



Meelup Regional Park Management Committee

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Informal Meeting- Notes

DATE: Monday 28 May 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 Kelly Hick, Mr. Damien Jones and Mr Albert Haak

Officers: Mr Greg Simpson (Environmental Management Coordinator) and Ms Kay Lehman (Meelup Environment Officer- EO)

Apologies: Mr Bob Ginbey, Mr Tony Smurthwaite and Mrs Shirley Fisher

2. FINANCIAL SUMMARY - Attachment A

Proposed Direction:

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

3. MEELUP VOLUNTEER UPDATE

This report covers the period 24th April to 15th May 2018.

For the period, there were a total of 66 hours of volunteer involvement.

Achievements for the period included:

- Removal of extensive infestation of Flinders Ranges wattles Eagle Bay to Pt Picquet
- Trail clearing and pruning coastal trail Baudin Memorial to Pt Picquet
- Weed identification and mapping of allocated trails by volunteers
- Assessment of coastal trail condition and recommendation for maintenance

Proposed Direction:

1. Information noted by the Committee.

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 Committee to review the design, by Emerge Associates, of the Moon- Watching Platform to be constructed at Meelup Beach at the 25 June Committee meeting.
2. EO to contact the Dunsborough Primary School regarding involvement with the winter revegetation program.
3. EO to arrange a meeting with the relevant Committee members to discuss the results of the contour survey plan for proposed erosion control works at the Car Rally trail gravel pit.
4. EO to check whether the possum boxes to be installed in the Park require additional ventilation.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Training and Employment of Indigenous Rangers

There has been interest from the Committee to gain more information on the South West Indigenous Ranger Program. Below is a summary of the program for Committee discussion.

The South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) has been successful in securing funding under the WA Government's five years \$20 million Aboriginal Ranger Program. As part of the program SWALSC will employ 12 Aboriginal rangers, at least six of them will be female.

Positions will be based in the southwest, from Jurien Bay to Albany with participants gaining a Certificate 2 in Conservation and land Management and fire training.

The Aboriginal Ranger Program will teach rangers to undertake land and sea management activities including:

- Biodiversity monitoring and research
- Traditional knowledge transfer
- Fire management
- Feral animal and weed management
- Cultural awareness and immersion experiences
- Tourism management
- Education programs and mentoring

Coordinator of the Ranger Program, Jai Wilson informed the City that there will be two positions based in the Parks and Wildlife Office in Busselton. These rangers could possibly be involved in partnership projects with the City providing labour or technical assistance with projects. Any potential partnership project would need to be discussed and planned with the coordinator.

Further information on the Ranger Program can be viewed on <http://www.noongar.org.au/ranger/>

Proposed Direction:

1. Information noted by the Committee.
2. Potential partnership projects to be investigated.
3. Invite a representative from the South West Indigenous Ranger Program to outline the benefits of the South West Indigenous Ranger Program at a future Committee meeting.

5.2 Meelup Beach Community Planting Day

A community planting day is planned for Meelup Beach on Sunday 1st July, 10am-12 to plant 500 local native seedlings. The planting day requires coordination by City officers and Friends of Meelup including pre- planting site works (auguring, fertiliser application), sorting and distributing seedlings onsite, community induction, provision of tools, registration station and catering.

Proposed Direction:

1. Information noted by the Committee.
2. EO to coordinate additional media advertising for the event.

5.3 Mountain Bike Event

WA Gravity Enduro has registered an event application with the City of Busselton for the Chain Reaction Cycles WA Gravity Enduro Series 2018 Round 5 for the weekend of 28- 29 July 2018. The event will start on 28 July 2-4pm and 29 July 8am-2pm, followed by an event cleanup.

A race village will be set up at the Dunsborough Golf Course and Country Club including a parking area and tents. The proposed course map will utilise mountain bike trails with the Dunsborough Golf course and mountain bike trails with Zone 6 of Meelup Regional Park. Expected total numbers in attendance is 550. Refer to details in Attachment C-E.

Proposed Direction:

1. Information noted by the Committee.

5.4 Meelup Regional Park Committee- 25th Year Celebration

There have been initial discussions with Committee members about holding an event to celebrate 25 years of the MRPMC. It is proposed that this event be held late 2018 and planning for the event will be required.

Proposed Direction:

1. Information noted by the Committee.
2. As part of the celebrations, a Wildflower Walk has been scheduled for Sunday 16 September and a BBQ lunch at Meelup Beach for Sunday 21 October 2018.
3. Invite Isaac Webb or Josh Whiteland to lead a tour in the Park on indigenous culture.

6.0 LATE ITEMS

6.1 Friends of Meelup- Update

A well-attended Friends of Meelup meeting was held on 24 May 2018 to discuss the formation of a Friends of Meelup Incorporated association. A follow meeting is scheduled for 7 June 2018, to determine the key objectives and how a Friends of Meelup incorporated association might function.

Proposed Direction:

Information noted by the Committee.

6.2 Liaison with the Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association

The Committee discussed the promotion of Meelup Regional Park in the region including a need for a brochure on the Park to be produced and distributed to tourist outlets. Councillor Kelly Hicks

suggested contacting Clare Savage at the Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association (MRBTA) to get involved in their FAMIL program which would enable MRBTA staff to visit the Park and be informed of its values and facilities.

Proposed Direction:

1. EO to contact the MRBTA to arrange a staff visit to Meelup Regional Park. Presiding member, Mr. Bob Jarvis will make a presentation to the group.

7.0 NEXT MEETING

The next informal meeting of the Committee will be held on the 25 June 2018, commencing 10.00am at the Dunsborough District Country Club.