

Committee Attendance

Pete Muskens	Y	Barry James	A
Cathy Phillips	Y	Greg Carman	Y
John Coulter	Y	Stephen Ward	Y
Michael Nugent	NP	Kathy Hill	Y
Phil Maynes	A	Marci Katz	NP
Leone Thiele	Y		

1. Welcome and Apologies

The meeting was held by zoom, starting at 10:35 AM. Apologies from Barry and Phil.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held 14 September 2021.

The Minutes of Meeting 6/ 2021 previously distributed, were confirmed by email on 25 August.

3. Meeting with Sergeant Glenn Birt-Wonthaggi Police.

Sergeant Birt was unable to attend but has offered to host the CPRRA Committee face to face at the police station when permitted. He provided advice on safety for walkers (safe during the day), crime trends are low but referred to the following link for more information on local crime: <https://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/crime-statistics/latest-crime-data-by-area>. He also suggested remote doorbell technology for those concerned with potential break-ins (an example is Nest Doorbell at Google store).

4. Operational Goals Reports**4.1 Biodiversity-**

Pete reported that discussions with Brian Martin confirmed working with children checks would be required for all volunteers working on Parks Victoria land by 31 December 2021. Job safety plans are also required. Registering with parkconnect is not straightforward and some further assistance is recommended to make it more user friendly. Kathy advised that the committee of volunteer groups coordinated by Paul Strickland is seeking a meeting with the state minister.

Pete advised that the most recent work on Undertow Bay has brought the 5-year project to a conclusion.

Pete also reported that the Gippsland Threatened Species Action Group has been formed and will investigate the genetic diversity of koalas in the region with students from Federation University. He is also in discussion with Harmers Haven (Amaryll) and David Hartney (Cape development resident) on a ‘pilot’ project to develop a wildlife corridor from Cape Paterson to Harmers.

4.2 Planning:

4.2.1 DAL and Settlement Boundary

The draft Statement of Planning Policy for the Distinctive Area and Landscapes process due in August has not yet been released. A letter to the Minister for Planning has been sent on 13 August requesting a panel be appointed by the Minister but no response has yet been received. A courtesy copy will be sent to the local MP Crugnale.

4.2.2 Bass Coast Draft Strategic Plan and Vision.

Stephen has reviewed the statement and submitted comments to the Committee. He found the documents to be very general, especially in that the Council Plan is not a complete Strategic Plan as was the case of the draft for 2017-21 version. There is no reference to climate change or to social and built environments. It is very difficult to see what is going to be focused on from a project perspective. The community engagement process earlier in the year was limited as the open sessions constrained comment. Pete added that the housing policy does not specifically refer to accommodating people with physical disabilities.

As the deadline for comment is 24 September, Stephen asks that the Committee members provide comments to him by **17 September**.

4.2.3 Monitoring planning permit applications:

Given the extended absence of some ratepayers it was determined that the Committee should monitor planning permit applications for Cape Paterson. John will send the links to Pete and Kathy who will review regularly for new applications.

4.3 Working Bees

Working bees have been cancelled due to the lockdown. Informal planting in covid compliant pairs has occurred to ensure this winter's tube stock was used. The Committee commended Michael Tesch for his organisation and efforts as well as those residents who assisted.

Residents are encouraged to pull sea spurge, thistle, and other weeds inside plant guards as they exercise/walk.

4.4 Infrastructure

4.4.1 Bay Beach/ Wonthaggi LSC-

Pete advised that there is no known progress and that the WLSC is awaiting a building permit. Pete will contact Mark Scott to ask when the next meeting will take place.

4.5 Community Wellbeing-

Stephen advised that the Experience Cape funding will be announced in October and that Leticia Laing will be briefed on Thursday 16 September.

5 Other Business

5.1 Treasurer's report-

Leone had previously submitted the report and advised there were no issues. There are 4 new members bringing the total membership to 248.

5.2 Website

Pete advised that he is not completely familiar with WordPress but he and Greg are the only Committee members who amend the website. Kathy will send recent past minutes to Greg and Pete for posting on the site.

5.3 Lighting

Kathy advised that the Cape Consultative Committee had decided not to investigate wildlife impacts and lighting within the Cape estate. The Seaward Drive lighting, being on crown land, can be reviewed. Kathy will investigate papers reviewing LED lighting and wildlife impacts as well as consult with people from Harmers Haven.

Next meeting:

The meeting closed at 11:45 AM. The next Committee meeting will be held on **October 9** (hopefully after the working bee). Venue and catering to be advised.