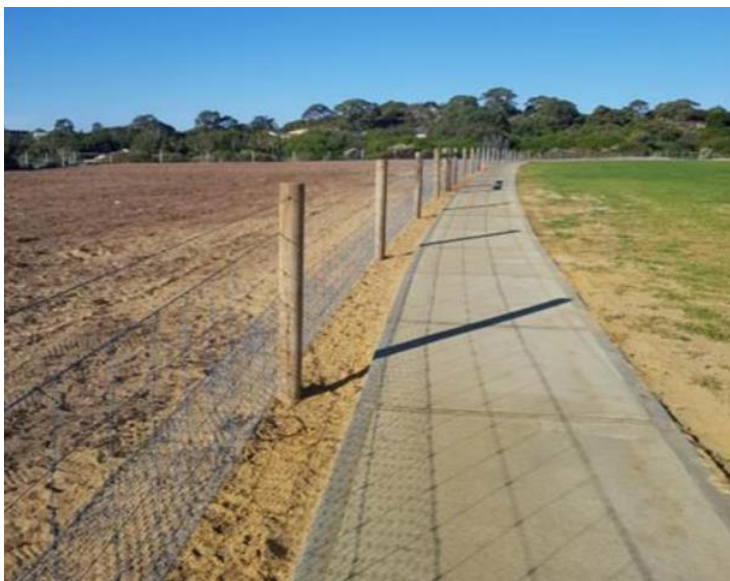


Photo: Conservation fencing installed on the Coastwest project site at Swanbourne oval

5. Natural Areas Revegetation Programs - Updates

Approximately 23,000 local provenance seedlings have been planted in bushlands and greenways across the City including two grant funded revegetation projects.



Coastwest Project – Swanbourne Oval Greenway Development Stage 1

The City has completed stage 1 of the Swanbourne Oval Greenway. Invasive weeds were removed between December to April, certified mulch and conservation fencing was installed in May and 5500 water-wise, locally occurring native shrubs and ground covers were installed in June. This project has increased the area of bushland at Allen Park by 0.25 hectares and involved converting part of the reticulated lawn area to a native garden. This project was joint funded by the City and the WAPC and it will assist the City to protect and enhance biodiversity, reduce ground water consumption, improve habitats and connectivity for local fauna as well as increasing the City's capacity to absorb greenhouse gas emissions.



Riverbank Program: Point Resolution Reserve

The City of Nedlands in collaboration with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Riverbank Grants Program are continuing to implement another river foreshore restoration project at the Point Resolution Reserve. Contractors have recently controlled invasive weeds and have installed 4000 dryland seedlings in a degraded section in the northern portion of the reserve. This project involves protecting existing vegetation, removing invasive weeds and revegetating degraded areas in order to increase biodiversity, improve habitat and protect the foreshore from tidal and storm surges.



6. Environmental Weed Control

The Environmental Conservation department commenced the annual weed control program across all bushland areas. Environmental weeds are plants that establish themselves in natural ecosystems and modify natural processes resulting in the decline of the ecosystem that they invade. Environmental weeds outcompete native plants, thereby reducing species diversity for both flora and fauna, they also cause erosion, alter water availability, change soil nutrients, increase the likelihood of bush fires and change vegetation communities within bushland areas. The City undertakes an integrated weed management program to control environmental weeds. An integrated weed management program uses a combination of different techniques to maintain weed density and cover at manageable levels. Priority species currently being targeted include Perennial Veldt Grass and bulbous weeds including Freesias and Lachenalia.

7. Pest Control

Queensland Fruit Fly - Update

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is continuing to manage the outbreak of Queensland fruit fly in the suburbs on Nedlands and Claremont. DPIRD recently expanded the quarantine zone which includes Nedlands areas east of Smyth Road and within Mt Claremont, Shenton Park and Swanbourne. In addition to new areas within Nedlands and Claremont added to the quarantine zone some areas within the Town of Cottesloe have also been included.

Queensland fruit fly affects Western Australian food crops and it is considered a serious pest to the agricultural and horticultural industries. The City is continuing to manage the outbreak of Queensland Fruit Fly within Nedlands by removing ripened or ripening fruit from host species such as figs and ornamental fruit trees in our parks and reserves, with DPIRD undertaking the baiting and trapping of host species including the City's street trees. The City's Communications department have been assisting the program by providing regular updates on social media and the City's website as well as assisting DPIRD with the installation of signage within local businesses and parks and reserves. As the quarantine area has now expanded there may be budget implications that will need to be addressed as the management program develops. A comparison of the expanded quarantine zone and the old quarantine zone is shown below.



Expanded Quarantine Zone



Old Quarantine Zone

Currently the City's staff, volunteers and contractors have been collecting host fruit from a number of species including Figs, Olives, Chinese Mulberry, Citrus and Date Palm across a number of different reserves. This program is expected to continue for at least another few months.

Feral Animal Control

Animal Pest Management Services were engaged by the City to conduct feral rabbit, cat and fox control within Allen Park, Shenton Bushland and Point Resolution in June and additionally to survey Hollywood Reserve for the presence of feral animals. This work was undertaken as part of an ongoing feral animal control program within Nedlands and supplements the annual regional WESROC feral animal control program. Feral cat and fox control was undertaken using trapping methods and feral rabbit control using the release of viruses. The outcome of the program is detailed below:

- *Shenton Bushland - no feral animals trapped, with one fox track found on the first day and with further activity for the remainder of the program and no cat activity observed for the entire program;*
- *Allen Park - no feral animals trapped, with one fox track found along the beach and no cat activity observed for the entire program;*
- *Point Resolution - no feral animals trapped and no cat or fox activity observed for the entire program; and*
- *Hollywood Reserve – survey determined that there was no cat or fox activity within the Reserve including the cemetery for the entire program however there were possible Quenda diggings observed in the bushland.*

The primary objective of the control program was to reduce the negative impact on native fauna population caused by foxes and feral cats through predation and to reduce the negative impact that rabbits have on the environment through soil degradation, competing for food and harbourage with native fauna and reducing biodiversity and survivability of native flora. The City will continue to monitor and control feral animals on a biannual basis and investigate the possible Quenda diggings at Hollywood Reserve.

Quenda Monitoring Shenton Bushland

16 Quendas (8 females and 8 males) were released by the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) at Shenton Bushland in May 2019. Quendas are a rabbit-sized native Australian digging marsupial that play an important role in the health of bushland by improving soil aeration, aiding water penetration, dispersing beneficial fungi and even helping to reduce fire fuel loads. In order to assess the success of the relocation program the City's Environmental Conservation Department have monitored the Quenda population a number of times since their release. In June 2019 City officers assisted the DBCA to monitor the population where 30 traps were installed across the Reserve, however unfortunately no Quenda were trapped. Again, in July and between February and May 2020 a number of motion cameras were set up in the Reserve to monitor the population where Quenda diggings were observed however again unfortunately no Quenda were detected.

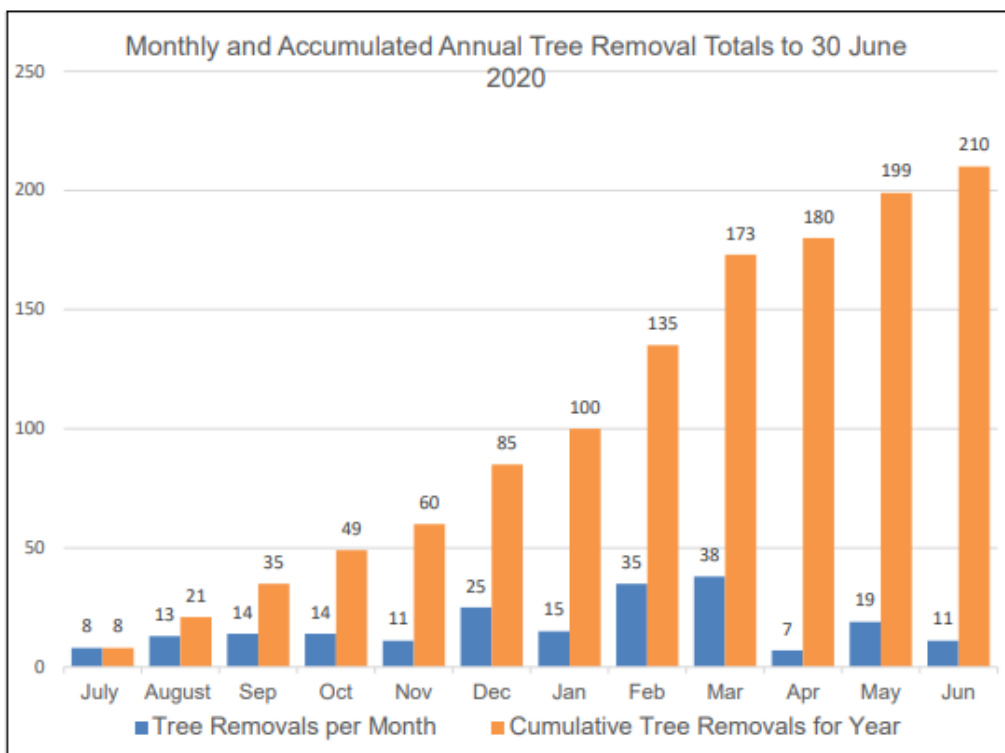
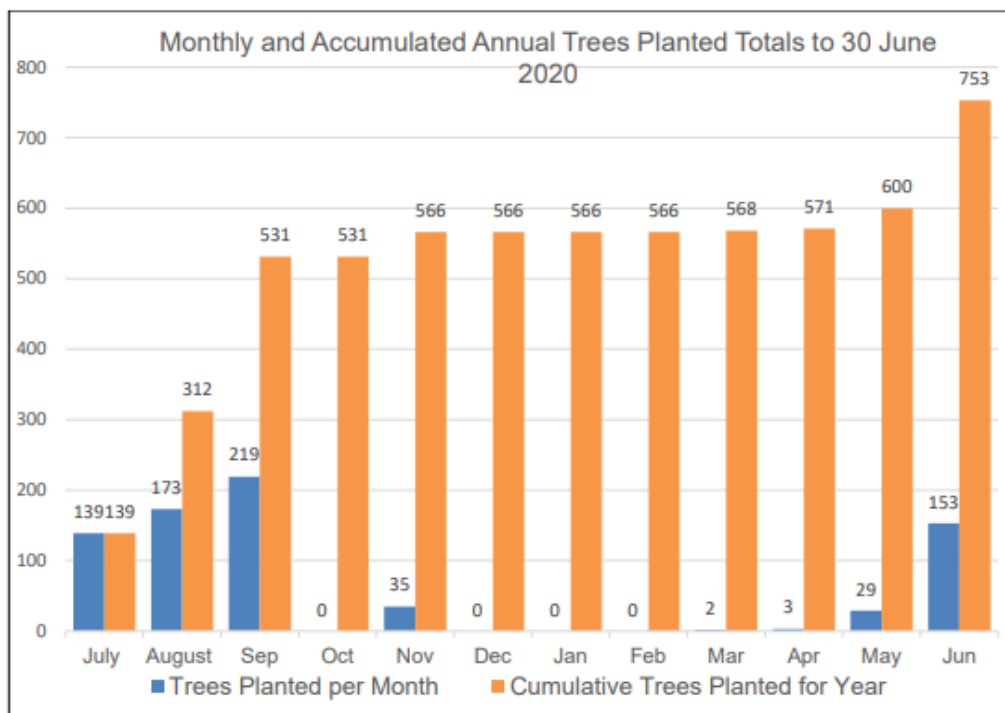


Fox at Shenton Bushland

Whilst the cameras were installed the City observed a fox and a number of rats. Initially subsequent Quenda releases were proposed for May 2020, however the City has been liaising with the DBCA who have advised they are in the process of reviewing their Quenda release program procedures and until their review is finalised they will not be releasing any further Quenda at Shenton Bushland. They have also advised the City to continue monitoring Shenton Bushland for Quenda and reporting any findings back to the DBCA. Fox at Shenton Bushland

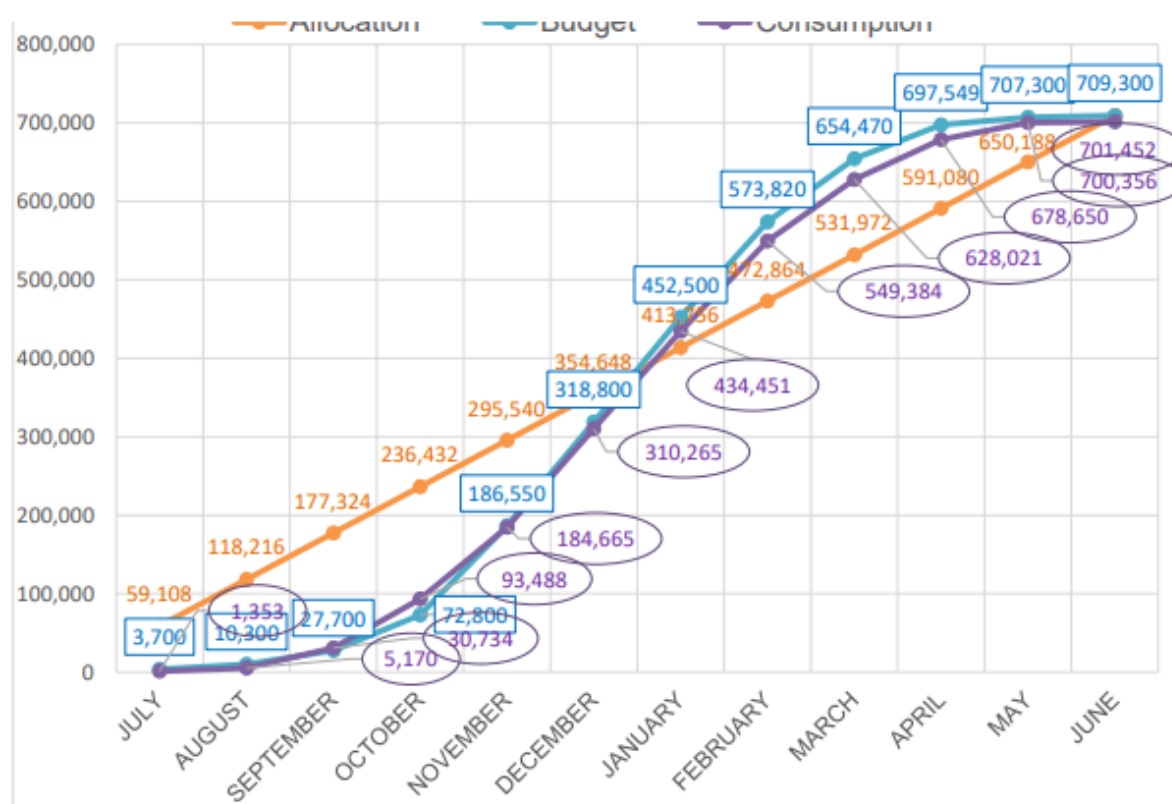
8. Tree Report – Annual Overview for 2019-20

In 2019/20 there have been 210 trees removed from the public realm to 30 June 2020. During this period staff have planted 753 trees in streetscapes and parks. The number of trees planted in 2019/20 that are estimated to have not survived is 41, equating to a mortality rate of 5.4% for the financial year. Overall, this has resulted in a net increase of 502 trees in the public realm for the 2019/20 financial year.



9. Annual Groundwater Consumption (kl) 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020

The City has a licence from (DWER) to abstract 709,300 kilolitres (kl) of groundwater per annum. The City has 64 parks and groundwater is used to irrigate 58.



Graph 2: Annual Groundwater Consumption (kl) 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020

10. Topic Summary – Previous Reports

May 2020

- Covid-19 Responses
- Budget 2020-21
- Cottesloe Golf Course MoU
- Fire Break Inconsistencies
- Weed Control Pilot
- Conservation Volunteers Australia
- Scotch College
- Pest Control
 - Queensland Fruit Fly outbreak
- Water Management
 - Waterwise Council Endorsement
 - Irrigation Operations

February 2020

- Mt Claremont NE Master Plan
- Natural Area Maintenance
- Pest Control
 - Feral Honey Bee Control
 - European Wasp Monitoring

OTHER REPORTS

6.3 - City of Nedlands Projects – Update

Attachment 2

City of Nedlands Report from May 2020

LAKE CLAREMONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CITY OF NEDLANDS REPORT

May 2020 – Cr Kerry Smyth & Cr Fergus Bennett

Sources: CEO Weekly Reports (Feb – May 2020); Council Agendas; Local knowledge of Issues

1. Covid-19 Responses

City of Nedlands has fully responded to the Covid-19 emergency management requirements in Parks and Bushland. Many staff are working from Home or following social distancing guidelines.

2. Budget 2020-21

The City has no budget proposals relating to the LCAC activities. There are however funds allocated to WESROC projects that could flowthrough to LCAC activities.

3. Cottesloe Golf Course MoU

City has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with CGC to work collaboratively to conserve the remnant bushland and implement the Management Plan as the Club do not have the necessary technical skills or resources to undertake or supervise the works. The City is concerned that there is a risk that damage to the remnant bushland may result if the Club were to manage the works without the City's assistance. Considering the City has the technical skills and resources (including existing contracts for natural area maintenance work), it has been agreed in principle that the City is better equipped to manage the funding as detailed in the MOU.

4. Fire Break Inconsistencies

It has been brought to the City's attention that there appear to be inconsistencies in firebreak management on the northside of Alfred Road adjoining bushland at Mt Claremont Oval adjacent to residential; and Cottesloe Golf Course adjoining residential.

5. Conservation Volunteers Australia

Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) recently completed two days work in Nedlands natural areas undertaking green stock maintenance. This work was part of the City's annual three-week CVA program, where each year the City contracts teams of volunteers joined by a team leader to undertake activities including green stock maintenance, rubbish collection, planting and weeding during autumn, winter and spring. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 outbreak the remaining annual program works have been cancelled and contractors have been engaged to complete the works that were scheduled for autumn.



Conservation Volunteers Swanbourne Dunes

6. Scotch College

Scotch College cadets commenced their natural areas work program with the City at Swanbourne Dunes on Friday the 8th March. This is an ongoing program that is undertaken in Autumn each year as part of the Western Australian Planning Commission's Coastwest Grants Program. The program was scheduled to be undertaken every Friday in March however, due to social distancing requirements as a result of the Covid-19 the last session was cancelled.

Scotch College cadets have partnered with the City on a number of Coastwest Grants for Swanbourne and the cadets undertook various activities including green stock maintenance, rubbish removal and seed collection.



Scotch Cadets – Allen Park (pre-social distancing)

7. Pest Control

In addition to the Feral Honey Bee Control and European Wasp Monitoring outlined in the February report CoN has the following:

Queensland Fruit Fly outbreak

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is responding to an outbreak of Queensland fruit fly (Qfly) in Dalkeith and the surrounding suburbs of Claremont and Nedlands. Davies and Alfred roads form the NW border of the quarantine area in place since 3 April 2020.

Qfly is an exotic fruit fly to Western Australia and is one of the world's worst agricultural pests of fruit and fruiting vegetables such as citrus, stone fruit, tomatoes and many others. DPIRD detected the presence of Qfly through a system of just over 2,000 lure traps monitored by the department across the Perth metropolitan area.

Residents are urged to support the response and limit the spread of the exotic pest by complying with quarantine restrictions on the movement of fruit and some fruiting vegetables such as tomatoes, chilies and capsicums.

Residents who suspect they have Qfly in their fruit or fruiting vegetables are asked to call the department's Pest and Disease Information Service on 9368 3080 or use the MyPestGuide™ Reporter app available for at Google Play Store and Apple iTunes.

Community support of the DPIRD's activities to eradicate the pest will be critical to success and the department requests your support in communicating this information to your networks and clients. More information is available from the department website agric.wa.gov.au



8. Water Management

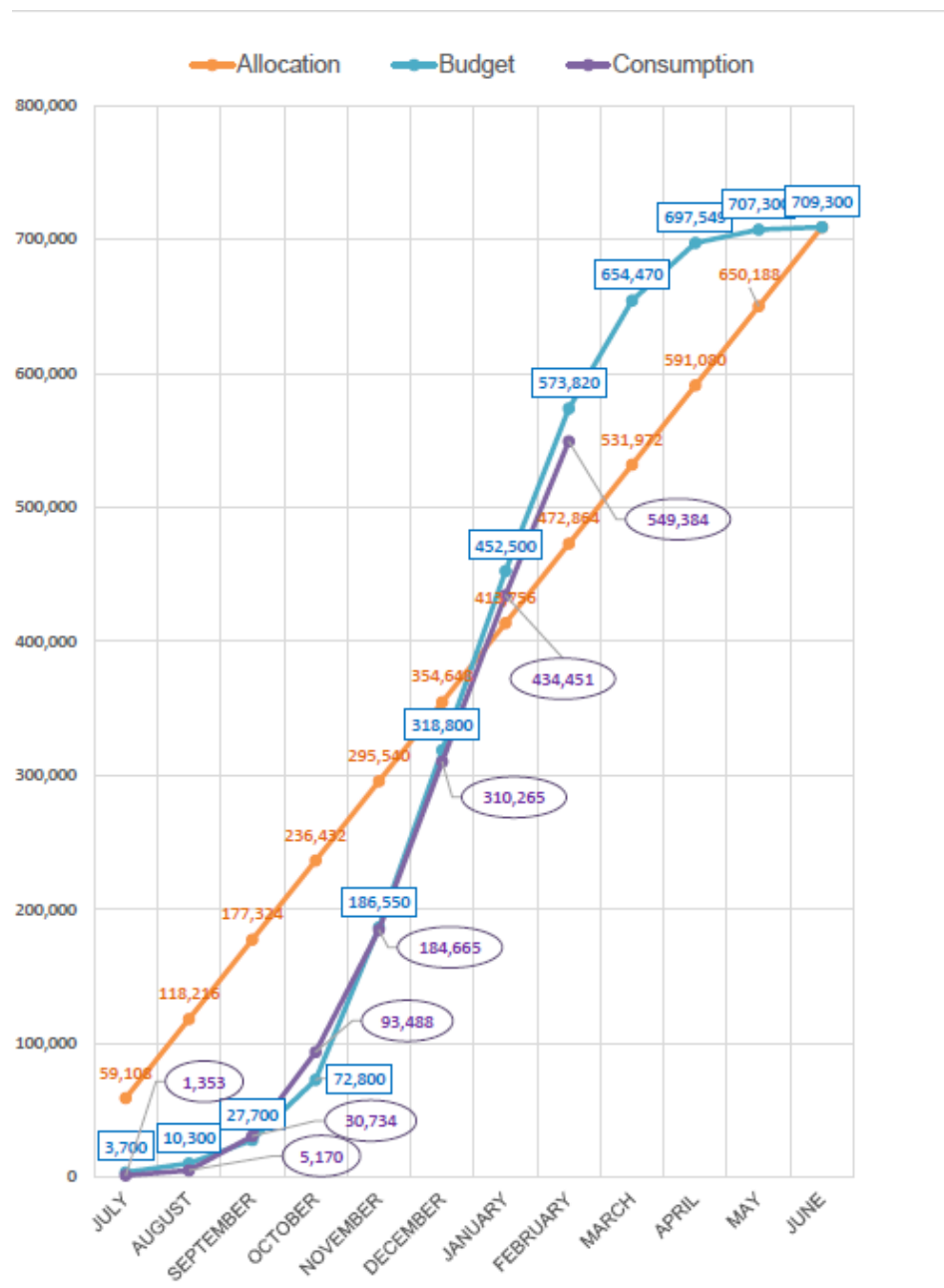
Various initiatives of Interest.

Waterwise Council Endorsement

The City has received re-endorsement of its Waterwise accreditation. This means we continue with good water practices and responsible water use.

Irrigation Operations

The City has a licence from the Dept of Water and Environment Regulations (DWER) to abstract 709,300 kilolitres (kl) of groundwater per annum. The City has 64 parks and groundwater is used to irrigate 58. This graph shows annual ground water allocation, the monthly budget, and the monthly consumption to date in kl.



Graph 2: Groundwater Consumption (kl) 1 July 2019 – 29 February 2020