



# **MINUTES**

## **Public Reserves Advisory Committee Meeting**

**4 June 2019**

**MINUTES OF NORFOLK ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL  
PUBLIC RESERVES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE NORFOLK ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON TUESDAY, 4 JUNE 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	
Aaron Graham	Norfolk Island Cattle Association	X	
Nigel Greenup	Park Manager, Norfolk Island National Park and Botanic Garden	X	
Murray Thompson	Manager Planning and Environment	X	
Jim Castle	Senior Environmental Officer	X	

**1 WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed the committee to the meeting and opened the meeting at 4:02pm.

**2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Name	Agenda Item	Type	Nature of Interest
	NIL	Conflict of Interest	

**3 CONFIRMATION AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Confirmed: Marg Christian

Seconded: David Evans

Ant Steering Committee held its first meeting last week.

National Parks Tarler Bird control on Phillip Island in May removed 28 birds. The next expedition is in August. Funding provides for three exercises per year for the next three years. NIRC has now received its permit to control Tarler birds on Norfolk Island so future expeditions to Phillip will be coordinated with NIRC.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Council notes the matters arising from the minutes and expresses its appreciation to the Commonwealth for the allocation of \$1.3 million over two years for Argentine Ant eradication.

Unanimous.

**4 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS****4.1 PLANS OF MANAGEMENT - PUBLIC RESERVES****SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the requirements for the Plans of Management and recommendation to the General Manager.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee recommends to the General Manager:

1. The format of the revised Plans of Management be as provided in the example draft Bumbora Reserve.
2. The public consultation phase (of 28 days) under clause 11 of the Act be a phased process with the initial Draft Plans for Ball Bay, Bumbora, Middlegate and Stock Reserves be released in early June 2019. Any amendments by PRAC to the draft plans are to be provided during the exhibition period.

Moved: Aaron Graham

Seconded: Marg Christian

Unanimous

**4.2 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER REPORT****DISCUSSION**

For the months of April and May there have been –

10 cats trapped (10 new cat traps have been ordered)

22 chooks have been shot

Woody weed control, targeting tobacco, lantana, African Boxthorn and other roadside weeds in the following areas -

Steeles Point, Middlegate, Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Shortridge area, JE Road (sewer line under RSL), New Farm Road (lantana), Sewer drop off point, Ferny Lane, Cobby Robinson Road, Ferny Lane (follow up), Harnish's Lane (under power pole), Grassy Road, Kingfisher paddock, Captain Cook Road, Bullocks Hut Road, Middleridge Reserve, Anson Bay Road, Douglas Drive (both sides), Harpers Road, Cascade Road and Harpers Road to corner.

A contractor has been engaged to undertake Madeira Vine and African Boxthorn control in 100 Acres Reserve in June.

Rat control is continuing. 100 more bait stations have been ordered.

**Noted.**

**5 ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committee entered committee of the whole at 4.45pm and returned 5.20pm.

**6 CLOSE OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 July 2019

The Chair closed the meeting at 5.29pm