

LAKE MCINTYRE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes of the Lake McIntyre Management Board Meeting held at the Millicent Public Library
Tuesday 12th February 2019

1. PRESENT: Angela Jones, Deirdre Tiddy, Noel & Sheila Boyle, Rosey & Stewie Pounsett

2. APOLOGIES: Brian McIntyre, John Drew, Moira Neagle

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES:

3.1 Lake McIntyre Management Board Meeting 11th December 2018

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes be taken as presented and confirmed.

Deirdre/Sheila

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

4.1 Brochure Updates – Printed and delivered.

4.2 Signs – Frog Hollow and Butterfly Rise signs done and in place.

4.3 BBQ Repair - the door on BBQ #1 has a broken vent. Waiting to see if this can be fixed by a volunteer

4.4 New Board – Sheila and Rosey both agreed to continue as Chairperson and Secretary respectively. Sheila welcomed our new community representative Angela Jones, and new council representative Moira Neagle to the board. Other members remain the same with John Drew the other council representative, and Peter Halton the Council Engineering Dept. representative.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

IN:

OUT: Leon Miels – letter of thanks for all his help at the lake and Congratulating him on his Australia Day award.

6. FINANCIALS:

10/12/2018	Banner Mitre10	Hand weeders & Fixtures for gate	\$32.23
Oct/Nov	Galweys	Mowing	\$374.00
12/12/2018	K&S Fuels	Fuel – mower and ute	\$93.63
12/12/2018	Cocky's Signs	Butterfly & Frog Hollow signs	\$137.50
11/01/2019	Landmark	7xBall-valve brass taps	\$55.00
04/01/2019	Kemps Machinery	Oil for ride-on mower	\$42.00
04/02/2019	K&S Fuels	Petrol for mowers	\$21.43
06/02/2019	Kemp's Machinery	Ear muffs	\$25.00
09/02/2019	Banner Mitre10	Pruning saw, rake, kneeling pad	\$131.82
Can deposit refund -		\$5.60	
Donations -		\$7.25	

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 Charter – This need to be updated to reflect the changes that have been made to our management of the lake over the past 12 to 18 months.
- 7.2 Battery maintenance – Stewie has undertaken the checking of the batteries and these are all okay.
- 7.3 Ride-on Mower Donation – A surprise donation of a second-hand ride-on lawn mower has been made to the Lake McIntyre Management Board. This will enable volunteers to carry out more mowing of the lawned areas around the lake. The Board are very grateful to receive this donation and sincerely thank the donors. (Rosey to write a letter of thanks)
- 7.4 Council Morning Tea – The Board decided to host a morning tea for the Mayor, CEO, all the new members of council, and council employees involved in any way with the management of the lake. This is our way of saying thank you to those employees who are always very prompt and courteous when we have asked for assistance, as well as introducing the members of council to the Board. A guided walk will be offered either before or after the morning tea. – Sheila and John Drew to organise.
- 7.5 Butterfly Signs – A discussion was held on the design, number and placement of the educational butterfly signs. Several ideas were offered, and our discussions will continue at the next meeting.
- 7.6 New Watering Point – Noel advised that it would be beneficial to have a watering point for hoses etc. at BBQ#3. There are water taps at both the other BBQs, and it was agreed to install the extra tap.
- 7.7 Bird Brochures – Deirdre advised that we need some more bird brochures. Rosey to email Peter Halton to get some more printed.

7.8 Water Level – The water level has continued to decrease with the last measurement being 1.5m in November. The reading at the beginning of this week was 1.05

7.9 Bird Count - The next bird count will be conducted at 7.30am Thursday 14th February

7.10 General News -

- Lots of tourists visited the lake over the holiday break, many from overseas. A number were given a brief history of the lake or directed to where they were able to see a particular bird or plant.
- Several groups and businesses held BBQS during the Christmas season out at the lake.
- 112 visits on our website for one week in January

8 JOBS CARRIED OUT – December, January and up to February 12th 2019

- Young trees removed from Frog Hollow and shell-grit area with the help of Adrian Boyle
- Extra watering by sprinklers during the hot days
- Various emails and phone calls
- Regularly checking of surrounds for rubbish
- Installation of Butterfly Rise and Frog Hollow signs.
- Ongoing removal of weeds around the whole area.
- Daily check of BBQ area and toilets over the Christmas New Year holiday time
- BBQ with some of the committee and volunteers then a walk around the lake to check out things that needed to be carried out.
- Lots of branches to the transfer station including 10 loads in one day.
- Liaised with Matt Gregetic & Angela Jones about Miland roadside vegetation and the tree stump on the walk way at Lake McIntyre where a snake had taken up residence
- Pointed out boxthorn in the working quarry to Matt Gregetic
- Pleased to see Peter Sayers is using the newly acquired snake protectors as he works in long grass.
- Opening and closing of the gate every day
- Several large she-oak branches crashed to the ground due to wind and hot weather.
- Water levels recorded.
- The cleaner who cleans the toilets and BBQS has kept up her excellent standard over the Christmas New Year period.
- Safety instruction given to volunteers who may use the donated ride on lawn mower by Mike Kemp. Extra safety equipment purchased.
- Washing of BBQ tiles, tables and chairs, and toilets, with hot soapy water
- Wire tree guards around trees near shipping container that the Swamp Wallabies had found
- Watered lots of trees by hose and buckets.
- Cut down several trees in front of the viewing platforms that were blocking the view.
- Replaced a broken large sprinkler with a donated one.
- Rod Gibbs is still servicing and sharpening the chain saw for free – thank you Rod
- Ute loads of blackberry brambles taken to transfer station

- Removed large willow tree that was hard to see from the edge of the Lake
- Lawns cut by volunteers with ride on and push lawn mower
- Paths raked and BBQ areas and viewing platforms regularly swept.
- Monthly bird counts for our records and sent to E Bird.
- Cleaned out and made sure the 2 bird baths had plenty of water during the hot days
- A couple of volunteers have adopted a few the native plant beds over near Foster's Hill.
- Numerous other jobs carried out during this period - too many to mention.
- A post and rail has been installed next to the chain gate leading to the working quarry.

9 SIGHTINGS

- Red-browed Finch
- Stubble Quail heard in adjoining paddock
- Nankeen Night Heron
- Wood Sandpiper overhead
- 24 Pelicans overhead
- Cattle Egret
- Snipe
- Bearded Dragon
- Lots of Common Brown butterflies

10 GATE ROSTER

Saturday February 16th Noel

Saturday February 23rd Noel

Saturday March 2nd Deirdre

Meeting Closed 8.20pm

Next Meeting Tuesday March 5th

Please Note:

As there will be several members away during the week of Tuesday 12th it was decided to hold our next meeting a week earlier