



MINUTES

Lake Claremont Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 11 February 2021

Date: Thursday, 11 February 2021

Time: 8.00am

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
LAKE CLAREMONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF CLAREMONT, CLAREMONT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 308 STIRLING
HIGHWAY, CLAREMONT
ON THURSDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 8.00AM**

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chair welcomed David Free and those present and declared the meeting open at 8.10AM.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

PRESENT:

Cr Bruce Haynes

Cr Sara Franklyn

Cr Kerry Smyth City of Nedlands Councillor – Delegate (from 8:11AM)

Cr Fergus Bennett City of Nedlands Councillor – Deputy Delegate

Karen Wood Community Representative

Leeuwin Beeck Community Representative

Nick Cook Friends of Lake Claremont Delegate

David Kyle Scotch College Representative

IN ATTENDANCE:

David Free Visitor (Previous Committee member)

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 027/21

Moved: Nick Cook

Seconded: Leeuwin Beeck

That the minutes of the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 November 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 REPORTS OF THE CEO

5.1 LAKE CLAREMONT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020-21 PROGRESS REPORT

File Number: GOV/00051-03, D-21-02037

Author: Jared Bray, Coordinator Parks and Environment

Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Lake Claremont Advisory Committee (LCAC) on the items, 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 marked as completed to date at the Lake Claremont precinct, where applicable. This includes completed projects as well as any action items identified in previous Committee meetings. Such activities related to the following key areas:

- Turf Management
- Weed Management
- Litter Management
- Park Infrastructure
- Tree Management
- Water and Soil Management
- Fauna Management
 - Predation of Turtles
- Flora Management
- Projects
 - LCMP Review
 - Action Items

DISCUSSION

See below a brief update on each activity:

Turf Management

Turf management has been completed as programmed. Broadleaf weeds have been controlled.

Weed Management

- The Lakebed weed control has commenced. The current weed load is low, with the main issues being the grass control and the new species of weed identified (foxtail grass), which was controlled by hedging and hand removal to great effect. This service will be ongoing until the Lake fills up.
- The Dryland areas weed control has had great success, with the current weed load very low. A combination of chemical controls and hand weeding in more localised areas are working to great effect, reducing chemical usage and effectively managing the weed load. The next chemical weed control is scheduled for March with hand weeding and/or spot chemical treatments being used until the next service.

The Town with the support of FOLC will be deconstructing the turtle shelter so weeding can be undertaken. The design and functionality of the turtle shelter will be reviewed to see if it can be improved in this regard.

Litter Management

Park bins are being scheduled to be cleaned in the coming weeks. This will remove rubbish and grime which is left in the enclosure.

Park Infrastructure

Oiling of wooden assets was completed in December and the annual asset condition inspection is in progress.

Tree Management

Large tree inspections are currently being completed, with works required being scheduled once the weather starts to cool off. One tree failure in the parkland has been scheduled to be habitat pruned, which will retain the bulk of the tree providing habitat for wildlife. Replacement trees have been scheduled for this failure.

In relation to increasing tree canopy throughout the parkland, provisions for this can be accommodated during the tree planting schedule.

Some minor branch pruning will occur over pathways in the coming weeks.

Water and Soil Management

The Town has received the draft water quality report from SERCUL just prior to shut down in December. This draft report will be reviewed, and an in-depth update will be provided at a future Committee meeting. To summarise findings, the water quality remains similar to last year with minimal changes. There was an increase in mosquito larvae near the Alfred Road drain (which was reported to the Town's Health Team who will monitor the site) and low dissolved oxygen and excess nutrients seem to be the common issues relating to water quality.

Fauna Management

Feral animal control has been proposed to be scheduled in the near future. The Lake seems to have a visiting fox which has proven difficult to trap. Alternate methods have been proposed. At this stage, turtle predation is the most pertinent matter with high levels of predation being identified. The Town is currently investigating methods to ensure the safety and survival of this species, which include tracking nesting sites and aestivating sites, more frequent feral animal control and increasing fringing vegetation.

Flora Management

Removal of lemon scented gum seedlings continue in various locations and the pruning of Lake viewing corridors has been completed. Tamarix sites have been regularly monitored and treated accordingly. Path edges and fence line pruning is currently in progress. Some minor fire break pruning has been scheduled for between Strickland Street and Butler Avenue along the access path. This work involves removing the acacia shrubs along this path. Contractors will not be completing any pruning inside the fence line, only along the path edges. Fringing vegetation has been proposed to increase sanctuary for wildlife and will be scheduled to occur in the winter months.

Salt bush management will be organised for the coming months to identify locations where this species is becoming a problem and suffocating other native species. Once this has been completed, the Town will arrange for the removal of the salt bush where it is growing onto other native plants.

Steps have been put in place to plant this species more wisely in a collaborative effort between the Town and FOLC.

The Town has identified numerous locations where vegetation is starting to affect the condition of the fencing surrounding some sites. In the coming months contractors will be pruning this vegetation back considerably, focusing on the dead vegetation and on locations where excess weight is causing damage to the fencing. Species mainly include hardenburgeria and scavola.

Projects

LCMP Review

Town officers are cataloguing items for consideration for inclusion in the new Lake Claremont Management Plan (LCMP). The Town will look to engage a consultant to assist with the development of a LCMP.

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.

Public Art Strategy Lake Claremont

The FOLC shed will be the home for the first public artwork for Lake Claremont Public Art Strategy. Artist Brenton See has been contracted and will commence painting his mural on 8 March 2021. This artwork will reflect and complement the surrounding natural environment and will incorporate an interpretive/attribution sign which will describe the species of flora and fauna included in the design. Please see Brenton's concept design below.



This project was approved by Council at its OCM 17 November 2020, has been funded through the Town's Public Art Reserve,

RESOLUTION 179/20 Moved: Cr Jill Goetze Seconded: Cr Bruce Haynes

That Council

1. **Supports progressing with a Public Art Strategy for Lake Claremont, which includes the approval of two artworks for 2020-2021, that being:**
 - **A sculpture to be located in a specified view point at Lake Claremont, acquired through a private donation and installed by the Town, and**
 - **A mural to be located on the Friends of Lake Claremont shed, funded through the Public Art Reserve budget.**
2. **Accepts the donation of a public art sculpture and requests the CEO to thank the private donor for their contribution to the Town's community.**
3. **Authorises the CEO to transfer the total project cost of \$22,500 from Public Art Reserve to the Municipal Fund and to expend these funds in the 2020/21 financial year.**
4. **Consider an allocation in the future budgeting process to support the installation and future maintenance costs.**

For: Mayor Jock Barker, Cr Jill Goetze, Cr Peter Browne OAM, JP, Cr Sara Franklyn, Cr Peter Edwards, Cr Bruce Haynes, Cr Kate Main, Cr Annette Suann, Cr Peter Telford

Against: Nil

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 9/0

PAST RESOLUTIONS

Lake Claremont Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 November 2020, Resolution 018/20:

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

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 with members of the community in respect to Lake Claremont has been undertaken via the Town of Claremont website www.claremont.wa.gov.au, and notification through the distribution 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 of Council (*More than half the elected members present are required to vote in favour*).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Nick Cook

Seconded: Leeuwin Beeck

That the Committee

- 1. Notes the progress of the Lake Claremont Operational Plan 2020-21; and**
- 2. Supports the increase of tree canopy in the parkland areas.**

AMENDMENT 028/21

Moved: Nick Cook

Seconded: Cr Bruce Haynes

That number 3. be added to read “Requests the Town to conduct an education campaign targeting visitors to the lake, lessees of Town property, Scotch College and surrounding residents to reduce the numbers of ravens at the lake by reducing food supply (ie rubbish bins, pet food).

Reason: To reduce predation of turtles by ravens.

CARRIED

AMENDED PRIMARY MOTION WAS PUT 029/21

Moved: Nick Cook

Seconded: Leeuwin Beeck

That the Committee

- 1. Notes the progress of the Lake Claremont Operational Plan 2020-21;**
- 2. Supports the increase of tree canopy in the parkland areas; and**
- 3. Requests the Town to conduct an education campaign targeting visitors to the lake, lessees of Town property, Scotch College and surrounding residents to reduce the numbers of ravens at the lake by reducing food supply (ie rubbish bins, pet food).**

CARRIED

David Free left the meeting at 9:02AM.

David Kyle left the meeting at 9:22AM.

Karen Wood left the meeting at 9:37AM.

Karen Wood re-entered the meeting at 9:42AM.

6 OTHER REPORTS

6.1 FRIENDS OF LAKE CLAREMONT

File Number: GOV/00051-03, D-21-02663

Author: Isabelle Cadman, Administration Officer Infrastructure

Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Friends of Lake Claremont Update - January 2021 

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 030/21

Moved: Nick Cook

Seconded: Leeuwin Beeck

That the Committee receives the Friends of Lake Claremont Update for January 2021.

CARRIED

6.2 LAKE CLAREMONT BIRD CENSUS FOR SUMMER 2021

File Number: GOV/00051-03, D-21-02664

Author: Isabelle Cadman, Administration Officer Infrastructure

Authoriser: Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Lake Claremont Bird Census - Summer 2021 

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 031/21

Moved: Nick Cook

Seconded: Leeuwin Beeck

That the Committee receives the Lake Claremont Bird Census for Summer 2021.

CARRIED

Karen Wood left the meeting at 10:00AM.

6.3 CITY OF NEDLANDS PROJECTS - UPDATE

File Number: GOV/00051-03, D-21-02666

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 032/21

Moved: Cr Kerry Smyth

Seconded: Nick Cook

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

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

Lake Claremont Advisory Committee Meeting, Thursday 6 May 2021 at 8.00AM.

10 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10:05AM.

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CHAIRPERSON