

Equine Advisory Group Minutes

1. Meeting information and attendance

Meeting held at 5.35pm on Thursday 8 June 2023 at the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Civic Centre, 6 Paterson Street, Mundijong.

Attendance

Shane Giblett – Equestrian Disciplines Representative (Chairperson)

Mara Coombes - Equestrian Disciplines Representative

Mike Geurds – Racing Industry Representative

Jayne Lavender - Keeping of Retired & Companion Horses Representative

Kim Lindsay – Equine Business Representative

Cr Michelle Rich – Council Delegate

Dr Heather Stewart-Rowe - Leisure & Trail Riding Representative

Officers in attendance

Brian Oliver – Director Community Engagement

Kylie Shailer – PA to Director Community Engagement

Apologies

Stacey Cucca – Leisure and Trail Riding Representative

Dr Maxwell Hall - Equine Business Representative

Cr Michael Dagostino – Council Delegate

Cr Dean Strautins – Deputy Council Delegate

2. Conflict of Interest

Nil.

3. Action Items Update

Not Started	In progress	Complete
Action – Equine Trail alongside PSP <i>Byford Rail Extension Team</i> The BRE Team will meet with representatives from the Shire, the City of Armadale, Main Roads and Public Transport Authority for feedback before proceeding to the next detailed design phase. If practical space is identified the BRE Team will return to present options for parking at the Larsen Road termination point.		Discussions have been held with the Shire on detailed design of the Station components. No update to report on detailed design of path and trail parking options along the alignment of the rail/PSP and trail south to Larsen Road.
Action – Tonkin Hwy extension interchange at Thomas/Hopkinson Road <i>Admin Support</i> Reach out to Main Roads to identify a suitable time for consultation around the Thomas/Hopkinson Rd area.		Main Roads will be seeking to undertake community information sessions on both the Tonkin Extension and Thomas Road projects, which is scheduled for mid-2023.
Action – Equine Trail Signage <i>Natural Reserves Coordinator</i> Review signage around Serpentine Sports Reserve trails for replacement.		Update provided to Officer for consideration when ordering signs from this current budget. New: Review signage at Peters Way.
Action – Signage <i>Director Community Engagement</i> Follow up repair/replacement of horse area entry signs along Briggs Road.		CRM CS077209 raised for replacement of missing sign and refurbishment of existing sign. Scheduled for follow up.
Action - Cardup Nature Reserve Equine Access to Firebreak <i>Director Community Engagement</i> Revisit conversation with DBCA regarding equine trails around Cardup Nature Reserve as a result of community feedback.		DBCA are holding firm on their position. Formal access is not permitted.
Action – Equine Emergency Preparedness <i>Coordinator Emergency Services</i> Officers to investigate if a condition for a Bushfire Plan (horses) can be applied on Development Application Approvals relating to horses.		This cannot be “conditioned” as part of an approval as there is no legislative head of power to do so. Officers can do this through existing education with land owners/animal owners. Additionally, we would also look at incorporating this into an annual rolling emergency preparedness campaign. The Equine Advisory Group suggested a presence at the upcoming Showjumping

Championships in October by the Bushfire Awareness team.

Additionally, Officers are preparing an Exercise of the new Emergency Animal Welfare Plan with a view to holding a community workshop or developing an educational video campaign similar to the road safety campaign.

4. General Business

4.1 Equine Priorities

The Equine Advisory Group reviewed the updates on progressed and completed items within the Equine Priorities.

Recommendation

That the Equine Advisory Group REQUESTS that Council

1. RECEIVES the progress update on the status of work undertaken on the Equine Priorities, and
2. PRIORITISES progression of the actions from Strategy C1 Signage, Maps and Supporting Information in the Equine Trails Master Plan in the 2023/24 financial year.

4.2 Horse Signage on Roads

Cr Rich provided information from the community regarding a request for road signage warning of horses along Karnup Road outside the Serpentine Sports Reserve. Officers to raise a CRM for action.

5. Next Meeting and Closure

Meetings are currently scheduled for 10 August and 12 October 2023. With budget adoption likely to be late July and Local Government Elections being held in October and the tenure of the current Group ending, one meeting will be held on 14 September 2023 at 5.30pm.

Meeting closed at 6.40pm