



MINUTES

Public Reserves Advisory Committee Meeting

3 September 2019

**MINUTES OF NORFOLK ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
PUBLIC RESERVES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE NORFOLK ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 4:30PM**

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	
James Castle	Senior Environmental Officer	X	

1 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed the committee to the meeting and opened the meeting at 4:32pm.

2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Name	Agenda Item	Type	Nature of Interest
Nil		Conflict of Interest	

3 CONFIRMATION AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Minutes of the July 2019 meeting were confirmed.

Moved: Marg Christian Seconded: Lisle Snell Unanimous

The August meeting was cancelled as a quorum was not present.

Business Arising from Minutes of the July 2019 Meeting

6.1 Weed Identification and Control

The meeting was advised that the Parks Manager had provided literature to Council's Reserves staff for the identification of Norfolk Island weeds.

4 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

CONSERVATOR'S REPORT

The Fazer Drone is here until November baiting Argentine Ants. At this stage the drone is distributing bait near the end of Collins Head Road, around Driver Christian Road, and near the corner of Taylors Road and Queen Elizabeth Avenue. Aerial baiting will also continue at the Airport and Waste Management Centre and along Mt Pitt Road.

Draft Plans of Management for Bumbora, Ball Bay, Hundred Acres, Stock, Middleridge and Anson Bay Reserve are out for public comment until 20th September.

Draft Plans of Management for Selwyn and Headstone Reserve are almost complete, and Draft Plans will be prepared for Cascade and Two Chimneys Reserves during September. These four Draft Plans of Management will be complete prior to the September PRAC.

Draft Plans of Management for Point Ross and Two Chimneys Reserves will be complete prior to the October PRAC.

On site meetings have been held with KAVHA staff regarding the management of native vegetation /revegetation to increase plant diversity in KAVHA Reserves, and work on the Draft Plans of Management (or a single environmental management plan) for the Reserves in the KAVHA area will commence in November.

Woody weed control has been done on roadsides around the Cascade/Quarantine Reserve area, Middlegate Road, JE Road, Allendale Road, Selwyn Pine Road, Poverty Road and Queen Elizabeth Avenue.

A total of 17 feral cats have been trapped across the Island, including from private land, around Crystal Pool, and from Bumbora, Selwyn and Hundred Acres Reserves.

Rat control has continued in Hundred Acres, Anson Bay and Two Chimneys Reserves, and planning is underway to put out a further 50 bait stations with Norfolk Island Reserves.

A total of 16 feral chickens have been removed from Norfolk Island Reserves, and 6 Purple Swamp Hens (Tarler Bird) were shot at Kingston while Parks Australia eradicated 44 Tarler Birds from Phillip Island.

5 ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

5.1 COUNCILLOR SNELL

In reference to the request from Chamber of Commerce to provide a protected zone for feral chickens, after much discussion the following motion was moved:-

MOTION

In the interest of protecting biodiversity and micro flora and fauna, the Committee recommends to Council that Cockpit is not to be declared a sanctuary for feral chickens.

Moved: Aaron Graham

Seconded Marg Christian

Unanimous

6 CLOSE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 October 2019 at 4.00pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 5:12pm