



MINUTES

Foreshore Advisory Committee Meeting Wednesday, 10 February 2021

Date: Wednesday, 10 February 2021

Time: 4.00pm

Location: Via ZOOM

**Liz Ledger
Chief Executive Officer**

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**MINUTES OF TOWN OF CLAREMONT
FORESHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 4.00PM**

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chair welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 4:02PM.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Cr Peter Telford	Chairperson
Cr Annette Suann	
Ms Claire Brittain	Community Representative
Mr Bill MacLeod	Community Representative
Ms Ainslie de Vos	Community Representative

IN ATTENDANCE:

Marty Symmons	Acting Director Infrastructure
Jared Bray	Coordinator Parks & Environment
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 003/21

Moved: Bill MacLeod

Seconded: Cr Annette Suann

That the minutes of the Foreshore Advisory Committee Meeting held on 15 July 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 PRESENTATION

Nil

6 REPORTS OF THE CEO

6.1 UPDATES AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

File Number: GOV/00049-02, D-20-40428

Author: Jared Bray, Coordinator Parks and Environment

Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Letter to resident 
2. Foreshore Sand Management Plan 

PURPOSE

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

BACKGROUND

Following the last committee meeting on Wednesday 15 July 2020, the following items were discussed, with these items updated within the discussion section of this report.

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. 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.
7. Grants availability.
8. Celebrate our foreshore event.
9. Update on progress on redefinition of the boundaries of the foreshore reserve.
10. Plans by the Town of Claremont for management of water craft stored on the foreshore reserve.

DISCUSSION

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

Following the last committee meeting the Towns Community Safety department increased the number of patrols along the foreshore, ensuring that rubbish and litter could be kept to a minimal amount.

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

2. Dog's off-lead in the prohibited area impacting on the breeding seasons.

Dog signs similar to those at Lake Claremont are being installed at the foreshore in the coming weeks. This will mean a more consistent signage plan throughout the Town. Again following the last meeting the Towns Community Safety Department have increased patrols, to ensure patrons are doing the right thing in respect to dogs on leads.

Educational pamphlets have also been developed and are being distributed to dog owners on the foreshore, as a first interaction and a way of educating owners as to correct behaviours.

Critical breeding timeframes were confirmed by Birdlife Australia, noting that breeding timeframes vary between birds, and breeding timeframes can at times be extended dependent on factors such as rainfall.

3. Christchurch/MLC boatshed environmental clean-up.

The next Clean Up Australia day is March 2021, where the Town will contact the local schools to see if there is an interest in cleaning up both Lake Claremont and the Foreshore.

4. Rubbish lodging in water around yacht club.

DBCA have been contacted in respect to appropriate signage to encourage both litter control and collection, however they are yet to respond. In discussion with the Towns Community Safety Department they are wary of too much signage within the area but are keen to look at anything to decrease rubbish.

5. Sand drift/erosion along the foreshore.

The Town have received the first draft of the Sand Management Plan, which will be distributed to Committee Members with the agenda.

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

A signage audit is to be undertaken by the Towns Community Safety Department before Christmas. An audit by the Towns Health Department has confirmed that there are three bins near the Jetty to cater for current demand. They are scheduled for emptying three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

7. Grants availability.

Recent discussions with DBCA have determined no current grant opportunities, however the Town are in constant contact with DBCA to source funding opportunities.

8. Celebrate our foreshore event.

Councillor Telford has offered to provide an update at the meeting.

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

The linear reserve that includes both the river foreshore up to and beyond high water mark is under the care control and management of the Town of Claremont, as a vested reserve. This means that whilst the property remains under the ultimate control of the State, the Town accepts responsibility for its management.

In addition, and different from many other such vested reserves, the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions retains a level of statutory control in respect to this reserve and how this is to be used, including the storage of vessels.

This means that the Town may impose structures to allow for the storage of vessels on the reserve, however without such storage facilities being in place (and agreed with the DBCA), the DBCA retains the power to enforce the removal of vessels that are stored on the foreshore reserve.

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

See attached letter from the Town to a resident enquiring about dinghy management and the storage of vessels on the foreshore reserve (Attachment 1).

As indicated in the above section, the Town may elect to install structures (with the approval of the DBCA) to facilitate the storage of vessels on the foreshore reserve, however without such structures, the uncontrolled or unapproved storage of such vessels (unless approved through a third party agreement such as the Yacht Club), can be policed by the DBCA.

Previously it was proposed (by officers) to install a structure to enable storage of vessels on the foreshore reserve. This however was not supported by Council at that time and instead unapproved storage of vessels has recently been the subject of intervention by DBCA.

PAST RESOLUTIONS

Foreshore Advisory Committee 15 July 2020;

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

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

Nil

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

Progress update requiring no action.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority decision of Council.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 004/21

Moved: Cr Annette Suann

Seconded: Bill MacLeod

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

CARRIED

7 OTHER BUSINESS

NIL

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

NIL

9 FUTURE MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE

Foreshore Advisory Committee Meeting, Wednesday, 26 May 2021 at 4:00PM.

10 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 5:12PM.

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CHAIRPERSON