

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN
NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE
BASSENDEAN RIVER PARKS MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Dear Committee Member

A meeting of the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee of the Town of Bassendean will be held in the Council Chamber, 48 Old Perth Road, Bassendean, on Wednesday, 17 August 2016, commencing at 10.00am

Mr Bob Jarvis
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3 August 2016

A G E N D A

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**

3.0 **DEPUTATIONS**

GHD Senior Environmental Scientist – Ms Kelsey Hunt presentation of the Bindaring Park water sampling desktop report.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 4.1

That the minutes of the Bassendean River Parks Management Committee meeting held on 11 May 2016, be confirmed as a true record.

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

6.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 7.1

That the Committee notes the Officer Comments.

Voting requirements: Simple Majority

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

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.1

That the Committee:

1. The Town Notes GHD desktop report and presentation of the findings from Stage 1.
2. Expresses its appreciation to GHD for the Bindaring Park presentation; and

3. 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.

Voting requirements: Simple Majority

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.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 8.2

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 Planning, on behalf of the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC), to submit a 2017/2018 Riverbank Funding application for an Ashfield Flats Management Plan.

Voting requirements: Simple Majority

9.0 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NOTICES OF MOTION FOR THE NEXT MEETING

11.0 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

12.0 CLOSURE

The next meeting date to be held on Wednesday, 16 November 2016 commencing at 10.00am.