

## LAKE MCINTYRE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes of the Lake McIntyre Management Board Meeting held at the Wattle Range Council Engineering Office on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm

1. PRESENT: Sheila & Noel Boyle, Rosey & Stewie Pounsett, Deirdre Tiddy, Brian McIntyre, John Drew, Peter Halton, Angela Jones
  
2. APOLOGIES: Moira Neagle
  
3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES:
  - 3.1 Lake McIntyre Management Board Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
 Deirdre moved that the minutes be taken as presented and confirmed  
 Brian seconded CARRIED
  
4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:
  - 4.1 Council Morning Tea – This has been organised for 3.00pm Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. A walk around the lake and then afternoon tea. All members and volunteers are encouraged to attend.
  - 4.2 \$200 Gas Bottle Repairs – Welding for hinges on the cage and making it secure after theft of bottle.
  - 4.3 New Brochure Costs – Peter followed up with Tamara North about the costings for the new Lake McIntyre brochure. The cost will be shared equally between Lake McIntyre and the Millicent VIC.
  - 4.4 Volunteer Induction – ongoing
  - 4.5 Charter – Members are to check the Charter before the next meeting and bring their ideas along for changes that need to be made. We will then discuss them and recommend any changes to Council.
  - 4.6 Safety Vests – Noel to email numbers and sizes required to Peter and he will order them.
  - 4.7 Road Sealing – Peter provided an estimated cost of \$46,000 to construct and seal the entrance road, car parking areas and roundabout. Some discussion was held, and it was agreed that we don't want the car parking areas sealed, which would make the total cost a lot less. There would need to be provision for speed humps in the road to slow the traffic.  
  
Moved Stewie. Seconded Angela, that we recommend to Council the sealing of the entrance road (approximately 7 metres wide) up to, and around, the roundabout. Alternatively, if costs need to be lowered, to seal the roundabout section first, and then the entrance road can be added later joining the two sealed sections.

- 4.8 Blower – Noel picked up the new Blower Vac from Kemps. It has already been used and has proven to be a popular addition to the equipment list.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 Youth Week  
Letter from Sarah Marzec re involvement in Youth Week activities
- 5.2 Award Nomination  
Email from Rosey to Board members advising that the Council has nominated The Lake McIntyre Committee for the 2019 Premier's Certificate of Recognition for outstanding volunteer service.

6. FINANCIALS

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| 6.1 | April 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Donation Box                  | \$11.15 |
| 6.2 | April 8 <sup>th</sup> | Kemp's Machinery – Blower Vac | \$299   |

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 Water Level – 0.82 Almost exactly the same as for April last year.
- 7.2 Bird Count – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm
- 7.3 Snipe Survey – The count results from the last season have been compiled and we are now regularly counting 2-4% of the global population over 117 sites. The sites that are counted each year are important for the continuous data recorded. At least 25 of these sites hold 18 or more snipe which is the threshold for a nationally important site for Latham's Snipe under the EPBC (Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation) Act. With continued monitoring into the future it is hoped to gain information about trends from key sites. Lake McIntyre has been a part of these surveys for quite a few years now, and was for a time, one of the sites with 18 or more birds recorded regularly. The number of snipe recorded here has fallen over past few years, perhaps due to the lake retaining more water and having less mud-flats which are crucial to the birds for feeding. It is important we maintain our involvement in the surveys, and we are grateful to the Millicent Field Naturalists who undertake the count each year. Next Season's counts will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> November 16<sup>th</sup> and January 18<sup>th</sup>
- 7.4 Youth Week Activities – Saturday 2.00pm Chat about Lake Mac and a walk around before afternoon tea. All members encouraged to attend and help
- 7.5 Stump Removal – Quote from Bowman's re removal of large tree stump at start of covered walkway -\$250 or less. It was agreed to go ahead with the removal of the stump.

8 JOBS CARRIED OUT –

- Open and close the gates each day
- Clean the BBQ tiles and tables with hot soapy water.
- Clean out and fill up bird baths
- Use of blower vac on walkways, lookouts & bird hides.
- All volunteers advised on the used needles policy
- Raked paths
- Logs behind shed to Foster's Hill

- Extra posts installed at fenced off area to stop cars cutting up the grass
- Filled in wheel marks on lawn
- Numerous trips to the dump
- Lawns cut with ride on and push lawn mower. This is saving the Council several hundred dollars a month
- Water level checked
- Number of Banksia trees split over the last month
- Clearing up branches around the lake
- Continually checking the area for rubbish.
- Bird Count
- Repair to vent on BBQ 1 and 3 carried out.
- Weeding on going
- Numerous phone calls and Emails
- More photos have been added to our large collection.
- Bird information board at the Millicent VIC updated monthly. It is proving to be a very popular board.
- Unfortunately we may be losing 5 workers by middle of May.

Recommendation – That Council install a security camera at the lake to monitor road behaviour (Cars ripping up grass and entering fenced off areas)

Major Job Undertaken – Roadside Vegetation on Miland Side of Saleyards Rd.

At last this large project has been completed. Every large stump and sapling, after being cut, had to be painted with Roundup within a few seconds while the sap was still running. Council is going to remove the trees that have been cut and stacked. We have approached council to remove two trees that could be dangerous for us to remove. We did not want to cut them in case they came down on the edge of the road. We have painted the tree branches to indicate which ones need to be removed. The native trees have been retained. Blackberries have been sprayed. This area will be planted with low native trees and shrubs, keeping in mind the overhead power lines. I would recommend Council to inspect the lower part of this area in case filling is required as there is quite a drop-off.

- 9     SIGHTINGS  
 Over 100 Freckled Duck  
 Night Heron  
 Pelican  
 5 swans and one cygnet  
 3 wallabies

10    GATE ROSTER –

Saturday April 13th	Pounsetts
Saturday April 20th	Pounsetts
Monday April 22nd	Boyles
Thursday April 25th	Boyles
Saturday April 27th	Boyles
Saturday May 4th	Brian

Meeting Closed 8.19pm  
 Next Meeting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May