



MINUTES

Public Reserves Advisory Committee Meeting

5 February 2019

**MINUTES OF NORFOLK ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
PUBLIC RESERVES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE NORFOLK ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 4:05PM**

PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE:

Name	Representative	Present	Apology
John McCoy	Deputy Mayor	X	
Lisle Snell	Councillor	X	
David Evans	Community		X
Marg Christian	Norfolk Flora and Fauna	X	
Bruce Taylor	Group Manager Services	X	
Lotta Jackson	General Manager	X	
Aaron Graham	Norfolk Island Cattle Association	X	
Nigel Greenup	Park Manager, Norfolk Island National Park and Botanic Garden	X	

1 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the committee to the first meeting of 2019 and opened the meeting at 4:05pm.

2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Name	Agenda Item	Type	Nature of Interest
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Nil

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

4 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**PEST AND NOXIOUS WEEDS:**

- Feral chook eradication ceased for the festive season on 30 November.
- A media release on 18 January advised that 1,075 chooks had been removed from public reserves in 2018. The survey on preferred eradication methods will conclude on 15 February, 2019.
- The vacant position of Pest and Noxious Weeds Officer has been advertised. Applications close 28 January, 2019.

GROUNDINGS AND OPEN SPACES:

Resources have been redirected to remove the graffiti glued to the environment, both built and natural, on 16–17 January, 2019. A record of costs is being maintained and will be invoiced to the organisers of the vandalism if found proven to be their posters.

5 ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**1. Banyan Tree in Middlegate Reserve**

Recent damage to the tree was discussed and is being investigated by the Conservator.

2. Urban Forests

Parks Manager undertook to place this on the agenda for a future meeting

3. Chook Survey

The resolution to conduct the survey did not allow for options such as 'do nothing'. The survey concludes 15 February. A review will determine the need for any additional surveys.

4. Manuka – Leptospermum scoparium

Parks Manager undertook to distribute literature on the plant Leptospermum scoparium, a topic of a recent media article.

5. Feral Cat Control

Parks Manager advised of the issuing of a 12 month contract, the programme to be based on findings of the recent camera trapping project. Parks and NIRC will coordinate activities.

6. Tarla Birds

Parks are commencing Phillip Island control. NIRC is applying for a control permit for Norfolk Island Reserves.

7. Lily Hunt – Flora and Fauna Association

An agenda item for later in the year. Flora and Fauna cannot fund this project indefinitely.

8. NIQS Weeds Handbook

Motion moved by Councillor Snell; Seconded by Aaron Graham:

‘That the *Norfolk Island Weeds Handbook* be made available to the new Pest and Weeds Officer and all Grounds and Parks Staff to assist in identification of weeds.’

6 CLOSE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 March 2019

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:45pm.