



MINUTES

Public Reserves Advisory Committee Meeting

2 July 2019

**MINUTES OF NORFOLK ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
PUBLIC RESERVES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE NORFOLK ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, 2 JULY 2019 AT 4:00PM**

PRESENT:**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

1 WELCOME

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

2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Name	Agenda Item	Type	Nature of Interest
Aaron Graham	4.1 Plan of Mgt – Ball Bay	Conflict of Interest	Cattle Grazing

3 CONFIRMATION AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Minutes Confirmed. Moved: Marg Christian Seconded: Aaron Graham

Matters arising: Nil

4 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

4.1 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

SUMMARY

Draft Plans of Management and Summaries were attached for review, and recommendation that the draft Plans be placed on public exhibition.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to Council that the four draft Plans of Management, Ball Bay, Bumbora, Middleridge and Stock Reserves be placed on public exhibition as prescribed in the Public Reserves Act 1997 (NI).

Moved: Marg Christian Seconded: Aaron Graham Unanimous

4.2 PEST AND NOXIOUS WEEDS PROGRAM REPORT

DISCUSSION

This report provides an update on the activities of the Pests and Noxious weeds program for the month of June.

RELEVANCE TO THE ROLE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This item is relevant to the committee as it covers information on the planning and implementation pest and noxious weed programs in Public Reserves and across Norfolk Island.

PROPOSED ADVICE

Draft Plans of Management were prepared for Anson Bay and Hundred Acres Reserves during June, and work is now progressing on the Selwyn Reserve Draft Plan of Management. Draft Plans of Management are now complete for 6 Public Reserves, including Ball Bay, Bumbora, Stock and Middleridge (which were prepared by Naomi Christian Consulting).

The Senior Environmental Officer is currently reviewing background work that has been completed by Naomi Christian Consulting for the Norfolk Island Pest Management Plan. This completion of this plan will be a priority in 2019-20, as the Plan was scheduled for completion in 2018/19 and will be the basis for the work plan required under clause 2.4.2 of the Operational Plan 2019/20.

A drone has been used to collect Digital Elevation Model (DEM) data for Argentine Ant Eradication program Zones 11 and 4. Yamaha is currently working on collision prevention technology to avoid collisions when aerial baiting is carried out, and DEM data will be used to ensure safe and effective operation of the larger drone during the baiting in August.

A Norfolk Island Morepork Workshop was arranged by Parks Australia and run at the Paradise Hotel between the 18th and 20th June. The Threatened Species Commissioner provided funding for the workshop, which brought together local and scientific experts to identify the key issues and develop a plan to ensure the survival of the species on Norfolk Island. There may be an opportunity for NIRC to get involved in this project during the implementation phase.

The Senior Environmental Officer is undertaking a short accredited course, which was organised and funded by Parks Australia, to climb trees for the installation of Norfolk Island Morepork nest boxes. It is hoped some nest boxes will be installed in Selwyn and Hundred Acres Reserves in coming months.

The Pest and Noxious Weed Officer assisted with the ship and took leave during June, so very little feral cat trapping or chook control was done.

The permit for Tarla Bird eradication has been approved, and this work will commence when the Pest and Noxious Weed Officer returns from Leave in early July.

The report from the senior environmental officer was noted.

5 ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nil

6 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

6.1 Weed identification and control

6.2 Feral Chicken Sanctuary – Proposal from Chamber of Commerce

7 CLOSE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 August 2019

The Chair closed the meeting at 4.39pm.