

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN

MINUTES

BASSENDEAN RIVER PARKS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 48 OLD PERTH ROAD, BASSENDEAN

ON WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2016, AT 10.00AM

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member advised that the Deputy Presiding Member, Cr Bridges, will chair the meeting.

The Deputy Presiding Member opened the meeting, welcomed all those in attendance, conducted an Acknowledgement of Country and also acknowledged the recent passing of Mr Gary Gartlett.

2.0 ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Cr Bob Brown, Presiding Member
Cr Paul Bridges, Deputy Presiding Member
Alex Harrison, Department of Planning
Stephen Lloyd, Department for Parks and Wildlife
Tim Sparks, Department of Water
Nonie Jekabsons, Community Representative
Carol Seidel, Community Representative
Brian Vincent, Community Representative

Staff

Simon Stewert-Dawkins, Director Operational Services
Mr Brian Reed, Manager Development Services
Mrs Maria Fatouros, Senior Environmental Health Officer
Mr Jeremy Walker, Environmental Officer
Mrs Yvonne Zaffino, Council Support Officer, A/Minute Secretary

Visitors

Mr Dominic Heald, Department of Water
Ms Rebecca Ferguson, City of Bayswater
Dr Rose Weerasinghe, SERCUL
Mr Glen Byleveld, SERCUL
Ms Naomi Bannister – AshfieldCAN

3.0 DEPUTATIONS

- 3.1 Ms Rebecca Ferguson, Water Quality Project Officer, from the City of Bayswater's provided a powerpoint presentation on the key findings from the 2015 water quality in the Bassendean Drainage Network Report and ongoing work that is being undertaken.

Cr Brown raised the Kitchener Street drain and asked if this drain could be included in the monitoring programme.

Ms Ferguson advised that this could be investigated further but would be subject to funding. Mr Heald advised that accessibility could also be an issue.

Cr Brown also referred to the containment site mound which is subject to a report to Council to establish what sampling, if any, has been undertaken since 2008 and make available the results of these samples.

The Manager Development Services advised that there has been minor problems identified and that Council is looking at ways on reducing contaminants into drains.

- 3.2 Mr Glen Byleveld, Water Program Manager, South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare provided a powerpoint presentation on stormwater and mosquito management within treatment systems.

Both presentations will be provided electronically to members as part of the minutes.

Cr Brown asked if further information could be provided on acid sulphate soils and Mr Sparks responded that he would provide information on this matter.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee meeting held on 17 February 2016

Mr Lloyd asked that in future any reference to the Swan River Trust is now the Department of Parks and Wildlife.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 4.1

BRPMC-1/5/16 MOVED Carol Seidel, Seconded, Steve Lloyd, that the minutes of the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee meeting held on 17 February 2016, be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil.

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

7.0 BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

7.1 Bassendean Foreshore Precinct Plan

Cr Bridges raised items which he felt should have been listed on this agenda under Business Deferred.

Mr Stewert-Dawkins advised that those items are included in Items 8.3 and 8.4 of this agenda.

Cr Bridges moved the following motion:

MOTION - ITEM 7.0(a)

BRPMC-2/5/16 MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Cr Brown, that Town of Bassendean officers prepare a report/update on the current status of the Bassendean Foreshore Precinct Plan, including future planned works, and provide a copy to Committee members two weeks prior to the next Committee meeting.

CARRIED 8/0

7.2 Ashfield Flats Reserves – Land Management

Cr Bridges moved the following motion:

MOTION – ITEM 7.0(b)

BRPMC-3/5/16 MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Cr Brown, that this Committee again requests Town of Bassendean Officers to:

1. Prepare an outline of works currently being undertaken at the Ashfield Flats;
2. Review the existing Syrinx report and liaise with relevant agencies and Committee members to undertake a gap analysis;
3. Provide an outline of how to progress a management plan for the Committee's consideration; and
4. Explore funding options to advance the preparation of a management plan for the Ashfield Flats as is the remit of this Committee.

CARRIED 8/0

8.0 REPORTS

8.1 Bassendean Water Quality Monitoring Report (Ref. ENVM/PROGM/8 – Jeremy Walker, Environmental Officer)

BACKGROUND

In 2008, the Town of Bassendean, in partnership with Perth Natural Resource Management (NRM), along with the City of Bayswater, Department of Water and Swan River Trust initiated a Water Quality Monitoring Program.

The Town of Bassendean engaged a water quality officer to monitor the three main drainage lines within the Town of Bassendean (Kitchener St Drain, Chapman St Drain and Guildford Rd Drain). Every year, a Sampling Analysis Plan is developed by the Water Quality Officer and Department of Water. This Plan is used to then produce water quality report.

The Department of Water's Senior Scientific Officer, Mr Dominic Heald and City of Baywater's Water Quality Project Officer, Ms Rebecca Ferguson, have been invited to the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee to discuss the 2015 water quality in the Bassendean Drainage Network Report and to outline key findings against water quality guidelines and ongoing work that is being undertaken.

In recent years the Town has implemented Living Streams, evapotranspiration swales and has prompted the Department of Environmental Regulations to conduct industrial audits throughout the Tonkin business district in Bassendean. The results obtained from the reports are being used for future drainage projects at Bindaring wetland, Ashfield Flats, Success Hill and Anzac Terrace drain.

An amendment was made to Point 2, of the Officer Recommendation, as shown in bold type below.

OFFICER/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.1

BRPMC-4/5/16

MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Carol Seidel, that the Committee:

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Department of Water's Senior Scientific Officer and the City of Bayswater's Water Quality Officer for the Water quality presentation; and
2. Notes the Town of Bassendean's partnership with Perth Natural Resource Management, Department of Water, **Department of Parks and Wildlife** and City of Bayswater to monitor water quality, and that the information obtained will be used to guide future water quality improvement projects.

CARRIED 8/0

8.2 Bindaring Park – Water Quality and Hydrology Investigations (Ref PARE/MAINT/67/69 – Jeremy Walker, Environmental Officer)

BACKGROUND

As part of the 2015/16 Budget, Council allocated funds to commence water quality and hydrology upstream investigations. As a result, the Town engaged GHG to conduct a desktop assessment of the entire wetland from Harcourt Street all the way to the river at Pickering Park.

The initial investigation is focusing on the hydrology and water quality upstream from tidal influences of the Swan River.

It is intended that GHD will provide the Town with hydraulic modelling and a site survey for upper wetland along with ground water monitoring bores for entire site.

As part of the Bassendean Water Quality Monitoring/Drainage Sampling Analyses Plan, extra sampling sites were added for Bindaring Park and a water logger was installed on the footbridge between Lovelock Place and Anstey Road.

It is intended that once the Town receives the full set of scientific data and the desk top report from GHD, including order of magnitude of costs, that funding will be listed in the draft 2016/17 Budget to initiate a community and key stakeholder consultation in order to develop a draft Bindaring Park Concept Plan.

It is intended that this GHD report will be presented to the next Bassendean River Parks Management Committee meeting.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.2

1. Notes the Bindaring Park investigation status report; and
2. Requests the Bindaring Park hydrology and water quality report be presented to the August 2016 Bassendean River Parks Management Committee.

Ms Jekabsons requested if a copy of the report could be provided to the Friends of Bindaring Park group.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.2

BRPMC-5/5/16 MOVED Nonie Jekabsons, Seconded, Stephen Lloyd, that:

1. The Committee notes the Bindaring Park investigation status report; and
2. The Bindaring Park hydrology and water quality report be presented to the August 2016 Bassendean River Parks Management Committee; and
3. The Friends of Bindaring Park be provided with a copy of the Bindaring Park investigation status report.

CARRIED 8/0

8.3 Integrated Mosquito Management - South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare (SERCUL) Presentation (Ref PUBH/PROGM/3 – Simon Stewert-Dawkins)

BACKGROUND

The Department of Health (DOH) coordinates surveillance for and management of mosquitoes of public health significance across Western Australia. A key component of this statewide program is support for Local Government (LG) mosquito management programs through the Contiguous Local Authorities Group (CLAG) funding scheme. The CLAG scheme is a mechanism for assisting LG with management, funding and technical aspects of health-driven mosquito control in an effort to reduce the risk of mosquito-borne diseases throughout WA.

South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare (SERCUL) was formed in 2003 as an independent Natural Resource Management body in Perth, and brings together the community, business and government to develop and implement projects that improve the health of our waterways and other ecosystems.

In March 2016, SERCUL attended a CLAG meeting held at the Town of Bassendean and presented mosquito educational material to the Environmental Health Officers to use for their Local Government areas and as part of the CLAG mosquito monitoring and management programs.

Also in March 2016, Council (OCM – 20/03/16) resolved to invite SERCUL to the conduct a presentation to the River Parks Management Committee on how they derived from the master plan to implementation, including their research on mosquito control, and nutrient stripping in wetlands that feed the Swan and Canning Rivers.

Then in April 2016, SERCUL attended the AshfieldCAN River Forum and presented information on the Bannister Creek Project - Vision to Implementation and other mosquito matters.

As the Committee Members are aware, with the rapid urban expansion of the Perth and Peel regions, there is an increasing number of people living in close proximity to wetlands and stormwater treatment systems. If these systems are not properly designed and adequately managed, they can potentially reduce water quality and lead to midge, mosquito and algal bloom problems.

Mosquito control can be very challenging at these sites, due to restricted site access, proximity to people and limited resources.

SERCUL representatives Mr Glen Byleveld and Dr Rose Weerasinghe have been invited to the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee to discuss the challenges in stormwater and mosquito management within treatment systems and to outline the specific principles that can be incorporated into stormwater infrastructure design, construction and management to minimise the risk. This presentation will outline the broad principles of Integrated Mosquito Management and how they can be applied to the design, construction and maintenance of constructed wetlands.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.3

BRPMC-6/5/16 MOVED Cr Brown, Seconded Carol Seidel, that the Committee expresses its appreciation to the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare (SERCUL) for the of Integrated Mosquito Management presentation.

CARRIED 8/0

8.4 Ashfield Flats Reserve - Land Management (Ref PARE/MAINT/68 – Simon Stewert-Dawkins)

BACKGROUND

At the February 2016 Bassendean River Parks Committee meeting, members were provided with an overview of the recent history of Ashfield Flats Reserve and provide a copy of the Council (OCM - 17/05/05) endorsed "Brief for Strategic Management and Associated works at Ashfield Flats Reserve, Ashfield Parade and Sandy Beach Reserve.

As a result of the Committee meeting concerning Ashfield Flats Reserve, Council (OCM – 20/03/16) resolved, in part the following:

- “3. Officers review the existing Syrinx report ‘Brief for the Strategic Management Plan and Associated Works’ for the Ashfield Flats and liaise with the relevant agencies and community members to undertake a gap analysis with a view to creating a brief for the management plan for the Ashfield Flats as is the remit of the Committee; and*
- 4. Officers investigate ways to fund and develop a management plan for the Ashfield Flats with all relevant agencies involved and with a Town of Bassendean contribution proportional to the Town’s landholdings, management areas and community use.”*

In regards to the Syrinx Environmental brief, the Strategic Management Plan and Associated Works for the Ashfield Flats, officers can report that to date the detailed site investigations outlined in the Syrinx report have not been undertaken as State Government funding has not been allocated. In regards to the Syrinx Environmental long term management strategy, to date the State Government has not made a decision to transfer the WAPC/Department of Planning managed parcels of Ashfield Flats Reserve land to Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW), or similar agency responsible for protecting and conserving natural areas.

Therefore, the Town of Bassendean continues to work with the Department of Planning and the Department of Parks and Wildlife.

Since the last meeting, the Department of Planning - Property Operations Manager has held discussions with the Rivers and Estuaries division of the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW), as well as with officers from the Town of Bassendean.

The Department of Planning is developing a program for foreshore rehabilitation that will be integrated into a broader Ashfield Flats Reserve maintenance regime. This approach is seen as the most effective and efficient means of managing the current state of the foreshore (also considering the need for a Foreshore Management Plan as required by the Swan River Trust), as well as ensuring that work being undertaken is able to be a part of the overall Ashfield Flats maintenance and management.

The Department's overall maintenance of the Flats aims to integrate this foreshore program with the various other management requirements including fire, weed and native vegetation, water quality, wetlands, public access and paths, public recreation opportunities, facilities and incidental use. The Department of Planning is continuing its consultation with DPaW and the Town of Bassendean prior to confirming its program. It will also seek input from local interest groups as to how they are able to assist in this enhancement of the Flats as work progresses.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.4

That the Committee notes:

1. The Department of Planning's progress towards developing a program for foreshore rehabilitation that will be integrated into a broader Ashfield Flats Reserve maintenance regime; and
2. The Department of Planning's intention to continue its consultation with Department of Parks and Wildlife and the Town of Bassendean prior to confirming its integrated foreshore rehabilitation program and Ashfield Flats Reserve maintenance regime.

The Director Operational Services referred to the following Officer Recommendation which is a resolution of Council made in March 2016. Cr Bridges did not feel that this was progressing the Committee's recommendation and moved an addition to the Officer Recommendation to include Points 3, 4 and 5 below.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.4

BRPMC-7/5/16 MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Nonie Jekabsons, that:

1. The Committee notes Department of Planning's progress towards developing a program for foreshore rehabilitation that will be integrated into a broader Ashfield Flats Reserve maintenance regime;

2. The Committee notes the Department of Planning's intention to continue its consultation with Department of Parks and Wildlife and the Town of Bassendean prior to confirming its integrated foreshore rehabilitation program and Ashfield Flats Reserve maintenance regime.
3. Town of Bassendean Officers are to review the existing Syrinx report 'Brief for the Strategic Management Plan and Associated Works' for the Ashfield Flats and liaise with the relevant agencies, and community members to undertake a gap analysis with a view to creating a brief for the management plan for the Ashfield Flats as is the remit of the Committee;
4. Town of Bassendean Officers are to investigate ways to fund and develop a management plan for the Ashfield Flats with all relevant agencies involved and with a Town of Bassendean contribution proportional to the Town's landholdings, management areas and community use; and
5. A progress report to be provided to the members two weeks prior to the next Bassendean River Parks Management Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

8.5 Swan & Helena Rivers Management Framework (Ref. GOVN/CCLMEET/15 – Jeremy Walker, Environmental Officer)

BACKGROUND

Committee members were requested to receive the update on the Swan Helena River Management Framework.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.5

BRPMC-8/5/16 MOVED Mr Harrison, Seconded Mrs Seidel, that the Committee receives the Swan Helena River Management Framework – Update report attached to the 11 May 2016 Bassendean River Park Committee agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8/0

9.0 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

9.1 Notice of Motion – Cr Bridges

MOVED Bridges, Seconded rivers and parks that Town of Bassendean staff prepare plans that transfer the development potential of the existing residential land on the Town of Bassendean owned lot 271 Hamilton Street to lots of equivalent potential south west of Lot 1; No. 120 Hamilton Street and accessed off Hamilton Street so as to preserve the existing stands of Flooded Gums, provide more flexibility to convert the upper sections of the Chapman Street drain into a living stream and provide 'eyes on the park' when this area is developed for community use.

Mr Harrison and Mr Sparks advised that they were reluctant to vote on the matter and felt that it did not form part of this Committee's role.

The Manager Development Services advised that this was part of a current Council Resolution to initiate a Scheme Amendment.

Cr Bridges withdrew the motion.

9.2 Notice of Motion – Cr Bridges

Cr Bridges advised that he wished to move the following motion:

MOTION – ITEM 9.2

BRPMC-9/5/16 MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Alex Harrison, that the Town of Bassendean writes to all owners and tenants of properties in the Tonkin Business Park and industrial areas and makes them aware of the monitoring process currently being undertaken and the types of contaminants that are flowing into drains, as part of an educational program.

CARRIED 8/0

The Manager Development Services left at 12.10pm and did not return.

9.3 Notice of Motion – Cr Bridges

Cr Bridges advised that the AshfieldCAN President expressed concern that she had not been made a member of the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee when it was formed and moved the following motion:

Concern was expressed on the number of current AshfieldCAN members on the Committee, and this may be viewed as disproportional to other key stakeholders.

After clarification, Cr Bridges moved that a representative from this group be invited to become a member on the Committee.

MOTION – ITEM 9.3

BRPMC-10/5/16 MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Cr Brown, that the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee's Instrument of Appointment and Delegation be amended and invite a representative of the Ashfield CAN to be included as a member of the Committee.

CARRIED 7/1

Mr Harrison voted against the motion.

Mr Stewart-Dawkins left the Chamber at 12.12pm and did not return.

9.4 Notice of Motion – Cr Brown

Cr Brown asked if the Pearson Street drain could be included in the annual testing of drains.

Ms Ferguson advised that if an additional site was to be included, one of the current sampling sites would need to be removed, but that it could be further investigated and subject to funding.

MOTION – ITEM 9.3

MOVED Cr Brown, Nonie Jekabsons, that the Officers of the Town of Bassendean identify a water sample of the Pearson Street drain and that the Water Quality Project Officer, from the City of Bayswater consider including this site as an annual sampling site, subject to funding.

CARRIED 8/0

Mr Harrison, Mr Byleveld and Dr Weerasinghe left the Chamber at 12.15pm and did not return.

10.0 **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NOTICES OF MOTION FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Nil.

11.0 **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

12.0 **CLOSURE**

The next meeting date to be held on Tuesday, 17 August 2016 commencing at 10.00am.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.20pm.