

# TOWN OF BASSENDEAN

## MINUTES

### RIVER PARKS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

ON WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST 2016, AT 10.00AM

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#### 1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

##### Acknowledgement of Country

The Town of Bassendean acknowledges the past and present traditional owners of the land on which we gather to conduct this meeting, and pays its respects to their Elders, both past and present.

#### 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  
Lucy Bromell, Ashfield CAN  
Carol Seidel, Community Representative  
Nonie Jekabsons, Community Representative  
Jeremy Walker, Environmental Officer

##### Staff

Ken Cardy, Acting Director Operational Services  
Brian Reed, Manager Development Services  
Amy Holmes, Minute Secretary

##### Visitors/Observers

Naomi Bannister, Community Member  
Kelsey Hunt, GHD Senior Environmental Scientist

##### Apologies

Stephen Lloyd, Department for Parks and Wildlife  
Tim Sparks, Department of Water  
Brian Vincent, Community Representative  
Simon Stewert-Dawkins, Director Operational Services

### **3.0 DEPUTATIONS**

Ms Kelsey Hunt, GHD Senior Environmental Scientist - Presentation of the Bindaring Park water sampling desktop report.

*GHD will prepare a number of concepts to bring to this group, which will then go out to community consultation.*

*It was requested that the Stage 1 final report be presented to Friends of Bindaring and that they be given the opportunity to comment on concepts, maybe through a workshop and to include two small areas which were mentioned in the GHD presentation relating to Bindaring Park.*

### **4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### **4.1 Minutes of the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee meeting held on 11 May 2016**

##### **COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 4.1**

MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Carol Seidel, that the minutes of the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee meeting held on 11 May 2016 be confirmed as a true record.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

### **5.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

The Presiding Member expressed his pleasure at the work that has commenced on the Bindaring Park and stated that it is a start to the future development of the Town's foreshore.

### **6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **7.0 BUSINESS DEFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **7.1 Bassendean Foreshore Precinct Plan (Ref. GOVN/CCLMEET/1 – Brian Reed, Manager Development Services)**

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the May 2016 (BRPMC-2/5/16) Committee meeting, it was Moved by Cr Bridges and 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.

#### **OFFICER COMMENT**

At the time of writing this report the Manager Development Services has been unable to make contact with relevant officer of the Department of Parks and Wildlife (Swan River Trust) to progress the matter.

*Committee requested that the report be available for the next meeting.*

#### **COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 7.1**

**RPMC – 1/08/16** MOVED Carol Seidel, Seconded Cr Bridges, that the Committee notes the officer's comments and requests the report be ready for the next meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0**

## **8.0 REPORTS**

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

#### **APPLICATION**

The purpose of the report is to present the draft Bindaring Park water quality and hydrology investigations.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

**Attachment No. 1:** GHD Town of Bassendean Bindaring Park Desktop Assessment – 25 July 2016

## BACKGROUND

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

At the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee meeting held 11 May 2016, Ms Rebecca Ferguson, Water Quality Project Officer from City of Bayswater, delivered a presentation on the key findings from the 2015 Water Quality & Monitoring of Drainage Network and ongoing work that is being undertaken.

As part of the 2015/2016 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 focused on the hydrology and water quality upstream from tidal influences of the Swan River.

At the May 2016 Committee (BRPMC-7/5/16) the Committee agreed to:

1. Express 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. Note 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.
3. Note the Bindaring Park investigation status report; and
4. Present the Bindaring Park hydrology and water quality report to the August 2016 Bassendean River Parks Management Committee.

The next stage of the project is to utilise the data that has been collected as part of Stage 1 to develop a wetland concept design.

This process will involve the following:

- Expand desktop assessment to cover the entire wetland from Harcourt Street down to Bassendean Parade.
- Further site survey works that will be used for future detailed design to accurately determine drainage levels and size treatment structures.
- Continued hydraulic and water quality modelling to complete the entire catchment of the wetland, building on Stage 1 works of the upper catchment.
- Concept development, involving review of site opportunities and constraints, development of concept plan/masterplan, stakeholder and community engagement with community consultation and cost estimates for design.
- Further field investigations to cover acid sulphate soils, groundwater bore monitoring and geotechnical investigations

#### COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.1

**RPMC – 2/08/16** MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Carol Seidel, that:

1. The Town Notes GHD desktop report and presentation of the findings from Stage 1.
2. The Committee expresses its appreciation to GHD for the Bindaring Park presentation; and
3. The committee notes the next stage of Bindaring Park project is to review the site opportunities and constraints taking into consideration the GHD report in order to develop a draft Concept Plan for Council, stakeholder & community engagement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

#### **8.2 Ashfield Flats Reserve - Land Management (Ref PARE/MAINT/68 – Simon Stewert-Dawkins, Director Operational Services)**

##### APPLICATION

The purpose of the report is to provide feedback on the 2005 Syrinx Environmental Ashfield Flats “Brief” for a Strategic Management Plan document and advise on the Riverbank funding

##### ATTACHMENT

**Attachment No.2** Review of the Ashfield Flats Reserve  
“Brief” for a Strategic Management  
Plan/Master Plan

**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.

At the May 2016 Committee (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.*

**COMMENT**

With regard to items 3 and 4 above, an interagency working group made up of Department of Planning, Parks and Wildlife, Department of Water and Town of Bassendean representatives reviewed the 2005 Syrinx Environmental

Ashfield Flats “Brief” for a Strategic Management Plan document and identified areas within the “brief” which would most likely be updated prior to undertaking .

The 2005 Syrinx Environmental brief identified eleven different State and Federal Government agencies that provided potential grant funding opportunities once the feasibility studies had been completed and the management plans developed. Once the feasibility studies have been completed, and as part of the development of the management plans, the current funding opportunities can then be identified.

The Department of Water representative made the comment that the Water Corporation, which was in the past concerned primarily with drainage conveyance (quality), and the Department of Water in its role of drainage planning and flood management, now work closely together and share a vision of improved management of water and drainage in the landscape to enhance the liveability of our cities and towns. In this regard, the State has committed to move Perth forward from a “Drained City” towards a Water Sensitive City”.

Council Officers have liaised with the Department of Planning, Department of Parks and Wildlife and Department of Water to determine if these State Government agencies would be prepared to providing proportional funding for their landholdings in order to develop the Ashfield Flats Strategic Management Plan.

The Department of Planning representative commented that the Department is reviewing the approach to the management of Ashfield Flats and available funding for management planning and that this is likely to involve consideration by the WAPC and the Minister.

The Parks and Wildlife advised that should the Department Planning on behalf of the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) consider to submit a 2017/2018 Riverbank Funding application for an Ashfield Flats Management Plan, such an application would be judged against the established criteria and against other applications.

*Still work to be done on gap analysis and how those gaps are going to be filled.*

*The Town and WAPC have been working to address some of these items for a number of years.*

1. ASS
2. Water quality

3. *Weed management – Weed Assessment report to be brought back to this committee*
4. *Trees along boardwalk*
5. *Hydrology*
6. *Visitors on site*

*Ashfield CAN tabled a draft report on ‘Contemplative Park & Wildlife Observatory’ for consideration by the committee.*

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - ITEM 8.2(a)

**RPMC – 3/08/16** MOVED Cr Brown, Seconded Lucy Bromell, that officers of the Town of Bassendean put forward to the WAPC that consideration be given to a concept supported by Ashfield CAN to develop a contemplative and wildlife observation park and lookout on the land situated on the escarpment overlooking Ashfield Flats adjacent to the Hardy Road and Kenny Street intersection.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

COMMITTEE/OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.2

**RPMC – 4/08/16** MOVED Cr Bridges, Seconded Cr Brown, that the Committee:

1. Notes the interagency representatives’ comments in the document attached to the 17 August 2016 Bassendean River Parks Management Committee agenda concerning the reviewed Ashfield Flats “Brief” for a Strategic Management Plan document; and
2. Respectfully requests the Department of Planning, on behalf of the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC), submit a 2017/2018 Riverbank Funding application for an Ashfield Flats Management Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/0

**9.0** **MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

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

Nil



**11.0**                    **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**12.0**                    **CLOSURE**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 November 2016 commencing at 10.00am.

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed, the time being 11.45am.