

## LAKE MCINTYRE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes of the Lake McIntyre Management Board Meeting held at the Civic & Arts Supper Room on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May	\$4.50
		4 <sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> July this year.
- 7.12 Newbery Park Visit – Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> Noel

Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> Dee

Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> Brian

Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> Noel

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

Next Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> July

*S. M. Safe. 10/7/19.*

## Annual Report from Chairperson Sheila Boyle - Lake McIntyre Committee July 2018 – June 2019

It gives me great pleasure to report on another wonderful year at Lake McIntyre.

I would like to acknowledge John Chalmers, a former committee member. Over many years he has spent countless hours checking our BBQ batteries, ignition switches etc. His resignation meant we needed to find a replacement and we are so fortunate to have Angela Jones join our ranks. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge.

With Council elections taking place earlier this year, we have also acquired a couple of new faces at our meetings – apart from John Drew who remains a council representative, we have also welcomed Moira Neagle Council representative and Peter Halton Director of Engineering Services.

We decided it might be a nice idea to invite the newly elected Council members out to the lake for a walk around and afternoon tea. We hope it gave them an insight into what takes place around the entire area.

Our band of volunteers working out at the lake are fantastic – they meet with Noel on Monday and Tuesday mornings and keep the area looking ship shape. There are always weeds to pull, paths to sweep, lawns to cut etc. It is interesting to hear the different conversations now that they have been with us for a while – they can name a lot of the birds and plants and are very protective of “their area”. Some of our other volunteers “do their own thing” and visit when they can. They all play an important role in keeping the Lake looking beautiful.

We have been very fortunate that 2 families have donated a second hand ride-on lawn mower to us. This has saved us having to pay a local guy to mow the large areas, particularly over the far side of the lake.

Every year Angela Jones brings school children from Newbery Park School to plant grasses or shrubs that attract birds, insects and butterflies. Mc Arthur Park Kindy are regulars and plant shrubs donated by Millicent Toyota for Planet Ark. We also have clubs and family groups, funerals and weddings – this year we had 170 cars and bikes turn up during a rally around the district.

Leon Miels kindly made us a new donation box which is proving much more of a draw card than the old one.

We do keep an account of most events and happenings at the lake, with photographs – going back to the early 1990's.

Our plan is to have signage on the rafters of the BBQ areas – a work in progress.

We have placed two new signs around the lake – Frog Hollow and Butterfly Rise.

A rail has been put at the entrance of the walking trail nearest the gate. A concerned member of the public requested this as he had seen children running out and this could be in to oncoming traffic.

Council have now erected more 25kmh signs and speed bumps.

We have been named as a globally significant site for the Latham's Snipe – which visit every year and we also have that title for the Freckled Duck that have called in and stayed for a long time. 626 was the highest number recorded.

We still spend a few hours every month counting the birds and species out at the lake which goes into a data base. This year we managed 2 new species for the lake – Black Kite and Marsh Sandpiper.

The major project at the lake this year has been on the roadside along the fence line of the Miland property. This area was almost totally full of the invasive tree – Italian Buckthorn which is a declared plant by the NRM. Countless hours by a large band of volunteers have removed these plants and rubbish. We are now in the throes of replanting with small native shrubs.

I guess the most significant event this year was being awarded The Premier's award in recognition for outstanding volunteer service. A lovely ceremony took place at the Gallery and a surprise donation by Mayor Des Noll of \$500.

I do have to make mention of my Husband Noel – he is SO enthusiastic about Lake McIntyre and spends a great deal of time and energy out there making sure it remains a wonderful place to visit.

S. M. Boyle - 10/7/2019