

SERPENTINE JARRAHDAL SHIRE RESERVES ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES OF MEETING



Serpentine
Jarrahdale Shire

Date: Wednesday 16th April 2014
Time: 10.39am to 11.30am
Location: Landcare Centre
Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance:

Vanessa Slater	Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire - Natural Reserves Coordinator
Courtney Owston	Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire - Engineering Support Officer
Penny Hollick	Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire - Botanist and Natural Area Ecologist Officer
Alan Elliott	Community Representative
Chris Portlock	Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire - Environment and Sustainability Manager
Colleen Rankin	Chairperson

Apologies:

Barry Urban	Council Representative
Jan Star	Community Representative
Athol Wigg	Community Representative

2. Review and Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

It was agreed by the group that the minutes from the meeting held in January 2014 were a true and accurate record.

Moved- Vanessa Slater

Seconded- Chris Portlock

3. Reserve Management Plans

The following management plans will be discussed at this meeting.

3.1 Cemetery Management Plan

- 3.1.1 The progression of the management Plan is low on the priority list. Works will occur once time becomes available.
- 3.1.2 Nancy will be contacted regarding a variety of plants for planting sites this coming season, so the Cemetery site will be included as part of the discussions.

3.2 Briggs Park/Brickwood Management Plan

- 3.2.1 Once this process has been completed through the Briggs Park Master Plan, this will be included with the Overall Management Plan. This will then be progressed through over the old Brickwood Management Plan. We will then look over the actions from this and bring these up to date.
- 3.2.2 This will be a high priority for the RAG to assess once it has been combined.

3.3 King Road Management Plan

3.3.1 The key actions for this Management Plan were completed, with the high priority actions to be addressed next.

3.3.2 Send out high priority actions before next meeting.

SUMMARY OF MANAGEMENT PLAN PROGRESS

RESERVE NAME BOLDED RESERVES ARE BUSH FOREVER SITES	PROGRESS TO DATE	WORKSHOP BOOKED
Brickwood	Finalised- Reviewed strategies- 17/07/2013	To be combined
Briggs Park	Currently being reviewed and revised	
Korribinjal Brook	Finalised and being implemented	
Yangedi Airfield	Finalised and being implemented	
King Road Pony Club	Finalised and being implemented	
Forest Green	Finalised and being implemented	
Serpentine Sports Reserve	Finalised still assessing licenses	
Serpentine Jarrahdale Cemeteries	Drafting of the Management Plan is ongoing.	
Mundijong Locality	The Management Plan is progressing	
Scrivener Road Gravel	The drafting of this Management Plan shall commence soon, subject to resources permitting – DPaW are requesting rehabilitation and no more clearing.	

NEW MANAGEMENT PLANS TO BE CREATED

RESERVE NAME BOLDED RESERVES ARE BUSH FOREVER SITES	PROGRESS TO DATE	WORKSHOP BOOKED
Byford Locality	No resources currently available.	
Webb Road	No resources currently available.	

4. Other Business

4.1 Trails

4.1.1 DPaW are working with the mountain bike people (WAMBA) to develop new trails and the horse people (ATHRA) are currently working on their State Trails Strategy to assist in the direction for creating new trails for their .

4.2 Hester– Reserves Survey

4.2.1 It was requested that a definite answer be sought regarding whether the actions from the HESTER report are to be progressed and report back to the group. From there it can be decided whether to remove it from this forum.

4.2.2 Some lots have already been sold from recommendations from this report.

4.2.3 They have not gone to the point of changing the reserve status or swapping land. As the large Aboriginal corporations then receive any monies from this process, then most people have chosen not to follow through with this.

4.3 Darling Range Regional Park Advisory Committee

4.3.1 Benson Todd attended the last meeting.

4.3.2 The question was asked whether the members still wanted the letter to go to the Shire president regarding camping at Jarrahdale. The report suggested that there may be camping at another location. It was suggested that this be brought to the attention of the Shire President to progress at a higher level.

4.3.4 The pines were the main risk for use of Gooralong, so once the pines have been removed then it falls into the long planning process.

5 General Discussions

5.1 Bottlebrushes – Jarrahdale Road

5.1.1 They have been pruned back now, which is exactly what the Operations staff stated they would do.

5.2 Significant Tree Register

5.2.1 The form has been filled out by Athol and is with Penny for assessment and addition to the significant tree/plants register.

5.3 Eucalyptus lanepoolei

5.3.1 No new action.

5.3.2 Concerns were raised that even though the Nytsia are wide spread in the state that this species is now in severe decline in this Shire. It was suggested that we should try to raise the profile of the Christmas Trees and the Kingia species. The Kingia species have not yet been able to be propagated, however they can propagate Christmas trees.

5.4 Cottonbush

5.4.1 The Jarrahdale Road reserve has been sprayed for cottonbush from South Western Highway through to the Jarrahdale townsite.

5.4.2 The Shire has continued to send letters to private properties regarding the control of cottonbush

- 5.4.3 Eventually we will be able to be reimbursed for the time and letters going out from the Regional Biosecurity Group.
- 5.4.4 The developers are the worst as they purchase the land and then let the weeds go wild.

6. **New Business**

- 6.1 Regional Biosecurity Group update
 - 6.1.1 This has been progressing quite nicely and is called the Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group.
 - 6.1.2 Members of the Community from the different Local Governments including; from Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, Waroona, Shire of Murray, City of Mandurah and Harvey.
 - 6.1.3 There is an operational plan and the area has been defined.
 - 6.1.4 Shire of Murray and Harvey has committed \$20 000 each which will be matched by the DAFWA.
 - 6.1.5 The Shire officers have a business case in to get \$20 000 from the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.
 - 6.1.6 If all Councils commit, then \$100 000 becomes \$200 000.
 - 6.1.7 The group is recognised by the Minister and the funds will be managed by as a subcommittee under Landcare SJ.
 - 6.1.8 The amounts of money that each Local Government puts in will be reflected in the amount of money that is spent within that Local government area.
- 6.2 Developer Contribution Scheme
 - 6.2.1 The question was raised as to whether any funds from the Developer Contribution Scheme for Byford could include money for completing the Byford Locality Management Plans.
 - 6.2.2 Chris to find out whether this is possible.
 - 6.2.3 It is usually used for the construction of infrastructure.
- 6.3 Fox baiting – Myara Brook
 - 6.3.1 The baiting is going very well. An extension was granted to the end of this week.
 - 6.3.2 Discussion regarding the fox numbers no chooks left in Byford area as foxes are running rampant.
- 6.4 Fauna cameras
 - 6.4.1 Two Bushnell fauna cameras have been recently been purchased. It is hoped that these can double up as surveillance cameras on the Shire's trouble areas. There are two particular areas of interest for use as surveillance as we continually have problems with people cutting padlocks and ramming gates to gain access.
 - 6.4.2 The main use is to have fauna surveyed and monitored in all of the natural reserves, so that we can have baseline data.
 - 6.4.3 The rangers may also be interested in they prove to be good for surveillance.
- 6.5 Management Plans
 - 6.5.1 The Serpentine Jarrahdale Cemetery will become a priority for this group as it will probably be the last bush forever site that includes other activities within it. There may be other smaller areas of bush

that could be bush forever sites that may still require Management Plans.

- 6.5.2 A question was raised regarding the Yangedi Airfield and whether the club was supposed to fence between the two run ways. This may become the next Management Plan for this group to review. Not sure if it is possible to put a fence between the runways as it would become a line of sight issue and affect the planes when taxi-ing down the runway. The Clubs concern was about the wildlife entering onto the runway.
 - 6.5.2.1 Concerns were raised about the placement of the water bomber in this location now as these seem to be contradictory to the original plan.
 - 6.5.2.2 The Management Plan has been useful for the club to manage their members.
 - 6.5.2.3 Need to ensure that actions on this reserve are not contrary to the Management Plan.
- 6.5.3 Scrivener Road - the rehabilitated areas are to be used as an offset bank with a Management Plan, which will work in consultation with DPaW.
- 6.5.4 Mundijong locality Management Plan- has not been picked up for a while. As lots of things happening in this area, it would be good to look at every now and then. It would also be useful for the Paterson Street beautification project. There are ideas to use the old Skate Park at Jarrahdale and bring it down to Mundijong to place next to the pavilion.
 - 6.5.4.1 Bollards are to be removed soon to be replaced with new ones.
 - 6.5.4.2 Discussion regarding the new path being constructed along Paterson Street through to Keirnan St. This project was sourced through bike path funding. This road will have a median strip with plans to slow down the traffic, which will also significantly narrow the road. It is possible that this could be included in the Mundijong Locality Plan.
- 6.5.5 A Draft Management Plan for the Jarrahdale Skate Park has been started as there are a few issues related to this site including signage around the Fire brigade, so that people don't park in this area. The Skate Park is nearly complete now. Things such as improved lighting, and signage will need to be installed in an attempt to keep the peace within the community. In the early stages of this project, there were many site visits with a variety of Shire officers that occurred, and it has been ongoing for about 4 years. Discussion whether the skate park will be for locals or for professionals. Suggestion about including the fish van to park at the front of the fire station once a week, will need to be included in the future planning of the area for signage.
- 6.5.6 A site visit will be conducted tomorrow with a DER officer to investigate the allegations regarding clearing in the Paul Robinson Reserve. The original officer who was dealing with this case has now left and the new officer seemed to think that the allegations were a "storm in a tea cup" as the claims were too general. There are processes in place with the clubs to ensure that no vegetation damage occurs in preparation for their events. This seems to be working quite well.

- 6.5.6.1 Better public access is requested from the general public and within the SJ Trails group. This discussion is ongoing and options were agreed upon at the last Serpentine Sports Reserve Management Committee meeting.
- 6.5.7 A letter has been received from Main Roads giving the Byford Progress Association permission for an entry statement for the southern entrance into Byford. The structure will be located on the strip of vegetation in the parking bay south of Byford. Conversations were had with Main Roads regarding the safety of the community regarding the location of entry statement. The structure will be a wall with a kangaroo with a backpack leaving Byford.
- 6.5.8 Cedar Woods will be assisting with a statue next to their development in Byford on the public open space on the highway. This will be located between the two brickworks, Cardup and Byford. Statue will be a man with a wooden wheelbarrow with bricks in it with a hodd.

7. Date for Next Meeting and Meeting Close

The next meeting will be held on the 11th June 2014 at Landcare Centre at 10.30am.

8. Meeting Closed

The meeting was closed at 11.30 pm