



MINUTES

Lake Claremont Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 7 November 2019

Date: Thursday, 7 November 2019

Time: 8am

Location: Town of Claremont
308 Stirling Highway, Claremont

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Ledger", is written over the printed name.

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
LAKE CLAREMONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF CLAREMONT, 308 STIRLING HIGHWAY, CLAREMONT
ON THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 8AM**

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

In the absence of a Chair due to the recent Local Government election, Nick King welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 8:05am.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Cr Bruce Haynes	
Cr Sara Franklyn	<i>(arrived at 8.34am)</i>
Cr Kerry Smyth	City of Nedlands Councillor – Delegate
Karen Wood	Community Representative
Leeuwien Beeck	Community Representative
David Kyle	Scotch College Representative
Nick Cook	Friends of Lake Claremont Delegate

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cr Fergus Bennett	City of Nedlands Councillor – Deputy Delegate
Zac Hardisty	Observer (Friends of Lake Claremont) <i>(left at 8.33am)</i>
Nick King	Acting Director Infrastructure & Assets
Jared Bray	Supervisor Parks & Environment
Isabelle Cadman	Administration Officer Infrastructure

APOLOGIES:

Andrew Smith	Director Infrastructure & Assets
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

4 ELECTION OF PRESIDING MEMBER

That election of the Presiding Member for the term ending at the start of the next ordinary Council meeting immediately following the 2021 Local Government elections was held.

Mr Cook nominated Cr Haynes

With no further nominations received, Cr Haynes was declared Presiding Member for the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 024/19

Moved: Nick Cook

Seconded: Cr Bruce Haynes

That the Minutes of the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee meeting held on 1 August 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS OF THE CEO

6.1 LAKE CLAREMONT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019-20 PROGRESS REPORT

File Number: GOV/00051-02, D-19-36279

Author: Jared Bray, Supervisor Parks and Environment

Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Lake Claremont Operational Plan 2019-20 - Update

Cr Sara Franklyn entered the meeting at 8.34am during discussion on this item.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee (LCAC) on tasks 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 relating to the Lake Claremont Management Plan have been completed or are in planning for completion at the Lake Claremont precinct. These items are listed below:

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

DISCUSSION

Below is a brief on each activity:

Turf Management

Irrigation has been turned on for the spring and summer watering season, irrigation will generally run three times per week with the run times managed by the Town's contractor to ensure water efficiencies are maintained.

Weed control treatments have been completed in the parkland grass area between Lakeway Street and Lapsley Road with broadleaf weeds being the priority.

Weed Management

The Town's weed control contractor has completed the weed spraying round for August and September with no treatments in October. The next round of weed spraying will commence in November when summer weeds are sprouting. Request for a new Tender is still being sought.

Weed trial

An inaugural weed trial with contact organics has been conducted in the Alfred Road woodland bushland area north of the lake, with a product called Local Safe products which is a non-glyphosate

organic alternative. It currently does not seem like a viable option but updates will be provided in due course regarding the trial and its effectiveness. The treated weeds showed signs of browning off however the weed stem did not fully die leading to new growth forming only a few days later. The site has since been managed by volunteers.

Litter management

With the good weather on the rise, busier areas with bins around the lake have been filling up quickly. They have been reported to the Environmental Health Department for collaborative monitoring with Field Officers and Environmental Health Officers.

Litter collection is still conducted each week throughout the bushland areas and parklands with the shoreline of the lake being inaccessible at this time. Shoreline litter collection will be conducted as the water levels dissipate during the hotter months.

Park Infrastructure

Deck Oiling

Infrastructure at the lake has been closely monitored and a schedule of works will commence in the coming weeks. The wooden deck infrastructure around the lake and Lakeway subdivision are due for oiling and Requests for Quote have been initiated within the Park and Environment Division for this to commence before the summer months.

Playgrounds

Sand sifting has commenced around the Town with Stirling Road playground being cleaned at the end of September. The smaller activity playground will be topped up with white sand in the coming weeks.

As the weather heats up and the community starts using the Town's amenities more, consistent monitoring of playground areas will be required to ensure the safety of the community.

Tree Management

Planting

The new dog exercise area, south section to Lakeway Street, has been completed with a mixture of 20 trees being planted to differentiate the dog area and the lake parklands. The species chosen for this were: Eucalyptus gomphocephala (Tuart), Eucalyptus rudis (Flooded gum) and Melaleuca raphiophylla (Swamp paperbark) with Grevillea crithmifolia and Hakea laurina being used for the boundary line.

Pruning

Contractors have completed path clearing of the priority areas of the lake's northern path network.

Field Officers completed western path pruning, along the Scotch College fence line, in preparation for the Celebrate Lake Claremont event.

Uplifting has been completed on all juvenile tuart trees along the eastern buffer along with fertiliser and insecticide treatments to assist with maintaining sawfly infestations. The large Moreton Bay figs along the south side of lake are also going to be uplifted in due course to prevent the trees' fruit from entering the lake. The branches are currently touching the water and require pruning.

Tree removals or replacements

A dead Eucalyptus erythrocorys or Illyarrie has been removed from the northern dog exercise area by Field Officers. A large sugar gum has also died in the same area and will be removed following CEO approval.

In the northern dog exercise area, an Agonis flexuosa has been replaced and all the existing tree stakes removed.

Vegetation Management

Regular maintenance has been conducted on the viewing corridors at the northern point of the lake. They are regularly pruned for ease of viewing particular points of the lake.

Water and Soil Management

Collaborating between UWA, Friends of Lake Claremont (FOLC) and the Town of Claremont, have seen UWA students currently conducting water quality sampling to assess and monitor what factors impact the water quality. This includes recommendations of what needs to be implemented to assist in creating a healthy wetland.

Fauna Management

During October, an on-site meeting with feral animal control contractor will take place to discuss feral animal control and management strategies as an ongoing annual program.

Motion sensor cameras were set up in two locations along the northern side of the lake to monitor potential fox diggings/fox dens. There was no activity captured on the camera at this time but Field Officers and volunteers from FOLC are constantly identifying potential sightings and investigations are being conducted when required.

Flora Management

The planting area has been completed near the FOLC shed in early September with fencing installed in the weeks after. This is the last planting session for 2019 with the planting site along Alfred Road currently being prepared for 2020.

General Management

In early August, the Water Corporation cleared two blocked sewage pipes around the Town of any fat build up and so water can freely be drained into the lake without disruption.

Should there be another attendance to one of these sections this year, the section will be investigated with cameras through the pipes to see if there are any faults with in the sewer main. If there are any, repairs will be organised or the section could have a maintenance plan created to attend and clean the section on a regular basis.

The Water Corporation has an advertising campaign in relation to the fat bergs (fats and rags) due to people discharging rags and fats into the wastewater system. It is suggested to promote this initiative in the Town's advertising or Community News in an effort to reduce these type of blockages.

Projects

Projects Completed

Various projects have been completed at Lake Claremont in recent months. The new dog exercise area south to Lakeway Street has been finalised with shrubs and small trees defining the boundary between the lake grounds and John & Jean Mulder Park. The boundary has also been established by installing a short fence through the planted area in early September. This was carried out by the FOLC's Busy Bee volunteers and also Scotch College's Year 10 students.

North of the FOLC shed, the limestone path has been extended westerly to the red path in an effort to accommodate FOLC volunteers and create a safe walkway to the shed.

Upcoming Projects

The Alfred Road 2020 planting site is currently being prepared with the area marked out and grass sprayed for mulching before the end of the year. The grass has died back significantly and will be monitored closely to ensure there is no growth in the area prior to mulching and planting.

PAST RESOLUTIONS

Lake Claremont Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 August 2019, Resolution 20/19 (in part):

That the Committee:

1. *Accepts the Lake Claremont Operational Plan 2019-20;*

FINANCIAL AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS

Resource requirements are in accordance with existing budgetary allocation.

The 2019-20 Operational Plan has been altered to better reflect staff resources available and how this capacity is being utilised.

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

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.

- Protect and conserve the natural flora and fauna of Lake Claremont and the Foreshore.

URGENCY

None

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority decision of Committee required.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 025/19

Moved: Nick Cook

Seconded: Community Representative Karen Wood

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

CARRIED

At 8:33 am, Zac Hardisty left the meeting.

7 OTHER REPORTS

7.1 LAKE CLAREMONT BIRD CENSUS FOR SPRING 2019

File Number: GOV/00051-02, D-19-36261

Author: Isabelle Cadman, Administration Officer

Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Lake Claremont Bird Census for Spring 2019

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 026/19

Moved: Cr Bruce Haynes

Seconded: Karen Wood

That the Committee receives the Lake Claremont Bird Census for Spring 2019.

CARRIED

7.2 FRIENDS OF LAKE CLAREMONT

File Number: GOV/00051-02, D-19-36265

Author: Isabelle Cadman, Administration Officer

Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Friends of Lake Claremont (FOLC) Update for October 2019

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 027/19

Moved: Nick Cook

Seconded: Cr Sara Franklyn

That the Committee receives the Friends of Lake Claremont update for October 2019.

CARRIED

8 COMMITTEE MEMBERS' MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - COMMITTEE OBSERVER

File Number: GOV/00051-02, D-19-36188

Attachments: Nil

The Town has received a request from the Friends of Lake Claremont (FOLC) to consider inviting Zac Hardisty from FOLC to attend future Advisory Committee meetings as an Observer.

The Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee provide that;

Meetings of the Committee are generally closed to the public. Attendance is permitted only through invitation or prior approval by the Committee.

Based on this, it was proposed that the initial offer to attend this meeting be made by the Chief Executive Officer of the Town, with the Committee then able to extend this invitation, by resolution at its next meeting.

The offer to attend was issued to Zac, and pending support of the other committee members, it is proposed that this offer is extended by the Committee.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 028/19

Moved: Nick Cook

Seconded: Cr Kerry Smyth

That the Committee, in accordance with the Terms of Reference for the Committee, invite Zac Hardisty from the Friends of Lake Claremont to attend future Committee meetings as an Observer.

CARRIED

8.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2020**File Number:** GOV/00051-02, D-19-37096**Attachments:** Nil

To secure availability of Committee members to attend the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee meetings in 2020, the following meeting dates are proposed:

- Thursday, 13 February 2020 at 8am
- Thursday, 7 May 2020 at 8am
- Thursday, 13 August 2020 at 8am
- Thursday, 5 November 2020 at 8am

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 029/19**Moved:** Cr Bruce Haynes**Seconded:** Cr Kerry Smyth

That the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee meeting dates for 2020 be confirmed as follows:

- Thursday, 13 February 2020 at 8am
- Thursday, 07 May 2020 at 8am
- Thursday, 13 August 2020 at 8am
- Thursday, 05 November 2020 at 8am

CARRIED

7.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE AT LAKE CLAREMONT**File Number:** GOV/00051-02, D-19-37115**Attachments:** Nil

I, Councillor Bruce Haynes, give notice that at the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee meeting on 7 November 2019, I intend to move the following motion:

That the Town of Claremont provide a feasibility report on establishing an Environmental Education Centre at Lake Claremont to the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee during 2020.

RATIONALE

To enable the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee to advise Council on the feasibility of establishing an Environmental Education Centre at Lake Claremont based on, among other things, consideration of the purpose, funding and operation of such centres at locations such as South Lake, Herdsman Lake and Canning.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**Moved:** Cr Bruce Haynes**Seconded:** Cr Kerry Smyth

That the Town of Claremont provide a feasibility report on establishing an Environmental Education Centre at Lake Claremont to the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee during 2020.

AMENDMENT 030/19**Moved:** Cr Bruce Haynes**Seconded:** Cr Kerry Smyth

That the words "and Indigenous" be added after the word "Environmental".

Reason:

To include the aboriginal connection with Lake Claremont.

CARRIED**AMENDED PRIMARY MOTION WAS PUT 031/19****Moved:** Cr Bruce Haynes**Seconded:** Cr Kerry Smyth

That the Town of Claremont provide a feasibility report on establishing an Environmental and Indigenous Education Centre at Lake Claremont to the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee during 2020.

CARRIED

9 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

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

Nil

11 FUTURE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE

Lake Claremont Advisory Committee Meeting, Thursday, 13 February 2020 at 8:00am.

12 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the presiding member declared the meeting closed at 9:52am.

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CHAIRPERSON