



MINUTES

Lake Claremont Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 5 November 2020

Date: Thursday, 5 November 2020

Time: 8:00am

Location: Town of Claremont
Claremont Council - Meeting rooms 2 & 3
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
LAKE CLAREMONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF CLAREMONT, MEETING ROOMS 2 & 3, 308 STIRLING HIGHWAY,
CLAREMONT
ON THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 8:00AM**

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

THE CHAIR WELCOMED EVERYONE AND DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 8.08AM.

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 (from 8:57AM)

Karen Wood Community Representative

Leeuwin Beeck Community Representative

Nick Cook Friends of Lake Claremont Delegate

David Kyle Scotch College Representative

IN ATTENDANCE:

Liz Ledger Chief Executive Officer

Marty Symmons Acting Director Infrastructure

Nick King Manger of Engineering & Parks

Jared Bray Coordinator Parks & Environment

Johanna Riddell Bush Care Officer

Isabelle Cadman Administration Officer Infrastructure

APOLOGIES:

Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 017/20

Moved: Nick Cook

Seconded: Karen Wood

That the minutes of the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 August 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Cr Kerry Smyth left the meeting at 8:27AM.

Cr Kerry Smyth re-entered the meeting at 8:29AM.

5 REPORTS OF THE CEO

5.1 LAKE CLAREMONT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019-20 PROGRESS REPORT

File Number: GOV/00051-03, D-20-40271

Author: Jared Bray, Coordinator Parks and Environment

Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Lake Claremont Operational Plan 2020-21 
2. Lake Claremont Action Items List 

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 2020-21 (Attachment 1) relating to the Lake Claremont Management Plan have been completed at the Lake Claremont precinct, this also includes projects which have been completed and any action items identified in previous meetings. Such activities relate to the following key headings;

- Turf Management
- Weed Management
- Litter Management
- Park Infrastructure
- Tree Management
- Water and Soil Management
- Fauna Management
- Flora Management
- Projects
 - Update of Indigenous Education Feasibility Study – July 2020
 - Action Items

DISCUSSION

See below a brief update on each activity:

Turf Management

No Update

Weed Management

In accordance with prior advice and Council direction, there is a continued reduction in the use of Glyphosate at Lake Claremont and more broadly within the district.

In August FOLC and ToC undertook a hand weeding trial to support this reduction in the use of Glyphosate.

FOLC secured funding to employ a 2/3 hand weeders twice a week over the Spring/Summer months. FOLC had set areas that they were targeting through this process with the Town managing the hand weeding in other agreed areas at the Lake with their regular contractors.

In August, this program was adequate in controlling the weeds and the Town received positive public response for these efforts.

In September, the Town however had to return to glyphosate spraying at the Lake due to the growth rate of weeds in some areas. This will need to continue to be undertaken until the heat of summer inhibits weed growth. Additional hand weeding will be used to assist in the combat of weeds and to reduce the use of chemicals.

The Lake bed

The Lake bed was not inundated with water this year due to a reduction in seasonal rainfall. This has resulted in the emergence of the weeds earlier than anticipated. Council officers will monitor and accelerate the Lake Bed weeding program as required.

Other Weeds and Controls

A new woody weeds program is also being developed with some immature woody weeds being removed at the Lake currently.

In early September, mulch was spread along the red paths at the eastern buffer by FOLC and a group of volunteers to help with weed suppression. This is part of a bigger ongoing mulching spreading program by FOLC alongside paths around the Lake.

The Tamarix tree stumps are being retreated on a regular basis to ensure they don't regrow and again take hold in the bushland around Lake Claremont.

Litter Management

No Update

Park Infrastructure

Works are commencing in respect to a plan for a new nature playground at Stirling Road Park.

Tree Management

A recently fallen tree has been retained on site to form part of a future play area. Care is being taken that these fallen trees that are becoming an ever more present part of 'nature' style park areas, are secure and pose no threat to users before they are retained.

Viewing areas have been maintained in areas around the lake, with new viewing areas created in the south east of the Lake.

Water and Soil Management

No update, town is still awaiting a report from the consultants in respect to this matter.

Fauna Management

6 European bee hives found in remnant bushland area during the last period – all are being relocated (this is a constant theme across the Town with the Town involved in, or facilitating the removal of hives on an almost daily basis).

Camera monitoring of cats and foxes – captured vision of a cat and a fox.

As a result of this, a Fox trapping event was undertaken – unfortunately no foxes were captured. In discussion with the contractor it was determined that it was highly likely this was a roaming fox from nearby bushland.

Council officers constructed a turtle underpass on the eastern buffer, because the water table is low and fringing vegetation is quite a distance from the edge of the water and raven predation of young turtles is high.

The Town is also creating new educational posters about a host of issues from dogs off leas and water birds.

Flora Management

Yams were planted on the island and in planter boxes at FOLC shed during the last period.

Projects

Update of Indigenous Education Feasibility Study – July 2020

This is subject of a separate report within this agenda (see report 5.4).

Lake Claremont Action Items list

For a list of action items from past Committee meetings, which had officially not been captured in Committee resolutions, please see Attachment 2.

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

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 018/20

Moved: Cr Sara Franklyn

Seconded: Nick Cook

That the Committee notes the progress of the Lake Claremont Operational Plan 2020-21.

CARRIED

5.2 MID TERM BUDGET REVIEW - IDENTIFICATION OF MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**File Number:** GOV/00051-03, D-20-39623**Author:** Andrew Smith, Director Infrastructure and Financial Management**Authoriser:** Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer**Attachments:** Nil

PURPOSE

To identify and recommend items for possible funding as part of the Council's mid-term budget review to be completed in early 2021.

BACKGROUND

Clause 33A of the Local Government (Financial Management Regulations 1996 provides that;

Between 1 January and 31 March in each financial year a local government is to carry out a review of its annual budget for that year

In accordance with this provision, the mid-term budget review is initiated immediately after the January break and is presented to Council in February/March each year.

DISCUSSION

The mid-term budget review seeks to identify where the actual expenditure or income within a budget period has materially varied from the budget as adopted, and where this variation will result in a significant material variation to the projected closing position of the Council as at 30 June in that year.

Traditionally the mid-term budget review identifies under expenditure (or increased income) that has occurred since budget adoption, and will most often result in additional funds being available for allocation by Council to projects that were unable to be accommodated in the adopted budget, or to fund new initiatives that have since become apparent.

To respond to these potential additional funds being made available, the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee traditionally considers forming a recommendation to Council with proposed additional projects and initiatives that might be considered for funding as part of the overall mid-term budget review process.

Whilst no certainty can be provided in respect to the estimated closing position as at 30 June or if the current budget is 'tracking' in line with the adopted budget, this should not deter the committee from forming a recommendation in respect to project/s or allocations beyond the mid-term budget and prior to 30 June 2021.

It is recommended that priority is clearly articulated if multiple projects are recommended by the Committee, to provide clear intent of priority in the event that there is greater competition for funds than there are funds available for redistribution.

For Members advice, the following capital items are provided within the current adopted 2020/21 budget;

- Fencing revegetation site Lake Claremont \$25,000
- Limestone path repairs \$40,000
- Claremont parkland Dog Agility Area \$30,000

PAST RESOLUTIONS

7 May 2020;

That the Committee requests Council consideration for an allocation of \$25,000 in the 2020/21 budget for fencing of the approved and funded revegetation planting areas on Alfred road within the Lake Claremont Reserve.

FINANCIAL AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS

Financial allocations will be limited by funds made available through the mid-term budget review.

POLICY AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Clause 33A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

COMMUNICATION / CONSULTATION

None required

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN**Leadership and Governance**

We are an open and accountable local government; a leader in community service standards.

- Manage our finances responsibly and improve financial sustainability.

URGENCY

As the next Committee meeting is not scheduled to be held until February 2021, if the Committee wishes to put forward proposals for funding consideration in the mid-term budget, then this will be required at this meeting.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Karen Wood

Seconded: Cr Sara Franklyn

That the Committee recommends the following projects and initiatives for funding in the mid-term budget review, subject to funding being available, in accordance with the following order of priority.

AMENDMENT 019/20

Moved: Karen Wood

Seconded: Cr Sara Franklyn

That the following projects/initiatives be included in the mid-term budget review in no particular order:

- 1) Funding for Rangers to do further patrols around Lake Claremont (amount to be determined);**
- 2) Possible future additional funding for art around the Lake (partly captured in item 5.3 of this report), and**
- 3) Feral animal control around the Town (not Lake specific), approximately \$7,000.**

Reason: To educate dog owners to keep their dogs on leashes in designated on leash dog areas; to align with item 5.3 "Development of an Art Strategy - Lake Claremont"

CARRIED

AMENDED PRIMARY MOTION WAS PUT 020/20

Moved: Karen Wood

Seconded: Cr Sara Franklyn

That the following projects/initiatives be included in the mid-term budget review in no particular order:

- 1) Funding for Rangers to do further patrols around Lake Claremont (amount to be determined);**
- 2) Possible future additional funding for art around the Lake (partly captured in item 5.3 of this report), and**
- 3) Feral animal control around the Town (not Lake specific), approximately \$7,000 per financial year.**

CARRIED

Michael Plumbly (the Town's Business Systems Analyst) entered the meeting at 8:43AM to fix IT connection issues.

Michael Plumbly left the meeting at 8:46AM.

David Kyle left the meeting at 8:51AM.

David Kyle re-entered the meeting at 8:55AM.

Cr Fergus Bennett joined the meeting at 8:57AM.

5.3 DEVELOPMENT OF AN ART STRATEGY - LAKE CLAREMONT

File Number: GOV/00051-03, D-20-39674

Author: Andrew Smith, Director Infrastructure and Financial Management

Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Discussion Paper - Public Art at Lake Claremont 

PURPOSE

To consider the development of a set of criteria to inform the development of Public Art Strategy within and in connection to Lake Claremont, inclusive of appropriate locations, themes and other matters as considered relevant.

BACKGROUND

At the Ordinary meeting of Council held on the 1st of September 2020, Council considered a report to approve the installation of a mural art work on the side wall of the FOLC shed, by renowned naturalist artist Brenton See.

The proposal was both initiated and supported by FOLC.

Despite the matter being extensively debated at Council, ultimately no decision was made as the resolution required an absolute majority of Council to be approved (due to the expenditure of funds) and the motion in support of the project only received 5 votes (out of the 6 required).

During debate a number of Councillors, and as contained in the ultimately unsuccessful motion, expressed an interest both in;

- Referring the matter to the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee for advice, and
- That the revised Lake Claremont Management Plan include consideration of a provision for an art trail and development of a Public Art Strategy.

Since this Council meeting, the Town has also been approached from a benefactor wishing to install another donated art piece at Lake Claremont.

Whilst the details in respect to this specific art piece in question are still under discussion, discussions with FOLC and Councillors has highlighted that if further art installations are to be considered, then the means by which such art pieces might be considered needs to be resolved, including the appropriate location for art pieces within the Reserve, appropriate themes for art installations at the Lake, the number of art pieces envisaged, and how such will function as part of a broader art strategy across the Town.

Whilst it is recognised that the Council had suggested that the Management Plan consider the provision for an art trail as part of the Management Plan review, this provision provides no greater clarity, and given the extent of specific items and subject matter that will need to be considered within the Management Plan review, leaving this issue to be resolved as part of those broader discussions may not result in the amount of time required being able to be allocated to this specific subject.

DISCUSSION

Following discussion with representatives of FOLC, it was determined that a discussion paper be developed for initial consideration of the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee, in the hope that it may be recommend to Council for future consideration (in some form) and enable the development of an art strategy that would inform the future installation of art pieces within the Lake Claremont Reserve.

The discussion papers aims to;

Provide baseline information to use as a discussion paper, leading to the Town developing a Public Art Strategy for Lake Claremont. It suggests a number of objectives and requests for proposed locations for public art, which is to be presented to stakeholders to collect feedback and assist in providing direction for the development of a strategy, to be adopted by Council.

It is also acknowledged that simultaneous to this discussion paper being developed, officers of the Town are holding initial meetings with representatives of FOLC to discuss key issues and matters that would populate the eventual art strategy and inform many of these issues.

PAST RESOLUTIONS

None applicable

FINANCIAL AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS

Resource requirements are in accordance with existing budgetary allocation.

POLICY AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Council Policy PE 403 provides some framework by which public art is funded and administered however does not provide any guidance in respect to the development of such a trail.

COMMUNICATION / CONSULTATION

Given the community usage and interest in the Lake Claremont precinct by different user groups, it is appropriate to include some form of consultation, including possible Indigenous consultation given the cultural significance of this location.

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.

- Develop the public realm as gathering spaces for participation, prosperity and enjoyment.

People

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

- Recognise and celebrate the Town's history and culture through arts and events.

URGENCY

No specific urgency, however given recent offers of public art, having some clarity as to the Council's position on this matter would be beneficial for both Council officers, as well as those persons offering to make such donations.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority decision of Council (*More than half the elected members present are required to vote in favour*).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 021/20

Moved: Cr Sara Franklyn

Seconded: Karen Wood

That the Committee acknowledge the presentation of this discussion paper and endorse the following steps being undertaken to develop an art strategy for Lake Claremont;

In conjunction with stakeholders:

- 1. Review and finalise objectives of the strategy**
- 2. Develop a map of appropriate locations for any future artworks**
- 3. Identify projects opportunities, funding and develop a timeline**
- 4. Prepare draft Public Art Strategy for Lake Claremont**

CARRIED

5.4 ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION AND INDIGENOUS CENTRE - LAKE CLAREMONT

File Number: GOV/00051-03, D-20-40545

Author: Andrew Smith, Director Infrastructure and Financial Management

Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Terms of Reference - Study 
2. Feasibility Report - Final Draft 

PURPOSE

To update Committee Members with respect to the recent study commissioned (internally) towards the proposed development of the Environment, Education and Indigenous Centre at Lake Claremont.

BACKGROUND

At previous meetings of the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee, Committee members have been advised that a study was commissioned (internally) to investigate the possible development of an Indigenous, Educational and Environmental Centre at Lake Claremont.

Following that advice, the Bush Care Officer has completed the initial study and findings and these are provided for Committee consideration.

DISCUSSION

The study was undertaken by the Town's Bush Care Officer, guided by the attached Terms of Reference. This document sought to both consider existing such facilities (to identify both opportunities, best practice, as well as potential threats) as well as the engagement of stakeholders identified to the project, who were thought could contribute both in terms of how the centre might operate, what it might include (or exclude), how programs might be delivered, and how the centre might be resourced (both from an initial capital as well as ongoing operational perspective).

The resultant document has endeavoured to capture this information, identify challenges and also propose a 'next step' solution to enable the proposed centre to continue to evolve as a concept.

The content of the study is largely dependent on the feedback received from existing stakeholders, as well as staff and volunteers at specified existing centres. As such there is obvious diversity in some opinions, and conflicting ideas, often dependent upon the perspective of the individual.

It is proposed that as a result of these initial findings, the Committee seeks to arrange a facilitated workshop, with all stakeholders invited to attend, to discuss the project and to determine how this might evolve into a formal development proposal or project that can ultimately be presented to Council for approval, and to funding agencies for support.

PAST RESOLUTIONS

Not applicable

FINANCIAL AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS

Whilst the development of "*a community hub where the community can learn about, celebrate and support local Indigenous culture and the natural environment*" is an Objective within the Town of Claremont Corporate Business Plan, this Objective remains unfunded within the Council's Long Term Financial Plan or the current budgets.

POLICY AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Any proposal for this project to progress to funding will require a detailed development plan to be created including anticipated development costs and resourcing models, so that these can be

considered in budget processes and are able to be used to support funding applications (if applicable).

COMMUNICATION / CONSULTATION

Initial consultation has occurred with stakeholders, however more broad based community consultation will be required once the scale and location of any such development is known.

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.

URGENCY

No urgency in respect to this matter.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority decision of Council (*More than half the elected members present are required to vote in favour*).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 022/20

Moved: David Kyle

Seconded: Leeuwin Beeck

That the Committee requests support for the holding of a facilitated workshop with Committee Members and stakeholder representatives, to discuss the potential development of an Indigenous, Education and Environmental Centre at Lake Claremont.

CARRIED

6 OTHER REPORTS

6.1 FRIENDS OF LAKE CLAREMONT

File Number: GOV/00051-03, D-20-41467

Author: Isabelle Cadman, Administration Officer Infrastructure

Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Bruce Haynes

Seconded: Karen Wood

That the Committee receives the Friends of Lake Claremont Update for October 2020.

AMENDMENT 023/20

Moved: Karen Wood

Seconded: Leeuwin Beeck

That the Committee recommendation be amended to include the wording “and commends the Friends of Lake Claremont for another year of outstanding night chats” after “October 2020.”

Reason: To acknowledge the outstanding talks the Friends are hosting with invited experts on cultural, historical, environmental and social aspects relating to Lake Claremont.

CARRIED

AMENDED PRIMARY MOTION WAS PUT 024/20

Moved: Nick Cook

Seconded: Leeuwin Beeck

That the Committee receives the Friends of Lake Claremont Update for October 2020 and commends the Friends of Lake Claremont for another year of outstanding night chats.

CARRIED

Nick King left the meeting at 9:26AM.

David Kyle left the meeting at 9:28AM.

Nick King re-entered the meeting at 9:29AM.

6.3 CITY OF NEDLANDS PROJECTS - UPDATE

File Number: GOV/00051-03, D-20-41475

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 025/20

Moved: Cr Kerry Smyth

Seconded: Karen Wood

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

CARRIED

6.2 LAKE CLAREMONT BIRD CENSUS FOR SPRING 2020

File Number: GOV/00051-03, D-20-41471

Author: Isabelle Cadman, Administration Officer Infrastructure

Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 026/20

Moved: Cr Sara Franklyn

Seconded: Leeuwin Beeck

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

CARRIED

7 OTHER BUSINESS

The Chief Executive Officer, Liz Ledger, introduced Marty Symmons as Acting Director Infrastructure as Andrew Smith has left the Town.

Nick Cook acknowledged Andrew Smith' contribution to the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee.

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

NIL

9 FUTURE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2021, 8:00AM

THURSDAY, 6 MAY 2021, 8:00AM

THURSDAY, 12 AUGUST 2021, 8:00AM

THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2021, 8:00AM

10 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:45AM.

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CHAIRPERSON