



# **MINUTES**

## **Public Reserves Advisory Committee Meeting**

**7 May 2019**

**MINUTES OF NORFOLK ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL  
PUBLIC RESERVES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE NORFOLK ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON TUESDAY, 7 MAY 2019 AT 4:00PM**

**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	
PJ Wilson	Norfolk Island Cattle Association	X	
Nigel Greenup	Park Manager, Norfolk Island National Park and Botanic Garden	X	
Murray Thompson	Manager Planning and Environment	X	

**1 WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed the committee to the meeting and opened the meeting at 4:06pm.

**2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3 CONFIRMATION AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of 2 April were confirmed

Moved: David Evans

Seconded: John McCoy

Carried

Nil matters arising from minutes.

**4 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

Since January 2019 the Officer has trapped 40 cats, while 35 chooks have been dispatched since shooting recommenced on 1 April, 2019.

The recent recruitment of the Manager Planning and Environment and the Senior Environment Officer will allow the Pest and Noxious Weed Management Plan and the review of the Reserves Plans of Management to proceed. A timetable will be provided to the June meeting of the Public Reserves Advisory Committee.

## 5 ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### 5.1 MADEIRA VINE

#### DISCUSSION

Discussion took place on the Madeira Vine problem, specifically in 100 Acres Reserve.

The Committee supports:

1. the completion of the Pest and Noxious Weed Management Plan and the review of the Reserves Plans of Management
2. any review of the *NIQS Weed Handbook 2014* to include Madeira Vine and African Boxthorn
3. providing advice to the community on the status and methods of control, following completion of the Pest and Noxious Weed Management Plan and the review of the Reserves Plans of Management
4. Council's control of weeds under the management plan.

### 5.3 NORFOLK ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

#### ARGENTINE ANTS

Following an update from the Parks Manager noting the commitment of \$1.3 million over two years by the Commonwealth Government, and recent discussions with CSIRO and Invasive Species Council, the committee moved:-

The Public Reserves Advisory Committee supports the establishment of an Argentine Ant Steering Committee to support and monitor the Argentine Ant eradication programme.

Moved: PJ Wilson

Seconded: Nigel Greenup

Carried

#### TARLA BIRDS

The Parks Manager advised that Phillip Island was closing to the public for three days commencing 14 May to undertake tarla bird control. The public were advised in last week's media, and further advice will be issued in coming days.

## 6 CLOSE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 June 2019 commencing at 4.00pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 5.08pm