



Meelup Regional Park Management Committee

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Informal Meeting- Notes

DATE: Monday 25 June 2018, commencing 10.00 am

VENUE: Dunsborough District Country Club

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance Members: Dr Bob Jarvis (Presiding Member), Mr Peter Randerson (Deputy Presiding Member), Councilor John McCallum, Councilor Lyndon Miles, Mr. Damien Jones, Mr Tony Smurthwaite, Mrs Shirley Fisher and Mr Albert Haak

Officers: Ms Tanya Gillet (Manager, Environmental Services), Mr Greg Simpson (Environmental Management Coordinator) and Ms Kay Lehman (Meelup Environment Officer- EO)

Apologies: Mr Bob Ginbey and Councilor Kelly Hicks

2. FINANCIAL SUMMARY - Attachment A

Proposed Direction:

1. The Committee noted the June 2018 Financial Summary (**Attachment A**).

3. MEELUP VOLUNTEER UPDATE

This report covers the period 20th May to 12th June 2018. For the period, there were a total of 62.75 man-hours of volunteer involvement.

Highlight of the period was a very successful and well attended Community Planting Day on Sunday 10th June at Meelup Beach. This involved the auguring of holes, fertilising and planting of selected plants, and the watering and installation of tree guards. 500 plants were planted. The event was followed by a BBQ.

Further achievements for the period included:

- The Ginby family collected rubbish along the Meelup-Eagle Bay Road from Eagle Bay to Pt Picquet as an independent activity
- Clearing of drainage crossings along the coastal trail from Castle Bay to Eagle Bay
- Removal of tree guards from plants that were unsuccessful
- Preparation for the Community Planting Day

There is an opportunity for the Meelup volunteers to work with Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), Flora Conservation Officer to survey the population of Declared Rare Flora- *Caladenia viridescens* in the Park.

Proposed Direction:

1. Information noted by the Committee.
2. EO to liaise with DBCA on the coordination of the rare orchid survey with volunteers.

4. ACTION SUMMARY PROGRESS UPDATE

The action summary is appended as **Attachment B**.

The Committee reviewed the action summary and agreed to include additional actions.

Proposed Direction:

1. For the contractor that installed the coir logs in the former gravel pit on the Car Rally Trail to be engaged to complete the task.
2. A meeting to discuss project options for the NRM Community Stewardship Program Grant to be scheduled for Wednesday 11th July 2018 at 10am at Bob Jarvis's residence.
3. Mr Tony Smurthwaite offered to do a geological presentation to the Meelup volunteers on Plate Tectonics. This will be scheduled with the Volunteer Coordinator.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Presentation on the Feral Animal Control Program

The contractor, Shane Butcher presented the results of the 2017/18 feral animal control program to the MRPM Committee.

Feral animals can have a significant impact on the fauna and flora of Meelup Regional Park through competition for food and habitat, and direct predation. The feral animal control program is undertaken on an annual basis to help mitigate the impacts of these species on native fauna and flora.

Background

The 2017/18 feral animal control program comprised of:

Controls

- a) Three rounds of fox baiting (spring and autumn) using eggs injected with 1080 poison. Secondary visits to replace any baits that have been taken, with a third follow-up visit where any remaining baits are removed from site.
- b) One round of rabbit baiting (at the end of summer prior to autumn fox baiting), hand-laid application using 1080 oats only.
- c) Use of the new strain of the Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV)(Calici virus) to control rabbit numbers.
- d) One round of Feral cat cage trapping.

Monitoring, Compliance and Reporting

The monitoring program includes three stages: pre-baiting (at least one week prior), during baiting and post-baiting (at least one week after), comprising:

- a) Use of monitoring sand plots that are appropriately located in the park for best results.

- b) Use of camera traps, located in conjunction with sand plots and/or other appropriate locations. At least 10 sand plots and 10 camera traps were installed.
- c) GPS of all 1080 bait locations and traps and information on fauna activity recorded.
- d) Provision and secure installation of up-to-date 1080 notification signage at appropriate locations in the park, as guided by the Code of Practice for the Safe Use and Management of 1080 in Western Australia, and any additional advice provided by DAFWA. Also signage, if required by authorities, on the use of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus.
- e) Provide a detailed written report, including the methodology undertaken, results of monitoring and baits taken, maps and recommendations where appropriate.

Proposed Direction:

1. Information noted by the Committee.
2. A copy of the feral animal control presentation to be emailed to Committee members.

5.2 Meelup Beach moon viewing platform

Mr Chad Elton, from Emerge Associates presented the design for the Meelup Beach moon viewing platform to the Committee.

The following is a summary of the Committees comments:

- 1) Timber decking areas to be reduced where possible and timber terrace extension to be removed. It was acknowledged the decks around the trees were a good idea but should be minimised due to cost and maintenance. Modwood material to also be used instead of natural timber.
- 2) Remove or reduce the lower deck on the lower left corner and replace with planting around the base of the existing trees if possible.
- 3) Image in the top right to be removed as not really representative of the more rustic nature intended for the project.
- 4) Larger boulders to be incorporated more into the walls to break up the spaces and provide a more rugged appearance.
- 5) Show indicative location for possible future table and bench seating installations.
- 6) Provide additional staircases and widen existing to ensure adequate, easy access through the design and noting the steps (to be constructed of laterite coloured limestone blocks) can be used as seating also.

Proposed Direction:

1. The revised concept plan to be presented to the Committee.

5.3 Landholder Engagement on Feral Animal Control

The Committee has previously had discussions on the development of an approach to engage land owners with rural property adjoining the MRP, in weed and feral management on their land. Refer to **Attachment C** for the proposed rural landholder consultation area.

Proposed Direction:

1. To engage with adjoining rural landholders on weed and feral animal management in the area delineated in the attached map.

6.0 LATE ITEMS

6.1 Friends of Meelup Regional Park- Update

The Friends of Meelup meeting held on the 7 June 2018 resulted in the nominations and acceptance of Committee positions. Refer to Table 1 below. The next meeting is scheduled for 12 July 2018 to finalise the objectives and purpose of the Friends Group and then register for Association of the group.

Table 1: Summary of Committee Member Positions

Friends of Meelup Regional Park	
Chairperson	Kerry Grist
Vice-Chairperson	Ros Hamdorf
Secretary	Kay Lehman
Treasurer	Greg Simpson
Committee Members	Cate Edwards, Elaine Dodd, Janine Gasbari, Victoria Verity and Alice Horan Anderson.
Presiding Member of the Meelup Regional Park Management Committee	Bob Jarvis

6.2 Meelup Regional Park Management Plan- Update

A draft of the Meelup Regional Park Management Plan is scheduled to be presented to the Committee in September 2018.

7.0 NEXT MEETING

The next informal meeting of the Committee will be held on the 29 July 2018, commencing 10.00am at the Dunsborough District Country Club.