

LAKE MCINTYRE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes of the Lake McIntyre Management Board Meeting held at the Civic & Arts Supper Room on Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 7.00pm

1. PRESENT: Rosey & Stewie Pounsett, Peter Halton, Sheila & Noel Boyle, Brian McIntyre, Angela Jones, Deirdre Tiddy, Moira Neagle

2. APOLOGIES: John Drew

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES:

3.1 Lake McIntyre Management Committee Meeting 8th May 2019

With the addition of Angela Jones to those being present

Noel/Deirdre

CARRIED

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

4.1 Volunteer Induction – Claire not present, so will carry over to next meeting.

4.2 Charter – The meeting with Cath Loder is set for Wednesday 26th June 1pm. Venue to be advised

4.3 Safety Vests – The vests are at Seebohm's to get the Lake McIntyre monogramming done.

4.4 Security Camera – The security camera that was installed at the lake has been vandalised. Council removed what was left of that camera and have now installed another camera in a more secure site.

4.5 Meeting Venue – The key for the C&A Supper Room will be available to pick up from Janice before our meetings. It will then need to be returned promptly.

4.6 BBQ Shelter Roof Signs – A special meeting will be held to discuss the large signs for the BBQ shelters on Friday 28th June at 6.00pm at the Boyles.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Quote

Quote from Cocky's Signs for 2 danger signs - \$83.60

These are required for the area opposite Osborne's Hut where there is a need to warn people of the hidden drop off down to the rocks and the water.

6. FINANCIALS:

6.1	Lawn mower fuel	K&S Fuels	\$26.05
6.2	Ant powder	(Paid cash from donations)	\$8.00
6.9	<u>Donations</u>	27 th May	\$4.50
		4 th June	\$4.00

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 Premier's Award – A great turn-out from volunteers and past and present Board Members for the Mayoral Reception held at the Millicent Gallery on 6th June. The Mayor, Des Noll, presented Sheila Boyle, the Chair of the Board, with the Premier's Certificate in Recognition for Outstanding Volunteer Service. Sheila responded and gave a short report on the history of the board and the volunteers. Her report is attached to these minutes.
- 7.2 \$500 Mayoral Gift – After some discussion it was decided to use this money to purchase the large signs for the BBQ shelter ceilings. It was agreed that the signs would be the most fitting way to spend the money as they would be of lasting value to the community.
- 7.3 Drill Purchase – The purchase of a battery-operated drill was discussed as a possible option for the \$500 donation, but it was decided that this should be purchased with funds from our normal budget.
- 7.4 Septic Odours – Noel reported that odours are emanating from the septic tank vent. Peter Halton was asked if the vent can be raised to minimise the smells. Peter to follow up.
- 7.5 Re-locating Speed Sign – It has been suggested to the board that we move the speed limit sign closer to the gate. Also suggested was a lowering of the speed limit. Peter advised that rumble strips were going to be installed on the road near the start of the walking track, and a new speed sign attached to the gate. These actions will provide the same results as moving the sign and lowering the limit.
- 7.6 Vandalism – Once again a spate of vandal attacks have occurred at the lake. These include theft, damage to equipment, and vehicle damage to lawns. Hopefully, the new security camera that has been installed will curb some of this behaviour.
- 7.7 Poas – Angela explained the reasons behind having to manage the pruning of the Poas. We need to ensure the Poas are kept as suitable habitat for butterflies, as this is what they were planted for. Caterpillars feed on the soft new growth of these plants and hide in the base of the plants for safety. The plants may be pruned at the end of summer, but not all the plants, and not all the time. We will rely on Angela's expertise and advice.
- 7.8 Volunteer Numbers – 14+
- 7.9 Water Level – 0.75m same as last year.
- 7.10 Bird Count – Sheila has done bird counts already this month, so we don't need to organise another one.

- 7.11 National Tree Day – Deirdre advised that National Tree Day is on 26th July this year.
- 7.12 Newbery Park Visit – Thursday July 4th Angela will be bringing a class out to plant senecio, to do some water bug surveys, and have a sausage sizzle for lunch. Board members are encouraged to attend and help.
- 7.13 Saleyards Road Planting – Angela has some callistemons ready to plant along Saleyards Road where we have removed the Italian Buckthorn and other woody weeds. Noel asked Peter to check up on the 2 trees that still need to be cut down along the road, and to remove the cut trees and ready the area for planting. Peter to follow up.

8 JOBS CARRIED OUT

- Front gate opened before 8 a.m. and closed at dusk – every day.
- Placed a “Do Not Enter Dangerous Cliff” sign on the fencing near Osborne Hut
- Planted several trees at various parts around the lake. Courtesy of Angela Jones.
- Visited Osborne and Reed Island for the removal of Italian Buckthorn, Bridal Creeper and Thistles
- Washed toilets, tables and BBQ tiles with hot soapy water.
- Pamphlets placed in box in the Interpretive Centre.
- Nesting boxes for birds & possums repaired on Osborne and Reed Island.
- Bird list on the Information Board at the Tourist Information Centre updated.
- Another large tree blocking path to Downs Island removed.
- Grass cut in all areas by volunteers.
- Paths, lookouts and interpretive building cleared with Blower Vac. Rake/broom.
- Water level recorded.
- Entire area checked for rubbish.
- Lawn edge trimmed around all seats and BBQ’s
- Grass chute on lawn mower repaired by volunteers
- Display cases in Dotterel bird hide were removed to destroy ants and clean.
- Low hanging branches over garden bed at Osborne Hut removed
- Removed branches blocking view at both bird hides, also around Gibbs’ seat.
- Raked up twigs around trees near Miland gate where possible raked back around trees.
- Removed moss on bridge
- Once again Rod Gibbs serviced chainsaw free of charge
- Checked lake area for branches after strong wind.
- Removed large branch blocking access to Foster’s Hill
- Replaced 5 sprinklers removed from garden bed by vandals - the culprits left them on top of a BBQ.
- Filled in holes in the grass area near Miland
- Repaired lawn that was dug up by a motor bike near BBQ 2.
- Arranged several laminated copies of our Premier’s Award for committee members and volunteers.
- Number of trips to transfer station
- Placed logs in the lake for birds to perch on when the lake fills.
- 3 bird surveys – still well over 400 Freckled Duck.
- Various phone calls and emails regarding meetings and vandalism
- Batteries checked on BBQ’s
- Removal of Bridal Creeper in various areas.

- Spraying for Scabious and Marshmallow.
- General weeding in various areas of the lake.
- Mulched and weeded around trees with tree guards.
- Attendance by most of our volunteers and past and present Committee, at the Premiers Award night.
- Download from Bill Cull's USB stick photos of Lake McIntyre and label them. Organise for some to be printed for the albums.

9 SIGHTINGS

5 wallabies - one with a joey in its pouch

Pelican

White-necked Heron

Yellow-billed Spoonbill

Willie Wagtail - last sighting 1 in November 2018 the one before that was 2 in April 2018

Golden Whistler

Over 450 Freckled Duck

Spotless Crake

Pink-eared Duck

Numerous Shovelers

10 GATE ROSTER

Saturday June 15th Noel

Saturday June 22nd Dee

Saturday June 29th Brian

Saturday July 6th Noel

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

Next Meeting 10th July