



**SERPENTINE JARRAHDALÉ SHIRE  
RESERVES WORKING GROUP  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014  
**Time:** 10.06am – 12.06pm  
**Location:** Landcare Centre  
Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire

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**1 Attendance and Apologies**

Attendance:

Vanessa Slater	(VS)	SJ Shire
Mark Angeloni	(MA)	SJ Shire
Courtney Owston	(CO)	SJ Shire
Ted Love	(TL)	SJ Land Conservation District Committee
Kristy Gregory	(KG)	Landcare SJ
Penny Hollick	(PH)	SJ Shire
Jim Johnson	(JJ)	SJ Shire
Nancy Scade	(NS)	Community member

Apologies:

Chris Portlock	(CP)	SJ Shire
Francis Smit	(FS)	Landcare SJ

**2 Previous Minutes**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014 were true and correct.

Moved- Ted Love

Seconded- Kristy Gregory

**3 Carry-over Action Items from Previous Meetings**

3.1 Carryover action items arising from 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014

**4 Discussion on action items and minutes**

4.1 Make contact with C-Wise

4.1.1 C-Wise offered to supply the shire with some sample products bagged but Operations have declined the offer.

4.1.2 The Shire will be mulching the greenwaste and using this.

4.1.3 Emergency Services has advised that the large piles of mulch can create a possible fire hazard.

4.1.4 It was recommended by the group that the residents be educated on how to use their own green waste within their properties. To be put in the SJ Newsletters, Examiner or Comment News and in the Heavenly Hectares.

4.2 Reserve on Jarrahdale Road

4.2.1 This is an ongoing matter.

4.3 Initiate discussions with the Baptist Church regarding the Shire taking over management of a portion of their land.

4.3.1 Chris was not in to discuss this matter.

#### 4.4 Tree Valuations

- 4.4.1 The plan for the tree valuations was to select an area to value the trees and to teach people in the area including developers the value of trees.
- 4.4.2 Nancy spoke to Chris Ferrera and he recommended that Peter Copon would be suitable for providing advice on tree valuation or a representative from Burnelly Tafe, Melbourne but they would charge. It was also suggested this free I-Tree Software that values trees available from Nursery's, could be used. The question was asked whether this has been tested in court.
- 4.4.3 To value a tree the Shire would require proof that it was naturally grown and not planted by people and would require as much information as possible. The question was raised by the group as to whether private trees are different to shire trees.
- 4.4.4 The urban areas should be concentrated on having trees valued and the rural areas should have more focus on educating the community.
- 4.4.5 Landcare are creating a database with a list of all the volunteers in the community and their qualifications and availability. It was suggested to possibly use volunteers to value trees in different areas if they are qualified and available.
- 4.4.6 The database will be given to Teele or Tony from Landcare to create.
- 4.4.7 It was suggested that at the bottom of the signs to be made up for each tree selected, the tree information and valuation be included in that the electronic tags or Q codes. This will mean that people can scan their phones and get more information on the tree.
- 4.4.8 It was recommended that brochures be created by the Communications Department and the Environment team to educate the public about the value of trees.
- 4.4.9 The suggestion was made that the Shire puts a dollar value on weeds (much like the current rubbish collection rates) where the community can make money by pulling weeds from public areas. This could apply when residents, sporting groups, youth groups and community groups enquire about weed control and cleaning up rubbish. This would greatly assist the Shire in weed control and the money raised will go to a nominated group of their choice (within the Shire).
- 4.4.10 It was suggested that Karnet Prisoners could be used to make the signage.
- 4.4.11 The group suggested that articles are could be placed into local publications and brochures be created through the Healthy Habitats and Landcare newsletters regarding weed control in the area.

#### 4.5 Serpentine Sports Reserve – GPS or Surveying onsite

- 4.5.1 This is an ongoing matter.

#### 4.6 Jim to Email troops to find any trouble areas that need targeting

- 4.6.1 Spoke to Don from the Oakford Fire Brigade who has been on leave but it is progressing in finding trouble areas.
- 4.6.2 The bridle trails need inspecting and the maintenance budget for the bridle trails has been increased for the next financial budget for 2014-2015.
- 4.6.3 It was recommended by the group to combine this action with the two actions below (6, 6a and 6b).

#### 4.7 Conduct site visit once these areas have been identified

- 4.7.1 This is to be removed from the actions list, it is no longer required.

#### 4.8 Send list to Operations to have sprayed

- 4.8.1 This to be removed from the actions list it is no longer required.

#### 4.9 Split the fire rated plants list into what is available

- 4.9.1 The two actions for this item (7 & 7a) are to be combined.

- 4.9.2 Vanessa to resend the fire rated plants list to Nancy to assess what is available at the Nursery.
- 4.9.3 It was recommended by the group fire rated species that are available at local nurseries be included on the Shire website.
- 4.9.4 It was advised that the list should be more detailed and include possible uses for each plant e.g. screening/hedge plant.
- 4.9.5 The list was sent to DFES and there is currently only one officer responsible at DFES is currently doing Environmental work.
- 4.9.6 There are two versions of the list (1. All species, 2. some species available)
  
- 4.10 Jarrahdale Heritage Walk – Unused Chairs
  - 4.10.1 This is yet to be completed.
  
- 4.11 Add Beenyup Group to “Friends of” list
  - 4.11.1 This is yet to be completed.
  
- 4.12 Organize spray of Deadly nightshade located behind Turner Road Cottage
  - 4.12.1 This has been completed and sprayed by Tim Heckler.
  
- 4.13 Organize operations to pick up waste/ wood behind Turner Road Cottage
  - 4.13.1 An Action request was sent to Operations for them to complete.
  
- 4.14 Site visit to Serpentine River near old school to assess requirements for future festival.
  - 4.14.1 Teele from Landcare is managing this event.
  - 4.14.2 Francis was going to discuss this further with Julie from Community Development Team for what is required on organizing public events.
  - 4.14.3 The Shire is currently developing an events risk management policy and guidelines.
  
- 4.15 Discuss the RWG attendance at the next Managers meeting.
  - 4.15.1 Still progressing.
  
- 4.16 Reserve Improvement Form – Foothills Pollocrosse Club – Ground Improvements
  - 4.16.1 Have sent a response to the Club.
  
- 4.17 Bridle Trails Require Maintenance – Oakford
  - 4.17.1 This request relates to Action #6.
  - 4.17.2 This action has a mix of responsibilities from Operations to Fire & Emergency Services. The shire will do the majority of the works.
  - 4.17.3 The main priority is to prune the spearwood back from the track.
  
- 4.18 Tagging of Tree’s and Bushes in Jarrahdale to be Removed
  - 4.18.1 Charles the volunteer has requested to remove all the black wattle in the Jarrahdale Heritage Park but concerns were raised by the group that removing too much can remove habitat.
  - 4.18.2 The Jarrahdale Heritage Society has organized a control burn which will keep the group and the volunteer very busy.
  - 4.18.3 Spoke to Steve and it was recommended that the mulcher is not to be used for public. If Charles requires the mulcher and operator it will take around 6 weeks until one is available from Operations.
  - 4.18.4 These works will be underway mid-April.
  - 4.18.5 The onsite inspection will be done today (after this meeting).
  
- 4.19 Quote from Tim Heckler- Typha control
  - 4.19.1 This action was completed.

## **5 Community Meeting Reports**

- 5.1 Serpentine Sports Reserve Management Committee
  - 5.1.1 The next meeting will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014.
  - 5.1.2 Operations have been flat out at the reserve fixing the reticulation and bores to ensure it is ready for any upcoming events. They have also been filling up the water jump for upcoming Pony Club events.
  - 5.1.3 There have been some recent suspicious issues with the irrigator. Rocks have been pushed into the hose fittings.
  - 5.1.4 The Polocrosse Club has finalised their license agreement and the Pony Club have not yet signed the agreement.
  - 5.1.5 SJ Trails group members are still continuing discussions about opening up the reserve for the public to have easier access. Some of the discussions include opening up the walker's access for horse access.
  - 5.1.6 There have been concerns raised by one of the user groups regarding liability/insurance and damage to equipment.
  - 5.1.7 There have been no complaints from local residents in regards to the state of the reserve.
  
- 5.2 Serpentine Bushland Group
  - 5.2.1 This group do not have regular meetings.
  - 5.2.2 They will be having a planting day during planting season with a date yet to be confirmed.
  
- 5.3 Byford Envirolink
  - 5.3.1 This group have been doing their regular Thursday morning activities.
  - 5.3.2 The Envirolink group was assisting the Beenyup Group in preparing for the planting season by pulling weeds near the Old Brickworks road area.
  - 5.3.3 Ruth Conway is coordinating this group currently.
  - 5.3.4 A location that has been put on their planting list is the Entry statement in Byford along South Western Highway.
  - 5.3.5 The group will be applying for funding with the Community Grants Program for the planting at the entry statement.
  
- 5.4 Roadside Care Volunteers
  - 5.4.1 The Roadside Care Volunteers will be having their next meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014 on Thursday.

## **6 Natural Area Reserves**

- 6.1 Spraying
  - 6.1.1 Cottonbush & Dieback treatments are currently being targeted.
  - 6.1.2 Currently investigating purchasing fauna survey cameras and a quote has been received. They will be used for fauna surveying within reserves and possibly monitoring people accessing reserves. They are motion sensed cameras.
  - 6.1.3 Some of the reserves that have been recommended for the use of the cameras include McKay Drive and Byford Rifle Range

## **7 Parkland and Sporting Ovals**

- 7.1 The Serpentine Sports Reserve has had a variety of work done to it by Operations. This includes the reticulation and installation of pipes for the water jump.
- 7.2 The Mundijong oval has been recently fertilized.

## 8 Revegetation

### 8.1 Landcare Plantings

- 8.1.1 The Landcare planting calendar has not been progressing as it is too early to develop.
- 8.1.2 More work will be done near the Serpentine River for weed control and revegetation. This is covered by the Rivers to Ramsar project (Arum Lily)
- 8.1.3 The Threatened Ecological Community project that Landcare is currently managing for the Brickwood Reserve will be covered for the next few seasons.
- 8.1.4 The railway reserve that has been previously discussed has had a small amount of lovegrass sprayed.

## 9 Reserve Improvement or Development Applications

### 9.1 Development Application -Old Serpentine School

- 9.1.1 The Serpentine Historical Society has submitted a development application for refurbishing the external part of the building.
- 9.1.2 The application did not show any method of fire prevention which will need to be a priority.
- 9.1.3 The question was raised in regards to fire protection measures from ember attack. The group has recommended some mesh or sarki to protect from ember attacks.
- 9.1.4 The comment was made that as it is a Heritage building you can't modify too much.
- 9.1.5 The group was happy with the application and approved it.

### 9.2 Development Application – Swimming Pool adjacent to Reserve

- 9.2.1 A development application has been submitted to install a pool adjacent to a bridle trail.
- 9.2.2 The main concern raised by the group was where the water would be draining to and if it would be draining on the Shires reserve.
- 9.2.3 The advice given by the group is to ensure the application is aware not to drain onto the reserve and only within his property.

## 9 Roads Maintenance

- 9.1 The Operations team are currently working on widening Karnup Road, Serpentine.
- 9.2 Main Roads is working with the Shire to paint lines on the roads within the whole Shire on old and new projects.

## 10 Trails/Emergency Access

- 10.1 The Oakford trails have already been discussed previously in this meeting.
- 10.2 A request has come through from a resident of Fremnells Vale about gates to a trail previously being open for public access, which has now recently been locked. It was recommended that this gate stay closed as it is an emergency access, not a bridle trail.
- 10.3 The locks on a gate on Lewis Road were superglue'd and was unable to be opened. They were then cut off and replaced.
- 10.4 The trail adjacent to the Birrega Drain stretching from Karnup Road to Mundijong Road have had gates installed and will remain locked.

## 11 Fire and Emergency

- 11.1 From the Local Emergency Management committee and the Bushfire Advisory have both submitted information supporting 2x mobile LED trailers to educate the public. The use of these trailers would be for emergencies and public awareness/education.
- 11.2 There have been several concerns raised with the Jarrahdale Skate Park project by the Jarrahdale Fire Brigade. The clearing is now completed however there are

concerns that the entrance to the brigade and side entrance has been blocked off (fenced during construction which may cause a potential hazard if the brigade need to access the station and vehicles.

- 11.3 The skycrane has been located at the Yangedi airfield where a second entrance and crossover has been constructed for access to the helicopters. A 10 year lease for the land has been given to the company and it is anticipated the more helitaks and fire bombers will ask to use the location in the future. The airports in Perth did not want to hold helitak.
  - 11.3.1 Federal funding is possible to assist putting more infrastructure in place.
  - 11.3.2 This could encourage the club to ask for further extensions for their area.
  - 11.3.3 Concerns raised with storage of products and flushing of tanks in the new location.
  - 11.3.4 Consideration to the possibility of a future expansion of to the helitak area.
  - 11.3.5 It was discussed in the meeting that a flora survey might be necessary as there is a conservation category wetland nearby that will need to be protected. It was re-iterated that there would be no cause to have concern as the expansion of the area and activities from the helitaks would not damage the nearby wetland. It was suggested that it would be worthwhile doing a walk through that area of the reserve to ensure that no damage would occur and to gain some baseline data.
- 11.4 The reserve next to Byford Central between on Larsen Rd and Thomas Rd has a large amount of litter and 4wd use. The developer has placed houses along the reserve boundary which has caused a lot of issues from a fire and emergency view. It has been suggested by Shire Officers that the developer installs a bridle trail at their expense within the reserve to retain the vegetation and drainage line. This is currently being discussed by Officers to be put forward to councillors and the developer if possible.
- 11.5 It has been discussed in the past to create Reserve Response plans for the Fire brigades which will include maintenance. Jegan the Assets Officer has started to look into these plans.

## 12 Funding

- 12.3 Landcare is working on existing funding projects.
- 12.4 The Brickwood project is currently wrapping up.
- 12.5 The final report for the Dieback treatment project is being completed.
- 12.6 DPaW has created new funding for groups working to protect Banksia woodlands. Peter Jacobs and Alan Elliott are looking at applying for this funding which the Landcare will sponsor.

## 13 General Business

- 13.3 Myara Brook is currently not in the best state. The local group is encouraged to spray in more areas after the fires.
- 13.4 It has been suggested to send a letter to the home owner whose fence has taken over part of the firebreak and reserve. They and will need to relocate the fence line back to their original boundary line.
- 13.5 Paul and Alan have applied to undergo some fox baiting in the Myara Brook reserve.
- 13.6 There will be 5000 seedlings to be planted at the Myara Brook reserve after the fire and weed control. It was raised by Nancy that it might not be possible to get 5000 seedlings, so this might have to be spread over 2 planting seasons.
- 13.7 Discussion regarding the removal of the dead bamboo within the Mundijong Road Reserve. The bamboo is quite unsightly and members were discussing the best way to remove the dead stands. The discussion also included the possibility of removing the eastern states trees (E. camaldulensis) that were planted within the Mundijong Road Reserve. I was suggested that these could be basal barked and then removed so that they do not spread any further.

**16 Next Meeting**

To be held at Landcare at 10.00 am on the Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2014

**17 Meeting Closed**

The meeting was closed at 12.05pm