

## **LAKE MCINTYRE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Minutes of the Lake McIntyre Management Board Meeting held at the Wattle Range Council Engineering Office Davenport Street on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.00pm

1. PRESENT: Sheila and Noel Boyle, Stewie & Rosey Pounsett, Brian McIntyre, Dee Tiddy, John Drew, Moira Neagle

2. APOLOGIES: Peter Halton, Claire O'Loughlin,

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES:

3.1 Lake McIntyre Management Committee Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dee moved that the minutes be taken as presented and confirmed

John seconded

CARRIED

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

4.1 Volunteer Induction – Claire O'Loughlin will attend the next meeting to complete the induction process.

4.2 Charter – Discussions were held on the changes that need to be made to the Charter. It was agreed to request a meeting with Cath Loader to discuss these changes. Sheila to organise.

4.3 Safety Vests – Have been ordered and should be available shortly. Peter will let Noel know when they are ready to be picked up.

4.4 Youth Week – Unfortunately the wrong time for this activity was advertised, and maybe because of this no-one turned up at the agreed time of 2.00pm.

4.5 Security Camera – The security camera is being installed this week.

4.6 Council Morning Tea – See below for report (in jobs done list)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Youth Week

Thank you letter from Ben Gower re involvement in Youth Week activities

Certificate of Appreciation from Ben Gower re involvement in Youth Week

5.2 Freckled Duck

Letter to Bryan Haywood re Freckled Duck numbers at the lake

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### 5.3 BBQ Cleaning

Letter to Pater Halton re BBQ cleaning procedures

## 6. FINANCIALS:

6.1	Blade Runner Turf	Mowing	\$340
6.2	Komma Media	Website Hosting	\$435.60
6.3	Kemp's Machinery Service	Fault on ride-on mower	\$50
6.4	K&S Fuel	Petrol for mower	\$38.75
6.5	K&S Fuel	Bar & chain oil	\$22.35
6.6	Banner Mitre10	Misc. hardware	\$17.22
6.7	Bowman Earthmovers	Tree stump removal	\$275
6.8	Reedy Creek Nursery	Assorted gum trees	\$30
6.9	<u>Donations</u>		\$29.20

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 Pump Breakdown – It was noticed that the pump was not working and therefore the tank for the toilets was not being filled. The electronics in the meter board needed repairs, which Dennis Muhovics undertook straight away.
- 7.2 Rare Sightings – First sightings at the lake for Black Kite and Marsh Sandpiper. We have very large numbers of Freckled Duck (371), and as per Bryan Haywood's letter, anything over 250 makes it a globally significant site. This is the second time we have had globally significant numbers of Freckled Duck at the lake. We also have had globally significant numbers of Latham's Snipe in the past, but with the lake retaining a high water level over the Spring and Summer these past few years, we are seeing a dramatic decrease in their numbers. It does however reinforce the need to maintain the lake primarily as a bird sanctuary.  
Moira suggested we pass this information on to Megan Tilley. Rosey to follow up.
- 7.3 Large Roof Signs – Everyone to bring ideas for the signs to the next meeting. We will need to discuss how many signs we would like, which shelters to put them in, and how many to get done at once.
- 7.4 Water Level – 0.62 compared to 0.75 last year
- 7.5 Meeting Place – There was a discussion on the present meeting room with the seating layout seen to be a problem for effective discussions. It was agreed to ask if there is alternative venue with more a more appropriate seating arrangement. Sheila to follow up.
- 7.6 Bird Count – Sheila will organise via email

## 8 JOBS CARRIED OUT –

- Erected a post and rail barrier at the beginning of the covered walkway to prevent children running directly on the road. We have left room for wheelchair access.
- Checked BBQ area and toilets each day over the Easter break
- Cleaned the BBQ on the Tuesday following Easter.
- Washed tiles, tables and seats with hot soapy water, then all tables and chairs around the lake
- Repaired sprinkler that had been snapped off in the lawn
- Removed large She-oak limb that had blocked the back footpath and involved 5 trips to the transfer station and took one full morning to clean up the area.
- Sprayed for blackberries in various parts.
- Commenced removal of bridal creeper
- Replaced walkway sign that had been removed and thrown down the road.
- Mowing grass and lawn by volunteers. At this stage all lawns are cut by volunteers.
- Cleaning of bird hides
- Trimming low branches
- 2 Bird counts
- Replacing brochures in interpretive centre
- Raking pathways
- Opening and closing gate each day
- Checking the lake area for rubbish
- Water level reading
- Various phone calls and emails
- Ongoing weeding
- Planted 9 flowering gums at various places around the lake.
- Raked up She-Oak nuts on lawn.
- Several more trips to the transfer station.
- BBQ lunch arranged to farewell 2 volunteers heading to Victoria.
- Bird baths cleaned and filled
- Sprinkler system not working. Timing box out, fixed by Dennis Muhovics
- Cleaned up around planted trees on Rendelsham Road/Southern Ports Highway.
- Helped Bowmans Remove tree stump
- Reported to Cleaners there was no toilet paper in one of the toilets.
- Batteries for BBQ'S Checked
- Council has been asked to remove two trees from Saleyards Road

### 8.1 Volunteers Midday BBQ and Councillors afternoon tea Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Eight of our band of volunteers were asked if they would join some of the committee to meet the newly elected councillors from Wattle Range Council. This was being held at 3p.m. on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

The Volunteers decided they would have a midday BBQ and then do some work around the lake before meeting the Councillors.

A lovely lunch of snags, rissoles, chops, spuds and onions plus a few salads was enjoyed by all. Phil even bought us all an Easter Egg.

At around 3pm Mayor Des Noll, Moira Neagle and John Drew arrived, followed by Deb Agnew, Sharon Cox, Rick Paltridge and Peter Halton. Later, CEO Ben Gower also joined us.

Committee members in attendance were Angela Jones, Deirdre Tiddy and Noel & Sheila Boyle.

Sheila welcomed all and asked if everyone had visited the Lake before which was confirmed. Sheila gave a short explanation of how the lake came to be. The committee and some of our volunteers took the short trip to the Interpretive Centre to show the Councillors a few photos of the progress and happenings at the lake before taking a walk all around the lake including Downs Island, Fosters Hill, and Angela giving them a short history on Butterfly Rise. One lovely Lowland Copperhead was spotted curled up on our walk.

We pointed out the various garden beds that had been planted by children from Newbery Park Primary School and the High School, also McArthur Park Kindy and the Child Care Centre.

Afternoon tea then took place with a lovely array of home cooked food.

Mayor Des Noll then presented one of our long-term volunteers, Mr Gavin Hann, with a certificate thanking him for the hard work he had put in with a chainsaw to clear all the non-native shrubs and trees on the Miland fence line, also the time and effort he has put in since becoming a volunteer.

9 SIGHTINGS

2 Pelicans

Cygnets lost

10 Black Kites

Marsh Sandpiper

371 Freckled Duck

Black-tailed Native-hen

10 GATE ROSTER

Saturday May 11th	Dee
Saturday May 18th	Brian
Saturday May 25th	Boyles
Saturday June 1st	Brian
Saturday June 8th	Boyles

Meeting Closed 8.28pm

Next Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> June