

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BAROSSA BUSHGARDENS S41 COMMITTEE**

held in the Council Chambers on 9 October 2019 commencing at 1:00pm

1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone, and opened the meeting at 1:05pm.

2. PRESENT

Members:

R Johnstone	Chairperson
Cr K Schilling	Member
B Lillecrapp	Member
T Waldhuter	Member
A Fairney	Member

Staff:

G Mavrincac	Director Development and Environmental Services
P Payne	Nursery Manager
C Kruger	Minute Secretary

3. APOLOGIES

E Morgan
L Mason
N Rea
K Thompson

4. GUESTS

James Maitland (Friends of Barossa Bushgardens).

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

Nil.

6. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Recommendation

That the Committee:
Receive and note the minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Decision

Moved: K Schilling

Seconded: T Waldhuter

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 ACTION LIST

Meeting Date	Resolution/Action	Status	Actioning Officer
18 October 2017	Seed collection site – contact owner for further information.	Pending – G Mavrinc and R Johnstone to write to Native Vegetation Council, seeking funding opportunities and support to purchase the allotment.	R Johnstone/ G Mavrinc
18 October 2017	Audit to be undertaken to determine the requirements for disability access to the Bushgardens and Natural Resource Centre.	Pending/Ongoing Audit of wheelchair access around the central area of the carpark is complete, need 2-3 car parks adjacent gardens and resolve path surfaces for wheel-chair access around central area. Further disability access requirements need to be improved and audited. Capital budget was allocated in 18-19 for disability parking. Funds carried forward for 19-20. Finalised Plans (noting the need for wet weather protection) to be referred to DAI Advisory Group prior to a decision being made. Master Plan is currently being developed and disability access will be incorporated into Master Plan. Refer to Agenda Item 12.2	N Rea/ G Mavrinc

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11 April 2018	Staff to investigate opportunity to expand seed collection from many isolated reserves in the region, instead of having reliance on the same Bushgardens for stock each year.	<p>Pending.</p> <p>Nursery Manager has obtained a permit for seed collection in the region but awaiting DEW advice regarding assisting the Kaiser Stuhl Conservation Park.</p> <p>Friends of Kaiser Stuhl Conservation Park will be collaborating with Barossa Bushgardens for seed collection, with the Bushgardens assisting with storage and propagation in return for an allocation of seeds.</p> <p>Discussions have been held with the Regional Ecologist in relation to seed collection at Kaiser Stuhl Conservation Park, and contact has been made with A&MLR NRM District Office.</p> <p>P Payne advised that a meeting with DEW representatives was held 14 February 2019, and once the outcomes are finalised, a report will be presented to the S41 Committee.</p> <p>Natural Resources, Adelaide & Mount Lofty Ranges are to provide a letter of support to Nursery Manager, in order to facilitate a permit and authorisation to enter the property to collect seed.</p>	P Payne
13 June 2018	The Committee note the need for operations of the Wholesale Nursery to be reviewed, and recommendations re	Nursery Manager advised that progress is being made on the Work Plan and alternative weed control methods are being	P Payne

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	<p>irrigation in report by T Bateman be considered for implementation A Work Plan taking the recommendations from T Bateman's two audit reports to be prepared as a matter of priority.</p>	<p>explored, which may necessitate in a First Quarter Budget review in consultation with the Management Committee.</p> <p>Nursery Manager has reviewed the Reports and implemented many of the suggestions contained within.</p> <p>A yearly Work Plan has been prepared and has been forwarded to the Management Committee for review and adoption.</p> <p>Nursery Manager has prepared a budget proposal recommending an increased budget for weed control, which will be presented to the next S41 Committee Meeting for consideration.</p>	
13 February 2019	Bush Play Group photos to be forwarded to Council's Communication Officer for promotional use.	Pending. Request for these to be loaded into HPE requires deletion of poor photos and new cataloguing re specific events, random photos, regular Play Group etc.	N Rea
13 February 2019	Review to be undertaken of Brochures and marketing material (hard copy and electronic format). N Rea to prepare a draft of a range of brochures and present to June 2019 S41 Committee meeting.	Pending. Refer to 13.3	N Rea
13 February 2019	Water meters to be tamper-proofed and labelled accordingly (access to Labyrinth Group and Seeding Natives Inc.)	Pending. Meeting set up with Seeding Natives. Watering protocol to follow team consultation	N Rea/ A Fairney

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		<p>in October that includes Nursery Manager.</p> <p>A Watering protocol (with documented procedures) to be developed before the next watering season</p> <p>A Fairney advised that ball valve will be replaced in the near future and will be keyed alike.</p>	
10 April 2019	Provision of assistance to drought affected landholders.	<p>Pending.</p> <p>N Rea to prepare a report to the S41 Committee on possible drought assistance to landholders.</p> <p>Open now: Drought Community Support Initiative and Drought Community Programme (Australian Government, Department of Agriculture) Online Expression of Interest for Landcare and community groups for Landcare Australia funding, PIRSA grant contacts - Regional Coordinators currently Region 1 Adelaide Hills; Barossa, Light, Lower North; Fleurieu, Kangaroo Island; soon to be Yorke and Mid North Region.</p> <p>Grants for growing plants for drought effected landholders seem difficult to access; plant give-aways already underway by Trees for Life. Support could be in form of workshops/field days at the Bushgardens NRM</p>	N Rea

Decision

Moved: T Waldhuter

Seconded: B Lillecrapp

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

10. CONSENSUS AGENDA

11. ADOPTION OF CONSENSUS AGENDA

Recommendation

That the Committee

1. Receive and note the information items contained in the Consensus Agenda and that any recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Decision

Moved: K Schilling

Seconded: T Waldhuter

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

12. FOCUS AGENDA

12.1 Friends of the Barossa Bushgardens Relationship

The Committee welcomed James Maitland (representative of Friends of Barossa Bushgardens) who provided background information on the establishment and goals of the FoBB.

12.2 Barossa Bushgardens Masterplan

Further progression was made on the Master Plan, which will continue before being presented to the next S41 Committee Meeting.

13. DEBATE AGENDA

13.1 Finance

Recommendation

That the Committee receive and note the report.

Decision

Moved: T Waldhuter

Seconded: A Fairney

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

13.2 Request to FoBB for funding towards signage at Barossa Bushgardens

Recommendation

That the Committee:

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Request in writing that the Friends of Barossa Bushgardens provide a contribution of \$6,500 + GST toward the signage component of the Open Space Grant Project.

Decision

Moved: B Lillecrapp

Seconded: T Waldhuter

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

13.2 Review of Brochures

Recommendation

That the Committee:

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Endorse the set of brochures to be prepared and brought back to the Committee for adoption.

Decision

Moved: A Fairney

Seconded: T Waldhuter

That the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

14. URGENT OTHER BUSINESS

Weed control at Barossa Bushgardens

B Lillecrapp addressed the Committee, advising of concerns in relation to weed control and reduced chemical usage at the Bushgardens.

ACTION: Weed control practices will be reviewed and presented to the Management Committee for decision.

Pinery Fire Plant Donations

P Payne advised that the Pinery Fire plant give-aways will not be incorporated into the next Bushgardens Open Day, and alternatively will be hosted by Light Regional Council. Barossa Bushgardens plants will be offered for sale at the LRC Pinery day.

15. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11 December 2019 commencing at 1.00pm.

16. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 3:20 pm.

Confirmed

Date: Chairman: