

JAMARR REGULAR MEETING



Minutes: 2017-08-10 (Molloy)

Meeting called to order: 19:35 by Gerda Domen, President

Mareeba Council attending: Nipper Brown

Attending members & guest: Ken Brown, Julie Nolan, Tan Dickson, Anne Gallagher, Fred & Jeanette Birkbeck, Jo Warburton, Sue McGrath, Vic Severgnini, Alan & Lesley Neven, Stephanie Giadella, Gordon Rasmussen, Rupert & Juliana Russell, Carole Iles, Keith & Lindsey Fisher

APOLOGIES

Tom Gilmore, Marc Nolan, Gaye Taylor, Gaye Lovelock

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from prior meeting confirmed (*Informal meeting @ Julatten*)

TREASURERS REPORT

Julie Nolan presented and moved Treasurer's report.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence of note.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Abattoir Swamp Planning Fund. Work is progressing; initial meetings have been held with both the grazing family and the cane growers who border the wetland.

Gavin Kay of Dark Green is the lead consultant and will be calling for public comment in due course. Key objective is to figure out the hydrology plan so that wetland can be efficiently managed into the future. Council and RISE have been very supportive in getting fencing solution organised.

Carole pointed out that local bird guides need to be involved in the Plan to ensure good outcomes. Rupert noted that the top strand has to be clean wire (not barbed) for safety of birds, bats, etc. Ken Brown and others emphasised the need to get the wetland functioning again as currently it is a hymenachne reserve. Gordon Rasmussen noted that the wetland is filled primarily by overflow from Hunter's Creek. Claire Baker and Marcus Achatz were suggested as local experts to assist with the master plan.

Koster's curse. New signage has been produced and will be installed over coming months. Fridge magnets are available and pull-up banners have been produced.

Friends of Mt Molloy Cemetery: Thanks to assistance from Cr Lenore Wyatt, community attention has been drawn to the Cemetery. Nevo has put his hand up to be the ambassador and point of contact. Nevo has made a presentation to the Mount Molloy SS and a good connection was established. Julatten SS is next on the list.

Students are keen to have a project per term that relates in some way to the Cemetery. Ideas such as flowers, plant donations, memorial rocks, etc. Suggested that relatives can be contacted so there is a current register of people who are related.

In terms of plantings, one challenge is to get water on-site. Nipper noted that water tanks are stolen on a regular basis.

Everyone interested in assisting is invited to give Nevo a ring on 0427 405 320.

Weeds: Excessive poisoning by Council. Nipper reported that he has had a conversation with the CEO Peter Franks on the matter. Nipper acknowledged that herbicide has been applied very liberally, and is aware of reports that it has even been applied in the rain. Nipper was assured by the CEO that the matter has been discussed with the relevant Council staff and actions are being taken to improve practice.

Mosaics Group: Juliana presented the progress to-date on the large mosaic planned for the front of the Post Office (6m) featuring Bowerbirds in all of their various poses and plumage.

Heritage Food Trail: The Heritage Food Forest Walking Trail from Rifle Creek Campground to Molloy is progressing. The main Planning Day with specialist Dr Wendy Seabrook has been set for Sun 03 Sept. All are invited and posters/info will be circulated soon.

Story Tree: The project to re-draft the Mount Molloy walking map has proceeded to become a cultural tourism effort. The idea is to collect stories from people and put them into a mapping system. Simple maps can be produced, or people can access the stories in full. Next step is to start collecting stories. Protocols coming together; website set up. Collection will begin soon.

Entry to Molloy beautification: Gordon suggested that the southern approach to Molloy is a great opportunity to create a sense of amenity. He pointed to Dimbulah as an example of good landscaping. Motion put forward to request assistance from MSC. Carried. **ACTION:** Secretary to write letter to MSC.

Clarification of recycling arrangements: Ken noted that after watching a recent program he was concerned about what happens to our recycling once it leaves the transfer stations. Nipper noted that glass is crushed and re-used from Cairns, while aluminium and plastic are baled and shipped south. Nipper has just visited a MRF (materials recycling facility) that has opened in Townsville.

Questions were raised about why glass was being tipped into the general rubbish. Noted that trespassers tend to get into the glass bins and create a nuisance.

Nipper also noted that the incoming Container Deposit Legislation is likely to change how people handle a portion of their recycling. CDL will come into effect in June 2018.

Geraghty Park issues: Carole noted that hoons have been showing up each Friday night. They have destroyed a planting of calistemons originally established by Mayor Tom Gilmore and sheared off metal stakes. Police not interested in coming out because hoons will be gone before arrival.

Carole also asked if a couple more headers could be dropped into gaps in the fence. She also asked if a more prominent Toilet sign could be installed to encourage people to stop using public space for their toilet needs.

New signage criticised: Vic and others strongly lamented the design, size, and placement of the new locality signs that have been put up. Requested that Nipper communicate this disappointment to the Mayor.

Request for covered load signage: Gordon reported that the amount of rubbish blown off the back of trucks onto his 2Km frontage at Euluma Creek Rd continues to be a significant nuisance. He suggested that reminder signs be placed at transfer station to highlight the legal requirement for all loads to be properly covered. Nipper noted this and also pointed out that there may be other ways to help get the message across (eg, reminders in Council mail-outs, etc).

Request for informal signage control: It was noted that the number of informal signs (eg, coffee shop) has increased with measurable damage to trees and deterioration of public amenity. Nipper noted and will discuss with Council officers.

Request to move Skate Ramp: Andi James requested that Council shift the skate ramp from Geraghty Park back to Molloy. Nipper noted that this had been discussed, but the cost turned out to be prohibitive (despite the original concept of it being a "mobile" installation). There has been discussion of moving Dimbulah's facility to Molloy. And there is also the existing fill onsite intended for a BMX track. Nipper agreed to discuss with Council officers for a resolution.

Reminder about meetings: Jeanette strongly requested that, in future, if the JAMARR Exec is aware that they cannot make the meeting, that members be advised in sufficient time to make other arrangements. The Secretary took special note of this request and assured members that conduct of the group's meetings would be lifted to higher standard.

Meeting adjourned 21:04 NEXT MEETING Julatten: Thurs 12 Oct 2017

Minutes accepted

Gerda Domen, President: _____ Date: _____